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Lucy Becomes a Dog Person (part I) Robert H. Moore

Pet overpopulation is the reason GRREAT exists. If not for homeless and unwanted Golden Retrievers, there would be no need for organizations such as ours. In 1997 there were 38 organized Golden rescue groups throughout the US that were responsible for rescuing more than 3,000 Golden Retrievers. Sadly, every breed of dog has to have a rescue group with members such as you who are dedicated to saving the lives of tens of thousands of purebred dogs annually. So why has a nation of professed pet lovers allowed the pet overpopulation problem to spiral out of control? I have a few ideas about that, and I'd like to share them with you.

One of the primary reasons we have so many unwanted dogs today is irresponsible breeding. Many of the dogs we rescue were born in the infamous Amish puppy mills in Pennsylvania or in the equally horrendous puppy mills of the Midwest, but we also rescue many dogs who were bred locally by backyard and novice breeders who either didn't know or didn't care about the well-being of our beloved Golden Retrievers. Some breeders have more interest in financial gain than in the health and welfare of the dogs they produce, and most of them are unwilling to do anything to reduce the overpopulation problem, or to stop contributing to it even though there are some easy ways to control future litters.

Of course, in a perfect world we would be able to convince all pet owners to have their female dogs spayed and male dogs neutered. We Rescue volunteers know it's the best way, but try to convince a "macho" man who has confused his male identity with his dog's ability to reproduce, or a woman who has been told every female dog should be bred once before being spayed. This is a challenge most of us aren't willing or able to accept.

From the President, continued on page 12

In the beginning...

When Lucy agreed to marry me in 1984 she instantly acquired two grown daughters and a family history of always having a dog. Or two. She had never shared her life with a spouse, let alone his daughters and Man's Best Friend(s).

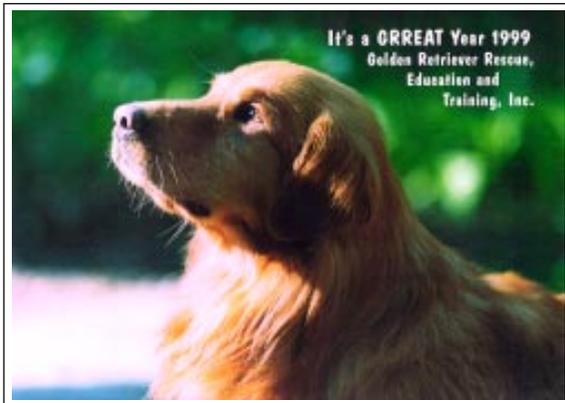
Now daughters, from an early age, intuitively understand that dads are uniquely incapable of surviving without being worried about. Perhaps this instinct is inculcated from mothers who become experts on this ineptitude.

Studying her way through college in North Carolina, daughter Alice claimed concerns for Dad were intruding into her exam preparation regimen. After more than three years of Dad's Dogless Marriage she had about had enough! *Dad needed a dog!* Alice began aggressively threatening to "bring a puppy home at Thanksgiving." She and sister Angie, a talented, married, special education teacher trained to work with needy persons, commenced—not so subtly—peppering Dad and Lucy with birthday, Easter and Fathers Day gifts of dog dishes, leashes, brushes, bags of puppy food, dog chews, *How To Take Your Dog's Picture* books, and generally all manner of canine accoutrements.

Lucy was unmoved. Dad, summoning his primitive diplomatic acumen, cautioned, "Dog will happen. But we must be patient; it *must* be Lucy's own idea."

Lucy the Dog Person, continued on page 11

Will your best friend be GRREAT's
Millennium Calendar Dog?



Meet Rollei Welch, the cover dog for GRREAT's 1999 calendar. This candid photograph won Rollei's proud owners bragging honors for an entire year! Now the search is on for the most photogenic Rescue dogs of the new millennium! Imagine your fur-kid on the cover of GRREAT's 2000 calendar, or as Mr. February or Ms. September. Photos will be selected for the cover and for each month, plus a collage page of honorable mentions.

Our previous—and terrifically successful—calendars demonstrate the type of photos we are looking for. Ideas for photos include:

Action—running, playing, at the beach, on the trails, sitting with scenery in the background, or even snoozing on the sofa

Seasonal—with spring flowers or fall leaves, or by the Jack O'lantern or Christmas tree

Posing—professional or amateur, all entries are welcome

See page 17 of this issue for some helpful hints for taking better photos of your pride and joy.

Send the photo(s) of your GRREAT dog, with its GRREAT ID number, age, and a brief description of the dog's past or present life, together with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the entry to Deb Nizer, GRREAT Rescue Calendar Photo Contest, 327 Thelma Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

Extended deadline for entries: May 1, 1999

Calendar Photo Contest Rules

1. Only GRREAT Rescue dogs are eligible. Dogs featured in the 1999 calendar (other than honorable mentions) are not eligible this year, but other dogs in the family are.
2. Animals only in picture, please (no humans, although other family pets may be included).
3. Horizontal shots (picture wider than tall) are required, due to the design of the calendar. Vertical pictures will not be considered.
4. Color photographs and color digital images are eligible; Polaroid instant pictures are not. Maximum size 5 x 7 inches.
5. Submitted pictures and stories are not returnable, but may be used in a future issue of the newsletter.

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**GRREAT COOKBOOK AVAILABLE SOON!
On Sale NOW! Introductory Price \$9.00**

GRREAT's 1999 fundraising cookbook, "Golden Favorites of GRREAT Cooks!" will be ready soon, according to the publishing company that is handling the printing, binding, and shipping of the project.

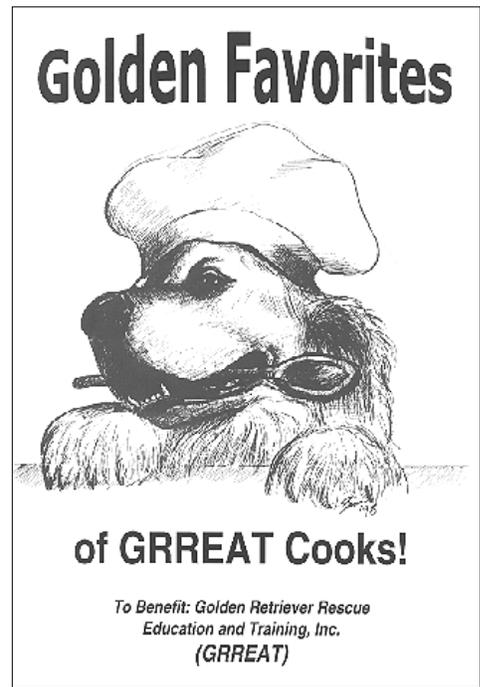
Thank you for all your contributions to the cookbook—we couldn't have done it without you! We had so many wonderful recipes submitted, and we know you will enjoy testing each one. We're sure many will become your family's *Golden Favorites* too.

GRREAT is taking advance orders to get sales rolling. The cookbook will be available at the GRREAT merchandising table at upcoming events like the picnic and Adoption Days.

