



# GRREAT News

March/April 1998  
Volume 8, Number 2

Published by Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training, Inc.

## From the President Shaaron Plate

Recently there has been an alarming increase in the number of sweet older dogs coming into the Rescue, and much to our dismay, we have had to turn some away because of the lack of foster homes and the reluctance on the part of the general public to adopt Golden oldies. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a shortage of foster homes in general, but even more critical is the lack of new foster homes willing to take these old guys. Even if we do find temporary foster homes for them, we are faced with the fact that very few people are interested in adopting seniors.

These wonderful grey-faced sweeties are the unfortunate victims of a sad phenomenon: *dump the senior dog syndrome*. It happens when an owner is unwilling to meet the challenges of keeping an older dog who may not be as active as it once was and who may

*From the President, continued on page 4*

## Tick Season Arrives Early compiled by April Fritz

In recent months, if you needed an excuse for nearly anything, you could blame El Nino, the weather disturbance causing flooding and blizzards in various parts of the country. Now our four-legged friends have something to blame on El Nino, too—tick season in the Mid-Atlantic has already begun.

The largest of all mites, ticks are parasites that have the potential to spread a number of diseases to dogs, such as canine babesiosis (similar to malaria), canine ehrlichiosis (an infectious blood disease), Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and a potentially fatal nerve disorder called tick paralysis.

A mild winter and wet spring create perfect tick conditions. The mild winter doesn't kill off the tick population as a normal winter might, and moisture enhances the tick's quality

*Tick Season , continued on page 15*

## ...Now Runs Skip Nizer

I remember the story of a Norwegian man who came to America in the late 1800s. By working his farm long and hard, he managed to bring several nieces to this country. His voice was gruff, his face was weathered, his hands were like worn leather, and he walked with a very bad limp.

After years of hard work and successful farming, his time on earth was coming to an end. His family came to the farm that they had never visited before to be with him in his final hours. They were surprised to find the house in run-down condition. As he spent his last time with his favorite niece, Martha, the others wondered what he had done with his money and how much they would get.

Martha walked out of the house and told them he was dead. She said that just before he died, he had handed her a small notebook and that it would answer her sisters questions about their inheritance.

She said, "You all know how bad he limped all his life, and that each step caused him pain. Well, I want you to listen to this."

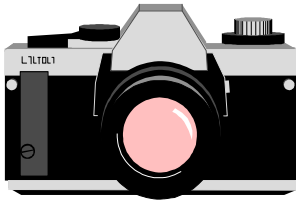
*Now Runs, continued on page 9*

### Also In This Issue

Calendar Photo Contest	2
PVGRC Banquet	3
GRREAT Picnic	5
GRREAT's new Web Site	5
1997 Annual Report	6
Fosters and Vets	7
Dear GRREAT	8, 14
Leo's Corner	9
City Dog Sam	10
Traveler Needs a Home	11
Farewell to GRREAT	12
A Golden Friend is Lost	13
Adoption Report	13
Donations	16
GRREAT is Looking For...	18
Volunteer and other Forms	19
Mark Your Calendar	20

Follow these easy steps:

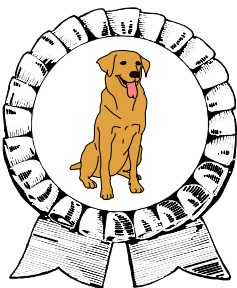
1.



2.



3.



Your dog could be  
one of the  
**LUCKY 13!**  
Send your photos  
in today!

The deadline for submissions is approaching...

## "It's A GRREAT Year 1999" Calendar Photo Contest

The search is on for the most photogenic Rescue dogs of the year! Imagine your fur-kid on the cover of GRREAT's 1999 calendar, or as Ms. June or Mr. October. Photos will be selected for the cover and for each month, plus a collage page of honorable mentions.

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

- Action**—running, playing, at the beach, on the trails, sitting with scenery in the background, or even snoozing on the sofa
- Seasonal**—with spring flowers or fall leaves, or by the Jack O'lantern or Christmas tree
- Posing**—professional or amateur, all entries are welcome

Suggestions for taking better pictures of pets appeared in the last issue of *GRREAT News*.

Send the photo(s) of your GRREAT dog, with its GRREAT ID number, age, and a brief description of the dog's past or present life, together with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the entry to:

Deb Nizer  
GRREAT Rescue Calendar Photo Contest  
327 Thelma Avenue  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

### Calendar Photo Contest Rules

1. Only GRREAT Rescue dogs are eligible. Dogs featured in the 1998 calendar (other than honorable mentions) are not eligible this year, but other dogs in the family are.
2. Animals only in picture, please (no humans, although other family pets may be included).
3. Horizontal shots (picture wider than tall) are required, due to the design of the calendar. Vertical pictures will not be considered.
4. Color photographs and color digital images are eligible; Polaroid shots are not. Maximum size 5 x 7 inches.
5. Submitted pictures and stories are not returnable, but may be used in a future issue of the newsletter.

### Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training, Inc.

