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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 Golden retrievers 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

Ripley #3739 ~ It's hard to believe it's been almost 4 years since Ripley flew into our lives. The #1 thing GR could tell us about her was that she was 'unusually sweet' and that is certainly true. Ripley loves her toys, cuddles, and her cats. She always seems to be able to find someone in the neighbourhood who needs a pick-me-up and refuses to walk until she can see them and give them a snuggle. She is the consummate Golden with a heart of gold. **Liz & Chris**



SHADOW #1342

DON'T MISS OUT ON GOLDEN NEWS!

We send out regular Adoption Alerts and eblasts for News & Events...

AND NOW, OUR FREE GUARDIAN!

To stay 'in-the-know' about Golden news

CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

or sign up by going to our website (*click on 'Join our mailing list' on the top right-hand corner and follow the prompts*).

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



'Like' us on Facebook and 'Follow' us on Threads, Instagram, and Pinterest to stay up-to-date on what's happening with Golden Rescue. Click on the icons here (or on our website) to stay connected!

Seamus' Legacy Donation Match Result

Top o' the mornin' to our absolutely PAW-some humans. This is Ruby #4833 (Chief Treat Inspector and Official Spokes-Golden) here to say...YOU DID IT!

Thanks to your generous hearts (and excellent taste in helping very good Golden Retrievers like me), we've reached our \$25,000 matching goal. In fact, we exceeded the goal by over \$2,000. That means double the belly rubs...uh, I mean, double the impact, for Golden Retrievers in need.

Because of YOU, more wagging tails, happy families, and second chances are on the way. I tried to count all the thank-you kisses you deserve, but I ran out of toes (and I checked twice).

From all of us at Golden Rescue and especially from every Golden waiting for their forever family, THANK YOU for making this St. Paddy's campaign pure gold. Seamus #2223 would be very proud.

Now if you'll excuse me, I must celebrate with zoomies and maybe a snack. (okay...definitely a snack). With endless tail wags and slobbery gratitude,

Ruby #4833

ADOPTION ALERT

NICKY #5020 & BODHI #5021



We're still available ~ NO ONE wants us

To read their profile and to watch a video of these two happy, loveable, bonded goofballs, click [HERE!](#)

- Bonded pair ~ they love each other & best as the only pets in the family
- Suitable for country or city living ~ a secure yard would be ideal where they could romp & play together
- Nicky is exceptionally sweet, fun-loving, playful & affectionate
- Bodhi is gracious to all but reserves his love & trust for a lucky few
- Active family (older kids or teens would be great)
- Nicky is 108 lbs & Bodhi is 75 lbs.

Please consider adopting by filling out an adoption application [HERE](#) – or if you have already applied, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca and let us know you're interested.



CHARLIE #4834 & MUGGINS

**Follow Louise Penny,
our spokesperson,
on Facebook [HERE!](#)**

LOUISE PENNY'S

CHARLIE #4834 & MUGGINS

I don't think I'd had Muggins, my Golden, for a month before I realized she needed a sibling. While she was happy with me, I knew she would be even happier with a brother or sister.

At about this time, I heard about Golden Rescue. I mean, who knew Golden Retrievers needed rescuing? But thousands do. The more I read about Golden Rescue and their work, the more impressed I became.

I went often to their wonderful website, searching for the perfect companion for my gentle girl. And there, one day, she was. Her name was Hunny #4723 and she was a tripod. Found starving on the streets of Turkey, with only three legs, she was scooped up and flown to Canada. As soon as I saw her face I knew she was ours. After communicating with Golden Rescue and answering their questions and jumping through hoops, it was decided Hunny would come to us.

She and Muggins met outside and it was love. Profound and immediate. For the next months they grew closer and closer. Watching Hunny chase after Muggins, tearing around the back yard, you'd never know she only had three legs. While I was in London, I got a distressed call from Jill, who looks after the pups when I'm away. Hunny was sick. I immediately came home, but there was nothing that could be done. It was aggressive cancer and she was suffering.

The vet came to the house, and Hunny quietly went to sleep.

