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## Golden Rescue Mission Statement

### SECOND CHANCES FOR GOLDENS IN NEED

Our mission is simple and straightforward because that's who we are and that's what we do. Our volunteer-run organization, led by a volunteer, working board of directors, is dedicated to ensuring that each and every rescued Golden receives exceptional care, regardless of the extent of their needs. We provide veterinary care, rehabilitation, behaviour training, and numerous other services to help our Golden retrievers prepare for their second chance with a loving forever family. We also help educate people about the virtues of rescue as rescue is our favourite breed.

At the root of everything we do are our core values ~ integrity, kindness, compassion ~ all delivered without judgment. These are our guiding principles that drive our purpose and sustain our ability to continually wrap our arms around Golden retrievers who so desperately need our help.



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## On The Cover

**Ross #4127** ~ Our amazing Cairo boy was a Velcro boy ever since he arrived in our arms at Pearson airport. It was a feat to leave him alone and almost impossible to get out the door without Ross clinging to us. He has grown out of that now and although he hates to see us leave, he settles into his comfy chair moments after we're gone. We took him to training classes where he originally kept getting into trouble because he was simply too sociable but he's a quick learner and just wants to please. He is also an early riser and can't wait for us to open our eyes to he can give us a big kiss and start his day. One very unusual quirk for this Egyptian prince is that he loves dandelions. We think he loves them even more than his food. We're guessing they didn't have dandelions in Cairo. When he's eating dandelions, we find ourselves singing that great Coldplay song:

*You came along  
I wrote a song for you  
And all the things you do  
And it was called 'Yellow'*



Trish & Neil

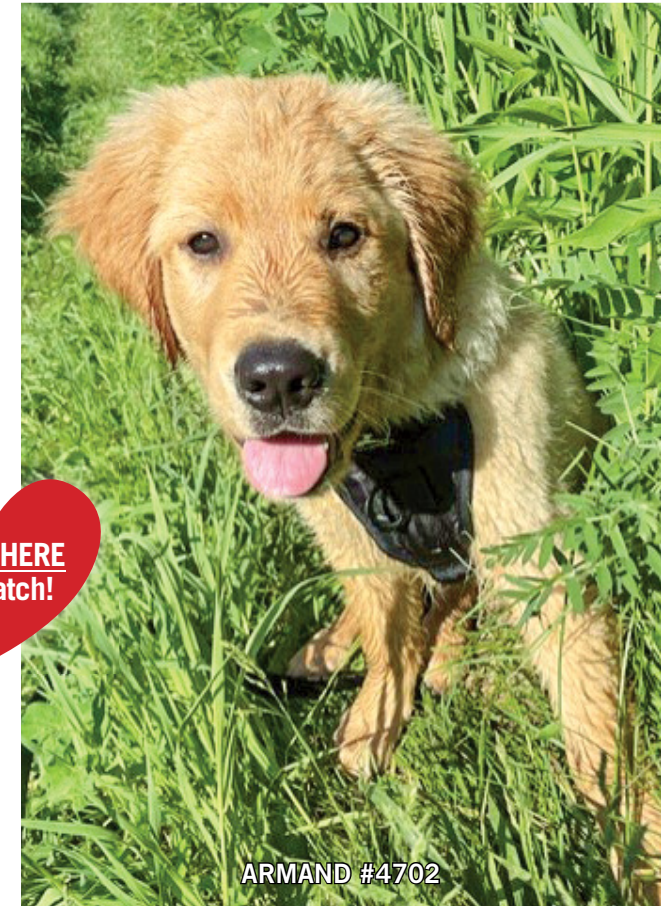
## Past, Present & Future



Read past issues and stories any time! All the Guardian issues since 2013 are on our website and we will continue to add each issue from now on. So, if you'd like to read past issues, please click [here](#).

**HAPPY READING!**

# Louise Penny to the RESCUE!!!



Renowned Canadian author, Louise Penny, the mastermind behind Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, joins Golden Rescue as our official Spokesperson! Inspired by her beloved Golden companion, Muggins, Louise brings a lifelong passion for Golden Retrievers to this exciting partnership.

Get ready for a powerful 12-part video series that we created together! This exciting series dives into the most crucial rescue topics, from fostering and adoption to volunteering and giving. Our goal

~ to raise awareness and spread the word about Golden Rescue and responsible pet ownership.

