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A LOOK BACK

by Skip Nizer

Around New Years, I begin with an official day or two of remembering. Like a lot of you, my thoughts will be of those who have loved me best and without condition and with a lot of forgiveness.

I will look at the photo of me when I was six with my first dog, Mr. Attaboy, and recall all the adventures that we had. I will recall Sam. I shared her with about fifty other guys. She had enough affection to give each of us a good feeling and a little mind time away from what was going on outside of the wire. I will remember that when Lucky's picture was taken, he was looking at me. I will remember that when I sent him to the Rainbow Bridge, he was 15 years and 89 days old. I always remember that his birthday is two days after my daughter's.

I will think about Shiloh and how he would talk to me and lay by my chair and extend one paw upward for me to hold, and he wouldn't move as long as I held it. I can still see Cubby running up to the pool ladder and taking the tennis ball from Shiloh as he climbed the ladder. When I enter the house and look up the foyer, Sadie will be there almost hairless and dancing around. There will be others that I will think about — Jessie (the Dude), Sporty, Chester, Belle, Hoss and so many other fosters that left a memory or two in our home.

Each one was an individual with their own personality, and each left a special imprint in my heart. Each gave me something special and made our time together special. So I am thankful for those dogs that were mine and those that GRREAT allowed us to share our home.

Each of those memories is something special and unique. Each photo brings back a mental movie, a laugh, a smile, and sometimes a tear. Each one was worth while and each one was someone for which to be thankful.

As I look down, I see Scout asleep on the floor by my desk chair. In a few days, we will making a new memory in the field. I am sure that years from now the temperature will have been colder, the birds will have flown faster, Scout will have held steady on each point, and my shooting will put Davy Crockett to shame. You see, those are my memories and that's how I will tell them. How will you tell yours? Go ahead... add a little to them; they are yours and seen through your eyes and heart.

Have a happy new year, and don't forget to pet your future memory.



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President's Message

Dear GRREAT Members -

Happy New Year!! I can hardly believe that 2012 is here. It seems like just yesterday that we were worried about Y2K. Since we are in a new year, I thought this might be a good time to tell you about what is new with GRREAT. Some of these changes have been published in other places. However, you may have missed them in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, so here's what's new for 2012.

Perhaps the biggest change is that we have restructured two Board of Directors' positions. When Carey Brown stepped down as Foster Home Coordinator (after years of dedicated service), we decided to create a new Medical Coordinator position. My column in the November/December GRREAT News shared the stories of three of our Golden retrievers who required extensive vet care on intake. That is not unusual. The Medical Coordinator is now the person who speaks with vets on diagnosis/prognosis issues, approves all medical care after the initial standard visit, coordinates Board votes for vet charges more than \$800, and serves as a member of the Foster Home Support Teams. Lucinda Twining has assumed this challenging role.

The remaining Foster Home Coordinator responsibilities have been combined with the Intake Coordinator role. Many other Golden retrievers also have these positions combined. Mary Collings (not having enough to do as Intake Coordinator ;-)) graciously assumed the role of Intake/Foster Home Coordinator. Some of Mary's new duties include serving as a member of all Foster Home Support Teams, assigning dog ID numbers, and coordinating the Foster Home Team in addition to the Intake Team.

We hope this new division of workload will further enhance service to foster homes, vet offices, and, of course, our wonderful dogs. Your feedback on how this is working is always welcome.

We also have new names in familiar roles or familiar names in new roles...actually some of each. The bad news is that Shawne Lampert resigned as Membership Coordinator. The good news is that she has been voted in as GRREAT Secretary. I'm sure she will be just as awesome in a new position as she was in her former one. Replacing Shawne as Membership Coordinator, one of our most demanding roles, is Kevin Lewis. Kevin has extensive IT experience and is a terrific foster.

This newsletter is the first produced by our new GRREAT News Managing Editor, Sylvia Mogerman. Sylvia is also the editor of the Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table Regimental

Bulletin and has had other experience creating publications and editing articles. One of the reasons Sylvia was interested in volunteering for this position is that she was so impressed by our newsletter...a true testament to the wonderful work done by Joanne Poesch during the past three years.

We have several new faces working with the Intake/Foster Home Team. Ann Nelson has replaced Lona Gordon as Point of Contact (POC) Team Lead; Shirley Coelho has taken the position held by Hannah Oliver as Foster Home Finder; and Kathi Crouse is a new POC. Much thanks to Lona and Hannah for their very hard work in support of our furry friends. Welcome to Ann, Shirley, and Kathi who are settling into their new roles like veterans!

