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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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**RUBY #4833
& SISTERS**

On The Cover

Ruby #4833 ~ Ruby came into our lives in a whirlwind! We think she knew we were her people from the moment she jumped into our truck and by that time, she already had us wrapped around her paw. She has three Golden sisters ~ Izzy, Bali, and Cedar. She and Cedar, both 2'ish, play non-stop together in the backyard. They've been inseparable and so good for each other. She learned quickly that mom is the one to go to for games and lovin'; however, if she wants snacks, papa is a sure thing! She slid right into all our hearts seamlessly and it feels like she's been with us her whole life. She's always showing her happiness and joy through her wiggles, big smiles, and snuggles. We have NO doubt she's living her best life. Thank you to all the GR volunteers. **Christina & Jeff**

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](#).



MEET & GREET



Daisy #3073

We adopted Daisy six years ago. She is such an incredibly sweet, quiet, easy-going girl. She loves her walks and particularly loves rolling in the grass, snow or sand... every day! She greets everyone she meets with a wag and an expectation for a head pet or a treat...but hopefully both! Daisy has a feline sister, Willow, who is slowly but surely taking over Daisy's bed. Daisy just turned eight and we love her to bits.

Diana

LOUISE PENNY to the RESCUE...



We use social media to bring awareness to rescue in general, raise funds, and recruit adopters, foster families, donors, and volunteers.

You can help by following us on [Facebook](#), [Threads](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), and [YouTube](#). Get our eblasts by clicking 'Join our mailing list' on the top right corner of our website and stay up-to-date on all things Golden (or click [HERE](#))!

Please listen to what Louise has to say about the importance of social media.



LOUISE WITH
CHARLIE #4834
& MUGGINS

MEET & GREET



Griffin #4856

Griffin has settled in wonderfully into our home. He loves running, playing in the snow, and chasing squirrels in our backyard. He is a very affectionate boy and loves everyone he meets. He tries very earnestly to be a lap dog. He loves his new sister Charlotte and we are so happy to have Griffin as a part of our family.

Terry

CFIA BAN: WE NEED YOUR PASSION & IDEAS!

Hello all you Golden lovers! We are still committed to doing everything we can to lobby the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to amend the ban on international dog rescue. Despite our best efforts, we remain exactly where we were when the ban came into force in September 2022. In the spirit of 'two heads are better than one', we are seeking volunteers to join a team to brainstorm tactics and actions that would make the CFIA listen to us. At this point, your commitment would be to attend a meeting and come prepared to share your ideas. If you are interested in helping to save the lives of thousands of dogs who are suffering and dying needlessly, please reply to board@goldenrescue.ca. I will be in touch as soon as possible with details about the meeting. Thank you!

Jane Riddell, Volunteer Co-Chair

Dogs are dying
on your watch
Mark Holland
Please amend
the ban.





GOLDEN RESCUE'S SPRING ON-LINE AUCTION

It's a fantastic opportunity to have fun, buy amazing prizes & gifts, and make a positive impact on the lives of Golden Retrievers in need!

SAVE THE DATE:

**FRIDAY,
May 2nd to
SUNDAY,
May 4th**

**THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!**

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If you would like to donate prizes/auction items (new only), please email: sa@goldenrescue.ca

Here are a few suggestions for some things we'd be grateful to receive:

- Anything related to Golden Retrievers/dogs
- Theatre/sporting event tickets
- Rounds of golf or ski passes
- Gift cards
- Restaurant certificates
- Tickets for attractions
- Experiences (flights, hotels, resorts, hot-air ballooning, escape rooms, etc.)
- Jewelry & accessories
- Fitness classes/gym memberships
- Artwork, home décor & garden/outdoor items

MEET & GREET



Steve #4758

Steve and I were meant to find each other! About two years ago, I signed up to transport Golden Retrievers to their foster families. I had a transport by the name of 'Steve' to pick up and I didn't know if that was a person or a Golden...I thought Steve was an odd name for a dog. So, off I went time and naturally, Steve was a Golden. The moment I laid eyes on him, I knew I had to do everything in my power to adopt him. Six weeks after I filled in the adoption application, GR called me. I had been living all this time on pins and needles so I couldn't believe my luck. I was asked if I was going to change his name and by then his name had given me a lot of chuckles...as has Steve in our time together. Now, five months later, he is inseparable with his Golden sister, Luna. He is terribly spoilt by his grandparents and he has become my best friend. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for bringing us together.