**The first video in our series is [here](#)!**

Louise's compassion knows no bounds! Her incredible kindness and generosity leave us speechless...a true champion for Golden Retrievers. To express our heartfelt gratitude, one of our newest Golden arrivals, now proudly carries the

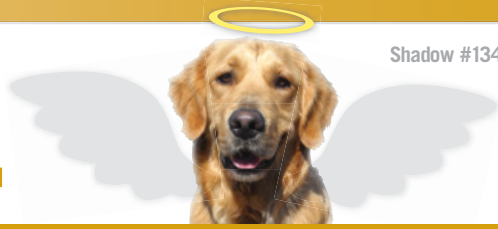
name Armand #4702 ~ a tribute to the central character in her books.

**[Here](#)** is Louise's newsletter, where she shares a special story about Armand.

**From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Louise and Muggins! You are both Golden heroes and we are your biggest fans.**



# GOLDEN ANGEL



Meet an outstanding volunteer ~ a golden angel with a golden heart!

## Nikki Scheidl

Nikki adored her first Golden, Charlee, and fell in love with this wonderful breed. Luckily for us, Nikki's love for Charlee was the impetus behind exploring the GR website as she wanted to see how she could help. The first thing Nikki signed up for was to foster a Golden. The experience of watching her first foster transform under her care to seeing her adopted by a wonderful forever family was such a wonderful experience that she asked to join the placement team. To use Nikki's words: "Placing a pup with their new family or witnessing the transformation of a foster to their

amazing self brings me an overwhelming sense of joy". For us it is a 'joy' to work with Nikki who never says no if she can help. Besides fostering and being an integral member on the placement team, Nikki has helped with transports and home visits. Nikki lives in Edmonton and she shares her life with Goldens Bailey, Finn the lapdog, and Casey, who is not in the photo as he can't sit still long enough. Thank you, Nikki, for all you do and thank you Charlee for giving your mom the idea for coming to our rescue! We are SO lucky to have you in our corner.



## MEET & GREET

### Maggie #4655

We had been thinking about getting a sister to keep our other dog company and when we saw this girl, we knew she was going to be just right. Of course, it has been an adjustment to have an 8-week-old pup in our life but she has fit in beautifully. Maggie is now around three months old and is the joy of our lives. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for choosing our family for this lovely girl.

Kelly & Eric



NIKKI WITH BAILEY & FINN THE LAPDOG





COACH #3843

## Commemorate a Date!

Buy a commemorative date in the 2025 Calendar for your loved ones and support Golden Retrievers in need at the same time!

- Happy Birthday Shadow #1342
- In memory of Bailey #1212
- Happy Gotcha Day Kili #4171

Please email the date, message, and photo to [board@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:board@goldenrescue.ca) and send your e-transfer to [treasurer@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:treasurer@goldenrescue.ca).

**Cost:** \$20 per date or \$50 if you'd like a small photo in the same month (limited spaces available so first-come...)

### DEADLINE: JULY 15TH

(commemorative dates and photo submissions)

## Say Cheese!

Please send your fabulous Golden photos as the feature pages for the 2025 calendar. (Take photos with the highest device settings & please don't compress them for email.) Please email photos to [photos@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:photos@goldenrescue.ca). Please make sure you tell us who's who and include their rescue numbers.





# THE TRAINING CORNER



## VIOLET'S JOURNEY (PART 2)

We adopted Violet #4496 on September 4th of 2023. I wrote about her history and our first couple of months with her. In a nutshell, Violet's first seven years of her life were hard. She was a 'breeder' at a puppy mill and lived in a small stall all her life. When she came into Golden Rescue's care, she was not in good condition and she was afraid of the world. She also wasn't toilet trained.

Violet has had some health problems, which I'm happy to say are now under control and I'll write about them shortly. But first, let me bring you up-to-date on her progress since writing the last article.

She is now 99% toilet trained. That took about five months and her health problems didn't help. We do have to watch her carefully. We get her out regularly, but if she doesn't eliminate when she usually goes out, we have to watch for her heading to the patio doors. The moment we do that we rush to the door to let her out. She has a habit of holding it as long as she can and if we don't notice she's gone to the door, she can't hold it any longer. The good thing is, she now knows that she's supposed to go outside...she just can't open the door on her own.

I mentioned in my previous article that Violet ranks low in confidence, optimism, independence, calmness, novelty, engagement,

flexibility, and grit and that I would hold off taking her to class until I felt she was ready. Mid-November, I decided to try bringing Violet to school as she was becoming more comfortable in new situations. I put her into our Great Beginnings class, which works on behaviours, not obedience. Quite honestly, I really don't care if she can sit or lie down on command. I want her to gain confidence around people, not worry when we go out, be comfortable going to new and different places, and to be happy.

