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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I am hoping that this letter finds everyone as well as can be expected.

COVID-19 seems to have taken over everyone's life in one way or another. The loss of loved ones, loved ones needing help recovering, maybe the loss of jobs. The board sends their condolences to everyone. As mentioned in a previous letter, if anyone of our members finds themselves in trouble, unable to provide for their GH adopted pets, please contact us and we will try to work something out for you.

The annual meeting took place using Facebook Messenger Rooms, certainly not as much fun as in person, yet we were able to meet some of our member's fur-babies. Our VP Elaine Goodman stepped down due to changes in her life, but will hopefully find time to come to some events in the future. Thank you, Elaine, for honoring GH with the time you spent as our VP. The new VP is Sabrena Hartley Garrison. We are looking forward to her ideas and help with veterinary matters as she is a certified veterinary tech and was the owner and president of an animal emergency trauma center. It is great to have her on board.

As you know, in person fundraising is at a complete halt. With the help of our GoldHeart family and friends we have been able to keep our heads above water. There are some in person fundraisers that have been rescheduled for this year - 2021. The Pet Expo (Timonium, MD) is scheduled for May 1- 2, and WoofStock on the Riverfront (Harrisburg, PA) is set to take place on Sept 26.

As more events are planned, they will be posted on our website. Hopefully it will be safe enough to attend these events, assuming they proceed as planned. It's always a great time and such an exciting time to see the families and GH dogs that have been adopted. We have been trying to come up with unique and fun ways to raise much needed funds to keep our rescue going. We hope you will participate in our next raffle "Scratch Like a Dog for GoldHeart" 100 chances will be sold at \$20 each for a chance to win \$300 worth of scratch off lottery tickets. The lucky winner will receive \$300 worth of scratch off tickets from their state (PA, DE or MD). See the announcement on page 2 of this newsletter.

The board would like to thank every one of our GoldHeart family members, who are always there when the plea goes out for help, whether it be financially, to help with transport or to foster. Your dedication to GoldHeart and the furkids is so appreciated.

This brings us to another issue. When pleas go out for a foster home (our intake coordinator has a list of about 75 names) she only hears from the same few people, and we really appreciate those folks. In the near future, we will be sending an inquiry to all foster homes to update our listing, and we will appreciate you responding. We completely understand that things change and that fostering may not fit in your life anymore. Also, at any time you receive a plea, and can no longer foster, please let our intake coordinator, Carol Ruell, know.

UPDATE on Wrigley GH# 1159- I'm guessing many of you are wondering about Wrigley. An update was posted on 1/27/21. We had to move Wrigley from his original foster home due to his foster mom's family emergency situation to a temporary foster home who then experienced the need for some surgery herself. Wrigley had an appt on January 19, at Matthew Ryan Veterinary Hospital (University of PA) for another round of testing, which this little boy is not fond of. His specialist expressed interest in fostering him since we needed yet another foster home for Wrigley. He gets to go to work with her every day and to school when she teaches. You can read his update in this newsletter, reposted from the Long Term Foster (LTF) section of our website.

Some of our members have again experienced the loss of a furry family member. Our hearts go out to those families who pets crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

So here is hoping that things will continue to improve in 2021, and that we can all see each other soon. Sofie Nugget GH# 987 certainly misses going to all the events!

Stay Safe and Stay Warm,

**Barbara "Barb" Schaefer**

President, GoldHeart



# Reserve your Chances - Spring 2021 Raffle

## Scratch Like a Dog for GoldHeart ♥

Win a scratching good time and also raise money for our foster dogs!



ONLY 100 chances will be sold at \$20 each

**Win \$300 worth of scratch off lottery tickets** within GoldHeart's Service Area! The winner will receive a ticket assortment from their state (MD, PA or DE).

Please send an email to [raffle@goldheart.org](mailto:raffle@goldheart.org) to reserve your chance(s) and to get payment instructions.

After all tickets are sold, a drawing will be held, and the lucky Winner will be announced in our **FB Group** and at [www.goldheart.org](http://www.goldheart.org).



Meet Long Term Foster Sofie GH-987

Thank you for supporting GoldHeart

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

"Wondered why my dog wouldn't come when I called him. Then I found this."

