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Rollei's Story—Laryngeal Paralysis

By GRREAT Member Linda Taira

We are already celebrating the new year with an amazing, unexpected gift: a second beginning with our GRREAT dog, Rollei (formerly Bumper 97-174, and the 1999 GRREAT calendar cover boy). Today 12-year-old Rollei is back to his favorite activities—eating, walking and enjoying the neighborhood—having made a miraculous recovery against enormous odds.

This story begins with a harrowing episode in August that left Rollei near death. It turned out that he was suffering from laryngeal paralysis, a condition that we later learned is common among older, large-breed dogs. That day, his breathing became labored on his morning walk. He'd been panting more recently, which I attributed to his age and the summer weather. But on this morning, his panting suddenly turned to wheezing—and extreme respiratory distress. Luckily, I carried my cell phone and reached my husband. The next half hour was interminable as we raced to Alexandria Animal Hospital.

I sat in the back of the car, trying to reassure a frightened Rollei. Please hang on, Rollei. We're almost there. The staff of the ER at Alexandria was alerted that we were on our

way, and within seconds of our arrival, the staff came out with a stretcher and took over. Rollei was given sedative drugs, and when that failed to calm him, he was put under anesthesia, given oxygen and a breathing tube was inserted. He was hooked up to IVs, a catheter, and monitors of all sorts. X-rays showed a collapsed lung and there were to be many other complications. Our despair mounted with a middle-of-the-night call about fever and a drop in blood pressure, and we were asked whether we wanted to authorize a plasma transfusion. The transfusion was done and with round-the-clock care, Rollei made it through the night.

Finally, the doctors were able to confirm that Rollei had laryngeal paralysis. This condition occurs when the larynx—the muscular and cartilage structure which includes the vocal chords and forms part of the breathing passage—does not properly open and close. Partial or complete obstruction of the airway causes obvious problems and grave danger. After a hurried consultation with the surgeon called in from Dulles Care Group, Dr. Tibor Lazar, we granted permission for one of the only treatments at this acute stage—an arytenoid lateralization or

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this, the New Year will have begun. If you are like me, it's hard to believe that 2003 has ended. What a busy year it was for me personally. I cannot believe what I was able to accomplish. And, because of you, GRREAT was able to rescue and change the lives for nearly 300 Golden Retrievers last year, which is truly amazing!

I am sure that many of you recall from your childhood the story of the "Grasshopper and the Ant." I remember the story not because I read it in a book, but because I saw the Disney cartoon. In the cartoon, the grasshopper fiddles, sings, and eats the leaves off trees while the queen of the ants warns him that he'd better prepare for winter too. But the grasshopper continues fiddling and singing. When winter finally comes, the grasshopper becomes almost frozen from the cold. He can no longer play his fiddle. In desperation, he knocks at the tree where the ants live and begs them to let him in. The queen ant gives her "I told you so" speech and ends with "Take your fiddle..." and after the long pause she says "and play!" So in the end, the grasshopper earns the warmth and food of the ants by playing his fiddle.

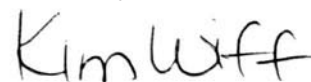
I am reminding you of this story only because up until last year when I became president of GRREAT, I was like the grasshopper in the story. I was never prepared for winter. I always put off things until the last minute. And, if things didn't get done, it was okay; I could do it another time. Because after all, isn't time what there is so much of?

Last year I watched in awe as each time GRREAT needed you, you

stepped forward to help. You are truly like the ants in the story. You tirelessly volunteered your time to help at events on a gorgeous weekend when I'm sure there were other things you needed to attend to. You have done home visits in the evenings and missed your favorite television show. You've transported filthy dogs in your clean vehicles. You've answered phone calls in the middle of the night and helped a lost Golden find his way back home. And you unselfishly gave donations to help GRREAT accomplish its goals in an uncertain economy.

With 2004 in front of us, I would like to thank you for all you did for GRREAT in 2003. Thank you for taking in the Golden Retrievers who were sick and needed you to help them recover. Thank you for opening your home to a Golden that had never been inside before. Because of you, they now know the love and warmth that comes from no longer being on the outside. Thank you for your patience with the Golden who at first knew nothing, and for taking the time to teach them everything. Thank you for taking in the young and the rambunctious, and the settled down seniors. Thank you for looking into the eyes of a Golden and seeing something that others did not. Thank you for finding a place for them in your heart and your families and showing them what life has to offer. And finally, thank you for your example and for teaching me how (finally) to be "an ant."

Sincerely,



Kim Wiff
President, GRREAT

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 24, 2004
Annual Business Meeting
Owen Brown
Community Center
Columbia, MD

February 7, 2004
Adoption day
PETCO
Alexandria, VA

March 6, 2004
Adoption Day
PETCO
Owings Mills, MD

For directions to Adoption Days, see page 13. For more information on the Annual Business Meeting, see page 20.

A GRREAT 2003

This year GRREAT took in

305 Golden Retrievers,

thanks to the generous support of all our volunteers, foster families, friends and contributors.

Share the Love!

Please check out
www.grreat.org for
information on how
to become at
GRREAT foster!

HAPPY TEARS

By Marie Murray

"I could never do that," People often say
Foster an animal that was a give-up or stray.

"I would keep them all," "I would never give them up,
Especially the fluffy kitten or 10-week-old pup."

They don't understand...we have a place in our heart
For that rescued animal who just needs a new start.

Animals come into our home out of the wind rain and cold.
We don't care about their color—or whether they are young or old.

We give them fresh water and keep food in their bowl.
We foster until they are adopted; this is our ultimate goal.

But every once in a while a special one comes along,
And although we try hard not to we form an unexpected bond.

When that one is adopted it brings many cheers!
Yet, when no one is watching...
We cry Happy Tears.

