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CLARK #3762



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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

Clark #3762 ~ Over the past few years, Clark has made many new dog friends, big and small, as well as stolen the hearts of many humans. He is so loved everywhere we go and quickly makes himself a lapdog. Clark likes to keep a balanced life ~ going on extravagant sniffari hikes and then sleeping in late the next day while we enjoy coffee in bed. This past summer he got to meet another Golden Rescue who came from Cairo as well, Milo. It was almost impossible to tell them apart and after a few sniffs, they were on their way and playing. Clark is such an important part of our family. **Alicia & Brett**



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!



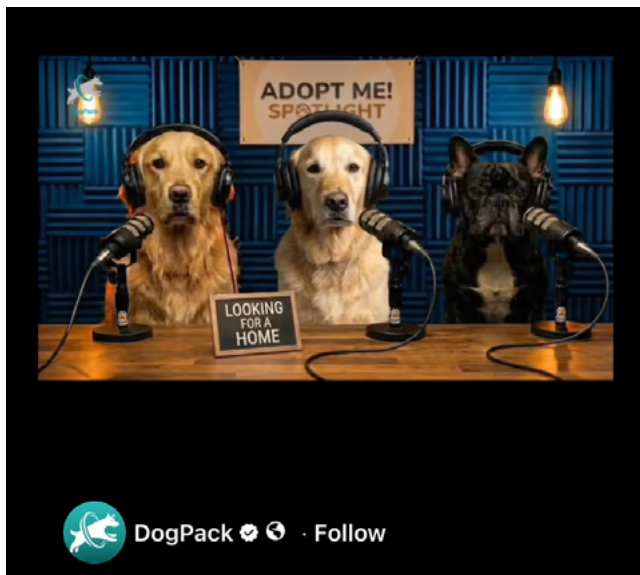
Okay, I can ALMOST tell you!

I've been busy helping the Golden Rescue Store fetch some exciting new ideas. There's a fresh new look, fun new merchandise, and even more ways to show your Golden Rescue pride...all while helping Golden Retrievers in need. The secret is almost out. Get ready for the big reveal.



**In the meantime, you can still shop.
Click HERE!**

GOLDIE & FRENCHIE PAWS. PUNCHLINES. SECOND CHANCES.



What happens when rescued Golden take the mic? Awareness goes viral.

Goldie & Frenchie is the delightfully different online video series from DogPack App...the Canadian social platform for dog owners. Styled as a canine 'paw-dcast', it stars AI-generated hosts Goldie, a Golden Retriever, and Frenchie, a French Bulldog, who mock-interview doggie guests, crack jokes, and occasionally make their humans reach for a tissue. Best of all, their episodes often turn the spotlight on real rescue dogs. Golden Rescue has now teamed up with DogPack App with two videos...and both have found a very big audience.

LUNA #5103

She Looks Perfect...So why Is she in rescue?

In our first collaboration, Luna sat down with Goldie & Frenchie to share her journey from a loving home, to a foster family, and onward in search of her forever family. Launched May 7th on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, Luna's story has been viewed more than 222,000 times reminding people everywhere that even Golden need a second chance.

See Luna on DogPack: [f](#) [@](#) [You Tube](#)

PRINCE #4995

Fostering Saves Lives

Next into the paw-dcast hot seat was Prince, with an important message ~ not everyone can adopt; however, fostering changes...and saves lives. The video launched July 31st on Facebook and Instagram, followed by YouTube on August 7th. Within only a few weeks, Prince's plea for new Golden Rescue foster families had already been seen more than 116,000 times!

See Prince on DogPack: [f](#) [@](#) [You Tube](#)

Two videos. More than 322,000 views. And one powerful reminder: second chances begin with being seen.



Fireworks, Thunderstorms & Hunting Season

Keeping your pets safe

We are in thunderstorm and fireworks season and soon it will be hunting season! Data shows that one-in-five lost pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, such as fireworks, thunderstorms or gun shots.

Please keep your pets safely inside your home during these events to prevent them from bolting and running away.

