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## GOLDEN RESCUE MISSION STATEMENT

### SECOND CHANCES FOR GOLDENS IN NEED

Our comprehensively volunteer-run organization is dedicated to ensuring 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.

Our core values are our guiding principles ~ integrity, kindness, compassion ~ delivered without judgment.

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## ON THE COVER

**Okiefe #3340** ~ 'All roads lead to home'. Yes, as long as you know which road to take or, in Okiefe's case, which plane to catch. In September 2020, Oban #2125 told us it was time for him to leave us and cross the Rainbow Bridge. We decided to do a fundraiser in his memory to raise enough to sponsor a Golden (or two) from overseas. Thanks to the generosity of our Golden friends, we were able to raise enough to bring two Goldens from Cairo, in the 24K Gold initiative. Well, as you can imagine, the decision was quickly made to adopt one of those sponsored Goldens. All the Goldens on that flight already had homes, so we were to wait until the next flight. Then, the phone rang, the text messages came in, and the emails...one of the Goldens had just become available...and wouldn't you know it, he would be perfect for us! As soon as we heard this news, we were stunned ~ was this happening too fast? We were to be away when that flight came in. His name was Yukon... like the potato, Yukon Gold. We used to call our first puppy a potato. All the signs were there...this was happening for a reason and in our hearts, we knew that he was meant to come to us, so we said 'YES'! We cancelled our holiday trip and waited anxiously for the flight to arrive. We have gone to meet many flights and hundreds of Goldens and we always said "One day, we will be welcoming our own..." Nobody can prepare you for that moment, when you hear your Golden's name being called from the cargo hold. You wait, holding your breath to catch your first glimpse of your forever friend and then setting your eyes upon them, but you cannot see them clearly because the tears are flowing down your cheeks. It was one of the best decisions we've ever made. Welcome home, Okiefe! We are SO happy you caught that flight. **Monica & Chris**

SHADOW #1342



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## LOUISE PENNY to the RESCUE to talk about VOLUNTEERING

Golden Rescue has thousands of dedicated volunteers and supporters right across the country. There are a number of ways you can help...some only require a few hours every now and then and others require a bigger time commitment. Whatever your availability, there is no doubt that Golden Rescue could find a role that could fit your time restraints and talents.

Watch Louise's important message [HERE](#) to learn how you can make a difference! We hope you will come to OUR rescue!



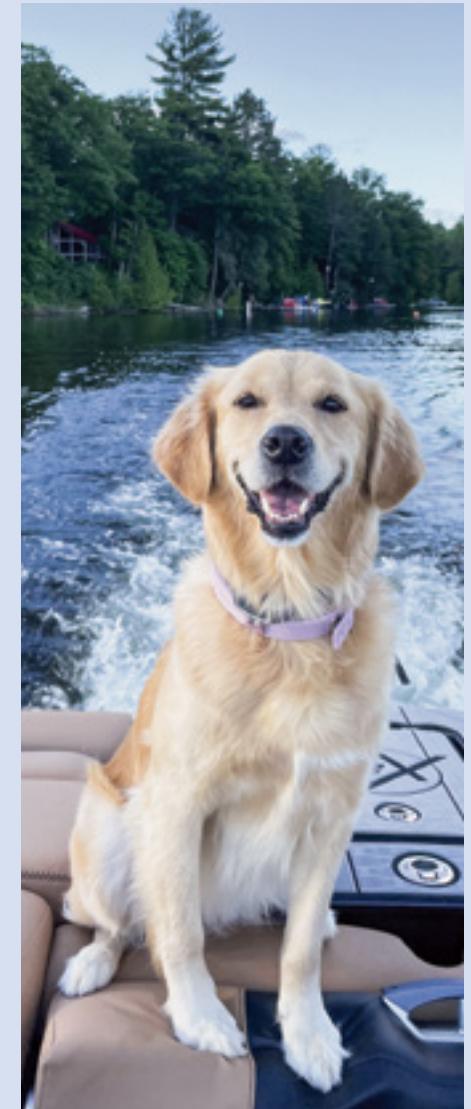
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## MEET & GREET MAGGIE #3325

Maggie is wonderful. She's the best girl and adopting her in 2020 was the best decision of the pandemic. We never actually got a real age on her as they found her at the dump; however, our vet thinks she's around 7 years old. In September 2021, Maggie made the cover of the *Guardian* and we were super proud. She gets along with everyone and she's so smart. She loves going to the greenhouses with Benji and he will take her for a golf cart ride. They stop at a cucumber range and he grabs some produce for her. Her best friends are other rescues ~ Nala #3437, Milo #3268, and Andy #2825. She has the best personality and is beyond funny. She makes cow noises when she's hungry in the morning and when she's done eating, she will protest with her bowl for more food. She's a wonderful fur-sister to our daughter from whom she will never turn down a cookie.

**Gabi & Benji**





# Great Canadian Golden Rescue Picnic PAW-TY 2025

Saturday September 21st dawned sunny, bright, and glorious. Not too hot, not too cold...just perfect. The kind of day that, when you get up, you know in your heart that something wonderful is going to happen. And it was ~ because it was the day of the annual Golden Rescue Picnic... kind of like Christmas if you are a Golden.

It was a day to celebrate our incredible volunteers and all the work that they have done over the past 35 years to allow us to rescue and find loving forever families. This year we hit a meaningful milestone by rescuing our 5000th Golden...all made possible by the tireless volunteers who work so hard to ensure that we never have to say 'no' to a Golden in need.

This year's picnic was once again held at the beautiful Viamede Resort in the Kawarthas. Huge thanks to Ben Samann for once again generously opening up the resort to us and to Picnic Chair, Julie Hendren, for organizing this fabulous day. Dogs were swimming in the clear waters of Stoney Lake and chasing and playing with each other in the dog park. It was canine bliss!

