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One Rescue

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You will notice some vacancies in the roster of the GRREAT Board of Directors that always appears on page 2 of this newsletter.

In April of this year, GRREAT faced a crisis among Board members and active volunteers that resulted in the resignations of the President, Treasurer, and the foster family who also served as Adoption Administrators.

The crisis resulted from a difference of opinion regarding the basic philosophy of a Rescue organization. In April, GRREAT experienced a series of dogs who were given up or returned to GRREAT because they had expressed signs of aggression. This aggression manifested itself as growling, nipping or outright biting of a human or an attack on another dog. As a result, the GRREAT Board of Directors had to make agonizing decisions about the fate of each dog.

After considering the specific events of each case, including a professional temperament evaluation of each animal, the majority of Board members voted to give two of the four dogs a second chance to be adopted through GRREAT. GRREAT will look for a very specific type of home for these two dogs and potential families will be fully informed in writing of the dogs' past history. The other two dogs were turned over to a police officer who trains aggressive dogs for a variety of law enforcement agencies, in accordance with a Board policy established last year. These decisions were the catalyst that caused those Board members and coordinators with deeply held beliefs about Golden aggression and the consequences of placing aggressive dogs to make the difficult decision to resign.

We have great respect for the opinions held by Shaaron Plate, President, and Cy Plate, Treasurer, and David and Linda Clark, Adoption Administrators. We thank them for their past efforts on behalf of the Rescue and for their extensive contributions to the positions they held. They will be missed.

GRREAT is defined as a purebred animal rescue, but only about 25% of the dogs we accept have AKC papers. Many are strays who have no history. Some are not pure olden. Each dog is different. The members remaining on the Board believe that each

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In 1985 I was living with my three year old Golden Retriever, Cognac, on the beach in Bonnet Point, Rhode Island, while doing my post-doctoral research at the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island. Not more than two weeks after moving to Rhode Island, Hurricane Gloria struck. I had heard that a hurricane was expected to hit the Rhode Island coast and at work, everyone was boarding up their windows with plywood and tape and there was an air of excitement about the coming storm. Normally, my mother is the worrier in the family, but this time my father called me at work—not once but twice—to tell me to evacuate. He had grown up in New England and remembered well the hurricane of 1938 that brought a storm surge so far up into Narragansett Bay that it moved houses off their foundations and transported them hundreds of feet away. He said I should leave now because if I waited too long, I might not be able to get out at all.

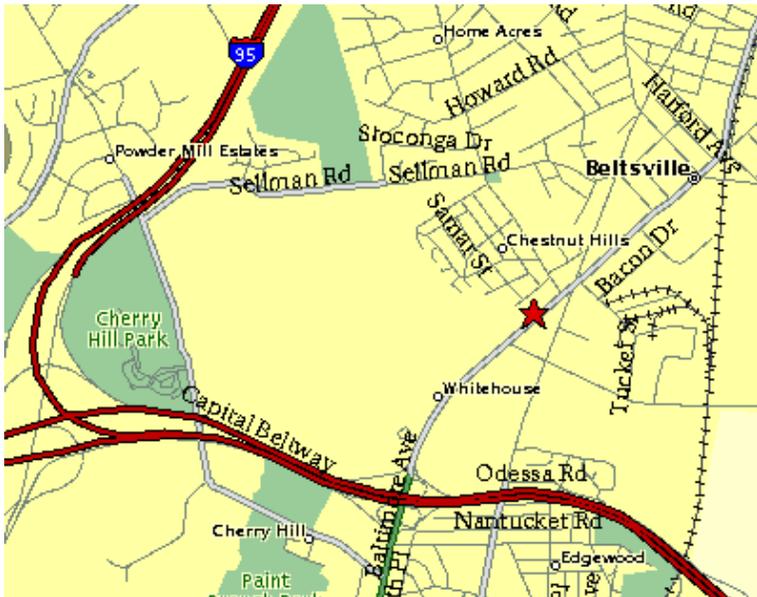
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Hurricane Season
is Coming:
Are You Prepared?

Julie M. Palais

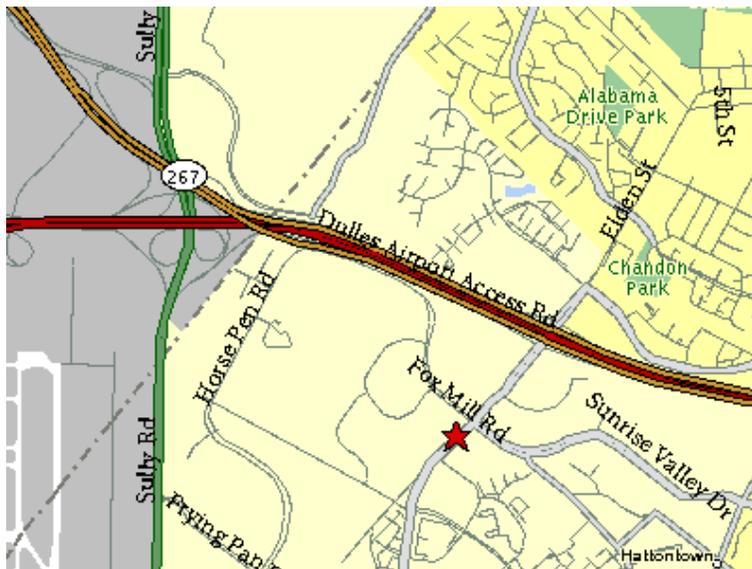
Directions to Adoption Days

Saturday, May 22—PETCO of Beltsville



Directions: From the north side of the Capital Beltway, take Route 1 North (Exit 25A) for 0.9 miles to Beltsville. PETCO is on the left.

Saturday, June 26—PETCO of Herndon



Directions: From the Capital Beltway (I-495), take the Dulles Toll Road west toward Dulles Airport (do not take the airport access road). Exit onto Rte 657 (Old Centreville Road) south towards Chantilly. The total toll will be approximately 85 cents. PETCO is in the corner of the first shopping center on the left, which has a Red Lobster and a Crestar Bank in the front.