Periodically GRREAT establishes new roles. The Foster Home Finder was one of these roles a while back, and we now have a Participating Vet Liaison. Martha VanLandingham is working with vet offices to schedule boarding and routine intake exams before doggies go to their foster homes. The Transport Team especially appreciates her efforts. Martha is also updating the Approved Vet List! Thanks to Martha for taking on this important role and project.

Unfortunately, Helen Whitehead did not stand for reelection as Vice-President. This means we have yet another change — Jennifer Phillippe was elected as new VP at the Annual Meeting on January 21. I want to personally thank Helen for all her assistance to me since I took the role of President.

While this may seem like quite a few changes, I have learned one thing about GRREAT's wonderful volunteers. Whenever someone who seems irreplaceable resigns from a position, there is somehow always someone else who steps in to fill that role. I can't tell you how much I look forward to working with everyone throughout the coming year.

Finally, we have a new mailing address because our long-time post office is one that has been closed due to budget cut-backs. Our address is: GRREAT, PO Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116. All snail mail should be sent to this address.

- Barbara Bertsch Boyd,
GRREAT president



Book Reviews

Tea and Dog Biscuits: Our First Topsy-Turvy Year Fostering Orphan Dogs by Barrie Hawkins, 2010, Chicago Review Press, 254 pages, \$14.95
Review by Skye Anderson

Tea and Dog Biscuits is the warm yet hilarious story of a country couple in England who decide to take in and rehome homeless, mostly German Shepherd dogs, to honor their elderly dog that recently passed away. The couple is not yet ready for another dog, but can provide for temporary canine visitors.

Dog rescues are plentiful in the US but what do we know of rescues in other countries? Do you know how to start a dog rescue?

Read about the young veterinarian who drives a puppy up from London, rather than euthanize it, for a man whose girlfriend broke up with him and who now wants to retaliate by telling her the dog ran off. Read the inspiring tales of the dying woman who wants her dog taken care of before she goes into the hospital for the last time, the homeless man who can no longer tend to his best friend, the junkyard dog who becomes a police K9, the dog who roams the roads after a man shoves him out of the car, the dog who spends more than 11 years living in a pen – and other seemingly horrendous stories of humanity's inhumanity to our best friend that will inspire you.

However, Tea and Dog Biscuits is also a collection of the success stories of the couple's first year and the wonderful families whom they help find the best-fitting dog for them. The Hawkins are good, good people. They take in dogs and, as much as possible, also accept those people who can't be good to their dogs. The Hawkins love these dogs until they are ready to be rehomed – whether it is three weeks or several months later.

Tea also includes the mission statement this couple created of their beliefs and objectives. They post it on the door to be a daily reminder of why they do what they do.

Easily read as far as British books go (you can pretty guess at the new vocabulary words like boot and barmy), Tea and Dog Biscuits will make you laugh and inspire you well before you finish reading. You may just wish the book were longer than its 254 pages - I did!

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Love at First Bark: How Saving a Dog Can Sometimes Help You Save Yourself by Julie Klam, 2011, Riverhead Books, 170pp, \$22.95
Review by Skye Anderson

Since Love at First Bark was written by the same woman who wrote You Had Me at Woof — almost the funniest and most heart-warming book of 2011 — I had exacting expectations for Love. I was disappointed.

At her best, Klam is hilarious when writing about mundane everyday things; she makes us feel nice and warm and fuzzy inside with her magic prose. How can doing the laundry seem suspenseful? And Klam has a daughter you will love. Violet names her dogs after flowers! Klam also has the relaxing knack of opening a book or chapter with pages of lovely word-pictures that have you guessing at what the chapter will actually turn out to be about!

Love is a small book with three chapters, each about a different dog “rescue” situation in New York City (author Klam fosters Boston Terriers and has 3 “interesting” Bostons). I read the shortest story first, which was the third one. I don't remember what it was about. The second, My Darling Clementine, was quite good, but the opening vignette, Morris, The Pit Bull – Couples Therapist! quite literally took the cake. It was that good — Klam at her best like she was in Woof.

An interesting cover photo of a (probably) Yellow Lab is especially interesting since neither the dog in story one, a Pit Bull, nor the dog in story two, a Boston Terrier, resemble the cover dog. There is no one dog in story three — just a trip to New Orleans and visits to dog shelters there. I have often thought that everything has a cover photo of a Golden Retriever or a Yellow Lab because those breeds are so photogenic and popular and, yes, it works. I buy just about anything with one of those two breeds on the cover! I guess I'm just the average American sucker of a dog-person for good advertising strategy.