MEET & GREET COOPER #3988

Things are going really well with Cooper ~ we love him to bits. Cooper has just been the best addition to our lives. Cooper is a very sensitive boy who likes his space but also really likes to have his humans around. We adopted Cooper when he was about five and, from the start, he was always well-behaved and incredibly well trained. He did struggle with some leash reactivity on walks and still does with unneutered males, but he's come a long way and now has a lot of female, puppy or friendly doggy friends. While he's been joyful and playful for many years, in the last year or so, Cooper has really learned how to 'dog'. He's become so much more interested in playing with us and picking up normal dog behaviours like asking for attention and searching the kitchen for little crumbs of food. I think any fears he had from his old life are finally fully and completely gone. Cooper has become so much more relaxed, care-free, and playful in his approach to life. Like many Goldens, Cooper is never without a plush toy (usually 2) in his mouth, and always takes at least one to bed with him. Cooper also LOVES going for adventures. He is not a boy who likes to walk down the same street twice in one day (and definitely not on the same walk). His time on the streets clearly left him with the biggest sense of adventure and very strong opinions about where to go on walks. While he loves adventure, he won't step foot out the front door without us... he just waits patiently until we are ready to go together. In this sense, he's really made it clear that he has chosen us as much as we've chosen him.

Emily & David



ASK Goldie



Dear Goldie: You know the movie Flashdance. Well, that's me big time. "I'm a maniac, maniac on the walk and I'm dragging mom without a single thought!" (can you hear the song?) Problem is that I immediately react aggressively and go into prey mode whenever I see a squirrel, rabbit or cat, and mom has a hard time holding me back.
Dancer

Dear Dancer: Reactivity to the sight of these triggers usually involves strong lunging behaviour and sudden barking, which likely stems from excitement. With time and patience, some Golden Retrievers learn to respond to redirection techniques and commands that distract or disengage them by hearing a firm 'down' or 'leave it' followed by a high-value treat. In the meantime, it's important for mom to have you on a short leash, harness or halter while she stays alert and abruptly steers you away when she sees one of these critters coming into view.

Dear Goldie: As a retired widow, I adopted a 12-year-old sweet, calm, affectionate Golden. I would always let him out in our large backyard to do his business

unsupervised. So often, I'd look out the window and see him stretched out sleeping in the sun. Then one day to my surprise, I got a phone call from Golden Rescue to say that Diefenbaker had left the property, crossed the street, wandered six doors down, and was making new friends in someone's yard. I was shocked and embarrassed, but so relieved to know that he had been microchipped. When I checked my yard, I found that an over-grown gate that was not in view, was open...totally my fault. I immediately crossed the road, retrieved my boy and hugged him closer than ever before. Next day I got a padlock for that gate. **Kay**

Dear Kay: Thankfully, Golden Rescue does microchip all Golden Retrievers before adoption. Your fence lines and gates should be regularly inspected to avoid escape and ideally, your Golden is under supervision in the yard. Luckily your boy was on a slow, calm, short adventure and was able to cross the street safely. All's well that ends well.

Dear Goldie: Skunk alert...they're out there. You know the drill ~ 'skunk-a-roo, stinky-poo, what-to-do?' Well, I've been skunked twice if you can believe that. So Goldie, what's your best advice to get me smelling all nice again? **Stinker Tinker**

Dear Tinker: Everyone should keep a bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide on hand (available at any pharmacy). If your Golden gets sprayed, mix 1 quart of it with ¼ cup baking soda, and 1 to 2 teaspoons of dish soap. Massage the solution

into the fur and leave for five minutes. Rinse thoroughly with water, then wash your Golden with pet shampoo. If you are without these ingredients you can use vinegar diluted with water and it's best to do all of this outside. Contact your vet if your Golden's eyes are excessively red and tearing. Be vigilant for skunks as they can spray 7 – 15 feet.

With love dear readers, Goldie XO

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In spite of their size, Golden Retrievers think they are lap dogs, and in spite of being dogs, they think they're also human."

DEAN KOONTZ





MEET & GREET LILA #3951

Lila is thriving. It is more than four years since we picked her up at the airport. What a mess she was. She had skin and ear infections requiring us to administer medication. It was a challenge at first because she didn't know or trust us. Thankfully, over time, she healed and became more comfortable with us. Now, she is a sweet happy girl. She remains feisty and full of energy but is happy to nap or cuddle on the couch too. She loves life at the cottage in the summer where she can roam freely but does not go in the water. Walkies and car rides are her favourite things besides food.

Ruth & Joe



MEET & GREET LEYLA #5150

Leyla's personality is so sweet. It's hard to believe she's only been with us a few months. Currently, she is at her summer home enjoying herself. So many people come to visit her every day, which she loves. She enjoys her multiple walks during the day as she has a number of people on her route who love to see her and who always have treats ready for her. She has bonded with us and we are so happy to have adopted her. We can't imagine life without her. One thing we noticed early on is that she really likes to look at herself in the mirror ~ it's adorable.

