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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello GoldHeart family. Sorry this Spring Newsletter is so late, and is now reaching you as we are ready for Summer. There are 24 good reasons for that. For those of you who don't know, in late January (during the Pet Expo) we were contacted by a cat rescue in North Carolina about a hoarding situation, 49 goldens, poodles and doodles were seized by the SPCA, rescuing from a situation where the pups were living in the woods in filthy kennels.

GoldHeart agreed without hesitation to take eight of those dogs. A transport was quickly put together by the girls in North Carolina to get these dogs to Virginia and our VP, Sabrena Garrison, and another GoldHeart family member, Ann Kunkel, got a transport together and an emergency plea went out for foster homes. Foster homes stepped up not knowing what they were getting into. We had no idea the condition these pups were in, we just knew we needed to get them into GoldHeart and give them a chance at a better life. We were told to expect any female to be pregnant and that six were heartworm positive. For short, we call the group the NC8.

Some of the dogs were very shy, never been on a leash, had no idea how to play with a toy. Such a sad situation. The foster homes have done an outstanding job. It has been a long haul with both Lyme and heartworm treatment for most. We are just now getting close to the end of the heartworm treatment for six, and hope in the coming weeks they will be able to resume normal activity and get spayed/neutered, and those that are not failed fosters, will soon be ready to look for forever homes. This has been many months of care and major expenses for the rescue.

On February 6, Mallory, one of the NC8, GH-1229, gave birth to eight of the cutest doodles. Unfortunately, Baby Bea, GH-1235, did not have the strength to go on. After three trips to the ER at about six days old, the decision was made to let her go. It was a hard day for the foster family and GoldHeart. Many people were praying she would make it, and we thank everyone. The rest of the litter did fine and continued to grow and get stronger. All seven have been adopted out to wonderful GoldHeart approved homes.

We thought we were lucky to only have one pregnant female from the NC8, until one morning at 3:30 am, I received a phone call from Harper's, GH-1224, foster mom telling me that a puppy had been born. What a shock, no one knew this girl was pregnant, not even the vet. She came into the rescue very underweight and malnourished. By 8 am we had a litter of 9 baby doodles. All the puppies and the mom did not do well and ended up at the hospital for weeks. With the help of the vet and the vet techs everyone survived. Momma Harper has completed her heartworm treatment and is doing well in her FTA home. At this point, all but one puppy has been adopted.

So you see, we had 8 adult doodles and 16 puppies that have required our full attention, so those are the 24 reasons why this newsletter is late. Hope you'll forgive us, but we've been just a little busy. This adventure has cost GoldHeart more than \$15,000. If you would like to donate to help us offset these medical bills you can do so by going to the website <https://goldheart.org/about-goldheart/make-a-donation/>. Any donation, any amount, is always appreciated.

Starting on June 2nd we started a fundraiser. **THE GRILLING RAFFLE**. This package is from Warrington Farms in Dillsburg Pa. It will consist of 30 lbs of ground round and 30 to 35 pounds of steaks and roasts. Tickets are \$20. Drawing will be July 1 and the package will be delivered in time for July 4. An e-mail went out earlier in the week on how to secure your tickets, and is covered on page 2 of this newsletter. It is also on the website and on the GoldHeart Face Book page.

I would like to thank everyone for always being there for GoldHeart and helping us to be able to continue our mission of saving these beautiful dogs.

Barbara Schaefer, President  
GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc



# THE BIG GRILL



## GoldHeart Grilling Sampler Raffle



**IT'S GRILLING SEASON!** Don't miss out on a chance to win the perfect pairing, Helping GoldHeart Foster Dogs and some delicious burgers, steaks and roasts.

The raffle prize is coming from Warrington Farms. [www.warringtonfarmmeats.com](http://www.warringtonfarmmeats.com). This is a 1/8 side of beef and will include 30 lbs. of ground beef and 30-35 lbs. of steaks and roasts. That's a \$375 package.

**Tickets are \$20 each.** The drawing will be held July 1, in time to arrange delivery for July 4, 2023. Winner will be announced at our [Facebook Group](#).

### Here's three options to secure your ticket(s)

1. In person from Barb Schaefer, GoldHeart President ([president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)).
2. Mail in your check with your email, phone #, and delivery address (noting for grilling raffle), by June 26, 2023, payable to GoldHeart, PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619.
3. At the GoldHeart website using our donate button to pay with a credit card or by PayPal. Go to <https://goldheart.org/about-goldheart/make-a-donation/> Be sure to tell us this is for the grilling raffle.

