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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

Benny #3689 ~ Benny is doing great! He LOVES going on our trail walks and he always has something in his mouth. He will also always bring you a shoe when you get home from work in excitement. He gets along with all other animals and kids and always wants to play or cuddle. We actually just brought home a little baby sister for Benny so it's been chaotic around here! We are adjusting to having a little one in the home and he is doing well...maybe just a tad jealous!
Shannon & Matt



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*).

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'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!

MEET & GREET



Tala #5033

Our beautiful little Tala's name means 'gold' in Farsi and she has been with us for over 4 months. It seems like she's been with us forever. She is a beautiful fit in our family and she loves her big brother, Sunny. She steals socks from the laundry basket and finds sunbeams to lay in in the backyard. She sleeps cuddled up against us every night. She is extremely smart, enthusiastic, and full of life. She wakes us up each day with her tail whopping hard against the bed. She is happy, loving, and full of life and makes us laugh all the time. It is so nice to see her and Sunny playing together. She has given Sunny, who is 8 years old, a new lease on life. He is playing with toys, bouncing around the backyard, and wrestling with his new sister. We'd like to thank you for bringing Tala into our lives! She is such a gift and we are so grateful she is here with us.

Meghan & Robert



GR AGM + Q&A

Thu, June 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!

Commemorate a Date!

Buy a commemorative date in the 2027 Calendar for your loved ones and support Golden's 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 etransfer 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



A WOOF-WORTHY LEGACY...

FROM TWO GOLDENS WHO ARE VERY GRATEFUL YOU'RE READING THIS

We hear you humans like to plan ahead, so we wanted to share something important (don't worry, we'll keep it short...unlike our tail wagging).

When you support Golden Rescue, now or later, you help Golden Angels like us get second chances, full bellies, and couches we're definitely allowed on (right?).

Here are a few simple ways you can help us in the future:

Leave a gift in your will ~ It helps more Golden Angels find forever families (like we did)

Name Golden Rescue on things like RRSPs, TFSA's or insurance ~ fancy human stuff that turns into real help for us

Donate stocks or other assets ~ more value goes to us, less to taxes (win-win... gotta love those)

Some humans even set things up so they get tax benefits now and help us later. Very smart. Almost as smart as learning 'sit'.

Because of Golden Angels like you, more Golden Angels get rescued and loved and finally hear the best words ever: "You're home!"

Now if you'll excuse us, we hear a cheese wrapper.

IT'S US, ATLAS #2326 & LUCY #2757...



POSSIBLY THE ONES WHO STOLE YOUR SOCK

If you're curious or want help, your humans can email:

