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## **A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we find the holidays behind us and for my family a rough 2017, we are very much looking forward to 2018.

GoldHeart continues to get calls about golden's needing to be surrendered, whether owner give up, stray or unwanted. Sometimes it seems to be non-stop. Without our foster homes and volunteers to pick up these dogs and get them where they need to be we would not be able to continue with our goal of "No Golden Left Behind".

As you know GoldHeart has been doing a lot of international transports. Why? You may ask. What about the dogs here in this country? Let me assure you that GoldHeart checks into every golden that is reported to us that is sitting in a shelter here in the US. It is rare anymore that the shelters here will turn a dog over to us, especially if it is a young dog that is considered highly adoptable. If the golden is a "problem child" (bite history, senior with a lot of medical issues, doesn't get along with other dogs) they are more than willing to turn them over to us.

The dogs coming in from Egypt are so grateful to finally know a family and love. Most of the dogs end up as strays because families just toss them to the streets when they are no longer wanted. On the streets they may be hit by cars, shot or poisoned by the police to control their populations even tortured by young children, yes young children.

When our contacts in Egypt get ahold of us, they send pictures and as much history as they can. We take a board vote and notify them whether we can or cannot take the dog. When we vote to take the dog in, the dogs are vetted in Egypt and then quarantined for 30 days there before entering the US then the funds are raised to bring them here. No current GoldHeart dogs or any dogs needing to come into GoldHeart is turned away here in the US to make room for an international dog. Please find it in your hearts to foster these grateful and precious dogs. You will get unconditional love.

Fostering is a very rewarding experience. My husband and I have made very good friends through fostering and meeting the folks that are adopting our foster. We end up with long lasting friendships with a lot of our adopters. I used to babysit 2 dogs adopted from me until the family moved to Florida 3 years ago. This year in Oct. we finally got a chance to go to their home for a visit. When we arrived it took about 10 seconds for the girls to remember us, now remember it's been 3 years since we saw them. We were overnight guests and we ended up having to let the girls sleep with my husband and I because they just would not settle down. They slept all night in our bedroom and woke the next morning just as happy to see us and they were the day before when we arrived.

We have two families that we have had a wonderful friendship with for 8 and 10 years. Please, if you would like to try fostering or know of anyone who would be a great foster family please have them fill out an application.

Photos with Santa was a great success this year. We would like to thank the staff of Baron's K9 Country store for making sure it happened this year and they were afraid they could not do it. They found a spot for us and it was wonderful. We made a little over \$600. Lots of pups came through to tell Santa how good they were. Thank you to everyone who took time out of your busy schedules to do this events.

We also did gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in White Marsh. The grand total for 2 days of gift wrapping was around \$773. Again, thank you for everyone who donated time to do this event.

Another big fundraiser is coming up. That is the Pet Expo in Timonium. The dates for that are Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event with a lot of vendors, rescues and exhibits. It takes quite a few volunteers to run this event. Please contact me, Barb Schaefer at [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org) if you can set aside a few hours of your time to volunteer. Well behaved dogs are always welcome at this event.

The annual 2018 members/board meeting is coming up in Jan. Time and place TBA. The members will have a chance to elect current or new board members in at that time.

Positions up for re-election and persons running are:

President (Barb Schaefer-incumbent)

Secretary (Marie Martinez-incumbent)

Board member (application coordinator LaDonna Puryear incumbent)

Any nominations for board members must be made by Dec. 31, 2017

Hope you all had great holidays and we certainly hope to see you at the events this year.

Barbara Schaefer  
President  
GoldHeart

# Happy Endings

Here is our story about our 2 Golden Rescues-GH #896 was Lilly, now Cuddles (darker Golden), and GH#897 was Porky, now Goofus (lighter ½ Golden and we don't have any idea what the other half is-although he has a curled tail, is lean and lanky and runs like the wind). When we went to get them from their previous owner they were scared, very apprehensive, and difficult to catch in their yard. They had never had a collar or leash. Even food treats did not work; however, we eventually were able to get them into our vehicle. We put new collars on them, and had leashes for them. They were petrified of the leashes and cowered at the sight of them.