It was devastating, as you probably know. The only comfort was knowing that, thanks to Golden Rescue, that brave little one had a wonderful final year and a peaceful passing. Hunny knew she was loved and safe.

But that left both Muggins and me bereft. A little while later I was called about another little girl who had been rescued from a puppy mill in the Ottawa area. How such places still exist is a national disgrace. But that's another story.

Charlie needed a home and it was believed that they would be a fit. I agreed and within two days we were outside once again meeting Charlie. She was shy and a little skittish. She was unsure about other dogs and frankly, still is. But after a day or so, she and Muggins began to hang out. Then to play. And now they are inseparable. My Golden Girls!

It is now my great honour to be one of the patrons of Golden Rescue. I see the work they do, the commitment and passion of the volunteers, and I want to shout for joy. And relief. That these beautiful Golden Retrievers who are lost, abused, and suffering find forever families thanks to the efforts and support of this remarkable organization.

Golden Rescue is there not just for the Golden Retrievers, but for the new owners, giving guidance, advice, lending an ear, and sharing expertise. The transition isn't always easy. It wasn't with Charlie. These Golden Retrievers have been through a lot. But wow, is it ever worth it! I cannot imagine life without her now. Thank you to the volunteers. Thank you, Golden Rescue!

Charlie #4834, Muggins & Louise



AGM + Q&A ~ Thu, Jun 18th ~ 7 pm EST

Golden Rescue's AGM will be accessible to everyone via Zoom. At the conclusion of the AGM, we invite you to participate in a Q&A, where you will be able to ask our board members questions. If you would like to attend, please click [HERE](#).

Meeting ID: 894 2140 2497 Passcode: 083695

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. THANK YOU!

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



Whistler's Family
'From chair to couch in three generations'

SAVE THE DATE!

Golden Rescue Picnic SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

Viamede Resort
Stoney Lake in the
Kawarthas





Dear Goldie: I was named after a famous dude. You know: “You ain’t nothing but a Golden, barking all the time!” Yep, that used to be me. Whenever I saw another dog, or even better, when I saw more than one, I would start a full-fledged barkathon. Now when I think back, it seems crazy that I used to do this. Wonder what made me stop that behaviour? **Elvis**

Dear Elvis: Barking is a way to communicate with people and other dogs. It can indicate excitement, a greeting, anticipation of food, aggression or an invitation to play. Excessive barking often stems from a previous life that included fear, anxiety, territorialism, and uncertainty. Your family likely used a form of positive reinforcement to curb your barking by telling you ‘No’ or asking you to ‘Sit’ followed by a treat. Other methods can include increased bouts of exercise or to take walks first thing in the morning and last thing at night when fewer dogs are about. If you live in a rural area as opposed to a city, barking can be viewed as a positive security measure to alert your family to visitors or intruders.

Dear Goldie: Yesterday, on our morning walkies, a truck driver rolled down his window and said to mom: “Be cautious, coyote spotted in the area”. Duh, didn’t make sense to me. Later that night, I was off-leash as we walked to the car when suddenly I picked up a scent I’d never smelled before. I surprised even myself with my nose glued to the sidewalk in tracking mode. Then I saw what looked like a dog running but it wasn’t. It was something else. I started to bark like crazy as it ran across five front lawns across from our house to get away. I’m a big boy so I never have to worry about coyotes, right? **Titan**

Dear Titan: Don’t be fooled. Coyotes can pose a risk to humans and dogs as they can carry diseases. Although rare, coyote attacks on humans can happen as a method of den defense. It’s best to be on a short leash if you see one. If a coyote approaches, your mom or dad should never run away but rather make themselves appear big while making loud, scary noises. And you can help with that too!

