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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

Shani #3024 ~ Adopted in 2019, Shani came from Egypt and is now 6 years old (I still can't believe how time flies). She is a special little girl ~ resilient, happy, loving, smart, and sensitive. Oh...and very active!

Initially, we had our challenges. We were concerned about the safety of our other family pup as she was quite reactive when seeing other dogs and we had other reactivity scenarios we needed to learn to deal with. But we put in the work and so did she...and boy WAS IT WORTH IT!

Today she is protective of her little brother pup, has neighbourhood doggy friends, loves her walks, and the former 'triggers' no longer exist. Some of the neighbours refer to her as 'the happy dog'. If she is unsure, she will look to us for guidance and I feel we have built a wonderful, trusting relationship.

We experienced a dark period in 2022. Shani became seriously ill and we weren't sure she was going to make it. Thanks to her amazing neurologist and Shani's own will to live, miraculously she pulled through. It took some time but within a year she was back to her former self ~ an unbelievable gift.

Things that make me smile: she can curl into the tiniest ball when sleeping 🐾 seeing how quickly she learns 🐾 watching her run ~ I will never tire of that (she is FAST and I can practically hear her saying "WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE") 🐾 when she wants my attention, she boops me with her nose 🐾 watching her with our new granddaughter (she is fascinated by her and so gentle, her smile...it melts my heart).

Our family is blessed to have Shani in our lives. I have learned so much from her and I am incredibly grateful to Golden Rescue for bringing this sweet bundle of sunshine into our lives. **Sherry**

Past, Present & Future: HAPPY READING!

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](#).



FOSTERING: Louise Penny to the ‘GOLDEN’ Rescue!!!



As you know, renowned, award-winning Canadian author, Louise Penny, the mastermind behind Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, has joined Golden Rescue as our official spokesperson! Louise’s heartfelt commitment to rescuing Golden Retrievers in need is an inspiration to us all.

Last month, we introduced our powerful 12-part video series that we created together!

Today, Louise, along with her trusted Golden Muggins, will be talking about an important topic: **FOSTERING!**

Fostering is the lifeline that transforms the lives of vulnerable Golden Retrievers through love, healing, and hope, ensuring they transition to their forever families with renewed trust and joy. Without our fosters, we would not exist as every Golden who enters our program is placed in a loving foster home for healing and assessment in preparation for finding their forever family.

Please watch Louise’s important message [here](#).

Please open your heart and home and consider fostering ~ to provide a safe haven for a Golden in need.

Visit [our site](#) to fill out a foster application.

*Thank You
For Your Support!*

If fostering isn’t for you right now, you can help us by spreading the word! Share this message with friends, family, and co-workers. You can also distribute our ‘Foster Me’ business cards at vet offices, local pet shops, and beyond.

If you’d like us to send you some business cards, please email us at board@goldenrescue.ca.



GOLDEN ANGEL



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

Marge Holman

Marge's first Golden was Molson and he was a heartbreaker. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge at 14 years of age, which was a very tough time for Marge; however, Molson left her with a love for Golden Retrievers that has never waned. She believes that Golden Retrievers bring out the best in people. Her second Golden, Buffy, sadly passed at the age of 10 and although Marge attempted to adopt another Golden, her cats, who run the household, had different ideas so Marge decided to get her Golden 'fix' by volunteering for Golden Rescue. This was a lucky windfall for us as Marge is a key member of the Foster Onboarding Team. Marge is lauded as the go-to, can-do volunteer because she never says no to any project. You truly are a Golden Angel, Marge, and we thank you because we and our Golden Retrievers can always count on you!



MARGE WITH MOLSON & FARLEY

Spring On-line Auction

Hi ~ Abbey here with my brand-new ball ...isn't it great! And guess what...I got it at Golden Rescue's Spring Online Auction. On behalf of all of us, we want to thank everyone for the incredible support the auction received. A number of volunteers worked tirelessly to host this auction and we are forever grateful. And thank you to all of you who donated gifts for the auction ~ we couldn't have done it without you and your kindness! And to all the bidders ~ you were so awesome and generous with your bidding. Thank you all and stay tuned for the Holiday Auction, which we don't quite want to think about yet!

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Kelly Reichstein
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUMMER 50-50 WINNER!

From the winner...Kelly!

