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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello GoldHeart family,

Summer is slowly fading away, the kids will be back to school and maybe you'll wonder what to do with that spare time. Why not be a volunteer for GoldHeart? We are in desperate need of volunteers for transports and home visitors. We also have two board members not running again, and while the Secretary extended for one year, we are still looking for someone to fill the second year of her term (2023). If you would like to know more about these positions please contact me, president@goldheart.org

How can you help? GoldHeart needs foster homes. We are so grateful for the foster homes that we do have but need more. There certainly is great joy in fostering. My first foster dog came from Md, Simba GH# 178, that was in 2003. What an experience. To be able to turn a dog around that never lived inside a house. He was thin and very unsure of himself. With the help of my dogs Simba became a great dog and in no time was housebroken and was ready for adoption. Please consider fostering. It will cost you nothing but the love you have to give.

We would like to send our sympathy to those who have lost their furry family members since the last newsletter. If you lost your family member please let a board member know who you lost and their GH# if you know it. Send that information to secretary@goldheart.org so she can post it in the memorial section of the website.

Please don't forget to use your Walk for a dog phone app or Amazon Smile. By using the account you can help raise funds for GoldHeart.

As always thank you for being there for GoldHeart and all the precious pups that come through the doors

Barb Schaefer

President

GoldHeart

2023 CALENDARS

Our **GoldHeart 2023 Calendars** are now available for direct order from our supplier (createphotocalendars.com), and are offered in two sizes, the traditional 8-1/2 x 11 (\$20), and for those that prefer even bigger, 11 x 14 (\$25), plus shipping. What a great holiday gift - 12 months of pure love that will last throughout 2022. Thank you for supporting GoldHeart and our foster dogs! Check out a sneak peek below... [Click Here to order.](#)



GoldHeart's Giving Thanks for Goldens Fundraiser, runs October 15 through December 31, 2022, and all donations of \$100 or more received during this period, will be mailed a complimentary GoldHeart 2023 Calendar.

This year we have taken in a few dogs that required extensive and costly training so they can find forever homes; and others needed extra vetting (several for Lyme disease), and as we all know, vetting and supply costs continue to rise. We also had ongoing PT visits, Adequan Injections and support medications for sweet Missy throughout the year...with wonderful news resulting...she does not need surgery on her other hip, and she will soon be adopted by her dedicated and loving foster mom. We sadly had to say goodbye to two of our resident long term fosters this year, Buddy and Fred. On a happy note, Kirby (who is featured in our 2023 calendar), and Sofie, continue to receive lots of love and all necessary vetting care in their long term foster homes thanks to your ongoing generosity.

To make a donation under this fundraising campaign to support the many needs of our foster dogs, you can follow this link or type in at your web browser to make a donation by Pay Pal or credit card.

<https://goldheart.org/about-goldheart/make-a-donation/> Alternatively, you can mail a check payable to GoldHeart @ PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619. Thank you!

2023 GoldHeart elections are right around the corner and the positions that are up for election are listed below. Please send inquiries about the duties/responsibilities of these positions to president@goldheart.org. If you have someone that you would like to nominate for any of these positions, please send your nomination to the secretary at secretary@goldheart.org by Dec. 31 2022. You may not nominate someone without their knowledge and that person must be willing to accept the position.

Vice President

Treasurer

Board Member - Intake/Foster Home Coordinator

Board Member - Volunteer Coordinator/Communications Support

Elections will take place at the annual members meeting in January 2023. Place, date and time to be announced at a later date.

