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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 Goldens 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 Goldens who so desperately need our help.



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On The Cover

Sunny #2621 ~

Sunny is an absolutely incredible boy ~ so patient and easygoing. He has the perfect personality for our busy family of two boys who are now 10. He comes to work with me every night at the vet clinic and the entire staff loves him. He just hangs and if anyone is having a tough time, he provides emotional support. He goes to our family cottage and loves it, especially fetching sticks thrown into the lake. Sunny loves sucking on a large stuffed animal and we still call it his 'bubba'. There have been dozens of iterations of bubba by now though. Sadly, he was having some trouble ~ very exercise intolerant with severe arrhythmia so he spent a few days in the clinic getting stabilized and was ultimately diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy. He bounced back amazingly well on his medication but we know he's now here for a good time and not a long time. **Sara**



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LOUISE PENNY AUTHOR



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10am – 4:30pm



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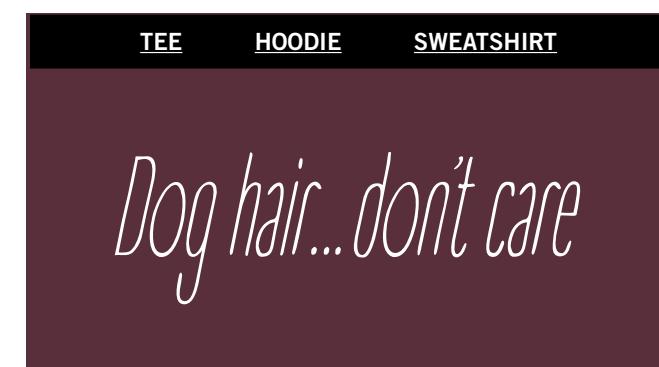
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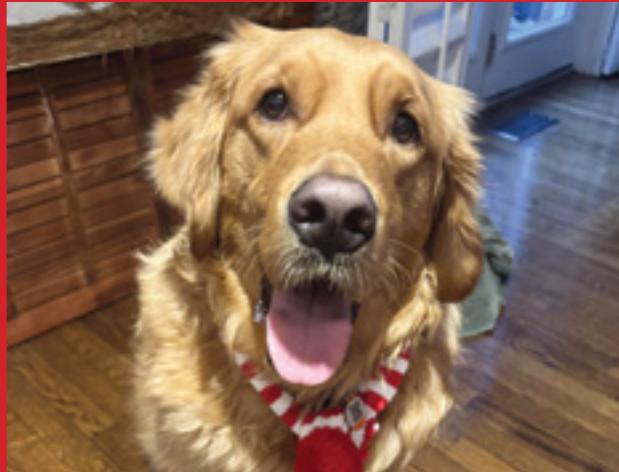
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MEET & GREET



MOSEY #4322

Mosey has been the best addition to our family. Although he is allergic to so many things, he is doing wonderfully well. He is an amazing boy who loves being outside. He likes his daily walks and meeting other dogs along the way. He loves the cottage and water but he does not like to swim. He loves the snow so much it's a struggle to get him inside the house when it's snowing. Mosey is so incredibly cuddly and follows me everywhere I go. He never takes his eyes off of his big sisters who like to spoil him from time to time with a McDonald's ice cream cone (which he is obsessed with).

Ashley

MEET & GREET



HEDY #2266

Our sweet Hedy is around 12 years old. She has an Eeyore personality ~ quiet and funny. She sleeps more now and she's very laid back. We can't walk too far because she has hip dysplasia and arthritis but she's good at demanding cookies. When I go out and come home, she puts on a little dance while barking as she's giving me heck for leaving. She loves her sister Molly, a Golden we saved after her owners passed away and no one could take her. Hedy really perked up when Molly came. I absolutely adore Hedy. She has a very special spot in my heart...best rescue ever!

Patti

MEET & GREET



STITCH #2533

Stitch has been with us for over 8 years. We love him so much and he is a huge part of our family. He loves his daily walks to the park, playing tug of war, his trampoline, and boat rides. His favourite activity is fishing. He loves being outdoors, camping, and long hikes in the forest. When he first came to us, he was afraid of the water; however, he now swims and jumps off the dock. At home he is a big couch potato and loves his belly rubs. We have been over-the-moon happy and lucky to have him as part of our family.