Thank you ~ I still can't believe this. I've supported animal rescues for well over a decade through fundraisers and online auctions. I've been following Golden Rescue for some time and decided last month to purchase 50-50 tickets. As luck would have it, I was fortunate to win the Early Bird Draw for \$500. The big win was that I was able to contribute to the lives of these beautiful Golden Retrievers. So, I purchased tickets for this month's 50-50 and this time I won the big prize. I will continue to support your great organization for many years to come.

Many thanks to all of you who have been purchasing tickets. We will be back in September with our next online 50-50 draw...stay tuned for details!

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MEET & GREET



Buddy #4452

When Buddy came into Golden Rescue to a wonderful foster, he was notably meek, submissive, and closed...in his own shell. Yet, within a short time, he earned the nickname Mr. Perfect. Buddy is now a little over six years old, originally from an older gentleman owner, and his affinity and gentleness towards the older age group is beautiful to see. He has his Individuality traits ~ loves to roll around the garden while grunting and groaning, still a picky eater, and not much of a swimmer. But he loves his stuffy toys and long, long trail walks always on full alert for those pesky squirrels! We also call him our 'Artist in Residence' as the patterns he can make with shaking his own slobber on his nose daily is just sheer talent and flair! And he has maintained the nickname Mr. Perfect with us. We are truly privileged to have Buddy not only in our lives, but all who meet him as they see his beautiful soul. He makes everyone smile and feel better.

Paula & Ian

MEET & GREET



Duke #3592

It was unclear if this amazing Egyptian Golden was going to be called Duke or Duchess. It's a long story but communication with GR's rescue partners in Cairo spiraled a bit out of control with this beauty as his name and gender was mistaken three times from Duke to Duchess back to Duke then to Duchess until it was finally confirmed that this Prince of the Nile was actually a male. Don't ask (ha-ha)! Duke settled into the car very quickly after arriving at the airport. He jumped into the back seat and immediately fell asleep. We thought perhaps he had been given relaxation drugs for the journey but no. Duke simply loves getting in the car and falling asleep ~ it's just his thing. The first few months were difficult for this poor boy as he had a number of health issues that Golden Rescue and his vets immediately attended to. These health issues were serious but are now behind us and this magnificent boy is living a happy healthy life with us in Canada. We love him to bits. Thank you for bringing this beautiful beast into our lives.

Liz & Frank

SHADOW #1342



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WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

