



# GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow!!! Where did this year go? All of a sudden the holidays are upon us and the snow has already hit a few of us.

It has been a very busy couple of months with 15 dogs coming in in the last 2 months. From young to old. The good news is they are all finding forever homes quickly. We have also taken in a couple of golden doodles. When they hit the website I am always surprised at how quickly they get adopted. Unfortunately quite a few of our GoldHeart family members have had to help their furry kids across The Rainbow Bridge. Our hearts certainly go out to them.

I hope you check the website often. Our volunteers have been doing a fantastic job of keeping everything updated so that everyone knows when an event is coming up and what goldens are available. Thank you to all of website volunteers. I, for sure, couldn't do it without you.

Speaking of events, Photos with Santa is coming up, gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble will be taking place and the annual members meeting is coming up on Jan.10, 2015. Time and place is listed on the website and in this newsletter. Hope to see many of you there for the luncheon and social hour. The 2015 Pet Expo in Timonium is the end of Jan. We will need volunteers to help man the booth. This is a 3 day event. Hopefully no bad weather this year.

GoldHeart has had a very busy and expensive year. Thank you again to all of our family members who donated to the cause, because of you, we have made it through this very costly year. Without all of your kindness these needy goldens would have had no place to go. Thank you to all who have fostered, transported, ran to vet appointments, but most of all made these precious goldens feel loved and wanted. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. May your New Year be blessed with good health, wealth and happiness.

Barbara Schaefer  
President  
GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

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Thank you to Mike and Judy Lovette – We missed their name in the donations section of the fall newsletter.

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## Upcoming Events

PHOTOS WITH SANTA - \$5 PER PHOTO  
SATURDAY – DECEMBER 20  
11AM TO 3 PM  
BARONS K-9 STORE  
525 PRITT LANE  
BEL AIR, MD 21014

VENDOR AVAILABLE FOR HOT DOGS, PULLED CHICKEN, VEGAN THINGS, ETC



VOLUNTEER GIFT WRAPPING  
DECEMBER 18 & 23  
NOON TILL 8PM (Shifts: 12 – 4 & 4 – 8)  
BARNES AND NOBLE STORE  
WHITE MARSH, MD

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN WORK A 4 HOUR SHIFT ON THOSE TWO DAYS. EACH SHIFT NEEDS TWO VOLUNTEERS THERE AT ALL TIMES. IF YOU HAVE EXTRA BOWS, RIBBON, NAME TAGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG. WE HAVE FOUND THIS INCREASES DONATIONS AT THE TABLE.  
UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING OUR GOLDENS AS THEY HAVE A CAFÉ. SORRY.  
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT LADONNA PURYEAR AT [looks4path@aol.com](mailto:looks4path@aol.com)

ANNUAL GH MEMBERS MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2015 – 12PM – 2:30PM (Please bring a covered dish)  
QUAIL RUN ASSISTED LIVING  
9900 WALTHER BLVD.  
PARKVILLE, MD 21234  
RSVP BY: JANUARY 5, 2015 – [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)

WORLD OF PETS EXPO 2015  
JANUARY 23 – 25, 2015  
TIMONIUM STATE FAIR GROUNDS  
2200 YORK ROAD  
LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093  
[www.worldofpets.org/MDmain](http://www.worldofpets.org/MDmain)

## **CHECK THIS OUT!!!**

**YOU CAN NOW CONTRIBUTE TO GOLDHEART WHEN YOU USE AMAZON  
FOR YOUR PURCHASES.**

**SIMPLY LOG IN TO YOUR AMAZONSMILE ACCOUNT, AND SELECT:  
GOLDHEART GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AS YOUR CHARITY.**

**WITH EACH PURCHASE, AMAZON WILL DONATE TO THE ORGANIZATION  
SIGN IN AND REGISTER TODAY!!!**

## **COSTA RICAN CONDO RAFFLE**

**USE THE LINK BELOW FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO WIN A VACATION DESTINATION IN COSTA RICA!!!**

**[WWW.GOLDHEART.ORG/2014/11/GOLDHEART-2-15-COSTA-RICA-RAFFLE-TICKETS-AVAILABLE](http://WWW.GOLDHEART.ORG/2014/11/GOLDHEART-2-15-COSTA-RICA-RAFFLE-TICKETS-AVAILABLE)**



## 2015 GOLDHEART CALENDARS – AVAILABLE NOW!!!

For 2015, we continue with the classic calendar design that provides white space to insert your important reminders.

