

Golden Heartbeats Spring



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A Letter From The President

Rain, Rain go away. All the dogs want to go out to play. I'm sure you will all agree that we are tired of the rain and lack of sunshine. Where are those warm temps?

I want to take time to thank everyone who donated to the March Medical Fund Raiser. This rescue is so lucky to have family members like all of you. With your help we took in over \$13,000. This has allowed us to replenish our funds and continue to take in more needy golden retrievers. Bentley GH# 976, Lyla/Molly GH# 978 and Diamond GH# 982 thank you all also. Bentley and Lyla/Molly are doing wonderful in their foster homes, unfortunately Diamond crossed over the Rainbow Bridge during surgery to remove the massive tumor. RIP beautiful girl.

Our newest and sweetest member of the GoldHeart special needs family is Sophie GH# 987. At 2 weeks old the breeder noticed that Sophie rolled onto her right side all the time. She was diagnosed with an internal umbilical cord infection that traveled to her brain. (no testing was done at this time on her). She was then diagnosed with Cerebellar Degeneration (again no testing done). Sophie cannot walk on her own. GoldHeart was contacted when Sophie was 4 months old and we immediately agreed to take her in and do our absolute best for this little girl. I took her to the neurologist and was told there is hope. It will be a long road but they feel with physical therapy we can get her about 40-50% better than what she is now. So 2 times a week off we go to physical therapy and I found a place that was kind enough to donate swimming time for her. We will continue to post updates on Sophie on the website. Sophie's forever family is going to have to be a very very special family. Someone who will continue with her therapy and give her all the love that she gives to you. During her road to recovery if anyone wants to come and play with Sophie and tucker her out for me please feel free to contact me.

We have also had a few dogs that have become escape artists lately. I would like to remind everyone to please have your dog's micro-chip checked whenever you go to the vet for a visit. We have had 2 instances where the dogs have been chipped but the chip is not reading. Also one incident where the dog was chipped twice and neither one of those chips is reading on the scanner. The adopter finally at her own expense had her adopted dog chipped with another company. If your dog's chip is not reading please let us know.

Please remember that when you adopt a golden you sign a contract stating that the dog will not be allowed outside when no one is home. I know it's tempting and the dogs love to be outside once the weather is nice but anything can happen when your dog is outside. Someone can throw something over the fence, someone can steal them, open your gate and let them out, if you have electric fence, another animal can come on your property and attack your pet, if it starts to storm your pet is stuck out in bad weather. Please remember to always keep your pets inside so they are safe when you are not home.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – CONTINUED

Please check the website often as we are always putting up events that are coming up throughout the spring and summer months. If you can help out at any of these events there will be information on who to contact.

Don't forget about the 80's theme party. That is Sat. Aug. 6, 2016. 7 PM at Columbus Gardens. Tickets are \$35. The food is always good. Come enjoy the party and meet other GoldHeart family members. All the information is on the website.

We again say prayers for the families who had to help their furry kids to the Rainbow Bridge. We have all been there and know that their hearts have been broken. They give so much and ask so little and are never in our lives long enough.

Thank you all again for everything you do for GoldHeart.

Barbara Schaefer

President

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue.



**Our adorable
Sophie needs
a home...and
a VERY
special family
to love and care for her!**

Upcoming Events

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue - 80's Themed Costume Party Fundraiser

(Costumes not required, but highly encouraged)

Come join us for a fun night of reliving the 1980's

Saturday, August 6, 2016 - 7pm – 11pm

Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Ave.

Baltimore, MD 21236

Tickets \$35.00 pp

(Only 90 tickets will be sold)

DJ, Raffles, Silent Auction

Menu:

Hand Carved Beef, Turkey Breast and Honey Ham

Chicken Bites

Stuffed Mushroom Caps

Swedish Meatballs

Mini Pizza's

Fresh Cut Vegetable and Dip

Assorted Cheeses and Crackers

Miniature Cream Puffs and Chocolate Eclairs

Soda, Coffee and Tea

Open Bar

For tickets please contact Donna Blake (treasurer@goldheart.org)

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE RESCUE
AND REHOMING OF OUR BELOVED GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

HAPPY ENDINGS...