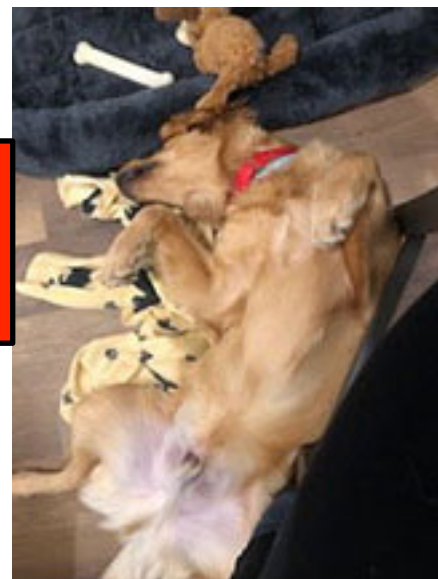


## We Love Our Goldens!





Hello  
Wrigley



Meet Wrigley, who thrived in his awesome foster home from July 2020 until mid January 2021, and is thrilled to report he is moving one step closer to his very own forever home.

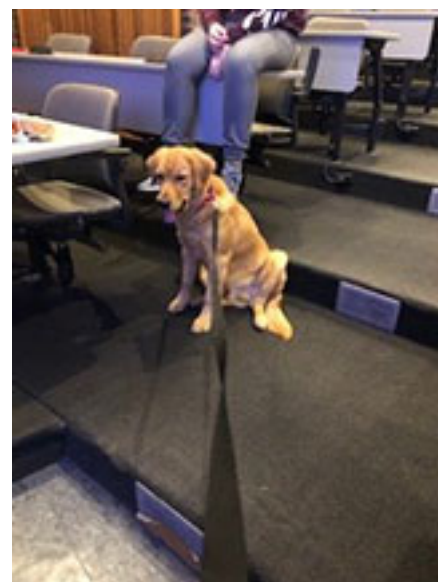
He was just 9 weeks old when surrendered to GoldHeart on July 22, and he was given to rescue because one or more expensive surgeries were anticipated for this little guy. At arrival, we were told that his penis could be extruded through the opening, but the opening is abnormally small. He had a PH level of 8 in his urine (his give-up owner's vet thought it should be much lower). Only one testicle could be found and information received was he had Struvite Crystals and a Urachal Diverticulum that will need to be repaired.



GoldHeart realized Wrigley could be facing several thousand dollars in medical bills and with Covid-19 restricting our ability to participate in normal fundraising activities, we sought support from our membership and friends to help us get whatever this little guy needs. The response and donations came pouring in for this adorable guy – thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Wrigley thanks you too!

**1-27-2021 UPDATE** Since Wrigley's arrival he has endured many trips to the local vet and to the specialists at Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital. His vet team at Matthey Ryan was puzzled for months and tried different tests and procedures. While his testicles never dropped (a condition called cryptorchidism), neutering a dog with retained testes is not uncommon, and simply more complicated than the usual neutering because it involves locating and removing the testes from the inguinal canal or wherever in the abdomen they may be. The cryptorchidism condition, however, is not what is causing his frequent urination. In short, the final diagnosis

delivered from his specialists is *Psychogenic Polydipsia*. In short, *Psychogenic polydipsia* is an uncommon behavioral condition that may cause dogs to drink more water, resulting in excessive urination. As you may know, the good vets ruled out any other underlying physical causes over the past several months. While Wrigley's frequent urination has improved, he will need ongoing behavioral support, and while the hope is he will continue to improve, he could still have lifelong issues due to this condition. One of Wrigley's vets, who fully understands his condition and needs, is now fostering him, and he gets to go to work daily with her too! We could not imagine a happier ever-after for this sweet boy. After he settles in, our hope is he will be adopted under a GoldHeart Puppy



## WE STILL NEED GOLDHEART 2022 CALENDAR MODELS

Do you have some great pictures of your GoldHeart Rescue(s) that we can feature in next year's calendar? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please send an email to [calendar@goldheart.org](mailto:calendar@goldheart.org) with your contact information and we will get in touch to share submittal instructions.

For Goldheart Rescues who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge that were not included last year, please submit a picture with your Dog's Name and Goldheart Number (please designate for Memorial Calendar page in your email). If you would also like to have a memorial posted at our web site, please send an email in addition to your favorite image(s) to [secretary@goldheart.org](mailto:secretary@goldheart.org).

# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

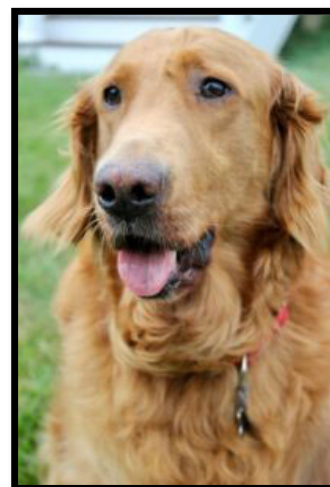
## RIP Sweet Annie – GoldHeart's Miss January 2020

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, Annie passed away unexpectedly. We're all very heartbroken, particularly the kids. We don't know what caused it and it happened very quickly. She had been slowing down a little bit lately and had few GI issues earlier in the week, but nothing overly concerning that would have been a red flag. We chose not to have them do anything invasive after she was gone to find out why. I got to be with her and tell her how much we loved her in her final minutes so she was not alone, which I'm very thankful for. She was a truly loved addition to our family and our family and neighbors loved her too. We are so thankful for the time we had with her and wish it was longer. In recent months, she loved having everyone at home during the pandemic and often made appearances in my daughter's Zoom classes. She loved going on car rides and we would bring her every where we could. She was a frequent attendant at our daughter's soccer games and many soccer parents reached out with sadness after hearing the news.

We will miss her kind, gentle, and sweet spirit. It will be hard for awhile. We want to thank you all for your efforts in making Annie part of our family and all you have done for the organization. Here are a few favorite pictures.

Annie, you will live on Forever in our Hearts.

*Katherine, Eric, Ryan and Lily Kaye*



**ANNIE GH-1106**

## RIP ALEX



**ALEX GH-962**

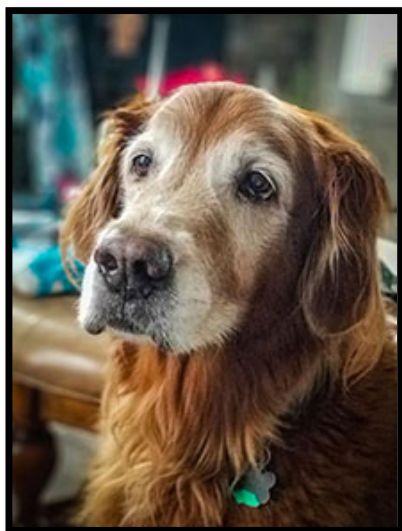
The sun rose this morning. But I watched it without my best pal, Alex. Yesterday, we lost our beautiful Golden Retriever to an underlying illness that nobody saw. Alex was the sweetest, most gentle soul who loved anyone he met. His quiet demeanor and bright eyes captured the love of so many... nobody more than us though. He came from a tough start, found abandoned on the streets in Cairo. But through the kindness of so many, he made a safe passage to the U.S. and found his way to our hearts five years ago. We were so blessed to have Goldheart Golden Retriever Rescue award us this special pup. We enjoyed so many great adventures with Alex, but had so many more that should've happened. This was too sudden and too soon.

For Alex...stop and watch a sunrise, take a long walk or car ride, make a new friend and have a good thought for our best friend.

We will see him again...across The Rainbow Bridge.

*The Long Family*

# We'll miss you all!



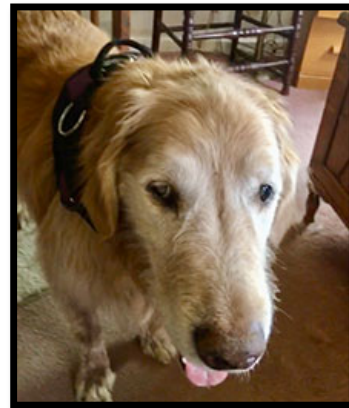
**BREWSTER GH-507**



**BUDDY GH-903**



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**

## **FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART**

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410-319-6630 or 1-877-319-6630

**Mt. Airy Veterinary Associates** – 6 East Ridgeville Blvd – Mt. Airy, MD 21771 – 301-829-4099

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

**Shiloh Veterinary Clinic** – 100 Morgan Lane – York, PA

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

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

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

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

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