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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

First let me apologize for the very late summer newsletter. Not a lot going on with the rescue, but there was a lot going on in my own home. Everyone is fine, just busy.

In July, we brought in the cutest little boy named Kirby, GH-1185. Kirby was surrendered by his owners after being diagnosed with a rare heart condition that his owners were not prepared to deal with financially. You can read all about him under the Long Term Foster page on the website. (<https://goldheart.org/2021/08/kirby-gh-1185-ltf>). Although we have never made one this age a Long Term Foster (LTF), we knew that he would not have been adoptable knowing the expensive treatment he will require, as well as not being able to be neutered. He is now with his LTF family and having a good time with foster brother Max and foster sister Gracie and two kitty cats.

Kirby will be expensive to take care of and we greatly appreciate any donations towards his care. We now have 3 Long Term Fosters in foster care. Kirby GH-1185, Buddy GH-565 and Sofie GH-987. Their foster homes are taking good care of them and giving them the best life possible. Again you can read their stories on the website.

We have not been able to do any in person fundraisers and with the COVID situation on the rise again, and it doesn't look like we will anytime soon. There is talk of meat/seafood bundle raffle, and we will send out information about that by e-mail. I pray that everyone stays safe and healthy.

We had a lot of family members whose furry children have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge and we would like to thank them for taking these pups into their home and providing them with the best life they have ever known. We know your hearts are broken and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you as always for all your donations and time that you so tirelessly give to GoldHeart

Barbara Schaefer, President

GoldHeart

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Sorry - there are no Upcoming GoldHeart Events...when the world is safer for public gatherings, please look under UPCOMING EVENTS at our website - [goldheart.org](http://goldheart.org).



### Ways to Support GoldHeart from the comfort of your home!



**Purchase a 2022 GoldHeart Calendar!** Our volunteers are lovingly putting the last touches on the 2022 GoldHeart calendar, and we hope to announce availability at our website within the next 30 days. While we were able to maintain the same pricing for many years, unfortunately due to increased costs in paper and postage, prices will be going up. However, it is still a bargain to enjoy 12-months of pure gold, direct from our adopters, while supporting the medical needs of our foster dogs. Please check later this year at <https://goldheart.org/>.

### Donation Campaign 2021 - Giving Thanks for Goldens!

Note: GoldHeart GRR, Inc., is a 501(c)3 all volunteer nonprofit organization. Your cash donations are deductible for income tax purposes consistent with IRS rules and regulations.

- **Facebook Matching.** Contribute to GoldHeart on Nov 30, 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM as part of Facebook's [#GivingTuesday](https://www.facebook.com/groups/60454560428) Matching program. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/60454560428> It's a global giving moment to support the non-profit organizations you love, like GoldHeart. Donations to US nonprofits (501c3) Facebook Matches are made on a first-come, first-served basis (and will continue until the \$7M USD fund has been met. Your donations may be matched at a fundraiser at GoldHeart's Facebook Page, or create a post on your page, and just click from the menu "Support Nonprofit" then type in GoldHeart...and GoldHeart Golden Retrievers Rescue will appear (Chester MD) and then just donate. If you connect with us and provide your mailing address, we will send a 2022 complimentary GH calendar for all donations \$100 or more.
- **Make a Donation direct to GoldHeart** (by mail or at our web site) during the month of December, and if we have your mailing address, we will send out a complimentary 2022 GoldHeart Calendar for donations of \$100 or more.

### Did you Know Your purchases can make \$\$ for GoldHeart?

**Shopping at AmazonSmile** and supporting GoldHeart = a perfect match! Be sure GoldHeart is designated as your charity – [click here](#) to learn how to setup/change your charity. THANK YOU!! (Look for GoldHeart Golden Retrievers Rescue)

**Do you use PayPal?** You can set up GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue as a recipient of any donations you would like to make along with your purchases throughout the year. To update your charity's information, go to [www.paypal.com/givingfund/dashboard](http://www.paypal.com/givingfund/dashboard), click Profile to make any updates.



# Are you all ready for Halloween? It's just around the corner! Get those costumes out for the kids and the pups!





## LONG TERM FOSTERS

**Buddy (Age 12.5) was recently placed in GoldHeart's Long Term Foster (LTF) program**, where he will be loved and cared for by an exceptional GoldHeart Foster Home for the remainder of his days.

After being returned to GoldHeart in mid-October, about a year after last being adopted at Age 11, GoldHeart turned to his prior foster home who understood his food/toy aggression challenges. He was originally returned to GH to this foster home in the Spring of 2019, after living with his original adopting home for 11 years, and they claimed they could no longer afford his care. Sadly, he was returned in horrible condition.

