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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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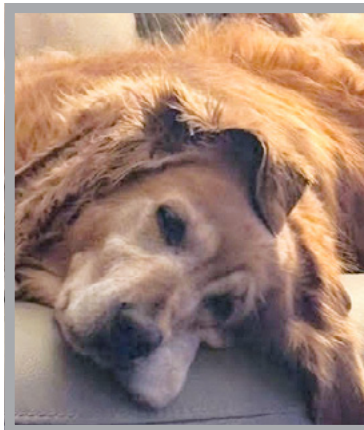
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ON THE COVER

Layla #3976 ~

SOME JUST KNOW.

Layla arrived from Turkey as a temporary foster. She never left.



When Layla (originally Archie...then Ladybug) arrived from Turkey in October 2021, we planned to foster her for just a few weeks. We had recently lost our beloved Golden, Koda, and had already reserved a puppy and simply wanted to help Golden Rescue until our puppy came home. Layla, however, seemed to know exactly where she belonged and had other plans. She walked out of her crate at the Vancouver airport, climbed into our truck, strolled into our house as though she'd lived here forever...and promptly claimed the couch. There were a few amusing adjustments along the way, including Thanksgiving spring rolls, two loaves of bread, and an entire chocolate cake disappearing from the kitchen counter...but before long it was obvious that Layla wasn't waiting for her forever family. She had already found it. The puppy reservation was cancelled, the adoption papers were signed, and nearly five years later Layla is still ruling the household, swimming every chance she gets, supervising the neighbourhood from the front porch, and reminding her family every day that sometimes the one you rescue is the one who rescues you. **Rosabella & Neil**

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!

LET THE GOLDEN GAMES BEGIN

Golden Rescue Picnic 2026

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
- Pawsports, stamps and prizes
- BBQ lunch & social time
- A giant group photo of Goldens wearing special bandanas
- See page 4 for more info...

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL SOON!

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

Cost: \$15/person or \$30/family

A heartfelt thank-you to our gracious host and sponsor for helping make this fabulous event possible.



Land'scapes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help make this special 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 ARE ALSO LOOKING for donations of raffle and for our picnic games.

For raffle/auction donations, please email sa@goldenrescue.ca

For games prizes, please email picnic@goldenrescue.ca

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support ~ it truly helps make this event memorable for everyone.



RUDY #3837



Golden Rescue Picnic 2026

THE GOLDEN GAMES

To close the day, we will host the Sporty Paws Best Dressed Showcase!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE DOGS DRESSED AS:

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

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- ~ Most convincing athlete ~
 - ~ Best tailgating/fan outfit ~
 - ~ Gold medal goofball ~
- (most likely to retrieve the wrong ball)



JACEY #2529

MEET & GREET



EMPANY #3757

Empany settled into our family almost instantly. The first night she came home, she got right into her new bed and slept there through the night. She loves people and would be happy to receive belly rubs for an infinite amount of time. Empany lives for food and we have used her treat motivation to teach her lots of new tricks in the last few years. She has developed a love for fruits and will follow us around if we're eating apples or blueberries. She is still not a fan of other dogs, but has made amazing strides in her level of reactivity. We take her to a cottage in the summer, and she loves to sit and watch boats go by on the lake. Empany is the perfect dog for us and we are so happy to have found her!

Alice

MEET & GREET JACK #3321



Hi everyone, my name is Jack, and I have a confession to make...when I first arrived, I was a bit of a wild card. My humans even called me Jack the Ripper, not because I was scary, but because I loved shredding socks. During COVID, I became very talented at creating mismatched sock collections. You see, I was a street dog before I found my forever family, so I had some things to learn ~ rules, boundaries, and routines were all new to me. I wasn't always convinced that training was a great idea, and cuddles? Well, I wasn't really a fan. I had a habit of dodging away when someone tried to pet me. But slowly, I discovered something important ~ I was safe, loved, and these people were staying.