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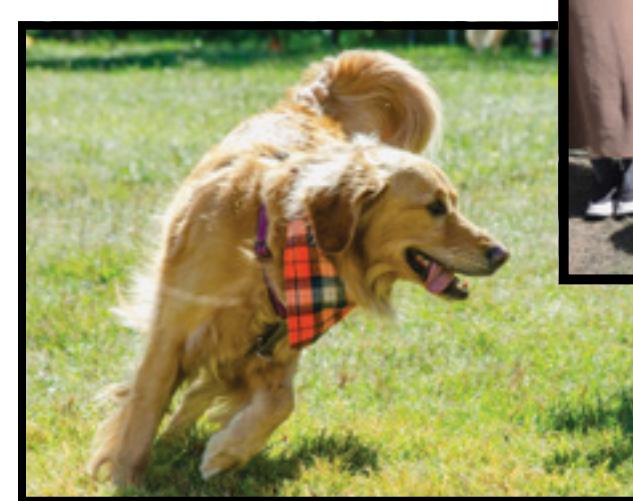
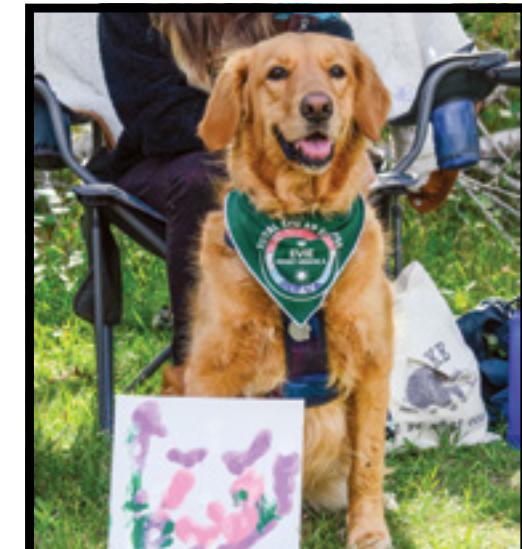
Their humans found time to socialize with each other and compared rescue stories, funny stories, and sad stories and generally enjoyed being in the company of kind, compassionate, like-minded people.

Early morning found the 3-acre dog park a hive of activity and at 10 am the gates opened and over 200 people and about 100 Goldens (and dogs with golden hearts) eagerly entered the off-leash area. And the fun began! We kicked off with the ever-popular 'Leave It or Steal It'. It seemed as though everyone in the park participated and the times ranged from 5 seconds to 2 minutes. Some very well-behaved pups seemed to lose their ears as the temptation of toys and treats proved to be too much. Thankfully there were enough prizes for everyone.

We all took a break for a delicious lunch served up by the talented Viamede kitchen crew and then it was back to the park for the opening ceremonies and a resumption of the activities. So much to do! Shop the awesome new merch in the General Store (if you missed it at the picnic, please click [HERE](#) to take a look – you won't be disappointed), talk to our canine behaviour expert, Peter Brown, create a Paw-casso, have your photos taken at Shutter Pups, and participate in Musical Mats or Guess your Golden. And let's not forget the raffle and silent auction, the 50-50 draw, the always moving Rainbow Bridge ceremony in memory of our four-footed friends who are no longer with us, and the Best-Dressed Contest. And let's not forget that beautiful lake and beach!

All too soon, it was time to wrap up and say goodbye until next year. Carloads of sleepy, happy

Goldens and their tired humans headed home reflecting on what a wonderful time they had. Just a perfect ending to a perfect day. If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar for next year...Saturday September 19th. We would love to see you there and your Golden will thank you for it!



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

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## MEET & GREET LUCY #3584

It's hard to believe that Lucy joined our family four years ago...time really does fly! We're happy to report that our girl is great. Looking at her now, it's hard to believe she's the same emaciated puppy we saw in the photos from Cairo. She stole our hearts the first day we met her and settled into pampered life easily. Lucy melts hearts everywhere she goes and her calm and gentle nature has made her perfectly suited to therapy work. She joined the team at St. John Ambulance a little over a year ago and absolutely loves visiting with her fans...even if she naps through most of it. She also loves going on family adventures to the park, cottage, and beach. Dirt and bad hair days don't bother her in the least and she really hates having a bath. Her best tricks include shaking a paw and jumping up on random picnic tables for treats (we rewarded her for it once and she's never forgotten ~ typical Golden, always thinking with her stomach). Lucy has truly become the heart of our family and is absolutely adored. We tell her adoption story often and will be forever grateful to her sponsor and to Golden Rescue for bringing us together!

Jennifer & Ryan



# 2026 CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Soon, we'll be turning the page on 2025...can you believe how fast this year has gone by? Our 2026 calendar is here and, as always, it's full of the most stunning Golden photos that will have you smiling all year round.

**They are now available in the GRRRR8 store!**

**Click [HERE](#) to order yours today**

**We guarantee you will smile...and laugh!**



# GOLDEN ANGEL



Shadow #1342

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



LEE WITH COBIE #2748

## Lee Trempe

Lee has been a treasured supporter of Golden Rescue almost since its inception. As a member of the Board in the early years, Lee helped grow GR into what it is today. Stepping back during its growing-pain years to enable fresh blood to come in with new ideas, Lee stayed involved helping many fundraising efforts including the golf tournament and the Wishbone Lottery. Lee has fostered, done home visits and transports, and helped out at various events. She has also adopted four beautiful Goldens ~ Golden #189, Skye #416, and Kilo #1367. She is currently sharing her life with Cobi #2748. Lee's primary role is being the interface between the intake team and foster families and the intake team do not know what they would do without her help. Lee is also the editor of 'The Loop', which goes to our fosters on a quarterly basis. No one can remember a time when Lee was not involved in the organization and she brings a certain insight to the group that only years of experience can provide. Thank you, Lee, for all you have done and all you continue to do. You are amazing and we are so lucky to have had you at our side all these years.