*The newsletter would like to thank Marie Murray and
Janet Hauck for sharing this piece with the GRREAT News.*

FURRY FRIENDS FIELD DAY THANKS!

Dear GRREAT,

I would like to thank you for attending our annual Furry Friends Field Day. The event was a success in raising money for organizations such as yours. Enclosed is a portion of the money that was split evenly between all the rescues and organizations that attended. Please keep in mind we will be having Furry Friends Field Day again in 2004, and we would love for you to participate again!

Crystal Thomas,
Product Manager
Stoltzfus Feed & Supply, Gap, PA

Editor's note: Special thanks to Sid Morris for providing the pumpkins that Field Day attendees purchased and painted in return for donations to GRREAT.



It's not too late!

Don't forget to purchase the 2004 GRREAT wall calendar, featuring 13 full-color photos of our spectacular rescued Golden Retrievers! Calendars are available on our web site at www.grreat.org (click on the GRREAT Store link on the left hand side) and at GRREAT functions, including adoption days. The cost of the calendar is just \$10, and all proceeds go toward helping more wonderful Golden Retrievers.

Membership Renewal

Many thanks if you have already renewed your membership for 2004. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many Golden friends. If you have not already done so, you can renew for \$25 through 1/31/04 and for \$30 thereafter. Use the handy form on page 19 and mail it and your check to GRREAT. Thanks for your support!

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laryngeal “tieback,” in which one side of the larynx is sutured to the side to create a permanent airway opening. With Rollei, the first surgery was unsuccessful, but Dr. Lazar’s evaluation and positive attitude, fed by Rollei’s fighting spirit, convinced us that a second, corrective surgery was worth the try. After the surgery, we visited the ICU as often as we could, sitting on the floor, petting Rollei, hoping through the fog of anesthesia he would know that his pack was there. Another week of setbacks and recovery passed before he was released, even though he was barely able to walk and had to be lifted and supported with a towel. His beautiful coat had been shaved in several places, and we turned our kitchen into his recovery room.

By late August, my husband gave up a long-planned vacation to a family wedding in Hawaii, but urged me to go while he nursed Rollei at home. By the time I returned, thanks to my husband’s care and a series of acupuncture treatments, Rollei had begun to take his first walks around the block – giant steps in his recovery. Meanwhile, we continued to educate ourselves about laryngeal paralysis and post-operative care. In retrospect, we now realize there were some warning signs of laryngeal paralysis, such as a raspier bark and increased panting in Rollei’s case. Each case of laryngeal paralysis must be evaluated and treated depending on the dog and circumstances, but in Rollei’s case, surgery literally breathed new life into an old dog itching to get a second chance.



Rollei (foreground) and Maggie enjoy the dog park.

Through it all, Rollei’s indomitable spirit shone through to the amazement of just about everyone involved in his treatment. Today, Rollei is doing well because of the expertise of the vets and staff in the ER/ICU at Alexandria Animal Hospital, the additional care by Dr. Jane Morse of Ballston Animal Clinic, and, last but not least, the surgery performed by Dr. Tibor Lazar. It’s no wonder that I refer to him as Dr. Lazarus: Rollei’s recovery is nothing short of a miracle.

If this experience helps another family in a similar instance, then sharing this story will have been worthwhile. It would be yet another of life’s lessons learned from this truly incredible GRREAT dog. 🐾

Where can I get more information on LP?

If you’d like more information about Canine Laryngeal Paralysis, visit the following websites.

www.godivalabs.com/LP.html

www.gvsvet.com/laryngparal.htm

www.dfwvetsurgeons.com/laryngeal.html

www.vetsurgerycentral.com/larngeal.htm

DONATIONS

In Honor Of...

GRREAT volunteer Jan Brown. Please accept this donation for GRREAT. I am inspired by all the great work one of your volunteers does. She has helped me out from time to time too. - *Anita Guit*

Robin and David Gale. - *Gail Prisel*

Dr. Tina Conway of VCA Veterinary Referral Associates in Gaithersburg. - *Suzanne Goldstein and Dana Greenwald*

In celebration of Chester's (99-195) 8th birthday and in appreciation for the four years during which he has been a beloved part of our family.
- *Elizabeth Ross and Bennett Frankel*

Amber (00-041). - *Sheila and Al Vertino*

Teddy (91-009).
- *Paul Foldes and Marsha Weiner*

To thank Edie Galpin. - *Italo Jacob*



In celebration of Gonzo's (02-157) 3rd birthday and one year anniversary with us, we'd like to make a donation in honor of the Sullivan Family. Mike, MaryJo, Maddie, Shane, Emma, and Sammy were wonderful fosters and we can't thank them enough for bringing Gonzo into our lives.
- *Dan Schroder and Beth Lacey Gill*

Our beautiful Goldens Shiloh and Riley (01-003). - *Jeff and Lucinda Twining*

Stealer, our favorite golden thief.
- *Floyd Kramer and Karen Hutcheson*

Molly (03-109) from her foster family and her forever family, the Dietrich's.
- *Matthew and Kathi Dietrich*

Joss and Cosmo and in memory of Alex and Tasha. - *Neal and Judy McKinley*

Buddy (00-213), who brings joy to our lives every day. - *Lee and Sylvia Mabie*

Maggie (01-085), who earned her CD obedience title October 5th.
- *Tami and Keith Roleff*

Maggie (03-088). - *Leslie and Jackie Sachlis*

To thank Phil and Janet Hauck for fostering.
- *Deb Ward*

To thank Jo and Pat Johnson for our GRREAT Christmas gift last year, Sawyer (02-296). - *Tom and Patty Yochim*

To thank Comet and Brinkley, our two adopted Goldens, for the love and warm moments they give us.
- *Bill and Geri Guwang*

Mrs. Kelly Sienkiewicz at Pasadena Elementary - *Timothy Swann, Jonathan Swann and Lisa Shore*

This donation is a Christmas gift to Judy Radt. She adopted Breezy. - *Ruth Pauls*

Devlin CGC and Barney CGC—two nice guys! - *Cheryl Brooks*

Sarge. - *John and Kathleen Marsch*

Mickey, Jewel, and Max. - *Betsy Davis*

Samson (99-061), adopted four years ago, is the source of joy and good company. He wakes us up with his enthusiastic start of every day, tail wagging and thumping and smiling, licking, snuggling even before his mad dash to be fed and put out.