Megan

SHADOW #1342



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GOLDEN MOMENTS®



ALL YOU NEED IS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Mar 25th

Markham at the Movies
Markham (ON)
6 pm – 7 pm

Sun, Apr 13th

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

Sat, Apr 26th

Muskoka Maple Festival
Huntsville (ON)
9 am – 5 pm

Sat, May 24th

Sugarbush Winery
Hillier (ON)
10:30 am – 5 pm

Sat, Jun 21st

Wag-tastic Day at
Winchester
Glen Retirement
Community
Oshawa (ON)
Time TBD

Sat, Jul 26th

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

Sat, Sep 20th

Golden Rescue Picnic
Viamede Resort ~
Woodview (ON)
(near Peterborough)

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, send an email to our events team at events@goldenrescue.ca.

Indicate which event you would like to help with and the hours you are available.

LEVI
#3232



MEET & GREET



Joey #3394

Joey is a lovely boy. He fit into our family immediately if not sooner. He loves the snow and his daily 5K walks. Chasing squirrels, bunnies, and blowing leaves is a favourite Joey pastime. He is also fascinated with geese flying and honking overhead. His funny quirk is that he wants nothing to do with water unless it's in his water bowl (or a mud puddle). He is a special boy and we're so happy to have him as a member of our family.

Pat & Rob

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CALENDARS, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

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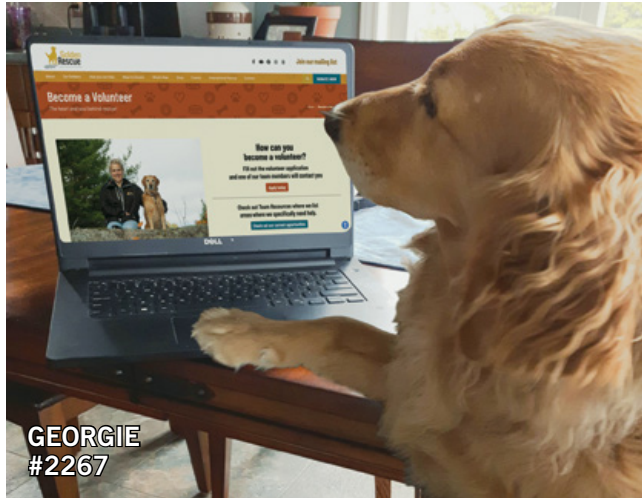
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AWESOME VOLUNTEER ROLES!



Golden Rescue continues to grow and evolve... and we're looking for volunteers! We run solely with passionate and creative volunteers ~ a wonderfully dedicated group sharing a common vision to safeguard the well-being of every Golden in our care. Our work is hugely rewarding and we would love to hear from you. We currently have needs in a number of areas across Canada.

Event Coordinators ~ Eastern Canada

Become a member of the Event Team and organize events to help build awareness for Golden Rescue. Training and ongoing support will be provided by this fabulous team.

Volunteer Coordinators ~ Across Canada

Help with the success of our events by recruiting and scheduling volunteers. We will give you

all the tools and support you need to make our events a success.

Foster Onboarding Coordinators

There are many elements to bringing a new foster on board. You would represent Golden Rescue by calling potential fosters and their references and answering their questions, arranging home visits, and sending information packages. Please take a look at our foster application on our website, which will familiarize you with what we look for in a foster family. Training and ongoing support will be available. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours per month

Picnic Committee

The annual Golden Rescue Picnic is growing and we need your help to make it a success! This exciting event takes place every September and brings together a wonderful community of Golden lovers. We're looking for a few committed volunteers to join our planning committee. Committee members will help with organizing, coordinating, and ensuring everything runs smoothly on the day of the picnic.