Andrew

GOLDEN ANGEL



Shadow #1342

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

BRITT MAURO



BRITT & FINLEY #4541 & PENNY #4729

Britt Mauro, self-professed 'crazy dog lady' joined GR after her beloved Golden crossed the rainbow bridge. Britt wanted a much-needed diversion from her loss and decided that she wanted to give back by helping Goldens in need. In 2023, Britt started doing whatever she could to help. She has done transports, helped sell Wishbone Lottery tickets, participated with the International Rescue Mission of Love, and donated for events such as the picnic and Coats for Cairo. She and her partner, Katie Love, have fostered seven Goldens and three puppies, some with medical needs, and have been a joy to work with. Britt is now an invaluable member of the placement team, a role, as it turns out, she is perfectly suited for. Britt shares her life with Findlay #4541 and Penny#4729, who are grateful to Britt and Katie for giving them their much-needed second chance. Thank you, Britt, for all you do...we couldn't be more grateful for your compassion and love of Goldens.

Neutralize Skunk Odour

Q: What did the skunk say when the wind changed direction?

A: It's all coming back to me now.

If your furbaby has a run-in with a skunk, the odour is difficult to get rid of. There are a lot of odour-eliminating remedies but this is one that works well.

INGREDIENTS:

1 qt 30% hydrogen peroxide

1/4 cup baking soda

1-2 tsp liquid soap (blue Dawn works best)

Care should be used to protect the eyes. After lathering well with the formula, be sure to rinse thoroughly with plain water. The soap functions to disperse and break up the oils in the skunk spray. This allows the oxygenated hydrogen peroxide to neutralize the thiols (which are a group of organic compounds that are the primary cause of the foul odour associated with skunk spray).



Cautionary Tale

I won the lottery 3.5 years ago when Holly #3846 stepped off the plane from Cairo. She was about a year old and a tripod. As I regularly explain, she was a street dog and likely hit by a car. She had a much longer stump when she arrived but it was infected so we had to take it off. She walked off the plane loving everyone and everything. She is on the smallish side...about 55 lbs. Her tail rarely stops wagging and it doesn't matter if you are a kid, adult, dog, cat or in a wheelchair ~ she has been waiting her entire life to meet you. I know that everyone thinks their Golden is the best but Holly has them all beat. She never had an accident in the house and has never been a problem. Well, maybe at first, because she ate so fast that she would go over to Buddy's dish to steal from him but we sorted that out very quickly and she now knows that she has to wait for a count of 35 before she gets to go to her dish and stealing another's food is a no-no.

She started pet therapy soon after she arrived and has been a strong favourite from the beginning. Never a problem with new dogs...she welcomes them all. And we have all sorts at pet therapy ~ big and small including two Leonbergers. One is a 5-year-old female and the other is a 1-year-old unneutered male. We have a yearly BBQ at my home for all the owners and their dogs as I have a large fenced yard. This year, we had about 15 people and 10 dogs, including the two Leonbergers. When they arrived, the owner said that she was concerned that the male was being aggressive so they kept him on a leash for the afternoon. There were no problems with him. My male Golden did snarl at him initially and then just totally ignored him for the rest of the day.



At about 5 pm, I took my two inside to feed them and then they came back out. The owner of the Leonbergers was going to feed them on the lawn and was putting food in their bowls. She turned away for a second to get something and little miss thief (Holly) moved in to try to steal the food in the dish. A second later, the male Leonberger took one step towards her as if to say 'Excuse me but'...and Holly went totally street dog ~ snarling and growling, essentially saying "I'm big, strong, and tough and I got here first so don't mess with me". The Leonberger backed off and the owner grabbed Holly and that was the end of it. It probably didn't last 15 seconds but what a shock! Most of the people didn't even realize what had happened. The Leonberger's owner and I laughed about it as it was so totally unexpected for Holly...who loves everybody and everything but clearly that is what she had to do to survive on the streets. Do I think Holly would have followed through if the Leonberger had challenged her?