P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church, VA 22043-0069  
Phone: 703-620-6593

E-mail: [GrreatInc@aol.com](mailto:GrreatInc@aol.com)

Web site: [WWW.GRREAT.ORG](http://WWW.GRREAT.ORG)

GRREAT, Inc. is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, foster care, and placement of Golden Retrievers in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and parts of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

### 1998 Officers and Advisory Board

#### PRESIDENT\*

Shaaron Plate 410-667-6512

#### VICE PRESIDENT\*

Debbie Nizer [DNIZER@AOL.COM](mailto:DNIZER@AOL.COM)  
or 410-590-6703

#### SECRETARY\*

Mary Ellen Lunde 301-549-3156

#### TREASURER\*

Cy Plate 410-667-6512

#### ADOPTION COORDINATOR

Debbie Nizer 410-590-6703

#### ADOPTION ADMINISTRATORS

Dave and Linda Clark 301-933-9179

#### ADOPTION FOLLOW-UP

Leslie Peszczyński

#### EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Doug Brown (MD) 301-595-7365

Laurie Anderson (VA) 703-327-4724

#### FOSTER HOME COORDINATOR\*

Georgie Bahler 703-620-6698

#### FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR\*

Sam Connelly 410-256-3113

#### GRREAT NEWS EDITOR\*

April Fritz 301-330-5749

#### MAIL ADMINISTRATOR

Cheryl Garbett 703-448-3840

#### MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Robert Fritz 301-330-5749

#### MERCHANDISING COORDINATOR

Becky Brown 301-595-7365

#### TATTOOING COORDINATOR

Laura Schmitz 703-503-8961

#### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR\*

Joan Gunby 410-647-8978

\* members of the GRREAT Board of Directors

*The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club*

*extends a warm invitation to*

*Members of GRREAT*

*to attend the*

*PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet  
and Auction for GRREAT*

*Saturday, March 28, 1998*

*Willow Tree Inn, Montgomery Village Golf Club*

*19550 Montgomery Village Avenue*

*Gaithersburg, Maryland*

*Happy Hour and Silent Auction begin at 6:30 pm*

*Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Live Auction follow at 7:30 pm*

*For further information, contact Suzi Gatipon at (703) 532-8174*

**Directions to Banquet**

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to I-270 North toward Frederick. Take Exit 11 (Montgomery Village Avenue East). Go 2 miles east on Montgomery Village Avenue. Take first left after light at Club House Road.

**AUCTION DONATIONS AND SET-UP VOLUNTEERS  
“GRREATFULLY” ACCEPTED**

GRREAT members are encouraged to contribute Golden Retriever-related items to the PVGRC Auction for GRREAT on Saturday, March 28 at the PVGRC Annual Banquet in Gaithersburg, MD. All donors are encouraged to complete and return the form below to Martha Cole Glenn, GRREAT Auction Chair.

You are also encouraged to help unload items and set up the auction tables at the Willow Tree Inn in Gaithersburg at 5:30 pm sharp on Saturday, March 28.

**1998 PVGRC Auction for GRREAT Donation Form**

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Item or Service \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Market value of item \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions or restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Status of donation:  Item enclosed  Item mailed  Will bring to banquet

I volunteer to help set up. (Name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Martha Cole Glenn, GRREAT Auction Chair,  
4637B South 36th Street, Arlington, VA 22206 or call (703) 671-8996.

**Directions to PETCO  
of Springfield**  
(Adoption Day 4/5/98)

From the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Virginia, take I-95 South. Take the first exit (169B) onto Old Keene Mill Road (Rt 644 West). Petco is in the Springfield Plaza Shopping Center about 1/4 mile on the right. The store is at the back of the plaza between K-Mart and the old Best store.

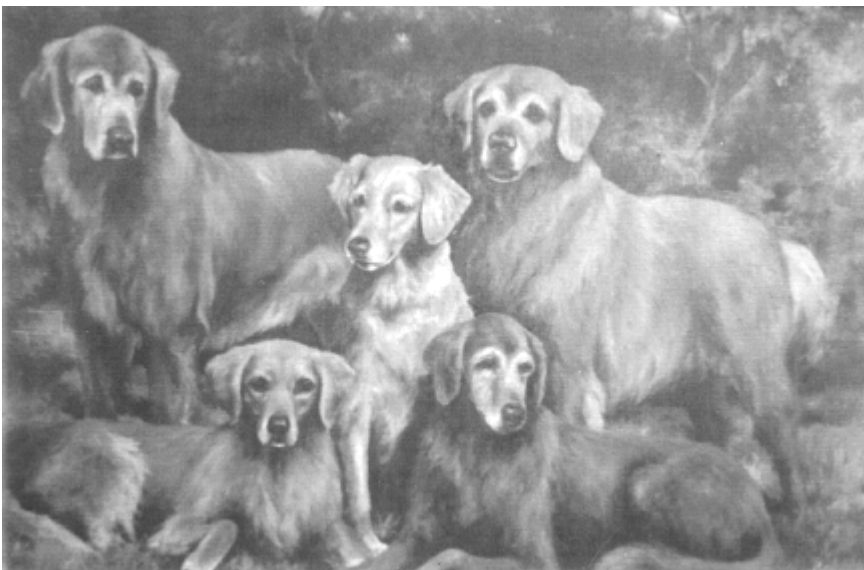
*From the President,  
continued from page 1*

develop or already have health problems. These owners want to avoid the very difficult decisions that living with an older dog may present. That's not much thanks for years of loyalty, but we live in a disposable world. Since these dogs are old, there aren't many placement resources available. The cold, hard fact is that if a family member, friend or rescue group won't take these dogs, they die.

