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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Spring! This Newsletter is going to be geared towards a plea for foster homes, volunteers to do home visits, volunteering at events, transports and welcoming any new ideas for fundraisers. We are in dire need of new foster homes. If you know anyone who you think would make a great foster family, please pass this on and maybe it will inspire you to learn about fostering.

FOSTERING: We are always looking to add to our "foster family list". These families provide a soft place for an owner surrendered golden, stray or abandoned to land for several weeks and sometimes longer depending on what he/she needs coming into rescue. Yes, it is a big commitment. If you or anyone you know would be interested in fostering, please check out our Fostering section and complete an application at our website.

Here are some fostering FAQ's:

What is fostering? - Fostering is the most important aspect of rescue. Agreeing to foster a golden on its way to rescue, you agree to take care of the dog as if it were your own. Providing love and attention, adequate exercise, food, water and shelter. The duration of foster care varies, it can be from 5 days to a few months or on some occasions, we bring in one that is special needs and requires a permanent foster. (GoldHeart provides the medical care for these goldens who most often are at the end of their lives. You provide that love and comfort until they cross over the Rainbow Bridge. To take on a special needs or a sick foster is the biggest commitment of all.)

What are the requirements to foster? - GoldHeart requires our foster homes to complete an application (we use the same application for foster, adopt and foster-to-adopt, so just check the foster box). If you have pets of your own they must be spayed/neutered, up to date on all vaccines and on heartworm year round (unless there is a medical reason). We will then check your vet references and a volunteer will do a home visit. Once you are approved to foster, your name will go on the foster home list. When a plea goes out for a foster home for a golden coming in, we try to be very thorough about sending along what we know about the dog and if you think he/she is a good fit for you and your family. Then, you email the intake coordinator. Once you have your foster dog, a foster packet will be sent to you. Each golden gets a new leash and collar, some toys, a GoldHeart ID tag and a volunteer will contact you about coming to micro-chip your foster if he/she has not already been chipped. Your foster packet will also include an adoption contract and a lot of information. If you do not have a fenced in yard, you are required to keep your foster dog on a leash. They may not run loose while in foster care unless it is in a secured area. Pets must be kept indoors while you are away or at work.

Will I have to pay for veterinary expenses? - As a volunteer, you will not be expected to pay for veterinary charges associated with your foster. A foster family is required to use one of our GoldHeart approved vets. If that particular vet will not bill GoldHeart directly, you can have that vet call the president or the treasurer and the bill will be paid right away. If you do pay the vet bill, in your foster packet you will find an expense report or you have access to an expense report online. Fill it out and send it along with your receipts to treasurer@goldheart.org for reimbursement.

Does a foster get paid? - No. Fostering is strictly voluntary. But, if you're an animal lover, the reward you feel from fostering and assisting in the placement of your foster dog into his/her forever home, is a great joy. You, as the foster family, get to choose where your foster dog goes.

What happens if I fall in love and want to adopt my foster dog? - We find that some rescues discourage foster families from adopting their fosters. Within the GoldHeart family, we have many foster homes that are also affectionately known as "FAILED FOSTERS." Naturally, as your foster Golden's first new family, you have the opportunity to adopt him/her. GoldHeart hopes and prays that you will continue to foster other dogs too!

If you are interested in welcoming a dog into your home as a foster family, please submit an application online today. A member of our foster team will contact you as soon as possible with more information. For more information please visit our Website: www.goldheart.org or contact goldheart@goldheart.org

HOME VISIT VOLUNTEERS: We are always in need of folks to do a home visit especially in the Maryland area. This requires your time and your dog. I usually allow about an hour to do a home visit. Do you remember when you were waiting for that volunteer to call about your home visit? You waited and waited and sometimes waited a little more.

