

Golden Heartbeats – Fall 2015



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here we go again folks. Winter is slowly creeping in. Where did the summer go? There certainly was no happy medium with the weather. Either rain or blazing temps. Great swimming weather for the dogs though. I know my guys certainly loved it.

Hopefully you know by now that GoldHeart has changed its P.O. Box. It is P.O. Box 394 Chester Md. 21619.

Intake was kind of busy. Sure seems to go in cycles. We took in quite a few heartworm positive dogs. I can't stress enough the importance of those preventative meds for your goldens. The cost of meds is cheap compared to the cost of treatment not to mention the pain it causes the dog. I especially want to thank all the foster homes that continue to step up when these needy boy and girls come in.

The picnic was small this year but everyone had a great time and the food that everyone brought was great. All the dogs were very well behaved. The young ones just ran around like crazy.

The announcement for the Photos With Santa will be on the website soon. That is always a great success and lots of fun for the volunteers. We will also be doing the Pet Expo in Timonium on Jan 2016 again. Lots of volunteers needed for that. Eric and Beth Kearney are trying to line up another karaoke party. Now that was a great time!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the GoldHeart family for always being there for us. When we put out a plea for funding you are always there, always stepping up to foster and always stepping up to volunteer for an event. Without all of our dedicated family, GoldHeart would find it impossible to exist.

Barbara Schaefer
President
GoldHeart

2016 Calendars Available Now!

Looking for the perfect gift? The 2016 GoldHeart Calendar is now available and ready to ship! For 2016 we continue with the classic calendar design that provides white space to insert your important reminders, and have added more images of our dogs each month for you to enjoy. We are also keeping the price the same as last year. One calendar is \$15.00, and if you order two or more, the price is \$12.50 per calendar, and yes, this price still includes shipping! Enjoy 12 months of Pure Gold and show your support for the Rescue all year long! Is easy to order online, where you can use major credit cards without a PayPal account. Go to <http://www.goldheart.org/2015/08/goldheart-calender/> to place your order. To order via personal check, send your check payable to GoldHeart with a note that includes your shipping address, contact email or phone number, and the number of calendars you are ordering. Simply mail to GoldHeart at PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619. After receipt, the calendars will be mailed to you.



HOME VISIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the DC metro area/DC, Carroll County, Baltimore County, and Harford County area's. Even if you do not live near any of these areas, we can always use a hand with more volunteers willing to do home visits! Remember how excited you were when you first applied to GoldHeart, and how excited you were with the potential to adopt a golden? What eventually made your adopting possible was a home visit volunteer doing a home visit for you! Please consider paying it forward and volunteering to do a home visit for someone else that is looking to adopt a golden. Please contact Susan Nathan our Maryland Home Visit coordinator if interested. You can reach Susan by emailing susan.nathan@verizon.net Please include in your email: Where you live (town, County), how far you are willing to travel, the name of your dog/s and if there are any limitations for your doing visits like your dog cannot be around another dog, cat etc. Please be patient for a reply to your email, Susan is very busy the next few weeks and may not get back to you right away.

CALLING ALL GOLDHEART ELVES! We are scheduled this year for gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in White Marsh on Dec. 17th 12-8:00 pm, and on Dec. 23rd from 12-8:00 pm. We would like to have two shifts both days from 12-4, and 4-8. If you have leftover bows, ribbon and name tags, please bring along to help increase donations, let your creative Christmas spirit out! This has always been a fun event, and we need two people at the gift wrap table at all times. If you would like to volunteer for one of the shifts, please email LaDonna Puryear at Looks4Path@aol.com and let her know which shift/s you would like to volunteer for.

PHOTO'S WITH SANTA PAWS!! Please join GoldHeart for another one of our holiday fun events, have a photo taken of your dog/s with Santa Paws! Create a great holiday memory! Location is Baron's K-9 Country Store, 525 Pritt Lane, Bel Air, MD 21014 Time is 11am-3pm and cost of photo's is just \$5 a print, with all proceeds going to GoldHeart!