HOLLY #3846

No, but then I didn't think she would react the way she did. It just made me think that you really have to always be aware. Even after three years here, she reverted to street dog mode in a split second. And even now, I still trust her implicitly; however, I will be far more vigilant when she is off leash and food is around.

After 30 years of dealing with Goldens and most of them rescues, I realize that I still have much to learn.

Sandy

MEET & GREET ATLAS #4100



When I first picked Atlas up at the airport, he was scared and unsure of what was going on. He was the only one who needed to have the crate tipped to get him out. Once I got him on the leash, we walked a short distance and he looked at me and I could tell he knew he was safe. On the drive home, he snuggled right on my lap the whole way. The first year was tough for him because he was scared of all the sounds in downtown Toronto. In our area, there are lots of dog lovers, so lots of people wanted to say hello to him and pat him, which

he was always hesitant about. He had a broken leg when he got here, so most of that first year was spent going to the hospital each week to have his cast changed both before and after two surgeries. But it made a huge difference for him as he was a quiet, low-energy boy when I got him. As his leg started to feel better, he became more and more confident, playful, and energetic. He started getting curious about the dog park and wanting to meet other dogs. His personality really started to show when he was well enough to go in and play. He loves playing with other dogs and getting them all to chase him. He's always wanted to please, so he's been super easy to train as he's extremely intelligent. He even learned to hop into the bathtub when told to have his feet washed or for a bath. He's extremely appreciative of everything too. When I went to my parents for the first time, my mom bought him a new bed for their place and as soon as he saw it, he cried and ran over to my mom to give her hugs as if to say thank you...like he could tell it was a gift for him.

Ryan



MEET & GREET MITCH #4265

Mitch came to us at a very skinny 40 lbs. He had some health issues including an infection from being neutered and testing positive for a couple of tick-borne diseases. He also developed a very bad skin allergy. With the help of a Golden Rescue veterinary clinic in Guelph, we were able to control these issues. After his first year with us, he was up to and has maintained a healthy weight of 80lbs. He is a very happy boy but suffers from separation anxiety. We have had to adjust our lifestyle so that one of us is always at home and he is never by himself. Luckily, we have found a doggy daycare where he goes once a week to play with his buddies. We take advantage of that day to get things done. When you rescue a dog, which we have done a few times before, you never know what they will be like but hope for the best. With Mitch, we have been very lucky. He loves all people, including our grandchildren. He loves other dogs which is good as he has a lot of friends both at home and at our place up north in the summer. He loves daily walks, our big backyard for playing, car rides, boat rides, swimming, and to our surprise, he is also comfortable going for canoe rides. Mitch has been a great addition to our home and is a great, affectionate companion.

Deborah & Grant

Mitch is in our 2026 Calendar – it's available SOON at our GR Picnic!



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Yahoo...it's Wishbone Lottery time! You remember... where the first prize is Dinner for Two ANYWHERE in the World.

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I've already bought my tickets. If I win, I'm going to Italy for that spaghetti dinner just like in The Lady and The Tramp....mmmmm delizioso!!!



MILO #3864

ASK THE TRAINER

YOU CAN TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

Many of you have been following our journey with Violet #4496. By the time you read this article, we will have had her for two years. For those of you who don't know about Violet, we adopted her in September of 2023. At that time, she was 7.5 years old. She came from a puppy mill and was used as breeding stock throughout her life. When we adopted her, she was very much unsure of people and new situations. She also wasn't toilet trained as her kennel was what she lived in.

Toilet training her took about six months. This is because she thought relieving herself outside was a bad thing. She actually ran away from us the first time she peed outside thinking she had been bad.

But that wasn't our biggest challenge. Our biggest challenge was gaining her trust and building her confidence. I couldn't care less whether she could sit on command. What was most important was helping her feel safe and loved.

Violet has come a long way in the past two years; however, it has been slow progress, which was to be expected. She had had a difficult previous life, which was imprinted on her. I did take her to training classes, but they weren't obedience classes. These classes were specifically designed to help build her confidence, independence, and grit. Once again, progress was slow with every little step forward a win. She often just sat on her mat and watched everyone else and that was okay because she could see that it was a safe place

and the other dogs were enjoying what they were doing.