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*Fun in the sun and
made in the shade!*

GRREAT'S ANNUAL BARK-B-QUE

**Sunday
May 16, 1999
11:00 am–3:00 pm
\$5.00 per family**

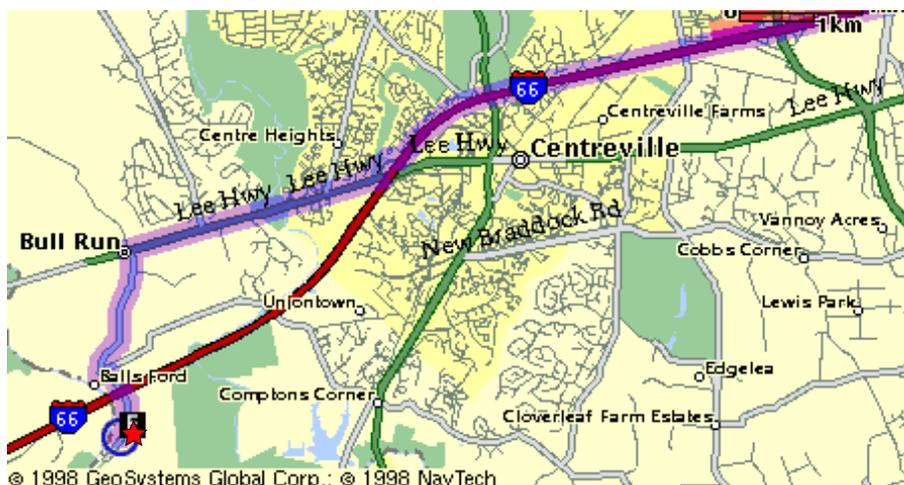
**Bull Run Regional Park
Areas 8-9-10
7700 Bull Run Drive
Centreville, Virginia**

Scheduled Events

CGC Test	begins at 9:00
Bark-B-Que Registration	10:00 - Noon
Welcome	11:00
Lunch (coals ready)	Noon - 1:00
Contests	12:30 - end
Chinese Raffle	drawn at 2:00
Beanie Baby Raffle	drawn at 2:15
Biscuit Raffle	drawn at 2:30
Closing and Clean-up	3:00

You and your fur-kids are invited to join dozens of other Golden-loving families for GRREAT's annual 2-legged and 4-legged picnic. After the winter we've had, the weather on May 16th 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. Testing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at noon or after a maximum of 15 dogs have been tested.



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.

Contests Galore!

1. Golden High-top Contest (tallest GR older than 1 year, measured at the shoulder)
2. Golden PeeWee Contest (shortest GR over 1 year, measured at the shoulder)
3. Rascally Redhead Contest (reddest GR)
4. Bodacious Blondie Contest (blondest GR)
5. Golden Baby Contest (youngest GR)
6. Golden Oldie Contest (oldest GR)
7. Diving For Gold Contest (which GR can retrieve the most tennis balls from a bucket of water in a 30 second time limit)

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.

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.

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.

SEE YOU THERE!



Protect Your Pets Before Disaster Strikes

- Make sure your pet is identified with a tattoo and/or license, rabies, microchip or other identification tag.
- If you evacuate your dog in a car, be sure to bring a leash.
- Don't forget your pet's medications.
- Keep current photos of your pet for identification.
- Transport small pets in a carrier.

from:
Dog Owner's Guide:
EARS to the Rescue,
WWW.CANISMAJOR.COM/DOG/ORFLOOD.HTML

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To make a long story short, at 6:30 the next morning, I decided that the time had come to evacuate. Fortunately, my family was only an hour and a half away in Boston. I gathered some things, packed Cognac into the car and headed up toward Boston. As I drove away from the cottage I was renting, I heard the emergency personnel with bull horns telling people that a mandatory evacuation was in effect. It wasn't until later, as I was listening to the radio, that I learned that dogs were prohibited in Red Cross shelters and had I stayed behind and been forced out to a shelter, I would have had to leave Cognac behind. Needless to say, I could never have done that.

Fast forward 12 years, to 1997. That is when I first learned of the Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS) and Terri Crisp, the director of EARS. EARS is a program of United Animal Nations (UAN), a non-profit animal welfare organization started in 1987. According to the EARS' mission statement, "The mission of the Emergency Animal Service is to provide assistance to domesticated and farm animals, not excluding wildlife when it is determined necessary, so as to minimize their suffering and to reduce the number of deaths during both natural and manmade disasters. This mission is accomplished by utilizing volunteers who have completed the EARS disaster preparedness workshop, and working with other animal welfare and emergency management agencies to ensure that animals are rescued, provided shelter, given medical treatment, and reunited with their owners or adopted into good permanent homes."

On November 1, 1997, I took the EARS Disaster Preparedness Workshop in Frederick, MD. Another GRREAT member, Sam Connelly, was also there. It was nice to finally meet her, as she had been sending me pictures for my decoupage projects. The all-day workshop was attended by about 40 people, many of whom had also read Terri Crisp's book, *Out of Harm's Way*, all about the many natural and manmade disasters

that Terri and other volunteers have responded to over the past ten years. Those disasters included, for example, the Exxon Valdez oil spill (1988), Hurricane Hugo (1989), Hurricane Andrew (1992), the Northridge, California, earthquake (1994), the Virginia flood (1995), and the Red River, North Dakota, flood (1997).

Working with local animal organizations and other disaster response agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross, law enforcement agencies, the Salvation Army and others, EARS volunteers evacuate and rescue animals, transport, shelter, feed and groom the animals, reunite animals with their owners, and find adoptive homes for unclaimed animals. Depending on the type of disaster and the level of support from local animal organizations (EARS does not duplicate the services of organizations that are already in place), EARS will provide any and all of the above services at no cost to the local organizations.

In addition to discussing the mission of EARS and learning about the background about the various disasters that EARS had worked on, we heard some real-life experiences not only from Terri Crisp, but also from some of the other volunteers that had helped on many of the disasters. We learned why animals are not allowed in Red Cross shelters (public health regulations, ownership of buildings used as shelters, risk liability, impact on insurance premiums, and well-being of shelter residents) and why there is such a need for the services provided by EARS. We also did a group exercise where we broke into small groups and we were told to come up with a plan for how to set up a disaster relief center (given certain circumstances and specific guidelines about what we had to work with). It was a real brainstorming session that made us all realize how much we all take for granted and how difficult one's life becomes when all of the services we have come to expect are not available.

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GRREAT NEWS BITES

Volunteer Update Forms Mailed

This spring, update forms were sent to the more than 500 GRREAT volunteers listed in the GRREAT volunteer database. An update was required to ensure that our records are current, so that we can easily reach our volunteers when we need them. To everyone that has sent back the forms, THANK YOU! If you have not yet sent the survey back, please do so, as it is the best means we have to know that you are still interested in volunteering.

If you did not receive the questionnaire but are—or want to be—an active GRREAT volunteer, please contact Sharon Meirose at (410) 569-7311 (e-mail MEIROSE@EROLS.COM) to be added to the main volunteer database. Many forms were returned by the post office as undeliverable.

We will use the information in the database to solicit volunteers for future events and position openings. Please help us to stay in touch with you!

Silent Auction Raises \$4,000

The 1999 Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC) Auction for GRREAT, was held at the PVGRC Awards Banquet on March 20. According to co-chairs Martha Cole Glenn (PVGRC/GRREAT) and Sam Connelly (GRREAT), the proceeds surpassed funds collected at all previous auctions, raising more than \$4,000 for the Rescue. In addition, some goods and services not offered in the auction were turned over to GRREAT for continued fund raising use at the upcoming Bark-B-Que (see page 3) and Annual Holiday Party. Since 1997, PVGRC auctions for GRREAT have raised over \$13,000.

