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## A Letter From The President

Hello GoldHeart Family and Friends,

Another summer is here and gone. Hope you are all ready for Ole Man Winter.

As the holidays fall upon us I wanted to remind everyone of the items we have that would make great Christmas gifts. We have the 2017 Calendars that are absolutely beautiful. Another job well done by our secretary Marie Martinez. Thank you.

We will also have a new supply of sweatshirts, ball caps and t-shirts. If you would like to order anything please let me know.

It was certainly a busy summer for the GoldHeart intake team. Many volunteers stepped up to help with transport and a few of us made a trip or 2 to JFK to pick up some precious goldens that flew in from Egypt. Thank you everyone for always being there.

As always, we need foster homes to continue to take in these needy golden retrievers. Please, if you know anyone or if you think that you may be interested in fostering let us know. Without foster homes we have to turn dogs away. That goes against our saying of "No Golden Left Behind" There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a needy golden go to a new home and the smile it brings to everyone's faces.

If you haven't already received our Medical Fund Plea please check it out on our website or the GoldHeart FB page. We had a lot of medical expenses again this year. We estimate that we will have spent at least \$50,000 in medical bills. We are coming to the end of another year so take advantage and get your tax deductible donation in now. We thank you for always being there for GoldHeart.

We will be lining up events that we will need volunteers for so please keep an eye on the website. Hopefully some of the new GoldHeart family members can help out. The Pet Expo in Timonium is the first big one for 2017.

Some of you may not know that GoldHeart very strongly promotes pet insurance. We do not promote one company over another. You need to do some leg work when you are checking things out to make sure you pick the best plan for your pet. There are many companies out there. ASPCA, PetPlan, Embrace, Healthy Paws to name a few. We had at least one owner this year that was forced to surrender their dog to us because they could not pay for her surgery. They wanted to put her down but luckily the vet talked them into surrendering her to them and they called us. Please don't let that happen to your family member. Pet insurance is the best gift you can give to your pets.

Sadly, many GoldHeart family members have had to help their furry kids over the Rainbow Bridge. We have all been there more than once and our hearts and prayers go out to them.

I want to thank all the GoldHeart family members who keep on giving and are always there to lend GoldHeart a hand when times are hard. Your donations of your hard earned money and your precious time are very much appreciated. Each and every golden that we take in has had the best of care and was able to go into a new forever home healthy and happy all because of you.

Golden Hugs to you all and Happy Holidays

Barbara Schaefer

President



**We need your help!** GoldHeart (GH) is once again facing extraordinary medical bills. **We anticipate spending over \$50,000 this year in veterinary expenses alone to support dogs coming into GH, including those pictured above.** Last year we incurred \$22,200 in total expenses caring for incoming rescues.

If you can make any tax-deductible donation\* towards their expenses, the entire GoldHeart Board and foster homes caring for these sweet fur kids will be forever grateful and thankful.

**Giving Thanks for Goldens Donation Levels** are listed below and donor names, with your permission, will be posted at our website, [goldheart.org](http://goldheart.org), in January 2017, and in a subsequent newsletter. All donations received through December 31, 2016, will be included in this campaign and donors at the GH Grand Champion level and above will receive a complimentary GoldHeart 2017 Calendar.

- 🐾 GH Champion up to \$99
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**YOU CAN FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION BY PAY PAL OR CREDIT CARD**

<http://www.goldheart.org/about-goldheart/make-a-donation/>

**Alternatively, you can mail a check payable to GoldHeart @ PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619.**

Below are some details about the goldens pictured above. You can follow their progress and others at our web site at [Available Dogs](#), and hopefully one day, at [Happy Endings!](#)

[Sofie](#) has required veterinary care totaling over \$14,000, and we are pleased to report she recently took her first steps! [Benny](#) our sweet tripod, who just found his forever home, incurred vet expenses over \$5,000. [Gracie](#) was near death due to multiple tick-borne diseases and was saved by the emergency Vets at University of Penn, with charges reaching close to \$5,000. [Ash's](#) vetting has already reached \$1,500 and with severe hip dysplasia, thousands more may be needed to ensure this sweet boy lives a life without pain. [Brittany](#), one of our latest arrivals, will require knee surgery due to a torn cranial cruciate ligament, and the cost of surgery with aquatic physical therapy could reach \$4,000. Many other wonderful goldens and golden-mixes have required routine vetting, and surgeries for mass removals, dental cleaning, extractions, along with spay and neuter surgeries, with cost per dog often exceeding \$1,000.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF GOLDHEART!**

**HOPE YOU AND YOURS HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## **GOLDHEART APPLICATION FEE**

### **GoldHeart's Non-Refundable Adoption Application Fee Increasing to \$30.00**

Effective January 1, 2017, the non-refundable application fee for new adopters, foster homes, and foster-to-adopt homes, will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. As an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization, application fees collected support our rescue efforts and help to defer a portion of the costs incurred when bringing dogs into rescue (e.g., transport, vetting, fostering).