## MEET & GREET



LUCY #4163

Lucy is such a sweet girl and has been a great addition to our family. She's so great with everyone ~ loves all people and dogs. She loves to be with us whether at the park, camping, hiking, etc. She is spectacular at playing catch ~ she'd do it all day if we let her. And she's much better at returning the ball to us than any of our previous Goldens. The only thing she is very much not a fan of is the beach. We've tried to get her used to water but she's quite fearful. All in all, she's been great. She acclimated so well to her new life with us.

Erin

## MEET & GREET

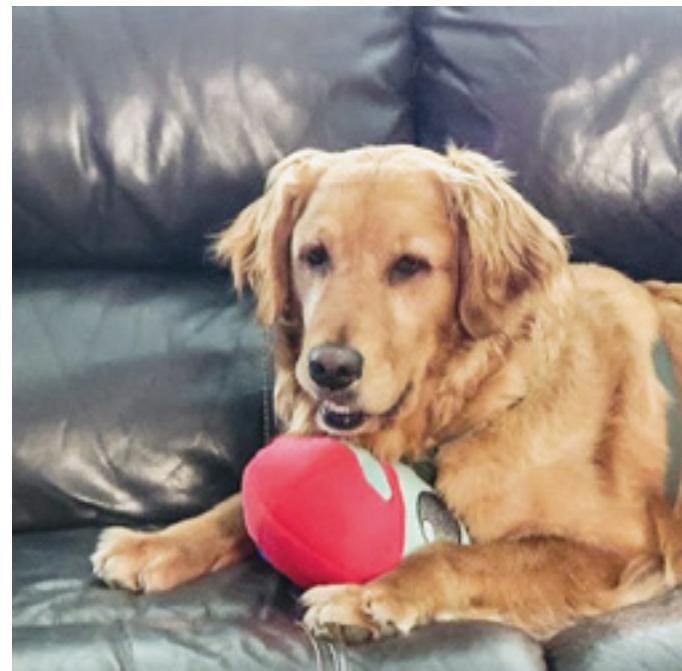
### Lio #2943

Lio is doing well and he will be 10 years old in September, which is hard to believe. He was so easy to train and continues to be a good boy. Lio is so good with all people, big and small, and other dogs and he still loves his walks. We have a cottage which he loves as he can roam free, chase squirrels, and follow fish which he can't catch. Lio was afraid of the water at first but now he will go in as deep as he can as long as his feet can still touch the bottom. He loves to go in our small rowboat for tours around the lake.

Janet & Rick



Please consider adopting by filling out an adoption application [HERE](#) – OR if you have already applied, please email [adoption@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:adoption@goldenrescue.ca) to let us know you're interested in beautiful Maggie.