Sue & Richard

GOLDEN ANGEL



Shadow #1342

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

Chantal Lebel

Some volunteers simply have a 'can-do' attitude. Give them a challenge and somehow they find a way to make it happen. Chantal is one of those people. Chantal joined Golden Rescue as a Home Visit Volunteer in 2021, bringing with her a professional background as an inspector and a lifelong love of dogs. Since then, she has completed hundreds of home visits ~ both in person and by Zoom ~ helping ensure that every Golden is matched with the family that's right for them. Whether it's a last-minute request or a home in a remote community, Chantal is always willing to step up. Golden Rescue also became part of Chantal's own family when she and her fiancé, Jeff, adopted Buzz #3606, a Golden who arrived from Cairo weighing just 38.6 pounds with significant health challenges. Today, thanks to exceptional care, patience, and love, Buzz is thriving and continues to fill their home with laughter. Volunteers like Chantal are the heart of Golden Rescue. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment have helped countless Golden retrievers begin their next chapter, and for that, we are deeply grateful. Thank you, Chantal, for everything you do. You truly are one of Golden Rescue's Golden Angels.



CHANTAL WITH BUZZ #3606

THERE IS NO GOLDEN RESCUE WITHOUT YOU

Thank you for being part of every rescue story. And, behind every story is a community of people who choose to care:

- Adopters who open their hearts & homes
- Fosters who give a Golden a safe place to land
- Volunteers who share their time, energy & compassion
- Donors who make medical care possible
- Supporters who share a story, spread the word or cheer a Golden on

Every action matters. Every contribution becomes part of something much bigger.

Thanks to our community, more than 5,200 Golden retrievers have found safety, love, and a warm spot on the couch to call their own. Behind this is the power of thousands of people coming together with one shared purpose...giving Golden retrievers the second chance they deserve!

Thank you for standing behind every rescue and every second chance. Every wagging Golden tail is a thank you for everything you made possible!

With heartfelt gratitude & woof-woof!



2027 CALENDAR IS COMING SOON!

Get one (or 5 or 10!) at the
Golden Rescue Picnic 2026!

Don't worry, if you can't
make the picnic, it will
be available soon for
purchase in the GR store!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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.



MEET & GREET TRIPP #5175



We have been looking for a sibling for our Golden, Sinead, for over a year. We knew she wanted someone to play with and spend time with when she is on her own. When we saw the description for Tripp, we knew he would be the perfect fit. He jumped into our family with all four paws. You wouldn't think it has only been two months since we adopted him, as he adjusted so well to our lives. He is a sweet, energetic boy who clearly just wants a

pack. He likes to sit and lie directly on top of us, as he wants to be as close as possible. He never tires of a ball, asking us to throw one for him even when we are about to fall asleep. We love having him in our lives and a part of our family. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for finding the perfect Golden for our home.

Patrice & Elliott

MEET & GREET



PETE #4269

Pete is doing wonderfully! When we adopted him in August 2022, he came off the plane so calmly and trustingly, just like an old soul. His fur was bare, with little bug bites all over his belly. With some good food and some soothing baths, his fur soon grew out long and shiny (possibly with the longest Golden tail feathers we've ever seen). Pete has always had a very gentle and kind disposition. His favourite things are affection from people, walks with rolling in snow or splashing in water, and his favourite stuffy...his monkey. He is an absolute joy. He immediately fit right in, claimed the couch, and became part of our family. We are so grateful to Golden Rescue for allowing us the opportunity to adopt him. We love him so much.

Melissa & Mark

MEET & GREET

Murphy #4023

We absolutely ADORE Murphy. He is such a sweet, funny, and snuggly boy with a great personality who fits our family to a tee. Some of the things he loves are:

- 1) stealing socks and hair ties (he does not eat or ruin them)
- 2) trips in the car (he loves to look out the window and steals the hearts of those at the Tim's drive-thru in the hopes of scoring a timbit)
- 3) visits to Nana's house where he is basically treated like a celebrity

So many other things too ~ trail walks, trips to the pet store, learning new things, fetch, swimming, and keeping guard over the house. He is super easy to train, great on a leash, chill with other dogs, and just overall an amazing boy. We were blessed once again with Murphy (our last boy, Misiu #1737 lived to 13).