Thanks again to everyone who donated items for the auction, to those who were successful bidders, and to those who participated in any way in this wonderful evening.

Poetry Contest Closing Soon

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.

Foster Home Workshop

The second GRREAT Foster Home Workshop will be held Saturday, June 19, 1999. Please see page 15 for details!

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 at (410) 667-6512 for more details.

Call for Adoption Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the June 26th Adoption Day in Herndon, VA. Volunteer hours are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To volunteer, please call Sharon Meirose at (410) 569-7311 or send e-mail to MEIROSE@EROLS.COM. Please respond by June 5th.



Disaster Preparedness Shopping List for Dogs

United Animal Nations recommends these supplies to have on hand in a disaster kit for dogs. Don't wait until disaster strikes to gather these items.

- Spare collar and writable tag (for temporary address)
- Bowl and one week supply of food, preferably dry or in small, pull-top cans (anticipate no refrigeration or electricity)
- One week supply of fresh drinking water in jugs and water dish
- Pooper scooper and plastic bags
- Temporary confinement for the dog: plastic crate, collapsible wire crate, and/or stake-out ground screw and chain
- Soap and paper towels for cleaning dog dish; disinfectant for crate
- First aid kit containing first aid book, bandage(s), gauze pads and rolls, cotton tipped applicators, antiseptic wipes, emollient cream, tweezers, scissors, instant cold pack, several pair of latex disposable gloves, muzzle.
- Pet medications
- Toy or article of owner's clothing for comforting the animal

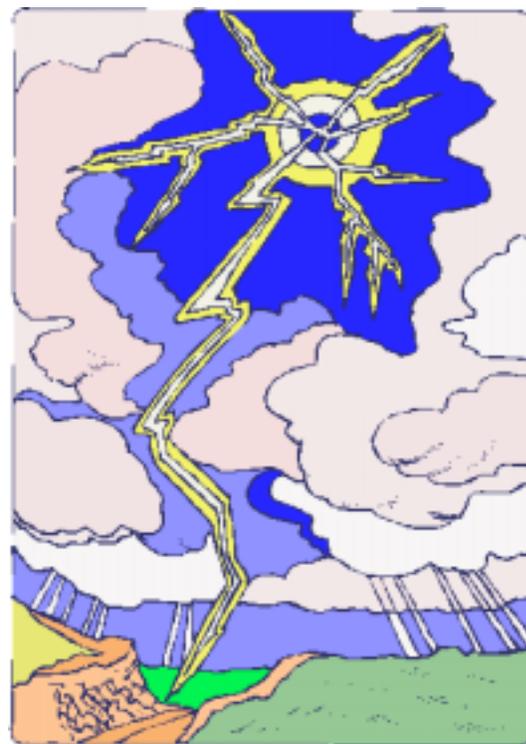
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WWW.UAN.ORG/PROGRAMS/EARS/DOGS.HTM

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Other parts of the day's activities were to get us all thinking about the importance of being prepared for a disaster situation and to learn what we should all do as pet owners to prepare for the unexpected. The last fifty pages or so of Terri Crisp's book has an appendix titled "Basic Tips for Safeguarding Your Dog and Cat During Disasters," which includes sections on what to include in your disaster/first aid kit for your animal(s), identification, vaccination records and medications for your animal(s), and the importance of having a photograph of your animal(s). In addition, there are discussions of the importance of having a buddy system with someone in your neighborhood, vacation planning, transporting animals, temporary housing of displaced pets, food and water, animal waste, disposal of dead animals, euthanasia, comforting animals, and missing pets.

What to do in a disaster situation if you have horses and birds is also described. Finally, there are sections on microchipping, feral cats, humane cat trapping, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, how to become an emergency animal rescue volunteer, and the EARS Wish List (items needed by the organization).

In addition to the information in Crisp's book, the American Red Cross, in cooperation with the Humane Society of the U. S., has prepared a document on this subject. Their brochure, available from the Internet (see below), entitled "Pets and Disasters: Get Prepared," talks about being prepared with a disaster plan, having a safe place to take your pets, assembling a portable pet disaster supply kit (see box at left), knowing what to do as a disaster approaches, and caring for other pets (such as birds, reptiles and small mammals) in an emergency. Since I have only been able to touch the surface here, several of the references where you can find more information are provided at the end of this article.



Hurricane season on the Atlantic coast begins June 1 and lasts for six months. I ask you again: ***are you and your pets prepared?***

Further reading

Crisp, Terri and Samantha Glen, *Out of Harm's Way: The Extraordinary True Story of One Woman's Lifelong Devotion to Animal Rescue*, Pocket Books, New York, 1996.

Internet Resources

Emergency Animal Rescue Service web site: WWW.UAN.ORG/PROGRAMS/EARS

American Red Cross, "Pets and Disasters: Get Prepared," Disaster Services.
[HTTP://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/DISASTER/SAFETY/PETS.HTML](http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/DISASTER/SAFETY/PETS.HTML)

Keeping Companion Animals Safe During Disasters, United Animal Nations
WWW.UAN.ORG/PROGRAMS/EARS/COMPANION.HTM

Pet Preparedness, Noah's Ark.
[HTTP://MILLENNIUM-ARK.NET/NEWS_FILES/DISASTERS/PET_LINKS.HTML](http://MILLENNIUM-ARK.NET/NEWS_FILES/DISASTERS/PET_LINKS.HTML)

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dog's circumstances and actions should be evaluated individually before possible placement in an appropriate home. In the words of one Board member, "rescue itself means dealing with misunderstood, abused, and abandoned dogs. As we all know, they can sometimes be unpredictable. We have to try to determine the cause of the aggression—sometimes it is not the fault of the dog."

The Board of Directors wants to share the following beliefs with the members of GRREAT:

1. We know that not every dog can be saved. It has been GRREAT's policy that no dog with a bite report (a form filed with a local animal control bureau) will be accepted into the Rescue. Furthermore, any dog that bites a human (punctures the skin) and is returned to the Rescue will be discussed, professionally evaluated, with possible alternative resources contacted, but could ultimately be euthanized. Tough decisions have to be made about the dogs who don't break the skin: was the show of aggression the result of provocation by a family member? Was it an accident, a single episode with unusual circumstances, or the beginning of an irreversible trend? Is the description of the aggressive act a true representation of what really happened? There are so many unanswerable questions about each event, and our silent, beautiful, Golden friends cannot tell their side of the story. Consequently, each decision is a very difficult one. We must use our best judgment. We have to consider the safety of our foster homes, the safety and circumstances of adoptive homes, and the potential liability of the Rescue. We have to rely on the expertise of animal behaviorists and the experience of volunteers familiar with the breed and its characteristics.