Dear Goldie: My brother and I love to sleep on the bed with mom ~ best thing ever! Not only is it comfortable, but that way we know where she is and she knows where we are. In the past, when mom went to bed, we’d be fast asleep in dreamland, all stretched out, taking over the whole bed and leaving very little room for her. When she tried to find her spot, she had to wake us up and rearrange our positions but

that was often a challenge as sometimes we were like dead-weight. But mom has solved the problem by ‘booking her spot in advance’. She has stacked her favourite books: Margaret Atwood, J.K. Rowling, Bark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe, and of course our very own Louise Penny on the bed so we won’t lay on her spot. She’s very clever. **Henry & Hunter**

Dear Henry & Hunter: Yes, a brilliant solution! Mom just has to place some books on the bed to hold her sleep area before you and your brother jump up and settle down for the night. That way when she comes to bed, she quietly moves her books, claims her spot, and takes her rightful place without disturbing you both. Very brilliant indeed!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Goldens are like potato chips ~ you can’t just have one!”

(We can prove it ~ check out Welcome to the Family...four pairs adopted in the last month!)



MEET & GREET



ROSIE #4448

We adopted our boy Charlie #2201 through Golden Rescue and a few years later decided that we wanted to expand our family and add another furry family member. We applied to adopt again and were thrilled to be chosen to adopt Rosie #4448. Rosie came to us at 15 weeks old ~ a typical Golden puppy filled with energy and love. Charlie wasn't sure about this little raptor at first but soon warmed up and soon they were inseparable. She is a sweet funny little girl filled with love and affection. Sadly, we lost Charlie but were blessed with 10 wonderful years with him. We feel very lucky that we are sharing our lives with these sweet souls!

Kim & Martin

Life Jackets

Hello...Zahra #2924 here and here I am on our boat with an important message. Firstly, how lucky am I that I was adopted to a wonderful family and that I have a boat. This photo is of me on our sunset cruise around our lake. And wow, I have a lake too. As we near the nicer weather and boating season, I'd like to bring something important to your attention. We and many of our supporting vets would highly recommend that dogs always wear life jackets when they are on any kind of watercraft whether it's a canoe or a yacht.

Have fun this summer and be safe!



MEET & GREET



CHARCOAL #4040

Charcoal is great! He has settled into his new home and neighborhood and loves saying hi to all the neighbours on his walks. He has a few dog friends too; however, he isn't the biggest fan of most dogs or cats. We are working on it with a trainer and we think he is making progress. He is dearly loved by our friends and family and is just a great little boy. Charcoal loves his walks, runs, and playing ball in the backyard. He is spunky, loving, and full of energy. We feel so lucky to have met him and so happy he has joined our family.

Hilary & Chris



ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

Golden Retrievers like high school students. And if they like you, so do we!

Come meet some new furry friends and volunteer at a Golden Rescue event near you. Fill out a Student Volunteer application on our website and have fun while getting volunteer hours.

When you fill out your application [HERE](#), please indicate that you are a student volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Commemorate a Date!

Buy a commemorative date in the 2027 Calendar for your loved ones and support Golden Retrievers in need at the same time!

Happy Birthday
Shadow #1342

In memory of
Bailey #1212

Happy Gotcha
Day Kili #4171

Please email the date, message, and photo to board@goldenrescue.ca and send your e-transfer to treasurer@goldenrescue.ca.

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

(The cost of the commemorative date does not include a calendar.)

DATES/PHOTOS SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: AUGUST 15TH



MEET & GREET



Vida #3631

Where do we even begin with our gorgeous girl? She has been the most perfect addition to our family. Brody, our other Golden, and Vida immediately formed a most incredible bond. They are truly best friends...as if we've always had both of them. For us, it's hard to imagine our lives before Vida. She came to us with resource guarding that we've worked through with lots of love, trust, and commitment and she has made so much progress. She is

mature and smart and has the goofiest puppy personality with the energy to match. She brings so much laughter to our home with her silly antics. She loves stealing socks and hiding them on our bed beside a pillow. She's not shy about letting us know when she wants more pets. Her favourite things are her ball, hikes, swimming, and kids...preferably babies. She's our Queen V and to us she's the prettiest girl in the whole world and we make sure to tell her that every day...along with how loved she is. We can't thank Golden Rescue enough for choosing us to be her family ~ it really feels like she was born just for us. She is loved beyond measure.

