

# Golden Heartbeats – Summer 2015



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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Seems like summer is just flying by and the cold weather will be upon us before you know it.

As usual the rescue has been busy and the fundraisers that we did have were pretty successful. The Crab Feast was great. Everyone had a great time and spent a lot of money, all to help out those precious golden that keep coming our way.

We are over the \$15,000 mark with vet bills so far this year but we are holding our own and managing to get the goldens coming in the care they need.

Shortly, the P.O. Box for GoldHeart will be changing. Unfortunately our secretary Janie Heishman is stepping down. She has a lot going on at her full time job and a lot of family obligations that just will not allow her to continue holding down this position. We thank Janie, Mark and both of their families for always being there for GoldHeart. Janie's position will be filled by Marie Martinez until election time. Thank you Marie. We will let everyone know when the new P.O. Box is in effect.

Right now the GoldHeart picnic is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 26. Location is 2801 Lisburn Rd Camp Hill, Pa. 17011. The time will be from 12 pm to 4 pm. GoldHeart will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs. We will post on the website about bringing covered dishes. Please RSVP by Sept 12 as to who is coming and how many. Dogs or no dogs. As you know all dogs are welcome as long as your dog gets along with all other dogs and is good about other dogs running up to them to greet them. Please, if your golden or golden mx is not cool, calm and collected please, for the safety of everyone, leave them home where they are more comfortable. You are welcome to take home a "doggie bag" if your buddy cannot attend. Please keep an eye on the website as we will make an announcement if the date changes.

Once again, I cannot stress enough that we are always in need of foster homes. If you would like to try your hand at fostering or have a family member or friend who would like to know about it, please let any of the board members know. We also need folks to just take a foster dog for a week-end, if the current foster family has an emergency or while the foster family goes on vacation. If we have to put the foster dogs in a kennel the costs can add up. This will help GoldHeart save a lot of money.

Last, as you know, all the GoldHeart dogs are micro-chipped. These pups always stay registered to GoldHeart, if someone gets out and lost GoldHeart will be notified. We encourage all adopting families to contact AVID and register with them as a contact for your dog. Recently someone found a GoldHeart dog that had gotten out and when they called AVID he was only registered to us. I was not home to check the spread sheet with all the registered chips and intake numbers. Fortunately the owners were found right away. Please put yourselves on as an alternate contact so you can be found right away when your golden loses you.

Barb Schaefer – President – GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

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# KARAOKE AT IT'S BEST!

On June 27, 2015 Eric and Beth Kearney organized a great get together at the Silver Springs Mining Company in Hunt Valley Md.

The food was outstanding, we had a 50/50 drawing and the restaurant donated 10% of the food sales to the rescue.

Eric was the DJ/KJ and he donated his pay for the evening to the rescue.

A great time was had by all and there were a lot of really great singers that night.

For those of you who could not join us there will be another event when Beth and Eric can get it lined up again. We sure hope to see a lot of our members there.



**FUN, SONGS, AND  
MORE FUN...**





Hi Everyone:

Yes, it's me, Barb Schaefer, the pesky president of GoldHeart. It has been brought to my attention that even though we have quite a few people on our foster home list, that the same people keep offering to foster.

As you know, we never have enough foster homes. We have been lucky enough to not have turned any dogs away because some of our foster homes are willing to take on more than one foster at a time. This has been a blessing. Some foster homes get tied up with one foster who needs a lot of medical care and therefore are not able to take on another foster.

I am asking everyone and anyone who is already on our foster home list to let the intake coordinator Carol Ruell know that you want to remain on the foster home list or to please remove you from the list. Even if you could only do an emergency foster for a day or so, this helps us avoid putting that incoming dog in a kennel situation which costs the rescue money. Some families that are on the list never respond and that's okay. We just don't want to bother you with the emails.

I am asking the members at this point to specify what they would be interested in doing, fostering, emergency foster (1 or 2 days), volunteering for events, transports, home visits, dog sitting for a foster home who is going away.

For fostering and helping with transports, please notify: Carol Ruell @ [carolruell@yahoo.com](mailto:carolruell@yahoo.com)

Volunteering in Maryland: Looking for someone to volunteer for Maryland. Contact GoldHeart if interested.

