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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello GoldHeart Family,

Well, I certainly do not know where the summer went. After fostering a few litters of puppies that came in, I find myself looking at early winter. Leaves are almost gone, and snow is in the forecast. Brrrrr!!!!

It has certainly been a challenge keeping up with all the dogs that come into the rescue. Some of the dogs that came in last year are just finishing up the expensive surgeries that they needed to be ready for their forever homes. We took in quite a few Amish farm girls who are now living the good life. We also took in 11 puppies ranging from 8 weeks to 16 weeks old who are also living the good life. I cannot thank you all enough for donating to Ace GH# 1313 and his emergency lifesaving surgery. He is doing well and is in his new home.

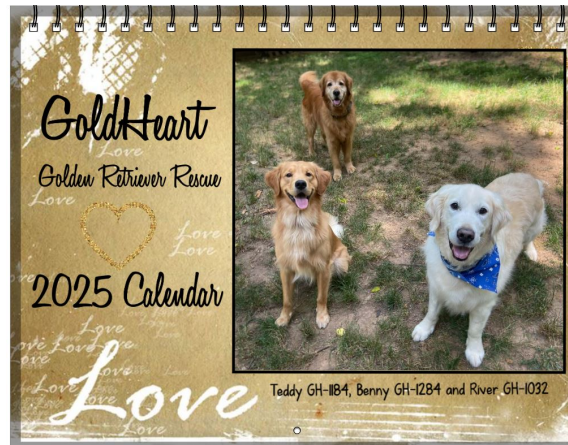
I hope you have checked out our 2025 GoldHeart Calendar and will consider donating during our Giving Thanks for Goldens Annual Fundraiser. In no time the Pet Expo will be here and we always need volunteers for that. I will keep you all posted as to when that event will take place. As always, we need foster homes and volunteers to do home visits. If you can help in any way please let me know.

Please remember to use your Wooftrax app on your phone. Sofie Nugget GH# 987 and her foster brother Tucker use this app every day and earn money for GoldHeart. Also, we currently have two sweet gals looking for forever homes, a beautiful 8-year-old golden and a 10 week old golden puppy. Check them out at our website (goldheart.org) under [Available Dogs](#).

Thank you all again for everything that you all do for these unwanted, abused and stray goldens that come into GoldHeart.

Barb Schaefer
President
GoldHeart

GOLDHEART CALENDARS



GoldHeart's Giving Thanks for Golden Fundraiser, runs October 12, through December 31, 2024, and all donations of \$100 or more received during this period, will be mailed a complimentary GoldHeart 2025 Calendar.

2024 was another busy year for GoldHeart and inflation has also impacted vet expenses. Routine vetting, including spay/neuter for a typical adult dog, can easily exceed \$1,500 before a rescue pup is adopted into a forever home. **To make a donation under this fundraising campaign to support the many needs of our foster dogs,** you can follow this link <https://goldheart.org/donation/> or go to goldheart.org and look for the red *Make a Donation* button (we accept payment by Pay Pal or credit card). Then, look for the donation button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you can make a donation through Venmo (look under Charities for *GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue @GoldheartGRR* – **PLEASE** be sure to include your mailing address in the **Note Field** if you qualify for a complimentary calendar), or you can mail a check payable to GoldHeart @ PO Box 394, Chester, MD 21619 (with your mailing address). Thank you!

Our 2025 GoldHeart calendars are once again filled with spectacular images of many of our rescue pups, providing 12 months of pure Gold and make the perfect holiday gift. All profits will benefit our foster dogs. For 2025, our supplier again offers three sizes, plus a pdf version. Pricing for the standard 8-1/2 x 11 size is still \$20.00 plus shipping.

Purchasing GH Calendars: TO ORDER and pay for one or more CALENDARS, visit our website and look under [Products](#) or go directly to our supplier by [clicking here](#).

AS ALWAYS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF GOLDHEART!

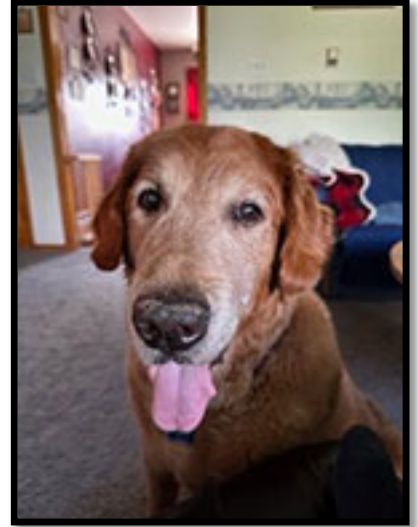
CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Zack, who would have turned 14 on June 5, lost his battle with liver cancer on March 12, 2024. Zack was given 6-8 weeks to live in December of 2022, and despite his diagnosis, he wasn't ready to give up and shared his love and smiles for 14 plus more months.

Zack was adopted on Valentine's Day in 2016, after we became his failed foster family. He loved to go for car and boat rides, and he loved swimming, playing ball, going for walks and of course nap time. Zack was one of a kind. With all the other fosters we have brought home, he was always kind and got along with everyone, even when they ate out of his bowls or took his squeaky balls. His unconditional love and his always happy to see you outlook is missed more than words can say.

