

GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

A publication of the GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By David Beaver

Members:

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue has successfully completed a very tumultuous year. In January of 2008 we seated our new board, President, David Beaver; Vice President, Trish Thomas; Secretary, Melissa Bageant; Treasurer, Donna Blake; Member at Large (Intake/Foster Home Coordinator), Edie Galpin; Member at Large (Adoption Coordinator) Lisa Hecker; and Member at Large, Barbara Schaefer. GoldHeart would also like to welcome our new Website Administrator, Jennifer Brechin, and our new Merchandise Coordinator, Bob Karifin. We also want to thank Maggie Salyers for agreeing to continue being our event coordinator!

GoldHeart is desperately in need of *financial support*; anything you could contribute would be greatly appreciated by our furry friends. Expenses last year exceeded income in excess of \$4,000.00. So far in the past three months, we have had to move funds from our money market account in order to continue to meet our expenses. In addition, many of our incoming dogs have required additional expenses, such as boarding, and more medical expenses than usual. As a result, our income has been outspent 3 to 1 (meaning for every dollar coming into the rescue, three are being spent). This places our ability to continue to achieve our mission in serious jeopardy.

Under the direction of Trish Thomas, we have developed several new fundraising efforts, they include the Bull Roast on August 25, 2008, several raffles, lottery, micro-

chipping events just to name a few. In conjunction, our new Merchandise Coordinator, Bob Karifin has found several new items for our tables at the numerous events GoldHeart will be attending this year. Bob has worked closely with the board & Jen Brechin, our web designer, to reduce our expenses relating to merchandise & increase our revenue. By instituting the GoldHeart "Online Shopping Mall" shopping site, all of the websites featured on this page allows us to expand our offerings of merchandise to our Golden Family, while a portion of the proceeds come directly to the rescue without requiring us to commit to quantities & tying up funds for inventory that is badly needed in other areas. We are also expanding our grant application requests, and hope to see results from that soon, however we cannot depend on these grants being approved!

Overall, I am confident in GoldHeart's ability to continue its mission, through our membership, our fundraising efforts, and our love of our furry golden friends.

I want to thank all the members of the board for all of their hard work and dedication over the past three months, without them & all they do, we would not be where we are today. And would like to challenge all of our membership to participate.

Sincerely,

David S. Beaver



Lottery Raffle!

For the month of June 2008 we will be holding a raffle, based on the winning Maryland Evening Pick 3.

Only 1000 tickets will be sold numbered from 000 to 999.

Prizes are as follows:

Monday through Friday :

\$50 each

Saturday:

\$100 each

Last day of month (June 30):

\$500

Donation \$10 per ticket

(25 chances to win!)

If you would like to purchase and/or sell tickets, please contact us by email at:

treasurer@goldheart.org

or mail a request to the GoldHeart mailing address:

P.O. Box 206

Mount Airy, MD 21771

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2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Please, don't let your GoldHeart membership expire. All of the Golden's, whom you support with your membership would miss you terribly! If you have already sent your renewal, "Woof Woof" (thank you). If not, please renew your membership online at www.goldheart.org, or mail your \$30 check to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771. THANK YOU!!!

INTRODUCING: "THE SARGE FUND"



HOPE
Hounds of
Prison Education

Please, help us with your generous donation to cover the quite extensive incurred expenses for Sarge. Sarge recently entered the HOPE program (Hounds of Prison Education) at the State Correctional Facility in Camp Hill, PA. This is a residential non-profit training program. Sarge was graciously accepted into this program by the kind folks of HOPE, to learn how to be a congenial Golden again! As GoldHeart's appreciation for HOPE's assistance with Sarge, we plan to share your kind do-

nations with HOPE. Please, designate your generous support for "The Sarge Fund" either online or by mail to: GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771

Thank you!

Visit the HOPE website at:

hopedogs.org.

You can see all of the beautiful dogs currently in their program, including Sarge! Click on Sarge's photo to see weekly updates on his progress.



Gracie
(GH-464)

What Makes a Dog Territorial?

What could make a dog become unsociable with other dogs? Sarge is wonderful with people, but does not like other dogs in "his" territory. In the short time Sarge has been in the HOPE program, he has made great strides in re-learning how to interact with his canine friends. Sarge was not always like this. What could have caused him to become this way? Dogs left chained outside often develop these territorial issues. Other dogs, or even people, can torment the dog & he cannot do anything about it. When a dog like Sarge reacts to other dogs coming into his perceived space, it is purely out of fear. Dogs are social creatures. They do not like being separated from the "pack", or family. Isolation will do psychological damage to a pack animal like a dog. This is why anyone who adopts from GoldHeart must have their new Golden living inside of the home with the family, and not left tied up outside. Some states are now even passing anti-chaining laws.

