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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 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.

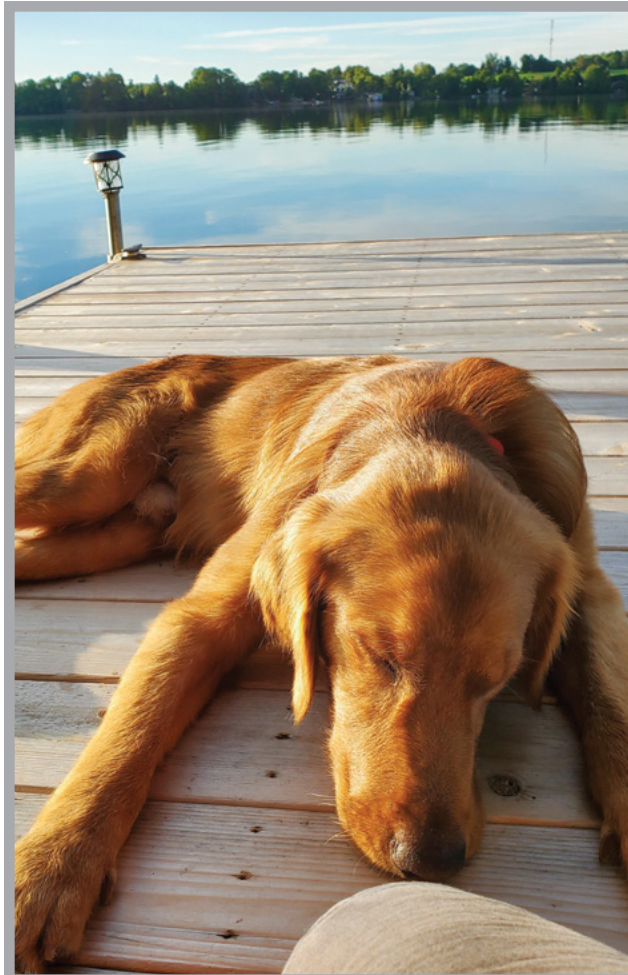
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ON THE COVER

Bentley #4143 ~ Bentley is doing great! When I first picked him up, he was 38 lbs and had a few mild health issues. After a few months, he settled in and is now 72 lbs and in great health. He's my adventure buddy and we have been all over Eastern Ontario boating and fishing. **Andrew**



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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Golden Rescue Picnic SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Viamede Resort ~
Stoney Lake
in the Kawarthas



Please join us ~ two and four-legged, for another fun-filled Picnic at the beautiful Viamede Resort! This year's picnic theme is inspired by the excitement of international sport and the spirit of togetherness as we introduce:

THE GOLDEN GAMES

Expect a day filled with:

- Country-themed activity stations
- Golden Games competitions
- 'Pawports' stamps and prizes
- BBQ lunch & social time
- A giant group photo of Golden Retrievers

To close the day, join our Sporty Paws Best Dressed Showcase.

We would love to see our Golden Retrievers dressed as:

- Athletes
- team mascots
- sports fans & tailgaters
- sports commentators
- soccer balls or sports equipment
- country colours & jerseys
- World Cup-inspired outfits

There will be prizes for categories such as:

- most convincing athlete
- best tailgating/fan outfit
- gold medal goofball (most likely to retrieve the wrong ball OR most likely to run the wrong way)

Start planning your Golden's sporty outfit while jerseys and World Cup gear are everywhere this summer!

Can't wait to see our furry friends again and meet new ones!

Please RSVP (2 & 4 legged) to picnic@goldenrescue.ca

Cost: \$15 per person or \$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).

We would like to thank our gracious host and sponsor, Viamede, for helping make this fabulous event possible.



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



ASK Goldie



Dear Goldie: Who doesn't love Justin Boober? As Long as You love Me, I'll be Your Platinum, I'll be Your Silver, I'll be Your Gold. Yes, I long to be your Golden, tuned in to all your emotions and moods. My dream is to gaze at you with moist, adoring, sympathetic eyes. I need you so much in my life. I'm desperate to find a new forever family. I'm that hard-luck Golden whose family situation changed requiring me to be reluctantly surrendered. Goldie, if someone is considering adopting me after reading my profile, do you have any further words of wisdom and encouragement? **Justine**

Dear Justine: Living with your Golden will be an exciting time, a two-way street. Your Golden's full personality will blossom as you begin to bond. Teach them manners, understand their issues, and believe in their innocence, and with time they will give you so much more in terms of love, devotion, company, security, loyalty and in addition, a reason to go for a walk. Please familiarize yourself with our 3-3-3 Rule ~ it truly is accurate.