Help us help Goldens? They're counting on us...and we're counting on your expertise and commitment. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please let us know by emailing: teamresources@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you for coming to the rescue!

Another way to help us is by joining our mailing list to keep in touch with everything that's going on ~ from adoptions to events. Sign up [HERE!](#)

Your BEST friend...

Sometimes it's your dog who sees it before anyone else does. When you're worn out, when the world's too loud, and you're hanging on by a thread...you turn around and there he is, looking at you like you're still everything. No questions asked, no need to explain.

He doesn't try to fix it or offer cheap advice. He just sticks by you, breathing slow and steady, like he's waiting for you to notice you're not alone. And somehow, that's the thing that pulls you back. Not some grand speech, just the quiet truth that, to him, you matter.

Sometimes it's your dog who saves you from yourself. Because everyone else might leave or judge or get too busy. But he never does. He can't say a word, yet he speaks louder than everyone...reminding you that there's something worth staying for.





Dear Goldie: My mom and dad like me to drop one quickly first thing in the morning. I try my best to hear 'good boy' but too often, all I can think is 'what a bummer...nothing's happening here'. So, mom started adding this orange stuff called 'bumpkin' I think, into my food. And now I can sing the TV song 'plop, plop, good job...oh, what a relief it is!' **Dropper Dave**

Dear Dave: It's always a good idea to have a can of pure pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling) on hand. Pumpkin contains fibre, tastes good, and gets things moving (about 1 tbsp with dinner). Pumpkin can be frozen once open and used as needed. It also works to combat bouts of mild diarrhea. It's truly great stuff!

Dear Goldie: Ask me "Howl you doin'?" and I'll say "Not good". I have big time anxiety, the shakes, and I fear most everything. We saw the Petrinarian to see if anything was paws-ible to ease my stress, and yes, result! Just by swallowing one new treat a day, I was finally

able to relax, stay calm, and sleep through the night. I was happy. I also realized for the first time just how nice the mailman is and he even said I was lovely and calm for a change. But now the daily treat I so looked forward to is gone and I'm a mess again. **Anxiously Awaiting Your Response Agnus**

Dear Agnus: Sometimes owners discontinue anxiety medication too soon as a reaction to 'the new you'. However, many Golden Retrievers settle, thrive, and live happier lives by taking medication to ease severe anxiety issues. I would suggest another visit to your vet to receive reassurance on the usual transition process and to gain additional guidance on medication options, dosage, and minimal/ acceptable side effects. It's also important to learn how to wean off medications to avoid set-backs.

Dear Goldie: This is the dog's truth, I swear. Last week, after my walk, I rode in the back seat as usual, licking the salt off my black rubber boots. When I got out of the car, dad said "Oh, you lost a boot!" Two days later, I flomitted up a big one! Dad exclaimed "What is that?" Well, it was my boot from two days ago. It was flat and massive, at three times its usual size. Meanwhile I had been eating and pooping just like normal. Could this have been serious? **Sly Guy**

Dear Guy: You are a lucky boy indeed! A swallowed rubber balloon boot may pass through your digestive tract uneventfully or be vomited up as it did in your case. However, it could also cause a complete or partial obstruction, requiring surgery. Owners should always keep rubber balloon boots out of reach when not in use and closely supervise their Golden when the boots are in use.

Dear Goldie: Now I know what you gonna say about hairnets or is it hairnenses on Golden Retrievers, but don't worry, I always wear one. Problem is that I'm a big boy and weigh almost the same as mom. I'm sweet by nature but I forgot myself yesterday at the park when two dogs were off leash. I wanted to play too and took off. My mom couldn't hang on and fell down. It was fun 'til I panicked and ran across the busy street by the park. Feeling Paw-ful for mom! **Puffy Pete**

Dear Pete: This was a tricky and scary situation. Unleashed dogs running in the park are becoming more common which raises huge concerns. I'm sure your owner will be extra vigilant next time in visually scoping out the park and perhaps avoiding entry altogether. Some ball play in your yard before walkies could also be a means of dialing down your Golden energy.