GRdonationsadvice@outlook.com



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, Jun 13th

Langley Community Day
Langley (BC)
11 am – 3 pm

Sun, Jun 14th

Golden Retriever Day ~ 4 Paws K9 Resort
St. Catharines (ON)
12 pm – 4 pm

Sat, Jun 20th

Wag-tastic Day
Oshawa (ON)
1 pm – 4 pm

Sat, Jul 18th

Pawsitively Elgin Dog Festival
St. Thomas (ON)
10 am – 4 pm

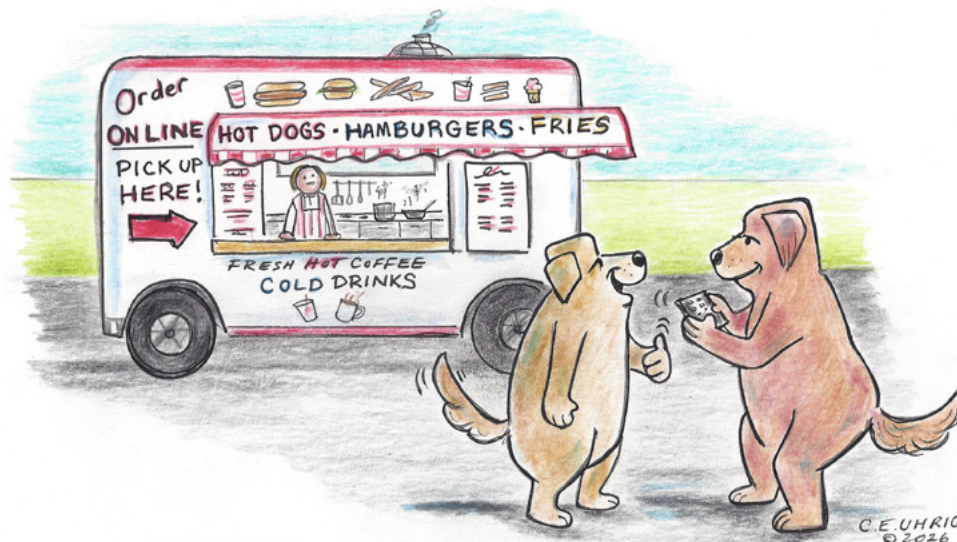
Sat, Aug 22nd

Ottawa Street Farmers' Market
Hamilton (ON)
8 am – 2 pm

LEVI #3232



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Rescued Golden Retrievers aren’t broken...they’ve simply experienced more life than other Golden Retrievers. If they were human, we would call them ‘wise’. They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write ~ the ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. – JJ

A Different Kind of ‘Tick Talk’

Hi hoomans...it's me, your friendly neighbourhood Golden, Chase #3812 (aptly named because I'm a professional squirrel chaser). I've got something important to bark about ~ fleas and ticks are NOT our friends.

These tiny troublemakers aren't just itchy ~ they can carry diseases and make us feel sick and pretty miserable. And trust me, nobody wants a Golden who's more scratchy gremlin than majestic fluff.

The good news? Keeping us safe is super easy. Monthly (or longer-lasting) preventatives like Bravecto or NexGuard are top picks recommended

by vets. They work from the inside out...kind of like a force field, but tastier.

Why it matters:

- stops fleas before they throw a party in my fur
- helps prevent tick-borne illnesses
- keeps my home (and couch...and bed...and everything) bug-free

So, before I dive nose-first into tall grass or roll in something questionable, make sure I'm protected. Because the only thing I should be bringing home is LOVE.



MEET & GREET BEAU #4379

There isn't a day that goes by that we aren't grateful to have Beau in our lives. He has become the ideal farm and cidery boy. He loves the freedom he has to run around our 3+ acre orchard on his own and with the furry friends he has made over the years. He loves people and dogs and, as it turns out, other people's ducks...and he is amazing with all of them (though the ducks would beg to differ since he likes to take them from the neighbour and gently carry them home to our farm in his mouth). He is a great companion whether we are active and working outside, relaxing in the house or travelling for work or pleasure. And people love him as he is an energetic goofball with the perfect dose of silly. He loves to cuddle and to be brushed. In case you can't tell, we are madly in love with him and think he is as close to perfect as is possible.

Peri & Brian

ADOPTION ALERT

JASPER #4914 NEEDS A CHANCE



At just two years old, Jasper has already been through more than most dogs ever should.

When he came to us, he was fearful, anxious, and unsure of the world around him. But thanks to patience, love, and a wonderful foster family, Jasper is slowly learning that life can be safe again.

He's goofy, affectionate, loyal, and sweet once he trusts you. He loves his toys, enjoys relaxing in his crate sanctuary, and is just starting to discover the joy of walks. Every day, his confidence grows a little more. Jasper needs a calm, experienced home with no other pets or small children...a family that is willing to continue helping him feel secure and loved. A quiet home with a fenced yard would be his dream.

He doesn't need perfection. He just needs someone willing to believe in him. Read more about him [HERE!](#)

Could you be Jasper's fresh start? Fill out an adoption application [HERE](#) – or if you have already applied, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca and let us know you're interested.