## ADOPTION ALERT

### MAGGIE #4953

**Sweet girl ~ easy to love**

**Has suffered trauma ~ her biggest quirk is she likes men**

**Needs to be the only pet in the home & no children ~ likes peace & calm**

**Would benefit from someone home more often than not**

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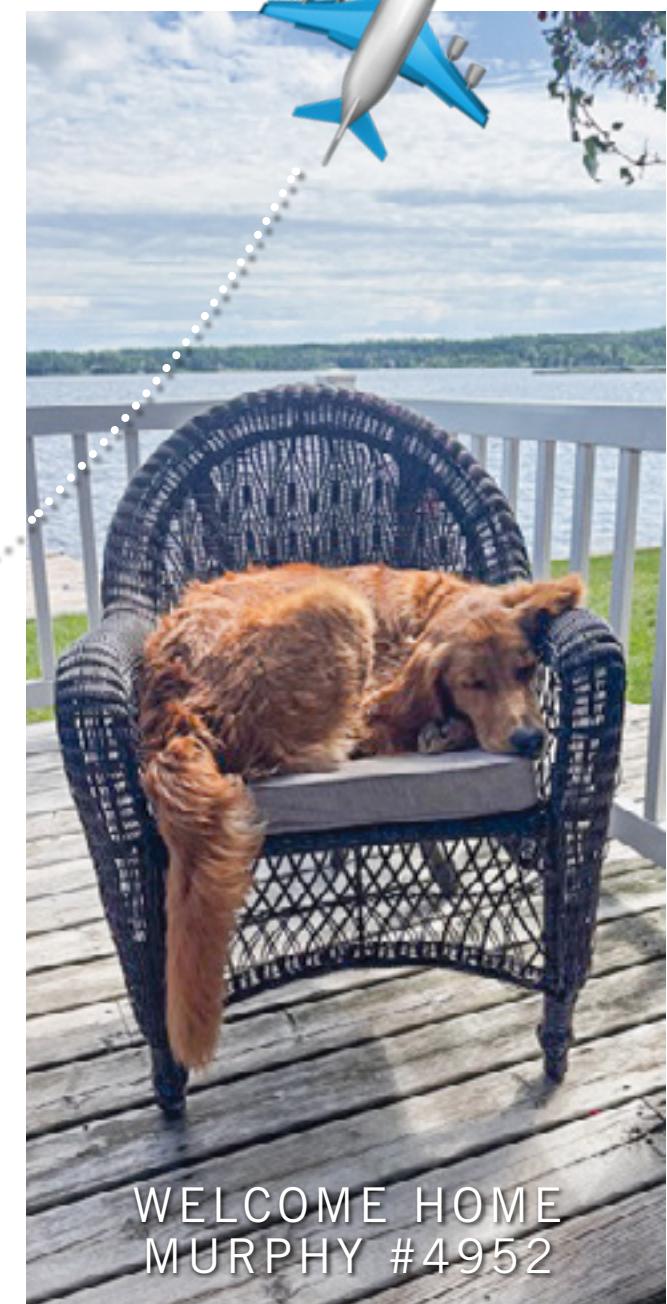
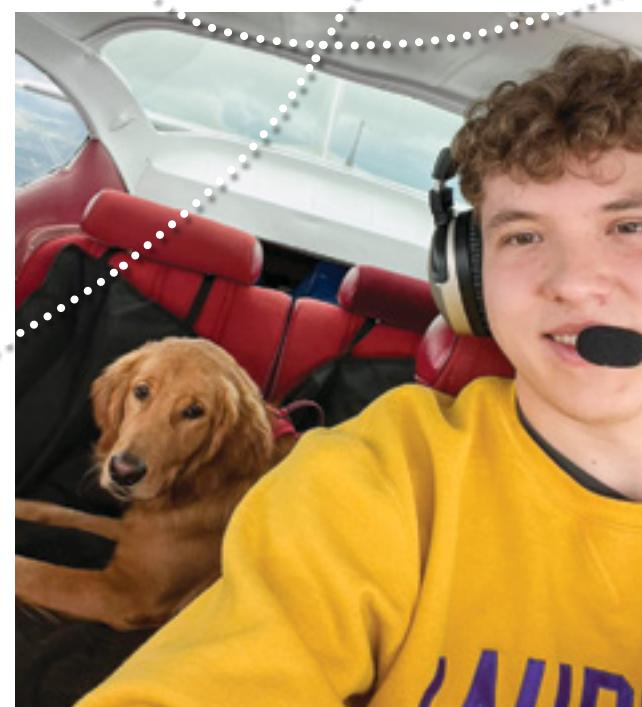
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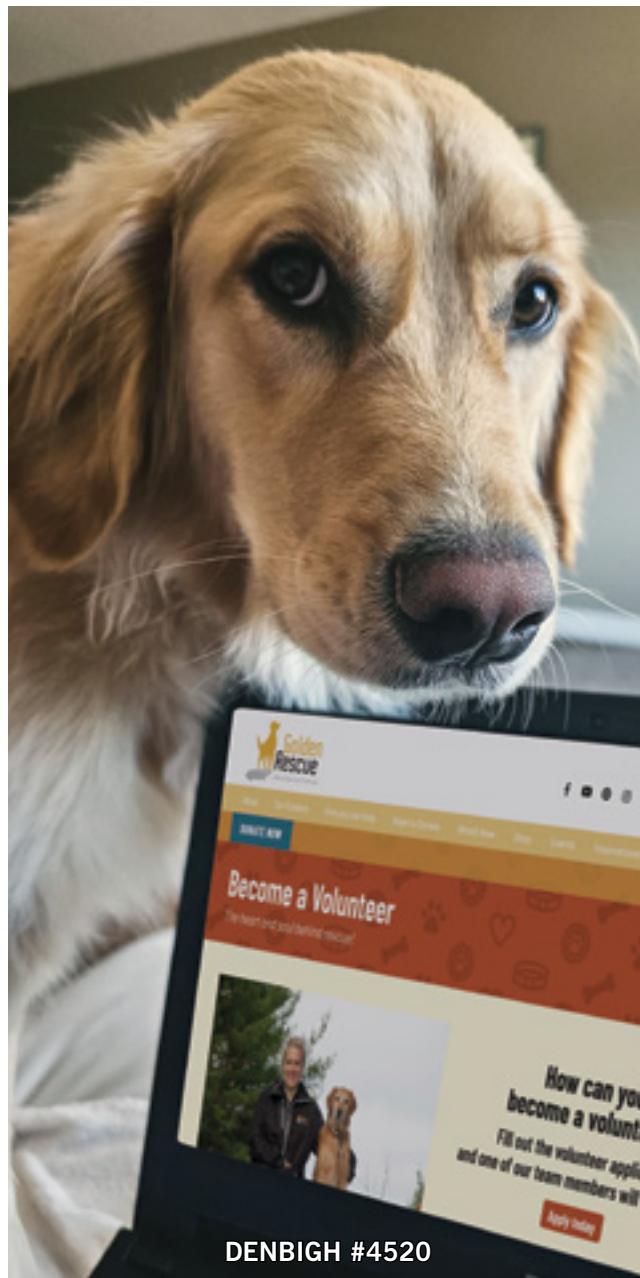
# Murphy's INCREDIBLE Journey

It is not often we get to witness first-hand one of our Goldens being rescued. Watch this wonderful video of Murphy #4952 boarding the Canadian Wings of Rescue airplane that takes him from New Brunswick (where he was surrendered) to his foster family in Ontario. Murphy had some earlier problems (he ingested clothing that resulted in bowel surgery). All fixed now, this lovely boy flew to his new life with a smile on his face and he took two flights completely in stride...what a super star! After spending about a month with his foster family, Murphy was adopted and is doing well and very much loved. Thank you to everyone who made his 'incredible journey' possible.

**Watch Murphy's Ride [HERE!](#)**



# HELP WANTED



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.