Watching a once healthy, active beautiful Golden slowly fade away isn't easy to do, but isn't the alternative much worse? If given a chance, some of these dogs could continue to enjoy several more years of doing what Goldens love most—eating, sleeping, and just being with their people.

My family has adopted two seniors. The first was ten years old when she came to live with us. She was pushy, opinionated, demanding, and one of the most wonderful dogs we have ever had. She lived to enjoy her 15th birthday and beyond. We were incredibly blessed to have her all of those years. Our second senior was twelve when we took her as a long-term foster dog. We had her for only ten months, but each day was priceless and we wouldn't trade our memories for anything. The joy these two brought our family far outweighs the sadness of their deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGraw of Florida sent in this picture of an oil painting of their five adopted Goldens along with their dues renewal. The dogs are Pluto and Kelly (standing), Amy (on a sit) and Maggie and Mollie (on a down stay). According to the McGraws, three are over age 12 and doing well.



GRREAT currently has two old dogs in the Rescue who desperately need adoptive homes to love and care for them. The neediest is Traveler, who has been in a foster home since September. Lots of people are interested in hearing his story (it's on page 11 of this issue and on our Web page), but I keep hearing people say, "My dog died and I can't even think of taking another older dog because I don't want to go through that heartbreak again so soon." Another concern expressed is the general health issue. Yes, some older dogs do develop medical problems, just as older people do, but adopting a younger dog does not guarantee good health or a long life. GRREAT has always given consideration to adjusting adoption fees based on age and health, and we will continue to do so.

Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue in New England has a motto that I think speaks for older dogs everywhere—*if not YOU, who? If not NOW, when?* Please, won't you open your homes and hearts to these neediest of all homeless dogs, these senior ambassadors who have spent their lives loving and living for their humans? Isn't now the time to give something back to them? Please contact Deb Nizer (410-590-6703 or [DNIZER@AOL.COM](mailto:DNIZER@AOL.COM)) for adoption information. Georgie Bahler can be reached at 703-620-6698 or [GBAHLER@AOL.COM](mailto:GBAHLER@AOL.COM), for foster home provider information.

In this issue, we are pleased to recognize our 1997 foster homes. Please see page 6 and 7 for our annual intake and adoption report, as well as a thank you to the dozens of foster homes, behind-the-scenes volunteers, and veterinarians who support our activities in various ways.

At our 1998 business meeting in January, members voted on our new logo, which is displayed on the back cover of GRREAT News. Our thanks to member Sam Connelly for designing (and re-designing) the logo. And with the new logo comes a new look for the newsletter. We hope you like it—let us know what you think!

Plan now to attend  
**GRREAT'S ANNUAL  
GOLDEN GET-TOGETHER**

**Sunday, May 31, 1998  
11:00 am – 3:30 pm**

**Bull Run Regional Park Area 8  
7700 Bull Run Drive  
Centreville, Virginia**

Your fur kids have already packed their tennis balls, and you are invited to join other Golden-loving families for GRREAT's annual 2-legged and 4-legged picnic. The weather the weekend *after* Memorial Day should be just about perfect for the fun and games.

The picnic will be held at the same park as last year, but in a different area with more privacy for our group. We're planning games and contests, as well as other activities for pets and people. GRREAT merchandise will be available for sale. Bring your checkbook, because there will be a series of raffles featuring Golden-related items and other desirables, such as a day on Chesapeake Bay.

