

# Golden Heartbeats New Year 2016



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here we are. The holidays have come and gone. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Holiday Thank you party. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Lots of Silent Auction items and door prizes.

The Annual Members meeting was attended by quite a few this year. A few of our furry friends were also there. We also got good news from the treasurer that Vet expenses were down from 2014 and fund raising efforts were up. Susan Nathan talked to everyone about volunteering to do home visit. She is in desperate need of home visit volunteers. She has lost some volunteers due to their pets passing or just being a little too fragile to do a visit anymore. If you can help out please contact her at [susan.nathan@verizon.net](mailto:susan.nathan@verizon.net)

As some of you know, we have been pulling goldens and golden mixes from the south. The kill rate in the shelters there is very high and we feel that every dog deserves a chance. These dogs have been wonderful to bring in and train and a few have been a challenge. Our biggest accomplishment and the one I am most proud of was the beautiful boy Gold/Alex GH# 972. We brought him all the way from Cairo Egypt. He had a rough start in life there and a wonderful man and his mother took him in and brought him back to health and were kind enough to realize that his chance for a great life was here in the United States. I had the pleasure of fostering him for his first week here and then The Long family took over as an FTA. Alex is thriving in their care and has a new sister, Molly, who is also a GH girl. I want to thank the families who so generously donated funds to GoldHeart to bring this boy to a better life. You know who you are.

In the past few weeks the GoldHeart family has been hit very hard with the loss of many furry family members. I even had to help my own foster dog Tyler GH# 971 to the Rainbow Bridge. Tyler was abandoned at a shelter in NJ by his owners. He was diagnosed with Cushing Disease and sadly it had been let go for too long and even on medication the disease continued to progress. After making him a LTF and putting him with another Long Term foster family for a week we decided it was best to let him go. He was only with us for 7 weeks but he stole everyone's heart. RIP sweet boy.

Please don't forget that we are always in desperate need of foster homes. To foster is a very rewarding experience. All it costs you is some time, attention and of course LOVE!!!!. Some of these precious pups that come in to rescue have not had a lot of love, no soft hand to pet them, no kisses or hugs. No one to whisper "I love you" in their ear. Please open your heart and home to a precious furry friend.

Our next big event coming up is the Pet Expo in Timonium Md. That event is Jan. 29, 30, 31. If anyone can volunteer their time please let me know. I will be sending out a plea for help and then will put a schedule together. [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)

Again, I want to thank everyone for everything you do for GoldHeart and for always being there.

Barbara Schaefer  
President - GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

# Holiday Party 2015



## Ho Ho Ho Santa Loves Golden!

## 2016 Calendars Still Available



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-calendar/> 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PET EXPO

The Pet Expo is coming up on the 29, 30 and 31st of Jan. We would like to have a few volunteers each day to man the booth and wear the donation vets on your pups to get donations.

The hours are:

Friday Jan 29, 2 pm-8 pm

Saturday Jan 30, 10 am-7 pm

Sunday Jan 31, 10 am-6 pm

We could use about 4 volunteers per shift 2 to man the booth, that will include answering questions about GH, selling items and relieving people to go on a lunch or supper break. 2 people and their pups to wear the donation vets and walk around to collect donations.

I would ask if you can to do a 3 or 4 hour shift.

Please let me know if you can help us out at the Pet Expo by replying to this email or at [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)

Thanks

Barb Schaefer

President, GoldHeart

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Homes!!!  
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for information.  
Thanks.**





# HAPPY ENDINGS... FROM EGYPT



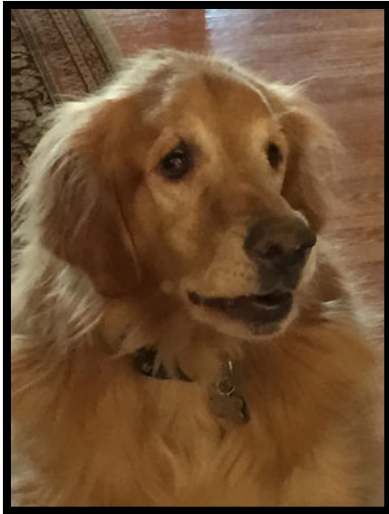
**GOLD / ALEX  
GH972**



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# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

**Buddy GH712**

01/11/2007 - 12/24/2015

It is with a heavy heart, that Chris and I share the passing of our beloved and best friend Buddy, on Christmas Eve 12/24/2015. We would like to THANK Gold Heart Golden Retriever Rescue, Jill Gerhart (foster Mom) and Barb Schaefer, as our lives were so blessed by adopting Buddy on June 18, 2011, and sharing our lives for 4 1/2 years.