Advance orders are \$9.00 each, if you order *now*. Once we receive the cookbooks and find out the 'bottom line' cost of publishing plus shipping, the price will most likely go up to \$10 or more. So get your order in early and order extras for gifts!

Send advance orders to Sam Connelly, GRREAT Fundraising Coordinator, 1 Stone Falls Court, Baltimore, MD 21236.

Thank you for your continuing support of GRREAT.

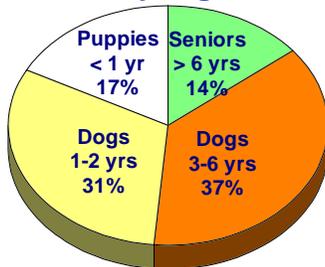


Serving suggestion: make up a gift basket containing the ingredients for your new Golden Favorite recipe. Add the cookbook with the recipe page marked with a Golden bookmark!

Information from the GRREAT general business meeting in January, 1999...

**1998 GRREAT Annual Report
Total dogs rescued in 1998: 219**

1998 Rescued Dogs by Age

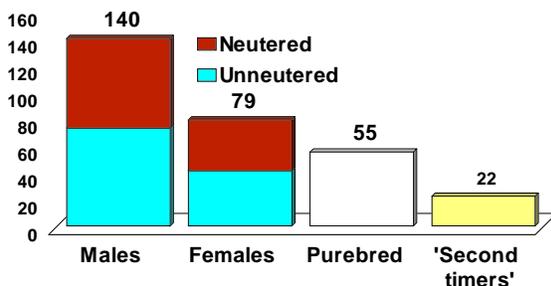


Source: GRREAT, Inc.

Rescue Intake Facts

- 9 Heartworm positive
- 10 Dumped by breeder
- 8 Euthanized for aggression
- 3 Euthanized for poor health
- 4 Became longterm fosters
- Most requested type: young female
- 700 applications received
- 150-180 active applications at any one time

Dogs Accepted into Rescue



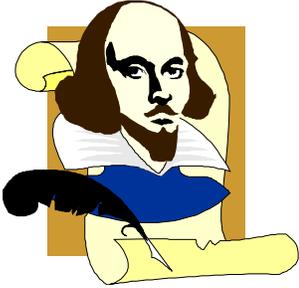
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*Calling all
Poets!
(final call)*



*You don't have to be
Shakespeare to enter!*

GRREAT is holding a poetry competition with "Fostering Rescue Dogs" as the theme.

Anyone who loves animals is invited to submit one or more poems. Entries must be original creations by the author. There are no restrictions on the poetry itself—it can be rhymed or free verse, short or long—as long as the fostering theme is central to the work.

The grand prize winner will have his/her poem and picture printed in this newsletter and on the GRREAT web page, plus the choice of any two items from the GRREAT Dog-alog. The second prize winner will have the poem printed in the newsletter and on the web page, and the choice of one item from the GRREAT Dog-alog. Honorable mention poems will appear in the newsletter and on the web page.

Deadline for entries is June 1, 1999.

Winning entries will appear in the July-August newsletter. Send your entries to: GRREAT Poetry Competition, P.O. Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043-0069.

Parade Of Rescued Dogs to be held at PVGRC Specialty

Only six slots are left for the Parade of Rescued Dogs at the PVGRC Specialty on Saturday, April 17, 1999. This very special parade will be held during the lunch break at the show at Rose Hill Manor, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick MD. The parade is limited to ten dogs, whose stories will be read as they walk around the ring.

A brief (100 words or less) story about the dog and a \$15 fee are required for entry. Include the dog's name (and phonetic pronunciation if unusual), age and sex; owner's name, address and phone number; and the name of the rescue organization or shelter from which the dog was adopted.

Send your entry, check and essay to Sharon Plate, 13415 Blenfield Road, Phoenix, MD 21131.

Plan now to attend GRREAT'S ANNUAL BARK-B-QUE

**Sunday
May 16, 1999
11:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Bull Run
Regional Park
Areas 8-9-10
7700 Bull Run Drive
Centreville, Virginia**

(map and directions on
page 18)

You and your fur-kids are invited to join other Golden-loving families for GRREAT's annual 2-legged and 4-legged picnic. After the winter we've had, the weather in May should be just about perfect for the fun and games.

The picnic will be held at the same park as last year, in a larger area with more privacy for our group. We're planning games and contests with ribbons and prizes, as well as other activities for pets and people and some surprises. GRREAT merchandise, including the new GRREAT cookbook, will be available for sale. Bring your checkbook—there will be a Chinese raffle table featuring Golden-related items and other desirables. The Canine Good Citizen Test is back again this year too.

GRREAT will provide soft drinks and charcoal for the grills. Please bring your own picnic lunch—you can cook hot dogs and hamburgers at the shelter. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park. GRREAT requests a \$5.00 donation per family to cover the cost of renting the facilities. The donation can be made at the picnic. Please note that there is a \$5.00 daily use fee for out-of-state cars. Just ask for a receipt at the park entrance and show it at the picnic—your GRREAT picnic donation will be waived.

To help us plan for beverages and the games, please call GRREAT's voice mail 703-620-6593 box 54 and let us know now many people and pets will be attending the picnic. Thank you.

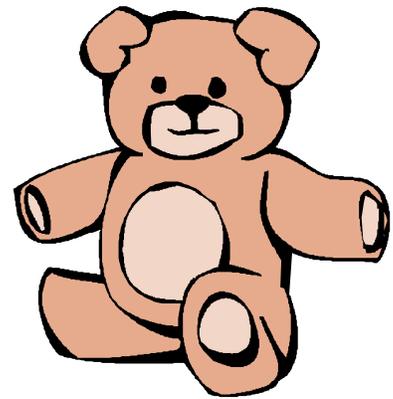
Please note: There is a creek near the picnic site for dog-splashing. Dogs are welcome in the park but must be on a leash at all times.

SEE YOU THERE!

Corrected information 4/4/99



**RAFFLE
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RAFFLE
to benefit
GRREAT**



Finally, here's the raffle you've all been waiting for! A number of **Beanie Baby Bears** have been generously donated by one of our new members, Sidney Morris of Lancaster, PA, in memory of her beloved Ted D. Bear who has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Even though she loves her new adopted little girl, Amazing Grace, she wanted to memorialize Ted and share that love with GRREAT. In fact, these collectible beanie bears will be raffled off at 4 separate events over the course of the year.

The first raffle will be for a **trio of bears** that would be a wonderful addition to any collection. It features two spring bears "**Valentino**" (for Valentines Day), who has recently been retired, and '**Erin**' (for St. Patrick's Day). Visit WWW.GRREAT.ORG to see pictures of these adorable bears. The third bear is a valuable **1st Edition 'Original Brown Teddy (new face)'** that is currently advertised at around \$185.00 on dealer e-lists. As a bonus, the current Valentina bear will be awarded to the raffle winner. The estimated value of this set is approximately \$250.00. The best thing about this raffle is that the value of the prize appreciates almost daily, so by drawing time they will be worth even more! **This raffle will be drawn at our GRREAT picnic in May.** Other raffle prizes will be announced and awarded later this year. All proceeds from each raffle go directly to our Golden Rescue efforts.