MEET & GREET



SULLY #3431

Sully has come a long way since he arrived in Canada in 2020 and is living his best life. Sully LOVES to swim ~ he's our little goldfish and if there's water around, it's almost impossible to keep him out of it. He loves his people and to be petted and cuddled. He really is a classic Golden except he never quite grew into his big ears. He's so loved by everyone in our lives. Sully is the best choice I've made and I couldn't love my boy more.

Lindsay



Ask Goldie

Dear Goldie: I know I'm pretty smart. Is that just me or is it a common trait of Golden Retrievers? For starters, I'm bi-lingual in English and Turkish which is good. And here's my latest achievement. The other day, mom and dad were watching TV and I wasn't getting attention, so when mom got up to get something, I leapt onto the sofa and took her spot. I'm not really allowed to but decided to do it anyway. What happened next was amazing! Not only did I change the channel but I was now recording as well. Pretty clever, eh? They laughed for a moment, grabbed the remote I was sitting on and resumed watching historic live coverage of the loony asstrotutts mooning. I totally get their fascination cuz me and my buddies love mooning each other and new faces at the park. **Cosmo**

Dear Cosmo: In response to your question, Golden Retrievers are very clever, representing one of the smartest, highly trainable breeds, capable of providing therapy services as well as being

great family members, known to be quick to learn, gentle, goofy, trusting, laid-back, and loving by nature. They often like to show off with a confident 'look at me' attitude. Some of these positive qualities may be hidden but with patience, love, and time, they will appear.

Dear Goldie: "Jawannagoferawalk?" I look at dad blank "Wha ja say?" Problem is that I no longer hear things clearly. Dad's mouth moves but it's all mumbo-jumbo, until he picks up my leash. Dad doesn't seem to get it. I have started going from room to room to find him. When he tells me 'come' and I don't respond, he thinks I'm disobedient. If he walks up behind me, it can scare me. I can even be sleeping all curled up by the TV and suddenly wake up to look over my shoulder to make sure he's still there. Not sure what's happening here. **Casper**

Dear Casper: Pet parents are often slow to respond to the signs of deafness in their Golden who has stopped responding to familiar sounds and commands and is startled when approached from behind. Rest assured that Golden Retrievers easily adjust to being deaf and still enjoy a happy life, no longer frightened by loud noises. Your dad can rely on hand signals, approach you visibly so as not to alarm you, keep you on leash, and continue to provide you with consistent routine and positive reinforcement.

Dear Goldie: This is the dog's truth! Shortly after I was adopted, mom bought me a ball thrower. It was so much fun ~ sudden high energy runs from zero to mach-speed in seconds, followed by an abrupt brake, grab



the ball and take it back. When not in use, mom had to hide it from me or I would totally fixate on it. I was 'ball-obsessed' and would go berserk with excitement each time I saw it! Everything was great until one day it wasn't. I suddenly started to limp, was stiff, and not able to walk normally. I feel pretty good a year later but mom is reluctant to ball play again and wants to talk it over with my vet. Is this an over-reaction? **Speedo**

Dear Speedo: It's always important to start with a warm-up of short distances before more active throws. Repetitive, lengthy ball throwing can result in muscle tears, and knee, shoulder or ligament issues. It may also contribute to osteoarthritis, degenerative disc disease, and repetitive strain injuries potentially impacting long-term mobility and quality of life. Although pet parents always have good intentions, moderation is key.

STAR #4936



MY HUMAN WENT SHOPPING...AGAIN

Apparently, the best way to show your love for Golden Retrievers is to wear us, sip from us, and decorate your home with us. Visit the Golden Rescue store for fun apparel, unique gifts, and goodies that help dogs like me get a second chance!