## Director of Communications

We are seeking a passionate and skilled Director of Communications to lead our storytelling and brand strategy. This volunteer role will oversee media relations, press releases, e-blasts, internal communications, and content development to ensure clear, engaging, and consistent messaging across all platforms. The ideal candidate will bring strong writing and editing skills, experience in digital communications, and the ability to collaborate with the board of directors, volunteers, and media partners to advance Golden Rescue's mission and expand our reach. Your flexible schedule will allow you to dedicate the time needed to address time-sensitive matters promptly and effectively. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-20 hours per month

## Director of Fundraising

We are looking for a creative and action-oriented fundraising team lead to develop and implement fundraising efforts. The demand to rescue and save Goldens continues to grow and rescue is expensive so we need to ramp up our fundraising efforts with innovative ideas. This is an opportunity

to build a team of passionate supporters to make an impactful difference. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-20 hours per month

## Director of Finance

Our board treasurer is planning on retiring after a smooth transition and we need your help keeping our finances healthy and current. Obviously, if we could find a Golden-loving CPA that would be ideal; however, a bookkeeper with a background in financial statements, banking, and cash management might also work. We could even break up the responsibilities to several individuals if necessary. If you have an accounting, banking, bookkeeping, money management background, we'd sure like to talk to you. We can tailor our new financial team to your needs and expertise, so please don't be shy. We need your help and are flexible on how we reorganize. We have a great accounting firm to do our annual financials and government filings and they can help in other ways as needed. **Estimated time commitment:** 15-30 hours per month

## Please 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](mailto: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!](#)**

## MEET & GREET

### Siris #3228

Osiris was the ancient Egyptian god of fertility, agriculture, afterlife, resurrection, life, and death. An all-encompassing namesake for our Golden Rescue, Siris. Siris joined our family in October 2019. He arrived full of energy and love...even though he required hip surgery following a misadventure sustained overseas. Siris showed great spirit and recovered quickly from his femoral head ostectomy. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for your unwavering support over those first few months. It took some time for his hair to grow back but his dark golden red hair returned. If it was itchy, Siris never complained. Siris quickly resumed his typical golden duties, including chasing squirrels, chewing sticks, and being a snuggle monster. He loves snuggling by the fireplace, going for walks in the neighborhood, and trips to Lake Huron. Siris enjoys walks on the beach and running through the water. Oddly, he hasn't yet developed an appreciation for swimming but is practicing with his life jacket. Car rides are a fun excursion, especially when they involve trips to Tim Hortons for an old-fashioned Timbit or a visit to grandma's house. From the first bark hello, Siris has brought us immeasurable joy and happiness. He is a goofball and we enjoy every minute with him. We are happy being Siris' humans.

Sean & Devin



# GOT YOUR GR S-WAG YET?

We're excited to announce our GR Store has 18 NEW designs available! Each design is available in tees, hoodies & sweatshirts – in any of the 10 great colours!

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## TEES



## HOODIES



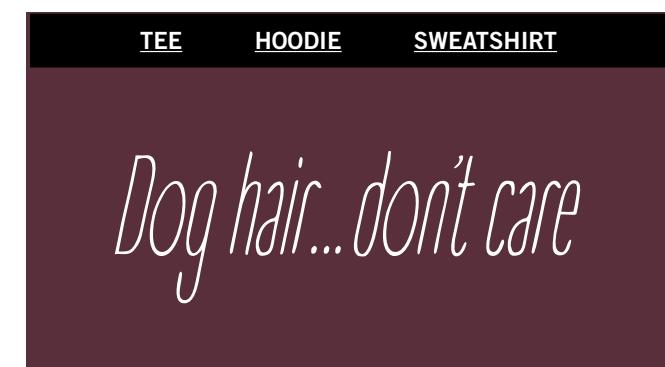
## SWEATSHIRTS



# 18 New Designs – 3 Apparel Styles – 10 Great Colours!



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# Ask Goldie

**Dear Goldie:** Remember this...don't give your Golden a stick of gum because you think it's kinda fun. Listen and learn! When my best Golden buddy, Dexter, didn't show up for our daily walkies, mom learned something frightening. The poor boy experienced Xylitol poisoning after eating a few sticks of sugarless gum offered by his owner. Within 30 minutes, he began vomiting followed by incoordination, collapse, and seizures. Luckily, he was taken to the vet immediately and survived. Do you know what happened here? Xavier

**Dear Xavier:** You've raised an important topic. What seems innocent, can prove deadly. Pet owners need to know the risk of Xylitol poisoning in dogs. Although Xylitol (also known as birch sugar) is safe for people, it is toxic and potentially lethal for dogs in as little as one hour. Xylitol is a common sugar substitute found in some sugarless gum and may appear in toothpaste, sugar substitute, ice cream, peanut butter, and other foods. Thank you for bringing this surprising issue to everyone's attention!

**Dear Goldie:** I know I'm special and how do I know this? I get more hugs and kisses than anyone in the family. When mom gets home she says "And how's my beautiful boy?". If I pass wind, mom says "Isn't that cute!" but if dad does that, which he wouldn't, mom would glare at him big time. I can stretch out on the chesterfield while he gets the loveseat. If I snore during a movie, mom says "Isn't he adorable" but if dad snores, mom gets annoyed. I just have to look at mom and she gives me a treat. If dad says "Do we have any chocolate?" mom says "You don't need that". But dad and I do keep a few secrets from mom... you know, guy to guy. Dad lets me sit in the front seat of the car, which mom never does. And he always shares his Tim Bits with me. Dad's the best! Lucky

**Dear Lucky:** It sounds like you're living the life. It's obvious that your mom and dad both love you dearly. You are a 'lucky' boy!

**Dear Goldie:** Do people shy away from adopting older Goldens? Here's my true story. Grandpa wasn't well so I sat by his bed every day resting my head on his arm. When Gran started bringing him meals in bed, he would eat some, then pass the plate to me to finish it. Then he'd smile and whisper "Good Boy". When Gran came in later, she was so pleased thinking that dad was the good boy to have eaten it all. After she left, he'd wink at me. It was



ANOTHER "LUCKY" LUCKY #4542

our secret until Gran said, "Eddy, your head looks too small for your body". Then one day I went to his room and he wasn't there. Shortly after that, Gran told me she too would be leaving our home. Sadly, I was surrendered at 11; however, it wasn't long before I was given a second chance with my new forever family. I arrived with no baggage, fully trained, fully adjusted, and full of love to give. Steady Eddy

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# Ask Goldie

**Dear Eddy:** It's so important that people not dismiss a Goldie Oldie for adoption, perhaps assuming that 'surrendered' implies bad behaviour. Oldies can display great stability and a calm disposition having been raised by one family since a pup. Steady Eddy is the perfect example of a loving, well-behaved older Golden who now, more than ever, needs a second chance. It's never too late for a new beginning.