2. GRREAT is developing a written procedure and policy on the handling of dogs who show aggressive tendencies. Primary in this policy is a definition of aggressive acts and full disclosure of the circumstances of the aggression to any person who handles the dog, such as foster and/or adoptive homes. You will be reading more about

this policy in a future issue of this newsletter.

3. Aggression in Golden Retrievers is increasing nationwide. GRREAT is not alone in dealing with this problem; many Rescues have had to make tough decisions about aggressive dogs. It is important that dog owners understand the pack behavior of dogs and other inherent animal responses, because they are part of the circumstances that might cause a dog to be dominant or aggressive. Our educational efforts must continue; after all, the "E" in our name is Education.

4. GRREAT will go on. We are actively recruiting to fill the positions on the Board as well as the coordinator positions. Somehow, we will make it through this difficult period. However, GRREAT cannot survive very long without an infusion of energy and talent from new volunteers. Burnout is a common reason that Rescue organizations fail. Our Intake Coordinator has been carrying a beeper for emergency calls nearly every day for four years. She has to juggle foster homes and transporters and decipher the truth about the reason for the give-up. Our Adoption Coordinator has been making decisions about which family is the best for each dog for four years. She talks with people wanting to adopt Golden Retrievers, and coordinates both the Adoption Days and the required home visits with adoption applicants. She has also been GRREAT's Vice President for the past four years and now must shoulder the executive duties until a new President is elected. Both the Adoption Coordinator and the Intake Coordinator practically live on the telephone after they get home from full time day jobs. These two remarkable women have remained on the Board, but they are worn out and have expressed a desire to "retire" at the beginning of next year. In addition, as a result of the current crisis, we currently have no elected President, no Treasurer, and no Adoption Administrator.

GRREAT NEEDS YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. Our members have generously supported us financially,
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A GRREAT BIG Thank You goes to

Laurel Petco for hosting the April Adoption Day

The members of the **Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club** for their generous participation in the silent auction to benefit GRREAT (*more details on page 5*).

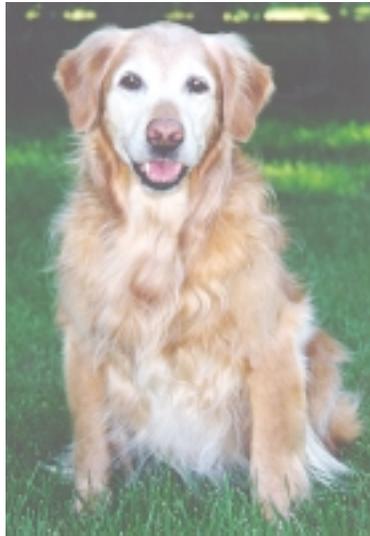
All of the 200-plus volunteers who staffed PetsMart Adoptathon Days May 1 and 2 through out GRREAT's service area.

Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations

Cindy Brinker
Hazel and Thomas Gartside
Jill Long
Marumsc Dog Training Club
Ralph and Joyce Page
Karen Pluebell
Debbie, Dave and Annie Roland
Connie and Neil Schuster
Rodney and Lynn Slavadia
Joe Sloan



IN REMEMBRANCE
HONEY



HONEY'S GRREAT SURPRISE, CD, TDI, CGC
MAY 16, 1986 - MARCH 27, 1999

Sharon DeCesare writes:

Honey could always make you smile. I remember the day she adopted us, Mothers Day, 1992. She got out of Georgie's car, came right over, and as I bent down to greet her, she gave me a big, wet kiss! That was it—Honey never spent another day away from us.

Honey went everywhere with us and her brother and sister Golden, Molly, Sandy, Teddy and Lance. She was a TDI certified therapy dog and a Pets-on-Wheels visitor at the Robison Court Nursing Center from 1992 to 1998 and participated in the Pets-on-Wheels Dog-a-thon from 1992 to 1996. Honey loved to visit her senior friends. Honey could always make them smile.

Honey was a four-year "graduate" of Camp Gone to the Dogs in Vermont. She was also in the first ever Rescue Parade at the 1996 GRCA Specialty. Honey earned her CD in 1995 at age 9½. This was a major achievement for Honey because she thought she was supposed to visit with the judge, the stewards, the spectators or anybody who caught her eye. The "stand for exam" exercise was always exciting. But Honey could always make the judges smile.

Honey even appeared on television with Santa Claus to promote a GRREAT photo-op in 1994. She was chosen to be Miss June for the first GRREAT calendar in 1997.

No matter how bad your day had been or how low your spirits may have fallen, spending a little time with Honey and looking into that sweet little white face would make everything all right. She truly had a Golden personality. She stole my heart. I miss her so much because Honey always made me smile!

Honey—loved and profoundly missed by Teddy and Lance and Sharon and Nick DeCesare.

Special Needs Dogs Looking for New Homes

As this issue goes to press, GRREAT has just taken in two special needs dogs. We had such success finding a permanent home for Penny, who was the subject of an article in the last issue, that we decided to include these fellows here.

BILLY

Blind For The Last Two Years

Eight-year old Billy first came to GRREAT in early 1994 and was an excellent dog from the start. At that time he was overweight at 81 pounds (he now weighs about 54 pounds, his ideal weight), due mostly to a thyroid condition. He takes his daily medication, however, with his meals and it's entirely manageable.

About 2 years ago Billy went blind due to progressive retinal atrophy. His owners really didn't even notice a difference in his behavior until he was almost completely blind since he had been adjusting so well on his own. Even to this day, when someone comes to visit Billy in his own home, they say that they would have never known he was blind!

Unfortunately, his current family is moving and circumstances prevent them from taking Billy with them. Billy navigates around the house just fine, although he's hesitant on their full flight of hardwood stairs. He does fine on the carpeted set of stairs down to his playroom where he spends the day while owners are at work. He is completely housebroken, and can hold it for 10-11 hours. He sleeps in their bedroom and goes for three short walks a day on the same route OFF LEASH (before work, right after work, late evening). He is fine around other dogs, basically ignoring them unless they are really close, at which point he just starts sniffing to get to know them. He has pretty much the same reaction to cats. He is fine with children, sitting to get petted. Ideally though, we are looking for a home that

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doesn't have children, or a situation without a lot of hustle-bustle for this really sweet guy.

This poor guy has lost two homes and his eyesight!!! If there is somebody in the VA/MD/DC/DE/southern PA area that could give this sweet dog the break that he deserves, please contact Mary Ellen Lunde at MELUNDE@EROLS.COM or (301)549-3156.

10 WEEK OLD DEAF PUPPY

We are also trying to place a sweet 10 week old stray male puppy who is deaf. So far, he's a calm, placid little guy. I don't have too many more details on him at the moment, but if you're interested, please email Mary Ellen Lunde at MELUNDE@EROLS.COM. By then, we should know more. We'd like to get him in a home quickly so that he can learn his new environment right from the start. There's lots of information available about deaf dogs, including a support group on the Internet.

