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A Letter From The President

As I sit here writing this letter, watching yet another snow storm pass through, I wonder where the time has gone. The biggest news for the year is that this is GoldHeart's 20th year in rescue industry. I fostered my first GH boy in Nov.2003. Simba GH# 178. I got a call from the President and he said I know you just got your approval letter to foster and I have a 6 yr old boy that has been tied to a doghouse all his life, will you take him? That was the start of our lives as foster mom and dad. Nothing could have prepared us for the years to come as foster parents to so many. We will be making an announcement for something special for this special year.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Pet Expo. This is a great way to kick off the fundraising events for the year. Many GoldHeart dogs and their humans graced us with their presence. Thank you everyone, this show would not go on without you.

As always, I want to thank everyone in the GoldHeart family for their support, both volunteering and financially. We could not do it without you.

We are putting together different events for this coming year and hope to see you at a few of these events. Those events will be listed on the GoldHeart website.

Our hearts go out to the families that have lost their precious furry family members throughout the 2018 calendar year. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Please don't forget that we are always in need of foster homes. If you have never tried your hand at fostering and would like more information please send any of the board members an e-mail and we will gladly tell you how to go about getting on the foster home list.

More news is we are trying to put together an online store so that you can order your favorite GH items. Check back for updates on that.

Thank you family and friends of GoldHeart
Barbara Schaefer
President
GoldHeart

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRING YOUR SINGING VOICES

March 23 Karaoke
Rustic Inn Nottingham Md. 12pm to 5 pm
Chinese auction 50/50 raffle

April 27 –Paws Day-Pet Valu-Timonium

May 5—K-9 In The Vines Mt. Airy 1 pm to 4 pm

May 11- Bennys Pet Depot Mechanicsburg Pa time TBA

2020—World of Pets Expo Jan. 24,25 and 26 Timonium

Please check the website for any fundraisers that will be announced as they come into us.

...IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT...

Important announcement from the GoldHeart Board of Directors

Adoption Fee increase effective March 1, 2019

Due to the continuing rising cost of Vet care for the dogs that come into rescue the GoldHeart Board of Directors has decided that it is necessary to increase our adoption donations. Many of these pups coming in have had no vet care or are not UTD on their vaccines, they come in not spayed or neutered. It is necessary to give them good veterinary care before we put them up for adoption.

Prices are as follows:

Under 12 months-----	\$600 (increase of \$100)
1 to 4 years-----	\$500 (increase of \$100)
5 to 7 years-----	\$350 (no increase)
8 to 10 years-----	\$300 (no increase)
Over 10 years-----	\$150 (no increase)

GoldHeart Karaoke Fundraiser -- Saturday, March 23, 2019

Looking for a pawfect way to connect with old GoldHeart friends, and make new friends, all with the same LOVE of GOLDENS in need? Come be the entertainment or just enjoy other GoldHeart singers and all the venue has to offer. There will be raffles, games and chinese auction items as well, so come join the fun!

(Sorry, no dogs allowed at this event.)

12pm – 5pm

The Rustic Inn

9527 Belair Road Nottingham, MD 21236

Karaoke from 1-5pm

The restaurant will donate 10 % of gross sales during our event.

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

2019 GoldHeart Membership Drive

Have you renewed your GoldHeart membership for 2019?

If you have already renewed, thank you, and if not, we hope that you will continue to support GoldHeart through an annual tax-deductible membership donation.

Annual membership dues are just \$30 (tax-deductible), and expire December 31 of each calendar year. However, new memberships that are paid in the last quarter (Oct-Dec) of the calendar year will pay for membership for the remainder of that year and all of the following calendar year.

The website [membership page](#) lists the benefits of membership and the annual renewal process. Payment is easy, either by credit card (PayPal) at the website, or you can mail in a check, payable to GoldHeart, at P.O. Box 394, Chester, MD 21619.