**"The more
people I meet
the more I like
my dog."**

Unknown

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following special folks & volunteers who have donated their time & desperately needed financial support:

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ANNOUNCING THE 1st ANNUAL GOLDHEAT BULL ROAST!



1ST ANNUAL BULL ROAST

Sunday, August 24, 2008

12:00- 5:00 P.M.

The Del Capri

302 German Hill Road

Baltimore, MD 21222

Raffles!

Wheels!

Pit Beef	Green Beans Almondine
Pit Ham	Bread, Rolls
Italian Sausage	Assorted Desserts
Baked Chicken	Beer, Wine, Soda
Spinach Lasagna	Cash Bar for Cocktails
Mashed Potatoes	Coffee & Tea

Silent Auction!

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and the number is limited—first come, first served!

All proceeds benefit the Goldens

To order tickets contact the treasurer by email at treasurer@goldheart.org

or

**Mail a check & request to:
GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771**

Merchandise

* Volunteers are needed to help at the bull roast! We need help running the merchandise table & the money wheels. If you plan on attending this event & would like to help, contact the treasurer (treasurer@goldheart.org) or the vice-president (vp@goldheart.org), or mail a note with your information to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771. THANKS!!!

"FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART"

GoldHeart would like to thank the following businesses for their support!

(Tell them you saw them in Golden Heartbeats!)

You Lucky Dog 🍀
1213 Liberty Rd.
Suite E
Eldersburg, MD 21784
410-795-1033
youluckydogstore.com

Kristin Wade (groomer)
www.canaltownelabs.com

Mt. Airy Veterinary Associates
1312 South Main St.
Suite 9
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
301-829-4099

Bridget Graff (groomer)
Paws Fur Me Mobil Pet Salon
www.pawsfurme.com

Barb's Clip & Dip
Camp Hill, PA

Churchville Veterinary Clinic
www.ChurchvilleVet.com

All for the Animals
Pet Care Professionals, Inc.
Lisa Breece, Pet Sitter

Pet Value
Crofton, MD

Moe's Bar
Camp Hill, PA



Angel (GH-471)

PawsAbilities 2008!

Everyone had a great time at the PawsAbilities 2008 event at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. This annual event benefits the Susquehanna Service Dogs.

Thanks to the GoldHeart members, furry & non-furry, who helped work the GoldHeart booth: Barb Schaefer & "Sadie", Connie & Dave Fisher, Maggie & "Daisy" Salyers, "Gracie", and Melissa Bageant.



"A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself."

- Josh Billings



Scarlet (GH-473)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Drop by & say "Hi" at the GoldHeart booth at one of these upcoming events:

Anne Arundel County Adopt-a-Thon

April 12, 2008

10 am - 2 pm

Anne Arundel County Animal Control

411 Maxwell Frye Road

Millersville, MD 21108

Contact: Sherry Durm - 410-222-8900, x3020

School of the Incarnation

Yard Sale & Craft Fair

April 12, 2008

School of the Incarnation

2601 Symphony Lane

Gambrills, MD 21054

GoldHeart will be offering a micro chipping clinic at this event

Maryland SPCA March for the Animals

April 20, 2008

Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, Maryland

Micro Chipping Clinic

May 4, 2008

2 - 4 pm

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Department

3825 Federal Hill Road

Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Fee: \$35 (cash only)

(Harford County Health Department will also be offering a Rabies Clinic at the same time)

Meet our Dogs Day

May 10, 2008

TBA

1st Annual GoldHeart Bull Roast

August 24, 2008

12-5 pm

The Del Capri

302 German Hill Road

Baltimore, MD 21222

Tickets are \$35.00—limited number—first come, first served!

Email the treasurer at treasurer@goldheart.org

or mail a request to

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Paws on Parade

September 28, 2008

Baltimore County Humane Society, MD

Pets on Wheels Dog-a-Thon

October 4, 2008

Oregon Ridge Park, Maryland

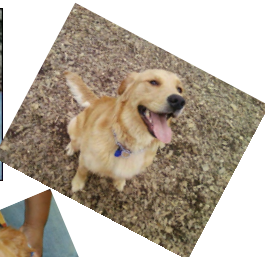
"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

- Unknown



Skippy (GH-469)

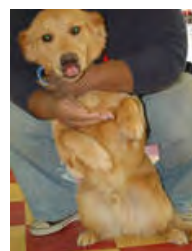
Meet Sancho!