Kenidi & Brent

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 BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR NOW & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A GOLDEN'S LIFE!**

Donate by clicking [HERE](#) OR email board@goldenrescue.ca.



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, please email events@goldenrescue.ca. Indicate which event you would like to help with and the hours you are available.

Sat, May 16th
Subaru Customer Appreciation Drive-In Theatre
 OAKVILLE (ON)
 5 pm – dusk

Sat, May 23rd
Ottawa Street Farmers' Market
 HAMILTON (ON)
 8 am – 2 pm

Sat, May 23rd
Carp Farmers' Market
 CARP (ON)
 8 am – 1 pm

Sat, June 13th
Langley Community Day
 LANGLEY (BC)
 11 am – 3 pm

Sat, June 20th
Wag-tastic Day
 OSHAWA (ON)
 1 pm – 4 pm

Sat, July 18th
Pawsitively Elgin Dog Festival
 ST. THOMAS (ON)
 10 am – 4 pm



LEVI #3232

MEET & GREET



Chase #3812

Our majestic Prince of Egypt. This boy hails from the land of the pharaohs and has a royal knack for snuggling on the couch with anyone who dares to sit down. His food obsession is legendary and thanks to a carefully curated diet and top-notch vet care, his allergies are now under control. Chase adores his pack siblings, though

he sometimes forgets he's a bit of a giant compared to them. His hunting prowess is unmatched. Bunnies, possums, and squirrels tremble at the mere mention of his name. We've had to build an impressive fence to keep the backyard critters out. Despite his size, Chase firmly believes he's a lap dog and is always eager to watch whatever you're viewing on your laptop or phone. With a heart as golden as his fur, he greets everyone at the door and loves to lend a paw with his retrieving skills. Truly, Chase is a kind-hearted royal who brings joy and laughter to his kingdom!

Heather & Douglas

DO-IT-YOURSELF FUNDRAISING

Create Your Own Fundraiser ~ Bring More Golden Smiles to Life!

The sky's the limit...use your imagination

- Birthday
- Yard Sale
- Walkaton
- Car Wash
- Wedding Favours
- Furry-Friend Birthday
- Concert/Variety Show
- Scavenger Hunt
- Games/Trivia Night
- Cook-Off
- Bake Sale
- Fashion Show
- Golf Tournament
- Polar Dip
- Canoe/Kayak Race
- Photo contest



Every rescue story starts with someone who cares... and that someone could be you! At Golden Rescue, we believe every Golden deserves a second chance

and hosting your own fundraising event is a fun and meaningful way to make a real difference for Golden Retrievers in need of second chances.

Whether you turn your birthday or wedding into a Golden fundraiser or organize an event in your community, every dollar you raise will help provide veterinary care for our precious Golden Retrievers in need and the awareness you create will be immeasurable.

We will cheer you on every step of the way and offer tools and support to make your fundraiser a success. Together, we can fill more homes (and hearts) with wagging tails, wet noses, and golden smiles.

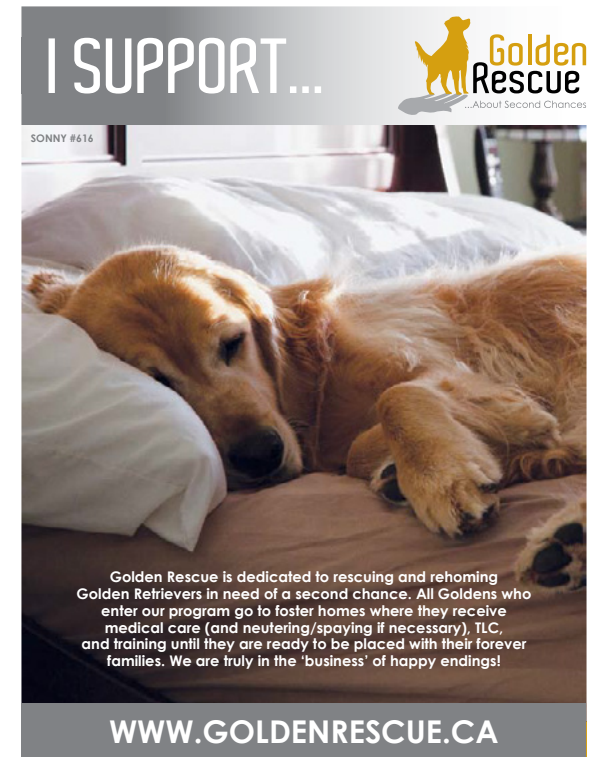
Here are some examples of what you could do:

Turn Your Birthday into a Gift for Golden Rescue!