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

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

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

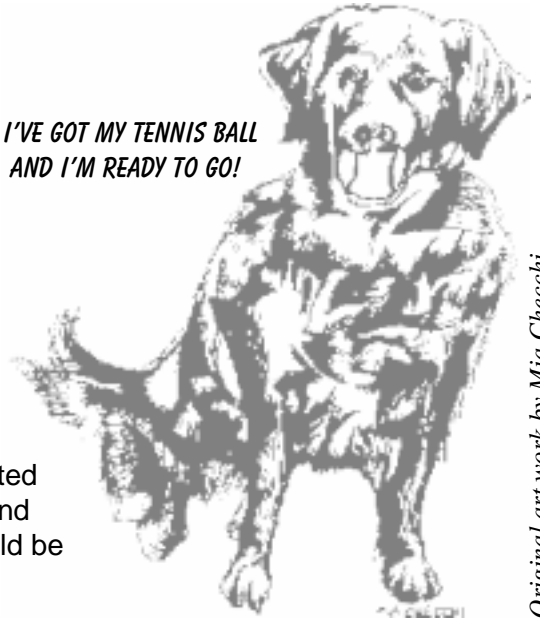
**SEE YOU THERE!**

**WE'RE NOW [WWW.GRREAT.ORG](http://WWW.GRREAT.ORG)**

Finding GRREAT's Web site just got a whole lot easier. We are pleased to announce that GRREAT has acquired its own domain name on the World Wide Web. A big thank you goes to June and Richard Downing and their store, Something Special in Stafford, VA, who generously donated space to GRREAT on their Internet server. We're also constantly updating our web page with new items, a list of available dogs, and links to nearby Golden Retriever groups. Stories about special dogs, current and past issues of *GRREAT News*, and membership forms are also available from the web site. If you have the old site 'book-marked', a link from there to [WWW.GRREAT.ORG](http://WWW.GRREAT.ORG) will get you to the new site. Join the more than 22,000 visitors to the GRREAT web site since May of 1996, now at

**[WWW.GRREAT.ORG](http://WWW.GRREAT.ORG)**

*I'VE GOT MY TENNIS BALL  
AND I'M READY TO GO!*

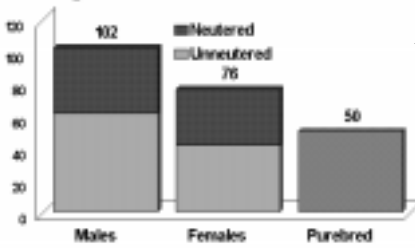


*Original art work by Mita Checchi*

**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.

## GRREAT 1997 REPORT

### Dogs Accepted into Rescue



Source: GRREAT, Inc. 1997 data on 178 dogs

<b>Accepted into Rescue (new)</b>	178
Males	102
neutered males	41
Females	76
spayed females	35
With AKC papers	50

**Returned from previous years** 8

**Not accepted into Rescue** 21

**Heartworm positive** 11

1 euthanized

**Not adopted** 8

Euthanized due to aggression—5

Euthanized due to health—3

**Long term foster care** 3

### Age Distribution

Under 1 year 41

15 under 3 months

2 litters of puppies

1 – 2 years 63

3 – 4 years 32

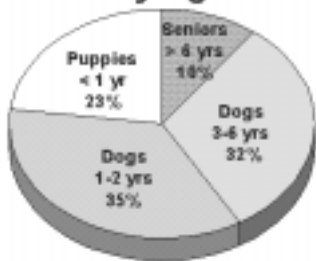
5 – 6 years 24

7 – 8 years 12

9 – 10 years 4

11 – 12 years 2

### 1997 Rescued Dogs by Age



Source: GRREAT, Inc.

### Source of Dogs

Owner give-ups 123

Rescued from shelters 55

### Reason for Give-up

Owner has no time 37

Dog has behavior problems 14

Owners divorcing 8

Dog too big 7

Owner moving 21

Owner's health 1

Dog's health 2

New spouse or baby 4

Owner's allergies 10

Owner died 3

Owner's financial problems 8

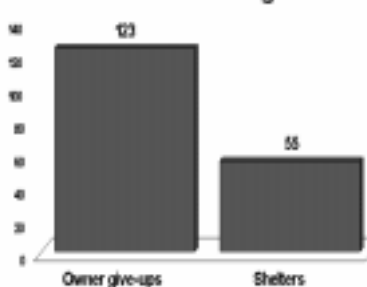
Other/unknown 25

Stray 30

Dumped by breeder 2

Tied outside all of the time 4

### Source of Dogs



Source: GRREAT, Inc. 1997 data on 178 dogs

## FOSTER HOME REPORT

**Active foster homes** 72

homes fostering 1 – 2 dogs 47

homes fostering 3 – 5 dogs 16

homes fostering 6 – 8 dogs 4

homes fostering 9 or more 3

**Average length of stay** 18 days

### OTHER DATA

**Number of adoption applications received in 1997** 750

**Adoption Day Events** 10

**Tattoo Clinics** 8

Number of dogs tattooed—116

### Behind the Scenes...

Special thanks to Nancy Shegog, Lesleigh Cook, and Ellan Thorson who opened their homes to 3 Golden moms and their puppies at our request (but on behalf of Montgomery County), so that the newborn puppies would not be exposed to the stresses of a shelter. Ellan helped deliver 10 puppies.

Countless people quietly work behind the scenes to help transport these dogs, and we want to acknowledge them here: Jo-Ann Khan, Mrs. Coates, Anna Moore, Nancy Hasenleder and of course all of the foster homes mentioned on the next page.

Dave and Linda Clark, our Adoption Administrators, handle the adoption-related paper work, create and mail the available dogs lists and flyers for upcoming adoption day events.

Cheryl Garbett collects all the mail sent to our post office box, opens it and makes sure it gets to the right people, then enters all correspondence on her data base and sends a detailed transmittal letter to all board members.