Dear Goldie: I'm going to be spending a week with a new doggy sitter at their house. They have never met, patted or poop-scooped me. I take 'doing my business' seriously and hope that my pet parents will provide information on my 'do-do' requirements, as well as my favourite treats. **Nervous Nellie**

Dear Nellie: I can't stress enough the following information. When it comes to doggy do-do, not all dogs are the same. Some will only pee and poo in the backyard and never on a walk on leash, whereas some are the complete opposite and will only do-do on their walkies, perhaps thinking that the backyard is an extension of the home (a no pee/poo zone). And surprisingly, some actually will only do their business on concrete (i.e. street, parking lot or sidewalk) perhaps signalling previous kennel or dog-run experience.

Dear Goldie: Once in a while I turn into Lawn Boy. You know, I start to graze on grass big time...just can't get enough. Mom usually pulls me away if we're on a walk but I pull back even harder. Can you please explain to mom why I do this? **Blaze**

Dear Blaze: A Golden may occasionally eat grass to treat an upset stomach using fiber to aid digestion. If grass eating becomes more and more persistent, check with your veterinarian for examination and guidance. If occasional grass eating tends to arise before meal time, a Golden's empty tummy may be the source of discomfort. Pepcid is generally considered safe for dogs to treat acid reflux and mild diarrhea; however, only administer Pepcid with your vet's approval as it can interact with other medications being taken.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat, Jul 18th
Pawsitively Elgin Dog Festival
 St. Thomas (ON)
 10 am – 4 pm

Sat, Aug 8th
Perth Farmers' Market
 Perth (ON)
 8 am – 1 pm

Sat, Sep 26th
Canadian Tire Tag Day
 Sudbury (ON)
 11 am – 5 pm

Sat, Aug 22nd
Ottawa Street Farmers' Market
 Hamilton (ON)
 8 am – 2 pm

Sat, Sep 19th
Golden Rescue Picnic
 Viamede Resort
 Woodview (ON)
 10 am – 4:30 pm

Sun, Sep 27th
Double Dog Dare
 Bridge Church Community
 Kanata (ON)
 9:30 am – 2 pm

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 volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

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



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MEET & GREET

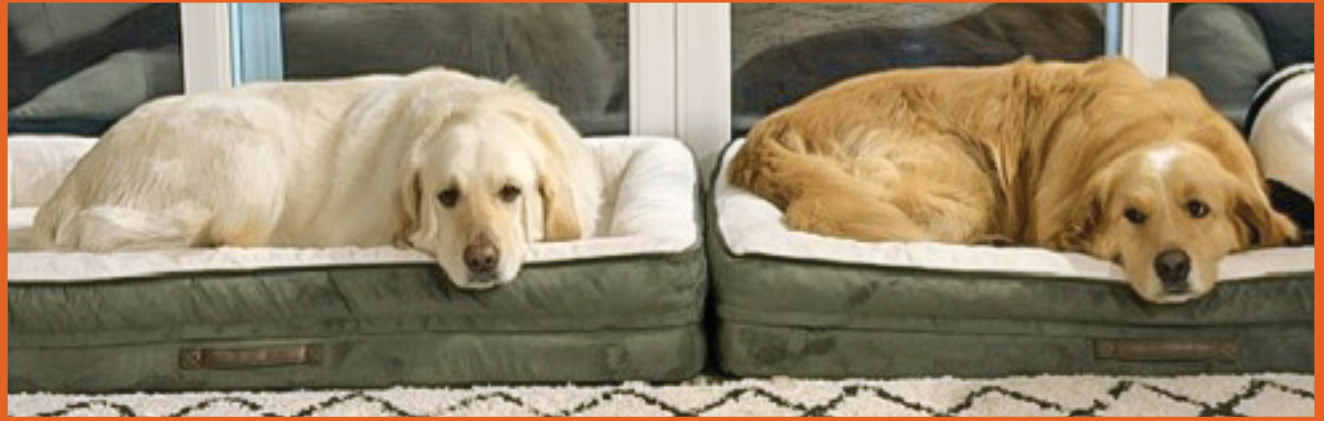


REX #5126

Rex has been with us for two months and he is just the best boy ever. He is very loved by us and his Golden sister, Sophia. He is my handsome cabana boy as he is happy to be by my side no matter where I am. He just loves lying on the outdoor couch in our gazebo. He adores playing in his new backyard and carrying his stuffies outside but he never brings them back in. He has a beautiful, soft nature and is adjusting well. We want to thank all those involved in making it possible to adopt our handsome, sweet boy ~ he is SO loved and special.