Upon his second return, GoldHeart had a trainer go in to evaluate Buddy, and he confirmed that Buddy is a sweet and loving dog who has developed limited possession aggression based on his past experiences with humans (primarily due to neglect experienced in his first home). Without any direct confrontation for his food or toys from humans he is non-aggressive, quite social with people, (strangers) and other dogs. Phew – that was a good thing, because his Foster home has 5 other dogs. Happily with lots of baby gates they are able to manage Buddy's issues and have agreed to let him live out whatever time he has left with them.

His first owners never 'saw past' their own self-serving conveniences and hence he was left outdoors alone, and never 'felt seen' by them. Now that he is in a home, has a fenced yard and friends to play with, you can see he is a very happy boy. The trainer relayed that his foster mom has the capacity to manage his behavior very well, and in doing so will be rewarded with a calmer, and loving companion. They are already seeing improvement, and under the calming influence of his foster mom and her daughter, the trainer believes he will learn quickly he has nothing to fear regarding his food, or toy resources.

Buddy has been to the Vet and happily his labs were ok, so he can continue on multiple supplements and medications for severe arthritis. We have also added some items to his regimen to further provide relief as Buddy's health and mobility is declining. It is GoldHeart's desire to assure that Buddy is comfortable, happy and loved as he declines. He is so deserving of this, and we are so blessed that his foster family is willing to be sure his last chapter is the best.

**FOR DONATIONS TO HELP BUDDY.....GO TO GOLDHEART.ORG AND CLICK ON THE DONATION BUTTON**

**Meet adorable Kirby**, born June 6, 2021. The family surrendering him to GoldHeart, got him from a breeder, and they took him to a vet shortly thereafter, and a grade 3 heart murmur was detected. They next took Kirby to a cardiologist specialist, and sadly he was diagnosed with tricuspid valve dysplasia (TVD). The cardiologist indicated it would get worse as he got bigger and the future was bleak. Due to the unexpected expenses and emotional toll dealing with a puppy with this diagnosis, the family turned to GoldHeart, wanting the quality of his short life to be the best possible. GoldHeart welcomed him into our Long Term Foster program, and he is landing in an experienced and loving foster home, where he can live a laid back lifestyle where his playtime and health will be closely monitored, for whatever time he has with us. No doubt he will know what it is like to be loved and we will do our best to share pictures of his progress here and on Facebook!

The TVD is a rare condition and Kirby's case is severe and he also has pericardial effusion (buildup of extra fluid in the space around the heart). This makes him a much more severe case. Life expectancy is 1 to 3 years maybe.

In addition to routine care expenses, Kirby, will require daily multiple heart medications and periodic visits to the cardiologist specialists for testing (e.g., Echocardiogram -heart ultrasound).

Donations to support Kirby's care and the Long Term Foster Program will be greatly appreciated.

**Go To GoldHeart.org and click on the Donate Button in the Long Term Care Section.**



**KIRBY GH-1185**

### SOFIE IS A SPECIAL NEEDS PUP AND IS ADORED IN HER LONG-TERM FOSTER HOME!

Sofie has been with her foster family for over a year, and while we have seen a lot of changes in her, it is apparent she will need a dedicated home to care and work with her every day.

She had life saving surgery back in August of 2016 and is now able to sit up and walk a little. Hopefully you have seen many of the heartwarming videos and updates at our [Facebook Group](#) that her Foster Mom posts (also one video is posted below).

Watching her determination is an inspiration to all. No question that Sofie has a zest for life and loves everything and everybody. Sofie couldn't be happier that she was voted to become a Long Term Foster by the GoldHeart Board. Miss November 2017 (calendar), has gotten her wish, a forever family to love and adore her for years to come with the Schaefer's including two loving fur-siblings, Sophie and Tucker.

The Schaefer's and her GoldHeart Family are committed to Sofie for the rest of her life and love her in spite of her medical issues. Fan mail for Sofie can be sent to her Foster Mom at [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org).



**SOFIE GH-987**

# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



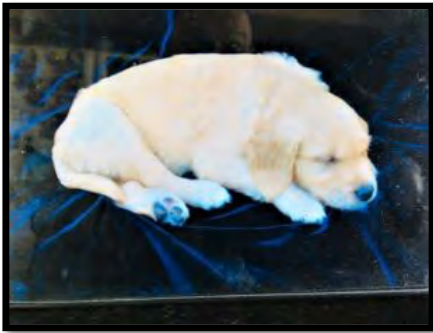
## RIP Bumper – Forever in our Hearts

Bumper was the sweetest, most laid back dog I have ever had. Just a pure pleasure to be around, and I don't think I ever heard him growl even once. I had 11-1/2 wonderful years with my boy. He came to me from GoldHeart at age 1, mostly blind, though his blindness never stopped him from playing and navigating the house and yard, I often forgot he was blind and would mindless toss him a treat like I did the other dogs. I miss my baby boy, and so hard to say goodbye, I was truly blessed to have him in my life.

