



GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GoldHeart Members,

Soon we will be preparing a Thanksgiving Feast, and most will be giving thanks, but the current economic situation may cause some to be less fortunate this year. The challenges GoldHeart continues to encounter due to the economy can not be overcome without the full participation and support of the membership. With foreclosures, unemployment, panic and other hardships continuing to rise we can only expect the number of Golden Retrievers in need to increase. We pray that we can continue to count on and rely on GoldHeart's existing volunteers, but we are still desperately in need of additional help.

Over the past two years, GoldHeart has helped to re-home over 210 Golden Retrievers, and just this past month we welcomed our 600th Golden in need! This represents 35% of the Golden Retrievers that GoldHeart has assisted in our ten year history. This type of undertaking can not be completed without YOU, our membership and volunteers. And for volunteering, we get wet noses, lots of kisses and love from our furry friends. We have also seen our applicant pool significantly increase due to our revamped website. All of this activity strains our limited resources, and I would like to offer a sincere THANK YOU to both Lisa Hecker, Application Coordinator, and Edie Galpin, Intake and Foster Team Coordinator, who along with their respective teams of volunteers are keeping the processes flowing smoothly.

EVERYONE's help counts! Without our wonderful foster families and transport volunteers, it would simply not be possible to accept so many Golden Retrievers in need and find great adoptive homes for them. Thanks to for dropping things at the last moment to help our four legged furry friends.

Our Fundraising team deserves mention and special appreciation for their impressive success. The effort and time spent between organizing and executing existing events and new ventures, such as the Vera Bradley Bingo and Bull Roast, have helped to ensure that GoldHeart is able to meet the needs of the increased number of Golden Retrievers needing our services. A special thanks go to Donna Blake, Trish Thomas, Barb Schafer, Dana Cabbage, Jen Brechin, Jen Mancini, Linda Heil, and many more kind volunteers, who devoted hours out of their days to represent GoldHeart at many events. THANK YOU! Sincere gratitude also to the membership for ongoing support and stepping up whenever possible.

In the areas of home visits, we always need additional volunteers in the Frederick, Washington, Cecil, Carroll, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Howard, and Montgomery Counties, the Southern and Eastern Shore of Maryland, all of our service areas in Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Most home visits only take about an hour, and you get to meet other great people interested in adopting and helping GoldHeart fulfill it's mission.

Transport is an issue, since Golden Retrievers many times come to us from as far away as Cumberland and West Virginia to extreme Southern Maryland. If you are interested in assisting with home visits or transport, please email adoption@goldheart.org.

In the areas of fundraising and awareness, we also need additional volunteers to staff, set up, and assist in planning our major fundraising events. Please email volunteer@goldheart.org and list any activities in which you are willing and interested in participating. In most circumstances its just a couple of hours of your talent can make a difference. GoldHeart's next major event is the World of Pets Expo in Timonium, MD from January 29-31, 2010. We are in need of volunteers who can assist with the setup on Thursday night and represent GoldHeart at the booth on Friday. This event is GoldHeart's greatest opportunity to educate the public about our mission and continue to grow. Anything you may be able to contribute would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers! There are so many more than there is space to mention throughout this letter, but please know that your effort and time is not forgotten by our wet nosed friends who ultimately reward everyone with their happy smiles, tail wags and many years of joy with their new families.

Nominations for the board are now being accepted. The current positions that are open for nomination are President, Secretary (position being vacated), and Board Member at Large (Application Coordinator position being vacated). According to our bylaws, the President must be nominated from the sitting board. The proposed revisions to the bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures will be available on GoldHeart's web site soon. This is a much more cumbersome undertaking than originally thought, I do apologize for the delay. We will be voting on the revisions at the annual meeting to be held on January 9, 2010 (more information is available on the website, www.goldheart.org).

GoldHeart's 2010 calendars are now available, they make great Christmas and Chanukah gifts for your family and friends.

David Beaver,
President GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.