Candace & Craig

MEET & GREET PEPPER #5062 & BELLA #5063



They are the biggest cuddle bugs and couch potatoes. It's very sweet as one of them will sneak into Elouise's (our 3-year-old) room and sleep with her. They love roaming the yard. Bella is our little hunter who loves chasing lizards and rabbits. Thankfully it's more for play and she's never caught anything yet! We've been bringing them to the track and

field practice and socializing them with other dogs. They have continued well along their weight loss journey and are now in an ideal weight category as per the vet. We absolutely adore them!

Lindsey & Brent



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Sonny is the most amazing Golden and I am truly in love. I am ready to give up the grandkids. – JK

2026 AGM CHAIR REPORT

**Viive Tamm,
Volunteer Co-Chair**

Welcome everyone to the Golden Rescue AGM...or more accurately our full name is the Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc...also known as 'The Organization That Thinks Golden Fur is Both a Fashion Accessory and a Condiment'. All of us have left our homes wearing golden glitter and we are proud of it.



And that number matters. Because behind every one of those 5,000 Golden Retrievers is a story. Some came to us scared. Some arrived sick or neglected. Some had lost the only home they'd ever known. And every single one arrived with that same quiet hope they somehow always carry...that maybe the next family will love them forever.

And that's where all of you come in. Golden Rescue is powered by volunteers. Not just a few volunteers ~ an army of them. An extraordinarily compassionate, occasionally sleep-deprived, dog-hair-covered army.

Our intake team does the heavy lifting of bringing Golden Retrievers into our arms, often navigating complicated and emotional situations with kindness and grace.

Our foster families, more than 200 of them, are truly the heart and soul of Golden Rescue. They open their homes and hearts to Golden Retrievers who may be frightened, confused, unwell or simply exhausted from life. Foster families are where healing begins. They are where they learn that people can be trusted again, where tails start wagging again, and where they discover that stealing socks is not only tolerated, but sometimes photographed and posted on social media.

And behind those foster families are our foster onboarding team and foster mentors, patiently guiding new fosters through everything from "How

In 2025, Golden Rescue gave 214 Golden Retrievers their second chance. 214 Golden Retrievers who found safety, care, love, medical support, patience, couches to sleep on, and families who pretend they weren't planning to let them share the bed.

And early this the year, we rescued our 5,000th Golden. That's quite the milestone and congratulations to us all. We all wish that rescue wasn't necessary or needed but it's a sad fact that we are and will be for the foreseeable future. As long as Golden Retrievers need rescuing, long may we continue to help as many as possible.

And our 5,000th Golden was sweet Rosie #5000. Look at those eyes...they are beautiful and I suspect grateful. So, on that note, here's to another 5,000...IF we're needed.



Celebrating 5,000 rescued Golden Retrievers!

do I stop this Golden from counter surfing?" to "Is it normal for them to follow me into the bathroom?" And yes...yes, it is.

Then our placement and home visit teams step in to perform what often feels like matchmaking magic...finding forever families where these Golden Retrievers will be loved and cherished for the rest of their lives.

And somehow, behind the scenes, dozens upon dozens of other volunteers keep everything moving: transports, fundraising, administration, events, social media, auctions, newsletters, merchandise, calendars, donor support with hundreds of emails and telephone calls each day.

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Honestly, if Golden Rescue were a corporation, we'd have consultants writing books about organizational excellence. Instead, we have volunteers bribing dogs with liver treats to sit nicely for calendar photos.

We are also deeply grateful to our supporting veterinarians, who care for our Golden Retrievers with tremendous compassion and generosity. Their discounted and donated services help us save lives every single day. Rescue is expensive...very expensive. Our Golden Retrievers, unfortunately, have never once offered to contribute financially.

This past year also reminded us how important community is. Our annual picnic was once again a joyful, chaotic, fur-filled celebration where volunteers reconnect. Foster families see Golden Retrievers they once cared for thriving with their adoptive families. And everywhere you look, there are Golden Retrievers swimming, smiling, leaning against



2026 Calendar

strangers, stealing hot dogs, and generally acting as if they personally organized the event.

At the picnic, we celebrated five Golden Heroes: Val Barker, Jo Celentano, Nicola Mitchell, Robyn Scott, and Lee Trempe ~ volunteers who each give extraordinary amounts of time, energy, compassion, and leadership to this organization. The truth is, Golden Rescue survives because of people like them.