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



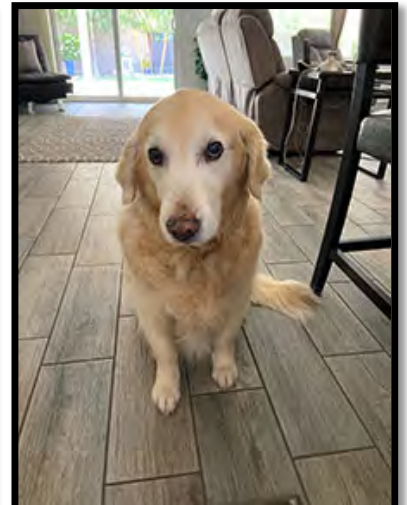
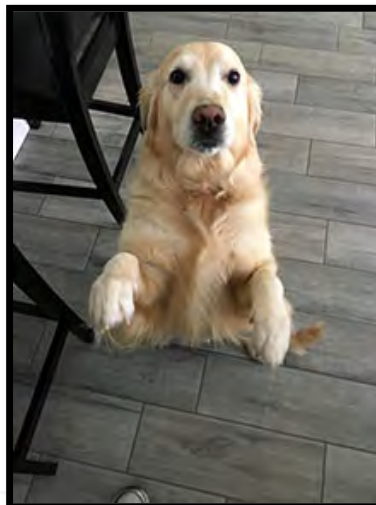
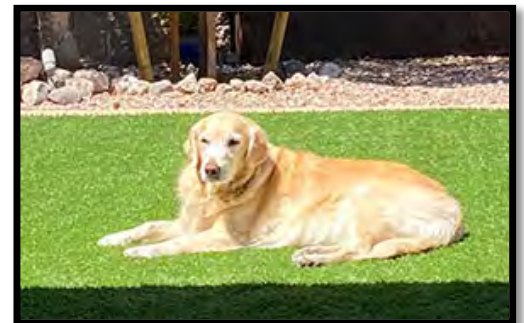
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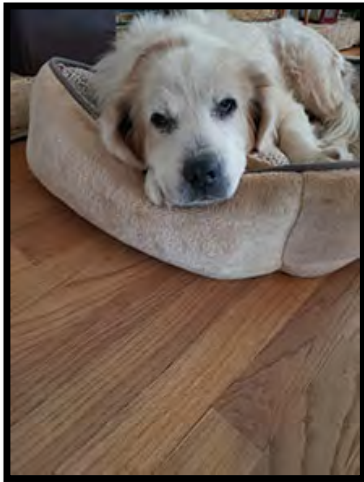
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MISSY GH1027

I can't believe that I am writing about the loss of our precious girl. From the day we met her....she was deeply locked in our hearts. We never did actually know how old she was. Different vets told us between 3 and 5 when we got her. But as she got older and slowed down a bit....we knew the day would come. We just never expected it to arrive so quickly. One day she's sniffing every plant and stone while on our walks...and the next day we find out she's got cancer covering her lungs and it's untreatable. Making that decision is never easy, but this time it really hit home. Michelle adored that pup, as did I, and it was so hard to say goodbye. We had all our neighbors over for one last hug. You see, she was the darling of the neighborhood. More people knew her name than ours...and they were all so sad to hear about her situation. She was truly loved. As I type this, I'm crying again. She was truly our Egyptian Princess and will always be missed. No matter what....no other dog will replace you in our hearts. Lay in the sun Missy. When you're on your walk in Heaven, stop at God's garage and when you see Him, do the "bunny rabbit". I'm sure He'll have a treat in His pocket....Mark Preston

It is with a very heavy heart that I create this post...Our beautiful Golden Retriever, Missy, who we've had for the past 5 years has passed away from cancer. It came on very fast and was very aggressive. We are completely devastated and our hearts are completely broken. She was the sweetest, most gentle soul I've ever known. She was my Egyptian Princess (a rescue from Egypt) and I called her my "Missy Doodles" and my "Princess". We held her in our arms as she crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. We are crying for you here on earth, my beautiful girl....but know that we will see each other again on the other side. I love you with all my heart and soul and I miss you more than words can describe....Rest in Peace my Angel.....Michelle Murlin



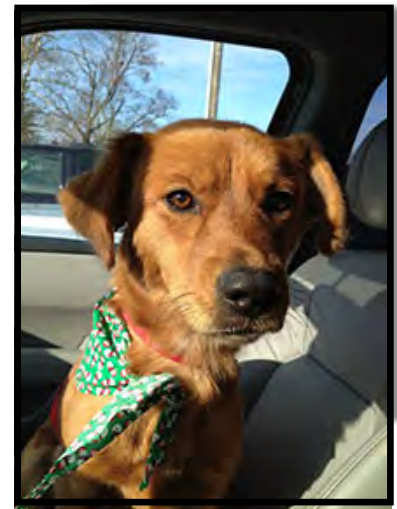


FRED (GH 1188)

