



GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.
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 Website: www.goldheart.org
 Email: membership@goldheart.org

Membership Application

Thank you for submitting this application to become a member of GoldHeart!

(Please send to our email address or mailing address listed above.)

Benefits

- ✓ Quarterly e-newsletter – Golden Heartbeats.
- ✓ Invitation to the annual GoldHeart picnic and other special events.
- ✓ GoldHeart keepsake when members visit us at select fundraising events.
- ✓ Invitation to join our Facebook Group Site, where you can connect with GoldHeart volunteers, adopters, supporters, and friends.
- ✓ Email notices of upcoming local events and various volunteer opportunities.
- ✓ Knowing you are part of the GoldHeart team and supporting its efforts to rescue and re-home unwanted and sometimes abandoned Golden Retrievers and place them in loving forever homes.

Annual Membership Dues

- Annual membership dues are \$30 (tax-deductible), and expire December 31 of each calendar year. However, new memberships that are paid in the last quarter (Oct-Dec) of the calendar year will pay for membership for the remainder of that year and all of the following calendar year.
- Our membership renewal drive runs from Jan 1 to March 31 of each calendar year.
- Active foster homes, new adopters, GoldHeart Board Members, and key volunteers (supporting multiple activities) are not required to pay the annual dues donation and will remain active members as long as they are in one of these roles during the current calendar year.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

Cell Phone# _____ Preferred Email _____

Alternate Email _____

Any other Contact Information you would like to share:

Please check off areas you are interested in helping with below. As a GoldHeart (GH) member you are not required to volunteer your services; however, your assistance is warmly welcomed. GH will let our team of core volunteers know of your interest, and "when" you hear from GH will vary based on need for support in areas selected. **Training is provided for our volunteers, and if you want additional information on any of these areas, please send an email to goldheart@goldheart.org.** If you are unable to volunteer at this time, leave the categories unselected, and you can update us when your membership is renewed, or send us an email at any time.

_____ **Conducting home visits with your dog.** As part of the adoption, approval process we visit the applicant's home to make sure it is suitable.

_____ **Evaluating dogs, training, and behavior modification.** What is your background in these areas, e.g., are you a professional trainer, have received certifications? GoldHeart could use the help for some of our dogs, with whatever time you can volunteer/donate. Please tell us more below.

_____ **Staffing Events.** We need volunteers at events to staff the GH booth, bring/hold dogs, answer questions from attendees, staff the merchandise table, load/unload merchandise, and do many miscellaneous tasks. Watch for emails and/or postings on the website and facebook too.

_____ **Fundraising.** Fundraising is a continuous process. Without funds, we can't help the dogs. We are always looking for new ideas that won't tax our limited resources to raise funds, and volunteers to undertake fundraising activities.

_____ **Communications, Writing & Editing.** We publish a quarterly newsletter; create and sell an annual GoldHeart calendar; maintain a website and facebook pages; and email communications to the membership. We also periodically review and update our existing guidelines, forms, informational pamphlets, and create new ones.

_____ **Transporting Dogs.** Dogs often need to be transported to foster homes, to vet appointments, and to events. If you are willing to transport, please let us know:

- How far are you willing to drive on a round trip?
- What type of vehicle do you have?
- Do you have a crate you can put in your vehicle or have other means for safe transport?

_____ **Fostering.** As a foster family, you will be providing a temporary home for a GH dog. Expenses are covered by GH and the rewards are without bounds. To learn more about fostering and requirements for foster homes, see coverage at our website: <http://www.goldheart.org/fostering/>

_____ **Short-Duration Foster Home Support.** Our foster homes occasionally need assistance with their foster dogs (vacations when dogs can't go, family emergencies, etc). This may be for a day or longer, but generally not longer than a week. Typically, these homes will be required to meet the same requirements as a Foster Home. Please let us know when you could be available and for how long below (e.g., summertime, up to a week, weekends only, etc.).

If you have additional skills that you think could help our cause, please provide us a brief description in the space below, or by email.