What is involved you ask: Once the basic foot work is done by the application coordinator a request is put out to the Home visit Coordinator and she finds the closet volunteer and asks will they do this home visit. There is a basic questionnaire to fill out which gives you an idea of what to look for in the home. A volunteer takes their own personal dog along on a home visit. We look at the condition of the interior and exterior of the home. Anything that causes concern of the dog being harmed. At GoldHeart we do not require a fenced in yard but if the family has a physical fence it must be in good repair. You look at any current pets in the home. Do they appear well taken care of? How does the family interact with your dog and how does their dog interact with you dog. Once you have completed the home visit you fill out the home visit form with your findings, you call the applicants personal references and ask a few questions about that applicant and send everything to the application coordinator who will approve or disapprove that applicant. Remember, we want our goldens to go to the best forever home so if you have any concerns about their safety in that home make sure you let the application coordinator know about them.

VOLUNTEERING AT EVENTS: All the events that GoldHeart is going to do are listed on the website. Dates, time and location. Even if it is a small event it's always great to have a few volunteers to handle things. Most of the events are all pet friendly so if you have a well behaved dog we encourage you to bring them. At GoldHeart we do not do on the spot adoptions so we don't usually have foster dogs there but it is nice to have previously adopted dogs so that people can see the quality of dogs that come into the rescue. We have donation vets that the dogs walk around with so they can collect money for GoldHeart. Sometimes the booth gets very busy and folks are asking questions about fostering, adopting and volunteering. We need help with these folks and also extra volunteers so that the other volunteers that are there can go eat and go shopping for their pets. You may have already told us about areas you are available to volunteer (part of membership/volunteer application available on line under Volunteering), and if you can't remember if you did, just send our coordinator an email at volunteer@goldheart.org.

TRANSPORTS: Sometimes we get a call about a dog that is too far for one volunteer to reach so we put out a plea for several folks to help get the dog to the family that is going to foster. Maybe the family surrendering the dog doesn't have transportation or they feel more comfortable meeting you and have you meet the dog in it's own home. Since we sometimes bring dogs in from the south and from Egypt, we need someone who can pick up the dogs from the transporter coming from the south or go to JFK or another airport to pick up this precious cargo.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS: Your ideas for fundraising are always welcome. We are always looking for ways to raise funds for the medical care for the goldens coming into the rescue and making sure they get the best care that we can give them. We also buy a lot of supplies that are needed for these pups. We supply each foster with a new leash, collar and ID tag. Flea/tick meds, heartworm meds. Each dog that comes in is micro chipped and GoldHeart pays for the registration of that micro-chip. Each foster family gets a foster packet for their pup, so if we have toys or bones donated to us we put some in the packets. Remember, some of these precious pups come with nothing,, they don't know what it is like to run around with a ball or chew on a bone or lay on a nice soft bed.

Again please address any board member with your ideas for fundraisers. One fundraiser that we have going right now is the **Spring Grilling Bundle**. Look for details in the newsletter or go online to the website www.goldheart.org and get all the details. This was a great fundraiser last year and hopefully it will be as successful this year.

I sure hope this letter inspires some of you or your friends to volunteer to foster a golden in need. Thank you everyone for all you do and for always being there for GoldHeart and these precious pups. Just to say thank you sometimes never seems enough.

Barb Schaefer
President
GoldHeart



Can I crash
at your place
for a while?

Upcoming Raffle

Name:	Address:	Phone:	 GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc	Win a Warrington Farms Spring Grilling Sampler (value \$150)!
				Includes: 20 lb ground beef, 5-12 oz NY Strips, 5-12 oz Delmonicos, and 10 lb boneless skinless chicken breast Only \$10!! Drawing June 23rd, 2018!

GoldHeart Grilling Sampler Raffle

Don't miss out on a chance to win the perfect pairing -- helping GoldHeart Foster Dogs and knowing what you will bring to your Independence Day Party!

Here's four options to secure your ticket(s). No more than 150 tickets will be sold - so Hurry!