Fred crossed over on August 1, 2022, 10 months after coming to GoldHeart as a Long Term Foster. His last chapter was hopefully his best. This beautiful golden oldie was initially rescued by a West Virginia Rescue and was estimated to be 12+ years old. Just look at that face, how could GoldHeart refuse to help him? He was abandoned in a house in the Pittsburgh area for some time, made it to a foster home, and sadly, that person had a health crisis and he landed back with the shelter – no place for this sweet boy. He has skin issues, is deaf, and has now been to the Vet and is being treated for various issues. He is enjoying a very soft landing in his GoldHeart foster home during the first week of October 2021, and his coat is coming back and he looks better with each passing day. He is happy to just lay in his bed or on the cool floor and enjoy his new family (2 and 4-legged). Due to his age, ongoing health issues and incontinence; his foster home agreed to care for him and the Board voted to place him in Long Term Foster status for whatever time he has left. We are so glad he got to stay around for awhile to enjoy the life he so deserved in his awesome foster home.

Maci was an amazing family dog and was deeply loved by our entire family. She became part of our family in November of 2013. I was helping my uncle and aunt with a project at their house, and they were fostering her at the time. She followed me everywhere...telling me...please take me home! We were lucky to be selected for her forever home and she quickly fit in perfectly with our family. Maci loved people, getting attention and always being with you anywhere you went. She also loved to play hard and spend time outdoors laying in the sun. I think she liked the sleeping and resting part even more. If she wasn't hanging outside, she could always be found watching out the windows or sleeping in one of her several dog beds. Occasionally, she also loved sleeping on the recliner. If we were home she was constantly by your side. Maci was the most loving and loyal dog I have ever had and will be deeply missed by our entire family. I am grateful for the time she blessed our family with her love and companionship.

David Updegraff and family

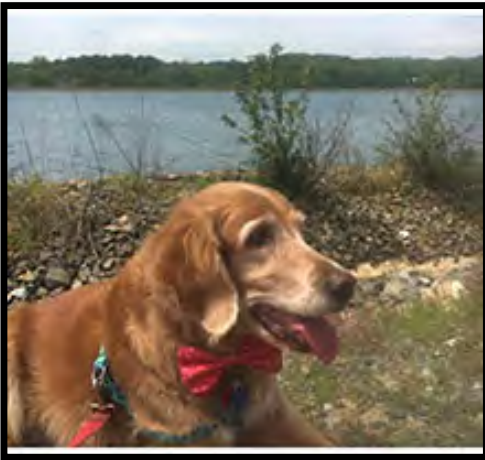


MACI (GH846)



BUDDY (GH565)

It is with heavy hearts, the GoldHeart family reports that Buddy's body was failing and he could no longer get up on his own. Buddy left this world gently, at his foster home, in the loving embrace of those that adored him. Buddy's last chapter, had to be one of his happiest times as these pictures show, with 2 and 4 legged family members that adored him. To say he will be missed is an understatement. Thank you Buddy for reminding us all that Old Gold is a treasure to cherish... and your heart was always Pure Gold. Thank you to his amazing Long Term Foster Home... Laura, Maia, many friends, and of course his fur buddies. May happy memories comfort your hearts at this difficult time.

**SANDY (GH979)**

With sadness, I must report that we lost our GoldHeart rescue Sandy GH-979 in February 2022.

Sandy came to us as a foster in February 2016, just a few days after we had become an approved GoldHeart foster family. Sandy was at Animal Control in Philadelphia, picked up as a stray, and needing to be transferred to a rescue so she could receive the care she needed. As the GoldHeart volunteer was on her way to Philadelphia to pick Sandy up, she called and asked if we were ready (as in, within the next hour or so!) to start our journey as foster parents. With somewhat nervous apprehension, we said yes, and sure enough, Sandy arrived at our house about an hour later!

Sandy was approximately 8 years old when we took her in and her coat was solid mats from years of neglect and no care. She had ear infections and fungal infections and a severe phobia of anyone touching her paws! She was somewhat skittish and really just wanted to crawl off into a back corner of the house and be left alone. Her

disposition was sweet and gentle when we interacted with her, but whatever her history had been before coming to GoldHeart, it was apparent she had a mistrust of humans and how they would treat her.