Volunteering in PA: Barb Schaefer @ [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)

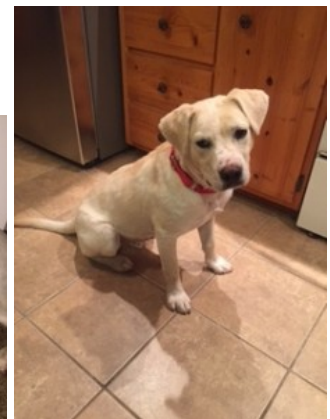
As always, thank you for everything that you always do for GoldHeart.....Barb Schaefer - President - GoldHeart

## A GREAT SUCCESS STORY...

### BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVAL AT GOLDHEART



SANDY GH#938



BUDDY/REMY GH#939



MAX GH#940

LEO GH#941

BRODY GH#942

In late March of 2015 GoldHeart was notified about a litter of 6 puppies in a high kill shelter in South Carolina. 5 little boys and a little girl. Even though they were mixes they were just babies and the board decided they needed a new “leash” on life. No other rescue would commit to taking them because they were “too mixy” and very sick puppies.

One of our members Mr. Bob Topper volunteered to go to the shelter and get them. He drove all night to be there when the shelter opened. Unfortunately the little girl could not hang on until we got them pulled.

The boys became known as the South Carolina 5. All were scared and very sick. We took them to the vet and everyone had demodex mange, sarcoptic mange, parasites and kennel cough. All were very underweight. The vet said he could not guarantee they would make it through the week-end. They needed lots of medicated baths, lots of good food and very much needed - a lot of TLC. Our foster homes provided all of that.

Until we got to know them a little better they were just Puppies 1-5. Then they got their names:

Puppy 1---Sandy—GH#938---foster home Abbe Epstein

Puppy 2---Buddy/Remy---GH# 939—foster home Barbara Devine

Puppy 3---Max---GH# 940-----foster home Barb Schaefer

Puppy 4---Leo---GH# 941-----foster home Barb Schaefer

Puppy 5---Brody –GH# 942---foster home Bob Topper

It has taken quite a while to get everyone healthy enough to be adopted and although 2 pups Leo and Sandy are still getting some treatment for skin issues, they have all found their forever homes.

Thank you to all the foster homes and all the forever homes for giving these boys all the special care they needed and giving them that new “leash” on life.

What a wonderful experience to bring in such sick puppies and watch them grow and get stronger every day.

Barb Schaefer

President

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

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# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

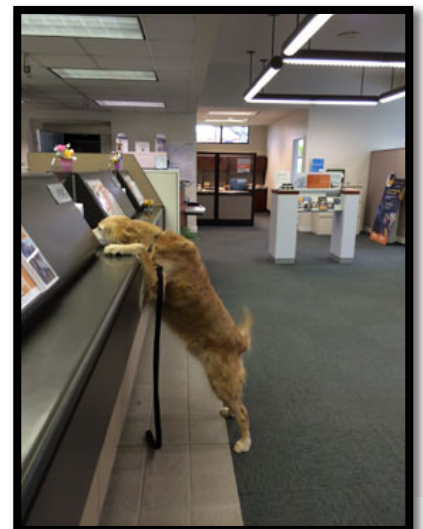
Skippy. We tried like crazy to change his name when we first picked him up to foster. Skippy just sounded too juvenile for a dog with the distinguished good looks that he had. We tried Skipper for a while, but the longer we had him, the more we got to know him, the more Skippy just seemed appropriate. He skipped through life with the careless glee of a dog who loved everybody and everything. He loved playing with our Abby, and once we saw how much she enjoyed it too, we just couldn't let him go. So Skippy became our first

"failed foster". And how grateful we are for that failure. He filled our lives with so much blissful joy and happiness that we would be poorer human beings for not having known him. He was a clown, a friend, a companion, and most of all, a comfort through the loss of Kayla, then Luke, and then Abby. Skippy. All we had to do was look at him and we would smile. And even though he's gone from our sight, all we have to do is think of him, and still the smiles come. Skippy. I'm sure he's at the Rainbow Bridge serving as "Welcoming Committee", with his tail wagging with the unbridled glee of a dog full of nothing but love. Skippy. Rest well, Baby Boy, we'll see you soon.



