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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Everyone. Wow, another year has past, COVID is still pretty much running our lives and our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have suffered a loss because of this.

As you all know we had to have our annual members meeting online and again not as fun as in person. It's always fun to have the meeting in person. The Officers elected at this meeting are as follows:

President-----Barb Schaefer
Secretary-----Marie Martinez

FYI, Marie after many years as the secretary would like to step down. We thank her for many years of dedicated service. If you think you might be interested in joining the GoldHeart Board please let me or Marie know.

Application Coordinator-----LaDonna Puryear

Work on the 2023 calendar is already underway, and the 2022 calendars were beautiful and we had to order extras this year to keep up with the demand. Thank you all to those who ordered or made a donation \$100 donation and received a calendar. Thank you Ann Matejka and Marie Martinez for your hard work on the calendars. *****FYI there was quite a mix up this year with folks that ordered calendars. We feel this has all been straightened out. If you still have not gotten a 2022 calendar and either bought one or made a donation for one please let me know.***** We hope to be doing a few in-person fundraisers this year and will announce in advance for volunteers. Hopefully some of you will be able to join us.

We also hope to have the GoldHeart picnic this year. The board will get together on that and try to decide when that might happen. The past picnics have always been a great time.



While the number of 2021 intakes remained lower than pre-pandemic, it seems like everyone we took in needed a lot of vetting. The biggest expense for GoldHeart is vetting. We have 1- year old Missy GH#1191. Missy was surrendered by her owners in October for limping and potty training issues. X-rays revealed severe hip displaysia. We learned both hips are impacted and arthritis is already settling in. Missy was determined to be a good candidate for FHO surgery, and already has had one hip done and is in weekly PT currently. Her ongoing vetting care, as a temporary Long Term Foster, since arrival will most likely exceed \$10,000. Also, little Miss Ruby, GH#1194, came in and had an unexplained collapse in her foster home and spent many nights in the ER. Ruby's emergency bill alone totaled about \$8000. Ruby is now doing great and is loving life in her forever home.



MISSY GH-1191



RUBY GH-1194

We also have a few Long Term Fosters. These pups were considered unadoptable for medical reasons and will remain with the special foster families forever.

Our Long Term Fosters include Kirby GH 1185, Sofie Nugget GH 987, Fred GH 1188 and Buddy GH 565. GoldHeart is responsible for all of their medical bills and the foster families also help out where they can with their bills but the biggest and kindest thing they have all done is opened their hearts and homes to a golden in need, they keep them safe and let them know that no matter what they are truly loved.

Thank you to all the Long Term Foster homes. As always, thank you all for being there for GoldHeart. Our hearts go out to those that have lost their furry kids. It was a rough year for quite a few of us.



FRED GH-1188



SOPHIE GH-987

KIRBY
GH-1185



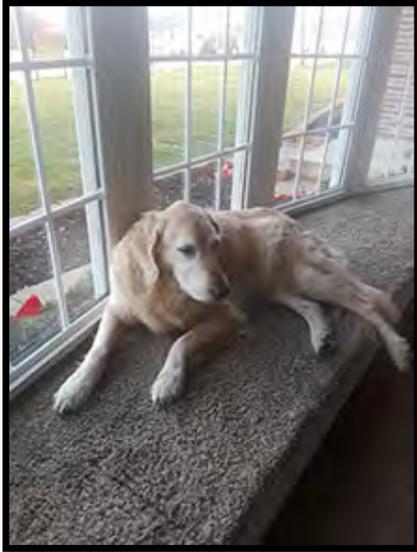
BUDDY GH-565



WE'RE SO PRECIOUS..... and still have so much love to give!

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Sophie --10/17/2013-----11/27/2021



Sophie came to the Schaefer house with her brother Tucker when they were 9 weeks old. Although they were not GoldHeart rescues, in a big way we rescued them from a probable life of being breeder dogs.

Sophie was as sweet as a golden could be. A little aloof and came to you on her terms for love. She loved to play ball, swim and make friends with the other dogs.

Sophie welcomed 60 foster dogs into her home from newborn puppies to pesky young puppies to older quiet, scared adults. When the older dogs came in confused it was almost as if she would tell them, "It's okay! My mom and dad will take good care of you" She would show them around the yard and always let them play with the toys.

She also loved the grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would take toys to them and walk around almost humming with joy because they were visiting.

Our hearts were shattered the day you left us. Gone way too soon, but we know you are at the Rainbow Bridge waiting for us and having a good time running and swimming and no longer in pain.

We miss you Sophie, until we meet again
Mom,Dad,Tucker and Sofie Nugget GH#987



Back in 2007, our Golden Retriever Hunter passed on. By 2011, we were ready to have a dog again. We contacted GoldHeart to see if you had any puppies. You didn't, but what you did have was a golden colored retriever mix that someone had turned over to you. GoldHeart had found this little girl a foster mom, but things did not go well there and you were looking for someone else to care for her. You asked if we were interested. We were.

GoldHeart estimated she was between 3-5 years old when we got her. Naturally she was timid, but she warmed up eventually. We loved her. One day we had her with us in Pet Smart when a couple remarked that they had a dog just like her, and told us that she was a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. We'd never heard of that breed.

Anyway, Daisy was our dog for 10 years. Then one night she started throwing up all the house. She deteriorated quickly, and our vet recommended she be put down. she's with Hunter, waiting for us to join them.



DAISY GH-725

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Now

Daisy you are Forever in our Hearts...The Heller Family

RIP Jay – JJ – Jay Bird

Our boy Jay loving transitioned in our arms on September 29, 2021. He was able to enjoy the sun and warm breezes as he left us. His soul was hopefully healed after being with us for close to three years and as he left this life for a much better one, we hope he knows how much he was loved.

