



GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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A Letter From The President

Happy Summer Everyone. It's so nice to be outside in the yard working and playing with the dogs. Love hearing the birds singing and watching everyone build their nests and waiting for the young ones to appear.

GoldHeart's intake coordinator Carol Ruell has been very busy the last couple of weeks with some help from other board members and wonderful volunteers who picked up dogs and did transporting while Carol had the nerve to go on a well deserved vacation with family.

We took in 5 dogs from a neglect case and everyone is doing well and should be ready for adoption soon. Two that stole our hearts were Lily GH 1107 and Bear GH 1112. Lily came to GoldHeart on April 30 from a breeder. She was attacked by the mother of another litter and had major trauma to her lip and nose when she was 4 weeks old. She unfortunately was given no medical attention for the next 5 weeks (Lily's breathing was very restricted because of her injuries) until she was turned over to a kind lady who rushed her a specialist name Dr. Sadanaga at VRC in Malvern Pa. Excellent place for care. Lily was then turned over to GoldHeart because despite this kind lady loving Lily her other 12 dogs did not like a small puppy in the home so she felt it best to find a rescue for Lily. This kind lady gave Lily the chance she needed to get back on her feet. After coming into GoldHeart we scheduled Lily for her surgery to correct her lip and nose. I happened to be Lily's foster mom. What a long 2 weeks of recovery. You see, by now Lily is 15 weeks old and a bundle of energy, after surgery Lily had to be very restricted. No long walks, no stairs, no playing with other pets, no slippery floors and no swimming. What is a baby to do with herself all day? Like I said it was a long 2 weeks.

Lily has made a remarkable recovery and is now in her forever home with her new mom Maggie and her new sister Abbey. Abbey is 8 years old and very tolerant of Lily and her rough housing. Sometimes she pushes her down with her paw as if to say "Ok that's enough it's time to rest"

Next we have Bear GH 1112. Bear was found as a stray in Maryland and came to the shelter. GH immediately notified the shelter that we could take him once his stray hold was up if no one came looking for him. No one ever came to claim Bear. Upon further testing on a suspicious lump on his leg Bear was diagnosed with cancer. We were told he would be euthanized if no one stepped up for him. To the GoldHeart board that was unacceptable. One of our volunteers who is now Bears foster mom quickly went to the shelter and got him out of there. A vote was taken and it was decided that it would be best to keep Bear in Long Term Care. We don't know how much time Bear has but GoldHeart and his foster mom and family will make sure that he never has a bad day for however long he has. According to mom he is a big bundle of love, kisses and tail wags. He loves exploring the yard and gets along fine with his foster sister and brother. If you would like to donate to Bears ongoing care you can go to our website and looked under Long Term Fosters, read his bio and hit the donate button.

Please remember to check the website often as we have a few events coming up that we need volunteers for. It is always nice to meet new members and to see the old members and the dogs.

Hope you having a great spring and looking forward to a warm summer

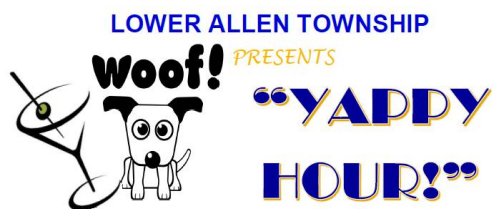
Barb Schaefer

President

GoldHeart

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yappy Hour @ Dog Park at Lower Allen Community Park
Aug 1 @ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Celebrate the **DOG** Days of Summer with a **BREW**, maybe
even meet a neighbor or two!

DogFest 2019 — Baltimore Humane Society
Sep 21 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



SOME GREAT TIPS...

HOW CAN SHOPPING AND WALKING BE GREAT FOR YOU AND GOLDHEART?

THE WEATHER IS GETTING NICE, SO MORE WALKS ARE COMING YOUR PUPS WAY. YOU CAN EARN MONEY FOR GOLDHEART BY DOWNLOADING THE **WALK FOR A DOG APP BY WOOFTRAX** ON YOUR PHONE. WHETHER IT'S A 1 MILE WALK OR A 5 MILE HIKE YOU AND YOUR PETS CAN EARN MONEY FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY. SO REMEMBER EVERYTIME YOU TAKE A WALK USE YOUR PHONE AND EARN THAT CASH FOR GOLDHEART.

SOFIE GH# 987 WALKS JUST ABOUT EVERY DAY FOR GOLDHEART.
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR GOLDHEART

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HEADLINES FOR ONE OF OUR OWN!

From: What's Up? Eastern Shore, May's Town Salute, whatsupmag.com

When Marie Martinez rescued her first dog, Buck, from GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue in 2004, she didn't have the easiest experience. Martinez affectionately nicknamed him "Beautiful Brat." Even though she jokingly compared him to Marley from the novel *Marley and Me*, Martinez admits that Buck taught her a lot. The dog's antics ended up being the reason she became involved with GoldHeart.

"If people got in the hot tub, he would grab a towel and shred it, or take your clothes and shred them," she says with a laugh. "I had to keep calling the rescue back saying, 'Help me, help me!' I went through training, and [I later found out that] this poor dog had been returned three times before we got him. He was a problem child, but I learned everything because of him. He taught me, and he was my path to helping more with the rescue."

Martinez resides in Chester with her husband, Pete, where they've been living since 1999. In 2014, Martinez retired from a 35-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. Although she's been volunteering with GoldHeart since 2005, Martinez took her retirement as an opportunity to increase her involvement with the organization, and has been secretary of the board since 2015.

"It's a board of seven," she explains. "You're on call when you're on the board in a lot of these roles. You're on call 24/7, whether it's a foster home calling you or whether it's intake and a dog has to be taken in. We don't have a brick and mortar facility. We have 15 to 20 active foster homes and most of our board members [also foster dogs]."