2015 Holiday Party

**Saturday December 5, 2015
1-5 pm
Columbus Gardens, Perry Hall, MD
Holiday Volunteer Thank You Dinner**

Must have an RSVP from members no later than November 15th to treasurer@goldheart.org

Hand Carved Roast Beef
Turkey Breast
Honey Ham
Stuffed Mushroom Caps
Swedish Meatballs
Vegetable Egg Rolls
Chicken Bites
Vegetables and dip
Cheese and Cracker assortment
Coffee, Tea
Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Beer and Wine

This is a "Thank You" from the Board of Directors for all your hard work over the years.
Open to ALL active members.

New Mailing Address

GoldHeart has a New Mailing Address: P.O. Box 394 Chester, MD 21619-0394 With Marie Martinez taking over as GoldHeart's secretary, our P.O. Box was moved closer to here in Chester, MD (Kent Island). Hopefully, you have noticed updates at the website, Facebook, and in our various forms. If you find an address that has not been updated please send Marie an email at secretary@goldheart.org. Thanks! Annual Membership Dues - Look for notice in January 2016 Just a reminder... Our membership renewal drive runs from January 1 to March 31 of each calendar year, and we will remind you via email in January 2016. — 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. — 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. For more information, please visit our Membership Page at <http://www.goldheart.org/about-goldheart/membership/>

A Happy Tail Of A Happy Ending!



Yes, this little black dog is indeed a GoldHeart foster failure! He and his three sisters were Golden Retriever and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel mixes. Barb and Carol did an emergency intake in late April. I was literally sitting on the tarmac returning from a business trip when I saw the urgent plea from Barb – asking for someone to help... at least through the weekend to get them into the rescue.

The next day this little black fur ball showed up – terrified. He would not walk or stand and there

was no chance of getting him to venture outside. He shook uncontrollably until he met Texas (our fourth foster failure). Texas gets full credit for training Ollie. Within 5 days, 7 ½ month-old Ollie was potty trained, crate trained and no longer afraid of ANYTHING! He is the most resilient little guy I've ever seen. He is ornery and full of love. He adores Texas and they have become best buds. He recently turned one year old and has a permanent home with us.....Lisa Tryson



Can I crash
at your place
for a while?

**We Need More
Foster Homes!!!**
Contact www.goldheart.org
for information.
Thanks.

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Maddie (GH804) – Brady (GH154)

Every dog owner knows the day will come when they must say goodbye to their beloved companion. For us, we faced that hurdle two times this season, losing both our best friends 6 weeks apart.

Maddie (GH-804 – Lying Down) joined our family in early 2012 as a rambunctious "wild child" full of life and energy. From chasing sticks to rabbits, Maddie was a fun dog always ready to play. Her strength was outdone only by her love of life. Her intuition was remarkable too, sensing when you were having a bad day and making you feel better. She'd capitalize on good days and make them even better through her playful nature. During early 2015, Maddie began to suffer from seizures. As time and testing went on, the seizures became increasingly strong and longer. Finally determining she likely suffered from a brain tumor and knowing she was in pain, on August 29, we

helped our 11 year old cross The Rainbow Bridge.

Brady (GH-154 - Sitting), whom we've had in our family since he was about 2 1/2, came to live with us in September 2003. Within hours, he was part of the family and joined his older sister at the time (Belle). Brady's affable nature and consistent grin was endearing to anyone who knew him. He never had a cross moment, always behaved well with dogs and people and was our "class clown". He was, in short, our best friend for 12 years. We always joked about his lanky physique and how he could've played basketball! Brady led the way for us to become increasingly involved with Goldheart and paved the way for our family to rescue others after Brady. Still...Brady was our mainstay and rock. During the summer of 2015, he had increasingly bad joint pain. Medications were helping but in these last few weeks, it was nearly impossible for him to stand anymore on his own. It was obvious he was in pain and we couldn't bear the indignities it brought for such a fine and loving companion. On October 9, we helped our best friend cross The Rainbow Bridge to rejoin Maddie and Belle and the others that came in between.