Drawing June 23, 2018 with delivery guaranteed in time for July 4th.

1. On sale at GoldHeart events May - June 22, 2018.
2. In person from our GoldHeart President, Barb Schaefer.
3. Mail in your check with your delivery address by June 15, payable to GoldHeart, at PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619, and include your email address so we can confirm your entry.
4. 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 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!



PET EXPO 2018

Thanks to all the 2 and 4 -legged volunteers!



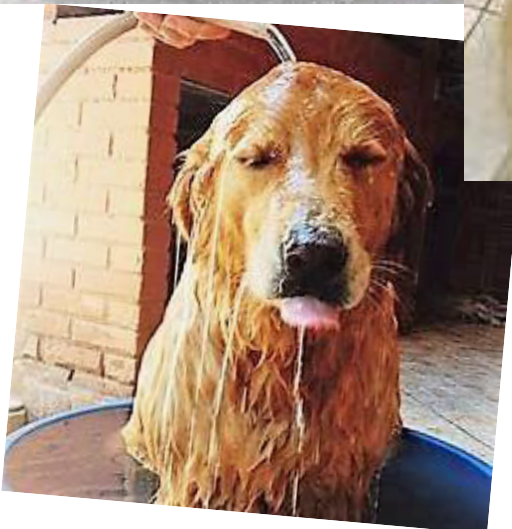
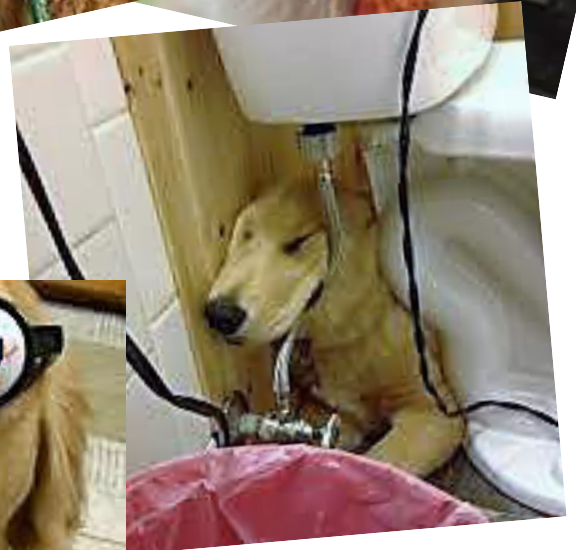
GoldHeart Easter Pet Photos Fundraiser

At the end of March, several GoldHeart volunteers braved some chilly temps for an Easter photo fundraising event held in Glen Burnie. Participating pooches were photographed in Easter ears and/or bandanas and then their images were digitally framed in an Easter theme border. Thanks to Event Coordinator Pamela Kent and Photographer Ann Matejka, with support from several other wonderful GoldHeart team members.



- COMING IN JULY -

**GOLDHEART GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE
GOOFY GOLDEN 50/50 RAFFLE
YOU'LL BE GETTING MORE INFORMATION SOON!**



THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN....

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

July 31, 2005 - April 30, 2018. June 19th, 2008 was one of the happiest days of our lives. That was the day we were lucky enough to adopt our golden boy Baxter. My mother always said "You two won the lottery, HE is just THE sweetest dog" and indeed we did, and indeed he was. He was our joy, our heart, our love. We will miss him all of our days. He was our guy. [#rescuedog](#) Thank you Gold Heart for every wonderful day we had with him. Barb Schaefer we will be grateful to you for bringing him to us until the end of time



Baxter Ferrier GH 489



Rocky GH 560

Rocky GH 560

Handsome Rocky was rescued by our family, along with his brother Tucker (GH-561), in July 2009. Rocky just loved all his humans and especially his littermate Tucker. Rocky was the best of the best and we just loved spoiling him and his brother. Rocky loved exploring his yard and snuggling with his brother and family members. Except for his fear of thunderstorms and fireworks, Rocky was a wonderful, mild-mannered golden boy. There are no words adequate to explain how much we loved Rocky, and how heartbroken we are that he had to leave us too soon. No matter how long you have with your fur-kids, it is never long enough.