Sancho recently celebrated his first birthday. His biggest birthday wish was to have a new family to call his own, where his people understand him, are willing to teach him and love him as the busy puppy he is - with a sense of humor for his silly antics. This loving, energetic, vivacious, medium-blond, neutered boy has a real zest for life.

Sancho recognizes common commands such as sit, and down. However, still very much a puppy, he has many lessons to learn yet. Sancho

is an adorable Golden companion who is looking for a home where he can be the center of attention. He wants to fetch, wrestle and play tug of war with his human. He enjoys being the class clown. Sancho would be best suited for a home without other dogs or cats. Due to his youthful



enthusiasm and "happy tail," we prefer that he be placed in a home with children over the age of eleven years. Obedience Training is an absolute requirement of his adoption. A fenced yard is preferable for this adventurous tyke to run, romp and expel his youthful energy in. If you are already approved to adopt by GoldHeart and would like to meet Sancho, please contact Anneliese by email at:

anneliese@anasark.com

or call GoldHeart at:

410-877-9697



GOLDHEART OPENS SHOPPING MALL!!!

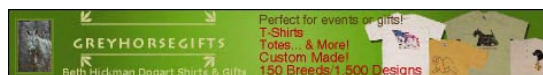


No, GoldHeart has not purchased a mall, but we have created an online shopping "Mall" full of wonderful merchandise all benefiting our rescue. In the mall are carefully selected on-line merchants who offer both a wide assortment of merchandise at an equally wide range of prices. Simply go to the GoldHeart web page and click on the **Shopping Mall** link. The list of merchants will appear and all you need to do to shop for GoldHeart is to click on the store of your choice. You are taken to the store's web page where you can shop for great stuff and a portion of your purchase will be given to GoldHeart! Simple!! There is something for every one from bouncy toys for your Golden, or Golden, to that special gift for a friend. If you need a gift for someone who lives with a Pug or Boxer, no problem, we still get credit for the purchase even if you order something not with a Golden theme. New stores will be added from time to time so check the mall periodically for updates. Don't forget, we also have a nice selection of merchandise at the various events we attend such as the World of Pets Expo, PawsAbilities. Stop by either in person or online and **Shop To Help The Golden!!!**

VISIT GOLDHEART'S ON-LINE SHOPPING MALL

WE RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASES!

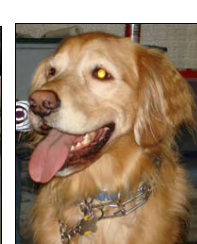
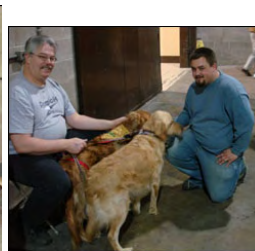
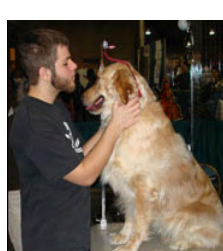
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World of Pets Expo

GoldHeart attended our first World of Pets Expo at the Timonium Fairgrounds in January!

THANKS to all of the two legged volunteers: Melissa, Donna, Trish, Edie, Thomas, Dave, Linda, Anita, Ben, Howard, Margie, Terry, Brenda, Scott and Jim. Along with the furry four legged helpers: Bennet, Riley, Cinnamon, Bryce, Rocky, Larissa, Shandy, Sophie, Ace and Sadie. Without your help, we never would have been such a success. A special thanks to Kristin Wade, who groomed Bennet in the grooming competition, and Bridget, who groomed Rocky— Bridget won second place for her grooming of Rocky in the grooming competition. We are looking forward to next year's event!





'Ash' Ashley Beall James, January 1996 to December 30, 2007

On January 15, 2008, Lynn Beall sent us this tribute about her beloved Ashley.

Our Ashley will always be with us, forever our gentle, kind and generous golden girl.

Ash possessed an indescribably magnificent spirit and provided an example of what we each wish we could be, unabashedly, in our daily human lives.



Ash was our 'good morning' girl, 'tell me about your day' listener, 'so glad to see you' greeter, 'I'll help you clean up' kitchen assistant, 'let's play, it's fun' fitness guru, 'sure, I'm ready to go' traveling goodwill ambassador and very best friend. Her full body tail wag and benevolent eyes expressed her joy of your company. Ash never met a human or cookie she did not love.

Ash, the heart of our home.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to GoldHeart's members and volunteers without whom; we would have not had the opportunity to share our lives with her. We send a special thank you to Diane & Kevin for fostering our beautiful girl.



Please consider sending a memorial donation to GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue or to a rescue or charity of your choice to honor her and to assist the efforts of these organizations.