One of our greatest joys and achievements for Violet happened this summer. We were at our daughter's new cottage. Violet had never been in the water, other than to get bathed. Nor had she ever been swimming. The cottage is on a lake, so we thought we'd see what Violet thought of the lake. Usually, we have all three dogs with us but this time we didn't. We only had Violet, so we really weren't sure if she would go in or not. However, Violet is very attached to Vaughan. Our hope was that she would follow him in.

Vaughan entered the water and she very slowly got all four feet in and stopped. She looked at him as if to say, "Why are you in the water?" Vaughan went a little deeper but she wasn't sure about following him. Vaughan went closer to her and then slowly encouraged her to come with him. I went onto the dock to try and encourage her along. We were very patient and it really didn't matter if she didn't go any further. Violet entering the water was a win in itself. Much to our surprise and delight, she continued to follow Vaughan and when there was no more ground beneath her feet, she swam. Mind you, she swam all the way back to shore, which was only about 10 feet away, but that was huge!

We tried to encourage her back in, but she said "No, I'm good thanks" and we were absolutely fine with that. She had achieved something that



VIOLET #4496 WITH VAUGHAN

we weren't sure she'd be able to do and that was enough for us. Our kids and grandkids, who were also at the cottage, praised Violet and were just as excited as we were for her achievement.

Vaughan and I have always adopted senior Goldens. We know they won't be with us as long, but our objective has always been to give them the best life ever for whatever time is remaining. And here's the thing about senior dogs, they do love to learn and experience new things. It's also vital for both their mind and body that they are given the opportunity to keep active and explore new things.

If you are thinking about adopting a Golden, don't dismiss a senior. Violet is our third adopted senior and each one has been unique and a joy. Every one of them has been eager to learn new things, go new places, and fill our hearts with love.

Hope to see you at the Golden Rescue picnic!

By Lynda Kitson

Lynda is the former owner of Who's Walking Who Dog Training Centres and is also a Walks 'N' Wags Certified Pet First Aid Instructor. She and husband Vaughan live with their three Goldens ~ Star, Tula & Violet #4496.



REMINDER

BURROW
#4203

CORN ON THE COB IS NOT SAFE FOR YOUR FURBABIES!

Corn on the Cob Dangers

It may seem like a nice treat to let your Golden gnaw on a corn cob, but let's be real ~ can dogs eat corn cobs?

THE ANSWER IS NO.

Giving your dog corn is not something you should do.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on why corn on the cob is not safe for your dog.

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MEET & GREET



Harley #2674

Harley came into our lives in November 2017. He was understandably dazed and confused when he arrived but also very energetic and loving. He is such a smart boy and he learned very quickly how to walk on and off leash. He and his younger sister, Quinn, keep us moving in sun, rain, and snow. He loves playing with the grandchildren or sleeping on the floor with them while watching movies. Harley and Quinn spend most of the summers with us in Haliburton swimming, hiking, canoeing, and kayaking. He is a much-loved member of our family!

Christine



Ask Goldie

Dear Goldie: Lions, tigers, and bears...oh my! For me, it's more like lightning, thunder, and stairs. At the first rumble of thunder, I'm up the stairs and straight into the bath tub where I start doing the 'tread mill run' big time! I weigh 100 lbs so I make a lot of noise. Both my foster and new parents didn't know I did this because I was adopted in the winter (tee-hee). The first time it thundered, someone was in the bathroom with the door closed. Darn... someone was in my spot! I hammered away at the door until it opened and almost knocked down dad as I barrelled through and launched myself into position in the tub. Why do I do this whenever there's a thunderstorm? Tubby