We are keeping the price at \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. The price includes shipping!

Go to [www.goldheart.org](http://www.goldheart.org) to order online.

## PET INSURANCE DO I NEED IT? IS IT WORTH HAVING?

WHEN WE ADOPT OUR PETS, WE HOPE THAT WE WILL NEVER NEED A DOCTOR. WE ARE HOPEFUL AND CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE HEALTHY AND LIVE VERY LONG LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S NOT ALWAYS THE CASE AND WE ARE FORCED TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT CAN BE QUITE COSTLY. IN THIS DAY AND AGE, A PET EXPENSE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE BUDGET FOR OR PLAN ON HAVING. BUT IT HAPPENS. SPEAKING PURELY FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, I CAN ASSURE YOU, HAVING PET INSURANCE IS WORTH IT. RECENTLY OUR MAGGIE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A TUMOR THAT NEEDED TO BE REMOVED. SADLY, AFTER CONSULTING WITH SEVERAL DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT WAS NOT OPERABLE AND WE WERE FORCED TO HELP HER OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE. OUR ONLY COMFORT WAS THAT WE HAD INSURANCE, AND IF IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO OPERATE, THE HIGH COSTS WOULD HAVE BEEN MOSTLY COVERED. WE WERE NOT PLACED IN A POSITION TO DECIDE WITH OUR WALLETS....BUT WITH OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. SINCE WE HAD INSURANCE, WE WERE ABLE TO RECOUP A MAJOR PORTION OF WHAT THE DOCTORS COST, WHICH WAS A GREAT HELP.

I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT CAN ASSURE YOU, THAT IF YOU DECIDE TO GET PET INSURANCE, YOU WILL BE VERY GLAD YOU HAVE IT WHEN THE TIME COMES. IT IS MUCH MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU'D THINK. I RECOMMEND YOU GO TO THE LINK BELOW TO COMPARE POLICIES AND COMPANIES. THERE ARE SEVERAL TO CHOOSE FROM.

AS WITH ANYTHING IN LIFE, IT IS BETTER TO BE PREPARED. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL NEED IT.  
MARK PRESTON & MICHELLE MURLIN

[WWW.TOPCONSUMERREVIEWS.COM/PET-INSURANCE](http://WWW.TOPCONSUMERREVIEWS.COM/PET-INSURANCE)



## HAPPY ENDINGS....ALWAYS GREAT TO HEAR THEM



PORTUS (GH900)

We are so thrilled to announce that we had been selected to be the new "forever parents" of the great boy, "Portus.". We had just lost our beautiful girl, "Maggie" about 2 weeks prior. Our lives were so empty... and our good friend, Barb Schaefer, told us about a new foster they just got in. We wanted another girl but this boy stole our hearts the moment we met him. He's about 8 years old (we think) but it's like he's only 2 years old in spirit! A bundle of energy and a real "love bug." He is a real velcro dog and wants to be with us wherever we go. His tail has knocked everything off our coffee tables from wagging so much and we absolutely adore him for it! He's our "gentle giant." He loves the car, loves to play with the ball outside, loves to play tug-of-war with his "babies" and loves to cuddle with us on the couch, on the floor or wherever we are. We are so lucky that we have him in our family forever!

Thank you GoldHeart....Michelle Murlin & Mark Preston



GOOFUS (GH897)

Lilly and Porky came to us as fosters at the beginning of August, 2014. They had neither had collars or leashes at their previous home. We were eventually able to get collars on them, but they were and are still petrified of them. Soon after they arrived, we changed their names to Cuddles – appropriate because she loves to, and Goofus – because, well, he is!