- *Diana and Doug Hellinger*

SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGC, TDI (Mason—rescued dog) who celebrated her 14th birthday 10/26/03. And SR Sandhau's Suspend the Rules CD, SH, WCX (Cannon) who got her senior hunter title on Mason's birthday! Great day!

- *Martha Cole Glenn*

Rudi, our Golden we love very much, and to thank all of you for the great job you are doing. - *Conway and Martha Robinson*

Rusty (01-133) and Corky (02-008).

- *Sherry and Richard Carson*

Our GRREAT Sandy (99-187). We love her.

- *Gerald and Ziva Schuchman*

Ben and Bailey, two GRREAT dogs.

- *Carole and Richard Jefferson*

Our wonderful "daughter" Belle, formerly Bella (03-130).

- *Marie Donnelly and Debbie Haller*

All the Golden Retrievers who have touched my heart! - *Paula Karpe*

In Thanksgiving for Macy and Fiona.

- *Dottie and Marie Kilcarr*

Clare (98-173)—our GRREAT Golden who gives us joy each day with her smile and love. - *Ernest and Iscella Wittich*

Mo-K's Golden Rust, CDX, CGC, WFD-MF/HTM (98-213). - *Maureen Kelley*

Dakota 00-176. - *Pascale and Mark Centola*

Jack (00-246), my GRREAT dog and the love of my life! - *Michele Petrillo*

Our two GRREAT dogs, Tref and Jake.

- *Jude and Gary Biedenkapp*

Cody (99-150), a precious member of our family, and Tiger (95-159) who will always be in our memory. - *Kim and Dan Rolland*

My beautiful and wonderful GRREAT Golden Darcy (93-103) and in memory of my beautiful and wonderful GRREAT Golden Logan.

- *Ann Wakefield*

Hercules (00-153), our current GRREAT Golden, and in memory of Wesley, our previous one. - *Liz and Charlie Clark*

Our GRREAT Golden Daisy (01-240). Get well soon. - *Jeffrey Eckhaus and Carolyn Ralicki*

Jake (03-317) Goodman.

- *Elaine and Lester Goodman*

Toby and Morgan, our first Golden, and Blazer (00-272), our rescue Golden.

- *Steve and Betsy Surprenant*

Casey (00-112), our Golden who will be 13 years old in January. We adopted him from you when he was 9 years old and what a joy he is. He has been very ill lately with glaucoma and also somebody tried to poison him a couple of weeks ago—where he loves to walk, an animal hater put down poison for them. Being a Golden he will eat anything that looks like food. To cut a long story short our local vet pumped his stomach and he has been on transfusions but is now nearly his normal self. We are moving to England in March 2005 of course Casey will go with us and we hope to have a box address where we can still be members of this great organization. - *CMSGT Wilbert and Margaret Lawson and Casey too*

DONATIONS

In Memory Of...

Our nephew and cousin, Shawn Elliott, who died on October 12. Shawn, who was just 39, leaves behind his wife, Nicki, and his beloved elderly Golden, Chelsea. Through this gift, we pass on life to Golden Retrievers and the families that will love them. Thank you for your work.

- *Jeanine Elliott*

Mary Carter, a friend of ours who passed away on October 5th. She had been in touch with staff at GRREAT on different occasions and was quite impressed with the organization. Her plans were to adopt a Golden, but unfortunately her illness progressed rapidly and she did not have that opportunity. Thank You. - *Tom and Jeanie Kelleher, Jeri Fowler, Norma Haker, Patty Roberts, and Joan Zimmerman*

Our brother Albert J (Bill) Bonnier of Charlottesville VA. Please use it as you see the need. Our thanks to your great organization. - *Art and Jean Bonnier*

Bill Bonnier, who lived in Virginia, was a great lover of Golden retrievers.
- *Alice and Bill Wrang*

Drew Wheeler, an 11-year old young man who died on Nov. 11 after a courageous battle against brain stem cancer. He truly loved animals and the family asked that donations be made to any animal care organization in lieu of flowers. - *Jan Arey*

Caroline, a great lady who always wanted to take care of other dogs. - *Suzanne Miller*

Our dear friend Jane Dixon of Reno, Nevada.
- *Robert Wharton and Carolyn Fassi*

Carol Hildenbrand's Timber, a 10-year-old who died of cancer—peacefully at home.
- *Wendy Caldwell*

The perfect one, Scholar (97-164). Scholar was our first perfect Golden from GRREAT. He taught us to open up to many more, creating what has been called the "Whitelaw Herd." The floor is very large without him, the rooms too bare. Please use this donation to help your other needs as you see fit. Thank you for trusting us with such a wonderful soul.