LaDonna P

**BUMPER GH-587**

August 12, 2008 ~ March 29, 2021



On the 29th of March 2021, Chance GH-509, Mr. October 2013, Crossed Over The Rainbow Bridge.

Chance was one of Maggie's eleven puppies and we didn't have a hard time choosing him, his GH # 509, is Lori's Birthday. He was everything to us and we still look for him at his favorite places in our house. Lori named him Chance because she knew he would be our last Chance!

We thank GHGRR for allowing us to have had him to Love!...*Terry and Lori Sheffer*



**CHANCE GH-509**

## RIP Sweet Boy

PebPebs came to me heartworm positive (July 2013) at age 5, matted and terribly neglected. He blossomed into a silly lovebug that you couldn't keep out of the pool!! He left us on September 24, 2020, and is terribly missed by his human and canine pack.

We will always love you PebPebs!



**PEBSPEBS GH-840**



**RIP MR. CHUCK – GoldHeart's Mr. February 2021****CHUCK GH-1135**

In many ways Mr. Chuck, as we called him, was a true wonder of a dog. Coming to Regina and I as a totally sightless senior we knew our daily world would change. What we never imagined, or expected was how delightful, and magical his companionship would be for us.

From his first minute arriving Chuck's tail wagged for 5 hours until collapsing on his new bed. For the 15 months we were blessed with him, Chuck's constant smile and easy approach captivated hundreds of friends of all ages both in person and on social media.

Despite being eyeless, Chuck was fearless on his daily adventures limited only by his safety lead. This happy boy was a marvel at getting around strutting headlong into thickets, creeks, woods, fields, watersheds, and schoolyards, as well as owning the neighborhood sidewalks.

Mr. Chuck also presented us with a glimpse of true resiliency, determination and a love of life regardless of his handicap. He was an amazing gift of spirit combined with endless belly-rubs, and his brightness never diminished even as his age finally betrayed his body.

Regina and I are comforted in our sadness regarding his passing, as we know Chuck lived a full and complete dog life for his final chapter. Mr. Chuck will be forever in our hearts, and his ashes will remain in the home the three of us gifted each other. Chuck has definitely earned his angel wings in this life, and we are so very proud to have been accepted by him as part of his journey.

Bruce Snyder & Regina Aris

**RIP Sweet Sadie**

March 22, 2021, was one of the hardest days of our lives. We said goodbye to our 15 year old GoldHeart girl Sadie. We got Sadie (GH-374) from GoldHeart the day before Thanksgiving 2006. She was only 9 months old at the time and we were her **THIRD** home. We couldn't imagine why anyone wouldn't want such a sweet girl. We had just adopted a 15 month old male (Ace) from GoldHeart 3 months before. Sadie and Ace ended up becoming real partners in crime!

Even though we know we were so lucky that for a Golden Retriever Sadie made it to the amazing age of 15, we still can't believe that she is really gone. There will always be an irreparable hole in our hearts. — *The Bageant Family*

**SADIE GH-374****BROGAN GH-564**

On June 19, 2021, our world was turned upside down when our amazing 'Golden Guy' Brogan suffered a dreaded break through seizure that was life ending.

I adopted Brogan in July 2009 and I remember that day so clearly!! We are grateful for all the countless special memories we have with him.

If you knew Brogan, you know how much he loved car rides! He waited patiently, then woof-woofing so loud and clear, tail wagging, ready to jump in the car, windows down and on his way! Happy to say, we were able to carry that tradition on till the very end.

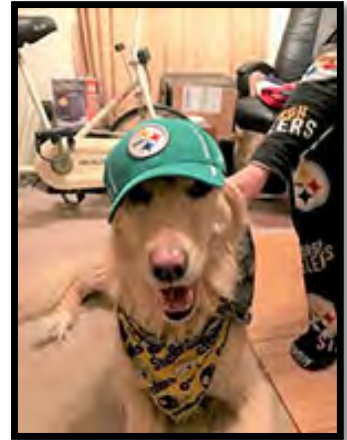
We miss him and LOVE him so much!

Woof-Woof Brogan, Woof-Woof

On Tuesday August 31, 2021, our family lost our best friend. Brownie came to us on my wife's birthday. He loved our family from the beginning. I loved him so much because he was always happy to see us wagging his tail. He had so much energy. We went on lone walks together. Brownie loved to watch TV and listen to music. Brownie was my Dad's best friend they were always together. When my Dad got Cancer it was very hard on Brownie. My Dad had to move into an assisted living facility for many months. Brownie and I used to visit him every chance we could. Brownie was a very shy dog, but he changed because of this experience.