Mellisa & David

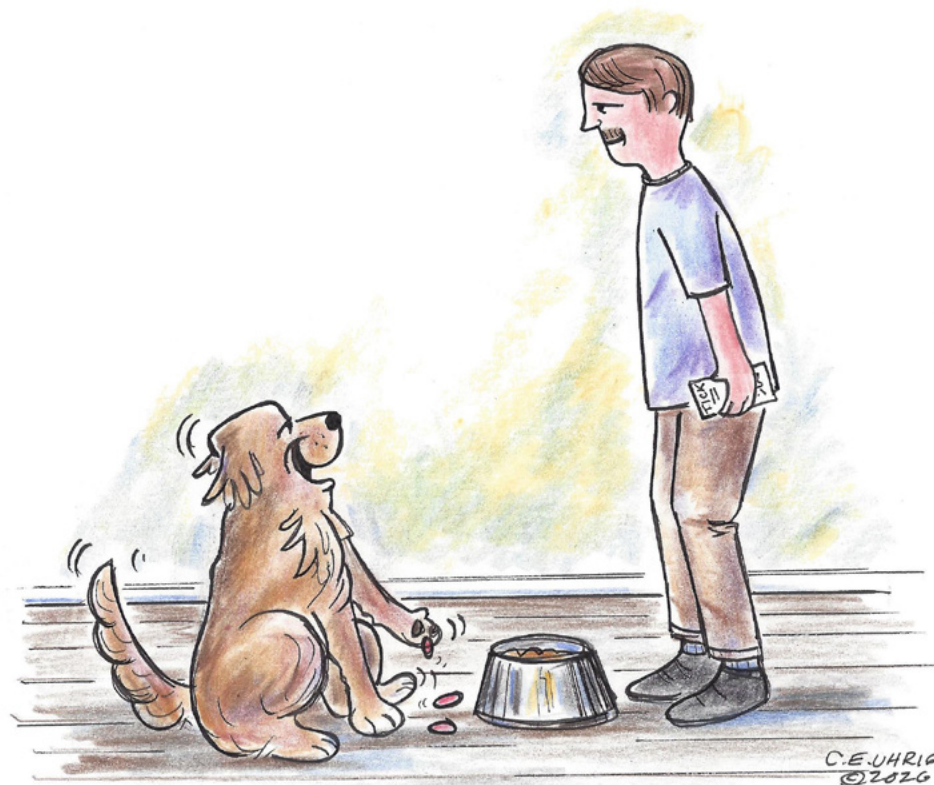


GOLDEN SMILE

A Golden Retriever mixed with a Poodle is called a Golden Doodle.

Good thing they didn't choose Poo Retriever!

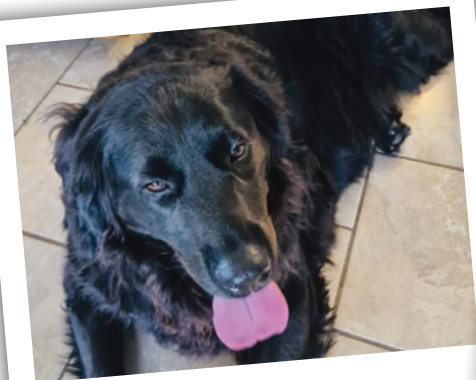
GOLDEN MOMENTS®



"Hey look, I found every one of the little pills the vet sent home for me!!"



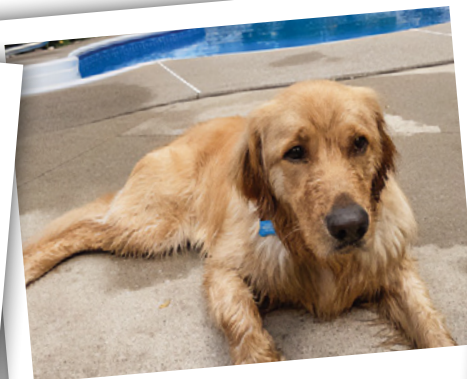
WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Nelson #4803
Adopted by Elizabeth & Frank



Nikki #5020 & Bodhi #5021
Adopted by Laura



Midas #5047
Adopted by Linda & Ken



Indie #5103
Adopted by Angie



Archie #5116
Adopted by Samantha & Robert



Rocky #5122
Adopted by Barb



Winnie #5124
Adopted by Sarah & Lindsay



Georgia #5163
Adopted by Katrien & Rob



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Goose #5164 & Maverick #5169
Adopted by Natalie & Mike



Maple #5165
Adopted by Heidi



Sydney #5166
Adopted by Michael



Ella #5167
Adopted by Shirley & Stanley



Willow #5168
Adopted by Sara & Derek



Ben #5172
Adopted by Virginia & Charles



Tripp #5175
Adopted by Patrice & Elliott



Mabel #5193 & Stella #5194
Adopted by Maddison & Bruce

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



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](#)
to donate!

MURPHY #4023