- *Kate and Seth Whitelaw*

Beau, a wonderful dog. We still miss you!
- *Sharon Bottcher and Joan Peddicord*

Our boy, Cooper. - *Courtney Matthews and Andrea Supp*

Jenny. - *Patrick Neiler*

Rascal (99-166). She loved and was loved by everybody. - *Tam and Eugene Steffen*

Bailey (7/26/03). Not a rescue, but a mentor to many fosters—my heart dog. I miss you so. Love you always, "Mom"
- *Diane Wolfe*

Murphy—my Golden wanabee. 7/11/03.
- *Diane Lanigan*

Casey—our beloved sweet girl. She was a gentle, kind soul who is missed deeply every day by her mom, dad and brother Jack (01-106). - *Allison and Steve Hodges*

Nikki. - *Carolyn Beard*

Ben. - *Janice and Dennis Biennas*

Autie, who died unexpectedly on 7/3/03.
- *Ginny and Ed Miller*

Lucy, the dog of my friend, Rosemary Delgado. Lucy was loved by all.
- *Cathy Bushnell*

My sweet Kelly. - *Richard Paisley*

Shawnee and Chloe.

- *Denis and Wendy Garcia*

Sargent, who came to me in August of 2000. He and his son, Sargent Junior, were given up by a family who couldn't afford to keep them anymore. Sarge came to my house to be fostered and then he never left. For over three years, Sarge lived very happily amongst my menagerie of Golden retrievers, dachshunds, a keeshund and a beagle (not to mention the birds, rabbit, cats and horses.) He loved to be petted and rubbed on the head especially at night before he laid down next to my bedside. He never missed his daily walk around the pasture—even at the end. How he loved to check the fence line as he took his methodical walk through the fields. I hope there are big green fields for you to walk in at Rainbow Bridge, Sargent. You will be greatly missed, my boy. We love you.

- *Lesleigh Cook and all of your buddies*

Barney, Copper, and Traveler—all wonderful Golden retrievers. - *Charles and Gillian Heagy*

Our sweet boys Jammie and Sunnie whom we still miss. - *Katherine and Wayne Hunter*

Leland. - *Tom and Mary Ann Kuebne*

Marilla and Alex, two of the best Golden retrievers there ever were. Both I miss very much. - *Christine Lawton*

Chessie, Taffy, Penny, and most recently Nugget. He was every child's best friend. We miss all of you. - *Robin and Donald Greenfield*

Jason, Willie, and Happy. - *Mary Gillett*

Liberty and Dearman.

- *Jim Eddinger and Shiela Loftus*

Princess Samantha, a wonderful Golden retriever owned and loved by Charles and Carol Panagoulis. - *Brenda Purvis*

August (02-154), the Golden retriever who taught us to greet each day with joy and to enjoy every moment of life. He is missed.

- *Bob, Jill, Linda, and Mariet Kurtz*

Augie (02-154) - *Robert and Marilyn Kurtz*

Buddy (96-169) and Star (01-135), my beloved Golden retrievers, both of whom died suddenly in 2003. - *Melanie Smith*

Bart and Bogie.

Topaz. - *Chuck and Carolyn Ellington*

Our Golden "Buddy," as well as our friend "Shiloh" Twining.

- *Pam and Conrad O'Connell*

Shiloh, beloved Golden retriever of Lucinda and Jeff Twining. - *Carol Blanton*

Stetson who truly was a great GRREAT dog. - *Patrick and Patricia McAllister*

Our late Golden retriever Sir Payton 1988-1992 who lived well and loved better. Please use as you see fit. - *Jan and Tim Ambrose*

Nicholas and Geebers. - *Jane Kunze*

Simon, my friend Jennifer Freidman's beloved Golden retriever who passed away suddenly a week ago. Her friends and I decided there was no better way to celebrate his life than by donating to other Golden retrievers who weren't always as fortunate as Simon.

- *Laura Gleckel, Laura Lee, Stephanie Cochran, Lindsay Pitzer, Tricia O'Mahen, Tamara Lucas.*

Amber Maxine, our beloved 15 year old Golden retriever who died on August 3rd.

- *Bernard and Judith Fishman*

DONATIONS

In Memory of (Cont'd)...

Molly. You helped 11 foster dogs learn good manners and understand how wonderful a caring home can be.

- *Lynne Glennon*

Our beloved Krissy. We adopted Krissy (99-160) just four years ago when she was 6 1/2 years old. She had been to three other homes before coming to our home. We were only going to foster her, but fell in love with her and didn't want her to have to go to another home after ours. She didn't get along well with other dogs and she was aggressive to people around her food. She would have had to go to a family with no small children and no other pets. She died in September 2003 from cancer. We also lost a greyhound two months later from kidney disease. We now only have one dog, a Maremma. We hope to start fostering with GRREAT again in 2004.

- *Donna and Thomas McConn*

Thanks to GRREAT...

To thank GRREAT for my dog Buckmaster (02-278). - *Thomas Schmidt*

For all the wonderful Golden retrievers saved.

- *Jerry Cann*

A holiday gift for GRREAT.

- *Joyce and Ralph Page*

To thank GRREAT for our two wonderful Golden retrievers: BJ (99-111) and Bailey (01-265).

To thank you for my wonderful Cassie (98-149). - *Anne Volpe*

For a job well done. Thanks.

- *Joseph and Shirley Krebs*

To help GRREAT Golden retrievers find new loving families. From our wonderful golden boy Polo. - *Laura and John Whitbeck*

To thank GRREAT for helping us find Chloe (02-205). - *Gordon and Daria Taylor*

For all the good work you do.

- *Amy Mina*

For whatever is most pressing at this time.

- *James and Margaret Schultz*

To thank GRREAT for the joy of having Keo. - *Carla Dable*

Wherever needed the most.

- *Dan and Lillian Roach*

Use where most needed.

- *Barbara and Ace Oestreich*

For all the GRREAT work you do.

- *Barbara Hals*

To thank GRREAT for their hard work and dedication. - *Kimberly Walters*

Thanks many times for my Goldie (97-098).