ATTENTION - FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

GIVE YOUR TO A GOLDEN

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Happy Ending For Gracie



This past July we lost our 13 ½ year old Gordon Setter, Maxine. Any dog lover, who has gone through this, knows the pain our family felt. Our GoldHeart Golden Retriever, Sammy, was mourning with the rest of us. Losing his best friend really hit the poor guy hard.

To fill the void in all of our lives, we came back to GoldHeart to seek out our new family member. Although Sammy gets along with any dog, he does better with females. So the search began. I'm sure we are not alone when it comes to reading the GoldHeart website. When reading the heartbreaking stories for each of these precious dogs, you just want to take them all! But reality hits and you realize the perfect Golden will find you.

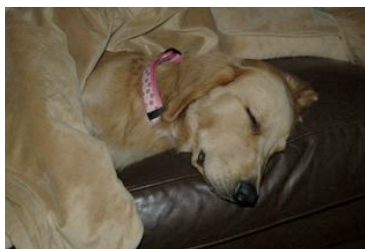
Sandy and Jim Miller did our home visit and we were quickly approved to adopt. They knew that we were seeking a 2 to 3 year old female. Sammy was just about 2 years old when we adopted him three years ago, and we all really liked that age. So, a puppy was not in the equation.



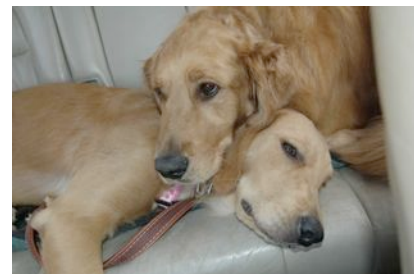
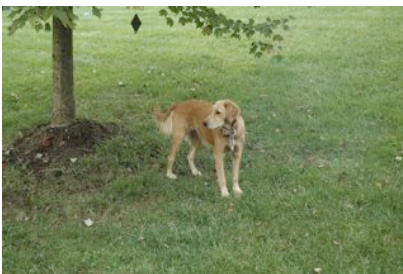
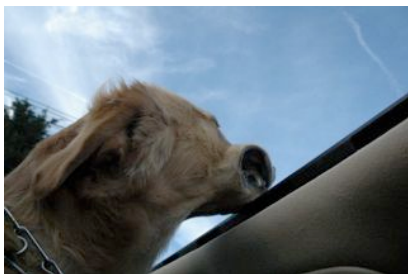
Several weeks passed as we patiently waited for new dogs to make the web site. Unfortunately, none of them fit our needs. A couple of weeks later, Sandy called to inform us that she just received a new foster female Golden that was 10 months old. Even though she was younger than we wanted, we agreed to meet this young pup. A couple of days later, Gracie came for a home visit. The minute we laid eyes on her we knew she was the one. Her tail wagging, she came running up to me and started kissing my face! The real test was with Sammy. If he didn't feel the love, then it just wouldn't work. Well, the two of them hit it off the second they met! They ran around together in our back yard chasing each other as their tails were wagging. After a 20 minute run around the yard, the two of them sat down next to each other for a break. A true sign that Sammy felt the love!



Gracie joined our family about 3 months after we lost Maxine. Although we all still miss Maxine, Gracie has lifted our spirits, including Sammy's! They are with each other all the time. They enjoy nestling with each other during rides in the car, on the couch and yes, on our bed!



Be patient when selecting your new best friend. Like us, you may think you want a certain age, and then all of a sudden, the perfect Golden comes walking into your home. And Gracie did just that!



Past Event

GOLDHEART BULL ROAST

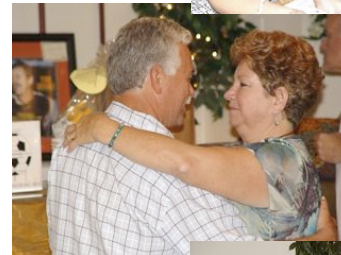
SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

Donna, Linda, Jen, Jen, Dana & LaDonna,

You all did such a terrific job in putting together a wonderful, fun filled event. I truly believe that everyone who attended got their monies worth, myself included. I had a blast. The band was terrific. I would think that all we learned over the last couple of years would further benefit us next year.

