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A Letter From The President

Spring into action

That seems to be what our team of volunteers knows how to do best. In 2016 we got calls for 46 golden retrievers and golden mixes that needed a place to call home. They ranged in age from 4 months old to about 12 years old. At GoldHeart we welcomed them into our family. When the call comes into the hotline, Carol Ruell, our intake coordinator springs into action. She gets all the information from the give up owners or shelters as well as pictures of the dogs and then sends out the information to our foster homes. Sometimes a foster family steps up right away and other times it takes a few pleas but someone always comes to the rescue. Now it's a matter of connecting with the owners and arranging transport from the owner to the foster family. This can often be complicated because of everyone's schedules. Owners work, volunteers work. Transports are often done on the week-ends or late in the evenings. If it is something that needs to happen right away then Carol and I go on a "road trip" Sometimes these trips can take all day but we just turn the radio on and have a good time and try not to get lost. Depending on where the dog is coming from such as a breeder or shelter and yes sometimes even the give up owner, the dogs don't smell all that great and it's quite a long stinky ride home. I want to thank Carol Ruell, Marie and Pete Martinez, LaDonna Puryear, Bob and Karol Hickman, Jen Madden, Tom and MaryAnn Long for always being at our beckon call for emergency pick up and a host of other volunteers that make it possible to get these furry friends into the GoldHeart family.

We have continued to do the International transports. We brought in 13 dogs from Egypt in 2016. All but one of those dogs are in wonderful homes. Gracie GH# 1004 is still under medical evaluation but is doing wonderful thanks to the kindness and great care of her foster family. We have 5 scheduled to come as of Feb. 17, 2017. All of these pups are quarantined in Egypt for anywhere from 30-45 days once they are vaccinated. There is no danger to any foster families dogs or humans by bringing these goldens into the USA. They all have passports and health certificates which are thoroughly checked at customs before being boarded onto the flight and before getting off the flight at the welcoming airport in the USA, which is usually JFK. This is a long day for these pups and for the volunteers that go to the airport. It is a 12 hour flight and the flights usually arrive at around 3:15 pm. So you rush to the airport and now you wait and wait and maybe wait some more. Depending on how many rescues are bringing in dogs and cats, the airport personnel may have about 25- 30 animals to unload, get them to the customs area and now the fun of checking passports and health certificates starts. They are always the last ones off the flight. Once everyone is to the pet walking area you get them out of the crates, immediately walk them, water them, feed them and then walk them some more. Some of pretty scared but seem to do well with a little sweet talking and TLC. Now you clean crates and load them all back up into a van and get them back to Pa to be picked up by their wonderful foster homes.

I usually put a plea out for help at the airport or riding along to the airport. If you're interested please contact me at president@goldheart.org

Thank you to all the GoldHeart family members and FaceBook family and friends that continue to support GoldHeart. Without you we just could not exist.

Barbara Schaefer

President

GoldHeart

UPCOMING EVENTS

GoldHeart 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.



Saturday, March 25, 2017
12pm – 5pm

The Rustic Inn
9527 Belair Road, Nottingham, MD 21236

Karaoke from 1-5pm
50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction

The restaurant will donate 10 % of gross sales during our event!

For info please contact Donna Blake at treasurer@goldheart.org



All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly towards the rescue and rehoming of our beloved Golden and golden-mix retrievers.



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GIVING THANKS FOR GOLDENS FALL FUNDRAISER - HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The Board of Directors and dogs of GoldHeart are *forever* thankful to everyone who participated in the 2016 Fall *Giving Thanks for Goldens* Fundraiser, making it the most successful fundraising event of the year with over \$14,000 in donations. Add in our March Medical Bills Fundraiser, other generous donations throughout the year, membership renewals, and other fundraising events you may have participated in, we are pleased to report that GoldHeart succeeded in covering a significant portion of our extraordinary veterinary expenses in 2016. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED AND VOLUNTEERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR -- RESCUE IS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT!**

- 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!

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CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



JENNY (GH)

Sweet Jenny crossed the Rainbow Bridge 11-2-2016. RIP peace beautiful girl.

Our heartfelt sympathy and forever thanks go out to the Hazenstab's, her loving and dedicated foster family who cared for Jenny for over two years.

Jenny came to Goldheart, at age seven, in June 2014, and due to ongoing health issues, was placed in our long term foster program where she received medical care and lots of love from her wonderful foster family. Jenny had cancer and kidney issues.

Jenny's care exceeded \$5,000. Donations to help cover the cost to care for Jenny, and the Long Term Foster Program will be greatly appreciated.

Send donations to GoldHeart.org

LEFT TO RIGHT - CARSON (GH 768) - APACHE (GH 767)



It is with a heavy heart that we need to tell you Carson went to heaven today. She was with us the entire time and it was very quick. She got a bath this morning, big lunch and a couple treats.

This afternoon she had her first seizure ever, but never came out of it. We held her and talked with her the entire time and she was never alone.

Apache is doing ok. We will see how the week goes.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to spend part of our lives with Carson. She will be missed.

Dennis and Charlie

**TUCKER (GH 289)**

Tucker came into our lives with his sister **Tawny (GH-288)** in May of 2011. They both turned 8 the next month. Originally, we were to foster them for a few weeks after picking them up in Orlando since we were taking a road trip up north to Pennsylvania. Once these two beauties walked into our home, we all knew they were meant for us. We always had Golden Retrievers and our house seemed alive again with Tucker & Tawny a part of the family. We cancelled the road trip! It's the best decision we ever made!!

Sadly, we lost Tawny (our princess) in February of 2014 to Lymphoma. Sad day for sure. We were grieving, but so was Tucker. He was Tawny's protector and he was lost without her. He actually wouldn't eat breakfast or dinner without first making sure Tawny had hers! Imagine? There was a special bond with them. Always together, paws touching, always having to know where the other was.

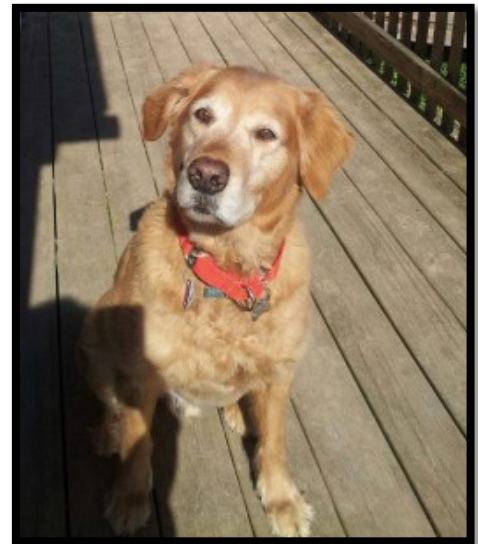
Slowly, Tucker (sometimes we called him Mr. T) adjusted. We kept him busy with his favorite things...long walks, going to the Tampa Bay Park for hours, just sitting by the water & his basket full of toys (Nylabones were his favorite)!

Our house is again empty, our hearts are heavy, but we are so very grateful for having had both Tawny & Tucker in our lives.

I'll close this with: "Who's the best boy? Tucker's the best boy!" (It's what we said to him all the time!)

We'll miss you always buddy!

The Zook Family

**MACY (GH 943)****GINGER****HAYDEN (GH 829)**

THE PARENTS OF THE THREE WONDERFUL GOLDENS PICTURED ABOVE MISS THEM VERY MUCH.

THE GOLDHEART FAMILY IS VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

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Everyone at GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. would like to thank you for your continuing