SPREADING LOVE. SAVING LIVES.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT GOLDEN RESCUE

The AMAZING Intake Team

The natural first stop on our 'Behind-the-Scenes' tour of Golden Rescue is with the Intake Team. How do these beautiful Golden Retrievers come into contact with Golden Rescue and what is the process for starting their journey to their forever family? There is a lot more to this than you may have initially thought. The dedicated volunteers involved in this process must be organized, available, empathetic, and ready for whatever situation may come their way.

There is a myriad of reasons why a Golden finds their way to Golden Rescue. People move, pass away, have financial difficulties, etc. There are also those who are abandoned or found in deplorable conditions. Golden Rescue gets the word out to shelters, veterinarians, and other rescue organizations to contact them when a Golden needs rescuing. When a call comes in, there are often difficult conversations that our Intake Team must navigate ~ sad stories of abused or neglected pups or people who are heartbroken to have to part with their Golden because of life circumstances. It takes a very special person to manage these situations and, fortunately, Golden Rescue has a fabulous team right across Canada. The volunteers work week-long 'shifts' where they are on-call for anyone with a Golden in need and can sometimes spend up to 12 hours a day managing incoming calls and emails.

Once a Golden in need has been identified, the intake volunteer gets to work gathering as much information as they can about the Golden to complete the surrender form ~ their personality,

diet, health challenges, behavioural quirks. A conversation can take an hour (or more, particularly with bonded pairs). Photos are also requested...just in case there is a little confusion about what a Golden Retriever is (and no dog is left to flounder ~ Golden Rescue always refers to an appropriate rescue organization to assist). It's not always just a one-time chat either as many people are reluctantly surrendering their Golden due to life circumstances and aren't always ready for this step. Our volunteers listen, provide information about how Golden Rescue can help, and assist people to make this often-difficult decision. These can be very personal conversations and the Intake Team always remains non-judgemental, compassionate, and objective. People are frequently surprised to find out that there is an organization like Golden Rescue that will take care of their Golden with no need to leave them at a shelter, and with such thoughtfulness to where they will live both temporarily and permanently.

If the Golden is ready to be taken into our care and it has been determined that they are not a risk (viciousness must be ruled out, as we can't put our fosters or adopters at risk). Fortunately, this only happens in <1% of cases. The next step is matching the Golden with a foster family. The volunteers agree this can be the most difficult part of the role, as there are specific needs that some Golden Retrievers have and geographical challenges.

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MEET & GREET



Joe #2970

Joe came from the streets of Istanbul. His rescuer there looked after him and fixed his wonky leg before sending him to Canada. He is such a sweet boy and must have come from a family scenario in Turkey as he seemed very much at home with us right away and was well trained. He learned English commands very quickly except for his recall, which is nonexistent so he needs to be kept on the leash or in a secure area. Other than that, he is a big lovable goofball who makes us laugh every day. He and his adopted sister Daisy tolerated each other at first but now they are best buds and they do zoomies together in the backyard. Joe's favourite things in life are walkies, car rides, chasing his balls, barking at squirrels, cuddling with us, and cheese. We have adopted four Golden Retrievers with Joe being our first international adoption...and we love this funny boy to bits.

Mary & James

The AMAZING Intake Team continued...

We have many incredible foster families across Canada, but we always need more! The intake volunteer provides all the information gathered to the Foster Team, and an eblast message goes out to the foster families with the details of what is needed. In an emergency, direct calls to the closest home may also be necessary. Once the right foster family has been identified, the intake volunteer connects with the Transportation Team to get the Golden moved to the foster family. Sometimes this is a short drive, other times it's a flight across the country (yes, there are incredible charities with pilots that do this!)