Cuddles is a 4 ½ year old, 70 lb, dark rust, pure Golden Retriever and Goofus is her 2 ½ year old light coat, short haired mix. (Perhaps Lab or German Shepherd). When they arrived, they were afraid of anything and everything! The cowered, hid, and would not come to anyone at all. Newspapers, laundry baskets, cameras, people in hats, loud noises, leashes, and even new doggie beds scared them. They would not even wag their tails or smile or show any signs of happiness....very untypical for a Golden. There was no trust at all from them, and they were afraid to be near anyone. The would bolt out the door when we opened it into the yard, and were very hesitant to come back in. Goofus spent the first week or so hiding in the bathroom as soon as he came inside. Neither dog liked walking on our concrete patio, would only very hesitantly come into the house, would not walk up or down stairs, and did not seem to know what doggie treats were. They had very limited commands...sit, lie down. They apparently had no experience with stairs, collars or leashes. They cowered whenever they would see a leash in our hands.

Well, here it is 3 months later. We have the two most beautiful adopted dogs in the world. Both dogs are very well behaved. They are very people friendly, love to wag their tails as soon as they see us. They get up and greet us at the door, come readily for treats, praise or just to see what we're doing. They have mastered sit, lie down, wait, give paw, but they are still working on come. Cuddle will come willingly, Goofus needs a treat or two to encourage him. Doggie treats have been a favorite since they were introduced to them.

Cuddles likes the couch much more than her doggie bed and will sneak up onto it to cuddle with us, even though she knows we are watching. Goofus is not sure yet if his hind feet can leave the floor. He loves to go out and chase away the squirrels. Both are great at protecting their house and make sure that all the visiting animals know it's theirs.

We still have a long road ahead of us. Leashes remain a major fear. It will still take them a while to realize that the leash will not hurt them. Steps will take a bit more time...but they are both working on them.

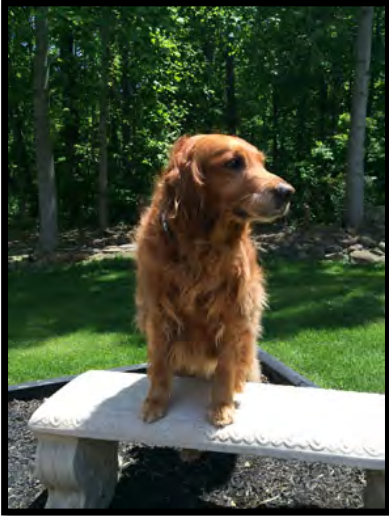
They have full acclimated to us, our home, our yard. They are a delight, a joy, and many times a good laugh, especially when Goofus tried to lean from the floor all the way up 6 stairs to get a treat, planted his front feet on each step, but accidentally stepped off his hind feet and when he realized he was off the floor, did a full body turn in the air to get back down.

We thank Goldheart for introducing us to two wonderful dogs who are now part of our family.

CUDDLES (GH896)



# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



## MAGGIE (GH491)

It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beautiful girl, Maggie, GH #491. Maggie had come to GoldHeart, only 1 year old herself. She was pregnant, malnourished and covered with fleas and ticks. With the love of her foster parents, Barb and Bill Schaefer, Maggie managed to give birth to 11 healthy, beautiful puppies and GoldHeart found loving homes for all 11 of them! We were so fortunate to be the chosen "parents" for this wonderful animal... everyone wanted her, but we got her! We had her for 6 very short



years... but in that time, she filled our lives with so much love and joy that even typing this brings us to tears. She was the PERFECT dog in every way... she never had "accidents" in the house, never chewed up anything and she hardly ever barked! However, when she did bark, lookout! She had a big, loud, scary bark that made us feel extremely safe.

Maggie was a little bit scared of children and new people but she was extremely gentle to anyone once she "allowed" them to love her. She also was GORGEOUS! A beautiful,



fluffy redhead who looked great sitting or laying on anything from a couch or a chair to the grass outside... She loved doing her "happy dances" in the snow or on our bedroom carpet. She was so happy to have a "baby" in her mouth and loved to play tug-of-war with them whenever possible. She lived for riding in the car and wanted to be with us everywhere we went. To say we miss her seems like the biggest understatement

one could make... our lives will never be the same without her. She touched us so deeply and was the greatest addition to our family. We are so thankful that our lives were blessed by her existence. Rest in peace, our "Mag-pie." Your spirit lives on through all of your "GoldHeart" puppies and in our hearts.