GoldHeart License Plate for Maryland!

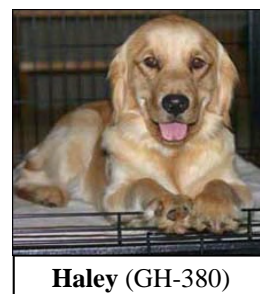
Now you can get your very own GoldHeart license plate for your vehicle in the state of Maryland! The total cost is \$50.00 and GoldHeart receives \$25.00 of that. The Maryland MVA receives the other \$25.00 for the printing of the plate. Email the GoldHeart secretary at secretary@goldheart.org, or send a request to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771.



WE SALUTE OUR FOSTER HOMES!

Foster homes are the key ingredient for GoldHeart's success. Without them, we would be out of business! A big "thank you from the bottom of our hearts" to the people who have fostered for us so far in 2008.

Anneliese Johnson	Edie & Jim Galpin	Connie & Dave Fisher	Carol Dickerson
Howard & Carol Paugh	Carol Ruell	Julie Emerson	Linda & Merv Mawhinney
Selma Lemon	Donna & Luke Blake	Barb & Bill Schaefer	



Haley (GH-380)

Remember, if you become a GoldHeart foster home and foster a Golden, your GoldHeart membership is free!



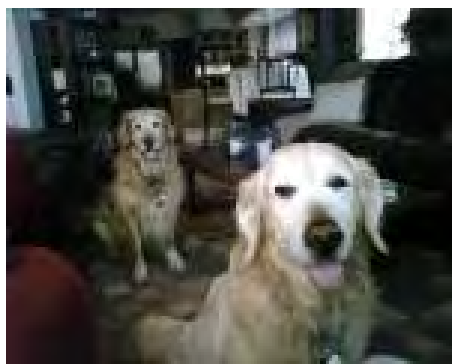
GOLDHEART'S EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Requests for reimbursement for allowable expenses must be submitted to the Treasurer within 90 days from the date the expense was incurred (the date on your receipt).

"My husband and I are either going to buy a dog or have a child. We can't decide whether to ruin our carpets or ruin our lives."

- Rita Rudner

GoldHeart Rescued Me!



Callie & Gidget

GoldHeart Rescued Me

My hero, Cal Ripken retired from the Baltimore Orioles on October 6, 2001. That's the day I began searching for a Golden Retriever to take the place of my beloved Kayhala, who had died just one year earlier. I turned to GoldHeart. They immediately scheduled volunteers to meet with me, perform a home inspection, and determine my suitability as a potential GoldHeart adopter. Everyone was professional & top-notch-- you could see that the doggies' futures were what they were

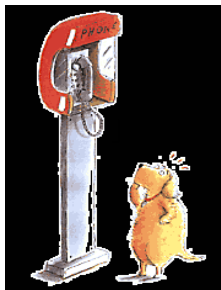
concerned with. I was approved! Then, foster families began to bring their foster-dogs to my home to see if we could be a match. Took a while, but the girl I was interested in-- GH090-- Missy-- lived far away--I traveled to Pennsylvania to meet her. It was love at first sight! I drove that little girl away and changed her name to Callie Ripken O'Connor -- right there in the car. We have been together ever since. She has filled my heart with happiness, love, and pure joy. The GoldHeart folks did not forget us, either. For a full year they called to see how we were doing and if we needed anything at all. Well done! As it turned out, that was not the end of my GoldHeart experience. In March of 2006, I got a call from a GoldHeart volunteer asking for my help in transporting a new GoldHeart Golden, seven year-old Gidget (GH-311). She had recently been given-up after a life on a chain, and needed some assistance. Well, of course I ended up transporting Gidget right into my heart and into my home. GoldHeart again was top-notch and professional, volunteers kept in close contact to ensure that all was well for a full year. Working with GoldHeart Golden

Retriever Rescue has been wonderful. They do a wonderful job, and they rescue much more than the goldens.

Thanks GoldHeart!

Maureen O'Connor

Callie & Gidget
Relaxing!



SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

YARD SALE & CRAFT FAIR

12 APRIL 2008

**“Until your pet learns to use the phone, you can make sure
AVID will help him find his way home.”**

School of the Incarnation kindly invited GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue volunteers to offer micro chipping services to you and your pets during their yard sale & craft fair.

Micro chipping is the most effective, customer friendly, permanent and affordable leading edge technology identification method your pet can have.

Bring your pets and GoldHeart volunteers will do the rest!

Cost is \$40.00 per pet. Price includes micro chip, implantation and registration.