Abby #4687

Adopted by Emma & Urbano

Ace #4662

Adopted by Jennifer & Michael

Buddy #4661

Adopted by Liz & Serge

Hudson #4711

Adopted by Pam & Steve

Jordie #4695

Adopted by Julia & Les

Lemmy #4701

Adopted by Ben

Luna #4674

Adopted by Katie & Tyler

Mabel #4611

Adopted by Sarah & Brad

Maggie #4704

Adopted by Lorelee & Dennis

Maverick #4699

Adopted by Hanna

Nanuk #4657

Adopted by Justine

Piper #4685

Adopted by Ellana & Andy

Shadow Armand #4702

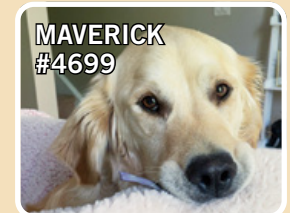
Adopted by Jean & Richard

Sheldon #4663

Adopted by Rebecca & Derek

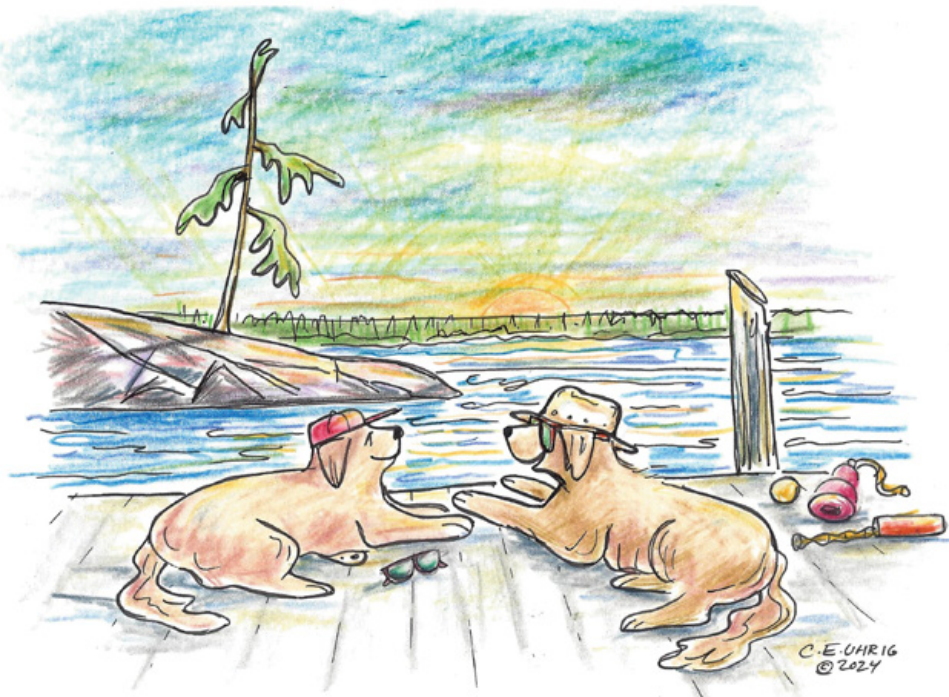
Teddy #4679

Adopted by Nikki & Jazia



FINDING FOREVER FAMILIES

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“No, I don’t really miss winter ~ and you?”

O’KIEFE #3340



ADOPTION ALERT!

ZEUS #4545

- 🐾 A big goofball with a big heart
- 🐾 Loves all people & does a happy dance when he meets you
- 🐾 Not a fan of other dogs ~ walking with a gentle leader works well
- 🐾 No other pets in the home
- 🐾 Someone home more often than not would be ideal

Read all about sweet Zeus [here](#) and consider giving this boy the family he’s yearning for.

Please fill out an adoption application [here](#) or if you have already applied, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca to let us know who you’re interested in.



BUSTER THE MYTHBUSTER

BUSTER #4135



Woof, friends! Buster here, diving into another myth that needs busting ~ the belief that all dog toys are safe for your Golden. You might think that if it's sold at the pet store, it must be tail-waggingly safe, right? WRONG! We're about to sniff out the truth about the potential dangers lurking in your pup's toys.

TODAY'S MYTH:

All Dog Toys are Safe for my Golden

Let's bark about some examples that might surprise you.

Tennis/Chuck-It Balls: These timeless favourites are a classic choice. However, did you know they can be a real life-threatening hazard? These balls are just the right size to easily slip down your Golden's throat posing a significant suffocation risk that's nothing to wag your tail at. It's a terrifying scenario and one that's sadly all too real. When a tennis ball slides towards the back of a dog's throat, it can quickly obstruct their entire airway. They will then try to breathe harder pulling the ball deeper and creating a suction that will make its removal nearly impossible. Check out [this video](#) on how to get a ball out of their throat quickly as time is of the essence.

Additionally, the material can deteriorate, causing the ball to splinter into small, ingestible pieces that may lead to serious intestinal blockages. And that fuzzy exterior? It's not meant to be a snack either!

Plush Toys: Cute, soft and cuddly...yet, for Golden's with a knack for destruction, they can spell big trouble. Ingesting fabric, stuffing or squeakers can lead to gastrointestinal obstructions ~ a real emergency situation!

Rope Toys: They may seem fun and harmless; however, as they unravel, the strands can become choking hazards or cause serious blockages if ingested.

Chew Toys: A favourite for many pups, but choose wisely! If a chew toy is too hard, it could damage

your Golden's teeth, especially for puppies or seniors whose dental health may be more fragile. Even seemingly sturdy chew toys can break apart, creating sharp edges that pose serious risks of serious injury if swallowed.

How can you sniff out the safe toys from the risky ones? Here are some things to consider when selecting the perfect toy for your Golden:

Durability: Choose sturdy toys that are built to last, steering clear of those susceptible to breaking apart or splintering.

Size: Opt for toys that are the right size for your Golden to avoid choking/suffocation hazards.

Check materials: Look for toys labeled as BPA-free, phthalate-free and made from non-toxic materials.

Research: Stick to reputable manufacturers with a track record of safe, high-quality products.

Remember, any toy can pose a risk depending on your Golden's behaviour and how they use it. What's safe for one pup might not be for another, so stay vigilant! Keep an eye on your pup's playtime, regularly inspecting toys for wear and tear. Discard any damaged ones.

Keep those tails wagging and those paws playing, but always prioritize safety. With some research and positive choices, you can ensure your Golden's playtime stays fun and hazard-free. Until next time, keep those myths in check and those tails high! Thanks for joining me on another paw-some adventure of Buster's Myth Buster!