As I'm typing, my stomach is in a knot, and tears are in my eyes. Buddy was my shadow and what a great personality and character he was. If laughter is the best medicine, then Chris and I should live to be 200. I can't sum up all of the fun and mischief of Buddy. He made fast friends with our yellow lab Kailie, and they were inseparable. Even when sleeping, they would have a paw touching each other. Buddy was a sock thief! When I changed clothes, and put them in the clothes basket, he would root through until he found a sock and give me "that retriever" look! As I would share "give me my sock" he would shake his

head up in the air and want me to chase him.

The dog's beds are at the foot of ours. During the night, Buddy would get up and come to my side of the bed, nudge me with his nose wanting me to pet him. He would then lay down on the floor and I would lean off the bed with my right arm to pet him. So spoiled and loved. I miss that so much already. The early evening dinner time is a void now, as Kailie would begin her pacing around me, as a reminder. She would give Buddy "the look" and they would start barking at me, as if a palace coup was about to occur!

I could go on and on sharing, but as Golden Retriever lovers, we all know the personalities, character and love they bring us.

"Thank You" Gold Heart for all you guys do and for making us all a family.

Love,  
James and Chris

**Duncan - GH465**  
October 20, 2001 – December 7, 2015

My funny valentine, sweet comic valentine  
You made me smile with my heart...for 7 years, 9 months and 27 days.

Duncan walked through our front door February 11, 2008 and into our heart where he will forever remain.

Lynn Beall





**Madison – GH883**

Our beloved Madison crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on October 26, 2015 after a short battle with liver cancer. Although she was only part of our family for a too short year and 4 months, Madison brought immeasurable love and joy to all who knew her; from our daughter's friends to the crossing guard at her school to the public works guys on their trash route. She was a connoisseur of tennis balls and an unapologetic counter/table surfer of great talent. We couldn't even catch her licking her lips she was so smooth. Madison will be forever in our hearts.

The Shillings (Kara, Patrick, Lauren and her golden sister Maddie

**Tyler – GH971**

Tyler was around 10 – 12 years of age. He was brought in by animal control to a shelter in New Jersey. Technically he was a stray but they found the owners and they told the shelter they would come for him but never did.

I picked Tyler up the Monday after Thanksgiving and took him straight to the vet. He was just a medical mess.

Tyler was diagnosed with Cushings Disease after numerous tests. Although we tried for 7 weeks the disease had already taken its toll on his poor body. He had a very large tumor on his side plus many other small tumors. After more tests proved that the disease was progressing instead of getting better we decided to help Tyler take his place at the Rainbow Bridge. RIP sweet Tyler. We tried, oh how we tried. You knew love and care for the last days of your life.

**Penny**

Best we can tell Penny was 17 years, 10 months, and 4 days young when she crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. She wasn't officially a GoldHeart dog, but she was crucial in the successful fostering of virtually dozens of Golden Retrievers. She was the queen of the house and she quickly taught each foster dog the do's and don'ts of their new temporary home.

The way Penny came to us is a story in itself. She was a stray that we witnessed running across 6 lanes of traffic during rush hour. It was a minor miracle that she made it across unscathed. We whipped a U-turn and found her huddling in the bushes in Lake Forest mall in front of the JC Pennys store. She had a collar, but no tags. We called Montgomery County Animal Control and waited until they picked her up. Ten days later no one had claimed her, so we adopted her. Her coming into our home brought our dog count to 4, but we were unwilling to leave her future to fate. She was a sweetheart and she will be sorely missed.

### Dusty - GH200

Dusty was purchased from a breeder in Maryland by a couple that had no idea of the journey they were embarking on. At 10 months of age, Dusty weighed 60 pounds, was full of energy and had been given no appreciable training. The couple gave up on him and surrendered him to GoldHeart Golden Retriever rescue. They will never know how much joy they missed. He turned out to be a very special dog.