Spring Time Hazards

Welcome to spring and all that it entails. Your spring may range from taking an exotic trip to just floating in your pool with a cold drink. Remember, it is best to keep your Golden happy and healthy during the spring season.

- **Spring Hazards:** Springtime brings more than just warmer temperatures and sunny skies. Mosquitoes, Fleas and ticks, and insects are just few of the things you can expect to contend with. To make the spring more enjoyable, be aware of various springtime hazards that can result in injury or illness to your pet. Preventing these hazards can help maintain the carefree days of spring.
- **Summer Care of the Outdoors: Golden**s need special care in areas where summers can be brutal. When keeping your pet outside make sure he is comfortable and safe. Have at least a resting area that has shade all the time and water to drink. If it gets too hot its better to bring your Golden inside.
- **Is the Sun Dangerous to Your Golden:** Just like humans, Golden
- **Lawn and Garden Hazards:** A quick stroll down the lawn and garden section of your local nursery can reveal many potential hazards. Caution in storing these products and limiting your Golden's access to them can help ensure both a beautiful lawn and healthy Golden
- **Treats for Your Golden's Picnic:** There are several healthy treats you can give to your Golden. They can help him grow healthy and strong. Special treats made with great ingredients and lots of love will find a special place in your Golden's heart and tummy. The Joint Treats include **Glucosamine, Creatine & MSM** that will keep joints healthy and your Golden happy.
- **How to Plant a Golden-Safe Garden:** This is the time of year when many people look forward to spending free time outside, enhancing their surroundings with lush plants and flowers. As many Golden

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!



Join GoldHeart's Team of Foster Homes to share the truly rewarding experience of coming home to your foster Golden's happy smile and enthusiastically wagging tail welcoming you back as if you are their long lost best friend. The joy of noticing your success when he or she has learned to sit or walks on a leash without pulling too hard. Snuggling on the couch knowing your foster dog is content by your side and so

much more. The Foster Home Team is there to support you, to help you and offer guidance through whatever questions or concerns may arise. If you have additional questions or would like to volunteer to be a Foster Home, please contact our Foster Home Coordinator via email or phone.

foster@goldheart.org

410-877-9697

"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

- Roger Caras



Maggie Rosen (1993-2007)

Her wagging tail and bright smile said it all. "Welcome" to thousands of visitors at Mark Downs Office Furniture in Cockeysville, MD. Over her 12 years at Mark Downs she had become somewhat of a "celebrity" in Cockeysville where people would drop by the store just to visit with Maggie.

Maggie, a chestnut brown Golden Retriever knew her job very well. Monday to Friday she greeted hundreds of small business owners and corporate executives. On Saturday she played with children and even babies of small business owners who brought their offspring on a business errand to buy a desk or chair.

There were times when customers found their children asleep resting on top of the big dog's belly. Older children got a differ-

ent type of greeting as they ran together weaving in and out of the furniture in the showroom.

One of her favorite visitors was the mailman; each day he brought her a treat. "If she wasn't waiting at the front door they would call her over the public address system and she would run to greet the mailman." said Steve Rosen, President of Mark Downs.

Most dogs never get a life so good, rescued at the age of two by Steve Rosen, Maggie suffered no serious illness during her lifetime.

The family and friends suggest a donation in her memory to the GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue Organization.

The family wishes to express their deepest thanks to Dr. Brooks and the entire staff at the Hunt Valley Animal Hospital.

She worked 5 and sometimes 6 days a week until her last few days. It's rare for large dogs - she was healthy to the ripe old age of 14+ (100 in people years).

Mark Downs employees on their own quietly went to the vet to visit and say their farewells. Maggie was the official "customer greeter" for the past 5 years. She promoted herself to the position the day after Dusty died. On that day she took her "post" at the front door.

Over the years Maggie "taught" hundreds of children that big dogs can be friendly and gentle. She has helped people get over their fear of dogs. One man who never left his house for any other reason, came to the store on a regular basis, just to visit with

Maggie.

We will all miss her. There are so many customers that will ask for her - she's made hundreds, thousands of friends over the 12 years that she "worked" at Mark Downs.

Maggie is survived by Jeff Rosen her favorite bedtime buddy, Steve Rosen, the Rosen family and more than 50 employees of Mark Downs Office Furniture.

*Update!

Even though no Golden could ever take Maggie Rosen's place, the Rosen family welcomed another GoldHeart Golden into their family, and hearts!

Meet Mikey (GH-416) who was lucky enough to find his forever home with such a wonderful family!



"Give Your Heart to a Golden"

K.I.S.S.