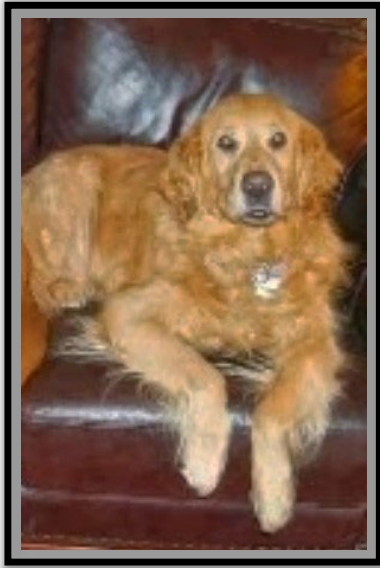
We know we'll see them again and once again enjoy their excitement and joy. Until then, their memories and the legacy of friends left behind will see us through.....Thomas Long

Barry was a stray, picked up and brought to the SPCA in Delaware. He had many physical problems, hair loss, thyroid and a massive tumor which was very advanced and could not be operated on. We had him 9 months, had his 12th birthday and could not have had a more wonderful dog. So smart, adapted immediately, terribly affectionate....a kind personality. He passed on August 14th and he will be missed forever. Just a sweetheart and more is beyond words !

Judy and Mike Lovett
Dover Delaware



Barry



McHenry

We lost our GoldHeart McHenry after 14 years! He was a very special member of our family for each and every day we had the privilege of being his forever family, wow has that phrase taken on new meaning! I will never forget the day we first met McHenry (KC), it was at a GH event in Jacksonville in October of 2001. He was a young man of about 8 months of age. A typical Golden full of energy and love. I was not aware that the foster family had the ability to make the determination as to who was going to have the honor of becoming McHenry's family. We had our entire family present, me, my ex-wife, our Golden Sedrick and my then sister in law. It was a beautiful fall morning, and we were the first family to visit with McHenry! We all fell in love with him immediately. But were informed that there were several other families that were going to be meeting McHenry, much to our disappointment. So we made the conscious decision to stay for the remainder of the day, and spend as much time with him as we could. Late Sunday evening we received a call from Tom Daniel saying we had been selected. And that he would be willing to meet us on the following Saturday to do the paperwork and turn over his leash, and other belongings! We could not wait! So after I took a grad school midterm (in Baltimore) we headed to Tom's house outside of Carlisle, PA, arrived sometime around 8:30. Left with our new addition and arrived home at around midnight. Where we formally introduced McHenry to Sedrick as his

new brother. They hit it off immediately. As we prepared for bed, McHenry and Sedrick played, we thought they would calm down and sleep. But boy were we mistaken. They started to play king of the hill jumping on and off our bed, and barking at the one on the bed. Needless to say no sleep happened in our home that night by either the dogs or their human cohabitants.

A couple of years later, Sedrick suffered from bloat, and McHenry took it harder than the rest of us. After about a month of the "you're leaving me alone again" face, we decided it was time for a new playmate, we adopted Zeke, GH 400. We now got the "you're leaving me with him look". But they became fast friends and would romp and play just as he did with Sedrick! We would come home and there would be evidence of their play in the form of dried slobber in their hair, and elsewhere around the house.