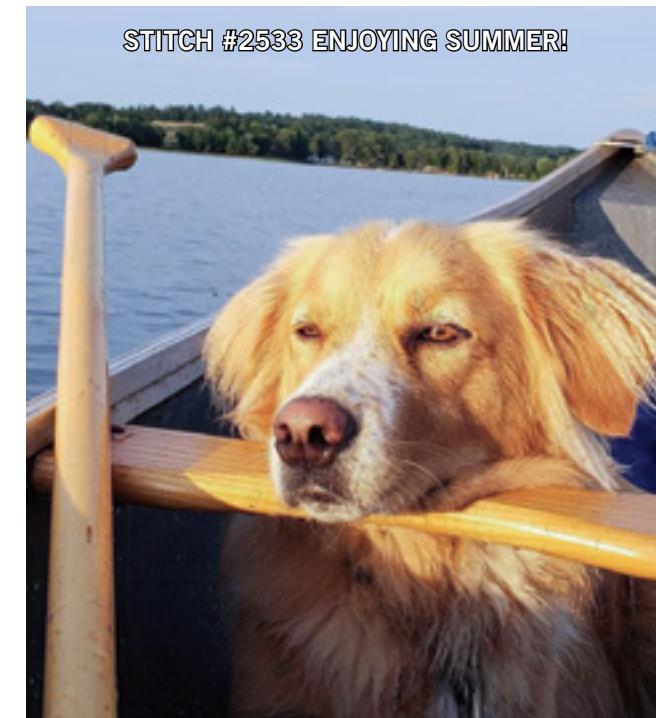
Dear Tubby: Rest assured, you're not the only one. While you prefer to run to the tub, other Goldens prefer to lie down in the tub until the thunder subsides. Some say it's natural instinct to seek an enclosed space or safe haven to hide from the noise. Others say you might be feeling a tingling sensation in your fur due to static electricity. Whatever the reason, the tub offers an

enclosed grounded space, which appears to offer a sense of security for some Goldens.

Dear Goldie: This really happened to me, I swear! After a long, hot car ride, I was thirsty. I was panting so hard that when we got home dad said "Can someone give Walter some water?" Well, didn't we overdo things big time. I drank three bowls of water refilled again and again. It felt so good going down but soon I was in pain. I was pacing, trying to vomit, and had a swollen belly. Dad knew right away to take me to emerg where the Vet said I was suffering from something called 'bloat' and that it was touch-and-go for me to survive. Thankfully I did and am here to tell the tale. Can you explain what happened? Walter

Dear Walter: Yes Walter, I can. Bloat is a very serious, potentially-fatal condition. Excessive water drinking or food intake can cause the stomach to swell and/or twist, blocking blood flow to the heart and other organs. Bloat can result in shock and severe health complications requiring emergency surgery. You are one lucky boy indeed. Moderation is key. Pet parents should also supervise Goldens determined to drink up the lake after play time on a hot day.

Dear Goldie: Trailer camping is all the rage and we Goldens are welcome at national, provincial, and public parks...and KOA (Kanine on Adventures) camp sites where I always meet super friendly Goldens at



STITCH #2533 ENJOYING SUMMER!

tinkle time. Yes, the tinkle tour offers a peeathon of information sharing that pet parents should keep in mind. Here goes: I'm trying my best to keep up but am I really in shape to walk the hills and walls of Quebec City for four hours straight? Please don't mistake my panting for a big smile. If I look like the guy on the subway who is about to fall asleep, eyes slowly blinking 'til they shut, opening again slightly, while in sitting position, I'm super tired. And please don't leave me alone for too long while you visit other campers. Scamp

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Dear Scamp: You make some very good points. It's wonderful that you can accompany mom and dad on road trips but it's so important that your needs are fully considered by your pet parents as well. Enjoy your camping trips together!

■ **Dear Goldie:** When dad opens his eyes, there I am, inches away from his nose, paws against his chest, with my big honest eyes and panting smiling face, eagerly awaiting today's adventure. I'm a young rescue and excited to learn new things and once dad finishes work, he devotes his time to me. We play ball at the park and then go to a friendly outdoor patio for dinner. Dad knows the owner well and always requests my favourite Shania song ~ "Man, I feel like a Golden, goin' out tonight, feelin' alright, gonna let it all hang out, best thing about bein' a Golden is the pre-dogative to have a little fun, oh, oh, oh, go totally crazy, doin' it in style...man, I feel like a Golden!"
Shawna

Dear Shawna: It is excellent that your dad is building your socialization skills at the park and at a pet friendly patio. It's so important to learn these skills at a young age so you will feel comfortable in the presence of other dogs and in all kinds of environments. So many Goldens unfortunately miss out on this opportunity and instead develop feelings of fear or defensiveness.