Thanks for all the hard work, letter writing and gathering of donations!

David Beaver
President, GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.



ATTENTION - FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Take some time and read about our foster homes and our organization's goals to see why fostering a GoldHeart Golden is truly a rewarding experience like no other!

Opening your heart and home to one of the many GoldHeart Golden's needing foster care will provide lasting memories of a Golden's love, loyalty and kisses. The astounding impact you will have on a GoldHeart Golden's life is truly remarkable.

While we locate a "forever family" for your fostered Golden you will enjoy a Golden's happy smile and enthusiastic wagging tail everyday. Many of our Golden's needing a foster home may already be trained while other may need just a little love and guidance to develop skills and behaviors such as not pulling hard on a leash or sitting on command.

The GoldHeart Foster Home Team will be there to walk you through the foster care process as well as provide guidance and support every step of the way.

Any questions regarding fostering a GoldHeart Golden or to volunteer your heart and home to foster a GoldHeart Golden Retriever, please call or email the FosterHome Coordinator, Edie Galpin at the following:

foster@goldheart.org (or) 410-877-9697

Canine Influenza Vaccine

H3N8 Strain of Flu

We have all heard about the H1N1 influenza virus but there is also a flu strain H3N8 that affects canines that many of us may not of heard of. The H3N8 does have a vaccine that is recommended for canines, especially young or older canines and ones with certain underlying medical conditions. Just as the H1N1 mutated from pigs to infect humans, the H3N8 mutated from horses to infect canines. The symptoms include cough, sneezing and runny nose. Deaths from this virus are usually caused by bacterial pneumonia not the actual virus itself. The vaccine is not 100% effective, but neither is the flu vaccines for humans, but they both could help to minimize and hopefully prevent any symptoms of the flu strain vaccinated against. Further information can be found at the link below and also by speaking with your veterinarian. This information is only for information purposes and should not be considered medical advise.

http://www.foxnews.com/video2/video08.html?maven_referralObject=10663620&maven_referralPlaylistId=&sRevUrl=http://www.foxnews.com/index.html



Help Wanted – Intake & Foster Home Support

You can make a difference and help GoldHeart's Goldens!

Volunteer position description:

Responds to intake inquiries, answers surrendering owner's questions, gathers intake information, obtains pix of new GR and vet records when possible, arranges dog's evaluation/intake/transport, identifies suitable Foster Home, provides guidance to Foster Home during foster time.

Needed requisites:

Available to make calls when needed/anytime (unlimited LD service is very helpful), email access, some common dog-sense and a love for Goldens.

Nice and helpful to have:

Fax machine

If you feel that you can spare anywhere from 10 up to 20+ hours of volunteer time per week and can be available at moment's notice to make calls, please call Edie for more information.

We're hoping to have a support team comprised of several volunteers to lighten the task on hand in this truly rewarding endeavor.

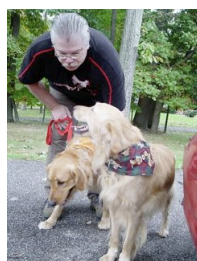
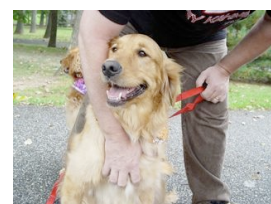
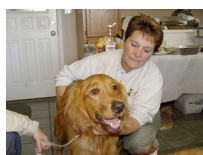
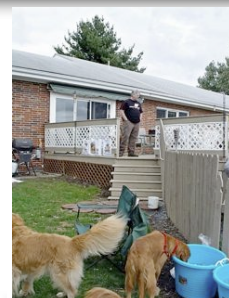
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PAST EVENT

GOLDHEART PICNIC





UPCOMING GOLDHEART EVENTS & INFORMATION



BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for GoldHeart Board positions are being accepted. The following positions are up for nominations.