How could this be happening again? So close to the loss of our beloved Maggie? After only 9 months and 11 days, we lost our Portus. From the day we met him, he was such a joy to be around. A true "Velcro" to both Michelle and me, he would be at our side every moment of the day. He even made it to the bed, even though Michelle said that she'd never have a dog in bed with us....well, he changed her heart and kept her safe and secure each night, especially when I was out of town. I don't think I ever slept in my spot again, he took up most of it, and that was just fine with me. He was loved by everyone that met him, both two and four legged friends. He loved to ride in the car, and would come with us all the time. To the bank, the hardware store, the car wash, the oil change place, especially the pet store. No matter where we went, people would ask about him and greet him with a smile and a treat. He truly was an ambassador for GoldHeart...and for love. Thank you to Barb and Bill Schaefer

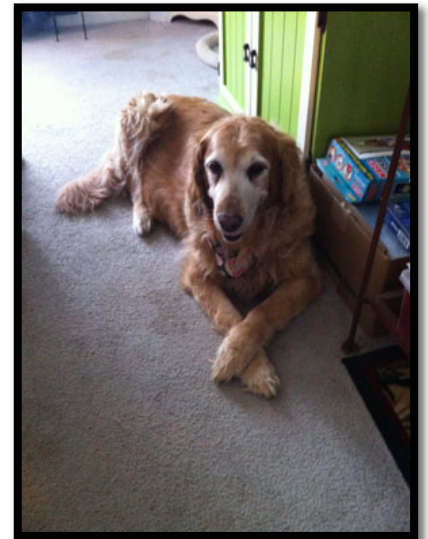
and to Amanda and Dave Hurley for giving us our Portemus – Maximus III, a magnificent pup. We didn't have him long, but we will have him in our hearts forever! He's running and playing with our Maggie. We love you, Portus Man. - Mark Preston & Michelle Murlin





Honey was a special gift to our family from GoldHeart. Although we had several dogs before her, she came into our lives when we most appreciated her companionship and support. When we picked her up, literally, at an agreed stop on her transfer trip up from Kentucky, we had no idea what a wonderful addition to our family she would become. Unconditionally, she was there for all of us. She anticipated our schedules and "packed her bags" accordingly to come along on weekends or trips. We believe she knew when it was vacation time and looked forward to spending it at the beach. Always more of a people "person," she wagged her tail and smiled for everyone. It is impossible, even now, not to say hello to her when coming home or walking around the house. Her cheerful, loving spirit and ability to unify and contribute to our family are things we always will be grateful for and will never forget.

Ginger was not a Goldheart dog but she was rescued and adopted by us over 10 years ago. She was in an awful situation and was so happy to finally be in a loving home where everyone always had time for her...Ginger was the prettiest golden girl ever. She was sweet, precious and a diva and we loved her so much. Ginger loved her tennis balls and every tennis ball was hers. Ginger gave gentle hugs, gentle kisses but had a mean paw and could claw with the best of them. She became a mentor dog when we brought Max home who was a Goldheart golden. She showed him the ropes and also who was the boss. We called her mama bear. Ginger was also protective of her charges and don't let anyone harm them including the cat. Ginger was a cancer survivor. Over a year ago, she had a cancerous mass removed and was given a clean bill of health. Who knew it would rear it's ugly head again and claim her life. Ginger was our baby girl and we loved her so much. She was funny and smart and loved to "whoo" so we called her the whoo whoo girl. It was so unique. She had a lot of nicknames because she had a big personality!! We miss her so much and wish we had longer than the ten years we had with her. God blessed us with a special dog and we are thankful for every day with had with her....Lauri, David and Justin Silberstein

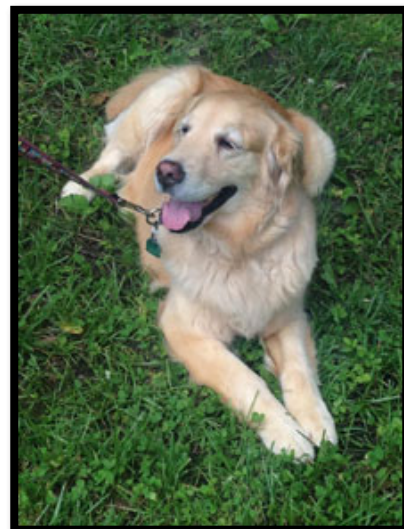


We adopted sweet "Abbie-girl" from Goldheart in 2006 when she was 2 years old. She died of cancer on June 22, 2014. She just turned 10 in May. She was my heart and we loved her dearly. Abbie was a "Velcro Golden" - she always wanted to be near us. I miss her so much and it will take a while for me to recover from her rapid demise in health and subsequent 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.



We lost our Abbe (Golden #515) on January 10, 2015. We only had close to 5 years with her, not near long enough. She was only sick for a few weeks before she crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. She was such a beautiful, sweet, gentle and loyal dog. We desperately miss her.

Abbe Epstein  
Kevin Westreich



**We miss them all...**  
**Every day!**



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