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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sorry this letter is late but things have been very busy with the rescue and Spring just kind of snuck in. Although old man winter doesn't want to pass the reins just yet summer is not that far away.

Some of my letter today is going to focus on some of the pups who have been with us for a while. We have Nellie GH# 927, she is estimated to be about 7 to 8 years and because of her past living conditions is known to her foster family as "nervous Nellie". She settles in nicely once she is familiar with her surroundings. She would love to have a forever home. Next we have the elegant Smucker GH# 1016. He is around 11 years of age and after a lot of vet care he is also looking for a forever home. He gets along fine with everyone at his foster home. Sasha GH# 1017. She was in a high kill shelter. Sasha is definitely a mix of some sort but GoldHeart brought her into the family. She is good with kids, cats and other dogs. (is having an issue with 1 of the dogs in for foster home) and last we have Angel GH# 918 is a Long Term Foster who has been in the rescue for quite a long time. Angel's health is declining so the board voted to make her a LTF so that she could stay with her current foster family and live out her days with a family that loves her and takes very good care of her. We thank you Bob and Karol Hickman for loving her and giving her the best life she has probably ever known.

I would like to thank all the foster families who go above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to our foster pups.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped with transport, all our volunteers and their furry kids who do home visits for us and everyone who is always donating their time and hard earned money to keep this rescue up and running. I want to thank all of the board members past and present that help to keep this rescue running smoothly. I would also like to thank Mark Preston who does such a great job on our newsletter and takes time out of his busy schedule to help us out with that project.

I would also like to welcome into the family all the new adoptive families and thank them for giving these precious pups a wonderful place to call home.

We had quite a few smaller fundraisers that were pretty successful. The lottery drawing, the karaoke party, the Tastefully Simple, Bark for Life.

We also have quite a few outings scheduled at Baron's K-9 Country store. This is where Photos with Santa takes place which is always successful. Come out and visit with our volunteers and buy some great stuff for your furry kids.

Keep an eye on the website for many upcoming events.

Thank you for always supporting GoldHeart

Barb Schaefer
President
GoldHeart

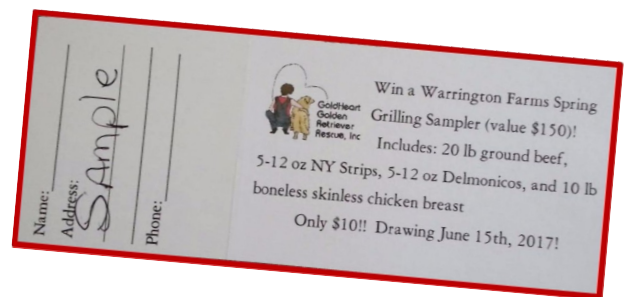


Walk for a DogSM

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Take Your Dog for a Walk

Walk for a Dog is a simple, year-round fundraising app! It promotes healthy interaction between dogs and their owners, and raises money *every day* to support the mission of dog rescue. Support GoldHeart simply by walking your dog. Use the Wooftrax App each time you grab the leash. It's healthy for you and your dog. Go to the wooftrax website <http://www.wooftrax.com/> then click on the "Download on the App Store" button at the top of the page and install the free App. Do the same on your smart phone. Then, Take your Walk for a Dog every day. You can find GoldHeart listed under the Maryland rescues. Get the word out to your friends and family! The more people walking for GoldHeart, the more that is donated to us.



GoldHeart Grilling Sampler Raffle

Don't miss out on a chance to win the perfect Father's Day Gift and help the

Here's four options to secure your ticket(s)

No more than 150 tickets will be sold - so Hurry!

1. On sale at GoldHeart events April 29 - June 14 2017.
2. In person from our GoldHeart President, Barb Schaefer.
3. Mail in your check with your address by June 5, payable to GoldHeart, at PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619, and include your email address so we can confirm your entry.

At the GoldHeart website using our Donate button to pay with a credit card or by Paypal. Go to <http://www.goldheart.org/about-goldheart/make-a-donation/>. During the payment process, be sure to tell us what it is for (i.e., *two chances to win the Meat*), and be sure to share/include your mailing address for prize delivery.