School was completely new to Violet. She was happy enough being in the room with five other dogs, but initially she preferred to sit on her bed and watch. That was absolutely fine. When you have a dog that's unsure of what something is all about, it does no good to force them to do anything. Let them watch the other dogs. Let them see that the other dogs are not being harmed, in fact they're having fun and getting treats. Violet started to do a couple of the exercises with me and then go sit on her bed when she felt she'd done enough.

By the end of the six-week program, she was doing more. She was also starting to become more comfortable around new people. I decided to take her through another six-week program of the same course to continue building her skills; however, that's when her health issues developed.

Although health issues are not part of dog training, I'm also a Certified Pet First Aid Instructor, so I'm going to switch gears and talk about this, because her symptoms had our vet and me baffled.

We had switched Violet to a raw diet a few days after bringing her home in September. We have been raw feeding for over 20 years. Violet did extremely well on raw. However, out of the blue in mid-December, she started having diarrhea. We did what we usually do if any of our other dogs get diarrhea and that was add some pumpkin. That usually does the trick. Not this time. Next step is to reduce the amount of raw and add both pumpkin and rice (about 50-50 rice and raw mixture). Still no improvement. Now it's time to go to the vet because you don't want them having diarrhea anymore than about 48 hours or they can become dehydrated and start to lose weight.

The vet put her on meds for the diarrhea and also a gastrointestinal food. We love our vet, but the gastro food made it worse. We kept her on the meds, but we put her on cooked chicken, rice, and pumpkin. It helped a bit and then went back to liquid. She also started losing weight. Back to the vet and this time they thought perhaps she was having an allergic reaction to chicken so the next thing was to put her on an allergenic food. Still no improvement. We had also added



probiotics to her diet. Next step was to change the meds and put her on a hydrolyzed food. That didn't work either.

By the way, lots of bloodwork had also been done, testing for everything under the sun and every test was negative. What made this so baffling was other than losing weight, there were no other symptoms. She was not lethargic, there was no stomach pain, there was no change to her appetite, and she was still happy.

At this stage, our vet felt that we needed to take her to a gastroenterologist, which we completely agreed with. This had now gone on for six weeks and Violet was constantly getting us up through the night to poop. She had also lost a significant amount of weight.

There was one more food that we hadn't tried. It's only been around a few months. Our vet hadn't used it yet, but one of the other vets at the clinic had used it on another dog, with similar issues to Violet and it worked wonders. It's a very high fibre food, with probiotics called Biome (only available through your vet). We put her on this and within two days, her poops started to take form. After two weeks, they were completely normal and she was gaining weight!

We kept the appointment with the specialist. The specialist had also seen success with this food and felt it was best to stay the course. If things went backwards, then we'd take her back in and they'd do a scope. I'm happy to report that all is still well. She only gets rice cakes and cooked carrots for treats (she only has seven tiny teeth in the front), but she's quite happy with that.

Violet is now very eager to go on walks (initially she wouldn't go at all as mentioned in the earlier article). She used to hang behind us and our

other two Golden Retrievers, but now she's either right up with them or leading the way. She's been to two Golden Rescue events and loved all the attention. She's far more engaged with me and often seeks me out.

She now plays with toys...something she never did before. She occasionally pulls every toy out of their three toy boxes and scatters them all around her! She plays by herself and not with Tula or Star. But it's a joy to watch her do this.

We discovered on the Victoria Day weekend that she is completely distraught at the sound of fireworks. Vaughan was walking them when they started in our neighbourhood and she tried to crawl under cars. Once Vaughan got her home, she panted continually. The sound probably reminded her of something from her past. Because it has been imprinted on her for seven years, no amount of training will help with this. Now that we know that fireworks upset her, we'll simply support her by making sure she's in the house before they start going off. Thunder jackets work for some dogs and we may try that. Depending on how she handles it the next time, anxiety medication might be another option.

Violet continues to bloom. It has been a long slow process. It's important to remember that some rescues need time to adjust, especially if their past was not pleasant. They will be cautious and untrusting. After all, wouldn't you be if you had a difficult life?

