

## GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On August 10, 2014 the GoldHeart board members got an e-mail from our Treasurer Donna Blake stating that GoldHeart was \$10,000 in the red. We were all devastated by this news. We all work so hard, along with the members who are always out there volunteering with us at fundraisers. To hear this was heartbreaking. Now we had to worry about how to take in these precious goldens that need our help as they become homeless or unwanted. How do we get them the medical care that some of them so desperately need? Please don't let us have to close our doors or worse, turn any golden or golden mix away was my prayer.

On August 12, 2014 I sat down and wrote the hardest letter I ever had to write in my 10 years with this rescue. 6 of those being the President. I decided that it was time to turn to our biggest fans, and that was our members. No sooner did the letter go out than the e-mails started coming.

E-mails that said "I'll donate", "Count me in", "Please don't close your doors", "We're here for you", "Let's do a \$500 challenge". (One challenge that I actually missed and I'm so sorry about that). E-mails with new ideas for fundraising, all of which were great ideas and we thank you for those.

The thoughts and prayers from everyone were overwhelming. We know that GoldHeart means as much to our members as it does to the whole board.

I tried to answer each and every e-mail that came to me personally with a "Thank You from the bottom of our hearts". I could not do that with those that came in by PayPal.

Donna Blake (treasurer) (our own financial worry wart) would like for me to pass on to you how humbly grateful she is to the members for pulling us out of this financial crunch and putting us in the black by over \$4000.

I want to thank everyone for always being there for these wonderful, beautiful 4 legged furry kids of ours. Words cannot express how grateful we are to our members. Thank you does not seem like enough. We are going to list the names of everyone who sent donations to GoldHeart. The amount does not matter. If you sent \$1 we are grateful if you sent \$100 we are grateful. No amount was too big or too small.

Some of the names I do recognize as members, but many members said they were going to pass the message on to family and friends. If I miss anyone I am so sorry. I tried to keep everyone's name that came through.

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Please let me know by e-mail if I missed your name and it will be listed in the next newsletter. I certainly don't mean to leave anyone out, the response was so overwhelming it was hard to keep up.

I would also like to thank all of our foster families that are there for us and these wonderful goldens. Many of you pick up the cost of the vet expenses for your fosters, you buy them food and toys, things that most of them come into the rescue without. That is something that is so appreciated by GoldHeart and most of all the goldens. For some of them this is their first time in a loving home.

Again, thank you from the entire GoldHeart board. We will be forever grateful to our members.

Barbara Schaefer President - GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

### CrabFeast Report

The 2014 CrabFeast was a great success and I see that our treasurer has already made plans for next year's event. August 1, 2015. Same time. Same place. Hope to see everyone again. We have some fundraisers coming up and would like to see new members and new adopters come out and show off their new family members.

## **Upcoming Events!!!**

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Dogs Days In The Park – Marge Goodfellow Park – New Freedom, PA – 10AM – 4PM

 $September\ 28^{th}-Woofstock-Riverfront\ Park-Harrisburg,\ PA-11AM-5PM$ 

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Barcstoberfest – Patterson Park – Baltimore, MD – 11AM – 4PM

### November 1 - The GoldHeart picnic - Place—2801 Lisburn Rd. Camp Hill Pa.

As always, the well behaved pups are welcome to come. The yard is fenced in. Only you know your golden. If your golden does not play well with others or is not good with a lot of other dogs or people please come to the picnic but leave your golden home so the he/she is safe and comfortable. The picnic is late again this year, but hopefully we'll have nice weather like we did last year.

The food list is as follows:
A-F -- Main Dish
G-L - Side Dish

U-L - Side Dis

M-S – Snacks

T-Z – Desserts

Please RSVP by October 25<sup>th</sup> – <u>president@goldheart.org</u> Hope to see everyone there!!!

### December 18th and the 23rd, from 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm Volunteer Gift Wrapping Barnes & Noble Store in White Marsh, MD.

We will be looking for volunteers who can work a 4 hr. shift on those two days. Each shift needs at least two volunteers there at all times. An email will be going out after Thanksgiving asking for volunteers at that time. If you would like to participate, please contact LaDonna Puryear at Looks4Path@aol.com

## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT? THE 2015 GOLDHEART CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE AND READY TO SHIP!!!







## ENJOY 12 MONTHS OF PURE GOLD AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE RESCUE ALL YEAR LONG!

For 2015 we continue with the classic calendar design that provides white space to insert your important reminders, plus we are keeping the price at \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00 (\$12.50 each for 3 or more), and yes, this price also includes shipping!

It's easy to order and pay for your calendars online. Just go to goldheart.org, and click on the 2015 Calendar image in the top scroll bar, and follow the instructions. When you order and pay online, our volunteers will mail your calendars within a few days following order receipt.