Happy autumn with love from Goldie!

MEET & GREET



JACK #4363

Jack is such a happy boy who loves everyone and every animal he encounters including squirrels. He has remarkable calm and positive energy that everyone gravitates to and recognizes. During our adventures, people ask to pet him or just start hugging and kissing him and he welcomes all of it. He is really loved by many and has so many friends and family who adore him. He brings us so much joy, love, and laughter and we have a very deep and special relationship with him. Jack is our life. He has demonstrated tremendous strength and courage in the face of adversity. After five months of being with us, Jack was diagnosed with lymphoma. We were devastated and distressed when we learned about the prognosis

for this cancer but responded rapidly. We met with an amazing oncologist and his team who outlined a six-month care plan, which included chemotherapy. Following chemotherapy, he underwent surgery to repair a hernia. Our vet told us that he woke up from anesthesia smiling, playful, and ready to take on the day. His recovery went really well and it did not slow him down. Later in the summer, we found a lump on his right cheek. We had it tested and thankfully it was a benign tumor. The lump, which was originally the size of a pea, grew to the size of a lime in the course of 4-6 weeks. It was growing so quickly and starting to impact the functionality of his mouth. He underwent surgery to have it removed. The recovery for this surgery was more complicated as he had a scar from his ear to his lip. Despite all these procedures, surgeries, and chemotherapy, Jack has demonstrated resiliency and strength. He has been through so much and yet his spirit has never dampened. He enjoys life, love, food, his friends, and his stuffies. He is so affectionate, cuddly, and loves to be with us all the time. He has celebrity status in our neighborhood not just because he is absolutely gorgeous but because of who he is. Words cannot express how much we love him. Corny but true, we hit the jackpot. We will forever be grateful to Golden Rescue for saving Jack from the streets of Cairo and for allowing us to have and care for him.

We profoundly admire the dedication and hard work that you do to save the lives of these precious beings.

Edith

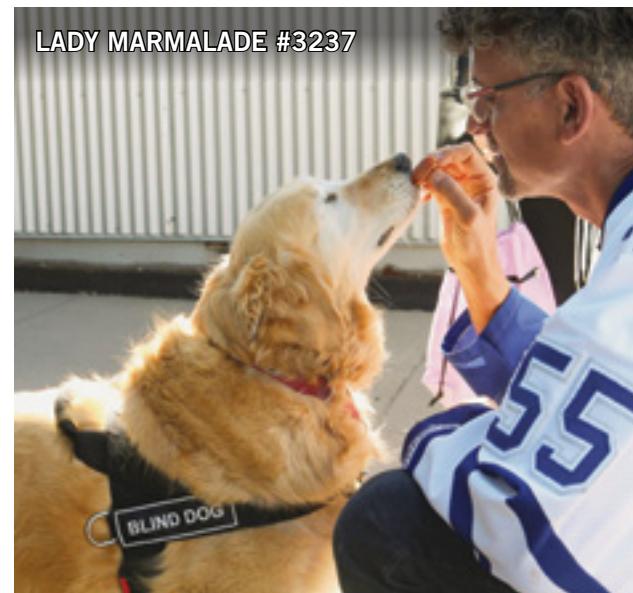
BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT GOLDEN RESCUE

THE PLACEMENT TEAM (AKA ADOPTIONS)

Anyone who has filled out a Golden adoption application must wonder “where does all this information go and how do you decide where a Golden goes...and why do you ask so many questions?” Well, wonder no more! This month, we are visiting the placement team to find out how all of these beautiful Goldens find their forever families.

First, one of the approximately 20 members of the Placement Team enter the information gathered on all adoption application forms into a sophisticated spreadsheet that allows members to filter applications based on the specific requirements of a Golden. Once a new Golden is ready, the Placement Team volunteer contacts the intake team member and the foster family to have an in-depth discussion about the Golden. There are a myriad of factors to consider ~ do they need a fenced yard, can there be other pets in the home, are they good with children, etc.? Adoption applications are comprehensive for good reason. The volunteers aren’t looking for just a good home for a Golden ~ they are looking for the best fit.