- *Mildred Fink*

Once again, my siblings and I have decided to donate to our favorite charity in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, and of course, my favorite organization is GRREAT. So please accept this donation as a token of appreciation for the wonderful work you do on behalf of Golden Retrievers! With sincere gratitude. - *Dawn Lowe*

To thank the foster homes.

- *Andrew and Barbara Becker*

Merry Christmas. - *Gary and Kathryn Zeiler*

Happy Holidays.

- *Jim Stillwell and Barbara Brincefield*

To help defray some of the cost of the Howliday party we were unable to attend because of the weather.

- *Lane and Gene Weinzweig*

Ongoing Donations...

Phil and Janet Hauck for the proceeds from their note cards

Kathi Rechsteiner for the proceeds from sewing on Brownie patches:

Chet Thaker and Julie Dobson
Robert Study and Nancy Silva
James and Kerri Gardiner
Mary Natelli
Donald and Margaret Cleary

June and Richard Downing, for the sale of donated items through Something Special in Stafford, VA

Simile-Finale Fund...

- *Cheryl Babik*

In honor of our beautiful Goldens Shiloh and Riley (01-003).

- *Jeff and Lucinda Twining*

In memory of Callie, who gallantly lived her last six weeks with us and 'Banana' Bart who joined her at the Rainbow Bridge on the same weekend. - *Linda and Al Hunt*

Zack's Fund for Mobility Challenged Goldens...

In memory of Alexander, who also suffered from progressive myelopathy. Incredibly, he lived until before his 17th birthday. We miss him!! - *Neal and Judy Mc Kinley*

In memory of Rudy (93-099). Thanks for Chester/Jake (03-084).
- *Raymond and Kathy Schmid*

- *Jeff and Maurine Schuller*

- *Lauren and Brian Harris-Kojetin*

- *William Buklad*

Corporate Donations...

Network for Good:

Dave and Maryellen Kim—In honor of the upcoming wedding of Cathy Bendure and Peter Herrman.

Drew Manning

Sandra Ziemski—Dedicated to Marcella Ziemski.

Anonymous

Jennifer Campos—In honor of Aspen.

Bonnie Tunney

Karl Eickmeyer—For Alexis Inch.

Rita Selmarie

Alice Scott—In celebration of Joe O'Neill, who has chosen the path less traveled. Happy Birthday, 2003!

Christine Arthur—In memory of Shep Sokohl

America's Charities for contributions through GXS and Lockheed Martin employee giving

World Reach Inc representing a donation made through payroll deduction by Nancy St. John

iGive.com for earnings through 6/30/03

Food Lion "Lion's Share" program

Capital One, representing a matching donation for a donation made by Sharon Johnson

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LEO'S CORNER...

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LETTERS TO LEO

To thank Comet and Brinkley, our two adopted Golden retrievers, for the love and warm moments they give us.

- *Bill and Geri Guwang*

In honor of our beautiful Golden retrievers Shiloh and Riley (01-003).

- *Jeff and Lucinda Twining*

In memory of Rudy (93-099). Thanks for Chester/Jake (03-084).

- *Raymond and Kathy Schmid*

In honor of Joss and Cosmo and in memory of Alex and Tasha.

- *Neal and Judy McKinley*

To thank GRREAT for our furry loving baby—Buddy (98-136).

- *Richard and Anna Dodson*

In memory of Miss Rusty 00-097.

- *Barbara and Russell Stephens*

In honor of Max (99-118), our GRREAT Golden who is the best friend we could only dream of.

- *Allison and Kevin Long*

To thank GRREAT for our wonderful Chas (98-130).

- *Gail and Tom Koch*

In honor of Patrick O'Malley, one of those great Golden retrievers that was so loved.

- *Christine Alvarez*

In honor of Courtney. To thank her for her three years work as a therapy dog.

- *Bill Price*

In honor of Eric and Chris Boehm, Jacksonville FL.

- *JT and Pat Catlett*

Has your dog been aided by the Leo Fund?

If so, the newsletter wants to hear from you! We'd like to feature you in an upcoming issue. Please contact us at newsletter@great.org.

MORE LETTERS TO LEO

This will be a Christmas gift for my friend Marie Grunwell.

- *Carol Middendorf*

In memory of GG Bean.

- *Lynne Young*

In honor of Sparky.

- *Barbara and Robert Osgood*

In memory of my wonderful husband Bob and all our 4 legged friends with him—Ginger, Fancy, Chessie, Penny, Nugget, Taffy and Tinker.

- *Marjorie Johnson*

For GRREAT dogs Baron and Abigail.

- *Marlies and Anthony Durso*

In memory of Alex 'the Schmoop' Burlbaugh and in honor of our new oldie 'the Big Murph' (02-300).

- *Mike and Brenda Burlbaugh*

In memory of Callie, who gallantly lived her last six weeks with us and 'Banana' Bart who joined her at the Rainbow Bridge on the same weekend. - *Linda and Al Hunt*

In memory of Lynx.

- *Skip and Deb Nizer*

In honor of our healthy boy, Murphy (99-182).

- *Linda and Craig Wensley*

In memory of Spenser. - *Douglass Gray and Patricia France*

In honor of Kelly.

- *Kathy Heck and Angie Adams*

Please accept this donation to celebrate Jessie Robinson's well being and her dedication to GRREAT. - *Phil and Janet Hauck*

In memory of BJ and Adam Mustaine. I love you and miss you. Love, Mom. - *Beverly Mustaine and Barry Wyrick*

We would like the enclosed donation be made to the Leo Fund at GRREAT as a Christmas gift for our daughter, Jeanne Marie Grunwell. This is such a worthwhile cause. We have had Goldens for the past 18 years and have received so much love, affection and happiness from their presence. It is hard to imagine these loving pets being abused, neglected and/or abandoned. Thank you for your help in this wonderful cause.