The **KISS principle** (for "Keep It Simple, Stupid") states that simplicity should be a key goal and unnecessary complexity avoided. Common variations of the acronym include: "Keep It Sweet & Simple", "Keep It Short & Simple" and "Keep It Simple, Silly". The idea is that complexity should be avoided—simplicity is a goal in itself. An approach that seems "too easy to be true" is in fact the best way. Surprisingly, the very obvious approach is often the best.

GoldHeart has grown to over 200 members with an active group of 12 to 15 core volunteers who perform the bulk of the rescue efforts. Please consider doing at least one thing, every year, on behalf of GoldHeart. Take the K.I.S.S. approach to volunteering for GoldHeart! Feel free to Keep It Sweet & Simple.

How did you first learn about GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue? Perhaps it was at a "Meet Our Dogs Day", Pet Expo, newspaper article, or word of mouth. A GH member volunteering a few hours of their day gave you the opportunity to adopt your Golden. Is this something you could do? What about college applications or resume building activities? Volunteer work is a highly regarded endeavor.

Each of us has different knowledge, skills and abilities. Significant accomplishments can be achieved when differing talents work together. The "Golden HeartBeats" newsletter is an example of K.I.S.S. As different members volunteer to put it together, they are going to use a layout design that is easiest for them. Are you or a member of your family a budding artist or writer? Submit a cartoon or article for this newsletter. There is certain thrill in saying that you have been published!

A gentleman attending a recent "Meet Our Dogs Day" stated that he heard about GoldHeart via a donation jar at a local restaurant. Attached to the jar was a flyer advertising the event. The simple act of a GH member asking the owner of the restaurant she frequents if she could place the items at that location brought another prospective member to GoldHeart.

Do you participate in your neighborhood's annual yard sale? Consider donating your proceeds to GoldHeart. Your children or grandchildren might enjoy having a lemonade stand (during the yard sale)...an opportunity to learn a simple way that they can give back to the organization that helped place their beloved Golden in their home.

Will you need a gift for a wedding shower, for a friend who loves to cook, or a house-warming gift for your new neighbors? Consider purchasing the GoldHeart Bone Appétit Cookbook. (Only \$5.00 per book!)

The mission statement of GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue reminds us that the organization is comprised of a network of volunteers who are dedicated to the rescue of unwanted, abused, neglected and displaced Golden Retrievers. GoldHeart volunteers work to foster a public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward Golden Retrievers and all other animals.

There is an additional aspect that is not mentioned in the Mission statement. The human impact. As a result of becoming affiliated with this all volunteer organization, there are members who have had some of their needs met. When a GH member comes home from a stressful day at work, they are greeted by a Golden filled with unconditional love. Another GH member whose rehabilitation includes exercise no longer has an excuse for not taking a daily walk with their dog. A child is exposed to the merits of responsibility as each day they make sure the family Golden has a bowl of fresh cold water. It is volunteers like you that will keep GoldHeart serving the needs of Golden Retrievers...and their loving adoptive "forever" homes.

GET YOUR DOG OR CAT MICRO CHIPPED BY GOLDHEART!

GoldHeart provides micro chipping at any time. The \$40 fee covers the implant and the registration of the implant. If you are interested in getting your pet micro chipped, send an email to:

foster@goldheart.org

or call GoldHeart at:

410-877-9697

Visit the GoldHeart Online Shopping Mall!

www.goldheart.org



Bear (GH-466)

TOP TEN REASONS TO ADOPT AN OLDER DOG!!

1. Older dogs are **housetrained**. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping up after accidents.

2. Older dogs are not teething puppies, and **won't chew** your shoes and furniture while growing up.

3. Older dogs **can focus well** because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.

4. Older dogs **have learned what "no" means**. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.

5. Older dogs **settle in easily**, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.

6. Older dogs are **good at giving love**, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.

7. **What You See Is What You Get:** Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.



8. Older dogs are **instant companions** -- ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.

9. Older dogs **leave you time for yourself**, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.

10. Older dogs **let you get a good night's sleep** because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

To learn more about the pleasures of older dog adoption, please visit the Senior Dogs Project site at www.srdogs.com

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 Carroll County
 Cecil County
 Dorchester County
 Frederick County
 Harford County
 Howard County
 Kent County
 Montgomery County
 Prince George's County
 (northern half)
 Queen Anne County
 Somerset County
 Talbot County
 Washington County
 (eastern half)
 Wicomico County
 Worcester County

Delaware

Kent County
 New Castle County
 Sussex County

Pennsylvania

Adams County
 Chester County
 Cumberland County
 Dauphin County
 Franklin County
 Lancaster County
 Lebanon County
 York County

About GoldHeart

History

GoldHeart was started in 1999 by a small, dedicated group of volunteers with an undying love for Golden Retrievers. The initial group of volunteers were members of the Golden Retriever Rescue Education, and Trainings (GRREAT), complementing GRREAT's efforts by concentrating GoldHeart's mission in the northern Maryland, south-central Pennsylvania and Delaware areas.