Woofingly yours,

Buster #4135 ~ a proud rescue Golden 🐾

DO-IT-YOURSELF EVENTS

Golden Rescue never wants to stop creating awareness for our rescue mission. Spreading the word is key to finding new volunteers, fosters, supporters...and for raising funds to help our rescues.

Here's where you come in! Create your own event and we'll help if you need anything ~ promoting the event on social media, sending promotional materials to you for the event, and possibly giving you access to volunteers if you need extra hands. Here are some event ideas:

BAKE SALE: Organize a bake sale where you and friends/family bake goods to sell. Or your kids can set up a classic lemonade stand.

CAR WASH: Set up a car wash in a busy area and ask for donations in exchange for washing cars. It's a great opportunity to hand out our brochures to bring awareness to our mission.

FUN RUN OR WALKATHON: Host a local run or walkathon charging an entry fee.

YARD SALE: Collect donated items from friends and neighbours and hold a yard sale, with all profits going to GR.

TALENT SHOW: Arrange a talent show or an evening of music where audience members pay for tickets. It's a great opportunity to introduce some of our Golden Retrievers and tell some rescue stories.

CRAFT FAIR: Host a fair where local artisans can sell their crafts with a portion of the proceeds going to charity.

COOK-OFF: Organize a cooking competition with participants paying an entry fee and attendees paying to taste and vote on dishes.

SPORTS/GAMES TOURNAMENT: Set up a sports or games tournament (soccer, basketball, euchre, games night) and charge an entry fee. Golden Retrievers can play a part and be greeters.

DANCE-A-THON: Host a dance marathon where participants get sponsored for every hour they dance.

OR CREATE YOUR OWN EVENT...THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Each event can be tailored to suit the interests and strengths of you and your community, ensuring maximum participation and awareness/fundraising success. Contact Michelle at goldenrescuediy@gmail.com with your ideas and how we can help.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS: Students can fulfill their service hours with this initiative. Golden Rescue would be happy to verify volunteer hours.



The Last Battle

If it should be that I grow weak
 And pain should keep me from my sleep
 Then you must do what must be done
 For this last battle cannot be won
 You will be sad, I understand
 Don't let your grief then stay your hand
 For this day more than all the rest
 Your love for me must stand the test
 We've had so many happy years
 What is to come can hold no fears
 You'd not want me to suffer so
 The time has come, so let me go
 Take me where my needs they'll tend
 And please stay with me until the end
 Hold me firm and speak to me
 Until my eyes no longer see
 I know in time that you will see
 The kindness that you did for me
 Although my tail its last has waved
 From pain and suffering I've been saved
 Please do not grieve...it must be you
 Who has this painful thing to do
 We've been so close, we two, these years
 Don't let your heart hold back its tears



FIREWORKS & THUNDERSTORMS

Keeping your pets safe

We are in thunderstorm and fireworks season! Data shows that nearly one-in-five lost pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, such as fireworks or thunderstorms.

Please keep your pets safely inside your home during these two events to prevent them from bolting and running away.

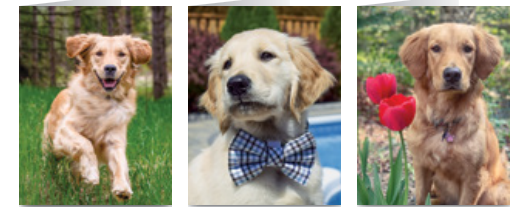
Come & Shop



Check out the store for many GREAT products for all Golden lovers!

This month we have new notecards with pictures of our very own Golden Retrievers ~ a package of 18 cards with 6 different images..We also have new, comfy leggings ~ three fun styles.

GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!



NEW THIS MONTH: NOTECARDS

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

HAPPY SHOPPING & THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



NEW THIS MONTH: LEGGINGS





MEET & GREET

Eddie #4624

Eddie has only been with us for two months and already we can't imagine life without him. We have gone on many ED-ventures together ~ hiking, long walks, and swimming. Eddie has even been on his first overnight camping trip and he absolutely loved it. This 90-pound goofball thinks he's a lap dog and sprawls across us wherever we're sitting and he particularly loves it when one of us sits on our papasan chair. We think, however, that he is planning on building his own couch as he has amassed a small mountain of building materials (small planks and branches) that is growing after each walk. He loves to be brushed and his 'Eddie-confetti' rolls around the house like tumbleweed. We love our boy and can't wait for all the Ed-ventures that lay ahead.