**By Lynda Kitson**

*Lynda is the owner of Who's Walking Who Dog Training Centres and is also a Walks 'N' Wags Certified Pet First Aid Instructor. She lives with her husband Vaughan, and their three Golden Retrievers, Star, Tula and Violet #4496.*



LINDA WITH #VIOLET #4496, TULA & STAR



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

**Buoy #4678**  
Adopted by Kaili & Brandon

**Eddie #4624**  
Adopted by Allison & Hugh

**Koda #4688**  
Adopted by Emma & Tyler

**Piper #4649**  
Adopted by Pat

**Sebastian #4683**  
Adopted by Siobhan

**Carlton #4651**  
Adopted by Jackie

**Ellie Mae #4682**  
Adopted by Maureen & Rob

**Lucy #4698**  
Adopted by Jana

**Reef #4680**  
Adopted by Devon & Daniel

**Tarcin #4444**  
Adopted by Gina

**Cooper #2429**  
Adopted by Sarah

**Gus #4675**  
Adopted by Emma

**Luna #4676**  
Adopted by Shari & Paul

**River #4673**  
Adopted by Sheilagh & Darren

**Willow #4677**  
Adopted by Andrea & Bill

**Cooper #4642**  
Adopted by Meagan & Kyle

**Jasper #4652**  
Adopted by Leslie & Dave

**Matilda #4674**  
Adopted by Becky & Mike

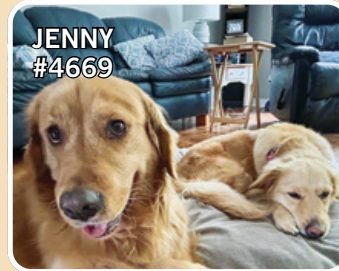
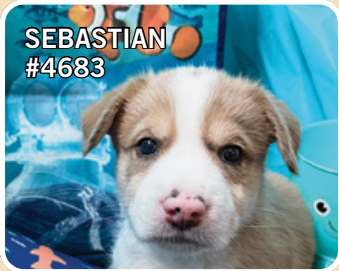
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Adopted by Karin & Neil

**Duke #4670**  
Adopted by Gloria & Dave

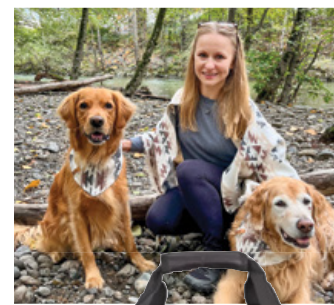
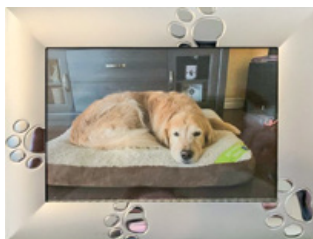
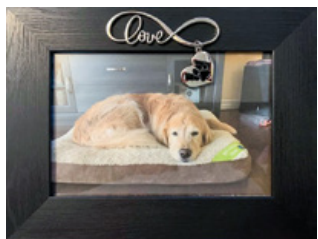
**Jenny #4669**  
Adopted by Kathy & Daniel

**Pasa #4671**  
Adopted by Aimee

**FINDING  
FOREVER  
FAMILIES**







## The GR Store

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

Check out the store for many fabulous items for all Golden lovers ~ for your Golden and home, clothing, gifts, etc. There are SO many things to choose from. And many of the items can be personalized. Gift certificates are also available.

Click [here](#) OR scan our QR code!

Happy shopping & thank you for your support!



Personalize all these with your *Golden's photo and/or name*

1000 PIECES PUZZLE

My Favourite Stuff



DARCY #3523



# Leave a Lasting Paw Print!

## Gift a Future of Hope for Golden Retrievers in Need

Golden Rescue's dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to ensure every Golden in need gets the second chance they deserve. Today, we invite you to join our mission in an act of unparalleled compassion.

### Leave a legacy for Golden Rescue

By including Golden Rescue in your will, you are not just making a donation ~ you are contributing to a future of second chances and redemption for countless Golden Retrievers in need.

**Here is how your legacy gift will make a powerful difference:**

**TRANSFORM LIVES:** Your legacy gift will directly transform the lives of Golden Retrievers in need, offering them a second chance at a life filled with love and happiness with their new forever families.

**MAXIMIZE IMPACT:** Golden Rescue proudly stands apart as a 100% volunteer-run organization with minimal to no administrative costs. This maximizes the impact of your legacy gift, directly contributing to the rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming of Golden Retrievers in need.

**CREATE A LASTING LEGACY:** By including Golden Rescue in your will,

your compassion extends beyond your lifetime, creating a lasting impact for future generations of Golden Retrievers. Your legacy donation also honours the cherished bonds you've shared with these magnificent creatures, ensuring their memory lives on.

Leave a legacy that resonates with purpose & passion!