The back of this page contains eight raffle tickets. The page can be copied and cut apart, or you can send in the whole sheet with \$6.00, and we will cut them up when we get them.

The tickets are not numbered, so they must be filled in completely. (Make it easy: apply one of your stick-on return address labels to each ticket and add your phone number.) PLEASE pay for the tickets with a check so you have a receipt for your donation. Tickets will not be accepted for the raffle without payment. Individual tickets are **\$1.00 each** or as a "pack" of **6 for \$5.00**, or (as printed in the newsletter) by the sheet of **8 tickets for only \$6.00**. The more you buy, the more you save! *And the more chances you have to win!!*

Tell your your friends and relatives about this fabulous Beanie Baby raffle! Make extra copies of the tickets and sell them to other Beanie Baby lovers and supporters of GRREAT. You do not have to be a member of GRREAT to win, nor do you have to be present at the drawing. However, tickets that are not completely filled in may cause you miss out on the prize since we can only contact you if we know who and where you are. If we draw a ticket with only a name and no address or phone, we will draw again, so please make sure to tell us who you are.

Thank you all for your participation. Many dogs waiting to be rescued will be GRREATful.

—Sam Connelly
GRREAT Fundraising Chairman

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BEANIE BABY RAFFLE TICKETS

This page may be freely copied. Sell tickets to all your friends and Golden lovers!



First Beanie Baby Raffle to Benefit GRREAT
Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training, Inc.
Tickets \$1.00 each • 6 for \$5.00 • Sheet of 8 for \$6.00
Please fill out ticket completely.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

*Prize is a collection of three Beanie Baby Bears: Erin, Valentino, and a retired Original Brown Teddy (new face). Total estimated value: \$250.
Mail ticket(s) with check to Beanie Baby Raffle c/o Sam Connelly, 1 Stone Falls Court, Baltimore, MD 21236. Drawing will be held May 16, 1999.*



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FOSTER TAILS

Debbie Iwanczuk

Penny is a nine year old Golden-lab mix that belonged to an elderly woman who was dying of cancer. Penny was a wonderful companion to this woman in her last year of life, but she was terribly neglected in receiving the care that she needed. Penny had gained 40 lbs. in the last year, has arthritis, hot spots, and numerous other ailments. When Penny's owner died, the family had no place in their hearts or homes for Penny, so they decided to have her euthanized.

Rochelle, a truly kind-hearted Golden lover, heard of Penny's story and opened her home to save Penny's life. When she received Penny, she couldn't believe the terrible state this dog was in. She saw a dog that was pitifully sick and lacked the spirit that we usually see in Golden retrievers. Though she herself could not keep Penny, she took care of her for three days until GRREAT received her.

Penny was to be my first foster dog. When Mary Ellen Lunde brought her to us, none of us were prepared for the sad state Penny was in. Her front leg sores were open and bleeding, she was drooling and panting excessively, and she could barely get around. Most of all, she seemed so sad. Mary Ellen gave me plenty of opportunity to pass her on to another foster family, knowing that fostering Penny would require much work. When I looked into Penny's eyes, I saw a dog that was crying out for help and I knew at that instant that I was committed to doing whatever I could to help Penny.

The first week with Penny was difficult. Under the care of Dr. Wolchinsky at Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital, my wonderful family and I undertook this real challenge. My daughter slept with Penny downstairs so she wasn't alone, my son took her out in the middle of the night when he came home from work, and they both helped me take her to the vet. My husband, of course, was—and still is—my right hand in caring for Penny. We got her a special bed, put her on a diet, vitamins and other supplements, and kept her in the Elizabethan collar. She required several



treatments on her legs and ears, and numerous medications daily.

After the first week, she seemed to thrive on the attention she received from everyone in the family and we could see physical improvements as well. She started to enjoy short walks outside, and seemed spunkier. Her leg sores started to heal. Most of all, she began to show that Golden smile as her sweet nature came shining through. The turning point for us was when Penny was able to go upstairs.

Week after week, we continued to see Penny get better, but most of all her spirit came back. She started to play with toys and with our other Golden, Suzy.

Having Penny for my first foster dog has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I feel we gave her life, and there's no greater feeling than that. Penny's recovery continues to be a real team effort. Without the help from Mary Ellen Lunde, Dr. Wolchinsky and my family, I never could have gotten to this point with Penny.

The one pitfall in fostering is that person and pet get attached to each other. The happiest and saddest time will be when we find Penny a new home, but as foster families that is our goal. My husband and I will make every effort to make sure a special person or family adopts this very special dog, so as Mary Ellen puts it, we can keep our Golden gateway open.

Foster dog Penny is available for adoption to a special home. For further information on adopting Penny, contact Debbie Iwanczuk at (301) 206-2611.

NOTICE

Increased veterinary costs, combined with the ever-increasing number of homeless Golden retrievers who need our help, have made it necessary for the first-ever increase in GRREAT's adoption fee.

Effective with adoptions occurring January 1999 and after, the adoption fee will be raised to \$175.



IN REMEMBRANCE

NUGGET

Joyce Starbird Quinlan writes:

We sadly lost our 12 year old Golden today. We adopted him through GRREAT 3 1/2 years ago. His name was Nugget and he was just wonderful. His death was sudden and unexpected. His symptoms began this morning and by the time I got him to the vet two hours later, it was too late to save him. His death was due to a tumor on the spleen that caused it to rupture.

We are shocked and saddened. We had been talking about adopting a second Golden, but Nugget had played "second fiddle" for such a long time to our 14 year old Golden (who died in November), we felt he deserved to be the "king" for a while. I truly expected him to live for a few more years.

We have had Golden's for over 12 years (usually two at a time). Tonight is the first night in a long time that our home is without a beloved Golden. I know that Nugget cannot be replaced, but I also know that there are other Golden's that need homes, so with this note I am requesting an adoption application.

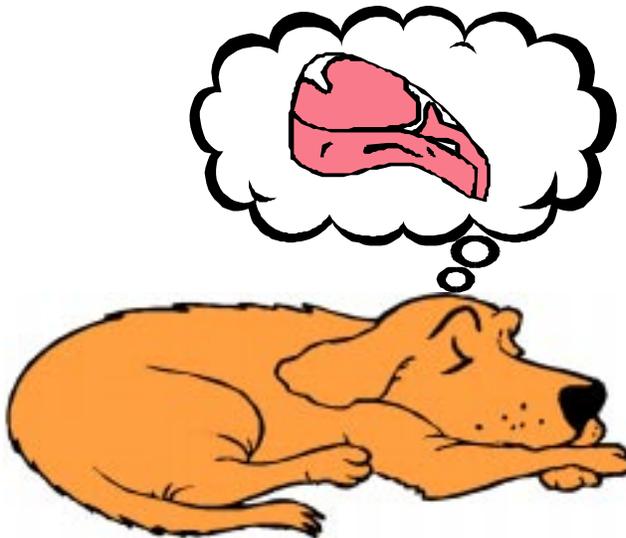


Doin' Some Thinkin'

Skip Nizer

Some times I just like to sit back and do some thinkin'. Now don't get thinkin' mixed up with *thinking*. They are two different things. Like, Al Einstein did some *thinking* on relativity and came up with $E=MC^2$. When I'm thinkin' of relativity, I come up with the fact that my wife and I have to dog-sit her parents' dog when they go on vacations (which is a waste of money that could be turned into an inheritance). Another form of relativity is when my sister-in-law goes away and we have to let her dog out.