Leslie Peszczynski retrieves all requests for applications from the voice mail, and sends them speedily on their way.

*We couldn't do it without you!*

## TO OUR FOSTER HOMES AND VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Once a year we try to acknowledge all of the people who make this Rescue work. We apologize if some have been missed, but then none of us do it for much more than the happy wag of a fuzzy tail on a Golden given a second chance at a good life. Foster homes are listed with the number of dogs they cared for during 1997. *Thank you all.*

Anderson (3)	Hals/Dyke (3)
Aukerman (2)	Hammil/
Bahler (16)	Persinger (1)
Baker (7)	Harrell (2)
Balducci (1)	Heiberg (2)
Bamberger (2)	Herndon (1)
Beck (1)	Hock (4)
Blackwell (1)	Huey (2)
Bonato (2)	Irwin (1)
Bridges (2)	Johnston (1)
Brooks (1)	Lannigan (1)
J. Brown (3)	Long (1)
D. Brown/	Macovick (1)
MacDonald (2)	Martin (1)
K. Brown (1)	McIntosh (1)
Campbell (1)	Melago (1)
Cheslock (1)	Meirose (2)
Citrano (4)	Minder (5)
Clark (12)	Neibur (5)
Clem (1)	Nelson (4)
Collier (2)	Newton (2)
Collins (4)	Nizer (3)
Connelly (2)	Owen (1)
Cook (4)	Owens (1)
Corby (5)	Palais (1)
Daniels (1)	Plate (7)
Dempsey (1)	Rothert (1)
Dilloff (1)	Saint (2)
Downing (6)	Shegog (5)
Dukell (6)	Skinner (4)
Edge (2)	M. Smith (2)
Ferguson (1)	Smith (1)
Gepp (3)	Snyder (1)
Gettier (3)	Standridge (3)
Goldcamp (1)	Steirman (1)
Green (1)	Wallen (12)
Halaski (1)	Wesley (2)

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETS!

The veterinarians listed here gave generously of their services during 1997. We thank them for their support of rescue organizations and GRREAT in particular.

Adams Mill Veterinary Hospital  
Ambassador Animal Hospital  
Animal Clinic of La Plata  
Anne Arundel Animal Hospital  
Aquia-Garrisonville Animal Hospital  
Blue Ridge Veterinary Hospital  
Calvert Animal Hospital  
Chesapeake Animal Hospital  
Clocktower Animal Hospital  
Commonwealth Animal Hospital  
Countryside Veterinary  
Dale City Animal Hospital  
Eastern Shore Animal Hospital  
Flower Valley Veterinary Clinic  
Glen Dale Veterinary Clinic  
Greater Annapolis Animal Hospital  
Hillside Veterinary Hospital  
Hunt Valley Animal Hospital  
Independent Hill Veterinary Clinic  
Maryland Veterinary Service  
Massanutten Animal Clinic  
Mt. Carmel Animal Hospital  
Mountainside Veterinary Hospital  
Pet Dominion  
Dr. Joseph Prostedny  
Shenandoah Veterinary Hospital  
Solomons Veterinary Clinic  
Towne Animal Clinic  
VCA Veterinary Referral Assoc.  
Woodbridge Animal Hospital



## Happy Birthday Mary Chapin Carpenter

GRREAT received several donations in honor of entertainer Mary Chapin Carpenter's 40th birthday. Thomas and Sarah Lemaire of Massachusetts wrote:

*We are big fans of Mary Chapin Carpenter and have even met her two Golden's, Cal and Reilly. We learned of your organization through a Mary Chapin e-mail list, where fans of hers swap information.*

*Your work is very close to our own hearts, because we are very involved in the rescue and adoption of former racing greyhounds. In fact, one of our greyhounds is named Chapin and has even had her picture signed by the human Mary Chapin.*

*We hope this contribution, even though small, will help with your work.*

Additional birthday donations to GRREAT were received from:

Lynn Welsh-  
Steinmeyer (WI)  
Beverly V. Currence  
(NC)  
Keith Avera and  
Suzanne Palmer  
(GA)  
Susan Jackson (AL)

**Thanks to Mary Chapin's fans for their generosity!**



*Jack (left) and Harry Bednarek get up close and personal*



## Dear GRREAT

We just wanted to write and share a picture with you and to thank you for providing us with the perfect dog for our son. We adopted Harry from the Wallens last December when our son Jack was just five months old. It was pretty amusing to see how Harry would flop down on Jack because he was too young to stand up or walk.

Well, Jack is now 16 months old and the tables have turned. Harry is the one who always has someone jumping on him. Harry is such a good, patient dog—he really puts up with a lot of “love.” We are just so happy that Jack will grow up having an animal to love that loves him back.

Thank you for all the work you do—so many people and dogs appreciate it.

—Allison and John Bednarek

Just a note to GRREAT to tell you that we are thoroughly enjoying our adopted Golden Alex (formerly Goldie), adopted in August 1997. He is such a gem!