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MEET & GREET RUDY #3837



Rudy may be small, but his heart is enormous. He joined our family from Cairo on December 27, 2021, and from the start, it felt like he had always been ours. He didn't just join our family ~ he completed it. Rudy came to us with a difficult past we may never fully understand. He's a little unique ~ short in stature, a large bobble-like head with limited vision and an endearing wiggle-bum; however, every bit of him just adds to who he is. He's the definition of cuddly and can usually be found in our bed or right by our side, following us everywhere like a devoted little shadow. Rudy loves with his whole heart. His greatest passion is food. He celebrates every meal with barking, singing, jumping, and dancing until his bowl is finally served. It's a daily show that never gets old. He also enjoys his walks and always keeps his favourite stuffed soccer ball nearby. Rudy shares his home with his two sisters, Laila and Jacey #2529 who keep him in check, though he still shows off a bit of attitude. We especially love his signature 'plop' when asked to sit and his sparkling, storybook eyes that melt hearts instantly. His tail starts wagging the moment you say his name and doesn't stop until you're out of sight. Rudy is cute, joyful, a little dramatic, and endlessly loving. He's truly one of a kind. Thank you Golden Rescue for bringing him into our lives.

Julie & Kerry

GOLDEN WISDOM

So many toys...so little time. So, take care of your toys and share your food.

– Prince #4995 –



MEET & GREET



GIZMO #3665

Gizmo is the sweetest boy. He gets along so well with our other Golden, Fred, and is a wonderful addition to our growing family. There is just something so special about him...not sure what we would do without him. He is definitely the best snuggler and protector. Everyone who meets Gizmo falls in love with him.

Sarah & Will

HELP WANTED

Education & Advocacy Team

To support our mission, we are building a dedicated team of volunteers focused on community outreach. This team will work within local communities to promote awareness, share educational resources, and advocate for responsible pet ownership.

Through post-secondary school visits, community events, public information sessions, and partnerships with local organizations, you will help spread the message that rescue is not just about responding...it's about prevention.

Estimated time commitment:

10+ hours per month

PLEASE COME TO OUR RESCUE!

If you're interested in any of these roles, please let us know by emailing teamresources@goldenrescue.ca.

MEET & GREET



SONNY #4378

Sonny is a gem and our family just adores him and his quirky character. He is our third Golden and by far the funniest, most playful. It's hard to express just how much we love him and appreciate Golden Rescue for joining us together!

Jen

Subaru + Golden Retrievers = A Paw-fect Night at the Drive-In!

What happens when you combine a drive-in movie, beautiful weather, a whole lot of Subaru love, and a bevy of adorable Golden Retrievers? The answer is pure magic.

Over the May long weekend, Subaru invited Golden Rescue to attend their annual Client Appreciation Event at a drive-in theatre in Oakville...and wow, what a night! Subaru welcomed more than 400 new Subaru owners, their families, and plenty of four-legged companions for what they described as “an uncommon evening of fun and community.” With record attendance, guests were greeted by ‘Golden’ sunshine, wagging tails, and smiling faces.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to spread awareness about Golden Rescue and connect with so many kind-hearted dog lovers. One especially sweet little girl melted our hearts when she donated her very own quarter “to help the doggies.” Honestly, we are still emotional about it.

Subaru shared that they were “especially excited to welcome the team from Golden Rescue this year,” adding that our presence “helped make the evening even more meaningful, highlighting the shared values of compassion, connection, and giving-back that are so important to the Subaru community.” We couldn’t agree more.

A huge thank you goes out to our four-legged ambassadors ~ Chance #4115, Charlie, Dorothy, Ellanora, Fritz #4778, Ivy, Jinks #4752, Luna #4460, and Maya #3611 who worked the crowd like seasoned celebrities and proudly represented Golden Rescue. And of course, thank you to their wonderful families for coming too.

We’re incredibly grateful to Subaru for the warm invitation, generosity, and fantastic goodies. We can’t wait for more tail-wagging collaborations in the future!