Sadly, last year Rocky was diagnosed with cancer and while he lived for months after diagnosis, when he had enough, we ensured he left gently, surrounded by those he loved, with Josh holding him gently, as he transitioned to a pain free life at the Rainbow Gridge.

We will miss him always, and Rocky, you will live on forever in our hearts. Until we meet again,

The Sickora Family

On February 28, 2018, our sweet Bella crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Bella came to her GoldHeart foster home on December 13, 2017, and had a lot of health issues. After several visits to the vet, Bella was feeling good and full of life, her tail couldn't have moved any faster. She only weighed 38 pounds, but that didn't stop her from pushing her big foster brother Zack out of the way to beat him outside. She loved waking him up by sticking her nose at his ears. Bella got sick all at once and her stomach got hard. The vet found a tumor that we didn't know she had. It had moved and blocked her from breathing. There was nothing that could be done. It breaks our hearts that this little girl had come so far and we only had 2-1/2 months to love her the way she deserved. Bella will be forever in our hearts and we will miss her more than words can say. We were so blessed to have this sweet little girl in our lives. Bella is pain free and playing at the Rainbow Bridge with all her fur buddies! Love you always sweet Bella♥

Mommy and Zack



Bella GH 1060



Aldi GH 1036

We are heartbroken to report that Alder, affectionately known as Aldi, has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Late last year, Aldi was diagnosed with cancer (aggressive Lymphoma).

His Foster Mom told us, *I've never met a sweeter young man. He had such an even temper. However, he was not a push over. Push him too far and he would let you know in no uncertain terms that he had had enough. I will always think it funny, that when it was time to eat, Lexi (his foster sister pictured here) would bark and that would bring Alder out of the bedroom. Some how, he knew the difference between her "I hear something" and "she's making DINNER" bark.*

To say he is missed is an understatement. Our hearts are broken, feeling so sad for this little guy and wishing his outcome could have been different. We find comfort knowing that Alder was in a loving home where his final days were filled with comfort and cuddles and love, and no question, he was thinking he's the luckiest dog in the world to have landed with these sweet, wonderful people – his GoldHeart foster family – who have taken such good care of him. Huge thanks to the Wise family.

Alder's Rescue:

He is an international rescue that made his way in June 2017 from Okinawa, Japan to the USA courtesy of some very dedicated military families that volunteer with the doggies inc. rescue. He was picked up on the streets in Japan, and his future was looking very uncertain until the Doggiesinc team contacted GoldHeart, and set the remarkable rescue chain of events into action that got this sweet boy to the USA to enjoy the good life in a GoldHeart approved foster home.

RIP Beautiful Abbey

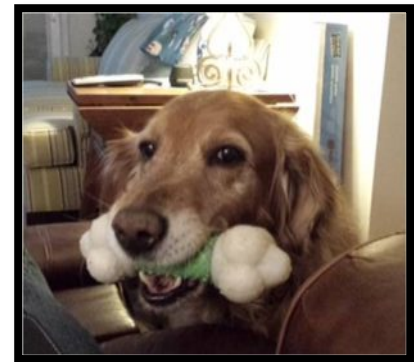
Abbey Lou, passed over the Rainbow Bridge this afternoon (January 15, 2018). She did not suffer, but experienced a short illness related to liver failure. She would have been 13 tomorrow.

Abbey came to us 12 years ago next month. She was a true velcro golden who brought us nothing but love and happiness. She greeted every visitor with a toy as they entered our home.

A year after she arrived, our grandson was born. They were fast friends, buds forever.

She will be missed, but always in our hearts. Thank you GoldHeart for bringing our lives together.