We received them, mother and son on August 3, 2014. They were scared of EVERYTHING and EVERYONE. Cuddles was about 4 or 5-we had no records from the previous owner. Goofus was 2. When we went to pick them up, we asked about Veterinarian visits, vaccines, etc. The only thing we were told was that they had a veterinarian in Hagerstown, MD. After I called around, I found that that veterinarian had seen Cuddles after giving birth to 10 puppies. We had a date for their birth (4/12/2012); Goofus was the only puppy they kept. That was the only time Cuddles had seen a veterinarian. Her birthdate was listed as Either 12/4/2009 or 11/14/2010.

They rode home very quietly and slept in the back of our SUV, not even rousing during a horrendous thunderstorm on the way home! Once home, they would not get out of the back of the vehicle! After lifting them out, we brought them into our house-already ready with blankets, beds and food dishes and toys. They both ran into our downstairs bathroom and shook. We figured that they had been kept in a laundry room or something off the kitchen area and not allowed anywhere else. They would only come and go out our patio doors, refused to go out through the garage door or upstairs. Once out in the back fenced yard they would cower in the far corner of the yard, and we had to attempt to get a leash on them to get them back inside our house.

Eventually, we had a dog behavior specialist come to see them. Within 5 minutes of being with them, she mentioned that she thought they had been abused and hit by any means. She suggested we immediately change their names to something sounding completely different. Thus Lilly became Cuddles-and her name fits her personality because she does now enjoy cuddling, brushing, and being petted. Porky became Goofus-his name fits because he is and does goofy things-like eats grass and dirt, runs like a gazelle and will bark at anything moving -whether cars on the road, kids playing next door, squirrels on the tree branches, deer out in the woods behind our house, or stray cats beyond the fence. He is a terrific guard dog and no one or nothing can come within eyesight without him alerting us that something is moving!! When anyone comes to the house or yard, he runs to the fence or door and goes into "guard dog mode". Strangers think twice about coming in when they see him.

After almost 3 ½ years of patience, lots of treats and attention, they have both become wonderful family members. They greet us when we come home, they love to chase the balls we throw (and the occasional squirrel who forgets that there are 4 legged inhabitants that live here now). Goofus is still afraid of some things, but he is getting better. Cuddles will offer her paw when she wants to be petted or brushed. Goofus will just come over and sit and stick his head in our laps. They have made our home their home and we see tremendous progress in the time we have had them.

Thanks... Tammy Sturges


**REMINDER - The GoldHeart annual membership renewal drive will run January 1 to March 31, 2018. We'll be in touch and as always, thanks for your support and donations throughout the year. Without you, GoldHeart would not exist!**

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## **2018 CALENDARS AVAILABLE... ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!**

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Don't let the age of one of our beloved Goldens keep you from adopting, or fostering.

Older dogs need our love and affection so much. For any number of reasons, they come to us after being abandoned or surrendered by their families.

Please keep watching the GoldHeart website for any news on one of these "seniors".

They need homes and love too....

Thank you  
GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

## **WE NEED FOSTER HOMES!!!**

**Contact [www.goldheart.org](http://www.goldheart.org) for details on how you can become a foster family.  
We need your help. Thank you.**





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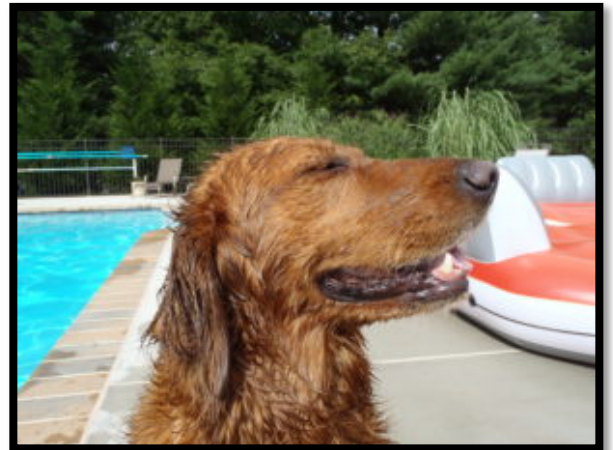
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## CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

It's been 4 months now and we are still struggling with Rilee and the onset of her cancer. With retirement close, I thought she would be my co-pilot crabbing in the Ocean City bay. Rilee was a very special dog, from the day we brought her home we knew right away there was something special about her. She made us a better family as we brought her into our pack. She was strong and sensitive at the same time, I truly miss her and am so grateful to Barb that summer day when she said yes – we could be Rilee's forever home. We have 3 retrievers, but there will always be a missing part, it's not fair, there will never be another Rilee. Thank you Barb for seeing something in us to let us take her home, she has made us all better people.