Michelle and Mark





Our beloved “baby girl” **Sophie** crossed the rainbow bridge all too soon. Although she was not a rescue, Sophie loved going on visits and she welcomed many, many goldens through our home in her years with us. She was our first golden and the whole reason we do what we do to this day. Sophie will forever be in our hearts and dearly missed. RIP baby girl. We love you, now and forever. (12/30/01 – 9/20/14)



Our amazing **Riley** boy passed over the Rainbow Bridge at home surrounded by his loving family on Sat, December 6. He came to our family as a Foster to Adopt in October 31, 2009, the day before his first birthday, but I knew right away he found his forever home. He was so beautiful and well behaved, most of the times. I introduced him to Ginger our 3 year old Golden at a neutral spot, a lake near our home. She always loved to swim there so we thought they could meet and play in the water. Well to our surprise he had no idea what to think of that water and wanted no part of it. He stood there and watched Ginger swim after half hour he started to wade a little and that

was it. By the next summer you could not keep him out of the water and he found his happy place that we would go to everyday for them to swim, and swim he did. He loved to dive for rocks and would do so for hours.

We only spent 5 years with him but he became such an important part of our family. His health started to decline in Oct when he was diagnosed with an enlarged liver and it wasn't working properly, then in Nov his kidney function declined and he was losing weight and starting to have trouble breathing. As we were comforting him until the end he put his paw out and laid it on my hand and he looked at me, as to say it was going to be OK. That's what made him so special he touched so many lives with his personality and compassion. We learned more from him in five years than we ever could have taught him in a lifetime. Know my Riley boy that we all loved you so much and a large part of our heart is missing and we will look for you until we meet again. As time passes our tears will turn to smiles as we think about you and our heart will heal and you will always be a part of our family. Run free my 'lil buddy'.

With all of our Love

Mom, Dad, Amy, Jenny and Mike

**Luke (GH190)** – Adopted by Henrietta and Charles Vanwagenen in March 2005.  
Thank you for giving Luke a wonderful home.....The GoldHeart Board



On September 3, 2014, **Cody (GH726)** passed over the Rainbow Bridge. He was our long term foster for just over 3 years. I picked Cody up from his one and only family in 2011. He was well loved but his family was in financial hardship and had to leave their apartment. They made the devastating decision to give up then 11 year old Cody to the rescue.

Cody was consistently kind, reliable and supremely gentle – in other words, the quintessential Golden Retriever.

Everyone, both 2 legged and 4 was greeted with good will. He was a joy to have for 3 precious years and he completed our triumvirate of Goldens.

Although basically a healthy senior dog, his hips were in poor shape. But with supplements, pain meds and consistent, gentle walks, he kept moving and enjoyed a good quality of life. We were very fortunate that he got to travel to FL with us to spend the winter of 2014. Although he didn't join us on the beach each day, it was too hard for him to move through the sand, we got to walk every morning and evening all winter in the gentle climate and flat terrain. What a trip it was with 3 goldens and 2 dog beds down to FL and back.

Although I could see Cody aging and I knew 13 ½ was a great age for a golden, I never expected it to end so quickly. He suffered a major vestibular event at the end of our evening walk on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He had a total loss of balance. We did leave him at the vet's office so they could try a series of drugs that are sometimes helpful, but at the end of the day, he still could not even sit up. The vet explained it as a feeling of being constantly seasick on an ever spinning top. The only option was to relieve his suffering. We had the time with him to thank him for being a part of our home and our lives. We were with him as he passed over the bridge. He was the dearest of all Golden boys and it was our joy and privilege to be a part of his life for a few precious years.....Bill and Tamara Webb

The day I met him he put my entire hand in his mouth. He didn't bite down, but he wanted to make sure we would take him home. I'm so glad we did, because once he let go of my hand, he held on to my whole heart. He had the most beautiful and expressive eyes, and the most ferocious bark of any dog I've heard. If you heard it and didn't know him you would definitely be afraid. But his bark simply matched the size of his heart. He wasn't a typical Golden in that he would not chase or fetch anything you threw. He would just look at you as if he thought it was the dumbest game ever invented. He wagged his tail incessantly when he was happy. He liked our cat Frady more than he liked other dogs, although, he came to love and appreciate everyone in his pack. He was a wonderful addition to our family and an absolute joy to be around.

Every day I try to reconcile the joys of pet ownership with the sorrow of loss of a beloved companion and friend. Most days I just can't. I simply have to remember the everyday smiles brought about by the love of, and for our companions are enough to endure the heartache, past present and future...