Your act of kindness speaks volumes about your dedication to Golden Retrievers. Reach out to us at 1-866-712-8444 or [GRdonationsadvice@outlook.com](mailto:GRdonationsadvice@outlook.com).

**Join us in securing a second chance for future Golden Retrievers!**



**Did your human break a treat in half and try to pass it off as a whole treat?**

**You may be entitled to compensation.**

**Let's have a bow-wow to talk about your case.**

**BONE & BISCUIT  
LAW OFFICE**



## MEET & GREET



### Tarcin #4444

Tarcin is a little more serious than your average Golden although he does act goofier around new people he meets...obviously trying to impress them. He is naturally intelligent and intuitive so no I have no worries teaching this lovely boy our human ways. He does have an odd quirk of picking up garbage outside and dropping it somewhere else. He does still guard his food and toys but that is no doubt due to his need to survive in his previous life. This guarding habit is improving every day as his trust improves. He is a lovely boy who would do well in agility training which we are considering. All in all, he is settling in beautifully.

**Gina**

## MEET & GREET



### Duggie #1939

Duggie was just three years old when we adopted him in 2013. This beautiful boy is now 14 and he's still as handsome as ever. He's quite deaf but it hasn't stopped him as his eyes and nose are working well and he never misses the opportunity for a treat. He now has a new 3-year-old sibling to play with as his older sister Gracie recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Duggie is still moving well and excited to go on his daily walks. He's an absolute treasure and we love him dearly.

**Sandy & Sean**



## MEET & GREET

### Millie #4654

Millie is a four-month-old Golden Doodle, with a bit more Doodle than Golden but smart and loveable all the same. She has fit right into our family and loves her Golden sister, Sadie, who is teaching her the ropes. She is growing like a weed and is now almost too heavy to pick up. One of her favourite things is to chew on ice cubes...go figure!

### Kim



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Help us spread the GOLDEN word!

### We need YOU ~ volunteers and visitors!

If you are interested in volunteering with your Golden for a few hours, **click [here](#)** to send an email to our events team. Indicate which event you would like to help with and the hours you are available.

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS,  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS,  
AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

**July 20th**

**Perth Farmers' Market**  
Perth (ON)  
8 am – 1 pm

**September 22nd**

**Ormstown Fall Fair**  
Ormstown (QC)  
Time TBD

**October 26th**

**UBC Farmers Market**  
Vancouver (BC)  
10 am – 2 pm

**August 10th**

**Bay Subaru Car Wash**  
Belleville (ON)  
Time TBD

**September 22nd**

**Ottawa Farmers' Market**  
Barrhaven (ON)  
10 am – 3 pm

**October 26th**

**Ottawa Farmers Market**  
Westboro (ON)  
10 am – 3 pm

**August 17th**

**Muskoka Huntsville Market**  
Huntsville (ON)  
10 am – 6 pm

**September 28th**

**Canadian Tire Tag Day**  
Sudbury (ON)  
11 am – 5 pm

**August 17th**

**Pawloozza ~ TBC**  
London (ON)  
9:30 am – 5 pm

**October 6th**

**Pinery Market Bark-toberfest**  
Grand Bend (ON)  
9 am – 4 pm





INDIE #3374



**A life without a Golden is like  
a year without summer.**

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER SAFELY AND WITH GREAT JOY!**



## MEET & GREET

### Prince #4640

Prince's behaviour and demeanor improves with each passing day since he arrived at his new castle. He was pretty barky on meeting new dogs and humans. Now, at the dog park, he barks much less and warms to new humans much faster. He is now a loveable wild and crazy boy who cavorts and prances all over the yard shaking the daylight out of his favourite frisbee. He is also losing the weight he needed and the vet is pleased with his progress. As he gets more comfortable in his new home, Prince is starting to show that goofy, carefree side that I knew was in him all along. It's wonderful and heartwarming to watch his progress.

**Kevin**





# THE FABULOUS, FUN-FILLED GOLDEN RESCUE PICNIC!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**  
10 am – 5 pm



ON STONEY LAKE NEAR PETERBOROUGH, ON

**LOTS OF DETAILS TO COME!**





LOOK BACK AND BE

*grateful*

LOOK AHEAD AND BE

*hopeful*

LOOK AROUND AND BE

*helpful*

Help our future Golden Retrievers by becoming a monthly donor  
~ any amount is appreciated ~ nothing is  
too big or too small. Or make a one-time donation.

Click [HERE](#)  
to donate!

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#3357 CLEO