**Dear Goldie:** Mom wants to start me on raw meat. I'm excited because I do wanna eat like my auntcestrals and be more woof-like, I mean wolf-like. She says it'll mean less poop to scoop. Yes, it's true! My buddy is on BARF, ha-ha, (Bones and Raw Food). Me likes the sound of that too. Goldie, is raw food a pawsitively good idea? Rawnda

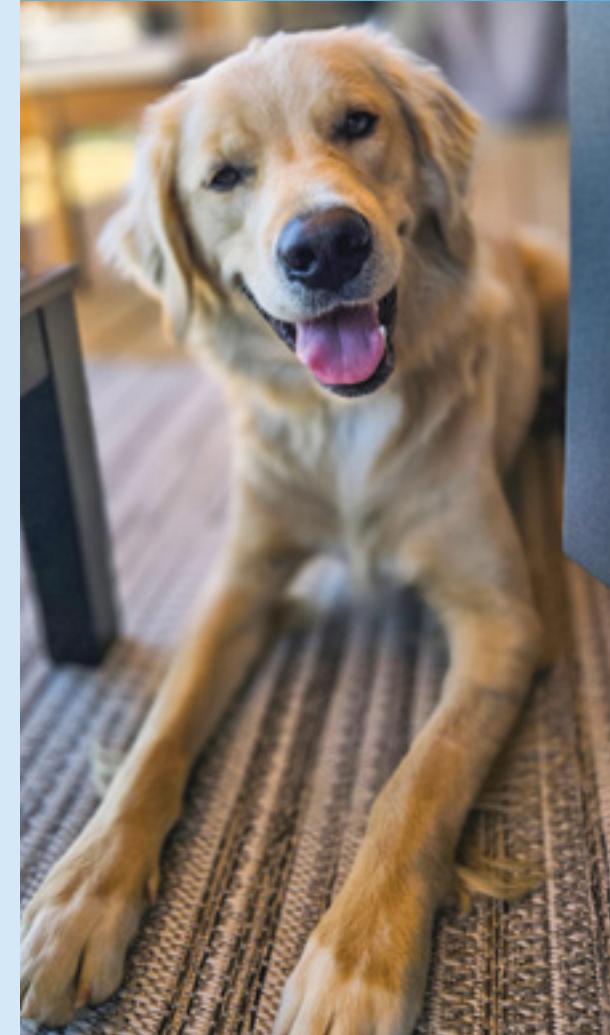


**Dear Rawnda:** Some dogs do better on raw food in the management of gastrointestinal dysfunction, inappetence, obesity or poor coat. However, before starting on raw meat, it would be a good idea for mom to discuss your specific health situation with your vet as 'one size does not fit all'. That way, she can ensure that the diet is complete and well-balanced, while sticking to any additional recommended supplements. And above all, strict safety precautions for you and your family must be taken. Even with the utmost care, the risk of bacteria such as E.coli or salmonella exists.

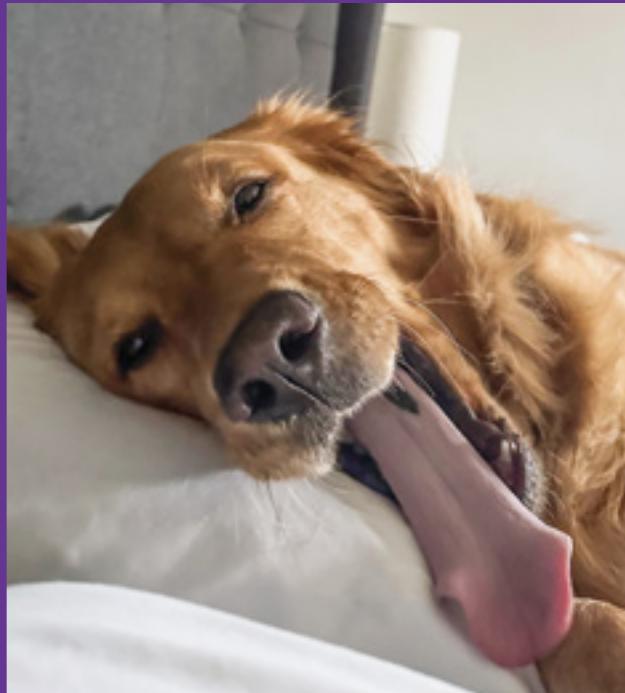
After finishing the build of our dream home, we were overjoyed to move in with our two senior girls imagining many more happy years together. A few months later, we began the search for a third furry family member, with our hearts set on a Golden Retriever. Then life shifted in a way we never expected and within just 10 days, we lost both of our girls suddenly. The silence that followed was deafening and our hearts ached. Even in our grief, we knew love had more room to grow, so we decided to continue our search. But this time we were now open to welcoming a younger pup. Enter Wally, our goofy, affectionate, and oh-so-lovable boy. From the moment he arrived, he began to fill our home with joy and laughter once again. Though he is still settling into 'country life', Wally has taken beautifully to simple routines, quiet mornings on the deck, watching birds fly by, and spending time gazing out the front window, and keeping a watchful eye on his new world. His playful spirit combined with his gentle nature reminds us daily of how lucky we are. There is something truly special about watching a rescue dog discover that they are loved and home at last. Wally has brought back life, love, and laughter into our days and we can honestly say he is the perfect addition to our family.