GRREAT Volunteers Staff PetsMart Adoptathon in 19 Stores

Hundreds of GRREAT volunteers signed up to represent GRREAT at the PetsMart Adoptathon on May 1 and 2. This event, held nationwide, directly supports the participating rescue organizations through financial donations. Due to the overwhelming response of our network of volunteers—200 signed up—GRREAT will be represented at 19 PetsMart locations throughout Maryland, Virginia, and southern Pennsylvania.

In addition to meeting the public, distributing information, and having the opportunity to tell GRREAT “tails,” this activity provides members with a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow Golden lovers in their area. Volunteers were encouraged to bring their four-footed Golden friends to represent the type of dogs that come into our Rescue.

With a record number of volunteers participating, we want to extend our thanks to the 400 feet and close to 800 paws that will represent GRREAT at the PetsMart Adoptathon.

—Sharon Meirose
GRREAT Volunteer Coordinator



IN REMEMBRANCE

MACS



Debbie Roland writes:

Six months have passed, and tears still come when I find another Kong toy. You see, that was Macs' favorite and only toy, and he had a stash of seven Kongs throughout the house and outside.

My husband and I started our animal family with the adoption of a tabby cat, Sooty, in the spring of 1987, and continued to add to our family in October, 1987 with the adoption of Annie. Annie, a Golden Retriever, was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia when she was eight months old. The breeder was anxious for Annie to receive a good home, and the rest is history. Annie was walking my husband one day, when a lovely lady stopped to admire her and spoke of GRREAT. A newsletter arrived shortly thereafter. So impressed were we with the concept of dogs being fostered and adopted that we began looking for a companion for Annie. And in the next newsletter was... ‘Macs is an 18 month old male who flunked out of guide dog school for the same reason—too friendly... He is light colored and has a giant Kong toy fetish. He is also neutered and likes other dogs.’ Well, with a resume like that, on October 10, 1988, Macs came to our home and our hearts.

We have fond memories, like the day the family went for a ride in the new truck, all four of us in the cab (we never put the dogs in the bed of the truck), or the morning my husband left for work with a message, “Good morning, Macs and Annie are in the garage—they were sprayed by a skunk,” and the endless hours of playing with a Kong.

But the fondest memories are of Macs enjoying his vegetables. He always joined us in the garden, grazing on the snap peas, the tomatoes, green beans, blueberries, blackberries, and his favorite, sweet white corn. Macs would shuck it and eat it just like us humans. We always said Macs' appearance would enhance any late night show!

It is with a heavy heart that we submit this memorial to GRREAT. Macs went to heaven in July, 1998. Macs, thanks for the fun, the love, and the memories.

And GRREAT, thank you for a terrific organization and the opportunity to have adopted a wonderful dog. As our pain fades and the loving memories continue, we will be looking for another member for our family.

Memorial Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

The mother of Dr. Nancy Ulanowicz,
from Dr. Bennett Frankel

Amber, our beloved Golden Retriever
(1986-1999), from Vivienne Spauls

Beau (11) and **Briggs** (11) and **Brewster**
(4), Golden dogs owned by my sister and her
husband, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Barringer
of Elmira, NY, from Mary B. Kimberling

Dillion, from Lois A. Maiman

**Honey's GRREAT Surprise, CD, CGC,
TDI**, beloved member of the DeCesare
family, from Martha Cole Glenn and Mason
(please see *In Remembrance on page 8*)

RJ, from Joanne Heining

Mary Ellen Lunde's **Bo and for all the
Golden Boys** we have loved and lost, from
L. Sidney Morris



GRREAT COOKBOOK AVAILABLE 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.



The following donations are GRREAT-fully Acknowledged

To help GRREAT continue your wonderful work, from Dr. and Mrs. James Hayes

To thank GRREAT for one year with Molson (98-041), from Bradford and Doreen Wright

In honor of our new wild and crazy Goldens, **Barnum and Bailey** from Sharon Coale

In honor of Rudy and Dave and Linda Clark, and to thank GRREAT for the wonderful work in saving the lives of so many Goldens. Our Rudi (97-175), who is our most precious possession, was once a homeless dog. But now he is the King in the Family and he is getting the best care and love one can give to such a lovable creature.

—Conway and Martha Robinson

Free to Good Home, continued from page 7
allowing us to rescue more dogs last year than in any recent year, to provide veterinary care for them, and even to provide expensive surgeries for special cases. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the financial support our members have provided.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS YOUR TIME. It goes without saying that the recent resignations have vastly affected the Rescue. Yes, everyone is busy, and the arrival of good weather will only increase our activities and personal commitments. Our volunteers have made their work for GRREAT a labor of love, and some of the jobs consume many hours per week. We are in the process of restructuring the jobs to spread out the duties, but we desperately need people to step forward to be trained for some of these jobs. We are not asking new people to walk directly into the more time-intensive positions. Rather, we are looking to job-share some of the responsibilities to give our current volunteers some relief, and, to use a sports metaphor, provide some depth to the bench. Then, when our current volunteers choose to retire, these folks will be ready to carry the ball. The job descriptions on this page give some indication of the duties of the vacant positions. Please consider volunteering to learn the procedures for one of these jobs. Let us tell you what is involved in the position; perhaps you can even figure a way to accomplish it more efficiently. Contact Deb Nizer or Sharon Meirose for information on any of the positions.

We need your help. Now. To borrow the motto of our neighbor organization, Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, **IF NOT YOU, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

Unless people volunteer to make a time commitment to GRREAT, we will not be able to rescue ourselves, and there will be no one left to help the breed we love in the coming millennium. Please step forward. Soon. Thank you.

Written by April Fritz and supported by the members of the GRREAT Board of Directors

HELP WANTED: GRREAT JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Adoption Coordinator: Receives applications for adoption, does initial review of paperwork. Forwards information to appropriate volunteers for entry into database and contacts home visit coordinators. Once home visits are completed, reviews the information and makes decision on approval of application. Schedules Adoption Day events. Works closely with foster homes and their dogs. Also coordinates the mailing of Adoption Day flyers, composing the dog list and identifying the distribution list. Needs e-mail, fax machine and separate phone line (GRREAT pays for installation and monthly phone bill and provides fax machine). Estimated commitment: 15 hours per week.

Adoption Administrator(s): assists in the processing of adoption applications, maintains GRREAT's database of adopted dogs, and acts as Adoption Day assistant(s).