If we have not heard from you in awhile and you want to update us, those instructions are also included at the [membership page](#). We would like to hear from you if you have changed your contact information or address, you believe you may be exempt and not owe dues for 2019, or perhaps you now have some time to volunteer with us.

Thank you for being part of the GoldHeart team and supporting our efforts to rescue and re-home Golden and Golden-mix Retrievers into loving forever homes. This past year your support meant saving 35 dogs, performing life saving surgery for some, and also re-homing two dogs. THANK YOU!

Note: Applicants approved to adopt are automatically granted a complimentary membership for the calendar year they are approved; and for those applicants approved during October – December of the calendar year, the applicant will receive a complimentary membership through the following calendar year.



HAPPY TAILS

Beautiful Gus came into my life in June 2016. He was 15 months at the time and a really happy pup, due in large part to being with his wonderful fosters, Keith and Darla. It was a good drive from Virginia to York PA, but when I saw him, I knew it was worth every mile. We instantly bonded, as he sat at my feet with his head on my knee as I filled out the paperwork. Then into the car for the drive back home.



He has adjusted wonderfully to his furever home and is a constant source of joy, comfort, and companionship to me. We have a quiet and happy life, he loves his toys (he still has several from his fosters' over 2 years ago!) and he is a calming and quieting effect on me. He loves to be with people, and follows me from room to room, then lays down so he can keep an eye on us. Mostly, he is absolutely wonderful with my children and grandchildren, attentive and fun to play with. Having all black fur, people are surprised to know he is a Golden Mix, but his ears and beautiful feathered tail (not to mention his protective bark) tell all who pass by our house that he is happy to be here and ready for fun. He loves to either be outside or watch outside. He often just sits in front of the living room windows watching and (of course) greeting every dog and person who walks by. But he really loves to lay in front of the door leading to the back yard and watch for those trespassing squirrels. In or out, he is a joy and offers both protection and companionship, both given in huge measure.

I want to thank all GoldenHearters for their wonderful work with these terrific animals, and now at 3 and a half, my Gus continues to provide a great source of joy and peace to me.....JACK M.

YOU CAN'T BUY LOVE.....BUT YOU CAN RESCUE IT!



This is Barbara Schaefer. President of GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue. My husband Bill and I have been fosters to many many dogs that have come through GoldHeart. We have also been LTF (long term fosters) to a few. Makai GH# 600 his sister Maggie GH# 601, Archie GH# 611, Toby GH# 681 and the most challenging is Miss Sofie Nugget GH# 987.

Sofie came into the rescue in April 2016 at 4 months of age. She was like a limp, wet noodle. She could sit up for a bit but that was all she could do. She was a scared little puppy when she came in. The other dogs were afraid of her

so no one would play. Finally her foster sister Sophie decided she was pretty cool

to play with and would lay down on the floor with her. Now just about everyone plays with her.

At about 6 months of age we decided to do an MRI because even with daily physical therapy she was not improving. It was discovered that Sofie had Cerebellar Hypoplasia or CH for short. Also there is a cyst that completely covers the cerebellum and she has Nystagmus (involuntary movement of the eyes) All of this creates balance issues for her. When I asked the neurologist for the worst case, he was very blunt. He could not guarantee me that even with surgery she would walk on her own but could guarantee me that without surgery she would never walk, she could go blind and she would be in pain. When I discussed this with the board they agreed that we did not bring her into the rescue to be put down. (2 vets strongly suggested putting her down) In my heart I could not face putting such a sweet baby down without giving her a chance at a good life. So in August of 2016 we prepared her for the life-saving surgery that she would need. We had a shunt put in that keeps the pressure and the fluid off of the brain. It was quite a long recovery.

In 2017 the board voted to make Sofie a Long Term Foster. She now lives with Bill and I, Sophie and Tucker plus all the dogs that visit our home whether foster dogs or dogs that we are dog sitting.

