# **GOLDEN HEARTBEATS**

# **SUMMER 2016**



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# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, summer has finally made it here. Yes indeed, it is warm but I have no complaints because someone reminded me that winter is really right around the corner and depending on when this letter reaches you there are only 23 shopping Saturdays until Christmas. Now that's a scary thought.

I mention Christmas because our calendar lady and secretary Marie Martinez is putting together the 2017 calendar and I know she will do an amazing job as always. We will let you know as soon as the calendars are available. They make the best Christmas gifts. We will also have some items on our website that will be for sale.

The GoldHeart Annual picnic is scheduled for Sept. 17. All the details are posted on the website.

We have quite a few events coming up. The 80's party, which will benefit Little Sofie GH# 987. We hope you will consider joining us for this event. We need to raise at least \$3200 to \$3500 for Sofie's MRI. This will give us an idea of just how far we can take this little girl in hopes of getting her up and walking on her own. She has become quite the swimmer and goes everywhere in her little wheelchair that one of our members so kindly purchased for her. Thank you M and V.

Quite a few of the events are in the Pa. area. You know, Pa. really is not that far from Maryland for you folks. Try it sometime. I drive back and forth to Md a lot. Come and hang out with the Pa crowd. We have a lot of fun up here. It has been hit or miss this year with the rescue. Sometimes the phone rings off the hook and sometimes we have to check it to make sure it really is working. That is a good sign for the dogs, to me that means more goldens are staying in their homes. We have been there for those that have lost their homes for one reason or another. I want to thank all the foster and foster to adopt homes that continue to step up for the goldens that are in need of a soft place to land while waiting for their "furever" homes.

Sometimes we get these goldens in and find they have issues and they get bounced around from home to home. That is hard on the foster homes and



hard on the pups. Sandy GH# 988 is a smaller female golden mix who just needs a lot of training. Luckily she has been accepted into the Happy Hounds Prison Training Program in Md. This program will supply her with the training that she needs to go into a wonderful home and be a great, well trained pup. Thank you Happy Hounds for accepting Sandy into your care.



Let's get back to Miss Sofie:

Sofie GH# 987 is coming along wonderful. My husband Bill and I are pleased to be her foster parents. She is a lot of work but when we get her up and walking on her own I will be a very proud momma. She loves to swim and as soon as you get her life jacket she starts to whine and makes attempts to get out of the house and into the pool. Take a leash off the leash rack and she is ready to get into the car and go. Little Miss Gas Butt is what we call her. She also loves when you put her in her wheelchair. We take her into all the stores and everyone just loves her. You can follow Sofie's progress on the website or on the FaceBook page. When the time is right she will need a special forever home.

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT....CONTINUED

We have been asked again to bring 2 goldens over from Egypt. This is sometimes a lengthy process but one boy, Ricko is actually coming in on July 22. He was a dog that someone was trying to sell on the streets of Cairo. Another boy, Ash, will be coming in about 2 months.

Why from Egypt you ask? I feel that these dogs deserve a chance in life. They have no respect for animals over there. They are most times left on the street for dead. We have not turned any golden away in the US to bring these precious pups in. Our motto that we have been so proud of is "No Golden Left Behind"

In Dec of 2015 we brought Gold/Alex GH# 972. He was in the newsletter and boy what a sweetheart he has turned out to be. He was found on the streets in Egypt and taken in by a great man and mother. They nursed him back to health and sent him here to us for a better life.

If any of you would like to donate in the future towards the goldens from Egypt to help get them here you can contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

As always, please allow me to thank all of you for your kindness and your generosity of either donating to the goldens that have come in or for fostering one of these needy goldens and then adopting them out to their forever homes.

It has been a really hard year for a lot of our members who have had to help their four legged friends cross the Rainbow Bridge. We have all been in their shoes and the hurt is unbearable. Please say a prayer for those families that their hurt is soon replaced by good memories.

You are an outstanding group of members and I can never thank you all enough for everything you do for this rescue. Without our members we would not exist.

ASH

Barbara Schaefer President

### RICKO GH993

### WELCOME TO AMERICA!!!



We welcome our newest member of the GoldHeart family to America. His name is Ricko, and he just arrived in the US all the way from Egypt on July 22.

He is 7 months old and is currently under evaluation. He will be up for adoption very soon. Keep an eye on the website for updates on his availability.

## **WE NEED FOSTER HOMES**

Contact <u>www.goldheart.org</u> for details on how you can become a foster family.

We need your help. Thank you.

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# **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 per person
(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

# DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL EVENING OF FUN FOR OUR 4 LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS!!!

# **CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE**



It has taken me 3 months to be able to let GoldHeart know that we had to say goodbye to Yogi (Red was his GoldHeart name). He came into our lives on March 10,2007. We couldn't have asked for such a gentle giant and he will always have a place in our hearts.

Thank you,

The Maloy Family

**YOGI** 

Barb and I picked up Cooper at the Adams County SPCA in January of 2009. It began as a foster to adopt but as most of us know it is impossible to not fall in love with them

instantly. He pressed his nose through the pet barrier on the way back from the shelter; we bonded before we even made it home. He had a gift for brightening your day. Was always humorous to find him sprawled out on the bed when I got home from work. We travelled

together for family gatherings and made the road trip to my aunt's cabin on multiple occasions. He wasn't sure about the water and would only put his front paws in, would bark at us from the dock when we took the kayaks out on the lake. My parents loved to take him on field trips to the local park and to Woofstock. So many fond memories... He crossed over the Rainbow Bridge in May and took a piece of our hearts with him. Can't thank GoldHeart enough for the unforgettable years we shared with our boy. We miss you Coop!!!



COOPER

#### **DUSTY**



Dusty came to me through Goldheart in July 2013 at almost 10 years old. I was looking for a dog that would not chase my elderly cats. Dusty was over 100 lbs, his coat was entirely shaved down due to matting, and he had some anxiety issues, but in my eyes he was perfect. From day one he was a complete gentleman with my cats and he had perfect house manners. Over the first several months his hair grew back so full and beautiful, and with diet and regular exercise he lost about 25 lbs. He loved his daily walks so much he would grab his collar off the back doorknob and bring it to me as if to say "lets go"!

With positive reinforcement training and frequent outings, he also overcame his anxiety of going to new places. He came with me to several career days where he would

interact with children. We also participated in an organization called Wags for Hope where we visited alzheimers patients at a local nursing home. He loved people and always had a huge tail wag for anyone who stopped to pet him. Dusty was a true ambassador for the breed

One of his favorite things to do was to chase the squirrels and bunnies out of the back yard, and also he loved to pull stuffing out of his favorite toys. Dusty passed away in March 2016. I miss my sweet, huggable boy, who always greeted me at the door when I came home. Thank you to Goldheart for rescuing Dusty and giving him a second chance at life, and thank you to his foster mom Lynn for picking me to be his person.

Becky Arthur

Sometimes when you're feeling sad, when all you want is me,
I softly sit and gently put my head upon your knee.
Some nights when your heart does ache, worn out by tears you weep,
I quietly lie beside your bed and guard you as you sleep.
Somewhere far beyond this place,
a land where all run free,
I'm calmly watching over you,
and waiting patiently.
Someday when the time is right,
your voice will call to me,
and I'll come running like the wind,
Someday...wait and see.

TO ALL WE'VE LOST.....
WE MISS YOU.....WE LOVE YOU.....WE'LL CALL FOR YOU SOMEDAY...WE PROMISE!!!

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