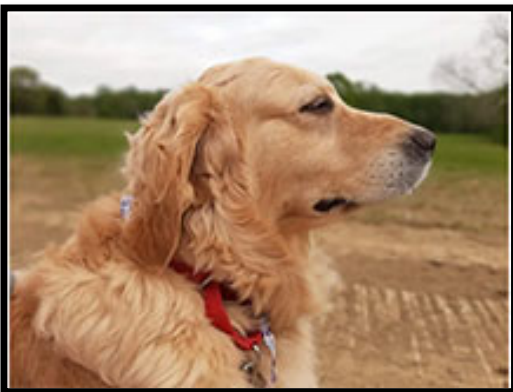
Lily, Cooper and Mommy love and miss you, my Zackaroo.

The Poffenberger Family



ZACK (GH-1018)

Our amazing dog, Shaina, died suddenly last week, from a heart cancer that is common in Goldens and difficult to detect. She was 10, and even though we only had her for 4 years, she made quite the impact.



SHAINA (GH-1145)

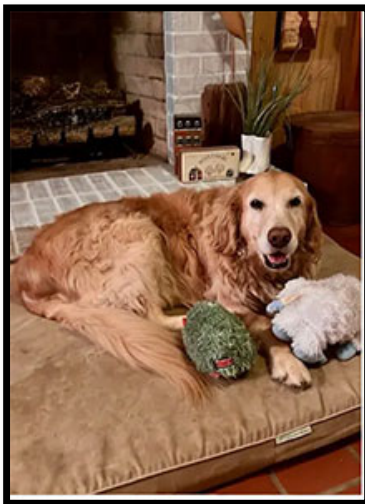
She came to us in her retirement from breeding, and really lived up her "golden" years. She liked being inside with air conditioning, she loved chew toys, stealing coffee, light walks, where she could meander and sniff literally everything, and most of all snuggles with literally all beings. She grunted whenever she wanted to communicate with us, mostly to request food and snacks. She was incredibly ungraceful, and I always worried she would get hurt or break things when she got uncontrollable zoomies.

Her best friend (besides us) was Jinx the cat, and I've never seen a dog and cat love each other more. She was a dedicated studio buddy, and I will miss her so much while I work. Although we are so sad, we're really grateful to have had her in our lives.

Tai & Chris, and all the Black Family

OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN

RAINBOW BRIDGE....CONTINUED

**MOLLY (GH-1205)**

Gone too soon from our lives, but she lives on, forever in our hearts.

7/15/2015 – 2/21/2024

Molly spent her first chapter as a Breeder girl (mom to many lucky dogs) in Southern Maryland, and was adopted in the late summer of 2021. In turn, this shy, sweet, and dainty lady came into GoldHeart on April 7, 2022, after her new owner felt his girl needed a home where she could get more attention and spend more time outside in a fenced yard, which she loved almost as much as her squeaky balls and stuffed toys. From the day she came through our door with her tail glued between her legs, Pete and I knew this girl needed to stay with us for her third and final chapter. She was so loving, but equally fearful of so much, certainly more than we have seen with the many other dogs we have been blessed to share our home with.

In 22 months, she taught us that being kind is something we need to do every day. I hope we helped her let go of many fears and all that knew Molly, could see her transforming into the loveliest, kindest dog ever. She never had a cross moment with anyone, and adored her golden brother Dasher, fosters Katie, Goose, Hank, and most recently Annie (all of GoldHeart). She also loved frequent visitor Tootsie. She only barked 3 times and play growled just a few times. These moments were magical and made our hearts sing to hear her unleashed joy finally revealing itself. She got to hang out outside lots in her yard, go camping with us, and took two trips with family and friends to Cape Charles, and loved our daily walks, she had the most perfect heal ever (only needed a leash because she did want to investigate the squirrels), treasured constant ball chasing (every time she went outside Molly waited for the ball to be thrown) and she delighted all during our many Sunday football get-togethers.

We discovered a growth following her 8th Birthday (August '23). It was in the perineal region. It was surgically removed, and the biopsy revealed a grade 3 soft tissue sarcoma (aggressive and rare). Because of the location, margins were minimal, and we started radiation in hopes of stopping regrowth. Sadly, It came back during treatment in November '23, and the prognosis was grim. We decided to do all we could to make her final time the best naturally. She had almost 4 more months, not knowing she had cancer and living life to the fullest without fear. We were sure her last day was full of yummy treats, a long walk to see her many friends, enjoying ball play, and many kisses, hugs and gentle words. She passed peacefully at home with a final gift of euthanasia with Lap of Love, surrounded by her two and four legged family. At the very end, Annie barked and barked as her spirit left, and Molly's tail was curled, but suddenly raised up and down several times, then rested fully extended, ready to wag in her next life. She came with it glued between her legs and left with it wagging, |a transformed, beloved Golden girl.

“It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog that comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all of the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and as loving as they are.” Anonymous

We love you Sweetest Molly! Marie and Pete Martinez

We Appreciate you...

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