He has grown from 50 pounds at his adoption at 6 months to 85 pounds at 9 months—and we love every inch of him. Our 12-year old terrier missed his Golden pal Jesse, whom we lost in December 1996 to kidney failure due to lyme disease (he

was vaccinated!) Spike has come alive now and loves to be outside with Alex, check out who’s walking up and down the street, and enjoy daily walks together. “Doggie wars” (wrestling matches) are a daily event!

Alex is our third Golden and by far the most playful of any of the five dogs we’ve owned. He’s very curious, misses nothing, and because of his very long legs (he’s 24” tall at last check), he can reach *everything*. What an reason for keeping counters and tables clear of stuff.

He is also very affectionate—he likes to rub against you, like a cat. He follows me or my husband around constantly.

He is not the best-behaved dog, but he is still a pup and will go to training classes. I believe his hair was cut at some point before we got him. His coat is coming in beautifully now and is very wavy.

I guess you can tell how much happiness Alex has brought us, and I think he is happy too. Thanks for making it possible for us to have him. It has truly been a happy ending for all of us.

—Jim and Carol Funk  
Spike and Alex

We cannot express with enough words the joy that Mack (formerly Lucky) has brought to our lives. Our love for him is immeasurable. Here’s a photo of Mack—who says a dog can’t pose?!

—Heidi and Ted Waugh

*Mack Waugh, one lucky dog*



Now Runs, continued from page 1

And with that, she began reading from the small book.

John Hanson, age 7. Clubfoot; surgery \$256.57. Now walks.

Michael Jorgenson, age 12. Deformed knee; surgery \$198.34. Now walks.

Peter Kelly, age 10. Leg crushed; surgery \$275.90. Now RUNS.

...and so on for several pages.

I guess if GRREAT were to have a small notebook, it might read:

Leo, age 8 months. 2 deformed hips; surgery \$1300.00. Now runs, retrieves tennis balls and steals hearts.

Rusty, age about 1 year. Cannot stand for more than a few minutes without falling; surgery \$1400.00. Now runs and plays.

Rusty, age 5 years. Hit by car at age 1, broken leg, owner failed to finish treatment, has been walking on three legs ever since; surgery \$1100.00. Now runs, jumps and plays.

And there are others who have been helped, for whom we can now add those two words at their place in the book: ...NOW RUNS, ...NOW RUNS, ...NOW RUNS.

Every time you donate to GRREAT's Leo Fund, you can be the good uncle. You can give a hurt or crippled dog a chance to run, to play, to stand, or to be without pain. Remember to mark your tax-deductible check with the words "Leo Fund."

Thank you,

*Skip*

...along with Leo, Rusty, Rusty, Boomer, Brady, and those in the waiting room.

.....

To: The Leo Fund

Brady (97-090) has a new lease on life after GRREAT enabled him to have dysplasia surgery on both hips. Both of us want you to accept this donation in order that another Golden may be given a chance to have a decent future also.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Leo Fund.

—David Long and Brady

.....

## Recent Donations to The Leo Fund

\* memorial donations shown on page 16

### Golden Heroes (\$100 – \$499)

Priscilla Borden  
 Nutan Carr  
 Kathryn Guyitt and Beau and Maggie  
 Nancy Hamilton  
 Brady (97-090) and David Long  
 Bev Mustaine  
 Drs. Joe O'Neill and Walter Atha  
 Abby Owen

### Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

Carrie and Bob Arner  
 Barbara Bell  
 Rebecca and Douglas Brown  
 Donna and Larry Burdick  
 Betsy and Paul Champagne  
 Linda Collins  
 The Corby Family  
 Karen Davis  
 Judith and Henry Depew  
 Kathleen B. Glass\*  
 Jonathan Gordon  
 Jody and John Hamilton  
 Jim and Carol Harbold  
 Donald and Elizabeth Ketz-Robinson\*  
 Rick Larson and Mike Kudsk  
 Scott and Cindy Marble\*  
 Olive McDonough  
 Theresa Niebuhr  
 Marsha Peone  
 John Powell\*  
 Karen Wahler  
 Kim and Chris Wier



### Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund for special needs dogs*

**Total Donations**  
**\$5,997**

**Total Disbursements**  
**\$5,058.62**

*Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming response to GRREAT's request for special donations for special needs dogs. We have been able to cover the medical expenses of the five dogs who needed the Leo Fund in 1997.*

*However, other dogs are in need of care and must wait until our fund is built up some more.*

*If you haven't yet donated to the Leo Fund, please consider doing so today! All donations are tax-deductible.*

Dear GRREAT:

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

Please send me a donation acknowledgement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



*Sam Rigby, now a city dog, with his Nice Lady*

## **City Dog Sam** as told to **Randall Rigby**

dear friends in oklahoma,

i guess you have heard that i'm a city dog now. the folks who adopted me last winter left oklahoma and moved to washington d.c. and brought me with them. it's ok here; the fireplugs smell real good. in oklahoma, i got an occasional sniff of something on light poles and fireplugs, but here—wow—stereophonic scents!