For options 3. and 4. above, our President will email a confirmation to you that the applicable number of tickets have been entered in the drawing for you.

Sorry, but with in-person delivery required, participation is limited to members and friends in the [GoldHeart Service Area](#). The raffle prize is coming from <http://www.warringtonfarmmeats.com/>

THANK YOU for Supporting Goldheart!

***GoldHeart is an all volunteer, non-profit 501(c)3 organization
dedicated to the rescue of unwanted Golden Retrievers***

WINNER WINNER WINNER

HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE MARCH LOTTERY RAFFLE
CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG GOLDEN HUG TO:

Edward Schwarz
Barb Schaefer
Brian Stokes
Joanne Tierney
Beverly Rynex
Dick Coursey
Danny Baxter
Kurt Kuhle

CALLING ALL STARS!!!

We are looking for our 2018 GoldHeart Calendar models.

Do you love the camera? Have 5 or more exceptional selfie shots, plus 5 or more high quality pictures with your forever family (furry and non-furry) to share? If so, please send an email to secretary@goldheart.org (Marie Martinez) for information and further consideration. Please Insert *2018 GoldHeart Calendar* in your email subject line and submit by May 31.

Pawsitively can't wait to hear from you!



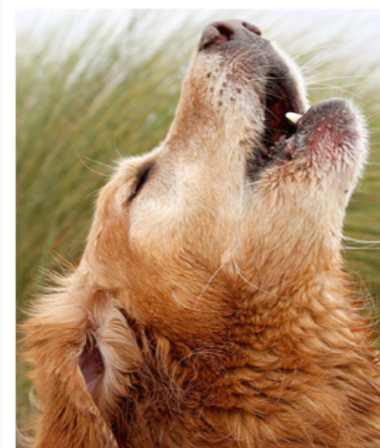
IS YOUR GOLDHEART PUP 15 YEARS OR OLDER? **IF SO, READ ON!**

We are way overdue honoring some of our fabulous GoldHeart senior citizens, and what better way to do that than to feature these special fur kids in an upcoming newsletter. If you are lucky enough to have a golden oldie, and want to contribute to an article and an Old Gold Celebrity Collage, please send an email to secretary@goldheart.org (Marie Martinez). Thank you!

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MAKING A GOLDEN DIFFERENCE



Finnegan, GH#691, came to us five years ago from Goldheart Golden Retrievers.

We are so glad to have found him because he is quite the unique fur baby. His first year of life left him with some insecurities that seem to have made him very empathetic to others who have struggles in their lives.

Our other golden, Max, is a therapy dog and Finnegan has become his partner in this endeavor. Once per week we go to the middle school where children read to Max. From the first day when Finnegan tagged along with us, he sought out those who have other more complex struggles in their

lives. He quickly bonded with those children and brought a calm and a smile to their faces.

Another example of Finnegan's sensitivity to special needs people occurred on our winter trip south. Our neighbor came to meet our dogs and immediately, Finnegan was the one who quickly bonded with her and brought many smiles to her face.

We sometimes call Finnegan Sheldon, from the character on The Big Bang Theory because, like Sheldon, he has "his spot" in the house and has many other lovable quirks that make him such a sweet but unique boy.

Thank you Goldheart for allowing us to parent this beautiful boy who has added much to our family!

Marguerite Gustkey



**Can I crash
at your place
for a while?**

WE NEED FOSTER HOMES!!!
CONTACT GOLDHEART.ORG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING
THANK YOU

HAPPY TAILS...