Allison & Hugh

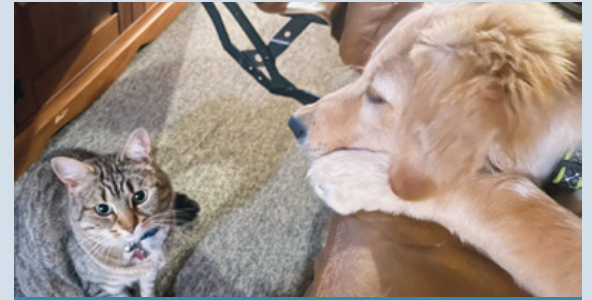


MEET & GREET

Theo #4007

Theo is an amazing Egyptian prince. He was skin and bones when he first arrived and has put on a much-needed 25 pounds and is simply thriving. He is a loving, sweet, and gentle boy and my entire family loves him. My oldest daughter has autism and Theo gives her so much joy as well as a sense of responsibility. Thank you for a match made in heaven.

Michelle



MEET & GREET

Monty #4538

Monty is one big, happy, ball of energy. Everybody loves him and he loves everyone back. Friday night is baseball night and he makes the rounds making sure he doesn't miss sharing his love with everyone. He also loves sticking his nose out of the car window on our way to the park so he gets a good whiff of all the smells along the drive. He is an alarm clock extraordinaire, but unfortunately, he doesn't distinguish weekends, so his 7 am setting is a 7-day event. He also loves playing with his toys and is a master at exaggerating the 'squeak' if no one is paying attention to him. He is a smart boy and he learned his commands quickly, although leash training and jumping up are still works-in-progress. We're not worried because he is such a joy and we simply love him being in our lives.

Pamela

THE CFIA BAN FIGHT CONTINUES

The recent news that Türkiye is considering a massive dog cull has, once again, driven home the necessity of amending the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) ban on international rescue. The announcement by Turkish President Erdogan last month that under his proposed legislation, street dogs would be rounded up and killed if they were not adopted within 30 days is a death sentence for almost all of the estimated four million dogs who have peacefully co-existed with the inhabitants of Istanbul for centuries.

Until the CFIA ban was created in September of 2022, Golden Rescue worked diligently to bring hundreds of street dogs from Türkiye and Egypt to Canada. We are sure that many of you who are reading this have an amazing Golden who began his or her journey to you from Istanbul or Cairo.



And we know you are horrified at the thought of your pup being subjected to the arbitrary cruelty currently being proposed in Türkiye.

And although conditions for street dogs are bad in Türkiye and apparently about to get much, much worse, we know that absolutely appalling conditions exist in many other countries covered by the ban. For example, in Egypt, street dogs are routinely shot, poisoned, and rounded up for the meat trade.

This is why we must continue to keep pressuring the CFIA and the Minister of Health to amend the ban on international dog rescue. We know that rabies is 100% preventable if strict health protocols are followed, which we and other responsible rescue groups, are totally committed to. This has been our position right from the beginning. We do not want the ban recalled... we simply want to work with the CFIA to find that middle ground where we can continue international rescue while keeping everyone safe.

You can help. Please copy and forward [this letter](#) to anyone you think would be able to help us. It is a federal issue so sending it to your local MP, the Chief Veterinarian of Canada, the Director of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Minister of Health, and PM Justin Trudeau is a start. But please don't stop there... send it to any dog owner/lover who you know, your local politicians, your provincial MPP...in short, anyone you think will help us keep the issue alive and in the public eye. We need to continue to give a voice to dogs all over the world who are suffering needlessly. On behalf of all of us at Golden Rescue, thank you!



**WE ARE
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WORLD**

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AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

August 17th

**Muskoka Huntsville Market
Huntsville (ON)
10 am – 5 pm**

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

August 17th

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

September 21st

**Golden Rescue Picnic
Woodview (ON)
10 am – 5 pm**

September 22nd

**Ormstown Fall Fair
Ormstown (QC)
9 am – 4 pm**

September 22nd

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

September 28th

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

October 6th

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

October 26th

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

October 26th

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

MEET & GREET

Cooper #2429

Cooper has been with me for several months but it feels much longer as he has settled in so well. His mobility issues also seem to be improving with the joint supplement he is on. He jumped and skipped over some rocks the other day and the ramp and stairs are no problem. He has really taken to cottage life and just loves it. In fact, he's a different boy at the cottage. He loves family gatherings where he can be the centre of attention. He gets along fantastically with my sister's dog and my nieces simply adore him. He is such a sweet boy. Thank you so much for bringing Cooper into our life.

Sarah



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