Sofie goes to all the GoldHeart events with me and she certainly attracts attention everywhere she goes. She has the most pleasant personality and loves all the attention she gets. She has her little cart that one of our members so kindly bought for her. This has been a huge blessing for Sofie and for me. Thank you M and V.

Don't get me wrong, it's not all fun and games sometimes. Sofie has to be carried in and out of the house luckily she only weighs about 50 pounds. We go through bouts of mysterious diarrhea, it was quite a challenge to get a dog that does not walk house broken but Sofie and I came to terms with that. I said "Girlfriend you have got to potty outside" and it just seemed like all of a sudden she had me trained. She gives me signals and when I took her outside one day because she was fussy and I just sang her praises when she peed and pooped outside, she looked at me like What's the big deal, what took you so long to catch on to my signals?

Sofie is an absolute sweetheart and she just seems so grateful to be on this earth and in our home. She does not realize that she is special needs. She crawls around the house and gets to any

room that she thinks she needs to be in. She plays with all the toys and when she is outside and she sees something that she just knows that she has to see or have she will get herself up and walk, unfortunately it is not always a smooth landing but we just praise her for getting herself up.

Sofie can also be a snuggle bug and shows her love by laying her head on your chest and taking a nap. Anyone who has fostered, adopted or done the Long Term Foster can agree with me that:

You can't buy love but your sure can rescue it.

Please consider being a foster home. The love you get in return is unbelievable and unforgettable.

Barb Schaefer
President (Sofie's foster mom)
GoldHeart

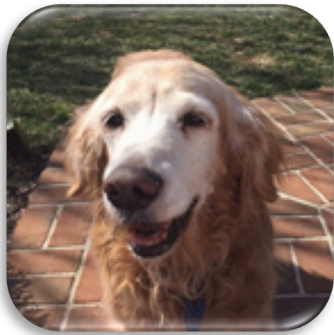


Young to Old...Old to Young

In the world of a Golden Retriever, there's rarely old or young. There's simply unconditional love. In our 20+ years of rescuing and loving Golden Retrievers, we've been blessed with all ages. Rescuing at 11 months old (our 1st, Belle) to 12 years old (our more recent Molly) we've seen it all. In those cases, and every age in between, we were graced with the fun-loving nature and companionship of this wonderful breed.

When we brought Molly home, at age 12 and with a complicated history, we weren't sure how long she'd have but we were both committed to making sure that her time with us would be her very best. Molly rewarded us with another 4 years of good health and activity. We still miss our "Molly Moo"!

As Molly began to slow, the thought of being without a dog around the house was unbearable, but we also wanted to commit to a younger Golden for the first time in a while. Enter "Alex", arriving from Cairo, Egypt looking for his forever home! Alex was about 18 months young and full of puppy energy. After hosting older Goldens for so many years, we hoped we were up for it, but were committed to making it a great home for him.



Alex has stepped up and became quite the family member. The change was a big difference for us, but we also know it was an even bigger adjustment for him. Old or young, Golden Retrievers seek security and companionship. If you have that to give, along with the patience to hang in there until they settle in, you're all set. As I write this in our upstairs den, our "Big Al" has charged the steps twice to check on me to see what I'm up to! While we hope and pray we have Alex for a very long time, we still cherish the shorter times we've had with other older Goldens through the years and will do it again. With older dogs, there are no guarantees how much of their life they can give you but we can tell you that they'll steal your heart for a lifetime!

Tom & Mary Ann Long
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THANK YOU.

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



SANDY (GH997)

Sandy's family helped her cross over the rainbow bridge on December 24. This beautiful girl only knew unconditional love after arriving at GoldHeart with both her foster home and then with her amazing forever home, where she landed so softly in December 2016. This gorgeous girl was only 8 years old and sadly succumbed to a vascular tumor and kidney failure that her family had been treating for several months. Her foster parents wrote..."she was a wonderful dog who enriched our lives. We miss here a great deal...thank you GoldHeart for giving us Sandy."