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The newsletter is in search of a few good volunteers to help work on each issue of the newsletter—from writing to editing to graphic design. Experience is helpful, but not necessary. What you do need is an understanding of deadlines, a good sense of humor and a willingness to help out. If you're interested, please call the managing editor, Beth Lacey Gill at 410.242.5687. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

...AND THEY ALL LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

ADOPTION DAY DIRECTIONS

February 7, 2004

PETCO, Noon – 2 pm
6612 Richmond Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
Ph: 703.660.1300

South of the DC
Beltway (I-495), on
Route 1, between the
Krispy Kreme and the
Shoneys.

March 6, 2004

PETCO, Noon – 2pm
10383 Reisterstown Rd
Owings Mills, MD 21117
Ph: 410.581.9888

From the Baltimore
Beltway (I-695), take
exit 19 (I-795)
towards Owings Mills.
Take exit 4 for
Owings Mills Blvd
north towards
Reisterstown Road/
MD-140. Turn right at
the second light. Go
straight at the first
light to enter Garrison
Forest Plaza. PetCo is
on the left.

GRREAT assumes no responsibility for
the above directions. Please call the
individual businesses listed to verify
the route from your address.

ADOPTION REPORT

GRREAT placed 56 furry friends
into happy homes over the past
three months. That's one every
other day—Wow!

Happy New Year to each of
these dogs and their new families!

Our statistics on this group:

Total - 56
Males - 32
Females - 24
Age under 2 - 16
Age 2 to 6 - 28
Age 7 and over - 12

Name	ID #	Age	Sex	Name	ID #	Age	Sex
Babette/Melody	03-191	2	F	Lily/Kasey	03-164	10	F
Bailey	03-023	9 mo	F	Maggie	03-211	8	F
Bailey	03-196	6 mo	F	Major	01-247	5	M
Bailey	03-201	2	F	Max	03-106	2	M
Barley	03-236	1	M	Max	03-205	1	M
Ben	03-177	6 mo	M	Miles	03-121	7	M
BJ	03-216	9 mo	M	Missy	03-232	6	F
Blondie	03-182	4	F	Mugsy	03-198	4	M
Bo	03-077	4	M	Murray	03-233	5	M
Brittany	03-089	8	F	Oakley	03-197	3	M
Buddy	03-185	1	M	Penny	03-206	4	F
Cally	03-176	4 mo	F	Quentin	03-186	1	M
Calvin	03-142	7	M	Riley	03-184	3	M
Clifford	03-129	1	M	Rosie	03-181	1	F
Daisy	03-248	5	F	Sally	03-057	6	F
Dallas	03-180	6	M	Sam	03-172	1	M
Dexter	02-284	6	M	Sandy	03-251	3	F
Duncan	03-193	7	M	Sassy	03-056	6	F
Edison	03-189	10	M	Scooter	03-145	6	M
Falcor	03-217	5	M	Shadow	03-175	10	M
Goldie	03-204	1	F	Shelby	03-209	6	F
Hattie	03-255	3	F	Simba	03-234	5	M
Humphrey	03-215	8	M	Spanky	03-120	1	M
Jake	03-221	10	M	Sundance	03-169	10	F
Jameson	03-220	2	F	Tony	03-230	12	M
Jasper	03-271	5 mo	M	Trouble	03-270	5 mo	M
Kandi	03-135	2	F	Yogi	03-178	5	M
Katie	01-236	4	F	YouToo	03-218	3	F

LETTERS TO GRREAT

Dear GRREAT,

Please accept this donation in honor of Dr. Tina Conway of VCA Veterinary Referral Associates in Gaithersburg.

Our golden boy, Beasley, age 13 died last month after being diagnosed with lymphoma by Dr. Conway. We only knew Dr. Conway for about month after our vet, Dr. Scott of Potomac Animal Hospital, referred us to VCA. From the moment we met Dr. Conway, she showed us and Beasley the attention and compassion of someone who might have known us for years. She took great pains to explain Beasley's illness, his treatment, and the inevitable possibility that he might not survive.

During Beasley's last couple of days, Dr. Conway called us several times each day to check on him and us. She made herself available day and night if we needed to talk to her. Her kindness will always be remembered by us.

Beasley was our friend and protector, and protector of our other two dogs, Lexi (formerly named "Julie" adopted from GRREAT about six years ago) and Groucho, our cocker spaniel. He was very loved and he is missed terribly.

Suzanne Goldstein and
Dana Greenwald

Looking for your letter?

The next edition of the GRREAT News will include many more recent letters from our dear friends.

Dear GRREAT,

We are writing in memory of our beloved Cassie (97-045) who succumbed to bladder cancer in August.

A GRREAT calendar girl in April of 2000, Cassie was a golden oldie who began to develop the trademark gray snout shortly after she joined our family at age 6+. She was ever cooperative and faithful, rarely disobedient and never wanted her family out of sight.

Cassie didn't bark much until we had our first child, at which time she took her role as family security system very seriously, notifying us of the slightest trespasser near our front steps. Cassie also protected our kids from the inquiring sniffs and kisses of other hounds, no matter how friendly we knew them to be.

Cassie was a huge help around the house in other ways too. We have found no better system for cleaning the constant supply of food crumbs falling from high chairs and trailing behind toddlers. And she was an excellent playmate, allowing pillows and blankets to cover her for "naptime" and sitting patiently while our toddler read her a favorite storybook.

Cassie's ally in the Merman Joseph household was the pesky cat Josie. Josie liked to play with Cassie (read: bat at dog ears with cat paws), chase Cassie off her favorite dog bed, cuddle with her, and roll over on her belly so Cassie could give her puppy kisses. Cassie took all this abuse with great good nature and willingly complied with the daily cat bathing.