Now, you all know that I love dogs (I dated a few in high school), but someone else's dog is different than your own. Take Banker, Deb's parents' dog, a beautiful shepherd with an IQ of 175. When he's home in N.C. he is on nerve pills, only eats the finest cuts of beef (they say he's a picky eater) and he must be soothed when there's a storm. Well, here's where the thinkin' part comes in. A while back I was left to take care of him. I forgot to fix his special beef and gravy and just fed him our dog food (for those of you who have tasted Deb's cooking, I am referring to *real* dog food), which he ate quickly. I was so exhausted from that chore that I had to sit and rest for a while.



When I woke up, there was a terrible thunder storm going on and Banker was out side in it. I jumped up and ran outside. There he laid, motionless—oh my God, he's been frightened to death! But wait—he's breathing. I ran over to him and touched him—he was warm. He wasn't just warm, he was sound asleep. I had to wake him up and make him go into the house. It was one of the worst storms we ever had, and he slept though it!

About two weeks later my in-laws returned. They were there about an hour when it started to rain very lightly. My father-in-law yelled for the dog's pills and the dog went nuts...

So my thinkin' is that this dog gets the best beef and all that special attention because he's been out-thinkin' the *thinking*.

The following donations are GRREAT-fully Acknowledged

In honor of Sara and Friday and in memory of Liesl and Emma, from Lisa Kershner and Pam Brown

In tribute to our Golden, Champagne and to help her less fortunate brothers and sisters, from Lynn and Gail Hunsicker

To thank Mary Ellen Lunde for her help and advice, from Jean Scanlan

To thank the volunteers for their many hours of work, from Sheila and Timothy Ray

To thank the volunteers for all of your GRREAT work, from Donna and Ken Goodman

To thank Georgie, Richard and June for our lovely "Golden Girl" Nikki, from Nancy and Bill Goldcamp

To thank the Greens for letting us adopt Addie in September. She has us wrapped around her paw! From Scott and Kay Patterson

To thank GRREAT for their dedication to the breed and for Trefethen (formerly Simba, a 1997 GRREAT dog), from Jude and Gary Biedenkapp

To thank GRREAT—I hope 1999 is twice as successful as last year! From Cindy Zelbst

To thank GRREAT—Keep up your wonderful work, from Ginny and Jim Hayes

Wanna go for a W-A-L-K?

The Harford County (MD) Humane Society is hosting a Walk-a-Thon and Pet Fair on Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Equestrian Center in Bel Air, MD. GRREAT has been invited to have an educational table at the event.

If you are interested in volunteering for GRREAT or simply walking for your health, contact Shaaron Plate for more details.

See you there!



Canine Good Citizen Test

The American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test will be offered at the GRREAT Bark-B-Que on May 16, 1999. Please see page 4 for more information on this event.

The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen Test is to ensure that your favorite canine companion can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act mannerly in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. This is a test of your dog's manners and training but it is not a competition and does not require that you and your dog perform with precision.

The requirements are simple: Owners must present a current rabies **certificate** (not just a rabies tag) and a county dog license. There are 10 simple tests:

1. **Accepting a friendly stranger** (meeting a stranger without resentment or breaking position)
2. **Sitting politely for petting** (standing in place to accept petting without shyness or resentment)
3. **Appearance and grooming** (evaluator inspects dog, lightly combs/brushes and examines ears and front feet)
4. **Out for a walk** (walking on a loose leash, on either side of owner, there is a left, right and about turn)
5. **Walking through a crowd** (walking around several moving strangers without being shy, resentful or too exuberant)
6. **Sit or down on command/staying in place** (after placing dog in either sit or down owner walks forward the length of a 20' lead. Dog is expected to remain in place, but can change positions)
7. **Coming when called** (owner walks 10 feet away, turns & calls dog. Evaluator

Canine Good Citizen Test, continued on page 17



IN REMEMBRANCE

DEARMAN

Sheila Loftus writes:

My heart hurts. Dearman, a GRREAT dog, passed away December 30, 1998. In 1994, my husband Jim and I adopted Dearman, 13, and her companion Liberty, 12½, from GRREAT. The two have given us four and a half years of Golden pleasure (plus a few anxious moments during some serious health concerns).

In May, Dearman was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumors. After a series of emergency room hospitalizations, her medication kept her somewhat stabilized until a very extended seizure just before New Year put her down.

We keep Liberty close at hand because we know she misses her buddy Dearman desperately. Such irony that Liberty helps us heal our souls while reminding us of our GRREAT loss. Jim and I are grateful to GRREAT for the gifts of Dearman and Liberty. When we are ready to adopt again, we will be looking for another GRREAT dog.



Memorial Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

Vera Case, from Ahsan and Jo-Ann Khan

Jule Ann Cheslock's father, **Mr. Leonard Zboray, Sr.**, whose last words were "Does my dog have water?" From Richard and Jule Ann Cheslock

Becky Brown's father, **Mr. Robert Klause**, from Elizabeth Ketz-Robinson

Luther and Elda Dibble, my parents, from Barbara MacDonald

Edwin Mitchell who was a special friend to Golden Retrievers, from Kim and Dan Rolland

Ruby Downing, mother of Richard Downing, from Sue and Jim Lauver

A special donation was received in the name of **Michael Foster Keville**, from Jennifer Schwartz-Mitchell

Ambush, from John and Jackie Lodmell

Bridget from Rita Demma

Grind, our Sammy's buddy from next door, from Jean and Al Huey

Leland, from Tom and Mary Ann Kuehne

Magnolia, from Robert and Marcia Bergquist

Midas, faithful friend to Marion and Jeffrey Shields, from the Horton, Pilcher and O'Brien families

Sam (Samantha), friend, comrade and a piece of home. Born -?-; killed March 1968, Republic of South Vietnam, from Skip and Deborah Nizer

Sundae, my Mom's beautiful Golden Girl who is sorely missed, from Sheila Rost

Tess, from John McGuire

Traveler, a wonderful dog, from Charles and Jill Heagy

Tuffy Mahan, from C. J. Owen



Special Donations were received

IN HONOR OF...