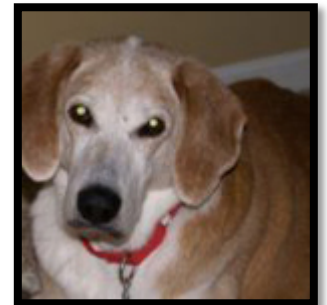
The Troskosky Family

SASHA (GH1017)

Sasha was a very gentle and easy-going 14 + year old gal and has been looking for a forever home since December 2016, but it was not meant to be. She was a wonderful foster sibling to several GoldHeart dogs, and with daily incontinence, the GoldHeart Board voted to make her a long-term foster in October 2018. (and you can bet there are no complaints from Sasha). She will remain with her awesome loving and caring foster family.

Her foster mom told us Sasha's passing was "very peaceful, calm, and loving and she just went to sleep hearing loving words and gentle caresses."

If you would like to make a donation to help support GoldHeart's Long term care dogs, in Sasha's memory, it will be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!



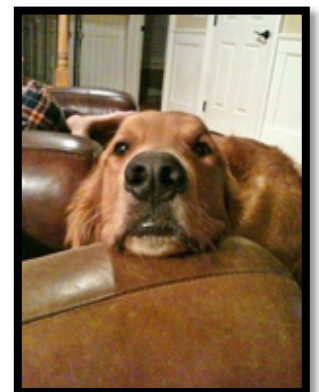
MAX (GH1081)



Max crossed the rainbow bridge on November 7, spending just two short months as a GoldHeart dog. At 10 years old Max was turned in to GoldHeart for medical issues that his family was unable to care for. Max was a medical puzzle. As a GoldHeart foster, the plan was to diagnose and treat/resolve Max's many medical issues and then find his happy-forever-after home, but sadly, Max succumbed to bladder and prostate cancer before that could happen. Max enjoyed his final months in his foster home with his foster brother and foster sister. He easily became one of the pack, vying for the attention of his foster mom and somehow always winning "best seat in the house" right next to her most every time! He was a true loving and devoted Golden, always wanting to be included in everything. Although Max ran out of time before being able to find his forever home, he was loved and cared for and knew the joy of a loving family in his final months. They made sure Max knew just how special he was. Peace to you, sweet Max.

JAKE (GH567)

Nine years ago, we attended a summer festival that our local veterinarian's office was hosting, unaware that our lives were about to change forever. While walking around and visiting the different stands, one particular pup caught our eye enjoying the beautiful summer day. His name was Jake, a foster from the GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue. Jake was eagerly collecting donations for the rescue and we were happy to find out he was available for adoption. With no time to waste, we applied to become Jake's forever home and a few weeks later, Jake came home with us. It was immediately clear Jake was a special boy with a gentle spirit. A natural swimmer, Jake could barely contain his excitement upon seeing a body of water. He loved to swim after his tennis ball for hours at a time and needed a lot of convincing (and treats) when it was time to go home! Jake also loved to run through the woods at Rocky Ridge, so excitedly overwhelmed by all of the different sights and smells. At the end of a long day, Jake was happy to curl up in the living room and enjoy a rawhide. Food was, without a doubt, one of Jake's favorite things. From cheeseburgers to tomatoes, Jake would gladly eat it all. He even won a clean-plate contest once, beating out all of the other dogs by eating a lemon slice! Despite all of the things Jake loved and found joy in, nothing trumped his love for his family. All he wanted was to spend time with his humans and provide unlimited love and companionship. He never failed to greet us at the door after a long day, rarely leaving our sides for the night. Jake, we cannot thank you enough for nine years of never ending love. We were so lucky to have you and there is definitely an empty spot in our hearts now without you. A sincere thank you to Dr. Carney and Tom for allowing our Jake to have the peaceful passage he deserved at home surrounded by the people he loved most. Now play hard and chase those tennis balls in heaven, buddy!



The Snyder-Schwarz family

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