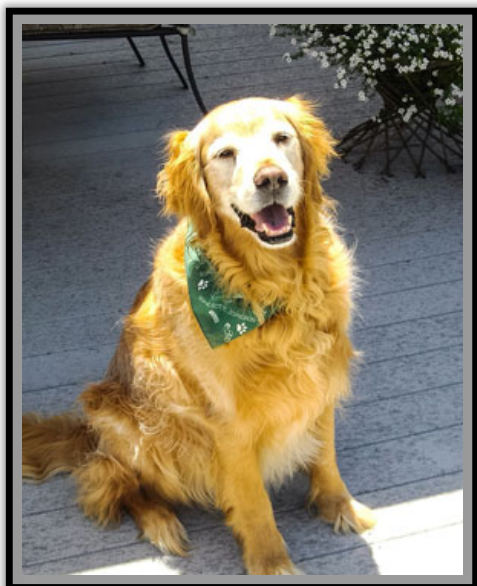
Knowing that McHenry and Sedrick are now reunited and playing together once again, brings us solace. It was truly a pleasure to have the opportunity to give McHenry the life of love and fun he deserved. Our thanks to GoldHeart and more specifically Tim and Linda for giving us the opportunity!.....David Beaver

A Tribute Mr. Bojangles (A GoldHeart Super Friend) Also known as BoJ and Meow, this guy was truly the best cat ever! He showed up at our house in the Fall of 2000 and lucky for us, we never found his owners. He was probably about 17 years old, and since last fall has been suffering from Hyperthyroidism and renal failure, but was still enjoying life, and being a brother to his Golden pack (he was indeed a dog-cat). Even though he was sick, he continued his routines and still enjoyed sneaking baby bunnies in through his cat door to show off to us (don't worry, his 2-legged dad always came to the rescue). He died on Sunday afternoon, August 30, on his favorite porch. At first we thought he was just sunning himself as he always did. So, we hope it was quick and his heart just gave out. Those that knew him and our many friends who helped cared for him over the years also know how amazing he was. Besides being a gift to us, and a great hunter of field mice, he was a gift to GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue. BoJ never met a rescue pup he couldn't win over, some just took a little longer than others. Whether the connection was instant or took a year, through it all, BoJ never gave up on any dog and he eventually connected with every single one. He is now with his first Golden buddy Bo Bo, and we are sure he received lots of licks and wags at the Rainbow



Bojangles

Bridge from GoldHeart's Rusty, Murphy, Hunter and Zeus; and Buck, well he is probably still chasing him now and then - but BoJ just rolls over and the game ends - BoJ wins! Here is a picture last December with his angel wings. RIP our sweet Bojangles...life won't be the same without you...until we meet again.--Pete and Marie Martinez and his GoldHeart siblings Paige, Duke and Teddy (and many other Foster kids)

**Cody**

We adopted Cody from Goldheart in 2005, a few months after our first golden retriever died. He was six years old when he came to us as part of the Foster to Adopt program. He arrived just before Christmas and what a gift he was; within one day we knew he was here to stay. Cody had lived outside or in the garage for his entire life. When he got here he was showered with love and attention from me and my husband and our two kids. He loved it. From the moment he walked through the door, he knew he was part of the family. He played in the backyard, found his own spot on the sofa, and fell asleep on our lap. No matter where Cody was in the house, if he heard my husband or I sit down, he would get up and be right by our side, wanting to be petted. He loved Sunday morning pancakes and would NOT let you forget to give him one! People always commented what a nice, gentle dog Cody was. We were the lucky ones to have found him. He lived to be 16½ years old, spending the last 10 years with us. He definitely slowed down a lot over the past few years, but he adapted and was happy just to be in the same room as his people. We lost him on October 10, 2015, and our family is heartbroken. But we are so glad to have had him.

THANK YOU Goldheart for rescuing Cody and bringing him into our lives, we will be forever grateful....Dori Reimert

A Golden's Love

The sound of their feet on the floor
The look in their eyes when you come home
The feel of their nose against your face
It's all part of a Golden's Love!

A gentle nudge when they want your attention
A joyous song when they bring you a toy
A wagging tail when you come into the room
It's all part of a Golden's Love!

The comfort they offer when you're sad
The touch of their paw when they're close
The understanding look when it's time to say goodbye
It's all part of a Golden's Love!

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