Intake and Foster Home Coordinator: Reviews information collected by Intake Assistant (who handles initial phone calls about dogs being given to the Rescue); guidelines are set by the Board. Takes action on intake or refusal of dogs. Matches dog with appropriate foster home. Contacts foster home with information and coordinates vet visit, transportation, and sending supplies, which are ordered as needed. Approves certain medical expenses without Board approval. Interfaces with veterinarians to establish prices and billing practices. Advises Adoption Coordinator when intake is complete, basic information about dog and where it is being fostered. Needs a computer with e-mail, fax machine (can be provided by GRREAT), separate phone line (GRREAT pays for installation and monthly phone bill). Job at present comes with two able assistants; one handles initial foster home setup and the other handles intake calls and the 24 hour beeper, but the jobs can be suited to individuals actually in those positions. Estimated commitment: 15 hours a week.

President and Vice President: positions filled until next election, but after that ??? Please call Deb Nizer for details.

Dog Haikus

from the Internet

Haiku: *n.* An unrhymed Japanese lyric poem having a fixed three line form consisting of 5, 7 and 5 syllables respectively.

—*American Heritage Dictionary*

I love my master;
Thus I perfume myself with
This long-rotten squirrel.

Today I sniffed
Many dog butts--I celebrate
By kissing your face.

How do I love thee?
The ways are as numberless
As my hairs on the rug.

You may call them fleas,
But they are far more—I call
Them a vocation.

I sound the alarm!
Mailman fiend—come to kill us all!
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!
Paperboy—come to kill us all!
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!
Neighbor's cat—come to kill us all!
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I am your best friend,
Now, always, and especially
When you are eating.

Look in my eyes and
Deny it. No human could
Love you as much as I do.

I lie belly-up
In the sunshine, happier than
You will ever be.

Thanks to Trish Collier for
forwarding these!



Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.*

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

Did You Know?

The featured dog in the June 1999 issue of **Dog Fancy** magazine is the Golden Retriever!

Golden Angels (\$500 or more)

Drs. Joseph F. O'Neill and Walter F. Atha

Something Special
Richard and June Downing

Golden Heroes (\$100 - \$499)

David and Cynthia Collier
Henley, Dan and Nancy Haisenleder
Rebecca Hotop
Ahsan and Jo-Ann Khan
Tom and Gail Koch
Carron McDonough
Mary A. McFarland and Steve Soderberg
John M. Powell
Sheila and Timothy Ray

Dear GRREAT:
I am proud to be owned by Leo, the GRREAT dog whose story of hip surgery and adoption inspired the Leo Fund. He's doing just wonderfully. I wanted to let you know that we posted some pictures of Leo on a website. You can find them at [HTTP://WWW.ADVAWEB.COM/LEO.HTM](http://www.advaweb.com/leo.htm). Leo is the darker red of the two Golden in the photos. The other Golden is Benjamin, his adopted brother and the cat is his pal Bonnie. Keep up the good work!
—Brenda Allen

Dear GRREAT:

I want to help dogs that need special surgery. Here's a donation to The Leo Fund.

Please send me a donation acknowledgment.

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: The Leo Fund c/o GRREAT
P.O. Box 3069
Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

Barbara, Kaire and Dave Abernethy
Carolyn and Ken Beard
Annette Bennett
Betsy and Paul Champagne
Karen Davis
Don and Kim Dawson
A. de Sarran
Fred and Shelley Donnell
Ed and Crete Gross
Lisa Keefe
Scott and Cindy Marble
Olivia McDonough
John F. McGuire
Thomasine Morris
Joan Peddicord and Sharon Bottcher
Beverly Porter
Pat Scahill
Leslie Thornton
Paul and Chris Umberger
Neal Vecchio
Ann Wakefield
Howard and Frances Wode
Kathy Wright
Barbara and Robert Young

Leo Fund Donations

Honoring

Montana and in memory of Zeb and Andy, from Barbara, Kaire and Dave Abernethy

Shadow, my GR8AUN and in memory of **Sandy,** my first GR8AUN and my first shadow, from John M. Powell

Our handsome Chester who will be 14 years old in May. As of March, we have had the pleasure of his company for five years. He's a super dog! From Barbara and Robert Young

Trish Collier, from David and Cynthia Collier

Deb and Skip Nizer (foster parents) and **Rusty** (97-108), who was a recipient of the Leo Fund. He runs and swims with the best now! From Rebecca Hotop

Memorial Donations to the Leo Fund

For **Vera Case**, from Ahsan and Jo-Ann Khan

For **Tess**, from John F. McGuire

For Sid's **Ted D. Bear**, from Aunt Thomasine (Morris)

For **Reilly**, from Sheila and Timothy Ray

For **Max**, faithful companion of Martha, Jay, Brian, and Meghan Sluyter of Burke, VA, from Paul and Chris Umberger

For **Blue**, who died 2 years ago in January 1997. We miss him still, from Carron McDonough

Please accept this donation to the Leo Fund in memory of our cocker spaniel cousin, **Molley Swallery**—not a Golden Retriever, but a true Golden girl.
—Scott and Cindy Marble

Please accept this donation to the Leo Fund as a memorial tribute to our sweet Golden, **Molly**. She was the typical sunny dispositioned Golden loved even by those who didn't like "normal" dogs. During the past year she derived much pleasure from assisting me in fostering GRREAT dogs [Molly's article was in the November/December 1998 issue of *GRREAT News*]. She was such a gregarious sort that she made friends instantly with those needy pups.

The diagnosis of an aggressively growing bone cancer came only a few weeks ago. The astounding rate at which the mass grew and the negative effects it had on her quality of life pushed us all too soon toward ending the life of our best friend in February 1999. Helping care for GRREAT dogs needing pain-ending surgery seems like a fitting tribute for our girl.

—Henley, Dan and Nancy Haisenleder

We wish it could be more!

—Howard and Frances Wode

As we look back over 1998 and count our blessings, at the top of the list is that our two old Golden, Chassidy and Polar Bear, are still with us, healthy and happy. It is clear that this would not be the case if it had not been for the excellent care provided by Dr. Ann Van der Veen and others in the Baltimore veterinary community. The Leo Fund gives us a way to pass on some of our good fortune.

—Joseph F. O'Neill and Walter F. Atha

We here at *Something Special* would like to donate this check to the Leo Fund in honor of our Jessie (97-040). Since she has come into our lives, she has helped us to evaluate, train and find homes for many foster dogs. Also our special thanks to all our customers who support GRREAT by buying \$1.00 chances for Beanie Babies. Thank you for being a GRREAT organization.