Sandy began Feb. 2016 as a homeless stray found wandering in a Philadelphia apartment complex parking lot. After no one claimed her, GoldHeart was called and she was taken to a first-time foster family with GoldHeart in DE. It took Sandy all of about one evening to claim her foster family's home and her foster family's hearts as her very own! Sandy is the sweetest, most gentle and loving little girl. She has these beautiful, expressive eyes that just gaze intently, waiting for a pat on the head or a belly rub, or best yet, the words "how about a walk?". Everything seems to be a new, fun, exciting adventure for Sandy! She is enjoying a much deserved happy and loving life. Sandy's former foster family, now her forever home adoptive family, is blessed beyond joy in welcoming sweet Sandy into their family! Sandy is the living story of 'what some may cast off and find worthless, a true gem is found by others.' Sandy is the perfect true gem!

Thanks for bringing this sweet girl into our home and our hearts! We are enjoying her so, so much!.....Sarah

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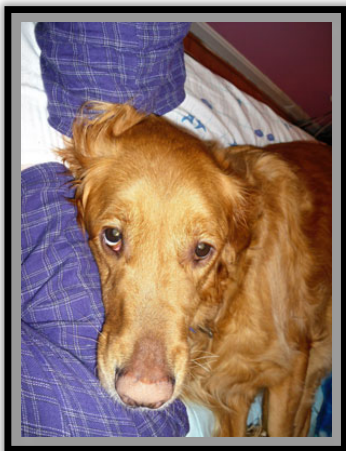
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WE NEED FOSTER HOMES

Contact www.goldheart.org for details on how you can become a foster family.

We need your help. Thank you.

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



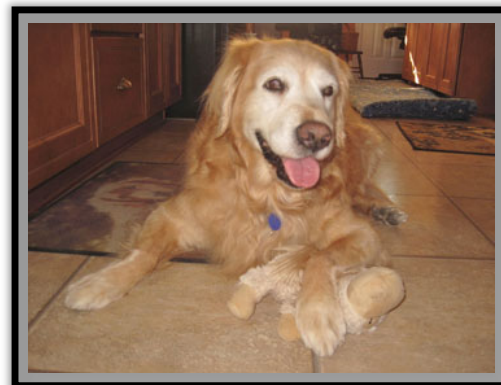
I am writing this with great sadness that our dear T J crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on Wednesday 2/17/16. When we took him to the vets for his shots he was due in September that he had six swollen Lymph nodes. They said it could be Lymphoma that really was unexpected to hear taking him in for a routine checkup. It broke my heart T J was my sweet boy I love him so much.

T J was the most sweet, loving boy in the world, we had six great years with him but it wasn't enough for me. T J will be missed greatly but now he is no longer in any pain. My Havaneese Riley misses his big brother they use to snuggle together and play all the time.

Thanks,
Darlene Sinquefield

It is with heavy hearts that we decided to let Diamond cross the Rainbow Bridge yesterday (4-8-16) while she was undergoing surgery. Her kind and compassionate surgeon, Dr. Roa, called from the operating room, and said, I am so sorry, but when I got inside Diamond, there was a very nasty surprise. Her large mass (she weighed 104 lbs at time of surgery) was much more than a large fatty tumor (as multiple biopsies previously reported). The mass kept going and going and was wrapped around one kidney and continued even deeper. Sadly, there was just no way surgically to get the entire tumor, and growth would certainly reoccur, making her long-term outlook bleak. The culprit, cancer (most likely Liposarcoma).

Diamond was with GoldHeart and her foster family just 6 weeks to the day, and before that, she lived in loving homes, which were hit with life challenges and sadly, could no longer care for her. A dog well loved is a sheer joy to welcome into a foster home, and she captured everyone's hearts instantly, became her foster mom's shadow, enjoyed her three new foster fur siblings, and talk about love at first sight, she had that with foster-brother Duke, who is about the same age. Duke (GH-551) and she played tug of war with toys and could cover the house with dozens of stuffed animals in an instant. They both enjoyed chasing rabbits and squirrels, going on walks, and even were starting to revisit physical puppy-play. Duke was also Diamond's "comfort" dog for riding in vehicles and was with her on her last ride. She got to the Vet and was greeting everyone with smiles, wiggles and tail wags...not nervous at all. Diamond was one of the best foster pups to cross our threshold...an absolute delight! Our wish was to find Diamond her own forever home where she would be top dog.



Making the decision to let her go was one of life's hardest moments, but to delay the inevitable to spend more time with her (months if we were lucky) would not have been in her best interest...with cancer there is usually pain and our fur-kids always try to be tough for us and cannot tell us when it hurts. As the poem "A Dog's Plea" concludes...*"Please see that my trusting life is taken gently..."* and that is what we did.