You will be missed my friend. Thank you for rescuing me... We are blessed beyond all measure....MJ



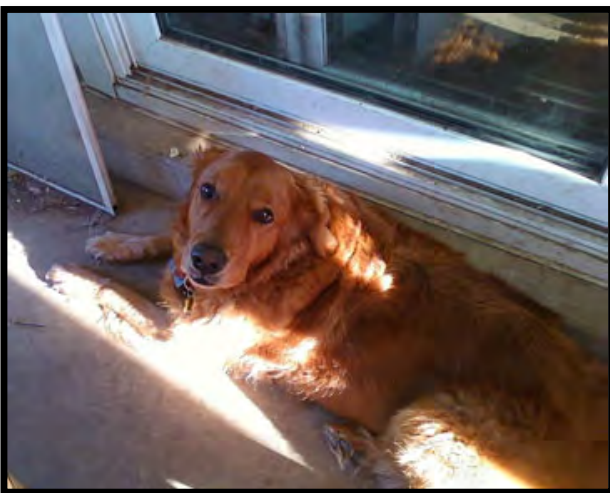
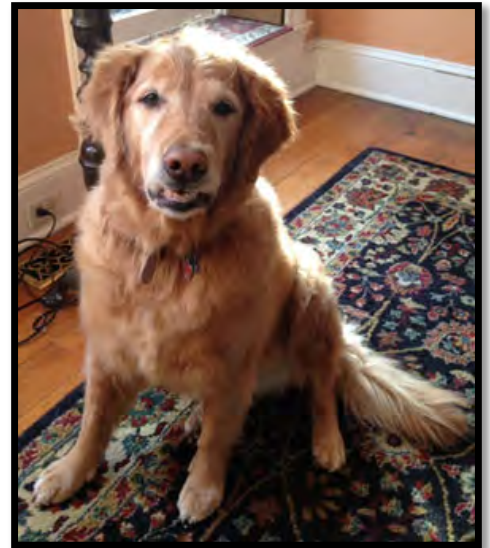
**ZEUS (GH821)**



**Maggie** passed away peacefully at home on December 4, 2014 following laryngeal paralysis surgery. Maggie and Max came to us as housemates from GoldHeart on February 1, 2013, and we could not have been happier to adopt these two wonderful Golden Retrievers. We like to remember the funny things that Maggie did, like sheepishly stealing socks from our rooms when she thought no one was looking. She always seemed to tolerate Max, who is quite a bit younger and more energetic, but we knew she looked out for him. Maggie will hold a special place in our hearts, and I'm sure Max will miss her as well....Thank you, FayeAnn King

I have a memorial to share with GoldHeart. It has taken me a while to do this, and I am crying just writing these words. Thank you for letting us adopt **Abbie** and giving us such a wonderful dog who truly loved everyone she met. (and everyone loved her too)

We adopted sweet "Abbie-girl" from GoldHeart in 2006 when she was 2 years old. She died of cancer on June 22, 2014. She just turned 10 in May. She was my heart and we loved her dearly. Abbie was a "Velcro-Golden" – she always wanted to be near us. I miss her so much and it will take a while for me to recover from her rapid demise in health and death. We had this ray of sunshine in our lives for 8 years, and we are thankful for that. Rest in peace dear girl...you are pain free and running around chasing balls and butterflies. Love you to pieces.....Belinda



Our golden retriever **Goldie** passed this fall. Goldie was not a GoldHeart rescue but during her life she allowed several GoldHeart fosters to join her pack. Goldie was the top dog and made sure foster dogs knew whose house they were in. She was motherly towards the foster goldens once they recognized her as the top dog. Goldie slept in our room every night for the past several years but one, the day we brought home a big scared, anxious and sick (ear infections/teeth) golden Gizmo. Goldie heard Gizmo whimpering shortly after we went to bed and left our room and laid with Gizmo (GH-743). Goldie's kindness with Gizmo was touching and the next day Gizmo was not scared and less anxious. Who would have guessed that years later, when Goldie's defective heart failed and she was dying, Gizmo would be lying next to her giving her comfort. Rest in Peace Goldie.....Paul R. Knuth



## FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART



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