The Mason Family



Abbey GH 305



Annie GH 1008

Thoughts from Annie's Mom:

I debated before I adopted Annie, "should I do this?", knowing our time would be short.

I don't have any regrets about that decision. She was the sweetest soul. She was loved by so many. My neighbors, especially the neighborhood kids, are heartbroken.

I am grateful for the time we had, she was loved and happy. There were a few bad days, otherwise, what a good year. She was a beautiful gift. I am blessed.

Thanks to you and the GoldHeart team for your kindness.

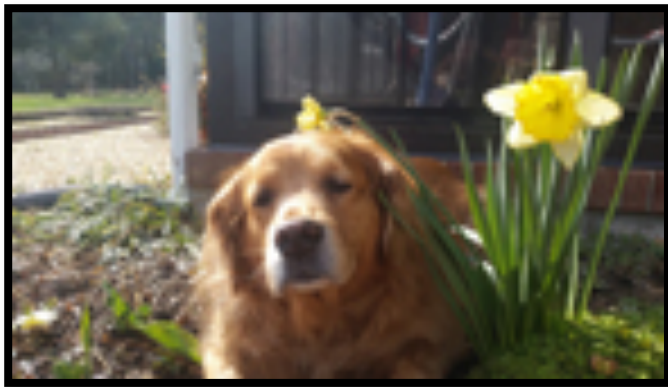
Our beautiful, sweet and kind soul Bailey crossed the Rainbow Bridge on December 26, 2017. We were lucky enough to have adopted Bailey from GoldHeart in October 2009, and had 8 wonderful years of him enriching our lives. When we agreed to adopt him there was a concern he was really scared by loud noises and we lived by a gun club. So after a brief trial period that showed it didn't bother him, he found his forever home with us. He had a big brother golden named Hunter that was the polar opposite of Bailey. Hunter only spent 3 years with Bailey but definitely helped bring out Bailey's personality.

Bailey was a great only dog who never had a mean bone in his body. He rarely barked other than wanting to come inside. He loved being a great companion for us. He really loved our grandson (pictured here), and our grandson loved him and insisted on sleeping with Bailey when he slept over at Grammie and Pappys. Even after our grandson moved to Florida, when our grandson came back for a visit, Bailey remembered him like he never left. He loved the neighbors in our neighborhood and would stop by for a rub or if lucky, he got a cookie while on walks. He couldn't pass someone without stopping on a walk and would have an incredulous look on his face if they didn't stop to visit with him. Sometimes, even if they were across the street he felt the need to go across the street and spread a little Bailey love. He was the best best dog we ever had and we will always love and miss him. We will be eternally grateful for having the opportunity to have him in our lives.

Tom and Kathy Carper



Bailey Cooper GH 603



Shay GH 705

It is with a sad heart that I pass this news along to you and the Goldheart organization. We lost our Goldheart girl, Shay yesterday. She had been suffering with seizures for 2 weeks leaving her unable to walk for hours after the event. Her disposition never changed as she was the most "laid back" dogs I have ever seen! Her sad eyes reflected her confusion with her condition. After losing her daughter, Roz, 2 years ago, Shay did surprisingly well without having to share the "limelight" with her extroverted daughter! Shay was 13 years old and we enjoyed the happiness that she and Roz brought into our lives for the past 7 years. Thanks to Goldheart for allowing us to be their guardians! I have attached a picture of Shay taken last Spring.

Best, Tom and Terri Westcott

With each edition of the GH newsletter, it never gets any easier to assemble the Rainbow Bridge section. I am reminded every time of the pain we feel after the loss of one of our family members, it's never easy. Our hearts are empty and it seems like they will never heal. But in life, as in all things, try to remember....this too shall pass. Be happy and grateful for the days you were able to share together. You provided a safe and loving home to a wonderful pup...and they loved you for it each and every day. Even in the darkest times...

Life is good!.....MP



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Ask for Marian!

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