* **President**
(2 year term)

* **Secretary**
(2 year term)

* **1 - Board Member at Large**
(2 year term)

Get your nominations mailed in if you have not already. Elected Board members will take positions in January 2010.

Mail your nominations to:

GoldHeart Secretary
P.O. Box 207
Mount Airy, MD 21771



WORLD OF PETS EXPO

Location:
Maryland State Fair
Grounds in Timonium, MD

Dates:
January 29, 30 & 31, 2010

Website:
www.worldofpets.org

If you are available to volunteer for this GoldHeart event please contact GoldHeart Vice President, Barb Schaefer, by email at

vp@goldheart.org

We hope to see everyone at this great event.

Don't miss it!!



"EXTRA SPENDING MONEY" 50/50 HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Holiday "Extra Spending Money" 50/50 Raffle

Drawing to be held on:
December 14, 2009

Donation:
\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

You get half of the funds collected and the other half will benefit GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue in their efforts of helping Goldens in need..

Contact Donna Blake for additional information and to get your raffle tickets at:

treasurer@goldheart.org



2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder that GoldHeart membership dues are due in January.

GoldHeart Yearly Membership Fee:

\$30.00

We thank all the GoldHeart members for their continued support in helping us reach our goal of helping all Goldens in need!



MEMBERSHIP VOTING FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GOLDHEART BY-LAWS & STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

We have been working on revising the GoldHeart By-laws and Standard Operating Procedure guidelines.

We now need all members to vote on the proposed revisions .

Voting will take place at the GoldHeart Annual Meeting on:

January 9th, 2010

More information will be posted on the GoldHeart website as it becomes available.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12:00pm, JANUARY 9th, 2010

BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS UP FOR NOMINATION

~ President - 2 year term

~ Secretary - 2 year term

~ Board Member at Large - 2 year term

LOCATION:

Quail Run Assisted Living
9900 Walther Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21234

If everyone could help out by bringing a dish to share, that would be wonderful!

Drinks, ice, plates, cups, utensils, and napkins will be provided. If you would like to bring something to share, below is a guideline to help spread out the types of dishes. Use the first initial of your last name:

A-H - main dish
I-P - side dish
Q-Z - dessert

If you plan to attend, please R.V.S.P. by phone at 410-596-1785, or by email secretary@goldheart.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Trish and Diane's Excellent Adventure



This fall, my sister and I were fortunate enough to take a trip we had been planning for almost a year. After having watched the National Geographic Channel's T.V. show, *Dogtown*, we were determined to see this amazing place for ourselves. Since last winter we have been gathering information through the internet, the mail, and from any other means possible. We decided that we wanted to combine a visit to a few of the national parks along with a chance to see and volunteer at **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah.**

We left BWI airport on Saturday morning, Oct. 3, and arrived in Las Vegas mid morning (Nevada time). This gave us time to spend the night in Vegas, and see a Cirque du Soleil show at one of the hotels. Needless to say, the show was incredible. After a good night's sleep, we woke early and headed off to Utah in our trusty little rental car. We had a rather windy ride on the desert highways, but the mountain scenery was a sight to see!

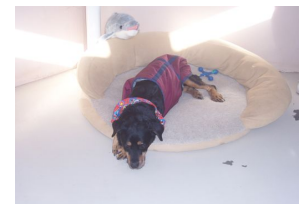
We arrived at Best Friends in time to attend a 90 minute driving tour by van, accompanied by several other volunteers and guests. It was amazing how we connected with total strangers from all over the country, all with the same love of animals. After our tour, we met with the volunteer coordinator to go over our "duties" for the next two days. We had just enough time to visit the gift shop before it was time to check in at the Best Friends cottage that we rented for our 2 nights' stay. When we arrived at the well-equipped cottage, we were slightly alarmed to see a note on our door, with a caution to be on the lookout for a cougar. I guess we're not in Maryland anymore!