Jay was a GoldHeart foster dog arriving in November 2018, after spending his life as a stud dog living in an outside shed. It took him months to learn to live peacefully with our family of dogs and humans (and he figured out soft beds and houses were awesome). At times he was more grumpy old man than Golden, and he still retained some Jayism's like occasional growling while wagging his tail, or when he didn't want to be bothered. His sis Britt (also from GoldHeart) left in May 2020, and yes, he liked not getting the evil eye from her. Happily, he quickly accepted our Long term foster Gunner, who sadly just left us last month. He leaves behind old girl (lab/chow mix) Goldie – who accepted and loved him from Day One, and his loving humans.

Despite suffering from DCM (Heart) and Lyme disease, he was in amazing physical shape for a senior and his lust for life shined through. It was hard to believe he was just turning 13 years old. He was happiest spending time with his human dad every evening for yappy/happy hour and running, jumping, retrieving, and barking (and repeat, repeat, repeat) with his favorite chuck-it balls. Like Brittany, he died from the dreaded and quick, deadly cancer (Hemangiosarcoma).

You may have met Jay as Mr. August 2021 in the GoldHeart calendar. Needless to say, we are heartbroken...he was a challenging rescue, but taught us a lot and we adored him. Run free like the birds you loved Jay Bird...you will always be in our hearts.

The Martinez Family



JJ-J BIRD GH-1094



DARBY GH-748

On May 12, 2021, Darby Bell 14 1/2, Good Canine Citizen Captain of the "Forever Friday" pontoon, Goldheart calendar model, senior advisor to the Bell household and most importantly treasured family member of Rick, Kathryn and Finnegan Bell crossed over the rainbow bridge. We are sure his older brother, Seamus (GH 593) was there to meet him with a tennis ball and a wagging tail.

Darby came to the Bell family shortly before his 5th birthday when his loving give up family could no longer take care of him. Darby helped to conduct 15 home visits for Goldheart and participated in numerous fund-raising events over the years. Darby had a fan following of family, neighbors, friends, customers, and staff alike at Bass Pro and Cabela's. He could often be found posing for photos in the front of the large stone fireplace or waiting for treats at checkout.

Ever the patient and gentle leader Darby helped to train the 2017 addition the Bell family, Finnegan, in the fine arts of tug-of-war, wrestling, and chasing tennis balls in the yard. When not in Maryland Darby loved his rides to his lake home, often delighting other motorists with his goofy smile as he looked out the window. He found fish in the lake to be fascinating creatures, and if his dad jumped in the water, then Darby was sure to follow.

As he aged his favorite activity was to lay in front of the fire and snuggle with anyone watching a movie.

While we are so sad to have lost our beloved Darby, we know he had a wonderful life. We were so blessed to have him for 9 ½ years, and cherish all the memories of our smart, loving, and loyal boy.

Forever loved and missed,

Kathryn, Rick, and furry brother Finnegan

With sadness, I must report that we lost our GoldHeart rescue Sandy GH-979 in February 2022.

Sandy came to us as a foster in February 2016, just a few days after we had become an approved GoldHeart foster family. Sandy was at Animal Control in Philadelphia, picked up as a stray, and needing to be transferred to a rescue so she could receive the care she needed. As the GoldHeart volunteer was on her way to Philadelphia to pick Sandy up, she called and asked if we were ready (as in, within the next hour or so!) to start our journey as foster parents. With somewhat nervous apprehension, we said yes, and sure enough, Sandy arrived at our house about an hour later!



SANDY GH-979

Sandy was approximately 8 years old when we took her in and her coat was solid mats from years of neglect and no care. She had ear infections and fungal infections and a severe phobia of anyone touching her paws! She was somewhat skittish and really just wanted to crawl off into a back corner of the house and be left alone. Her disposition was sweet and gentle when we interacted with her, but whatever her history had been before coming to GoldHeart, it was apparent she had a mistrust of humans and how they would treat her.



Within the first couple of weeks of having Sandy with us, she received vet care and meds, got a bath and a grooming, and we discovered a beautiful little golden dog underneath all those mats! With gentle coaxing and at-her-pace interaction with our family of humans, Sandy became more and more comfortable coming out to be a part of our family on her own. She was learning to trust us and figuring out that we were kind and caring humans!

When Sandy had regained her health and was ready to be put up for official adoption with GoldHeart, we decided that we just couldn't give her up, and we became failed fosters at our very first attempt at fostering! We adopted Sandy later that month and she became our little Valentine girl, with us declaring her birthday to be Feb 14.

Sandy spent six beautiful years with us and enriched our lives with her sweet personality and cute antics. She was acutely alert and responsive and we always said that if we had been able to have her as a puppy, she would have made an amazing agility dog. She was so smart, and so willing to learn and to please.

Sandy passed away in February 2022, just a week beyond her 14th birthday. She lived a good life and shared so much happiness with our family. 14 years is an amazing milestone for a Golden and we are so glad we got to share the best years of her life. We love you Sandy. Rest easy, sweet girl.

--Sarah McIlvaine



*Saving one
dog will not
change the
world
But surely
for that one
dog the
world will
change
forever*

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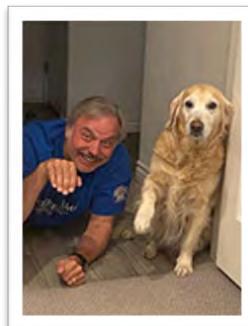
Canine Spa – Dillsburg – Facebook: www.facebook.com/caninespadillsburg

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