For options 2 & 3 above, our President will e-mail a confirmation to you that the applicable number of tickets have been entered in the drawing for you.

**Sorry, but with in-person delivery required, participation is limited to members and friends in the [GoldHeart Service Area](#) (Delaware, most of Maryland and south-central Pennsylvania).**

**Won't be home for the holiday to grill? You can still get tickets and the package can be picked up at a later date if you are the winner.**

**THANK YOU for Supporting Goldheart!**

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## Harper

We thought you would enjoy seeing a picture of Harper shortly after she delivered her puppies. Thanks to the Van Dopp/Gorsky foster home and to the team at BestFriends' Animal Hospital.

## CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

### FLO GH-1057

It is with a heart that is broken in a million pieces that I tell you of Flo's passing. She was a wonderful dog that was unfazed by anything. She came to me directly on November 15, 2017, from JFK Airport after her flight from Egypt. Barb Schaefer brought her to me that very day. I chose her because her tail was blurry in the photo from Egypt. I knew she was wagging it.

She had been spayed but she had mammary masses that needed to be removed. We needed to take x-rays. It was then that we found out she had been shot at some point in her life because the bullet was by her chest. Then she began to bleed as though she was in heat. We did an exploratory surgery looking for part of an ovary that may have been left...nothing. Then with further palpation, we found a vaginal tumor. It was a venereal tumor. Somewhat rare in the USA. The treatment was chemotherapy. Thank you to Goldheart for making her treatment possible. She had 6 rounds of chemo and never missed a beat.

The oncologist told me she did great and she was one of their favorite patients! She came to me blind in 1 eye but that didn't stop her. She saw me through some terrible times of my life. She was a calming force to my trials. A true blessing. And then...she broke a couple toes and was in a splint up to her elbow for 4 weeks. Whenever she needed x-rays, we were able to take them without any type of sedation. She laid perfectly still. She was so special. Like no other dog I have ever had. She loved whoever she met and they loved her back. I was fortunate to be able to take her to work with me at Shiloh Vet Hospital. All my coworkers insisted I bring her if they hadn't seen her in awhile. And then...her blind eye developed severe glaucoma and it had to be removed. She was such a trooper.



She was sweet, brave, and I can say, perfect. She developed a rapidly growing tumor around her neck that caused her pain that I knew was severe. After all she had been through and being as stoic as she was, for her to not want to lift her head or wag her tail, I knew she was in tremendous pain. The decision was heartbreaking but I owed her the comfort that she gave me. We have a gazebo at the office. It was a beautiful sunny day. She had Hershey kisses and sugar cookies and candy. Her favorite was Smarties. She passed surrounded by the people most important to her.

Dearest Flo, you were a gift from Heaven. You will always be in my heart.

Sue Farrell, April 2023





## BEA GH-1235

Baby Bea was born on 2/6/23. She was from a litter of 8 puppies. Her mom lived in horrible conditions in a hoarding/breeding situation in North Carolina and was brought into GoldHeart on 1/27/23.

From the time she was born she was the smallest of the litter and was not eating well. Mom kept nudging her away. The foster home pulled Baby Bea from the mom and started to bottle feed and she was starting to thrive. She had to be taken to the ER one night where she was diagnosed with Bronchial inflammation. With meds and regular bottle feedings she seemed to be doing ok. A few days later she started to spiral downward and after another trip to the ER she was diagnosed with an enlarged heart that was also malformed, fluid around the heart and

lungs. At this particular time the Vets and the foster home consulted with GoldHeart and the foster home decided it was time to let her go. On 2/12/23 Baby Bea crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

We want to thank her foster family for doing everything they could for this precious little soul. I know your hearts were broken when you make that decision but you knew what was best for her.

She was loved very much and never had the chance to grow up and grow old with a loving family but her foster loved her and took good care of her and the Family and Friends of GoldHeart constantly said their prayers for Bea but it was out of our hands.

Play hard at the Rainbow Bridge Baby Bea...until we all meet again.

## CUDDLES GH-896

Our sweet lovable Cuddles (GH#896) received her Angel Wings here at home as we held her and she ever so gently and peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge on March 18, 2022, after many months of dealing with several cancer tumors, surgeries and treatments.