Melanie & Devon

## MEET & GREET WALLY #4964



## MEET &amp; GREET



## PENNY #4451

Penny is great! She's such a sweet and spunky gal. She loves chewing sticks, playing with her siblings, and giving lots of full body cuddles. She's a stubborn one and won't do anything she doesn't want to. We call her Hurricane Penny when she gets the zoomies because she'll run over anything (and anyone) in her way.

**Nikita & Chris**

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT GOLDEN RESCUE

# HOME VISITS TEAM

As the saying goes, home is where the heart is ~ especially when there is a Golden in it! And Golden Rescue always wants to make sure that Goldens are going to the best foster or forever home. That is why the Home Visit team is so vital in the fostering and adoption process.

Performing a home visit for a foster or forever family is just one step to ensure we have made the right choice. One of the five home visit team members locates a volunteer near the potential family's home to meet them to ensure the home is a good environment for a Golden. Potential fosters and adopters fill out a comprehensive foster or adoption application and it's important to verify that the information provided is correct or that nothing has changed since the application was submitted. On rare occasions, these visits are done via Zoom; however, it is always preferred to meet the family in person, but in urgent situations or in remote areas, using technology may be the best option.

The home visit volunteer will have a template containing the information about the home and the family to review during their visit. This information is sent back to the foster or placement team and if all is well, the foster or adoption process can proceed.

As simple as this sounds, it requires a great deal of organization. Home visits are usually completed within a couple of days of the request, so it is important that the volunteers are on top of their emails and have a system in place to keep track of



all of the requested visits, as well as for sending information back to the appropriate team.

You may remember the August 2025 issue of The Guardian, where we introduced you to the transportation team, that situations happen, such as the rescue of 25 Goldens from Manitoba whereby the team needed to coordinate and move quickly to find fosters or forever families for these Goldens. Fortunately, Golden Rescue volunteers are always ready to step up! No matter the challenge, the team is dedicated to getting Goldens into safe, loving fosters or forever families.

As one volunteer put it "the difficult we can do immediately; the impossible will take a little longer". Few things are ever impossible with our volunteers when it comes to caring for our Goldens!

# 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](mailto:events@goldenrescue.ca). Indicate which event you would like to help with and the hours you are available.

**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

**Sat/Sun,  
Oct 18th/19th**

Bala Cranberry  
Festival  
Bala (ON)  
Sat 9 am – 6 pm  
Sun 9 am – 3 pm

**Tue, Oct 22nd**

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

**Tue, Nov 26th**

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

**Sat/Sun,  
Dec 6th/7th**

Oshawa Markets  
Oshawa (ON)  
10 am – 6 pm



## Quote of the month

Angel dogs. Angels walk among us. Sometimes they are unseen and have wings and sometimes they pant and lick our faces.

Jonathan Brooks

## GOLDEN MOMENTS<sup>©</sup>



"Patience, we'll have MUCH to be thankful for."

# 5000 RESCUED 5000 SECOND CHANCES

AND WE'RE JUST  
GETTING STARTED



## DRUM ROLL, PLEASE...

Golden Rescue has reached an extraordinary milestone ~ our 5,000th rescue! Can you believe this? That's 5,000 Goldens saved, 5,000 lives transformed, and 5,000 second chances made possible by you: our incredible community of supporters, volunteers, fosters, and adopters. And we are just getting started. There's so much more life-saving work to do. Five of our rescued Goldens are here to show you how you can help make the next 5,000 rescues a reality.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP...STRAIGHT FROM OUR GOLDENS...

### Adopt – A forever family changes everything

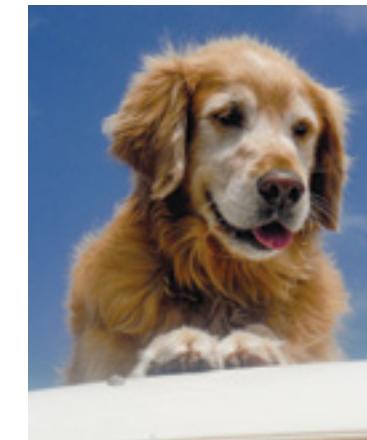


#### George #682 & Murphy #683

"Our lives changed the day we were rescued. Before Golden Rescue found us, we had nothing. We were abandoned, lost, and alone. George and I are a bonded pair, and we needed to stay together. Thanks to Golden Rescue, we were given a second chance. They found us the perfect forever family, who opened their hearts to both of us, gave us a

home, and showed us what it means to be loved. We were surrounded by security, comfort, and endless treats, and we even had our own spots on the couch right next to our humans...it was the best place in the world! Adopting a Golden (or two!) is life-changing. You'll gain loyal friends and Goldens get the love and care they deserve."

Fill out an adoption application [HERE](#)



**Foster – A temporary place to heal...a world of difference**

#### Zoey #1526

"I had a rough start in life. I lost trust in humans and the sparkle in my eyes faded. When Golden Rescue brought

me into their care, they placed me with a foster family who gave me the time, patience, and love I needed to heal. They offered me a quiet space to rest, took me to the vet, and created a safe environment where I could begin to trust again. My foster family gave me everything I needed to become my best self, and saying goodbye was hard. But through the tears, they were proud, knowing I was ready for my forever family. Without foster families, Golden Rescue couldn't do what they do. If you can open your heart and home to a Golden like me, even temporarily, you'll change a life forever."

Apply to foster [HERE](#)

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## Volunteer – Rescue runs on love & people like you

### Oakley #2071

"I was a happy and healthy Golden, but I didn't make it on my own. Behind every rescue is a dedicated team (or even an army!) of volunteers. Volunteers drove me to safety, helped match me with my forever family, and diligently inspected my potential new home to ensure it was the right environment for me. They also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to raise the funds for my vet care. Some volunteers gave a few hours, others gave much more, but every single one made an immeasurable difference in my life, and in the lives of thousands like me. If you love Goldens, there's always a place for you to make an impact. No act of kindness is too small, and every volunteer plays an irreplaceable role in making life-saving miracles happen every day."