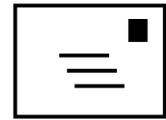
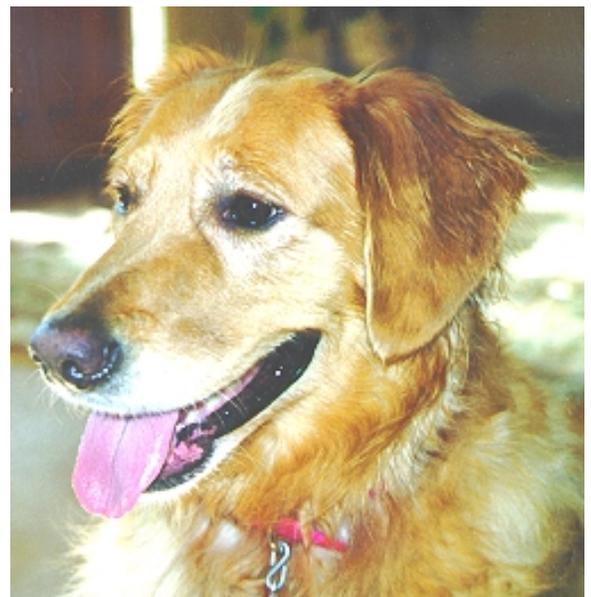
—June and Richard Downing

Many thanks to GRREAT and Shaaron and Cy Plate for Chas, our wonderful new Golden. We love him dearly and we are all having a lot of fun!

—Tom and Gail Koch

Please accept this donation to the Leo Fund. I know one of my brothers or sisters may need urgent medical attention. My Mommy rushes me to the doctor for every little thing (maybe too often and too much for me). I would like some of her money to go to Golden who *really need it*. Keep up the GRREAT work!

—Savannah (Keefe)



Dear
GRREAT,
Stories and
notes
accompanying
donations to the
Leo Fund

Lucy Becomes a Dog Person (part II)

Robert H. Moore

Judson

. . . And so there we were, Lucy, Alice and Dad, spellbound by nine, seven-week-old Golden Retriever puppies cavorting in endless joy. Lucy was on the ground kissing puppies as they tumbled over her; Alice was hugging puppies; and I was overwhelmed at the impossible task facing us . . . somehow we had to leave eight of them there!

My sober thoughts were suspended by good-natured bellowing erupting from a nearby storage shed where our farmer host, Elwood, had tracked down “the Traveler” and was urging him, “Wake up, Lazybones! You’ve got company!” A yawning puppy, his bit of a tail wagging stiffly, staggered sleepily out of the shed, pausing briefly to blink at the intrusive sunlight. Momentarily observing three strangers being mauled by his siblings, he calmly waddled over to a huge bowl of food where his daddy was noisily eating. Ignoring the latter’s warning growl, “the Traveler” proceeded to slurp several gulps of daddy’s food and only then deigned to introduce himself by deliberately muscling his way onto Lucy’s lap, whereupon he intended to resume his nap.

“That little fellow,” Elwood was saying, “follows the truck out to the highway every morning. I have to bring him back at least three times so I call him ‘the Traveler.’ I figure if I was t’keep one, it’d be him.” Then he added, nodding toward Lucy, “But looks to

me like he’s found home.” Following his gaze I noticed that “the Traveler’s” red hair was identical to Lucy’s.

“Judson,” as his name became on the trip home, happily shared our lives for nine contented years before someone realized he was an only dog. Judson had always known this and, in fact, was pleased with the arrangement. Being only dog to five grandchildren, various friends and assorted relatives wasn’t bad. He’d even managed to charm his way into Lucy’s mother’s heart, where no dog had ever been.

Grady

It was a Friday afternoon in September that Jud, Lucy and I wheeled into Ann Baker’s yard looking to adopt one of the seven-week old puppies she was fostering for GRREAT. Lucy was pleading our case as responsible parents while Judson was persuaded to restrain his objections to the whole idea. As for myself, while vainly searching for reasons not to choose them all, I was mugged in the Baker side yard by one irresistible young fellow who pushed his way into my face demanding undivided attention. It was really the only thing to do, and nine days later Lucy, Jud and I returned to pick up “Grady” on our way to the North Carolina beach, bringing along a cute little straw basket in which he could nap at Lucy’s feet during the six hour trip.

Actually, it was Lucy who sought to “pick up” Grady, only Grady seemed reluctant to leave the ground. Expecting Jud’s six pounds at this age, neither Lucy’s biceps nor lower back were anticipating a load well in excess of thirteen, and suddenly the cute little straw basket grew smaller. (Before it got to North Carolina, it had been reduced to toothpicks).

For Grady, everything was a new and amazing experience, from the delightful game of racing back and forth beneath Judson’s stomach to learning how to sniff posts and such fascinating objects, just like Jud did. The stairs were an absolute blast!

Lucy the Dog Person, continued on page 15



Judson (left) and Grady (right) Moore share a woobie moment

Lucy the Dog Person, continued from page 14
And the *ocean!* OH MY! Judson, after repeatedly being awakened by sharp nips at his tail, displayed reasonable exasperation at being the primary target of nonstop, exuberant attention of a kind an only dog would not recall missing.

Back home, Grady fell in love with his Doctor and clearly enjoyed the special attention attending various shots and probings. It was then that I began posing the question, "Doc, just how big is he gonna get?" The first couple of responses were something to the effect, "Oh, he may be a little bigger than Jud's 70 pounds."

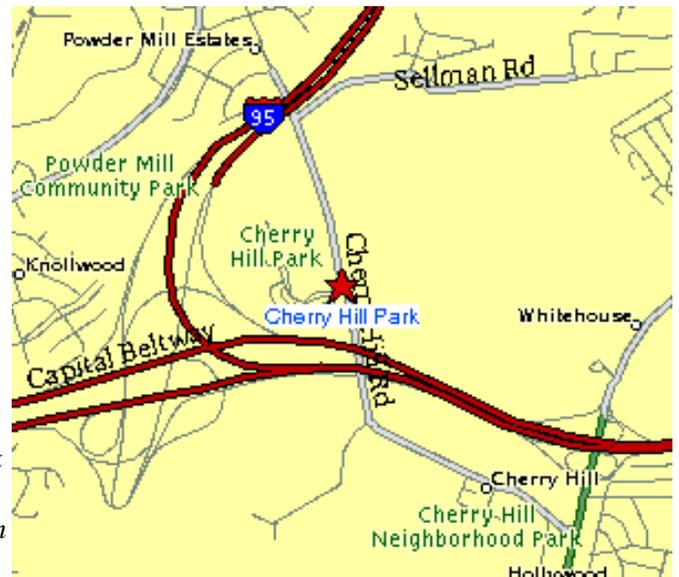
Then came the first hip xray. As I sat in the examining room staring at an xray of Grady's hip bone and socket structure, Doc kept interrupting his explanation, blurting out "Look at this thigh! This is a BIG dog!" Or, "That is a HUGE femur for a dog his age!"

Grady ("Robert, I'm surely glad we have pictures of Grady that *day* he was a puppy!") suddenly, and literally, burst out of Jud's shadow. This makes for a particularly amusing scene when an unfamiliar bark suddenly blows through the yard causing Grady to freeze, look up, locate Jud, bark once and then race around to stand behind, Jud. As if somehow his towering frame is hidden back there.