However, besides a great first chapter and a good second one, the immediate inside front and back pages sport a colorful collage of dogs, including a Pit bull, a Boston, and, yes, the requisite Yellow Lab and Golden!

It seems nowadays that almost all books cost the same, no matter how many pages or how well/poorly written. This is a short book in more ways than one.

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(Dog Biscuits are granted on a scaled from 1 - 5 with 5 being the highest score.)

GRREAT Photos of GRREAT Events: The Scottish Walk



Goldens Gathering



Here We Come



Notice the Tidy Formation



A Gaggle of Goldens



Working the Crowd



After the Walk

Photographer Harry Sethna

(GRREAT Events Continued on Page 6)

GRREAT Photos of GRREAT Events: The Howliday Party

Well, after having dismal weather for the last two GRREAT events, I was so happy that the weather for the indoor event was beautiful (note the sarcasm). Whether rain or shine, I am always so happy to see the turnout at the GRREAT events, and this year's Howliday Party was no different.

I have often said that GRREAT events are unique, in that it is rare that you can get that many dogs together with no major issues. It is always a wonderful experience to catch up with old friends and to always meet new ones. While there were a few hiccups that were not planned (i.e. who needs music when you have megaphone), it still was a wonderful event. As I said at the beginning of the party, I may organize the event, but there is no way an event that is the scale of the Howliday Party could be pulled off without help. A huge thank you to Scott Daniels, Master Chef, as he provided the food and organized the kitchen area. I also want to thank RC Smith, the photographer, and Bill McGrath, Santa himself, because what would a party be without pictures with Santa?! To all the volunteers, I can not thank you enough for pitching in and making the event run as smoothly as it did. Here's to wishing all of you had a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

-Carolyn Beyer
GRREAT Events Coordinator

Photographers Carolyn Beyer and Andy Kromulis



Chilling Out



Many Colors of Golden



Doggie Gift Exchange



Howliday Pictures with Santa



Santa Paws

Ad o p t i o n R e p o r t

NAME	#	Age	Sex	NAME	#	Age	Sex
Levi	11-012	1	M	Brady	11-168	8	M
Belle	11-038	7mo	F	Max	11-177	2	M
Jay	11-044	7mo	M	Georgie	11-180	3	F
Anna	11-108	6	F	Roscoe	11-181	5	M
Seamus	11-138	10mo	M	Cally	11-183	6	F
Millie	11-159	3	F	Layla	11-184	6	F
Tanner	11-160	4	M	Reggie	11-189	3	M
Chessie	11-164	7	F	Sophie	11-190	11mo	F
Daisy	11-165	7	F	Ballou	11-037	8mo	M
Sadie	11-166	10mo	F	Owen	11-101	8	M
Shadow	11-170	3	F	Butchie	11-139	7	M
Sammy	09-131	8	F	Marley	11-158	2	F
Raina	10-024	6	F	Max	11-197	11mo	M
Lucy	11-042	9mo	F	Toby	11-205	1	M
Copper	11-045	9mo	M	Tucker	11-040	6mo	M
Buddy	11-148	1	M	Abby	11-141	2	F
Penny	11-155	7	F	Wyatt	11-156	8	M
Cooper	11-163	3	M	Bella	11-179	6mo	F
Brady	11-168	8	M				

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I'd like to thank our President, Barbara Bertsch Boyd for such a lovely introduction, Felicia Barlow Carr for a great job editing the articles, Mary Collings and Barbara both make sure the final copy is up to snuff. Most of all I want to thank Joanne Poesch for helping me become the GRREAT News editor. Her's are big shoes to fill. Thanks are also due those who have written articles. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ARTICLES.** If you would like to write one for us please send me an e-mail with the sex of your article. It would be greatly appreciated - Sylvia Mogerman

DONATIONS

Thank You for Your Donations

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Luis Buitrago

Tonia Heffner and Jay Goodwin*

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Elizabeth Ross and Bennett Frankel**

Joe and Virginia Fry

Jim Stillwell and Barbara Brincefield

Bill Kiefaber

Cynthia Van Ditta

Dennis and Judy Smith*

Sasiprapa Pichaiapat*

Louis Salafia and Helen Whitehead*

In Memory Of...