Diamond GH982 - Continued

To all that donated towards her medical bills, please know she left this world a very happy and mostly pain-free girl, and collectively GoldHeart protected this sweet lady from enduring the pain that eventually would have come along at some point soon. Diamond is now running and jumping, tumor free, alongside so many other beloved fur-kids. We are confident she quickly found her forever family at the Rainbow Bridge, where she will be treated like a princess and always get to be #1.

Sweet, sweet Diamond (Di-Di), you will be so missed! Even in our short time together, you gave us more gifts than we did you - thank you! Your paw prints will forever be etched on our hearts.

The Martinez Family



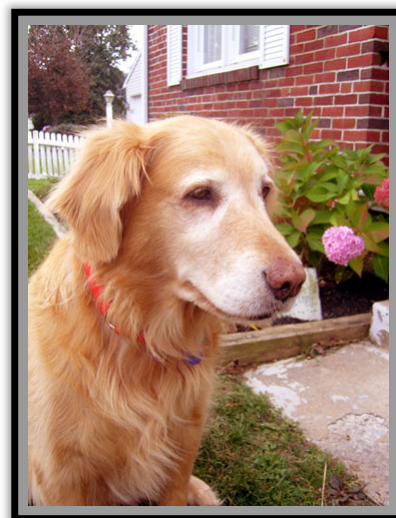
Many thanks to Barb and Bill Schaefer for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for Cheyanne. That April evening when we got the call saying "Would you like to have Cheyanne?" it was just what we needed to hear. We could hardly contain our excitement. We knew she was meant to be ours to cherish, love, and make part of our family. She was a perfect fit. Cheyanne was gentle, loved being with our family, and always greeted us at the door. Many times she would get her leash, Bob's hat and gloves and put them in the middle of the living room floor, as if to say 'Time for my daily walk and play ball in the back yard'. She was a great communicator and brought so much happiness to us all. Cheyanne loved to cuddle, was well mannered, polite, and our best friend. We would always tell the people who she greeted on the many walks we would take that we rescued her, but the truth was she rescued us. We loved her very much. She will be missed. Our sweet Cheyanne

would have turned 15 on June 7, 2016.....Bob and Anita Dortenzo and Family

This is the write-up I prepared and posted on the Goldheart website hoping that we would find the perfect home for Cora.

"Cora is a lovely 8 year old middle aged "lady" who will be a great companion in a quiet home. She is absolutely tickled when the grandkids come to visit and ever so happy to have a nap after they go home. She has terrific house manners and never made a misstep while living with her foster family. She is ok in the house for a work day but would really like someone to be home most of the time. She is a little anxious with thunderstorms and other loud noises but has not shown extreme anxiety or destructive behavior. She just looks for a little reassurance.

Cora was recently spayed and had some much needed dental work done. The combination of dental work, good food, moderate exercise, and medication (two times a day) for her under active thyroid has allowed Cora to blossom into a beautiful middle age golden "lady". She is trim, her coat is silky and her teeth sparkle. I won't be surprised to see her modeling for a "total body makeover" reality show. Her tail is still a bit sparse. We don't know why. However her personality more than makes up for her sparse tail, and of course there is the benefit of a bit less golden hair to vacuum. Cora tested positive for Lyme Disease when she came into rescue which was resolved with medication.



Cora GH579 - Continued

Cora wants to please and when she knows what is expected she is very happy to oblige. She has been known to make herself at home on the couch from time to time and will give up her space when asked. During the day she will be wherever you are, even moseying down to the laundry room just to make sure you haven't gone away without her. If she can ride along to do errands she will be the perfect back seat passenger.

Cora seldom barks but will say hello to people coming to visit and give a hello bark to neighborhood runners/walkers when they pass by the yard. If you should slip out of the yard Cora will bark a bit to remind you that she is there waiting for you. Cora is an easy girl to live with. She just needs good food and veterinary care, moderate exercise (no power walks for this gal) and lots of love. I believe she is the perfect retirement companion."

And that was the beginning of the story. Soon after the write-up was posted I started to receive inquiries and just as soon realized that I wanted Cora to stay with me. Valentine's Day was approaching, I knew that this pup had a tight hold on my heart and that I wasn't willing to let go.

It was confirmed when another Goldheart volunteer suggested that Cora and I should be together because we looked so bonded...LaDonna said we walked alike!

The next six years just flew by and many dogs came in and out of our door. Cora was the constant, a faithful, smiling, loving and happy dog. Slowly time began to take its toll. Cora's great disposition stayed the same but her wagging tail and smile seemed to be fading away. Cora went to the Rainbow Bridge a few days before Christmas, just shy of her fourteenth birthday.

I am looking forward to meeting her again at the bridge and hope that finally my heart will mend.



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