Next is one of the most important steps, and that is getting the Golden to a veterinarian. No Golden can be in pain (and we know their stoicism and happy demeanour can mask their pain). Golden Rescue has wonderful veterinarians who work with us to take care of these sweet, furry souls. New Goldens get a wellness check (full exam from snout to tail, vaccines, bloodwork) and any health needs are immediately addressed (spaying or neutering is a must). The Intake Team discusses with the Veterinary Liaison and Foster Contacts what the Golden needs...a different diet, leash training, to name a few...so that the foster family can immediately implement next steps. Goldens can stay with their foster families for a few weeks or a few months until they find their forever family. There will be more on our foster team in next month's issue!

Despite all the challenges and sad stories that come along with this role, the volunteers all agree that seeing a Golden go to a loving home makes everything absolutely worth it. They all have incredible stories of Goldens making amazing recoveries or bonding with a new person



who needs them. Each and every rescue story is meaningful ~ it impacts the owners, the foster families, the volunteers, and the adopting families.

For these Goldens, it's not a happy ending, it's a happy beginning!

We are profoundly grateful to our amazing Intake Team ~ it is demanding and highly-charged and takes passion, resilience, and a positive attitude. Every one on the team has a 'we will prevail' perspective.

MEET & GREET



Ryker #3832

Ryker brings so much happiness to our home and we can't imagine life without him. He is definitely the boss, because he always gets his way when he stares at us with his big puppy-dog eyes. He is smart, gentle, and simply the 'goodest' boy on the planet. He's very much a summer dog as he loves swimming and boating. He also loves accompanying Lisa to work every Friday and he goes from office to office spreading love. In fact, people specifically come in on Fridays just to visit with him. We sure hit the jackpot when we adopted this wonderful boy and we can't stop talking and bragging about him.

Lisa & George

MEET & GREET



Fred #4839 & Barry #4840

Fred and Barry are absolutely wonderful boys. When we first got them home, they woke us every two hours but now they sleep through the night. They are super friendly with everyone who comes to visit. They have been very responsive to our training sessions and we've managed to take care of their issue with eating too quickly by serving their meals in puzzles, frozen Kongs or as popsicles. They eat everything they are served and funnily, their favourite treats are ice cubes...go figure! They are big cuddlers and their energy level is perfect for us. They are two of the greatest boys.

Catherine & Eric

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RUDY #4333

Newmarket, ON

- Smart, affectionate & loving
- Needs a fenced yard ~ ideally a rural property with room to run
- No other dogs or cats ~ Rudy is dominant with a high prey drive

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Anxious Human + Anxious Dog = ?

Studies have shown that cuddling with a furry friend can help reduce anxiety and stress (hence the many programs to bring therapy dogs to schools and hospitals). But what if you AND your dog both suffer from clinical anxiety? Studies also show that dogs react to human emotions and can feel when we are stressed. As someone with an anxiety disorder who adopted a dog who also has anxiety, how does this work?

Are you making your dog anxious? Is your dog making you anxious? Are you in an endless cycle of causing each other's anxiety, therefore perpetuating a 'what came first, the chicken or the egg' conundrum?

I have spent the past year and a half trying to work this out with Scout #4497. He came to our home at two years of age with an unknown past and some odd behaviours. He stands up and 'hugs' us when he's stressed. He cries, paces, barks, and looks for anything to destroy when we aren't home (and a crate is not an option, as we learned when he busted the metal door off its hinges while we were out for 30 minutes). We can also sense his anxiety when other dogs pass us in the street, even though he has happily met many dogs.

Of course, this means that I am on constant high-alert during our walks or when he is running around our fenced yard (as you don't want to be

a small critter anywhere back there). I constantly check the camera we turn on in the house when we leave to see if he is okay or if he is crying. I worry about how we will travel with him, since he gets stressed in the car and new environments. I lose sleep after he has eaten something he is not supposed to, hoping his stomach isn't blocked and he's not feeling nauseous (and this is all about 'me' because my husband has a preternaturally calm disposition so nothing rattles him). Scout and I would both like a scientific examination of his brain to find out how his works.