We also continued attending events throughout the year, spreading awareness about rescue and connecting with the public. Golden Retrievers are exceptionally good ambassadors for this work, mostly because people cannot walk past one without saying, "Ohhhh...look at this beautiful Golden!". And honestly, neither can we.

We continue advocating against the CFIA restrictions affecting international rescues. Progress has been frustratingly slow, but if there is one thing rescue people understand, it's persistence. We do not give up easily...especially when dogs need us.

We were also honoured to continue our partnership with Louise Penny, our wonderful spokesperson and supporter. Louise invited us to her pre-launch event for The Black Wolf in Knowlton, Quebec, where we had the opportunity to speak about Golden Rescue and the work all of you make possible.

This year we also reinstated our care team, who followed up with adopters after placement. The stories and photos that came back were incredible. Golden Retrievers sleeping belly-up on couches, Golden Retrievers hiking, Golden Retrievers cuddling children. Golden Retrievers who had once been frightened now smiling like they had won the lottery. And in many ways, they have.



Golden Rescue Chair Viive Tamm with author Louise Penny at The Black Wolf pre-launch

Financially, we remain in good shape. Our Wishbone Lottery raised over \$100,000...an incredible achievement. Our online auction, store, calendar, monthly donors, legacy giving program, and donor community continue to sustain this rescue in ways that cannot be overstated.

We also want to extend enormous thanks to Sharon Kelly for 15 years of outstanding service as Treasurer. Sharon leaves behind an extraordinary legacy, and we are grateful that Heather Marsden-Glen has stepped into the role and will continue that excellent stewardship.

Our website, newsletters, and social media remain absolutely phenomenal. We have more than 40 volunteers helping manage those platforms, ensuring that every plea, every success story, every urgent need, and every happy tail reach thousands of people.

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What amazes me most about Golden Rescue is this:

We are a community built entirely around compassion. People here give their time, their energy, their homes, their weekends, their vacation days, their hearts...all because somewhere out there is a Golden Retriever who needs help.

And what happens next is extraordinary.

A frightened Golden becomes confident again.

A lonely senior finds companionship.

A family grieving a loss finds joy again.

A Golden who had nowhere to go suddenly has a couch, a backyard, a favourite toy, and someone saying, "There you are. We've been waiting for you."

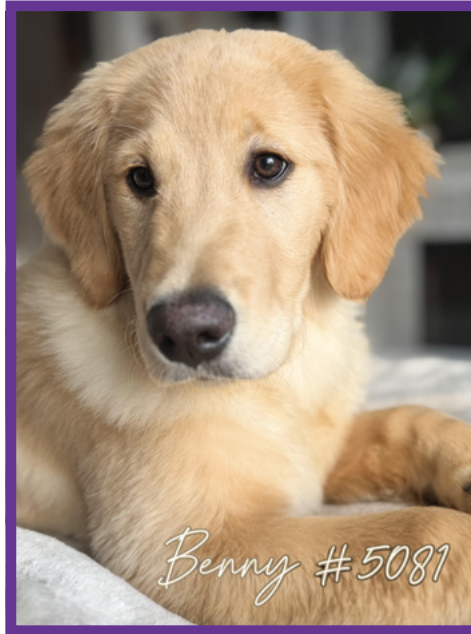
That is what Golden Rescue does.

Not just rescue. Transformation.

And finally, I want to thank my fellow board members for their wisdom, leadership, and unwavering commitment to this organization. Serving alongside all of you is an honour.

To every volunteer, foster, adopter, donor, veterinarian, supporter, and Golden-loving volunteer and supporter...THANK YOU!!! Because of you, hundreds of Golden Retrievers got their second chance.

And if you ask our Golden Retrievers, I think they'd tell you they got exactly what every Golden Retriever wants most: Someone to love them forever.



Recycle. RESCUE. Repeat.

Who knew yesterday's empties could help save tomorrow's Golden's?

Thanks to the initiative of one of our amazing volunteers, Golden Rescue is now part of a recycling program at Cleveland's House Marina on beautiful Lake Rosseau in Muskoka. The marina sells beer, wine and spirits and they also accept returns. Better yet, the proceeds from returned containers are donated to Golden Rescue.

It's an easy way to help give deserving Golden's a second chance. If you have a cottage near Cleveland's House, simply drop off your empties and let your recycling dollars go to work.

And why stop there? If your local marina, general store or bottle-return depot doesn't have a similar program, consider approaching them about starting one.

We'd be happy to provide this Golden Rescue poster featuring a very persuasive Golden named Shadow. Download the poster [HERE](#) (and when you print them, best to laminate them also).