Finnegan Stott. Finnegan was a happy, gregarious Golden totally beloved by all friends of Ernst and Brenda Stott. He was their beloved child and companion. – Don and Mary Stout**

Bob Bornstein, former President of Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue. – Barbara Boyd

A fine dog, Django, a Golden who recently passed away. His owner, Elizabeth Crane, is a devoted member of your rescue society and a friend and co-worker of mine. – Margaret Mattson

Joshua, who the most wonderful Golden. – Jerry Cann*

Baile, my sweet, wonderful Golden Girl 1-1-98 to 10-8-11. – Regina and Neil O'Keefe

Maggie & Kelsey Michnick. We are making this donation in memory of 2 beautiful Golden Retriever sisters who passed away recently, within a couple of months of each other. They will be remembered with love forever. We hope that this contribution in their memory will help to provide a wonderful life for another Golden.

– Leslie & Paul Gnatt and Caroline & Howard Cayne

Katie (05-071) and Berkeley (07-199), both of whom sadly passed away last year. Enclosed are checks that we have collected in various fundraisers as our contribution for this holiday season. We would like the contribution to go wherever best needed. Thank you for all that you do!

–Nancy Howell and Mary Ann McKisson**

In Honor Of...

Jessie and Dan's engagement – Robert and Lucy Moore

The 47th wedding anniversary of Susan and Doug McKelvey of Easton MD. They are devoted rescue dog persons. – Rachel and Robert Papkin

My Golden, "Mia". – Betty Yoast*

Kathi Stanhope. – Diane Berinstein

Elizabeth Symonds' birthday! – Fredlyn Karp

Special Needs Dogs can be seen at www.grreat.org/dogs/doglist_special.htm

To Help With Costs...

For Jax and Bee. – Betsy Davis

For Other Reasons...

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the beloved Golden. – Nancy and Dave Smith*

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for Arnie. – Rance and Zoe Burger

Towards supporting the walk. – Steve and Kathryn Troch

For Jim and Kelly Martin, in memory of Memphis Rains. – Tavia Dopita

Thank you to Rebecca and Art Hotop for donation, instead of reimbursement, for wellness check up for Maddie (11-099) and rental van and gas to transport 5 dogs.*

For Rocky and Pete. – Julia and Dick Kwiatkowski*

DONATIONS

For Other Reasons... (Cont.)

Thank you to Pamela Del Nero and Karen Smith for donation, instead of reimbursement, for dog food purchased for foster.*

Corporate Giving

United Way of the National Capital Area – Anonymous donor.

IBM Employee Services Center – Anonymous donor.

4 Paws Spa and Training Center* – Donated proceeds from dog wash.

Three Scoops of Vanilla – Donated proceeds from on-line shopping.

Pet-O-Bed – Donated proceeds from shoppers.

IGIVE – Proceeds from on-line shopping.

Mt. Airy Mattress – Please accept the enclosed donation in honor of Heather Krystofiak. Mt. Airy Mattress makes a contribution on behalf of each mattress purchaser to the organization of their choice.

American Charities – On behalf of Barbara and Mark Forster.

American Charities – On behalf of Heather Lay.

Covington & Burling LLP – GRREAT's share of remaining estate funds held in escrow.**

DoggyWalker.com – In the name of Brian Morris and Baxter, who they adopted through GRREAT.

Corporate Giving (cont.)

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club – With great appreciation to Ruth Chase for all that she has done for PVGRC and for all dogs.*

Three Scoops of Vanilla – Proceeds from our fundraising event*

Forever Friends

Memorials can be seen at:

<http://ggreat.org/foreverfriends/index.htm>

For Cashmere Negas. – Claire Negas

For Cody Kenney-Treadaway – Stefan Ulrich

For Sparky Guess. – Kristine Guess

In honor of Rusty (06-055) – Kevin Stephen and Shelley Sarrin

Sponsor Me!

or Bailey (04-092): This donation towards Bailey's care is in honor of Jamie Glueck's Bat Mitzvah and in honor of Sophie, her precious Golden who left their family way too soon. Jamie's horse's name is Bailey – so this Bailey is a perfect, sweet dog to sponsor! – Elisabeth Mallory

For Stevie (08-208) – Dabney Schneider

For Peaches (05-140) and Stevie (08-208) – Melissa Neal*

For dear old Charlie (08-150) and Stevie (08-208) – Trish Collier*

Sponsor Me! (cont.)