Most Goldens are posted on the Golden Rescue website and social media channels. As applications arrive, the volunteers are hard at work sorting through their spreadsheet to match up the Golden’s needs with the applicants’ answers. The applications are ranked based on the best fit and the chosen family is the one that checks all the boxes according to our wish list.



Not all Goldens are posted as some come from situations that require them to be in ‘witness protection’ for their own safety.

Once they have identified the best match, the family is contacted to discuss the Golden. These are long conversations as there is a detailed behaviour evaluation to go through so the potential adopter knows all about the Golden’s health, quirks, needs, and personality, to name a few.

The Placement Team volunteers are good listeners, organized, and patient. Perhaps most importantly, they know to listen to their intuition. Any potential red flags are identified and if the

placement doesn’t ‘feel right’, then they move on.

The next steps, once everyone is in agreement that we’ve found the best fit, include setting up a home visit and arranging for the family (the whole family – all members including other dogs) to visit the Golden and the Foster Family. If everything aligns, the Golden goes ‘home’ with their forever family and the adoption agreement and fee completed. The Golden’s happily-ever-after begins!

Of course, this is a very simplified explanation of the process. In fact, there are 176 steps for the placement procedures. The volunteers take these steps in batches and the process of finding the right home can take anywhere from a week to several months. The volunteers are patient and compassionate when handling a placement and these things cannot be rushed.

The difficult part of the job is when a Golden is more challenging to place due to high needs or behavioural challenges or when a Golden is returned. Some applicants may get frustrated that they were not selected for a Golden they applied for, but sometimes even a wonderful application is just not the right fit for that particular Golden. On the other hand, seeing and hearing the joy of a family when they get their new family member and knowing that a Golden has their second chance at life makes it all worth it. And volunteers say that it doesn’t matter if it’s their first placement or their thousandth ~ it is just as exciting every time. We think our Goldens would agree with that!

ADOPTION ALERT

SHELBY #4967 & CHERRY #4968 NEED A FAMILY!



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to let us know you're interested.



MEET & GREET AUGGIE #3970

Things with Auggie have been great. Everyone said he would calm down at some point but we see no signs of that. He is a bundle of fun and energy and he keeps us on the go. Health wise, we are still monitoring his hips and his one good eye continues to be stable. You'd never know he was blind in one eye other than being a little clumsier than your average pup. Auggie joined our family through Golden Rescue in 2022 and we couldn't be more grateful. Originally from Egypt, he made the journey to Canada and has been embracing every adventure since. His energy and loving personality bring so much joy to our lives. He adores playing with the neighborhood dogs and meeting anyone who will say hello on our walks. Some of his favourite adventures include trips to Nova Scotia where he can run on the beach and camping trips where he can swim and play all day. We can't imagine life without him and we're so thankful to Golden Rescue for bringing this sweet, adventurous boy into our lives.

Hannah



SHADOW #1342



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Quote of the month

 Losing your beloved Golden is one of the hardest things you will ever experience. There is a well-known acronym for those waves of grief: STUGs – Sudden Temporary Upsurge of Grief (although I call it Sudden Terrible Uncontrollable Grief). And that description is bang-on!  Betty

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Just love when they bring US here to socialize."

MEET & GREET

**Hank #4336**

It's hard to believe that Hank has been with us for over two years and that he is now five. He settled in quickly when we brought him home and has been such a great addition to our lives. When he first arrived, he was underweight when he came on one of the last Cairo flights but was able to quickly put on some healthy pounds and a thick winter coat. His recall was great from the start and he really is a homebody who doesn't want to be far away from either of us. He is great with people and other dogs. I also want to add that our experience with Golden Rescue was and continues to be nothing short of excellent. Going forward, we would certainly adopt through the organization again. We grew up with Goldens and Hank truly exudes the traits of the breed with his sweet disposition and affectionate nature. Will, just like Hank, has red hair and from the moment Hank came home, they were kindred spirits.