we live at fort myer, right next to arlington cemetery. it's very pretty because we are on a hill that overlooks the city of washington and we can see the monuments from here. the old man takes me on long walks down the hill, across the francis scott key bridge, through georgetown, down the old c&o boat canal, by watergate and the kennedy center, and back across the potomac river at roosevelt island, by the silver usa today buildings, back up the hill and we are at home. along the way, we stop for coffee and bagels (i like bagels) and watch the crews from the washington rowing club rowing along the potomac. there are always lots of other city dogs out and we all get a good sniff of everything, pull hard on the leash to give the old man something to do, and maybe growl. gotta make 'em think i can actually protect something.

there are a lot of places to walk here at fort myer. out back is a place where some

garden plots are located, so for my daily outings, i get to go out there to do my thing. i am doing well in training the old man and the nice lady. they are coming along just fine. for example, all i have to do is make the slightest noise and they say something to me about going out and then take me outside to let me sniff some weeds, branches, etc. no matter how much of a hurry they are in, i'll sniff that thing for a minute or so and then mark it. that gives them some sense of satisfaction. we do this routinely 3 or 4 times a day. we also do long walks about twice a day. the food is good and all that. i am good about not begging. the nice lady gives me marrow bone treats during the day. i like them even more than bagels. they told me that i weigh 74 pounds now. i was 65 when i came to them in january. i like 74ish and i think i look good in the mirror. my girlfriend, nuggett, another city dog golden who lives two doors down, thinks i look great and tells me that every time i see her.

i like to chase squirrels. there are millions of them here and they have me under their spell. can't resist them. no matter what is going on, i will go after a squirrel. i could spend the rest of my life dedicated to chasing squirrels. i don't have a clue as to what a squirrel is, and i sure wouldn't know what to do if i caught one, but i like 'em. am i alone in this or are there other goldens out there who are as crazy about squirrels as i am?

there are two other goldens here at fort myer, nuggett and a big kid named boomer. he's ok, but he's a kid and just likes to jump around all the time. nuggett likes me best. we meet sometimes in a little valley behind our house where all the dogs in the neighborhood go to relieve themselves. we call it detonation valley. sometimes there will be 4 or 6 dogs (there are several yellow labs here too) down there all trying to do the same thing—play—while the owners all want the same thing—for us to hurry up and go to the bathroom. it's a hoot.

*City Dog Sam, continued on page 12*

## Traveler Needs a Home

My foster mom and dad say that once upon a time someone must have loved and taken care of me because I have such good house manners and obey simple commands, but I can't remember much about those days. I was found last September by a nice lady while I was living on the streets in Baltimore City. When I was rescued, I looked almost dead—I weight only 47 pounds and most of my hair had fallen out. I had so many fleas that you could see them crawling on my skin when you got close to me, and I had awful ear and eye infections. Foster Mom Shaaron kept hoping that I'd be like the story of the ugly duckling, and that when I got well again and my hair grew back, I'd be beautiful. But that didn't happen. I guess I'll never be as pretty as most Golden Retrievers, but I try real hard to be a good dog and I have a Golden heart.

I overheard someone talking about me—they said I'm about 9 years old and a Golden mix because I have white markings on my paws, chest and forehead, and my legs and muzzle are long and thin. But I love to be petted, sleep on the sofa, play ball, go for walkies with people and eat oranges. Maybe I'm not handsome, but I'm loving life and want to make people happy.

My foster mom and dad call me a "special needs" foster dog...I'm stiff in the hindquarters and still somewhat fearful of new



situations and strange people. Dogs that I don't know scare me, and I have a wart on my eyelid and fatty tumors on my belly, but other than that, they say I'm GRREAT!

No one (except me) knows how I'll behave with cats or children, but I get along fine with my three foster sisters and brother. A new home with older children, or no children and cats, would be perfect for me. I'm wishing for a safe, loving home to spend the rest of my Golden years. A home where I can sleep most of the day away, dream dreams of doggy things and enjoy a GRREAT new life. I know I'm not beautiful, but I can love you just as much as a pretty dog can, and I need a real mommy and daddy to love me back.

*If you have room for Traveler in your heart and home, call Shaaron Plate at 410-667-6512.*



The Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club sent a generous donation in memory of

Maggie and  
Mackenzie Reichart  
Aspen Reid  
Topaz and  
Bethany Owings  
Nara Anthony  
Tyler Balducci  
Asti  
Brooks  
Dutches Checchi  
Granny Plate

All of these wonderful friends brought great joy to their companions and will always be remembered deep in their hearts.