Cassie's fight with cancer was a long one. The prognosis in November 2002 was less than a month. We prepared for the worst while researching every possible treatment option. Throughout the next eight months, Cassie endured chemotherapy treatments and then daily injections from a trial cancer drug while maintaining her same sweet spirit. During this time, you would have never known that Cassie was seriously ill (save the embarrassed look in those big brown eyes whenever she had an accident.) During our final months together, we were blessed with the opportunity to ensure that every day included one of Cassie's favorite things—be it chasing squirrels, riding in the car, eating table scraps and pig ears or receiving scratches behind the ears.

Cassie's favorite place in the world—besides by the side of her family—was Dogma Dog Bakery in Arlington where she was unbelievably spoiled by her Aunt Mary. We knew Cassie's time was at an end when she refused to eat a Dogma treat.

In her 6 1/2 years with our family, Cassie was our beloved Golden child. We are grateful to have her bless our lives and we want to thank GRREAT and her foster mother Melanie Smith for giving us such a wonderful interlude with the sweetest of dogs.

In loving memory,
The Merman Joseph Family—
Jeff, Lisa, Jordan and Julia and
Josie the Cat

Shop for GRREAT!

Food Lion has a program that allows non-profit organizations to earn money every time their members swipe their MVP cards. GRREAT has enrolled in this program and we need help from our members. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to GRREAT. If you would like to enroll, you can visit www.foodlion.com to link your card.

Thank You!

"I'd like to express my gratitude to Frank and Jeanie of **Poochie Purrfect** in Westminster, MD, who donated a free grooming session for Goldie (03-274)."
- Terri Jones

You know you have a Golden when...

...you spend Saturday morning repairing beloved plush toys.
- Denise Skinner

ASK GOLDIE

Featuring your questions answered by Susan McCullough, Author, *Housetraining For Dummies* (Wiley) and *Your New Dog: An Expert Answers Your Every Question* (Capital Books)

Dear Goldie:

When we adopted our Golden a year ago, we swore we wouldn't feed him people food. Unfortunately, we couldn't resist his "sad" face and began giving him table scraps. For a while things were okay, but now he constantly begs us for food. At times, he even attempts to snatch food away from us. How can we teach him better manners?

*Signed,
A Maryland Family
Under Dining Siege*

Dear Marylanders:

How frustrating that your efforts to be nice to your Golden apparently have turned him into an unmannerly individual. Don't fret, though: this problem is easily alleviated—and you can choose from among several effective remedies.

Remedy #1 is the Give-Him-Something-Else-He-Wants approach. This remedy requires some pre-planning. Buy a large Kong or other dog toy that has an enclosure through which you can stuff foods. Then, a couple of hours before your next meal, stuff the Kong tightly with either very tasty dog food, or OK-for-dogs people food such as cooked white meat chicken, or boiled ground beef with the fat skimmed off. Place the stuffed Kong into a plastic bag, and stick in your freezer for a few hours. When you sit down to eat, give your Golden guy the now-frozen Kong and let him have at it. He'll

need at least 20 minutes to ferret out those frozen goodies—enough time for you to dine in peace.

Remedy #2 is a Change-in-Venue strategy. This remedy allows you to give your dog table scraps, but not from the table. Instead, place the scraps into your begging Bowser's dish. Do this often enough, and your dog will learn to associate his own dish instead of your dish as the goodie dispenser.

Remedy #3 is the Stop-Him-In-His-Tracks Method. For this strategy to work, you need to teach your dog two commands: "Off" and "Take It." Begin by taking a tiny piece of a treat that you know he adores, and place it in your loose fist. Bring your fist to the floor (your dog's nose undoubtedly will be almost atop your fist, and he'll be sniffing it eagerly). Open your fist a little bit -- and as your Golden guy tries to take advantage of that opening, clamp your fist shut and say, "Off!" Repeat this maneuver a few times. When he finally backs away a bit, open your fist completely, tell him "Take it!" and let him have the treat.

Keep practicing this sequence until he clearly understands what "off" means. Then, the next time he goes for some of your food, tell him "Off!" He should back away from the object of his gastronomic desire. Good Luck! 🐾

*Do you have a behavior question for our Ask Goldie column?
Email newsletter@great.org
and let us know!*



THE DOG-TOR IS IN

Your questions answered by Dr. Ronald Spikloser

This month's feature: Lumps and Bumps

Dear Dr. Ron,

I have a 13-year-old male Golden who seems to be getting lumpier by the day.

I realize that all old dogs acquire lumps and bumps as

they age, but I remain unclear on which types of lumps or growths I should be concerned about. Can you help clear up the matter?

Many thanks,

Nancy Bentrup, friend to Chester Pillsbury Bentrup

This is an excellent question for which there is not a perfect answer. Golden retrievers tend to get lumps and bumps at a relatively young age. Certain areas of the body are more prone to cancers or dangerous tumors than other areas, but no area is immune.

Let's start with breast cancer, which is as common in dogs as it is in people. Spaying a dog before its second heat all but eliminates the possibility of breast cancer. Once they have had a couple heats, spaying them will not decrease the chances for this type of cancer, which can be very aggressive and therefore life threatening. Any breast lump should be considered dangerous and a veterinarian consulted.

Mouth tumors or swellings are another area of great concern. Many of these tumors are cancerous such

as lymphosarcomas, melanomas and squamous cell carcinomas. Although not all lumps are cancers (epulis), these tend to be dangerous and again a veterinarian should be consulted. Also any tumors around the rectum are dangerous and can involve the rectum and/or anal glands.

On the flip side, many trunk and chest tumors can be massive in size but small in danger. Fatty tumors on Golden retrievers can be bigger than grapefruits, but still not dangerous. The danger here is that mast cell tumors, which are cancers, can mimic fatty tumors in the early stages.