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue was established in 1999. Its mission is to help and rescue unwanted, abandoned, or abused Golden Retrievers find forever homes. Martinez says the organization brings in Golden Retrievers, mixes of the breed, and dogs that exhibit Golden Retriever personalities, like Labradors. Since its inception 20 years ago, GoldHeart has rescued nearly 1,100 dogs.

Martinez's favorite part of volunteering with GoldHeart is spending time with the dogs; however, her contributions don't stop there. She fosters dogs, takes adoptable dogs on home visits, manages the website and social media accounts, helps with fundraising, and is in the process of setting up an online retail store. Martinez says she enjoys the ability to fundraise through GoldHeart's website and social media pages, and she's hoping the online retail store will be very beneficial for the organization. According to Martinez, she raised \$1,300 for GoldHeart through a Facebook fundraiser. "There's probably nothing greater that you can do than foster dogs," she says. "Saving one dog will not change the world, but for that dog, his world is going to be changed forever. You feel that you've really made a difference when you see a dog that wasn't in a good situation that has been rehabilitated and finds a forever home, and is living like a king or queen."

With the significant amount of time and dedication Martinez puts into GoldHeart, she's very thankful her husband supports her through many of these efforts. "There's always a partner or somebody behind you that helps," she says. "Because of him and him working, I can [help with GoldHeart]. He's self-employed in drywall and painting. He does, of course, help with the fostering and the walking of the dogs. If he doesn't have a lot of work, he'll help with fundraisers."

According to Board Vice President Elaine Goodman, both Marie and Pete are essential components in the success of GoldHeart. "Besides being just absolutely wonderful people, Marie and Pete are key members of the GoldHeart team," Goodman says. "[They] travel many miles each year, transporting dogs to their foster homes or to needed vet visits. Together, they provide a soft landing for many of our older and sometimes harder to place dogs that need the extra love and attention."

Although Martinez makes a very meaningful impact for GoldHeart, she hardly takes any credit. "[There are] many volunteers, generous donors, and members that are responsible for GoldHeart's success and longevity," she explains. "It's great to do what you love. I get paid very well by the animals with love."

For more information on GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, visit Goldheart.org

OUR SPECIAL PUPS



**LILLY
GH1107**

**BEAR
GH1112**



WHY THEY ARE NOT “JUST A DOG”

From time to time, people tell me.....“lighten up, it’s just a dog”, or “that’s a lot of money for just a dog”.

They don’t understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for “just a dog”.

Some of my proudest moments have come about with “just a dog”. Many hours have passed and my only company was “just a dog”, but I didn’t once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by “just a dog” and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “just a dog” gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it’s “just a dog” then you will probably understand phrases like “just a friend” or “just a promise”.

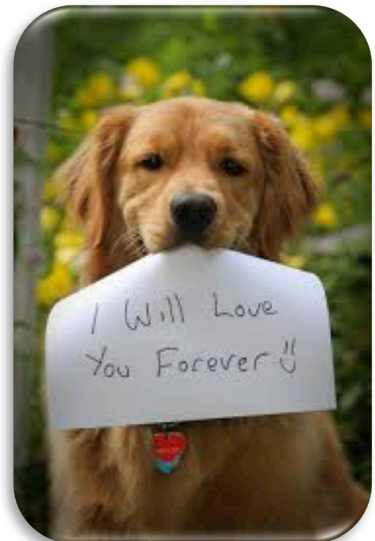
“Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of “just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it’s not “just a dog” but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

“Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it’s not “just a dog” but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “just a person.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “just a dog”just smile, because they “just don’t understand”.



CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



BELLE (GH 1087)

We lost dear, sweet Belle to congestive heart failure on 2/21/19. She was 2 months shy of her 15th birthday. Even though we only had her for 3 1/2 months, we loved her as much as if we had had her for her whole life. You would never know she was deaf. Everybody loved her and she, of course, loved everyone....even the cat. We will dearly miss sweet, sweet Belle and all the joy she brought. She will be with us always in our hearts.

The Von Goerres Family

In June 2011, we drove to Baltimore from Damascus to bring home a 36 pound eight year old Golden Retriever mix who had been miraculously rescued from a high kill shelter in Tennessee. It was hard for his GoldHeart foster mom to say goodbye because she had grown to love him in the few weeks they were together. But, she knew he needed a forever home with caring dog lovers.

Boo immediately fit in with his new sister dog (a Basenji mix) and brother cats (a Maine coon and a Siamese mix). He really enjoyed his new home, always busy exploring both inside and outside, and he showered his new parents with love and attention. He easily acclimated himself to the family's 2013 move to Hilton Head, SC, especially enjoying the warmer winters and walks on the beach.

Boo crossed over the rainbow bridge on Nov 1, 2018, at the age of 15 ½ in the arms of his mommy and daddy. He was a gentle soul and will be missed very much.

The Kurjan family



BOO (GH 698)



Paisley was an almost ten year old beautiful golden girl when she came to GoldHeart. Sadly, she was very uncomfortable around a new toddler in her home and was always trying to get away from the child. Her owners decided it was probably best for Paisley to find a home where she can get the attention she deserves and decided to surrender her to GoldHeart in August 2018. She had a wonderful last chapter with her loving FTA home and never had to worry about being chased again!

From her foster mom...I am missing her tremendously, her smiling face and wagging tail always greeted me. My heart is breaking right now. Thank you for helping bring her into my life.

— Jacquie (Mom)

It is with heaviness of heart and tear-filled eyes we advise you of Ollie's passing. For the past 12 years, Ollie has thrived and brought so much joy to our home. He will be greatly missed and we thank you for allowing us to rescue such a wonderful addition to our family.

Sincerely, *Bobby & Nicki Krecker*

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