The Pellatiro Family



**RILEE (GH 652)**



**RIPLEY (GH 694)**

### RIP Ripley ~ September 22, 2017

This morning our Ripley has passed. He will be in our hearts forever! What an amazing friend and fur baby. Go rest high on that mountain old boy. Life sure won't be the same without you. We adopted Ripley over seven years ago and he was the most AMAZING Fur baby!!! Our hearts are broken, but we know that he is at peace and lived a long life of over 14 years. Thank you Goldheart for blessing us to be a part of his life.

Nate and Danelle Bosley and Family

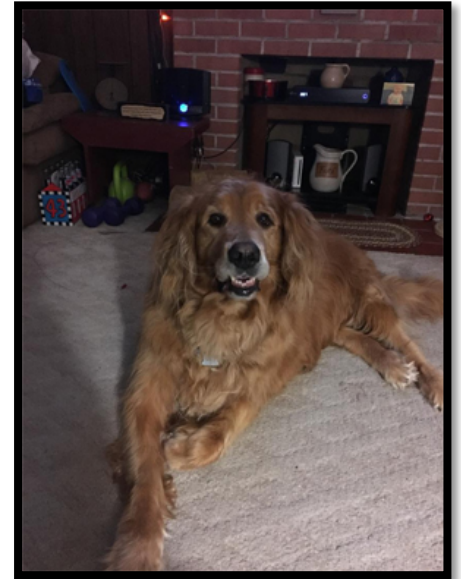
# RAINBOW BRIDGE CONTINUED

My name is Krista Snook. I adopted Koda in October of 2008. He was one of 11 pups from momma Maggie. I first saw the news footage of needing people for the adoption of these gorgeous puppies. So I immediately started the process and was lucky enough to get KODA. He was a big guy compared to most Goldens but he was an incredible and major part of my life. He touched so many lives and every person he met he made them a dog lover.

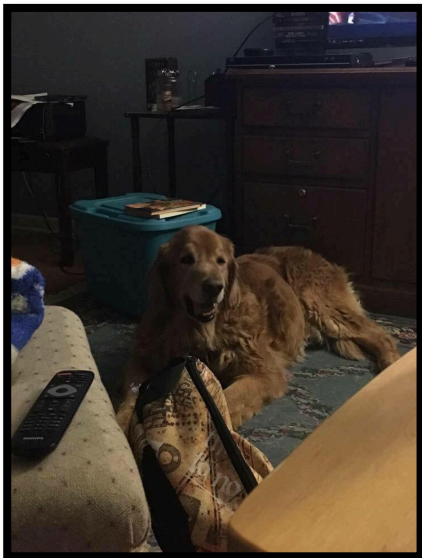
It took me 7 years to get another dog after my first one passed on and Koda was perfect for the job.

Koda has passed on over the Rainbow Bridge. Barb Schaefer asked me to write a little about Koda so hopefully I have done that and gave enough information to know he was the best dog ever, loyal, loving, amazing best friend and he is already missed. My heart is torn from the loss.

How can you explain the hole in your heart since you've been gone? How can you explain to others that you were MORE than my Koda? Always there to greet me, mad when you couldn't come along...you were my best friend, and the one who'd listen when no one was around...I know we'll see you again and you'll be running to greet me but I can't stop my heart from wanting you here...just one more kiss, hug or your wonderful smile!!! I loved you more than you knew...



**KODA (GH 511)**



**GIZMO (GH 743)**

## **RIP 11-27-2017**

It's with a heavy heart that I have to say our dog Gizmo has passed away. I still remember the first day we got him for fostering and I knew then that he was gonna be my dog...even after he pooped all over our wooden floors. He was always a happy pup and enjoyed lots of cuddles! It has been a great 6 years with you Gizmo! We love you and miss you and you'll always be my Gizzy bear...Love Rachel and the Knuth Family

I don't usually do this....but I must make an exception. To Krista Snook: My wife Michelle Murlin and I, along with Barb and Bill Schaefer and all the others that helped to bring Maggie's pups into the world..... are so sorry for your loss. Michelle and I miss our Maggie every day. Koda is playing with her mommy again.....young and happy.

Mark Preston

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