Join our team [HERE](#)

## Donate – Your support saves lives

### Ruby #3333

"When Golden Rescue found me, I was in desperate need of help. I was sick, in constant pain, and had lost all hope. My medical bills were overwhelming, and many would have given up on me... but Golden Rescue never does. No matter how high the costs, they don't turn a

Golden away. Rescue is expensive, and every second chance comes at a price. Surgeries, medications, rehabilitation, training – it all adds up. But thanks to people like you, Goldens like me get the life-saving care we need. Your donation makes all the difference. Whether it's a one-time donation, a monthly contribution or a legacy gift, every dollar helps save lives. Because of you, I got my second chance. Will you help the next Golden in need?"

Donate now [HERE](#)

**Raise Awareness  
– The more people  
who know, the more  
Goldens we save**

### Kili #4171

"I'm one of the lucky ones...my previous owner knew about Golden Rescue and chose to surrender me ~ a decision that saved my life. But not every Golden is as fortunate. Some are given away online to uncertain fates. Others end up in shelters, passed from home to home, or worse. Too many never make it to safety simply because their families don't know that organizations like Golden Rescue exist. A single conversation, a friendly chat at the dog park, a shared social media post or a mention to a vet could be the reason another Golden finds safety instead of uncertainty. Raising awareness



also helps find foster families, adopters, volunteers, and vet support ~ the lifeline of every rescue. Every share, every word, every effort matters. The more people who know, the more lives are saved."

Follow us on the web [HERE](#)

**You've heard it straight from our Goldens...rescue changes everything!**

None of this happens without you...our incredible Golden community. You are the heartbeat of our rescue. Because of you, 5,000 Goldens were rescued. And because of you, the next 5,000 will get their second chance.

Rescue isn't possible without the people who make it happen.

**WE NEED YOU.  
THEY NEED YOU.  
LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER.**

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FOSTER  
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DONATE**

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## MEET & GREET

### Hiro #3291

Hiro is wonderful. He's a social butterfly when it comes to his human friends and they all love him. When he sees a dog friend, he gives them a quick hello and moves on. He puts up with my son's Golden; however, the best part for him is when she goes home. He loves walks, swimming, car rides while wearing his seatbelt proudly, mud puddles, getting brushed, and chilling on the front porch watching the world go by. The post office, hardware, and local pet stores are his favourite places. Why? Because he gets treats! He's even found a way to open the bathroom door when I'm in there. He's my soul mate, always by my side, cuddling usually covered in yarn as I crochet. One of the best days in my life was our Gotcha Day, March 13, 2000.

**Jayne**



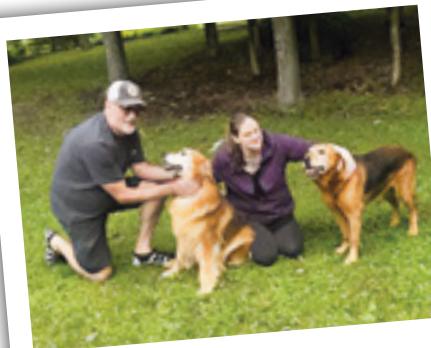
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### Nala #4146

Nala is doing great! She and her brother were a part of our wedding day, which was super special. She loves her life going on daily walks, playing in the backyard, and getting together with all her pup friends!

**Sarah & Stephania**

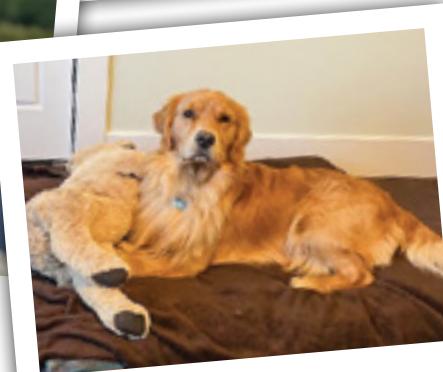
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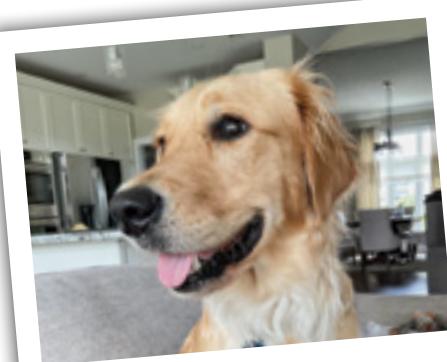
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Heather & John



**Nugget #4961**  
Lindsey & Mike



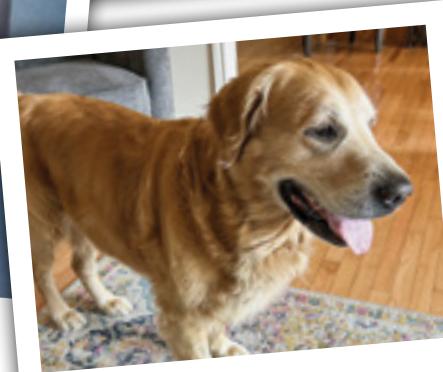
**Archie #4976**  
Linda & Alex



**Talia #4963**  
Catherine & Paul



**Wally #4964**  
Melanie & Devon



**Leo #4975**  
Karen & Burnie



**Riley #4910**  
Andrew & Marc

## LOVE NEVER DIES

When you bring a pet into your life, you know that you've already signed an invisible deal with grief.

But you still go ahead and let them make a home in your heart.

Because love is bigger than grief. Love never dies. It lives on and on!



LOOK BACK AND BE  
*grateful*

LOOK AHEAD AND BE  
*hopeful*

LOOK AROUND AND BE  
*helpful*

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

Click [HERE](#)  
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