



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello GoldHeart Family,

First, let me apologize that there is no Annual Picnic this year. With the loss of my brother who lived with my husband and I, the loss of 2 dear friends and a foster dog that needed surgery I just could not pull it together. At this point we are concentrating on fundraisers. Please check the website for upcoming events and join us if you can.

I would also like to apologize for the lack of a summer newsletter. Mark Preston, who does our letter has had a very busy schedule. We decided to do a combined summer/fall newsletter.

My letter today is going to concentrate on the issue of **Heartworm**.

Heartworm can be a very deadly disease but such a preventable disease just by using heartworm prevention monthly. The American Heartworm Society recommends treating your pet 12 months a year and having them tested every 12 months. It takes approximately 6 months after your pet is bitten by an infected mosquito for a dog to be diagnosed with heartworm. Heartworm treatment is very costly not to mention very painful for your pet. Heartworm treatment is 15x more expensive than the average cost of a year's supply of prevention.

The average number of heartworm cases seen in the vet clinics is up 21% per clinic.

The Mighty Mosquito is hearty and can survive and thrive in a variety of climates and environments. It is the females that are the carriers. She is mobile, living inside and out. She is hungry, drinking 3x her weight in blood spreading heartworm larvae as she feeds. She is sneaky, mosquito season is hard to predict. Depending on conditions, they can and do survive the winter.

Are you thinking that heartworm is only something you hear about in the South? Guess again. Although it is very prevalent in the South, it is nationwide. Many rescues are rescuing from the south and bringing the dogs north. If your neighbor brings in a rescue dog or if your neighbor has just moved up from the south with their dog that is not on prevention they can bring the heartworm disease into your neighborhood. 7 in 10 mosquitoes in a heartworm-positive dog's kennel carry heartworm.

There are 22 different species of mosquito in the United States that carry heartworm and they are active at different times of the day and year.

GoldHeart takes all the dogs to be tested for heartworm and treated if necessary. We spend a lot of money getting these pups ready for adoption. We have one right now undergoing heartworm treatment. Last year we had a young golden mix that was going through treatment and unfortunately the heartworm was at an advanced stage and she died. Very heartbreaking for us as well as devastating for the foster family. When your new family member comes to you they are on heartworm/flea and tick. When you sign a contract to adopt you agree to continue that treatment monthly and have the pup tested yearly. Many times when a dog that has been adopted out is surrendered back to the rescue for one reason or another that dog has not seen by a vet for quite some time and is not on any type of prevention. This costs the rescue more money and puts one of our furry family members at risk. Our goal is to give these pups the best life possible and keeping them on Heartworm prevention year round is a must. Unless there is a medical reason why they cannot be on prevention.

For much more information please visit the American Heartworm Society web site. Please take time to view the maps to see how quickly heartworm is spreading throughout the United States.

Remember, your dog's heart is a place for love not Heartworm.

As always thank you for always being there for GoldHeart and taking good care of your furry family member.

Barbara Schaefer
President
GoldHeart



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Your



Goldens

Get your heartworm medications today!

UPCOMING EVENT

Karaoke Fundraiser

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 silent auction items as well, so come join the fun.

Saturday, October 14, 2017
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)

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS
THE RESCUE AND REHOMING OF OUR BELOVED GOLDEN RETRIEVERS



**Come and sing
with us...
It will be great
fun!!!**



CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

MONTANA (GH864)



RIP Montana, 2004 – August 25, 2017

Montana came into my life unexpectedly, and it was the best thing ever.

He became a member of our family the day before Thanksgiving 2013. At that time, for a ten-year-old dog, you would have never guessed his age given his energy. He was our constant companion on every hike and backpacking trip we took. He loved the woods and the trails. He loved being outside. He loved everyone he met. He had a small following of friends around our neighborhood from our daily walks. The kids at my son's daycare came to expect looking for him every morning to say hello.

I will miss the way he liked to lean against me and yes, even the way he would step on my foot. I will miss his "snout-whipping", my term for his nuzzling my hand to pet him. I will miss him following

me everywhere and keeping me company. I will miss him greeting me at the door everyday when I come home from work. I miss him terribly when I'm out on the trails hiking – I still expect to see him right there with me, trotting along. To me, Montana wasn't just a dog. He was like having another child, another real, actual member of our family. Unfortunately, a sudden unknown illness caused Montana's health to deteriorate rapidly. He stopped eating and could barely walk. There was nothing that could be done to save him. The day I had to say goodbye to him was the day a part of me left with him, never to be replaced. Even though our time together was way too short, I'm grateful for these last four years. I'm grateful I was able to fill his last years with lots of adventures and, most of all, lots of love.

Take care, Montana. Until we meet again.

Tara, Aaron and Liam Oxenrider

Remembering Gerry:

We welcomed him into our home in 2011 and he won us over immediately. I think that he was the smartest dog we ever had. He seemed to anticipate whatever we wanted him to do and was always ready to comfort us when we were not feeling well. He developed a liver problem and stopped eating. The vet said that there was nothing he could do for him and he passed on Tuesday, 8-2-17. He is being missed.

Sincerely: Al & Pat Burger

All of us at GoldHeart send our thoughts and prayers out to those who have lost their beloved 4 legged family members.



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Ask for Marian!

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