A common lump in senior Golden retrievers is the wart or nevi. Although these are usually not cancerous, they can change or be different tumors than they seem after they have developed. Watch them for signs of growth or opening and draining—these could be signs of trouble.

One way to look at this is to ask yourself if you had a lump, would you see a doctor? I would, and I would also take my dog to the veterinarian for any new lump. Since the best way to determine what a lump is made of is to have it biopsied, the smart choice is to take your pet to the veterinarian to have the suspicious lump assessed. 🐾

If you have a question for Dr. Ron, please email [newsletter@grgreat.org](mailto:newsletter@grreat.org) and look for a response in the next GRREAT News!

THANKS VOLUNTEERS!

GRREAT Volunteer Appreciation Picnic:

Roberta Dorn
Tana Armstrong
Kelly Schauer
Laurie Collins
Jan Snedecor
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Will Buklad
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Adoption Day November 1, 2003:

Tana Armstrong
Mary Ellen Rubenstein
Brenna Rubenstein
Matt Wolf
Fay Jenkins
Nancy Harwell
Melissa Courtney
Julie Palais
Tom Janczuk
Phil Hauck
Shelley Hunsberger
Allison Hodges
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Jan and Marty White

LET US KNOW!

The newsletter welcomes your comments and suggestions. Please email us at newsletter@grgreat.org.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

A BREED APART

Spotlight on GRREAT Volunteers

Jill and Bob Kurtz

Jill and Bob Kurtz started volunteering for GRREAT in 1999. They became interested in GRREAT when their first golden retriever, Cally, died. They started with volunteering at adoption days. About a year after they first became involved, they applied to be a foster home and were accepted. About two dozen foster dogs later, Jill and Bob are even more active members of GRREAT.



Bob, Jill and dogs enjoy a day at the beach

As they became more active in rescue, Jill and Bob became known throughout the GRREAT community for their ability to help other families with foster dogs and other dog-related issues. They started volunteering for home visits, visiting applicant's homes and educating them on golden retrievers. Then, in 2002, Jill was approached about a position on GRREAT's board of directors. With much

discussion, Jill became GRREAT's Membership Coordinator. She maintains GRREAT's database of volunteers and keeps track of special talents a member would be willing to volunteer.

Also around 2002, Jill and Bob volunteered to take over the mailing of GRREAT newsletters. Mailings started out with individual stamping of each and every one. However, Bob researched non-profit bulk

mailings and has saved GRREAT a lot of money. In 2003, Bob was asked to consider becoming GRREAT's vice president. After deliberating for a while, he accepted and is now coming up for reelection in GRREAT's Annual Business Meeting.

With about five years of volunteer work behind them, Jill and Bob Kurtz have touched the GRREAT community in many ways. They have brought the membership system up to date and make it easily usable. They have saved GRREAT thousands of dollars by applying for non-profit status, and have helped save over two dozen golden retrievers in need of help. Next time you see one of them at an adoption day or other GRREAT event, let them know how much their work is appreciated.

The GRREAT News would like to thank Linda Kurtz for providing this piece to the newsletter.

Successful Towel and Blanket Drive!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the New and Used Blanket and Towel Drive. GRREAT collected an outstanding amount of towels and blankets for our friends at Finale Farm, who frequently board our Golden intakes until we can find a foster home. Thanks especially to our 12 1/2 year old volunteer, Brenna Rubenstein, for a really fantastic job! She asked friends and neighbors to donate while spreading the word about GRREAT. Brenna's donations actually doubled what we collected from members at Adoption Days, the Volunteer Picnic, and the Howliday Party combined! Her donations were used to care for a litter of puppies that GRREAT recently fostered.



Thank You Brenna!

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 are gratefully acknowledged in the GRREAT News.
Thank you for your generosity.

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Please mail forms with your contribution to:
GRREAT, P.O. Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member Renewal (\$25 until 1/31/04)

Name _____

Address _____

Mark here if this is an address or name change

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Mark as many as applicable:

I am enclosing \$30 for my 2004 membership dues.

I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation of \$_____.

I am interested in becoming a GRREAT Volunteer.

(Please fill out and return Volunteer form as well).

I am interested in donating the following services

or supplies to GRREAT:

Thank you for your support!

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 the form to:

GRREAT

Attention: Volunteer Coordinator

P.O. Box 3069

Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Best time to call _____

Are you over age 18? Yes No

Work Phone (_____) _____

OK to call at work? Yes No

County or area you live in _____

County or area you work in _____

Other areas 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 MCI Center Events

_____ At information booths at dog shows, community fairs, education days, etc.

_____ At Fund Raisers

_____ 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:

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Please consider attending GRREAT's Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2004. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet the GRREAT Board of Directors as well as other GRREAT members. You will learn about our 2003 activities and how GRREAT goes about the business of rescuing approximately 300 Golden Retrievers each year.

All GRREAT Members are encouraged to attend! Find out how GRREAT really operates. Hear about our accomplishments in 2003 and our plans for 2004. Participate in the election of GRREAT officers for 2004.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at great-events@grreat.org so we can plan for beverages and munchies.

Active volunteers are eligible to vote. Please see the GRREAT web site, www.grreat.org, for a list of qualifying activities. You must be present to vote.

Meeting Agenda

9:30 a.m. Get Acquainted Session (Beverages and munchies will be served)

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

- Officers and Coordinators Reports
- Election of Officers

Proposed Slate:

President	Kim Wiff
Vice President	Robert Kurtz
Secretary	Janet Hauck
Treasurer	Gail Corby

(Nominations will also be taken from the floor)

- Reports of 2003 Activities
- Plans for the coming year's fund-raising activities

The meeting will take place at:
Owen Brown Community Center
6800 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045
410-381-0202

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