During the first five years of its existence, GoldHeart volunteers successfully placed nearly 300 Golden Retrievers in "forever homes," with this year promising to be our busiest year yet.

GoldHeart has grown to have over 200 members with an active group of 12 to 15 core volunteers who perform the bulk of the rescue efforts.

Mission

GoldHeart, Golden Retriever Rescue and its network of volunteers are dedicated to the rescue of unwanted, abused, neglected and displaced Golden Retrievers. We provide Goldens in need with a temporary safe haven in our foster homes where they receive love, food, grooming, medical treatment, and some training. During this time their temperament is evaluated to determine the best home for their personalities, and ultimately they are relocated to loving adoptive "forever" homes.

GoldHeart volunteers work to foster a public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward Golden Retrievers and all other animals. They encourage and promote responsible pet ownership, do all within their power to reduce the pet overpopulation and will work to encourage humane treatment and care of animals through education and spay/neuter advocacy.

HAPPY ENDINGS!!!



Meeting Bryce for the first time!



September 2007 GoldHeart picnic!

We adopted Bryce in July of 2007. We hadn't owned a Golden before, but some friends of ours, who are members of GoldHeart, adopted 2 Goldens, and we knew by watching their experience that this was the way we wanted to go.

A GoldHeart representative came to our home not only to inspect it to make sure it was a good environment for the dog, but to learn more about us and what kind of dog would make the best fit for us. We appreciated the care and concern given both to the dog and to our family.

Bryce became available the day after our home visit.

We were asked to foster him, but when we picked him up, we immediately fell in love with him and knew that he would be ours. Bryce was thought to be approximately 1 year old. He had come from a shelter. He was underweight and neglected, but his eyes were full of love and affection. He was riddled with fleas and his coat was in terrible shape - bald and inflamed in areas. His coat has since grown in beautifully, and he has gained his weight back. He is one gorgeous boy!

His favorite activities are playing fetch with anything we throw and trying to get the cat to play. He has excellent leash manners, he

gets along well with other dogs and people, and he has such a great attitude for life. He has been the perfect addition to our family.

Our experience has been so positive, we will only adopt from now on. There are so many unfortunate dogs that just need the right placement. Without GoldHeart's help, we never would have found Bryce. We can't imagine our lives without him!

Brenda & Scott Finkle



Buck and Paige
~QuietTime~
March 2008



When our second Golden Retriever crossed the Rainbow Bridge, we realized we were hooked on the breed, and wanted to get another Golden from either the local pound or Golden Retriever rescue (GRR). We ended up applying to two local rescues, and Goldheart (GH) responded quickly (the other rescue never did), and within a few weeks we were set up for a home visit & approved to adopt. All interactions with the GH organization were timely, professional, and the dedication to promote & encourage responsible pet ownership was clearly evident.

That was back in 2004 when we adopted Dillon (now Buck), GH #202. Buck was an unwanted one year old who had pretty much been left outside in the yard alone. He had been brought back at least once to GH due to behavioral problems before we took on the challenge. With the support & guidance of the GH community, & lots of work, he is now a pretty great dog (he still has his moments, but we wouldn't trade him for

anything).

The network of volunteers at GH are nothing short of phenomenal & because of them about two years ago we became more involved with the rescue, and in addition to being available to perform home visits & intake, we have fostered three dogs for GH. Our first foster was an ex-police dog, Rusty, GH #367, who sadly ended up being diagnosed with inoperable cancer shortly after entering GH. GH provided full support to us & covered all medications and bills as we helped Rusty transition over the Rainbow Bridge.

Our next Foster, Paige, GH #399, was just 3 years old, had already had multiple litters, and when brought to GH from a high kill shelter was Heartworm Stage 3 and Lyme positive. We initially fostered her during her Heartworm treatments, but after that we knew this little girl had found her forever home with us and Buck. Throughout Paige's recovery, GH staff was again there to offer assistance & support. Without GH intervention, Paige surely would not be here today.

We have met all the current officers and many of the members, and I would be challenged to find another volunteer organization that has such a phenomenal and dedicated group of people. The GH team truly lives their mission every day and it is clearly evident through their good works. They make a difference in the lives of so many animals, the families that adopt, and always focus on responsible pet care and ownership including mandatory spay/neutering of all animals brought into the rescue. No question, GH changes lives (two and four legged alike), and excels at fostering positive public sentiment towards the humane treatment of Golden Retrievers and all other animals.