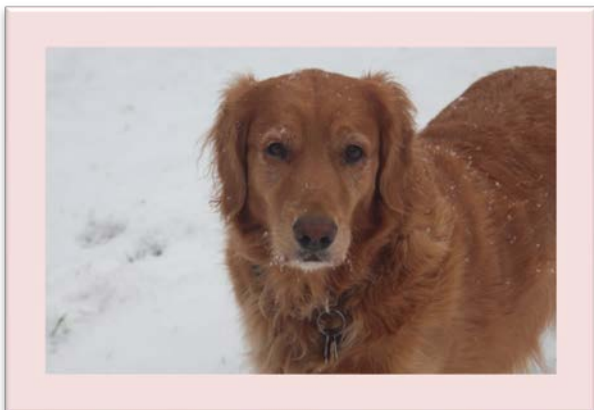
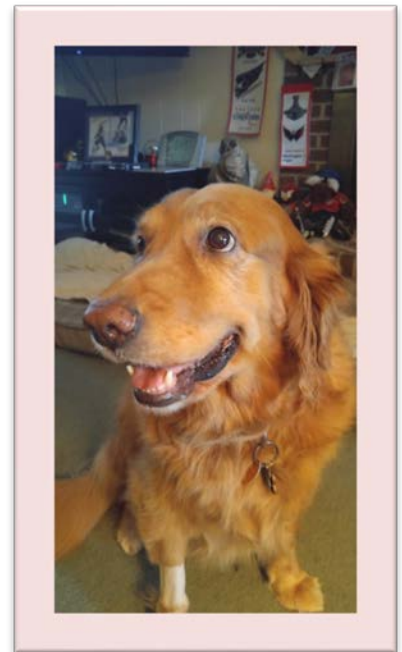
Cuddles was an abused 4 year old, who along with her son Goofus (GH#897), a 2 year old, when we rescued them in 2014, both extremely afraid of everything and everyone!!

Slowly, with lots of TLC, patience and an abundance of petting and treats, they both overcame most fears and became wonderful fur members of our family. They never lost their fears of being in a car, a leash, going up or down stairs, or getting into water (pool, bathtub, creek, etc). However, eventually they adapted. Cuddles overcame a terrible early life to become a beloved member of our family and loved by everyone she met.

Cuddles loved her tennis balls, had many and finally learned to retrieve them when thrown – most times, until she grew tired of the game and kept them. Cuddles loved chasing and “treeing” squirrels when they dared to enter HER yard, and enjoyed cuddling on the couch with whomever was available.

We truly believe that Goofus, Rammie, Nugget, Mumphe, and even our cats Meow and Scamper were there waiting to welcome her as she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

We miss her but are all thankful that Cuddles and Goofus came into and enriched our lives.



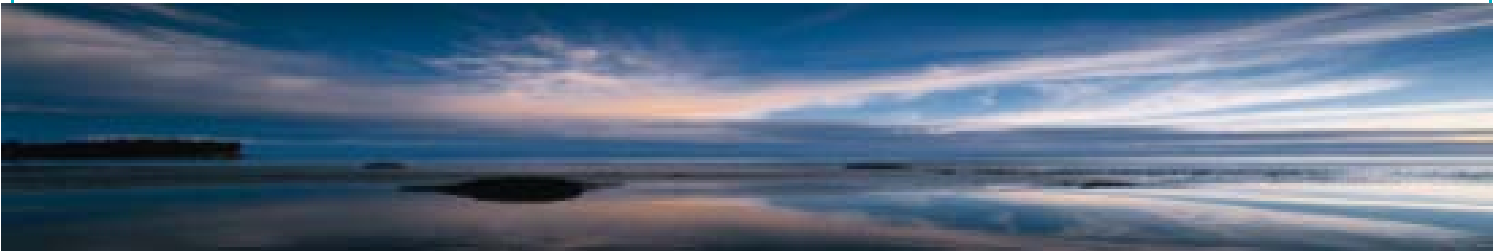


## CALLIE GH-633



Sweet Callie, an adorable golden mix, came into GoldHeart, January 2010, under the Foster-to-Adopt program, and left her loving family on 12/9/2022. She was just a 5 week old puppy at arrival, and once in her forever home she never looked back and had a wonderful life. She loved going for daily walks, playing with the other dogs in her home, and the family grand dog. She certainly filled her home with love, and will be missed. RIP sweet girl.

The Keplinger Family



# FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART

**Scooper Hero** - 3114 Royston Avenue - Baltimore, MD 21214  
410-319-6630 or 1-877-319-6630  
contact@scooperhero.com

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

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

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

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

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

**Canine Spa – Dillsburg** – Facebook: [www.facebook.com/caninespadillsburg](http://www.facebook.com/caninespadillsburg)

**Dirty Dog Makeover** – Annette Melhorn – Mobile Grooming  
[www.canaltownelabs.com](http://www.canaltownelabs.com) - Kristin Wade

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