If for some reason you are unable to order at the GoldHeart web site, just send your order details via U.S. Mail with check payable to *GoldHeart* to:

GoldHeart P.O. Box 522 Owings Mills, MD 21117-0522

Thank you for your support!

Happiness is your Golden looking up at you first thing in the morning, banging it's tail against the dresser with a stuffed toy in it's mouth. Or the sight of your Golden doing the "happy dance" in the yard, on it's back, legs going in all directions....happy to be safe in it's home....surrounded by love....MP & MM

## WE NEED FOSTER HOMES!!!

CONTACT WWW.GOLDHEART.ORG FOR DETAILS - THANK YOU!

## HEY EVERYONE....MEET "WOODY" THIS GUY NEEDS A HOME...

Woody (GoldHeart #881) is a super sweet ~1 year old small (~35 lbs) neutered golden mix (Shepherd??) male who loves to play. He came to GoldHeart as an owner give up as the owner was too old to care for Woody. Woody became right at home almost immediately and started guarding, barking at people near our yard and vehicles within a few days. He gets along well with our two dogs (and another foster we had when he first came to us) and within a few days they all were playing together. Woody loves to play with a tennis ball and will fetch but tries to play keep away. He will let you take the ball from his mouth if you can catch him. He makes cute expressions all the time. Woody has tested slightly positive for

heartworm. The vet thinks that just being on HeartGuard may clear this and wants to wait 3 months to retest. If the HeartGuard does not clear it up, additional treatment may be necessary. He is another true "Velcro" golden and will be at your side constantly. Woody loves to get in your lap and give lots of love. He has not shown any aggressive behavior during his stay with us and will allow you to take away food or toys. Woody enjoys riding in the car and is good but does get excited when someone approaches. Once introduced to someone, he is super friendly and will give lots and lots of love. He obeys pretty well and is working on some basic commands such as sit, lay or shake on command. He needs additional training to become a welcome family member as he tends to show some "puppy" traits such as wanting to carry a shoe around, chewing on things etc. He will stop these behaviors when told NO. He can be left alone for a few hours and is about 97% housetrained. He sleeps in his crate all night long and only gets up when we get up. Woody will make a great addition to any family. A home with another dog or two would be super for him. If you and your family have lots of love to give, then Woody will be a great addition to your home. If you are an approved GoldHeart Adopter, please contact:

Karol and Bob Hickman

hickmanr@yahoo.com

If you are not yet approved, please complete an adoption application at http://www.goldheart.org/adopting-a-golden/adoption-application/



WE HAVE GOLDENS
COMING IN ALMOST EVERY
DAY. WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO FIND THEM "FOREVER"
HOMES.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

### SOME HAPPY TAILS...

We lost our beloved Bailey to cancer in 2008. We were devastated. We looked to Goldheart to rescue a new "Bailey." We got in touch with Faye and Barb and met our new puppy, Sawyer. He was 9 weeks old and we fell in love with him. He looked like a white golden puppy. I figured he'd grow up to be a very light golden in color. Well, momma was a golden and dad was a lab, so Sawyer took on his dad's looks and is our sweet golden lab, who looks just like a lab. I was missing my Bailey and that "look" he had, so I contacted Barb and Faye and told them to let me know if a sweet golden came walking through their doors and alas......there was Bear. He was a 9 month old scruffy golden with a really bad haircut. I took my 2 kids up to meet him and we brought him



home that day....a bit of an unexpected surprise to Dad Zeidler. He has fit perfectly into our lives and follows his big brother Sawyer (one year older) and brother, Kitty, around everywhere. He is my own personal shadow and sleeps and rises at the exact same time as I do every single day. He is a true love of a golden and I can't imagine not having him in our lives......Shannon Zeidler







**LIBBY GH797** 



**JACKSON GH796** 

In December 2011, we lost 2 of our beloved goldens within 9 days of each other. We were overwhelmed with grief. Digby was supposed to just come and stay with us for a few days over the Christmas holiday while his foster mom was away. Well, that isn't exactly how it turned out. He was a 10 month old ball of energy and we fell instantly in love. Even our10 and 11 year old goldens took to him right away. We always say he is a combination of the two we lost (Shandy and Zeus - who were best friends) and to this day we believe they sent him to us to help heal. At 3 years old, he is still a ball of energy, but he loves to snuggle with his humans and get into everything he isn't supposed to with his younger sister and brother.