Babella, Jackie and Scotty, from A. Kirschbaum

Bailey and to thank Jessica, Rosie and Jennifer, from Matthew and Michelle Bertapelle

Bear, on the first anniversary of his adoption, from Mark Henckel and Bruce Evatt

Brandenburg Hohenzollern (Brandy) from Don and Nanch Mitarotonda

Chester, beloved friend and diligent squirrel sentry, from Nancy and John Bentrup

Darcy, my gorgeous GRREAT Golden Girl who is one of the main joys of my life, from Ann Wakefield

Emma, our newest Golden addition, from Barbara Hals and Sharon Dyke

Fred—fat, sassy and in good health. We are thankful to GRREAT, from John B. Hinsley

Hunter (96-065) from Gary Greenwood
Kelsey and Sunshine, from Terrance and Karen Moses

Jake "the Snake" LaMotta (96-007), from Linda Stacy-Nichols

Our Golden, **Jaxson**, from David and Nancy Ris

Lee, our first foster dog, from Mabel and Thomas Dempsey

Sam, the best friend I'll ever have, from Brenda Pascal

Jim and Nancy Capp, Annabelle's foster parents, from Susan Lohmeyer

Lucy the Dog Person, continued from page 1

How it happened...

It was one of those days, you know, when anything seemed possible. An early, balmy Saturday morning in May, after a long winter, with a sky bluer than blue ought to be, and a temperature in the 70's accompanied by a light, exhilarating breeze. A perfect day for dad and Lucy to be attending the Frederick County (Maryland) Crafts Fair. I recall discussing the aerodynamics of hot-air ballooning with a gent who was firing one up, negotiating the price of some handmade jewelry and thinking how fortunate it was to be alive on this fine day, unaware that my world was about to embark upon an extraordinary journey.

Walking hand in hand across a vast, grassy open space, its perimeters fringed with large sycamores full of new, bright green leaves, Lucy and I suddenly encountered a lovely young woman striding toward us. In each hand she held a leash, the other ends each respectively attached to the collar of a magnificent, large, golden-reddish . . . dog. I was acutely aware we had blundered into the presence of nature's masterpiece. *The lovely young woman?* Perhaps; only my attention was riveted upon her brace of majestic dogs. Lucy's reaction? Lucy was instantly, and hopelessly, in love. Was I surprised? No. Lucy had simply never seen a Golden Retriever up so close before.

The Traveler...

Later that May, returning from a short holiday over a small, winding mountain road, U.S. 250, we passed a memorable, picturesque farm at the foot of the mountain just west of Staunton, Virginia. Staunton was where we would stop for the night and where the map promised we could impale ourselves upon a real highway to spirit us on to our home in Maryland. Meanwhile Alice, still worrying in North Carolina, had left messages. Urgent messages regarding yet another . . . dog.

Something was afoot; I had an abrupt, inexplicable awareness that destiny was now firmly controlled by other paws. But finding a 20-year old woman in a college dorm is something not even a father can easily do. Normally. But these weren't normal times, and Alice was tracked down to breathlessly announce her roommate's father had a litter of ten puppies. "Dad, I don't know how Lucy would feel about this. They're kinda longhaired, big dogs. I mean, they're *Golden Retrievers*, dad. They're about four weeks old, and you guys can have your pick. They're on a farm. Near Staunton, Virginia."

And so a fine Saturday, June afternoon inevitability found Lucy, Alice and Dad exiting U.S 250 onto a dirt road leading to a friendly house on a memorable, picturesque farm at the foot of the mountain just west of Staunton, Virginia, where we were met by "Beau," a proud papa, reddish in color, who seemed to be expecting us. And by nine of his wiggly, enthusiastic offspring who *obviously* were *so* delighted to see us! Lucy was first out of the car and, as all nine little seven-week-old golden balls of fur tumbled and stumbled over her feet, she began to softly cry at the sheer magic of the moment.

To the tall, tanned gentleman who now was welcoming us from his porch, I blurted out my identity just as he walked over to envelope Alice in a friendly bear hug, exclaiming, "Alice, how good it is to see you again." He then firmly shook my own hand, gracefully bowed to Lucy, who continued lost in her own thoughts, looked over all the little aforementioned wiggling balls of fur, and exclaimed, "Now, I wonder where *The Traveler* is."

We were about to meet, and to find our lives suddenly, inexorably and forever intertwined with, "The Traveler."

to be continued...

*Alice Moore (top) and
Lucy Pearson holding
"The Traveler"*

A GRREAT BIG **Thank You** goes to

Alexandria Petco for hosting the March Adoption Day

Elizabeth Ketz-Robinson for inviting GRREAT volunteers to her lovely home on the Potomac for sandwiches and treats after the March Adoption Day

JEMAR Pet Supplies in Rising Sun, MD for their support of GRREAT in our recent purchase of crates for foster homes

Bob Fritz, GRREAT's Webmaster, for maintaining this vital communication link that has had 35,000 hits (visits) in the past year.





Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.*

*Thank you to **everyone**
who has made a tax-
deductible donation to the
Leo Fund in 1998.*

*Leo's corner and Letters to
Leo will return in the next
issue of GRREAT News.*

*With Sincere
Sympathy*

GRREAT extends our condolences to the family of Ruby Downing on her passing. Her son Richard and daughter-in-law June are active GRREAT volunteers and a frequent foster home.

From the President, continued from page 1

I feel very strongly that an excellent means of controlling the overabundance of Golden Retrievers coming into rescue organizations is through formal obedience training. Each year the number of Golden Retrievers who have been abandoned or given up continues to increase nationwide, and each year the primary reason given by owners relinquishing the dogs is the same: *not enough time.*

I believe many of these people just couldn't cope with the unacceptable behavior of their adolescent or untrained dog, nor did they realize how much time, effort and money was required to keep a dog. I believe that some of these people would still have their dog if they had known how to identify and modify unacceptable canine behavior. Yes, obedience training does require a major commitment of time and effort and such commitments may be difficult to make, but the time spent for an eight week training session may literally make the difference between life and death for some unruly or strong-willed dogs.

Selling puppies with AKC "limited registration" papers would also help significantly. These papers mean that if a dog with a limited registration is eventually bred, its litters will not be recognized by the AKC, and none of the puppies from those litters can receive AKC papers. Without the coveted AKC "papers" the sale price of the puppies will be vastly reduced because most people won't pay a premium price for unregistered dogs.

Another way to reduce the Golden overpopulation problem is to require all puppy buyers to sign a spay/neuter contract which contains a refund clause stating that when proof of sterilization by a licensed veterinarian is received by the seller, the purchaser will receive a monetary rebate and the AKC registration papers. Neither option is perfect, but they will help to control the problem. The hardest part is convincing irresponsible breeders that it's in the best interest of the breed.

It's sad, but we seem to have become a disposable society that thinks little of discarding the old and quickly replacing it with something new, rather than repairing what we already have. So is it any surprise that people do the same with their pets?

My hope for the future of GRREAT is that *someday* we will cease to function. I hope that there will be no need for our services because there are no longer so many unwanted Golden Retrievers who need our help.

Let's work together to make *someday* a reality.

On a more cheerful note, we would like to express our appreciation to the many people who included a year-end donation to GRREAT with their dues. We couldn't accomplish all that we do without your support. We hope to thank you personally at an upcoming GRREAT event.