A few empty bottles may not seem like much, but together they can help with the



cost of veterinary care and change lives... one Golden at a time.

Cheers!

MEET & GREET



SKYE #5078

Skye is the most playful and interactive Golden we have ever had. We have introduced her to family and friends and we always gets the same reaction ~ what a sweetheart! Skye is a real joy and so playful. She tells us when she wants to play. It is still a work-in-progress before she can be off-leash but it will come since she is bonding with us very well, but her nose is to the ground when outside most of the time.

Margaret & Wayne



SCAN BELOW TO SHOP



SIMBA #3119

RETAIL THERAPY WITH A PURPOSE

Need a new t-shirt? A cozy hoodie? A gift for yourself or a favourite Golden lover? The Golden Rescue Store has you covered.

Every purchase helps support the Golden Retrievers in our care, so you can feel good knowing your shopping habit is helping Golden Retrievers get the second chance they deserve.

Go ahead and click [HERE](#) to shop ~ indulge a little! Our Golden Retrievers won't mind.

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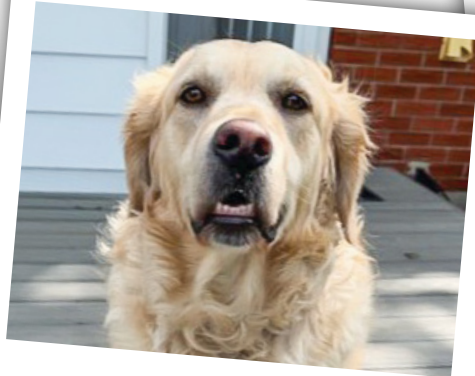




WELCOME TO THE **GOLDEN FAMILY**



Tucker #3422
Adopted by Heather



Zara #3999
Adopted by Valerie



Harper #5007
Adopted by Martha & Dave



Ozzie #5113
Adopted by Caitlin & Mike



Beauty #5117
Adopted by Kathy & Marc



Lucy #5127
Adopted by Lynn & Dave



Max #5128
Adopted by Ruth



Finley #5130
Adopted by Megan & Austin



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Duke #5135
Adopted by Jennifer & Jason



Rosha #5137
Adopted by Tracy & Rick



Sammy #5138
Adopted by Melissa & Ruud



Jasper #5141
Adopted by Tim



Leyla #5150
Adopted by Sue & Richard



Chance #5151
Adopted by Donna & Ted



Lucy #5152
Adopted by Jill, Amanda & Bill



Jazz #5153
Adopted by Linda & Steve

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Teddy #5155
Adopted by Kim & Peter



Rico #5156
Adopted by Jodie



Archie #5157
Adopted by Pat & Peter



Bear #5158
Adopted by Louise & Andrew



Cooper #5159
Adopted by Mandy & Robert



MEET & GREET COOPER #5095 & HARLEY #5096

It feels like Cooper and Harley have been ours forever. We love them so much. They seem very happy, love all their new human brothers and sisters, cousins, friends, and their dog cousins. They are the sweetest boys who love affection (as much as they can get), walks, chilling in the backyard, rolling in mud, chasing a ball, and as we have recently discovered, swimming in the river. They are so well behaved, friendly with guests (and excited to meet everyone), and have great recall. They are the best addition to our family and we feel so lucky that we found each other. We were made for each other. We can't wait to move them up to our cottage for the three summer months where we know they will also love their cottage neighbours and the open space and lake. We are so grateful to everyone at Golden Rescue who were part of the journey of bringing these amazing boys to our family.

Nancy & Rob



MEET & GREET



JASPER #5141

Since arriving in our home, Jasper has continued to climatize and progress at an incredible rate. He is gentle and friendly with everyone and getting more comfortable meeting new people every day. He is now enjoying his daily walks and roaming/zooming/sleeping in his new backyard. He thoroughly enjoys looking out the front door from his living room perch, watching the world go by. He starts snoozing around 8:30 in the evening and routinely wakes up at 6 am for his breakfast and morning rabbit-chasing walk. Jasper is a wonderful boy and we are very grateful that he found us.

Tim & family



THE GOOD STUFF with MARY BERG

Golden Rescue's Director of Education, Julie Hendren, and her three Golden Retrievers ~ Jacey #2529, Rudy #3837, and Laila, will be appearing in a segment on The Good Stuff with Mary Berg, airing on CTV on July 9 2026. Across Canada, the show will air at 10 am ET/PT, 9am CT, 11am AT, and 10:30 am in Newfoundland, on your local CTV station.



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!

REX #5126