Little by little, I started coming over for some puppy love. Now, I'm quite demanding about affection. I have perfected a special tap dance, complete with a few mumbles and grumbles, to remind my humans when they have forgotten their most important job...paying attention to me. I am also the neighbourhood Casanova and am told I'm handsome. I also have some impressive talents: I can tell time (especially dinner time) and I have the amazing ability to appear instantly when I hear the cheese drawer open. I may have started out a little rough around the edges, but I discovered that love changes everything. I'm not Jack the Ripper anymore. I'm Jack the Lover. And I'm exactly where I belong.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Sat, Sep 12th
**Huntsville Harvest
Festival**
Huntsville (ON)
11 am – 8 pm

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

Sat, Sep 19th
**Central York Fire
Services Open House**
Aurora (ON)
10 am – 3 pm

Sat, Sep 26th
Golden Tails Gathering
Golden (BC)
11 am – 4 pm

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

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

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

**Fri, Oct 16th –
Sun, Oct 18th**
Bala Cranberry Festival
Bala (ON)
Fri (10-5), Sat (9-5) &
Sun (9-3)

Sat, Oct 24th
**Ottawa Street
Farmers' Market**
Hamilton (ON)
8 am – 2 pm

LAST CHANCE TO BUY A COMMEMORATIVE 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**

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.



LEVI #3232



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ASK Goldie ?

Dear Goldie: We need to talk BS ~ you know, bully sticks. Who doesn't love 'em? Mom would always give me a foot long one after every meal and I'd gobble it up in record time. "Another One Bites the Dust". So much fun until my Peterinarian told mom that my teeth were worn down and not looking good. Huh? So now I miss out on my daily BS. Mom tried cutting one in half but couldn't even do it with a saw. Now my favourite past-time only happens once in a while. I don't get it. What's happening here Goldie? **Bullwinkle**

Dear Bullwinkle: Bully sticks are made from dried beef muscle and should always be used under supervision. Although digestible and somewhat beneficial for dental health, they are not recommended for aggressive chewers who gulp down food or for senior dogs with painful teeth. Excessive use of bully sticks can indeed wear down and even fracture teeth. They can also carry the risk of chipping or cracking tooth enamel.

Dear Goldie: My favourite thing is watching TV with the family when everyone's relaxed and I'm not alone. Mom says dad is totally UTO



SONNY #616

~ you know, U-Tube Obsessed. She gets mad because he's always watching Tickleball. Mom then picks her moment and switches to funny dog videos for me. Goldie, I have a question for you. Is it a good idea for pet parents to leave the TV on when they need to go out so their Golden feels less anxious or alone? **Tuber**

Dear Tuber: Leaving the TV on can indeed reduce loneliness and mask outside noises. However, certain TV sounds, high volume or sudden bright images can overstimulate and even stress some dogs. Talk shows with the sound of human voices can often provide a distraction and comfort to ease separation anxiety when left alone. However, if your dog associates the TV being turned with you leaving, it may become a negative trigger or stress cue. Some owners may in fact be doing it to relieve their own level of anxiety.

Dear Goldie: My front left paw is sore but mom and dad haven't figured it out. They

What a privilege it is to have your bed taken up by a creature who thinks it's the safest place in the world.

keep lifting the wrong leg and inspecting my good paw. So I keep on limping along with no relief. And to make matters worse, my tough big brother Brutus just looks at me limping and says "Oh big woof...get over yourself". When will mom and dad finally check out the correct paw to give me some relief? **Bobby**

Dear Bobby: The head bob is a visual indicator used to identify which front leg is in pain or discomfort. A dog instinctively shifts weight away from the painful limb to protect it. The dog's head will bob down and step harder on the pain-free leg. Bobby, you are lowering your head when your pain free (sound) paw lands. Your pet parents need to know that down-is-sound so they can address a possible cut or foreign object lodged in a pad or to identify a possible injury, sprain or arthritis.

With love dear readers, Goldie XO

HELP WANTED

Join the Fundraising Team (no experience required)

HELP US FETCH MORE FUNDS

We are looking for fundraising volunteers to be part of an exciting new team that will work collaboratively to organize our future fundraising initiatives and events. As a group, we can re-visit previous ideas and bring them to life, enhance and support existing initiatives or work together to create new signature Golden events!

We are hoping to put together a group of enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy a relaxed, effective team approach to fundraising. This team will be led by Linda Newall-Visser, a fellow Golden lover and owner with previous experience leading teams toward a common goal. Whether you can help organize activities or bring creative fundraising ideas to the table, your support will make a real difference.