This year, make your birthday extra special...for you and for Golden Retrievers. Instead of gifts, ask friends and family to donate to Golden Rescue in your honour.

Share the Love ~ Celebrate Your Wedding with Golden Rescue!

Your wedding day is all about love ~ so how about sharing that love? Include Golden Rescue in your wedding by substituting traditional wedding favours with a donation to Golden Rescue and providing each guest with a lovely thank you card. **You can also invite your guests to make a donation**



to Golden Rescue in lieu of a wedding gift.

Play to your strengths! Organize an activity of interest to you and your friends. Here's how we can help. We can provide:

- Guidance & support
- Hand-outs & promotional materials
- Possible help by volunteers & Golden Retrievers in your area

We'd love to hear your ideas!
Contact us at diy@goldenrescue.ca.

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SASHA #4893

Sasha has transformed from a nervous girl to a sweet, confident, and spicy girl. She has become a wonderful and bossy big sister to our Archie. Sasha has overcome many of her fears with love and trust. She is very loving and seeks us out for cuddles. As much love as we give to Sasha, she more than returns it. We cannot imagine our life without her.

Angela & Martin

MEET & GREET



JACK #3863

Adopting Jack is the best thing that ever happened to us. He never ceases to make us laugh and surprises us with his quirks. Even though he is 9 years old, he can still turn on that puppy charm while getting away with an extra treat or two. He loves his walks and playtime with his fellow canine buddies. We cannot imagine our lives without him. Thank you Golden Rescue for bringing Jack into our lives.

Jeanne & Russ

MEET & GREET



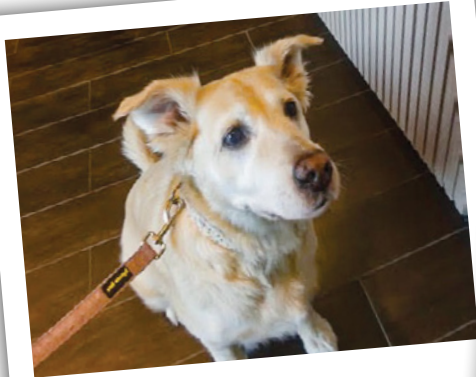
FERGUS #3002

Fergus has so much personality. He likes to sleep a lot (partly because he's diabetic) and it's so cute to see him use his toys (especially his chicken) as a soother. He is full of beans and drives us crazy in a good way. He gets excited as soon as our eyes open in the morning... ready for his walk. And when it snows, he loves eating it and rolling in it equally. When not sleeping, he is most content to accept his vegan treats for the few tricks he knows.

Abbi & Jessie



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Dallas #4966
Adopted by Rachel & Mike



Dorothy #4999
Adopted by Jen & Mike



Daisy #5070 & Teddy #5071
Adopted by Bryony & Kyle



Snax #5076
Adopted by Tonya & Derek



Lainie #5084
Adopted by Shawna & Andy



Lara #5087
Adopted by Kristina & Kristin



Casey #5089
Adopted by Janice & Steve



Milo #5090
Adopted by Hayden



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Chili #5091
Adopted by Michele



Henry #5093 & Hunter #5094
Adopted by Marcia



Cooper #5095 & Harley #5096
Adopted by Nancy & Rob



Stella #5098
Adopted by Heather & Brian



Austin #5101 & Isabella #5102
Adopted by Lindsay & David



Kali #5102
Adopted by Marissa & Brent



Lomond #5108
Adopted by Patricia & Edward



Niko #5109
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