In August 2012, GH pulled 2 pups from shelters in NC. Coordinating pulls, vetting, fosters and transportation was quite a task. Because of their age (Jackson 4 months and Libby 3 months) and trying to coordinate pick up and drop off, I decided that I would just drive 6 hours to NC and get them. I was, after all, the foster home. It was a very long day, but absolutely worth it. They were the scrawniest and dirtiest little things I had ever seen. They were riddled with every kind of parasite possible and extremely malnourished. We had already intended to adopt Jackson as a playmate for our then 1 yr old, but after Ms. Libby (who is not a golden, but don't tell her) got here and stole our hearts she had to stay also. Today, they are both healthy, happy 2 year olds who adore their older brothers and sister. They certainly keep the Blake household hopping. We can't imagine our lives any other way than full of GoldHeart fur babies....Donna Blake



Having owned a wonderful, adopted Golden Retriever previously, we knew we wanted to adopt our next Golden as well. Thanks to GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, we are now the owners of not just one, but two delightful Golden Retrievers. Maggie (who is almost 11 years old) and Max (who is 3 years old) were living together previously, and were immediately placed into our family after their former family could no longer keep them. We are grateful to the former family as well as GoldHeart for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of Maggie and Max's lives; we could not have asked for a better match! FayeAnn King

### Another Happy Tail...





Jenny the golden doodle GH 891 has quite the story..

June 20, 2014 Pa. State Park Rangers spotted what they thought was a sheepdog running loose in the park. Two weeks later the dog showed up at the maintenance building, she was a happy friendly matted mess. They put her in an outside kennel and tried to find the owner with no luck so they contacted rescue. The poor dog's coat was totally matted, she had hundreds of ticks and there were porcupine quills around her face... She needed to be shaved down and the ticks & quills taken care of. Through it all, she was just one happy girl. They quickly found that this was not sheepdog but a young golden doodle. That's when GoldHeart was contacted to help. In foster care Jenny blossomed, always happy and just a fun personality! The search was on for the right home for this happy doodle bug where she had a fence with room to run and a playmate to entertain. On Sept. 7 Jenny the happy doodle found her forever home with the Carroll's in Delaware.





We Love Happy Endings!!!

# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Maggie Taylor - 2002-2014 - Our sweet Maggie came into our lives twelve years ago as a wee 7 week old pup. She instantly captured our hearts. All dogs are special, and we all believe our dog is the best dog ever. But, there was something truly special about Maggie. She was so kind and gentle. She loved everyone she met, and she greeted them with a toy in her mouth, and her tail wagging. She got along so well with every animal, and she was never afraid of anything. Maggie knew when you were upset, and she tried to comfort you by laying her sweet head on your shoulder. She was the best big sister to our younger golden Molly who we adopted from Gold Heart. Molly loved her, and helped Maggie to stay "young". Unfortunately, we lost Maggie on August 21st, 2014. She had to have two surgeries to remove tumors on her ear and her spleen. The surgeries were just too much for Maggie. Her poor sweet body just couldn't recover, and we had to say goodbye

to the sweetest angel in the world. Our hearts are breaking, but we find comfort in knowing she is resting peacefully now and playing with her friends at Rainbow Bridge. Mommies love you sweet girl!

Max was born in 2008 and we adopted him on April 30, 2011. He was a beautiful boy, very playful and joyful. Max came into our lives when we picked him up from Tamara. We saw the pictures Barb had sent us and knew he had to come into our home. Max enjoyed playing with his canine siblings Riley and Ginger who are also rescues. He loved water and would drink out of the hose. We bought a pool just for him. ( he is the only one who loved water) and he couldn't wait for it to be filled and his toys tossed into it. Max was my son's buddy. They slept together, watched TV together and played together. It is a tough and shocking loss because he was so young. Max loved playing with toys and would leave a trail all over the house. He got very excited and a big smile when a new toy came his way. Max had a wonderful smile and he was just so handsome. We miss him so much and the house feels empty without his fun loving and gentle persona. That Saturday morning, Max was his usual self, had breakfast and played in the pool. By the afternoon he was laying around but drinking water. He didn't want his dinner. When my son came home from work, he got up and greeted him. He laid back down and about half hour later he was gone. The



vet couldn't find a cause and think it might be a congenital disease or heart failure because he was so young and seemingly healthy. Just shock and profound grief

Lauri Silberstein and family



Lane, our 9 year old "Goldheart" Golden, passed over the rainbow bridge on June 4. We first met Lane when he came to us as a foster. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> dog we had fostered, and he was unique. He loved our other 2 Goldheart ladies equally and was a peacemaker. So, we adopted him. His favorite place in the world was with his "pack" at home. His second favorite place was the dog park where he would run from dog to dog and person to person. He took a real joy in life...loved to play games such as "chase me I have the blanket", "run through your legs", and "footsie". We were very fortunate to have adopted Lane and had him with us for 8 years, though he left us way too soon. He is very missed.

Wally  $- \frac{11}{30}/08 - \frac{8}{16}/14$  He was 5 years young. RIP our dear sweet Wally....Maureen Zeplin





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