ADOPTION REPORT For January and February

Twenty-three young dogs greeted the new year with new families. There were seven dogs aged one year or less, and only two age 5 or older. Ten of the adoptions were females, and the remaining 13 were male. Congratulations to all these new families!

Name	ID	Age	Sex	Name	ID	Age	Sex
Brutus	98187	5	M	Jack	99004	7 mo	M
Bud Wisner	98125	2½	M	Katie	99019	1½	F
Buster	99005	2	M	Kenia	99012	3	F
Carley	99014	1	F	Lea	98217	4	F
Casey	98199	1	M	Maggie	99001	4½	F
Charlie	98211	5½	F	Nicholas	99006	14 mo	M
Cutter	98216	1	M	Nova	98215	2	F
Earlie	99002	1	M	Sandy	99013	6	F
Edison	99008	4½	M	Tanner	98212	8 mo	M
Ekin	98214	2	M	Tex	98219	5	M
Ginger	98155	2	F	Triever	99009	1½	M
Holly	98220	11 wks	F				

I wanted to send a note letting you know how I'm doing after (almost) one year in my new home. I love it! It took no time at all to adjust to my new surroundings. My new family didn't change my name because they felt "Beau" fits me. I have become very attached to my youngest master, Simone (age 3½).

I love to run and play in the yard, play catch, tug-of-war, and fetch. I haven't slowed down much even though I'm almost 7! I'm still a puppy at heart. Losing weight hasn't come easy, but it seems I've leveled off at about 95 pounds. What can I say, I'm a BIG boy! I'm happy, healthy and energetic.

Thank you for finding me a GRREAT home!

—Beau Rougeux (98-021)

Hello from our GRREAT Clancy and his big brother Duffy. Life is good!

—Dolores Noe

Enclosed please find a donation to thank you for the wonderful work that you do. We will continue our support to your much needed organization.

—Patrick and Tanya Horning

Dolly is a joy to us every day! She's happy, confident and a joy to be with! Thanks to GRREAT for giving us this opportunity.

—Richard and Elaine Swartz



Dolly Swartz, enjoying the good life



*Beau Rougeux
enjoying some
fresh air*

Boomer and Honey Bear just got this email from Katie and thought that you would like to see what Katie has been up to.

—John Gettier

Dear Boomer and Honey Bear,

It sure was good to hear from you. I miss you tooo! Maybe you could come visit some time?

I like my new home and the cats are sure fun to chase. They have good food here, NOW. They talked with your Mom and Dad and found out where to buy it. Good thing! I thought I was going to have to start eating that darn cat food. Next thing you know I would have started purring and not barking!

I met the new guy through the fence yesterday and he seems to like me. Told me that he really misses the dog that was here before me. Sure hope that he and I can be friends.

They have lots of squirrels here and I just know that in time I might be able to catch me one. They have a pool here also and I tried to take a swim, but only once. I think I will wait until the water is a little deeper.

The boy, RJ, was here this weekend and boy did I have a good time with him. He knows how to wrestle with me real good. I even got to sleep with him but don't tell my new parents!

Ok, Mom's telling me it's time for bed.

Write soon, Katie (Bartley)

Letters to



And So the Time Has Come

Mary Ellen
Lunde



IN REMEMBRANCE

BEAR

Leny Endlich writes:

Please accept this donation in memory of Big Golden Teddy Bear (11/1/90 - 11/18/98), We miss him very much. We only had him three years after adopting him from the humane society. He was Buddy's boy and partner.

—Cor and Leny Endlich and Millie, Max, Abbie and Zachary.



With the heaviest of hearts and tears in our eyes, Michael and I and Sammie said farewell to Bo this morning.

I had taken Bo to the vets on 2/5/99 to check out a suspicious lump. He had numerous lumps, some years old that we had been tracking, but one on his front left shoulder was relatively new and very different. It wasn't your normally round mound of a lump, but almost flat in shape. The vet removed two lumps and biopsied this third strange lump.

I also had full x-rays done at this time that showed that there was not any cancer elsewhere in his body. Other than the lump itself, Bo seemed to be the picture of health—racing around the backyard like a lunatic, jumping three feet in the air to catch tennis balls, going on 1½ mile walks twice a day, pulling all the way.

On 2/11/99, the biopsy results confirmed that the two removed lumps were benign, but that the third lump was cancerous. The biopsy could not tell what type of cancer and stated how unusual it was, being made up of at least three different kinds of cancerous cells. Bo recovered very well from his surgery and was back up to full activity level.

On Saturday, 2/27/99, we went back to the vets because Bo had trouble completing his daily walks. We put him on Ascriptin, which did help, and waited for our upcoming appointment with the veterinary cancer specialist on 3/2/99.

On Tuesday 3/2/99, we saw the oncologist who was at first hopeful that a full course of treatment (surgery, chemotherapy and radiation) might give Bo up to two more years of life. However, she suggested fine needle aspirations on his remaining lumps and another chest x-ray before laying out a course of action. They did these immediately and to our horror, the chest x-ray revealed numerous cancerous lesions in his lungs, which had *not* been there on the 2/5/99 x-rays! At this point, the oncologist drastically revised her prognosis and stated that without treatment, Bo had probably six to eight weeks. Palliative radiation and chemo might extend his life to five to six months.

Michael and I decided to just make his remaining days as happy and pain-free as possible.

On Wednesday, 3/3/99, he was not able to complete his evening walk.

On Thursday, 3/4/99, the vet prescribed 40 mg. of prednisone, which I gave him about 11:30 a.m. and he was good spirits for the next ten to twelve hours, although not his full normal self.

On Friday, 3/5/99 he had some problem early in the morning coming down the steps and I gave him his prednisone about 9 a.m. He was better for about three to four hours. The remaining time he essentially remained laying in one spot.

On Saturday, 3/6/99, I gave him the prednisone about 7 a.m. It had absolutely no effect. He just lay in one spot with a terrible pain-filled look in his eyes. I called the vet about 11 a.m. who said to give him another dose of prednisone about 5 p.m., hoping that this was just a bad day for him. I gave him the pred; it had no effect and he just continued to lay in a single spot. He did not sleep at all during the night and just looked unbelievably miserable.

By Sunday morning, he was having trouble breathing and I called my vet at home at 7:00 a.m. He came to the house about 11:00 a.m. and confirmed that Bo had no chance for a quality existence left in him. His lungs probably already had fluid in them and he could not walk without pain.

So my dear friends, Bo has joined our beloved Princess Pooter at the Bridge and I have promised him that I will try to be as good a person as possible so that I can later join them, too.

Tonight, please give your Golden fuzzbutts an extra big hug!!

Mary Ellen is GRREAT's Secretary. We extend our condolences to her on the sudden loss of Bo.

Foster Home Workshops Off To A GRREAT Start

2/27/99

Dear Georgie,

I just wanted to thank you and the rest of the organizers of the Foster Home orientation program today. I learned a GRREAT deal and came away feeling very proud to be associated with a group so serious in its commitment and so much fun to be with. Please pass my true thanks along to everyone.