Dusty went home with the GoldHeart intake coordinator and he never left. For the next three years he was an ambassador of good will for GoldHeart at events, often wearing the donation vest to collect money from the people he was schmoozing.

When he was a little more than 4 years old, he found his true calling, registered therapy dog.

Twice a week for the next 4-1/2 years he visited the Lorien nursing home/assisted living facilities in Mt. Airy, Md., bringing joy to residents and staff alike. We called him our equal opportunity suck-up. He had to say hello to everyone.

When the family moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in 2012, he expanded his schedule to include weekly visits to:

- Martha Jefferson Hospital,
- Piedmont Hospice House,
- three different adult day care centers,
- and two pre-school day care centers.

His final visit to Martha Jefferson Hospital and Piedmont Hospice House was Christmas eve of 2015. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge 5 days later from what appeared to be a brain tumor. He was 12-1/2 years old.

In addition to capturing the hearts of nearly everyone he met, he earned 3 Presidential Awards for volunteer service and additional awards from Therapy Dogs International for making over of 500 separate visits to the different Charlottesville facilities. He couldn't talk but his body language said loud and clear, "This is great work if you can get it."




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### Olive – GH773



We lost our sweet golden, Olive, on November 27, 2015. She was 12 years old and lived with us for three and a half years. After waiting so many working years to have a dog, I was ready when my call came from Goldheart. Olive was more than I had hoped she would be---a sweet, blonde beauty born in Barcelona.

She was a Velcro girl; my constant companion. We shared many walks in the woods, car trips, and visits to parks. Olive taught me many things including the pleasure of simply sitting together and enjoying nature. She was charming: Olive approached people, tail wagging, and would "say", "I like you. Do you like me? Want to pet me?" When Herb returned from work each night she ran to greet him, presenting a toy.

On warm nights Olive loved to go outside for an hour where she would monitor the woods from our deck and give voice if deer or other wild creatures came into her territory. Yet she showed anger only toward the fox who occasionally visited our yard in the wee hours. Though she would be asleep

in our bedroom, she would somehow detect his presence and become furious.

We miss Olive's companionship, her big round eyes following our every move, her soft ears and so much more, but we take comfort in memories of her and the joy she brought us.

Bev Clevidence and Herb Weiss

**Max – GH555**

Our special boy Max crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on November 27, after a 3-year battle with cancer. Max was our first foster and turned out to be a failed foster. After seeing how well Max fit in with us and his two canine siblings, we knew we wanted him to become part of our family. We feel it was fate that brought us together, as Max had already started his cancer fight, and we knew he would need a family who would be devoted to his medical, physical and emotional needs.

We knew our time with Max might be short so we wanted to make all his days special. Max was a typical Golden who just wanted to be loved and be near his humans. He shared a very special bond with his human Daddy, Dave, who made sure Max always had what he needed. From daily trips for his radiation treatments, to his walks, and when Max could no longer go on his walks Dave would take him for rides around the town. Dave built him a special platform in the truck, and got him a ramp to get in, and at the end, he used a sling so that Max was still able to get around with us.

Max loved to have the wind in his face while riding in the car and he loved to go to OBX with us and walk on the beach. He loved swimming with his human friend Kyle in the pool and Kyle will miss Max dearly. While Max was not fond of our cats, he did share a special bond with one of them, who was also fighting cancer at the same time Max was. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge back in January and we know she was there waiting for Max. We miss Max dearly, but we take comfort in knowing he had the two best years of his life with us and we have so many wonderful memories of time spent with him.

–The Goydish Family

**Peaches – GH960**

Peaches, aka Peachie, was an adorable 2-year-old golden-mix who was rescued by GoldHeart from a shelter in Columbia, SC, in September 2015. She was sadly heartworm positive, but we were optimistic she could be treated.

Sadly, the worms were in her pulmonary artery, and despite the best efforts of her amazing and loving Foster-to-Adopt home to treat her, the disease was too

**Roameo – GH867**

Gone too Soon – August 12, 2015

Sweet, gentle Roameo, you touched all you met, delighted your foster family for close to a year, and your amazing forever family for eight months. Your fur-siblings in both homes adored you too!

You will remain forever be in our hearts,

The Chaffin Family

The Martinez Family





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