"MISSY"



Meet our beautiful "Egyptian Princess" Missy. (formerly known as "Miss Happy") She is one of the goldens recently rescued from Egypt. She's the 3rd golden we've gotten from Goldheart. The first two, Maggie and Portus, we very sadly lost within a year of each other to cancer when they were way too young. We waited a long time but finally

the right dog came along...Missy. Many thanks to our dear friend,

Barb Schaefer, and of course GoldHeart, who allowed us to adopt our precious little girl. She is such a sweet and loving soul, already bringing so much joy to our home. She's made friends all throughout the neighborhood, and has been accepted into our family's homes with their dogs, big yards and pools. She runs and plays now with such joy. As soon as we get up, she sings to us, then does a very long stretch and her happy dance. When she goes outside with Mark, the first thing she does is go belly up, waiting for her morning brushing. We don't know who taught her, but she loves to balance on her hind legs like a bunny rabbit. She extends her paws one after the other until she gets a gentle pat on the head. I love taking her on walks each day, and Mark always has his special time with her each morning on the patio with a cup of coffee. She is absolutely adorable.

Words cannot express how much we adore this beautiful creature and how grateful we are to Goldheart for allowing her to make her forever

home with us!.....
Michelle and Mark



CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Buddy came into our lives only 9 months ago and he became ill very quickly. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge too soon, due to complications from lymphoma. He was the most loving and affectionate dog. He won our hearts over the day we picked him up from Marie! We miss him so much and he has left a very big void in our lives.

We love and miss you Buddy Boy!!!

Sue and Randy

BUDDY (GH 992)

Carson (GH768) and Apache (GH767)

Who rescued who? I think it is safe to say that in this case, they rescued us. Carson and Apache came into our lives via Bob and Karole Hickman when the two were 9 years old. They were inseparable and we are grateful that Gold Heart wanted to keep them together.

Over the course of the next nearly 5 years, they taught us to slow down and enjoy the moment, they made us laugh often, and they gave us many, many wonderful memories. They loved car rides, sharing dog beds, and making noise with their squeaky toys. They always wanted to be in the same room as the other, and they always woke up together. They basically did everything together and we loved watching the bond that they shared.

We had to let Carson go to the Rainbow Bridge in January, and Apache joined her this month. They are together once again. They will always be in our hearts and we are forever grateful that Gold Heart gave us the honor of having these two wonderful Goldens in our lives.

Fondly,
Dennis Rivard and Charlie George



CARSON (GH 768)
APACHE (GH 767)



LIFFEY (GH 635)
BEAR (GH 668)

Liffey came to us on April 7, 2010 from a shelter where her owners asked that she be euthanized. Instead GoldHeart came to the rescue. Liffey had been neglected and only partially socialized. She did not know how to respond to attention – but she was an escape artist and rejoiced in running away repeatedly. She was small and scooted through the most narrow openings. Chasing her kept us in shape! When we adopted Bear on September 2, 2010 Liffey (who never learned to play with other dogs) found a friend. During the day Liffey loved to chew on sticks or better still on marrow bones which she then buried and sometimes found again covered with dirt and tastier than ever. However at naptime or at night she curled up next to Bear and slept like a log (unless there was a thunder storm!) but that is another story. We never learned Liffey's age –she was NOT young – she died 4 years ago of a tumor detected only by x-ray. During her time with us Liffey received much love even if she did not know how to return it.

Bear was always a joy! Friendly, affectionate, happy to meet new people and dogs, unless the other dog was not happy to meet her. Then she could hold her own but she was never a fighter – she just indicated her displeasure.

When Bear came to us she was just short of seven – an overweight pony of a dog who then weighed about 83 pounds (down from 88 in July)! After about two months of a diet consisting of the correct amount of dog food and a field worth of string beans she finally

reached her proper weight: 53 sleek pounds. All those beans must have affected her menu choices. Whenever I cut carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, apples etc. she danced in anticipation but was never a vegetarian. Ooh! A steak platter to lick. Yum!

Bear died of old age on April 3, 2017. Our house is very empty. For over forty years Goldens have been part of our family. Please don't tell our other Goldens but Bear was the best of all! Rest well.

All of us in the GoldHeart family are always so sorry to hear of the losses we share each month. Try, as hard as it might be, to remember that our little ones were so happy to be with us....even if only for a short time. We gave them love and safety. They gave us so many happy moments that even though they're gone, those wonderful moments will live forever in our hearts and minds.

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Ask for Marian!

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