After settling in at the cottage, and unpacking our stuff, we made a trip to Angel's Rest, the cemetery for animals who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. My sister and I were the only ones there at the time, and as we got out of the car, we thought we heard chimes from a distant church. We were awed by the fact that the sound we heard were the many, many chimes from the handmade "trees" bearing remembrances of beloved pets. As we walked among the hundreds of grave markers, and read the inscriptions, we were both moved to tears at the love shown by the families of these precious animals. It is a sight that I won't soon forget.



Our first day of actual volunteering, we reported to Dogtown Headquarters, to watch a brief safety video, and be given our whistles (in case we need help), and the "rules" to follow in order to have a safe and enjoyable experience. We chose *Old Friends* as our first stop, and were greeted by the inhabitants there who are the "old folks" or those who aren't able to get around well, due to arthritis, hip dysplasia, or other ailments. These canines were happy to see us, and we took turns we spent the morning walking these sweethearts along the marked trails that we were shown. These gentle souls wanted nothing more than to take a leisurely walk along the sandy trail, do a little sniffing and then head back to their enclosures to enjoy the warm autumn sun. Even though some of these wonderful dogs will live out their lives at Best Friends, they are all loved and well cared for by the kindhearted caretakers of each building.

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IMPORTANT ALERT!!!

There have been numerous sightings of a cougar on sanctuary property over the last couple of months, including during daylight hours.

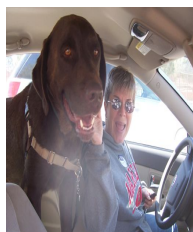
It is not advisable to hike alone or have your dogs off leash. If you have children with you, please supervise them closely.

Cougar sightings (or fresh cougar tracks) should be immediately reported. If it's during regular business hours (8:00 – 5:00), please call the Welcome Center at extension 4537. If you're calling from the cabins, dial 9-644-2001 first.

If it is after hours, please call 800-334-8818 and leave a message. Also call extension 4539.

continued from page 8 Trish and Diane's Excellent Adventure

After we each walked several dogs, we helped with feeding some of them, and tidying up their indoor and outside enclosures. The morning volunteer session ends around 11:30, and most people head over to Angel Village, the Sanctuary's vegetarian cafeteria. My sister and I found enough to eat to satisfy our hunger, but decided that we'd hit McDonald's the next day for lunch in town! After lunch, we headed back to Headquarters, to let them know where we would like to help out for the afternoon, and to inquire about a dog named Roscoe, who we had found on their web- site that was available for a sleepover. We were told that Roscoe lived in the Fairway complex, with the younger dogs. Roscoe is a three year old chocolate Lab, in perfect health, and only living at Best Friends because his original owners didn't realize that he might be too active or rambunctious for small children. Roscoe has been at Best Friends for 4-5 months. Upon arrival at Fairway, we immediately asked to meet Roscoe and it was "love at first sight". He is definitely a love bug and wiggled and wagged his tail while giving my sister and me lots of kisses.



After heading into the town of Kanab, a few miles away, we picked up some dinner to bring back to the cottage to spend the evening getting to know our new friend, Roscoe. Needless to say, he was an awesome dog, and played with the toys they sent home with us, and gobbled up the snacks we offered him. We just couldn't believe that he had been at Best Friends for several months without being adopted. He's such a great dog! But there are almost 400 dogs and twice as many cats living at Best Friends, in addition to horses, bunnies, pigs and birds, many of whom are up for adoption. We were told that 85% of the adoptions are from people who come to the Sanctuary to volunteer. It was a very tearful goodbye when we returned Roscoe the next morning.

On our second and final day of our volunteering, we reported to the buildings in Dogtown called The Garden, and spent the morning taking a variety of dogs for walks along the marked trails, catching sight of some wild turkeys and deer that roam the area. It was somewhat tiring after numerous trips up the sandy trails at higher elevations than we have in MD, but it was well worth the achy leg muscles. My sister and I both got to "meet" several pit bulls and pit bull mixes, a breed neither of us was very familiar with. We found most of them to be loving, fun dogs, not worthy of the bad press their breed has received. Best Friends is involved in a campaign to help the public overcome misconceptions about these guys.