Dogs are supposed to CURE my anxiety, not CAUSE it. Is he feeling my stress and it's amping up his cortisol levels? I try very hard to relax and use all of my therapy techniques to exude calm (all while my heart is pounding and my mind is racing). Somehow, he can feel my anxiety but he can't feel my (attempted) calmness. I have worked with trainers on counter-conditioning and slowly helping Scout acclimate to being alone (just as I have worked with my therapist to condition myself to not worry so much about Scout). I have worked with our veterinarian with medications to help him feel calmer (as I have worked with my doctor to find medication to help me relax). I would say we have made incremental progress – and I will take any progress I can get.

Scout and I will continue on this journey together with the support of our network of friends, family, and professionals. Luckily, another thing we have in common is enjoying a nice cuddle at the end of the day, and while it doesn't cure our anxiety, I think science would show it certainly gives us at least a few moments of peace.

Lyndsay, Scout #4497's mom



SCOUT
#4497

GOLDEN ANGEL



Meet outstanding volunteers ~ golden angels with golden hearts!

Hoyt & Donna Botly

Hoyt and Donna are long-time Golden lovers. Ever since their first pup, Cali, came into their life, they were hooked. When they decided Cali needed a sibling, they discovered Golden Rescue and adopted their first rescue furball Beki #3007. Having been exposed to Golden Rescue, they appreciated the good work and wanted to help. They started with doing transports and became transport volunteers extraordinaire ~ sometimes transporting three Golden a week. They threw themselves into helping wherever they could ~ selling lottery tickets, donating prizes, and supporting other initiatives. When their beloved Cali crossed the Rainbow Bridge at the age of 13, they decided that fostering might help fill the big hole they felt in their hearts and home. They soon discovered that fostering not only helped them heal but it brought them so much joy. Beki was a superstar as a foster canine mentor. She also graciously

shared her bed, toys, and family and friends with each new foster Golden. Hoyt and Donna keep a scrapbook with a paw-print of every Golden they have fostered and they admit that it's sad when each foster leaves them; however, they feel great satisfaction and joy in being a part of a Golden's second-chance journey. Thank you Hoyt, Donna, and Beki for all your care and compassion and for being Golden champions.



SAY CHEESE! PHOTOS NEEDED

There's no time like the present to start asking for photos of your rescued Golden. We need great photos of your photogenic Golden in different seasons or celebrating various holidays for our calendar, newsletter, and website.

Print has very specific requirements so to increase your chances to be a calendar contender, your photo must be an original (high resolution/large format and no screen captures, scans or 'photos of photos'). Please don't make the photos smaller by saving smaller/compressing them (especially in email). For calendar months, landscape formats are preferred.

Please save your photos with your Golden's rescue name and number and send them to: photos@goldenrescue.ca

MEET & GREET

**Cooper #3037**

Cooper is a great addition to our family. He is a sweet boy who loves his people dearly and is never far away from his fur-brother Digby. He loves his walks and swimming in our pool ~ sometimes to cool off and sometimes to retrieve his ball, which he could do for hours without tiring. As active as he is, he is also no stranger to long naps on the couch. Cooper has this quirky thing with reflected light. Whether reflections in the pool or sunlight reflecting on the wall, he will look at them intently trying to find ways to get at them ~ it is adorable. He likes to chew his bones upside down, holding them with his paws. Like a true retriever, he always greets us with something in his mouth. We love our 'Coopy' along with all his quirks.

Wendy & Mark

Welcome to 'The Golden Wall' ~ it's all about the Goldens! This is a new column which will appear in your Guardian. It is meant to provide an area for you to express your thoughts and ideas about the important work of rescuing Goldens.

Here is our first entry written by Alayne and Annabelle #3247. Thank you for this thought-provoking commentary.

If you would like to contribute to the Golden Wall, please email board@goldenrescue.ca.