As part of this increase each approved applicant will now automatically be 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.

## **- REMINDER -**

**The GoldHeart annual membership renewal drive will run January 1 to March 31, 2017. We'll be in touch and as always, thanks for your support and donations throughout the year. Without you, GoldHeart would not exist!**

**2017 CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW  
ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!**

Looking for the perfect gift? The 2017 GoldHeart Calendar is now available and ready to ship!

For 2017 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!

**To order and pay online**, please go to [GOLDHEART 2017 CALENDARS](#) and click on 2017 Calendars in the top scroll bar. After receipt, the calendars will be mailed to you. *Payment to GoldHeart is through PayPal. You can use major credit cards without a PayPal account. Your shipping information is obtained during this part of the checkout process.*

**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. Mail to GoldHeart at PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619.

**Thank you in advance for your order and supporting GoldHeart!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### CALLING ALL GOLDHEART ELVES!!!

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap at White Marsh Mall - "The Avenue"

We have secured the dates of December 22 & the 23rd for gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble book store in White Marsh. Times are 12 noon - 9:00 pm. We need at least two volunteers for each 4-1/2 hr. shift. (12-4:30 and 4:30-9)

Scissors, paper, and tape to wrap will be supplied, but if you have left over ribbons, bows, gift cards or tags, please bring along! Making the packages look prettier we have found tends to increase our donations! If you are interested in volunteering for this fun event, please contact LaDonna Puryear at [Looks4Path@aol.com](mailto:Looks4Path@aol.com)

### "PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS"

GoldHeart again this year will be sponsored by Baron's K-9 Country Store for "Photo's with Santa Paws" - a great time to get a holiday memento of your dogs with Santa Paws! (we sneak a few kids in too!)

December 17, 2016 11-3 pm

cost is \$5 per photo, all proceeds go directly to GoldHeart

held at:

Baron's K-9 Country Store - <http://baronsk9.com/>

## FOLLOW GOLDHEART ON FACEBOOK

Just click on the link below and you'll be taken directly to the GoldHeart Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/60454560428/>





## **FOREVER CURIOUS**

ForeverCurious is a group of educators and librarians who curate information online. A member of our group has a special needs child who benefits from a family assistance dog who has become an indispensable part of his treatment. That's why our next blog post is about service and assistance dogs.

Doing research on the topic I came across your site and found it helpful (here). I wanted to share a few of the wonderful resources you may have missed. I hope they are as helpful to you as they were to me.

[Assistance Dog Resources](#)

[Emergency Planning for Pets](#)

[Shopping Green for Your Pet](#)

[Foster a Service Dog](#)

[Help with Vet Bills](#)

[VA Benefits for Service Dogs](#)

## **HAPPY ENDINGS**

Dog Gone Great – Sam the Bomb Sniffing Dog!

My name is Joe Dolan and I'm a Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police Department's Bomb Squad in Washington, DC. Let me tell you about a great Golden Retriever named Sam. It all started in the Summer of 2010. My wife, Amy and I very unexpectedly lost our Bomb Dog, Elvis. Elvis was only 6 years old and we loved him. After this loss, I asked Amy to find a Golden Retriever Rescue as I deeply wanted my next Bomb Dog to be a rescue. (My first Bomb Dog, Fred, was a Golden Retriever rescue and he was a wonderful working dog. He had a long life, he officially retired from the police department and lived with us until he passed away at the age of 14.) Amy found Gold Heart Golden Retriever Rescue online and applied. We saw a picture of Sam with his description. He was 6 months old and had come from an abusive background and was very high energy. As soon as I saw the picture of Sam I knew I wanted to train him to be my next Bomb Dog. I was looking for a partner with a big heart and a willingness to take on a big job.

In August of 2010, Barb and Bill Schaefer (wonderful people) brought Sam to our home in Maryland. Sam and I attended a 14 week explosive detection school, where Sam is taught to locate all types of explosives by using his awesome nose. I trust my life to Sam's ability to locate explosive devices. People often think that Sam works by himself and that he is in harm's way by himself but that is just not the case. We are always together on calls for service, so whatever comes about no matter what it involves we are joined at the hip from start to finish. We spend countless hours training. I teach Sam search patterns and a gentle response when he locates an explosive device without touching it. When Sam identifies an explosive he is trained to just sit. Sam and I have handled thousands of calls for service in Metropolitan DC from bomb calls of every variety to suspicious packages to sweeps before major events. For example, before the last Presidential Inauguration it was Sam that swept all areas of the parade route. Speaking of President's, Sam also rides in the Presidential motorcades to ensure that the routes are always clear of suspicious items. You can imagine what a huge job that is and it comes with a lot of responsibility. And Sam gets it done – every time.