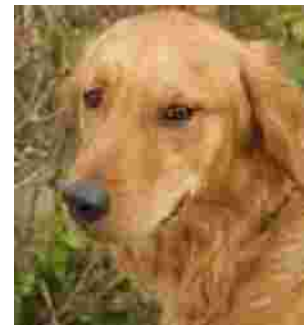
For Clover (10-164) – Robert and Margarita Melquist

For Beeker (09-026) – Richard Burgan

For Charlie (08-150); In memory of Guppy. – Brandee Nichole Adams

For Charlie (08-150) and Beeker (09-026): This donation is from my wonderful Golden Retriever; Care Bear. She is so very spoiled, she feels the need to give back to her community and spread a little love to her fellow pooches. – Angela Fullmer

For Stevie (08-208) – Dabney Schneider



DONATIONS

GRREAT operates three funds for dogs with special needs. The Leo Fund provides surgical care, the Simile-Finale Fund provides holistic and alternative therapies (eacupuncture, swim therapy, etc.), and Chief's Fund provides MRI diagnostics. To support these funds, make the selection on the online donation page (www.grreat.org/donate/donorinfo.htm) or mention the fund in a letter with your contribution by mail. Thank you!

Leo's Corner

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

For Chassidy and Polar Bear – Joe O'Neill and Walt Atha

This is a memorial for Donka, one of our dog walking clients. She was so loved by everyone who knew her and we will miss her terribly. – Arlington Dog Nanny, Desiree Lomer

In honor of Jake and in memory of Brandy and Rudy. – Ray and Kathy Schmid

In memory of Baile, my sweet, wonderful Golden Girl 1-1-98 to 10-8-11. – Regina and Neil O'Keefe

For Riley Grunwell – Carol and Larry Middendorf

Leo's Angels (\$100-499)

Jan and Jack Clark

Paul and Chris Umberger

For Chassidy and Polar Bear – Joe O'Neill and Walt Atha

On behalf of the entire team of volunteers at The SI Organization, Inc. Each summer we hold weekly lunchtime cook-outs at our Laurel, MD office. The volunteers who work at the cookout nominate a charity to receive part of the profits. At the end of the cookout season, the profit money is totaled and equally divided among the nominated charities. One of our volunteers nominated your organization to receive this gift and helped raise awareness of your organization and its contributions to the community. Good luck in your continued efforts to help those, either human or equine or canine, who are in need and may this donation help in a small way to achieve your goals. – The SI Organization, Inc.

Renee Curreri

In memory of Duchess and Casey Girl. – Jeanne O'Donoghue

Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

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Kodi is now 14 1/2 years, 1 year past her severe stroke. She is more loving every day with us, her sister Sassy, and all the neighborhood. – Jim and Ginny Hayes

In loving memory of our beloved Kodi (05-018) who passed away last week. She would have been 15 in February and had been with us since age 8. Kodi was a very devoted and loving companion. She loved car rides and walks. Although she had numerous medical problems, she showed great resilience in bouncing back. We loved her dearly and we miss her terribly, as does her sister, 13 yr old Golden, Sassy. The "girls" were close companions. – Jim and Ginny Hayes

DONATIONS

Chief's Fund

In love with our Tucker, who has seizures (controlled). – Linda and Ron Igou

Simile-Finale Fund

This is a memorial for Donka, one of our dog walking clients. She was so loved by everyone who knew her and we will miss her terribly. – Arlington Dog Nanny, Desiree Lomer

In memory of Cody Kenney who provided his parents, Mark and Bob, with love and happiness every day of his life. He is missed by all who knew him. – Pam Alme

In memory of Tchoupitoulas. He is missed in the neighborhood. – Karen Adelstein*

In honor of Sunny Duffy, beloved dog of Stacy and John Duffy, who transitioned 11/7/11. He will be greatly missed at Baron's K9 Store where he worked every day. – Sherry True



October 29, 2011 Quarterly Board Meeting

Due to the looming threat of bad weather, the October 29, 2011 quarterly Board meeting was held by teleconference with all members in attendance.

Barbara Boyd, President, called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM.

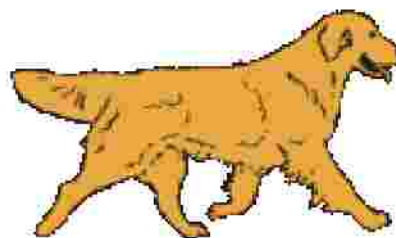
Business included: approval of the Treasurer's reports for July and August, 2011; the adoption of procedures regarding use of GRREAT debit cards; the adoption of a policy to obtain medical and/or behavioral evaluations in specific circumstances involving fostered dogs; the appointment of a committee to draft a policy for the Board's consideration regarding long term foster expenses; and authorization to offer the position of GRREAT Newsletter Editor to Sylvia Mogerma.