Within the first couple of weeks of having Sandy with us, she received vet care and meds, got a bath and a grooming, and we discovered a beautiful little golden dog underneath all those mats! With gentle coaxing and at-her-pace interaction with our family of humans, Sandy became more and more comfortable coming out to be a part of our family on her own. She was learning to trust us and figuring out that we were kind and caring humans!

When Sandy had regained her health and was ready to be put up for official adoption with GoldHeart, we decided that we just couldn't give her up, and we became failed fosters at our very first attempt at fostering! We adopted Sandy later that month and she became our little Valentine girl, with us declaring her birthday to be Feb 14.

Sandy spent six beautiful years with us and enriched our lives with her sweet personality and cute antics. She was acutely alert and responsive and we always said that if we had been able to have her as a puppy, she would have made an amazing agility dog. She was so smart, and so willing to learn and to please.

Sandy passed away in February 2022, just a week beyond her 14th birthday. She lived a good life and shared so much happiness with our family. 14 years is an amazing milestone for a Golden and we are so glad we got to share the best years of her life. We love you Sandy. Rest easy, sweet girl.

Sarah McIlvaine

**SHADOW (GH641)**

RIP Shadow – This beautiful boy was truly one of life's great gifts and it is easy to see how everyone who knew him loved him almost immediately. Shadow was born 10-28-2008, and was adopted in April 2010, and from that date forward, he never had another bad day, enjoying a glorious 12 years as Shadow McCusker.

Dear GoldHeart, We are heartbroken to tell you that the golden retriever we adopted from Goldheart 12 years ago this week, crossed over the rainbow bridge this morning (April 6). Shadow lived to be 13.5 years old and was without a doubt the most loving dog we ever knew. He was the sweetest, happiest dog and truly had a heart of gold. He was beloved by everyone who knew him. We are grateful to Goldheart for rescuing him and trusting him to our care. Here are a few pictures of our big, beautiful boy. Thank you for the important work your organization does on behalf of these abandoned animals, they are such a gift to their humans.

With gratitude and sadness: Rachel and Patrick McCusker

With very heavy hearts....our Rainey girl crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 8/30/2022. We adopted her on 6/29/12, when she was 2-years old. We drove three hours to meet her and it was love at first sight! When she jumped in our car to leave it was like she knew she was going home! Her foster mom, Jill, who had her for almost one year, sent her home with a Jolly Ball that Rainey just loved to play with!

She had such a pretty face...many people commented on her mascara eyes. Rainey didn't care where we went, as long as we were together. We moved twice and she easily settled into her new homes. She peacefully laid in the front yard and watched the movers load the moving van.

Rainey loved going for walks, riding in the car, rolling on her back in the grass and running in her backyard. She also loved going to Rita's during their "dog days" and getting her ice cream. She was a "thunder" dog. The only time she would get on the furniture was during a storm when she would seek comfort. She actually knew a storm was coming before we did! The last year was a little rough...she lost her sight and her hind legs started to get weak but she never gave up.

We truly miss our Rainey girl and we thank GoldHeart for the opportunity to have Rainey in our lives!

Janis and Kevin Woolsey



RAINEY (GH722)



I didn't know it would be our last trip to the park, where you loved to run and roll in the grass. I remember seeing you take your first step on grass. You were six years old, frightened, quivering, and the stench, oh my! I was to be your foster. You came to Goldheart as a retired breeder without records, only the name Rachel, which I changed to Pumpkin. You were "shutdown", according to an evaluator; unsocialized with unpredictable potential. And then there were the ear polyps. I adopted you anyway.

It took months, but nothing could have been more rewarding than to see each change: coat from rough and dull to a soft, shiny red; eyes from fearful to loving. Your behavior became that of a real Golden when you started running to greet people, tail wagging, rather than running from them, tail tucked.

I miss your companionship and how you followed me everywhere. I miss your big eyes looking into mine, your snout moving my hand away from some task, meaning..."hey, lets go". And I miss your paw touching my hand to say "scratch my chest". How many months will I expect you to be waiting at the door for me when I arrive home?