So please 'unleash' your fundraising superpowers and join our amazing team that will continue to help Golden retrievers get the second chance they deserve. We'd love to have you join our team so if you're interested, please send an email to teamresources@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you!

MEET & GREET SAMMY #5138



Our family suffered the devastating loss of our beloved golden Charley at the tender age of 5. We had previously said he would be our last dog; however, the loss at such a young age left a huge hole in our hearts and our homes. We discussed it and said if we were to get a rescue, not a puppy, we would be open to getting another Golden. So, we put our names into a couple of rescues. As luck would have it, we were blessed to be able to adopt our boy Bandit from another wonderful rescue and our life seemed complete. However, a few days later, we got a call about this beautiful boy named Sammy who needed to find a new home as soon as possible. We took Bandit to

meet Sammy and they got along right away. As crazy as it seems, we brought Sammy home one week after adopting Bandit. Right away they have become the best of friends. They are both roughly the same age. They love cuddles, wrestling, playing, swimming, walking, and more wrestling. We are now blessed with two of the most amazing boys! Never would we have imagined, in a million years, that we would have two Golden retrievers at once! Thank you Golden Rescue for giving us our second boy!

Melissa & Ruud

HAZARD

TENNIS AND CHUCK-IT BALLS ARE NOT SAFE.

Balls of that size can get lodged in the back of the throat of a larger dog, blocking their airway.

And the harder they try to breathe, the stronger the suction and there is no way to dislodge them.

Some dogs enjoy shredding ball fuzz.
Eating this fuzz can lead to choking and intestinal blockages that could require surgery.

Golden Rescue has lost four Golden alumni to these types of balls.

**PLEASE PREVENT FURTHER TRAGEDIES...
THROW OUT ALL BALLS THAT SIZE OR SMALLER.**



MEET & GREET



CASEY #5089

It was love at first sight. The minute Casey stuck his head out the door and greeted us at his foster family's home, we knew he was the boy for us. He is still a little nervous with some aspects of his new rural world; however, he loves exploring it. He loves car rides and going for hikes in the woods. He is sweet and silly and makes us laugh every day. He loves cuddling on the couch and playing with his squeaky pig. We are so happy that Casey came into our lives.

Janice & Steve

MEET & GREET



WHELAN #4334

Whelan is AMAZING. He is actually now acting routinely a foster brother to cats in need for a rescue called Home at Last. He makes our household the perfect space for cats to learn to trust not just dogs but people as well. He comes to the office with me regularly and is pretty much famous in there with people in and out of my cubicle for snuggles throughout the day. He always has a different stuffy to show anyone when they arrive to say hello either at home, the office or even the gym which he attends a few times a week. He LOVES to be outside especially if a ball is involved. He spends a lot of time in warmer weather in the lake at the cottage kayaking, paddle-boarding and swimming, anywhere his people are you'll find him close behind.

Whitney

MEET & GREET



SNAX #5076

Snax is doing so well. He's steadily putting on weight, his coat is growing in nicely, and his affectionate personality is coming out. He's gentle with our cat and is starting to play with Thea (our Duck Toller). He is certainly settling into our routine and gets excited every time the leash comes out for a walk. He's also quite the snuggler, often laying his head on our son's lap during bedtime reading and car rides.

Tonya & Derek

When Julie Hendren was invited to appear on The Good Stuff with Mary Berg, she was thrilled to represent Golden Rescue. Of course, she also knew she'd be sharing the spotlight with Laila, Jacey #2529, and Rudy #3837...which meant her chances of being the centre of attention were somewhere between slim and not happening.

To Julie's credit, she remembered her lines and spoke wonderfully and passionately about our Golden Retrievers. And her three simply did what Golden Retrievers do best ~ stole every heart in the studio by accepting their celebrity status with remarkable humility while holding out for treats between takes.

A huge thank you to Julie for being such an animated ambassador for Golden Rescue and for reminding everyone why Golden Retrievers capture our hearts so completely.

And an equally heartfelt thank you to Mary Berg and the entire team at The Good Stuff for welcoming us onto the show. We loved every minute of it and are so grateful for the opportunity to share the joy of rescue with your viewers.

Missed the episode?

Or just want to watch three very good Golden Retrievers quietly outshine their human? (sorry, Julie...it's what Golden Retrievers do!)