After we finished our morning volunteer session, we headed back into Kanab to eat some "real food" for lunch - the golden arches! We returned to The Garden after lunch and the caregiver asked us if we would like to take one of dogs for an outing. We readily agreed (especially since our legs were still aching) and chose 12 year old, Anahi. We never learned Anahi's background story of how she came to be at Best Friends, but she was a sweet old girl, who was happy to lay on the back seat of the car and just enjoy the ride. We stopped at a lovely spot in the Canyon called Angel's Landing, where there was beautiful patch of green grass, a little stream and a spectacular rock formation. Anahi was happy to just be out of her enclosure and getting a chance to be with people giving her one-on-one attention. If only there was enough volunteers to take each and every one of these dogs for an outing everyday. They seem so grateful for whatever time we can give them, and we only wish we could give them all a forever home.



We returned Anahi back to the Sanctuary after our outing, and made a final stop at the Welcome Center to purchase a few last souvenirs. Both my sister and I could not find the words to express to the wonderful staff at Best Friends felt, to be able to come and help them in a small way, to care for these precious animals who want nothing more than a place to call home. If you are ever in the southern area of Utah, I urge you to take the time to visit and to volunteer awhile at this amazing place. For more information check out www.bestfriends.org and watch for the new season of **Dogtown** starting in January 2010 on the National Geographic Channel.



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Check out the GoldHeart website for updates between Newsletter publications for additional upcoming events and GoldHeart news!

**GOLDHEART'S EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

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

**Make sure you get your 2010
GoldHeart Calendar!**

They make great gifts and proceeds benefit GoldHeart Golden in need!

Additional information can be found on the GoldHeart website:
www.goldheart.org

DO YOU HAVE A STORY,
CREATIVE IDEA OR
HELPFUL HINT THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

LET US KNOW AT GOLDEN
HEARTBEATS SO THAT WE
CAN SHARE IT WITH ALL
THE GOLDHEART
MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS.

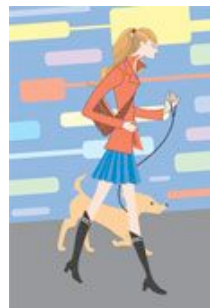
Email the Secretary:
secretary@goldheart.org

We Salute the GoldHeart Foster Homes!!

FOSTER HOMES ARE THE KEY INGREDIENT TO GOLDHEART'S SUCCESS! WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS! A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS AS WELL AS ALL THE GOLDENS THAT YOU HAVE HELPED BY FOSTERING!

Anneliese Johnson
Edie & Jim Galpin
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PET SITTING EXCHANGE

If you are interested in participating in a private vacation pet sitting exchange, please contact Jen by phone or email:

charm_link@yahoo.com (or) 443-798-1407

For legal and liability reasons, GoldHeart cannot officially sponsor this exchange, but Jen is glad to assist by referring interested folks to each other!

~ REMINDER ~

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN
JANUARY 2010

\$30.00

GoldHeart thanks all of the members for continuing to support GoldHeart each and every year.

Your membership fees go directly towards helping Golden in need!!

Thank You!!

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

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Happy Ending for Abby



Abby joined us on Oct. 19, 2009 and is happily adjusting to her new home and family. She enjoys playing in her large backyard with balls and toys and going for walks in the woods near her home. She especially likes all of the attention she receives from her very doting "siblings." She is a lovely, well trained girl with lots of love to share and we truly thank GoldHeart for all your work in helping dogs like Abby to find their forever homes. We feel very blessed to have adopted Abby and look forward to many years of love and companionship with her.



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Newsletter Material Submission Deadline

If you have material that you would like to submit for consideration for the Spring 2010 newsletter, please submit it by **March 1, 2010**. You may email any material to Heather Patterson at:

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Or by mail to:

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About GoldHeart:

HISTORY

GoldHeart was started in 1999 by a small, dedicated group of volunteers with an undying love for Golden Retrievers. The initial GoldHeart volunteers were members of the Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training (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 Golden Retrievers 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 animal. 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 all animals through education and spay/neuter advocacy.

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