Kate & Will

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

Sat, Sep 6th
Ottawa Farmers
Market Westboro
Ottawa (ON)
9 am – 3 pm

Sat, Sep 13th
Ottawa Street
Farmers Market
Hamilton (ON)
8 am – 2 pm

Sat, Sep 20th
Annual Golden
Rescue Picnic
Woodview (ON)
(near Peterborough)
10 am – 4:30 pm

Sat, Sep 27th
Canadian Tire
Tag Day
Sudbury (ON)
11 am – 5 pm

Sun, Oct 5th
Bark-toberfest
Pinery Market
Grand Bend (ON)
9 am – 4 pm

Sun, Oct 19th
Ottawa Farmers'
Market Barrhaven
Ottawa (ON)
10 am – 2 pm



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We would like to thank our gracious host & sponsors for helping to make this fabulous event possible.

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'THE' Golden Rescue Picnic

(AKA The Great Canadian Golden Picnic Pawty)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th ~ 10am – 4:30pm



10 am ~ Picnic & Main Street opens:

- Ask the Trainer with Peter Brown of Alpha Paws
- Golden Rescue Store with lots of fabulous **NEW APPAREL**
- Raffle & 50-50
- Wishbone Lottery ticket sales
- First game of the day ~ Musical Mats
- Pawcasso Paintings
- Hike with Ben

11 am ~ Leave It or Steal It game

11 am ~ Shutterpups Family photos

11:30 am – 2 pm ~ BBQ Lunch

12:30 pm ~ Guess Your Golden

1:30 pm ~ The Main Event

2 pm ~ Leave It or Steal it & Hike with Ben

3 pm ~ Rainbow Bridge Memorial

3:30 pm ~ Crazy Canuck Costume Contest

4 pm ~ Raffle & 50-50 winners announced

4:30 pm ~ Picnic ends ~ safe drive home

Please RSVP at picnic@goldenrescue.ca for 2 and 4 legged. Cost is \$15 per person/\$30 per family.

We need volunteers to help make this day a success. If you would like to volunteer at the picnic, please email volunteer@goldenrescue.ca (please put 'picnic' in the subject line).

The Crazy Canuck Costume Contest!

Show off your Golden's patriotic spirit in our **CRAZY CANUCK COSTUME CONTEST!**

DRESS UP YOUR FURRY FRIEND AS A:

- Famous Canadian celebrity or hero
- Playful Canadian stereotype (keep it light and fun!)
- Iconic Canadian food or drink
- Canadian animal
- Anything else that screams 'Canada'

The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Golden Rescue Store. We can't wait to see your creativity...let the Canuck creativity shine! Be bold, be imaginative, and most of all, have fun!

Welcome to the Golden Family

**Bailey #4933**

Adopted by Karen & Jay

Bear #4930

Adopted by Peggy

Coal #4351

Adopted by Julie & Vic

Cooper #4971

Adopted by Samantha & Spencer

Daisy #4861

Adopted by Eve & Richard

Nahla #4962

Adopted by Kelly

Peanut #4949

Adopted by Sharon

Sammie #4957

Adopted by Charlene & Sean

Trek #4918

Adopted by Sheri & Collin

Truffle #4959

Adopted by Alayne

Tucker #4977

Adopted by Megan & Travis

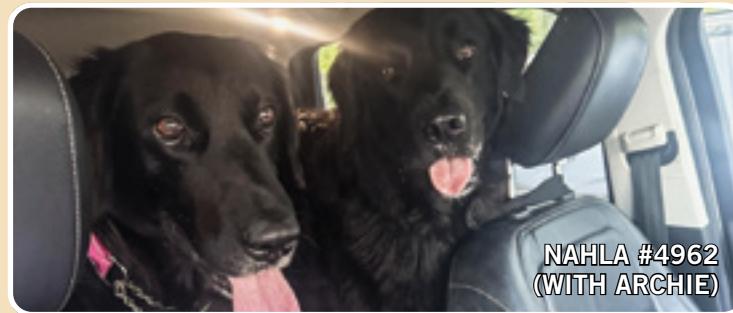
Willow #4978

Adopted by Karen & Ken



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