It is such a gratifying feeling to have Sam as my partner. He lives at home with me, Amy, our twin daughters, Ashlyn and Avery, and our three Yorkies – Henry, Chloe and George. Sam is truly a part of our family. I sincerely thank Gold Heart for rescuing Sam from a bad situation so that he could reach his full potential with me. He is the greatest partner a man could ask for and when Sam reaches his retirement he will live with us for the rest of his life. I truly love Sam. If you ever want a dog the greatest thing you can do is rescue one, they will love you for life.

Sergeant Joseph Dolan - Metropolitan Police Department - Bomb Squad



**SAM (GH655)**

# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



**PAIGE (GH399)**

Thank you GoldHeart for bringing Paige to us! Our baby girl Paige was a momma before coming into rescue in 2007. She was also a sister to Bojangles the cat, to Buck another GoldHeart rescue (who both welcomed her at the Rainbow Bridge); and to Teddy and her favorite Duke (both from GoldHeart). Duke was with us as we all hugged her and ensured a peaceful and gentle transition in the back of our little RV with our wonderful Vet and staff at CVH. Paige fought a good fight for almost two years against melanoma cancer, but sadly, the cancer

won.

Paige, who never aged or grayed, was a favorite of children, especially when she had a summer cut (a forever puppy). She was a foster sister to many GoldHeart dogs and enjoyed many two and four-legged cousins, aunts and uncles and loved to see all her peeps, especially if they had “cookies” to share. She never needed to be the center of attention, and was just happy to be with those she loved, going camping or out to visit Grandma and Grandpa were such happy times for her. Most of all, watching from her throne (arm chair) in Pete’s Bar, on a cushion by the fireplace, or snoozing in the sun near our bed, these were her indeed favorite spots and where she reached nirvana. No matter where she was, she enjoyed letting out a little woof! woof! to announce new arrivals (never leaving her comfy spot). Thanks to all who made her life so full and happy.

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” –Dr. Seuss.

RIP Sis...Mija...you will live on forever in our hearts.

Momma Marie and Daddy Pete, Duke and Teddy

**SEAMUS (GH593)**



Seamus became part of the Bell family in January 2010 and was adored beyond compare from the moment we met him. He was a neighborhood and family favorite. But life isn’t all about Kong Balls with peanut butter, ice cream, and car rides – Seamus was an avid Goldheart volunteer. He helped to conduct 15 home visits, represented Goldheart as a handsome and friendly Golden ambassador at events in Maryland and Pennsylvania for 5 years, and graced not one, but TWO Goldheart calendars.

If only love could have saved you Seamus, we would never have lost you.

Forever loved and always missed,

Rick, Kathryn and furry brother Darby

## BUDDY (GH106)

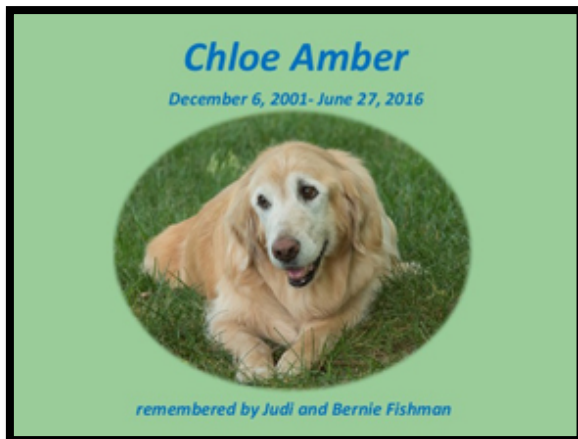
It is with great sadness that I am writing about my Buddy's death. He was approximately 16 years old and we adopted him from the Plate Family at the approximate age of 3 years old. Shaaron told me that he had "high energy". I responded by telling her that since he was young, that was a good thing. She raised an eyebrow and said nothing. Shaaron Plate saw that I could handle such a dog since I brought my Amber to her home that day who was 14 at the time. I soon learned the true meaning of "high energy" after he pulled me out the door and I ended up with Tendonitis in my left shoulder.