Lucy's Boys

And that's how Lucy came to share her life with two very large dogs. We're heading back to the beach, where Grady'll crash the surf while Jud greets beach walkers.

Oh yes, we just bought a Jeep Cherokee, "So the boys'll have more room." It was really the only thing to do. Lucy said so.



*Directions to
Cherry Hill Park
Conference
Center at bottom
of page*

Foster Home Workshop Saturday, June 19, 1999

Thanks to a generous grant from PetsMart Charities, GRREAT's Foster Home Workshops are underway. If you are currently fostering, or thinking about becoming a foster home, plan to attend GRREAT's Foster Home Workshop on Saturday, June 19 at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, College Park, MD. (This is the same location as our annual holiday party.)

This workshop is designed for experienced, new, and potential foster homes. Topics to be covered include: initial intake of the dog, evaluation of the new dog, how to handle behavioral and medical problems, crating, grooming, dealing with emotional attachments, adoption responsibilities, and how to select the best home for the dog.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 9:00 a.m. GRREAT will also provide lunch for all attendees. There is NO registration fee, but seating is limited for this all day event. Please call the GRREAT phone number, (703) 620-6593, and press 55 for further information about the seminar. You can leave a message in box 55 indicating your name, phone number and that you will be attending the workshop. Please register by June 5, 1999. The earlier you call, the better your chance to get a seat at this popular event.

DIRECTIONS TO CHERRY HILL PARK CONFERENCE CENTER

From Washington Beltway, I-495/95, use Exit 25 (U.S. Route 1 South towards College Park) Make first right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go one mile to park entrance on left. The Conference Center is at the back of the park.

From Baltimore, Southbound I-95, use Exit 29B (Route 212-Calverton). Follow Route 212 (Powder Mill Road) one mile, turn left onto Cherry Hill Road. Go one mile to park entrance on right. The Conference Center is at the back of the park.



Canine Good Citizen Test Offered at GRREAT Picnic

Sunday, May 16, 9:00 am to Noon

The American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test will be offered at the GRREAT Bark-B-Que on May 16, 1999. See page 3 for directions to this event. A limit of 15 dogs will be tested between 9 am and noon.

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. Bring the dog's brush and a buckle or slip-collar of leather, fabric or chain, and a leather or fabric leash. No prong, pinch or electronic collars are permitted. There are 10 simple tests:

1. **Accepting a friendly stranger** (meeting a stranger without resentment or shyness or breaking position)
2. **Sitting politely for petting** (sitting in place to accept touching or 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 with one stop in between and another at end; perfect alignment and end sit not required)
5. **Walking through a crowd** (walking around several moving strangers without being too exuberant, shy, resentful or straining at the leash)
6. **Sit or down on command/staying in place** (after placing dog in sit and 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 and calls dog. Owner may opt to give command to stay or wait while evaluator provides mild distraction such as petting 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** (dog is left with trusted person and will maintain good manners when owner goes out of sight for 3 minutes.)

First Beanie Baby Bear Raffle to be drawn at GRREAT Picnic

One of GRREAT's newer members, Sidney Morris of Lancaster, PA, has donated several Beanie Baby Bears to GRREAT. These collectible beanies will be raffled off at 4 separate events during the year.

The first raffle will be drawn at our GRREAT picnic on May 16, 1999 for a trio of bears: two spring bears, the recently retired '**Valentino**' (for Valentines Day) and '**Erin**' (for St. Patrick's Day). 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 raffle winner will also receive the current **Valentina** bear. The estimated value of this set is approximately \$250.00. All proceeds from each raffle go directly to our Rescue efforts.

The next 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 here) 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!!*

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. So many dogs waiting to be rescued will be GRREATful.

Corrected information 4/4/99

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 6 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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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.
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Subj: Jake
 From: Dave and Diane Kier
 To: GRREAT

Last August, a beautiful Golden Boy adopted us. His name was Magic (98-148) at the time, but he quickly became "our Jake." Yesterday Jake turned one year old and he is a truly beautiful and wonderful boy.

We are so grateful to all of you for all the work you do that has enabled us to bring Jake into our family. He is so special and the best buddy to our two-year old grandson. I'll be sending a picture soon so you can see how gorgeous he is!

I am hoping to start some Animal Therapy with him in the fall. He LOVES all people and with a bit more maturity will make a wonderful therapy dog (we hope).

Thanks again and best wishes to all of you at GRREAT for helping bring Jake to us.

Subj: Bear
 From: Valerie Brecher
 To: GRREAT

I wanted to say thanks to GRREAT for all you have done for "Bailey" (formerly Bear). My husband and I adopted him from Betty Ann Dukell in Gaithersburg. She did a terrific job training him and gave us all the toys, food, crate, etc. that came with him. We would like to donate the crate back to you at some point, so maybe when you have the next Dog Day in Arlington, I can bring it.

We have had Bailey for almost two weeks and we are really pleased. He has mastered (well, as much as a 5 1/2 year old can master) sit, stay, paw, no and drop. He is absolutely beautiful inside and out.

I am thinking about doing some volunteering for you as a result of this experience. Please have someone call me.

The Top Ten Ways you know that Martha Stewart is stalking your dog

From the Internet

10. There is a potpourri pomander hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with a raffia bow.
6. That telltale lemon slice in his/her new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of his/her crate.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand knitted sweater with matching boots.

AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...

1. The dog droppings in your back yard have been sculpted into swans.

ADOPTION REPORT For March and April

Twenty-two mostly young dogs greeted found new homes in March and April. There were nine dogs aged one year or less, and four age 5 or older. Seven of the adoptions were females, and the other 15 were male.
Contratulations to all!

Name	ID	Age	Sex	Name	ID	Age	Sex
Abby	99-054	7	F	Remy	99-042	1 1/2	F
Bailey	99-053	1	M	Sam	99-048	7	M
Bear	99-041	4 mo	M	Shane	99-038	1	M
Cody	99-047	6 mo	M	Simba	99-039	10 mo	M
Cody	99-056	2	M	Sport	99-032	1 1/2	M
Gabriel	99-034	15 mo	M	Strider	99-035	3	M
Jewell	99-055	2	F	TC	99-052	5	M
Jodie	99-058	6 1/2	F	Teddy2	99-050	2	M
Madeline	99-044	5 mo	F	Teegar	99-049	1	M
Muffin	99-036	4 1/2 mo	F	Travis	99-037	1 1/2	M
Peanuts	99-043	5 mo	M	Trey	99-033	4	F

**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



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, 1999 — Noon - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day
 PETCO of Beltsville
Directions on page 2



June 1: Poetry Contest Deadline—see page 5

Saturday, June 19, 1999
Foster Home Seminar
 Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD
See page 15 for more information

Saturday, June 26, 1999 — Noon - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day
 PETCO of Herndon
Directions on page 2



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