Mickey and I will be ready for a sweet little old lady one of these days.

Thanks again.

Betsy Davis

Next Foster Home Workshop Saturday, June 19, 1999

Thanks to a generous grant from PETSMART Charities, GRREAT's Foster Home Workshops are now underway. Since GRREAT became a member of the PETSMART Charities network we have received contributions of more than \$6,700 to help save the lives of homeless Golden Retrievers, and to work towards our common goal of eliminating euthanasia as a means of controlling the pet overpopulation problem in the United States.

If you are interested in becoming a foster home, or if you are currently a foster home provider who would like the opportunity to share your experiences and exchange ideas, you are invited to attend our next workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, College Park, MD.

The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided, during which GRREAT officers will be available to answer questions or discuss problem situations. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Foster Home Report

Georgie Bahler, GRREAT Foster Home Coordinator

During 1998, there were 96 active foster homes helping GRREAT. Some dogs stayed with more than one family and therefore are counted more than once in the list below. The average stay in a foster home was 3 weeks per dog. Some lucky dogs got to stay longer: 25 families adopted their foster dogs. Still, more than 40 dogs had to be turned away because all foster homes were full at the time the dogs needed to be rescued. You can help by becoming a foster home. Please contact me for further information, and think about attending the next Foster Home Workshop in June.

Thank You to these Dedicated Foster Homes

The family name is followed by a number indicating how many dogs were fostered during 1998. An asterisk (*) indicates that at least one of the foster dogs was adopted by the family.

Alexander—1	Davis—1*	Morton—1
Amish—1*	Dean—1*	Neibur—7
Andrews-Carter—1*	J. Dempsey—2	Nelson—9
Aukerman—3	M. and T. Dempsey—3	Nizer—3
Bahler—17	Donnell—1	Parisi—1*
Baker—1	Downing—5	Persinger—3
Balducci—2	Dukell—4	Peterson—1
Beall—1	Escadero—2*	Petruso—1
Bender—3	Ewing—1	Plate—10
Bighouse—3	Ferguson—1*	Ober—2
C. Bishop—10	Gepp—9	O'Reagan—2
Blackwell—1	Gettier—5	Orceyre—1*
Bott-Briggles—2	Green—1	Rothert—2*
B. and D. Brown—2	Haisenleder—4	Saunders—1*
Brown-McDonald—4	Hals-Dyke—1	Schmitz—1
J. Brown—5	Harrell—1*	Schweitzer—1*
Brookings—1	Henkin—1*	Shegog—2
Brooks—1*	Hock—3*	Skadberg—1
Campbell—4	Iwanczuk—1	Skinner—5
Capps—2	Irwin—4	Smith—2
Chaffin—1	Johnson—2	Snyder-Dilugi—1*
Chambers-Kane—2	Kaplan—1	Snyder—5
Citrano—2	Ketz-Robinson—1*	Strawser—1*
Clark—10	Lannigan—1	Trivits—1*
Clem—2	Long—1	Van Ost—1*
Cohen—1*	Lunde—7*	Wallen—4
Connelly—4	McCarter—1	Wesley—1
Conrad—1*	McDonough—5	White—1*
Cook—5	Meirose—1	T.White—1*
Corby—5	Melago—1	Williams—3
Daniels—1	Minder—1	Wolf—3
D'Asto—1	Morris—1*	

Thank You

to these
individuals
for their recent
donations

Back Issues of Newsletter Available

A limited number of complete sets of **GRREAT News** from 1996, 1997, and 1998 are available. Please contact newsletter editor April Fritz if you are missing an issue or have recently joined and would like some of the previous issues.

Robert and Sandra Allen
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Kathleen Skeen
Vicki and Bill Smith
Dinah Stevens and Hugh Spitzer
Neal Vecchio
David and Paulette Zee

Canine Good Citizen Test, continued from page 9

may provide mild distraction by petting to distract dog while owner is walking away)

8. **Reaction to another dog** (another handler and dog approach owner and dog, stop, shake hands, exchange pleasantries and continue. Dog shouldn't show more than casual interest in other dog)
9. **Reaction to distractions** (demonstrates dog is confident when common distracting situation occurs. Dog may express normal interest/curiosity, but shouldn't panic, try to run away, bark or show aggressiveness)
10. **Supervised separation** (shows dog can be left with trusted person & will maintain its good manners when owner goes out of sight for 3 minutes.)



Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club Memorials

The Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club, Inc., is sending this donation to you honoring the memory of our members' beloved dogs who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 1998. We thank you for all that your organization is doing to help homeless Golden Retrievers find new and loving homes, and we wish you continued success.

- Charms Chewy Bear**, loved and missed by Kathy and Marshall Landis and family
- Charms Princess Cali Cal Cal**, loved and missed by Rona Love and family
- Danka's Ogutai Kahn**, loved and missed by Debbie Abramson and family
- Dusty**, loved and missed by Kay Bleinberger and family
- Max of Preston Manor**, loved and missed by Dave Lindenmuth and family
- Am-Can CH Verdoro's On-Line Ice Queen**, loved and missed by Sandy Selander and family

More Letters to GRREAT



*The best Christmas (or any day)
present of all*

After opening package upon package of great holiday gifts (“duck” lasted an hour before all his stuffing disappeared; “squeaky lamb” made it half a day before it became “silence of the lambs;” “ball and rope” was gone in 10 minutes), Clancy leans back to receive his last gift from Neil—a first-class belly rub.

As you can plainly see, Clancy remains perfectly spoiled. But he also knows how to spoil others. He charmed our holiday guests, and won over the hearts of everyone (Duffy the dachshund included) during his annual visit to Neil’s office.

But sorry, little buddy, the Christmas tree is definitely NOT indoor plumbing!

—Neil and Connie Schuster

Trevor is a handsome, loving, funny and much adored member of our pack. He is gentle and solicitous of Brandy, 14 years and 4 months; and the best boyfriend of Reba, 3 and half years.

—Janet Hauck

Thanks so much for my Goldie (97-098). Everyone loves her, and I do most of all. Thanks to all of the GRREAT folks who helped me get my Goldie.

—Mildred Fink



Taking Better Photos of Your Pets

Here are some helpful hints to keep in mind as you take pictures of your pets for the GRREAT Calendar Photo Contest described on page 2.