The Board then discussed the elections of President, Vice President and Secretary at the January, 2012 Annual Meeting, as well as the revision of GRREAT's Bylaws to be submitted for approval at the annual meeting

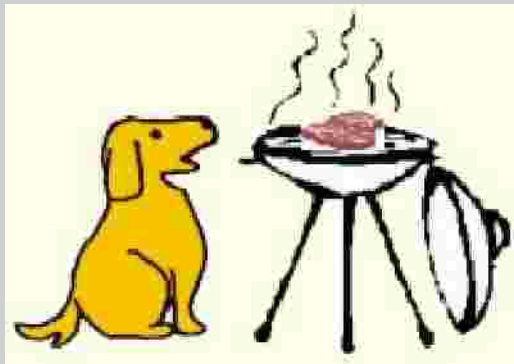
The Board selected the Montgomery County, Maryland Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 as the site of the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, January 21, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Moore
Acting Secretary



K-C-F



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

GRREAT's Annual Bark- B-QUE

May 6, 2012

11am - 3pm

Quiet Waters Park

Annapolis MD

More D'Tails to come



GRREAT Membership Renewal

Be sure not to miss out on a thing! Renew your GRREAT membership for 2012!

We rely on membership dues, donations, and fundraising to operate. Your \$40 membership dues keep this newsletter coming to your mailbox every two months and will help us save more Golden Retrievers in 2012.

Please continue to support GRREAT by being a member. Clip and complete the membership renewal form page 13 of this newsletter. Be sure to include your current mailing and email addresses. Mail the form along with a check for \$40 payable to GRREAT. Send to: GRREAT, PO Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116.

If you would like to renew your membership on-line, please visit the following web site http://www.grreat.org/membership/mbr_center/htm

We hope you will continue to be a part of our GRREAT family!

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 *GRREAT News*.

Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.
Please mail forms with your contribution to:
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member

Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Mark here if this is an address or name change

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Mark as many as applicable:

I am enclosing \$40 for my 2012 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:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please complete this form to volunteer. Return to:

GRREAT
Attention: Volunteer Coordinator
P.O. Box 190
Merrifield, VA 22116

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

OK to call at work? Yes No

Please indicate any area of interest.

The appropriate GRREAT Coordinator will contact you for more information.

Become a foster home for GRREAT dogs

Help at Adoption Events, Education Events,
Fundraisers & Micro Chipping Clinics

Transport GRREAT dogs (to/from vet,
animal shelter, etc.)

Perform home visits for potential adopters prior to
adoption

Additional Information or Comments:

This form can be filled out online at
www.grreat.org/vol_form.htm

GRREAT Calendar of Events

There is a rescue for Golden Retrievers? This is a commonly asked question at the numerous events that GRREAT participates in. When people find out that GRREAT takes in about 250 dogs every year, you can see the shock and amazement on their faces and you can hear it in their voices. People know that Golden Retrievers are such good dogs, so they can't help but wonder "Why would anyone give up a Golden?" It is because of comments such as these that GRREAT attends events to help educate the public on the need for rescue and on the Golden Retriever breed. GRREAT is always looking for and in need of committed volunteers who wish to give some of their time to attend events. For a list of upcoming events go to www.grreat.org/calendar.htm. For more information on any event, please email events@grreat.org and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please email volunteer@grreat.org.

February

3 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco
10800 Promenade Lane
Manassas, Virginia 20109

11 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Camp Bow Wow's Cupid
and Canines 2012 Clipper
Canine Cafe in Historic
Savage Mill 8600 Foundry
St. Savage, MD 20763
Dogs are NOT permitted
at Savage Mill!

March

3 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco 14
1719 York Road
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

16 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
17 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
18 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Super Pet Expo :Dulles
Expo Center 4320 Chantilly
Shopping Center, Chantilly,
VA 20153

http://www.superpet-expo.com/show.html?show_id=2136

April

14 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco
6612 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

May

5 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco
10464 Baltimore Avenue

Beltsville, Maryland 20705

6 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
GRREAT Bark-B-
Que Quiet Water Park
600 Quiet Waters Park
Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403
More D'Tails to follow

Please be sure and submit
your adoption application
at least four weeks prior
to the event. We cannot
approve applications on
the spot.