Golden Rescue as a beneficiary

We have put our noggins together to come up with this essay on perpetuity. Our feelings are quite strong and thought it best to translate those into words to be shared before we got busily involved in less important stuff like lunch! We were reading Golden Rescue's request for folks to consider their decisions when constructing their wills. It is very simply just that...and a reminder is always helpful. Designating Golden Rescue as a beneficiary is so appreciated and needed.

We are very familiar with that feeling of wanting...and expecting Golden Rescue to continue forever. The very thought of discontinuation or abandonment is hugely disconcerting. That inherent spirit of rescue ought never to fall by the wayside. We cannot imagine that the plethora of volunteering efforts, time, and energy spent, dedication, and love are all for nought. The organization must be sustained.

There is no infrastructure, no salaries...yet the engine performs smoothly and successfully. It seems to encompass inspiration, devotion, creativity, hard work, cooperation, and generosity. And no one can be oblivious to the eager smile, furry body wiggle, and waving tail of a loved Golden... especially a rescued one! The vision is a reward in itself.

The world changes as all things change: nations and neighbourhoods, attitudes, and expectations. Golden Rescue is just one of those things that must endure.

Thought, decision planning, action, and generosity can easily ensure the future of Golden Rescue. It is a matter of priorities, is it not? Is that not an honourable goal? And it is up to us as there will always be Goldens to rescue in this world.

Alayne & Annabelle #3247

Welcome to the Golden Family

Bailey Angel #4494

Adopted by Mary & Paul

Benson #4859

Adopted by Sara & Larry

Bentley #4853

Adopted by Eliana & Todd

Bentley #4872

Adopted by Shelly & Kevin

Brodie #4846

Adopted by Sara & Chris

Casper #4855

Adopted by Mike & Matthew

Dolly #4842

Adopted by Annie & Kevin

Efe #4750

Adopted by Denise & Jeff

Ella #4796

Adopted by Debra

Elway #4852

Adopted by Dave

Frankie #4857

Adopted by Teresa

Fred #4839 & Barry #4840

Adopted by Catherine & Eric

Goose #4770

Adopted by Sarah & Kyle

Griffin #4856

Adopted by Terry

Jasper #4854

Adopted by Kathy & Ken

Khloe #4827

Adopted by Tina & Shaun

Moushi #4742

Adopted by Alison & Adam

Ruby #4833

Adopted by Christina & Jeff

Tono #4826

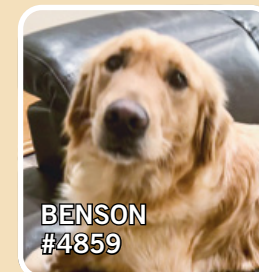
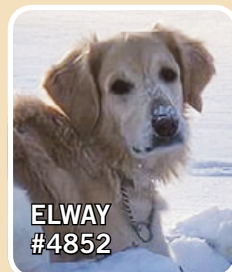
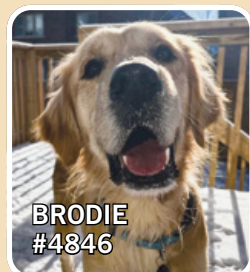
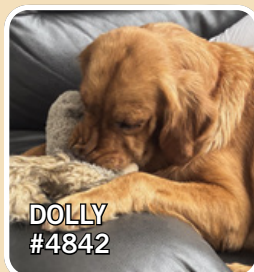
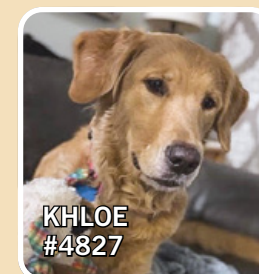
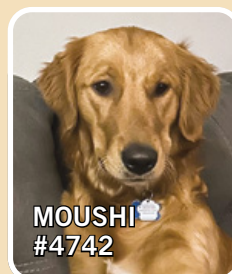
Adopted by Gerard

Willow #4693

Adopted by Pat

Zeus #4545

Adopted by Sylvia



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