- Although there are some exceptions to this rule for the sake of art, in general, make sure there is enough contrast between the dog and its background—dark dog, light background; light dog, dark background.
- A straight-on picture is best. Get on the ground so that the angle of the camera is level with the dog, or put the dog on a platform. Photos taken at the dog’s level bring out the true beauty of the animal, without the distortion of looking down on it as humans usually do.
- Use a zoom lens, or get close to the dog—make it the primary subject of the photo. Position the dog within the frame of the photo.
- Keep the background clean: watch out for wires or lights or other distractions that may end up “growing out of the head” of the pet being photographed. Keep the foreground uncluttered as much as possible too. Be mindful of patterned upholstery and wallpaper.
- Take pictures in daylight or with a bounced flash or with the dog looking to the side in order to avoid the problem of glowing eyes.
- Take LOTS of pictures. What you think may be the perfect pose could be followed seconds later by an even better one. Skimping on film is not the way to get that “cover girl” shot. Photographers may shoot hundreds of pictures in order to get a single prize-winning image.
- Shoot pictures of animals over several sessions. Pets get bored and tire quickly, so break for some playtime and start again when the dog is fresh.
- If possible, catch your dog in action for an interesting picture. Photos of dogs running and playing are some of the most beautiful and energetic pictures ever taken.
- Identify any submitted photographs on the back with a felt-tip pen. Writing with a ball point pen will scratch the surface of the picture. Adding a date will help too.
- In addition to the calendar photo contest announced above, *GRREAT News* loves to include pictures with its stories, so please, even if you are not a contest entrant or winner, keep those pictures coming in!
- Taking photos of your pet is more important than simply entering a contest. If your pet is ever lost or stolen, adding a current photograph to a “lost dog” flyer could make the difference in having your pet returned to you.



Subj: Shadow Update
 From: Paul Lobel
 To: GRREAT

As you may recall, when we adopted Shadow in April 1998, we intended that he become, by and large, a playmate for our 7 year old Golden Retriever, Buddy. Buddy was overweight at 89 lbs. Shadow on the other hand was nearly emaciated at 46 lbs. Yesterday at the vet for a quarterly checkup, Buddy weighed 78 lbs. and Shadow weighed 58 lbs. Buddy is much taller and broader than Shadow but they are both (now) solid muscle. To say that they are close would be to put it mildly. Things could not have worked out better.

Shadow has taken his rightful and comfortable place in our home. He has developed his own style of guarding (he is the first to bark when a car approaches the house— Buddy is more laid back) and as a companion, he seems to like Laury's side of the bed better than mine. He is, in a word, GR(R)EAT.

However, I am accorded equal time, so to speak, as Shadow and Buddy spend most of their "in-house" time in my office. That is when they are not chasing each other all over the house or playing tug of war with their favorite rope toy. Boring it ain't and they both sleep well at night.

That's all the news for now. Paul

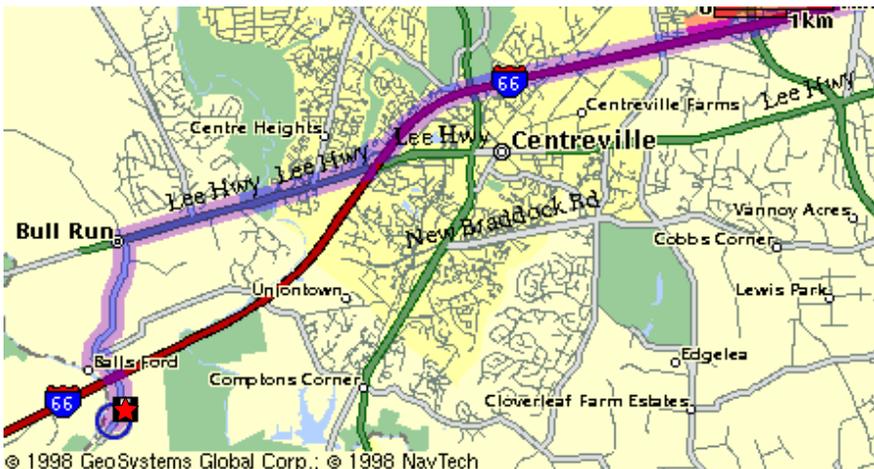
Adoption Day
Sunday, April 18, 1999
Noon - 2:00 pm
PETCO
915 Washington Blvd.
Laurel, MD

Directions to Laurel Petco: From I-95 between Washington and Baltimore, take Route 198 (Exit 83) east towards Laurel. Continue to the intersection with Route 1 (Washington Blvd) and turn Right (Route 1 South). PETCO is in the Laurel Center Mall across from IHOP.



Mark your calendar now for GRREAT's Annual Bark-B-Que—Sunday May 16, 1999

See page 4 for more details.



Directions to Bull Run Regional Park: From the Washington Beltway in Virginia, take route I-66 west to exit 52, route 29. Be sure to go past route 28 (it also says route 29). Take a right onto south 29 and follow signs to the park. Go approximately 2 miles to Bull Run Post Office Road. Turn left into the park. There is a sharp curve before getting to the park, so please be careful. The park ranger at the gate will give you directions to area 8-9-10.

**DEAR GRREAT:
HERE'S A DONATION**

- I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for _____

- In honor of _____

- In memory of _____

- To thank _____

All donations are tax-deductible and gratefully
acknowledged in *GRREAT News*.
Thank you for your generosity.

MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

- New member Renewal (Member number
from label M_____)

Name _____
Address _____

Mark here if this is an address or name change.

Phone (____) _____
E-mail address _____

Circle as many as applicable:

1. I am enclosing \$20 for my 1999 membership dues.
2. I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation of \$_____
3. I am interested in becoming a GRREAT volunteer.
(Please complete Volunteer Form at right)
4. I am interested in donating the following services or
supplies to GRREAT:

Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.

***Thank You
for your support of GRREAT***

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please detach and return this form to volunteer for any of the
capacities below. If you have special talents that aren't listed
below, fill in the "Other" section at the bottom. Return form to:

GRREAT
Attention: Volunteer Coordinator
P.O. Box 3069
Falls Church, VA 22043

Name _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail Address _____
Home Phone _____ Best time to call _____
Are you over age 18? Yes _____ No _____
Work Phone _____ OK to call at work? _____

County or area where you live _____
County or area where you work _____
Other areas where you visit regularly _____
Best days/hours to volunteer _____

Please indicate any area of interest. The appropriate GRREAT
Coordinator will contact you for more information.

I would like to know how I can help

- _____ As a foster home for a GRREAT dog
- _____ As an emergency or short-term foster home
- _____ At Adoption Days
- _____ At Tattoo Clinics
- _____ At information booths at dog shows,
community fairs, etc.
- _____ At Fund Raisers, Pictures with Santa, etc.
- _____ Transport GRREAT dogs (to/from vet, pick-up at
animal shelter, owner give-ups)
- _____ Transport supplies, food
- _____ Perform home checks prior to adoptions
- _____ Provide storage space for food, supplies, crates
- _____ Stamp and address newsletters and flyers
- _____ Donate the following services:

Other: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, April 17, 1999
Parade of Rescued Dogs—PVGRC Specialty
See page 4 for more information.

Sunday, April 18, 1999—Noon to 2:00 pm
Adoption Day
PETCO of Laurel
Directions on page 18.

Sunday May 16, 1999—11:00 am - 3:00 pm
GRREAT's Annual Bark-B-Que
Bull Run Regional Park, Centreville, VA
See pages 4 and 18 for details.



Saturday, May 22
Adoption Day

PETCO of Beltsville

Saturday, June 19, 1999
Foster Home Seminar

Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD
See page 15 for more information



GRREAT BEGINNINGS



LEAD TO HAPPY ENDINGS!

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