You lost your ability to walk, your spine a mess, arthritis everywhere. Although you were a trooper in trying the promising remedies, quality of life deteriorated. Long ago you gave me your trust. I hope I used it wisely in letting you go today. Now you are pain free. You walk, run, roll in the grass at the Rainbow Bridge. When I am with you again, I will scratch your chest just the way you like. Wait for me.

Your Forever Mom, Beverly Clevidence

We had to say goodbye to our Goldie Girl earlier this week (April 4, 2022). Her Vets estimated that she was between 14 – 15 years old, and we loved every minute she had with us for 4 years and 6 months. We can also now relay her back-story, since she is now running pain free with the pack of friends she made while with us.

Goldie came to us from living a life in an outdoor homeless camp, was used for panhandling, and was also loved by all that met her. A good Samaritan checked on her often, took her food, and when her owner landed in jail, she took Goldie in. We were contacted to see if we could help Goldie permanently get off the streets. While not a golden, we feel in love with her kind, gentle (except when taking treats...she learned to wait for humans to put on floor -good girl!) and yes, an almost human personality. We later learned she was a mix of lab, chow, boxer and more. Goldie loved to bark (a lot). It was her way to communicate with everyone. Since she was under “witness protection” she became known as GG at Goldheart, and was a loved sibling of many other rescues that came in over the past years. For our Teddy’s 17th Birthday (October 2017), he woofed and said, please let her stay, so we happily adopted her. She was the smartest dog ever, had a huge human vocabulary, and just knew what you wanted. She was such an easy dog to love and care for, always letting the “pet-me” goldens in the house be the center of attention. Her happy time was being with humans, especially among our many friends, at any gathering, even at the vets, where she could join in the laughter with her barks!



GOLDIE GIRL (GH1048)

She had severe arthritis and probably had Cushing’s Disease when she arrived, but it was not diagnosed until Spring 2019, and we then started all the testing and treatments. Her coat grew in (the chow shed-fest began) and she was never more beautiful than she was on her last day. It just broke our hearts that her body was giving into old age and Cushing’s. We assisted her with ramps and yoga mats throughout the house and she sported a red harness that let us help her get up. Just recently she started having repeat urinary infections, accidents (no big deal), but then she could no longer stand or walk. Despite our best efforts, and many different meds, adequan shots and supplements, we knew her time with us would soon need to end. As much as we wanted her to stay with us, and those big soulful eyes said I want to stay too, when her ability to bark often pretty much stopped, we knew. Our heart aches to hear her woof! woof! Mom where are you, bring me to sit by you!

Goldie was quite the amazing lady – always a good sport and tolerant sister of many other rescued Goldens, Teddy, Brittany, Fosters Belle and Oliver, Long Term Fosters Smiley and Gunner, and Jay Bird (all, except Oliver, were waiting to greet her at the Rainbow Bridge). Goldie left behind her latest buddy, 5-year-old Dasher – who arrived last October and seemed to recharge Goldie, and help mend our hearts after losing Gunner and Jay Bird back-to-back. We were so lucky Goldie was with us another 6 months.

RIP our sweetest Goldie Girl – you will live on forever in our hearts.

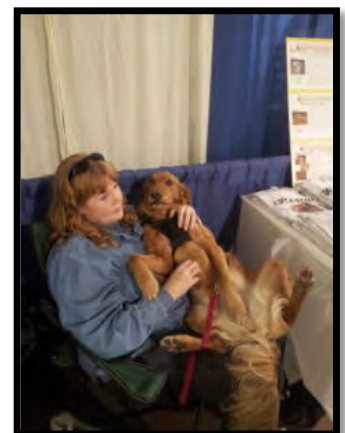
Marie, Pete and Dasher Martinez



RIP Beautiful Hannah ~ 1/06/2009 – 9/12/2022

Oh Hannah Bell, my sweet darling girl. You were such a happy spirit, and a great ambassador for rescue. You came to me a foster, and when your daddy did not want to let you go, you stayed. You just belonged. Though smaller than most goldens, your sweet happy personality was large. Thank you for all the home visits, Pet Expo’s and events at Baron’s K-9 Country Store.

Miss and love you baby girl.....MOM
LaDonna Puryear



HANNAH BELL (GH762)

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