My father's nurse had a great idea. After I visited with my Dad for a while and she would come into the room, and take Brownie for a tour of the Facility. All the people loved Brownie, and he was the highlight of their day. The shy dog started walking into the greeting everyone with Love. He showed me to have more love and compassion for people.

After my Dad died Brownie became my best friend. We did everything together. I took him for walks, and he loved to go on car rides into town. Brownie used to jump on the bed every night to watch TV. In June he lost the ability to jump, and two months later he lost the ability to use his back legs. My vet told me the Humane thing was to put Brownie down. My wife couldn't handle the grief so I was left alone with my friend. It was so hard to say goodbye to Brownie. I will never forget him looking at the door wanting to leave. I told him it was time to say goodbye, and he licked me on the cheek and moments later he was gone. Goodbye Old Friend I will love you Forever!



**BROWNIE GH-518**

*Brownie came to GoldHeart on September 21, 2008, at approximately 18 months old – RIP sweet boy!*



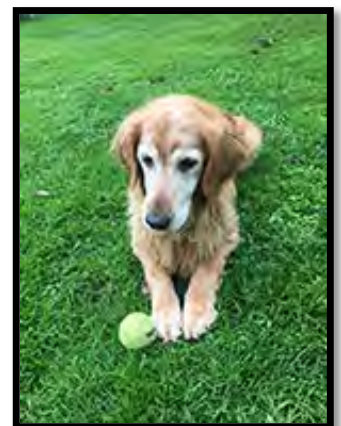
**GUNNER GH-1125**

Gunner was super happy to be back with GoldHeart in early April 2021. He had been a warrior his entire life, and it was time for this awesome boy to have a kind, relaxed and gentle life. As a long-term foster, and with support from our generous members, we did our best to ensure that. Sadly, without warning he left us on August 16, after a day filled with all the things he loved. His inspiring presence will be forever missed by his loving foster family and his GoldHeart family

### **RIP Beautiful Maggie**

On July 12, we lost our sweet Maggie. She and Finnegan came to live with us in June of 2020. We don't know anything about their prior lives, but it was apparent that they had been together for a long time and were inseparable. She was our gentle golden girl who loved her newfound freedom to run around outside, roll in the grass and just lay there like she didn't have a care in the world...though never without a tennis ball! The first time we threw a tennis ball to her, she looked at us like "what am I supposed to do with that?" It didn't take her long to figure it out. From then on, she carried one around with her and when all the tennis balls disappeared we knew she had them stockpiled under her bed.

Like a typical golden, she loved her stuffed toys and was first to greet anyone at the door carrying one with her tail wagging. She was our Momma dog who loved her family and kept an eye on everything! Maggie was a loving addition to our family and although much too short, we are thankful for the time we had. We miss her tremendously and will be forever grateful to GoldHeart for bringing this beautiful girl into our lives. ...*The Young Family*



**MAGGIE GH-1156**



**MOLLY GH-502**

How do you say goodbye to your best friend who gave you only unconditional love for 13 years? It's hard...impossible even. Molly (AKA-Minnie) you will be sorely missed by your Mommies! You've been the best fur baby we could ever have had. You were always ready to play with your favorite purple ball on a rope and then frisbee. You loved your sisters Maggie, Sophie and now little Ella...in your own way. You showed them you were the boss, but let them cuddle with you as well. You've been Sophie's best friend from the moment we brought her home at 8 weeks and she is really going to miss you! You've pass on the torch to her to teach Ella about life with the "Taylor's" and how to be a good girl. I pray you will get to run in the fields, swim in some ponds, free of pain, with Maggie, Gracie and all the other wonderful pups that have gone on to Rainbow Bridge. We'll be there soon to join you sweet girl! We love you with all our hearts!

The Taylor Family

**Our sweet Lola**, we had given her all of our love. She gave it back to us exponentially. We will all miss her enormously. She was originally from Egypt, but she definitely lived the life of a Queen with us. Heartbroken. You are forever in our hearts....The Reich Family

**LOLA GH-1005**

**Our wonderful 4 legged family members...**

**Always with us...Always!**



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**Moe's Bar and Grill** – 4709 Gettysburg Rd. – Mechanicsburg, PA

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**Healing Hands Animal Hospital** – 727 East Main St – Salisbury, MD 21804

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

**Canine Spa – Dillsburg** – Facebook: [www.facebook.com/caninespadillsburg](http://www.facebook.com/caninespadillsburg)

**Dirty Dog Makeover** – Annette Melhorn – Mobile Grooming

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

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