Others might have given him up for less but I knew that it was an accident. I then not only took Buddy to Obedience classes and worked with him at home, but went to Physical Therapy several times a week as well. My Tendonitis disappeared never to return again and Buddy improved greatly over a bit of time well spent! I had been told that he was found running the streets of Baltimore City. Developing "High Energy" must have meant survival for him! I never worked so hard with a dog before but the benefits outweighed the efforts. I felt like I trained a "stallion". After a while, he became a "Certified Therapy Dog" and went to various facilities including the Futurecare Cherrywood Nursing Home and the Guilchrist Hospice. Having him, encouraged me to take an extensive course and get Hospice Certification. As I write this, I am getting chills. He was never aggressive and was quite a survivor for such a long time. I used to call him "Super Dog", among other nicknames. He not only survived the streets of Baltimore but he also survived Oral Cancer, and a Lacerated eye, which a Canine Ophthalmologist said was probably not an accident. She informed me that some old dogs develop this condition. At one point, he had Vertigo too. I knew that one day, his survival would end. He passed away in our home on Wednesday, August 10th, 2016. Life will never be the same without our Buddy!

Judith Fishman



## CHLOE AMBER



Chloe Amber was not a Goldheart dog but she was a Rescue nevertheless. We adopted her at the age of three years old from the Golden Retriever Rescue of Central Pa. If it wasn't for the fact that we adopted Buddy from Goldheart, I wouldn't have had this dog. Shortly after, adopting Buddy, we went to the annual Goldheart picnic where Marie Sciscione was talking about Goldstock and had an album of pictures. I have never heard of the Goldstock Camp and it sounded wonderful. After our Amber died (she was 3 months past 15) I wanted another dog in memory of this sweet dog. We went to Goldstock and I met some one from the Pa. Rescue who found me my very mellow, sweet and wonderful Chloe. We

attached on the middle name of Amber. She was our "Memorial Dog"! She came to us and added a wonderful new dimension to our lives. She was my first Therapy pet and made so many people happier during her years of service. Unfortunately, she developed an inflammation on her Larynx and most of her voice disappeared. People used to tell me that she needed water, she was tired, etc. when they heard her very frequent panting. She couldn't help herself. This condition destroyed her Immune System and she died on Monday, June 27th, 2016. This was a bit difficult to write but seems necessary. She and Buddy are missed more than words are capable of expression!



## MACK (GH714)

My name is Greg Corrigan. A few years ago I thought I might be able to do some good by offering my services to be a short term foster parent for a dog needing a home. When I was asked to go to Ellicott City, MD to pick up a 5 year old golden-doodle mix whose family could no longer keep him, I had no idea what the future would be. I brought Mack home. I live in a barn in Kennett Square, PA. He refused to get out of the car for 6 hours. It took me days to teach him to walk OFF the leash. (we have 27 acres here!)

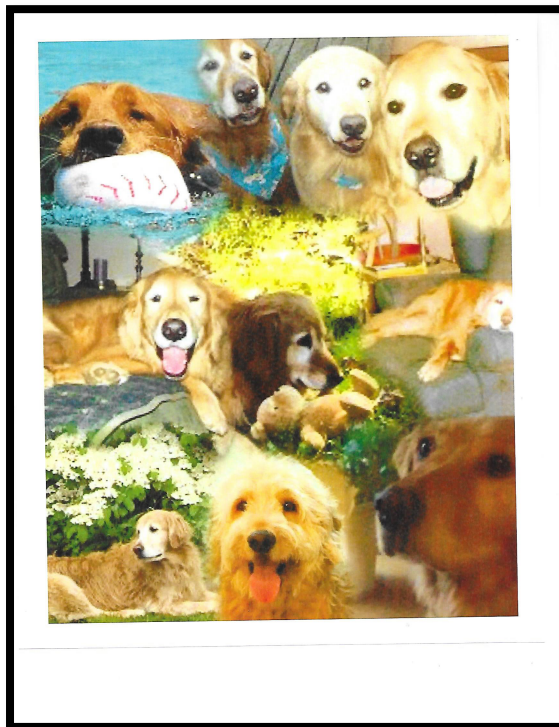
But it wasn't long before Mack opened up his heart and fell in love with this place, and me, and everyone I know. He is truly the most wonderful dog I have ever known.

Mack died in my arms on July 2 after a relatively short illness. As he was dying, he was still happy to be held. I told him how much I loved him and how grateful I was for all the goodness he brought into my life. I miss him terribly. In his honor, I took boxes of tennis balls and left them at dog parks in the area with Mack's picture on and an explanation of why this gift was being left in his honor.

Thank you GoldHeart for the "golden" treasure that remains in my heart...Mack is a joy that will remain a forever blessing to me.

The enclosed photo is a group of GoldHeart heroes that have all passed on. My Mack is the curly haired guy in the middle on the bottom.

Thank you so very much.....Greg Corrigan





## **FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART**



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**Churchville Vet.com** – Churchville Veterinary Clinic – Greenbrier Veterinary Clinic – Swan Creek

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[www.canaltownelabs.com](http://www.canaltownelabs.com) - Kristin Wade

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Ask for Marian!

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