You can watch it [HERE!](#)





QUOTE OF THE MONTH

OUR MISSION IS
TO RESCUE.

OUR DREAM IS
THAT ONE DAY WE
WON'T BE NEEDED.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Oh MY ROXY — would never do that."

MEET & GREET

Rumi #3877

Rumi is great! He'll be seven on November 9th (was about 2.5 when he came into our lives). What a great boy he has turned out to be ~ extremely smart and loves people and other dogs. He's a bit nervous of very large dogs. He arrived with a small scar on the bridge of his nose so maybe he got into a scuffle along the way. He still has separation anxiety and likely will have it for life. He is loved by all our neighbours. Just yesterday while we were working in the front garden, he went to our neighbour who dog-sits him and went to the front door. They answered and he went inside to greet them and then stood in front of their refrigerator waiting for a treat. He has it all figured out. He is a very happy boy now ~ he was somewhat apprehensive at first about people touching him especially at the vet clinic. That has changed now that he can trust us and others. We are now able to brush his teeth and clean his ears and eyes. That was not possible when he first arrived. One of his favourite past-times is looking out the front window for other dogs on their walks. Rumi goes into the local beer and wine stores with us. Many of the staff are dog owners and love to see him ~ it makes their day! One cashier has three dogs and makes homemade liver treats. He runs to her and sits politely waiting for his treat. He then goes behind the customer service desk and shows them where they stash their treats hoping he'll get another one and he always does ~ it's quite a skill.



Pat & John



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Sela #4982
Adopted by Kate & Lee



Daisy #5070
Adopted by Leah & Justin



Sheba #5086
Adopted by Lija & Gary



Mya #5106
Adopted by Lija & Gary



Delaney #5110
Adopted by Corrine & Sean



Billie #5111
Adopted by Angela & Glen



Rover #5123
Adopted by Kim & Brad



Mabel #5129
Adopted by Audrey & Steve



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



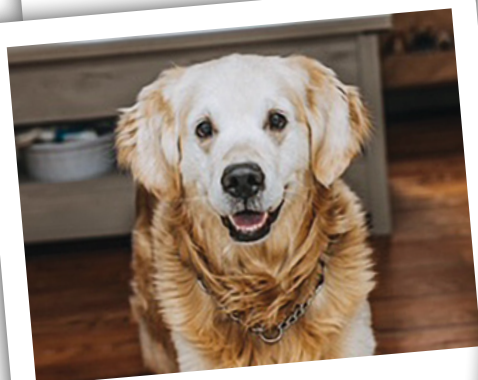
Maddie #5133
Adopted by Andrea &
Christopher-John



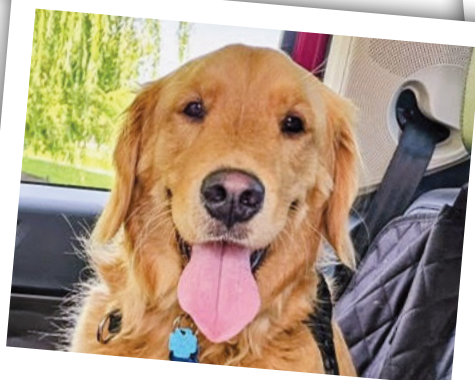
Sammy #5138
Adopted by Melissa & Ruud



Willy #5140
Adopted by Cathy & Pete



Teddy #5146
Adopted by Genevieve & Robert



Balou #5147
Adopted by Cheryl & Doug



Euro #5171
Adopted by Teresa & Brian

MY GOLDEN'S FAVOURITE YOGA POSE?

That's easy.
It's the downward
dog, followed
immediately by the
"I am going to lick
your face until you
can't breathe."



Pssst...come a little closer...

Hi! I'm Bailey, the new GR store mascot, and I've been sworn to secrecy; however, something exciting is happening at the Golden Rescue Store. I can't let the cat out of the bag just yet ~ apparently, that's a very serious offence around here. I've seen a few sneak peeks and there's plenty to wag your tail about!

I'll be back with more clues next month...



In the meantime, you can still shop so click HERE ~ and happy shopping!

LOOK BACK AND BE
grateful

LOOK AHEAD AND BE
hopeful

LOOK AROUND AND BE
helpful

Click [HERE](#)
to donate!

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.

SAMMY #5138 & BANDIT