Best Regards,

Marie and Pete Martinez



2009 GOLDHEART CALENDAR!!!

Believe it or not, but we will soon be looking at creating the 2009 GoldHeart calendar! If you have a photo of your GoldHeart fur-baby and you would like to submit it for consideration for the 2009 calendar, please email it to: jile2@msn.com.

A high resolution photo is the best, in order to print a clearer photo.



Buddy (GH-472)

Poisonous Plants

Springtime holidays are often associated with bulb plants and ingestion of the bulbs causes the most severe illness. Summer holidays are associated with plants. Here are some of the more common spring and summer holiday plants and information on their toxicity.

- *Tulip (Tulip spp)*- Ingestion can result in intense vomiting, depression, diarrhea, hypersalivation, drooling and lack of appetite.
- *Hyacinth (Hyacinthus oreintalis)*- Ingestion can result in intense vomiting, diarrhea, depression and tremors.
- *Daffodil (Narcissus spp)*- Ingestion can result in severe gastrointestinal illness, convulsions, seizures, low blood pressure and tremors.
- *Peace lily (Spathiphyllum spp)*- Ingestion can result in ulcers in the mouth, vomiting and diarrhea.
- *Easter cactus (Schlumbergera bridgesi)*- Ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea and depression. Cats can also develop staggering.
- *Easter daisy (Townsendia sericea)*- This plant is considered non toxic.
- *Easter orchid (Cattleya mossiae)*- This plant is considered non toxic.
- *Easter lily cactus (Echinopsis multiplex)*- This plant is considered non toxic.
- *Resurrection lily (Kaempferia pulchra)*- This plant is considered non toxic.
- *Crown of Thorns (Euphorbia splendens prostrata)*- Ingestion results in vomiting and diarrhea.

Plants that are considered very toxic and can result in severe illness or even death include:

- *Azalea (Rhododendron spp)*- Vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, hypotension, CNS depression, cardiovascular collapse and death.
- *Crocus (Colchicum autumnale)*- Excessive salivation, abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, gastro-intestinal disorders, lack of appetite, tremors, convulsions, seizures
- *Rhododendron (Rhododendron spp)*- Vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, hypotension, CNS depression, cardiovascular collapse and death.
- *Tiger Lily (Lilium tigrinum)*- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- *Easter Lily (Lilium longiflorum)*- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, and kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- *American Bittersweet (Celastrus scandens)*- Weakness, convulsions, gastroenteritis (vomiting, diarrhea.)
- *Clematis (Clematis sp.)*- Vomiting, diarrhea, oral ulcers, ataxia irritant or vesicant action.
- *Daffodil (Narcissus spp)*- Severe gastrointestinal disorders, convulsions, shivering, hypotension, dermatitis, muscular tremors, and cardiac arrhythmias.
- *Day lily (Hemerocallis dumortirei)*- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- *Foxglove (Digitalis purpurea)*- Cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, death.
- *Lily of the Valley (Convallaria majalis)*- Ataxia, vomiting, cardiac arrhythmias, death.
- *Narcissus (Narcissus spp)* Severe gastrointestinal disorders, convulsions, shivering, hypotension, dermatitis, muscular tremors, and cardiac arrhythmias.
- *Morning Glory (Ipomoea spp)*- Seeds may cause hallucination, may cause diarrhea.



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" G I V E Y O U R H E A R T T O A G O L D E N "

Volunteers Are Needed!

GoldHeart can always use more volunteers! Below are the numerous areas in which you can make a big impact just by volunteering some of your time.

Event Participation: We are participating in more & more events! Help is needed to staff our GoldHeart booth. For more information, email our volunteer/event coordinator, Maggie, at:
volunteer@goldheart.org

Transportation: We need people to occasionally transport dogs to their foster homes, vet appointments, and to events. If you are interested, drop a note to us at the GoldHeart p.o. box.

Dog Evaluations: We need volunteers to meet & evaluate Golden Retrievers before we accept them into GoldHeart. We do not accept dogs that have shown aggression towards humans or other dogs.

Home Visits: We need people to visit the homes of potential adopters to ensure a home is a suitable place for one of our Golden Retrievers to live.

Don't worry! We are here to help you learn the ropes with any of these volunteer positions! If you are interested in any of these, you can get on to the GoldHeart website at www.goldheart.org & click on the "Contact Us" link to send an email to the person who handles that area. Or, drop us a note at GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771

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Thank you!!!

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