MEET & GREET BELLA #4986

Just wanted to let you know that Bella is doing very well. She's a sweetheart and very, very well behaved. It's been great getting to know her. No issues whatsoever ~ she listens, is eating well, is very affectionate, and is good on leash. She is now 48 lbs and in great shape. One unusual trait ~ she is quite content to sit and watch the birds, squirrels, and other wildlife through our back fence. We back onto a creek so there is plenty to see. She'll stay there for as long as we let her. We've never seen a dog that is so content to just chill and watch the world go by. So, in conclusion, she's settled in and an absolute joy to have around. Our sense is that she is still uncertain if this is her home and she continues to wonder if she's going to be moved to a new place, especially when getting in the car, but obviously that will fade with time.



Shelagh & Alex

SAVE THE DATE!

Golden Rescue Picnic SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

**Viamede Resort
Stoney Lake in the
Kawarthas**





WELCOME TO THE **GOLDEN FAMILY**



Polar #3278
Adopted by Roberta & Tom



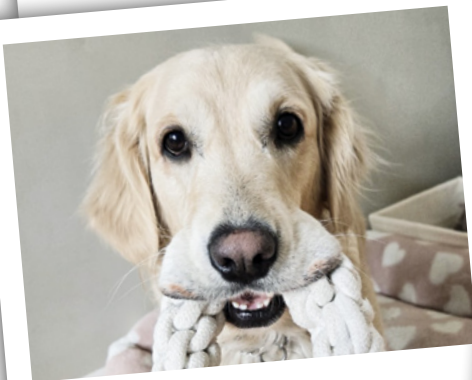
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Bella #4986
Adopted by Shelagh & Alex



Buck #5099
Adopted by Kathy & Jim



Kali #5102
Adopted by Marissa & Brent



Willow #5104
Adopted by Anna & Andy



Winnie #5105
Adopted by Adrienne & Rob



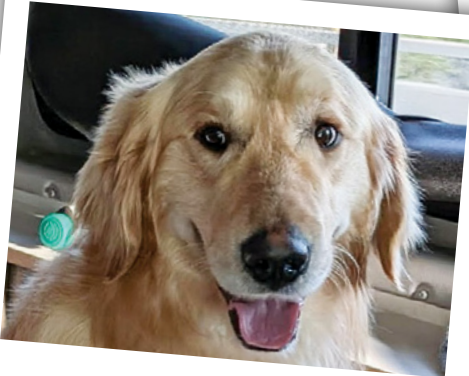
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Adopted by Leah & Alex



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Tiramisu #5112
Adopted by Kate & Jon



Jasper #5114
Adopted by Leslie & Stuart



Walter #5115
Adopted by Emily



Sofie #5118
Adopted by Lindsay



Junior #5119
Adopted by Susan & Andrew



Abby #5120
Adopted by Jen & Paul

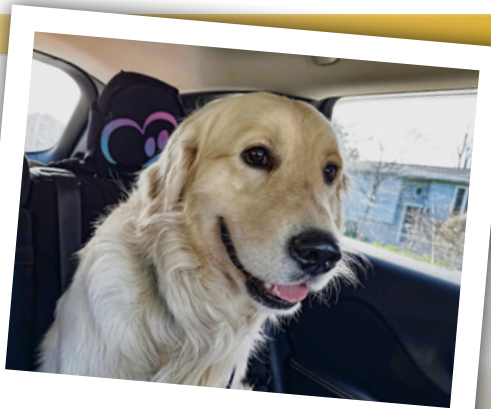


Comet #5121
Adopted by Britt & Katie



Rosalie #5125
Adopted by Heather & Robert

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Rex #5126
Adopted by Candace & Craig



Ellie #5132
Adopted by Julia



Sonny #5136
Adopted by Julie & John



Jaicy #5144
Adopted by Kathy & Glen



Tootsie #5148
Adopted by Erin & Dave

MEET & GREET ABBY #5120



Oh my goodness, Abby is such a good girl. We love her so much already. And she's supposedly 10½ years old. Pffffftt... she runs circles around our 6-year-old. She fit in immediately and beautifully. She is getting a little better with our cats (oh my ~ she is obsessed). She loves them and is gentle. We love her and our family is now complete.

Jen & Paul

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.

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to donate!

GIZMO #3665