## How Many Dogs Does It Take to Change A Lightbulb?

— from the Internet

**Pit Bull:** Make me!

**Afghan:** Light bulb? What's a light bulb?

**Cocker:** Why change it? It isn't hurting anyone and I am just as loving in the dark.

**Border Collie:** I can do that, no problem. And while I'm at it, let me re-wire the house.

**Italian Greyhound:** I can't reach the stupid lamp!

**Poodle:** Sorry, I just had my nails done...

**Lab:** Oh, me! Me! Pleeeeeze let me change the light bulb? Can I? Can I?

**Malamute:** Let him do it; you can pet me while he's busy.

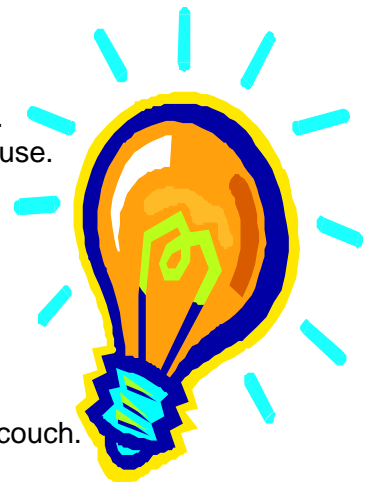
**English Sheepdog:** Light? You mean there's supposed to be light in here?

**Springer:** Light bulb? Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

**German Shepherd:** Zero! Shepherds aren't afraid of the dark!

**Collie:** No, don't change it. If it's dark, maybe no one will see me sleeping on the couch.

**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, tennis balls abound, my woobies have just been washed, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a burned-out light bulb??





## In Remembrance LELAND

Tom and Mary Ann  
Kuehne write:

We want to thank you for bringing Leland into our family. He became a very important part of our lives.

We adopted our 'mature' Golden from GRREAT on August 8, 1992. Then we watched him roar through our house like a small pony, knocking everything off tables and onto the floor. We watched as he ate everything in sight including sweaters, coats, and shoes left unattended, and all kinds of paper objects. We also hunted all over the house for him two days after we adopted him only to discover that he was terrified of rain storms and took refuge behind the shower curtain in our tub. For the past five years we were mutually perfect for each other.

Leland died of cancer on October 30, 1997. He was a loyal companion and a good buddy to the very end. The fond memories we have of our good friend will be with us for many years.

We have enclosed a donation to GRREAT in memory of Leland and we hope it contributes to the success of your organization.



## Farewell to GRREAT

Sheila Powers

*Editor's note:* This message from retiring president Sheila Powers was read at the GRREAT Annual Business Meeting.

We wish her well in her new endeavors.

I am sending this message via another board member, because due to personal restraints such as a new job, I am unable to attend this annual meeting. I regret that I can't deliver it to you in person and be able to say good-bye to each of you individually. I want each of you to know that my heart is still with GRREAT and its wonderful members.

As I have reflected back over my time with GRREAT since 1991, I am amazed at the changes that have occurred. Each year, as our reputation and volunteer base grows, so does GRREAT. This organization started with a few caring people who gave up so much to bring it into being. Over the years, with many more caring people volunteering it has grown to where it is now. I truly believe it will continue to grow and become a model for Rescues throughout the country.

Each person—no matter how large or small their contribution, whether it be time or money—is important to GRREAT. Our strength is our members and more specifically our volunteers. GRREAT could not continue to be without selfless people willing to give of their time and their hearts to these wonderful dogs.

There have been many times when I have watched a lifetime relationship form at an Adoption Day. A dog that most people would not have looked at twice because of health problems or advanced age or some sort of discipline problems has been proudly taken home from an Adoption Day by a family who thought they just adopted the best dog in the world. And they did. Each of these wonderful Golden retrievers that comes into GRREAT deserves the chance it is getting at a new life.

As I said before, none of this could happen without all of you. You are the heart and soul of GRREAT. You make it possible for

these lovely Golden dogs with such forgiving and happy hearts to have a fresh start.

Although I am not currently active in a Golden rescue, I have *no doubt* that I will soon become active again, drawn in by these special dogs and special people like yourselves.

I would like to thank all the people—too many to mention specifically—that have been supportive of me during my presidency. I hope you will continue to support your new president in the same way. Serving GRREAT has been an experience that will stay with me forever.

---

*City Dog Sam, continued from page 10*

i have to say this city life isn't bad. i think the old man and nice lady liked oklahoma better because of the beautiful place we lived in and i think he liked his job better there. i nuzzle him all the time to make him feel better and i think it works. he's always pleased that i come to him and sometimes we just lie on the floor and watch tv together. i get two squares a day, a rawhide bone every once in awhile, and when we cook out, i always get some of whatever they are cooking on the grill. i have a nice warm place to sleep by them and they even trust me to watch the house while they are gone. it's easy—i just go to the basement and get one of their shoes and nuzzle it till they get back. piece of cake. oh yes! now that it is cooler, i don't get baths nearly as often and my skin itch and hot spots are all healed up. took me awhile to train them on that!

gotta go. hope you stay in touch. your pal,  
sam

## The Loss of A Golden Friend VERA CASE

Recently there was a great loss to the human and animal world caused by the tragic death of an extraordinarily kind and caring person named Vera Case, who was 31 years old. Vera was lost to us in a case of domestic violence. I believe everyone should remember and share their wonderful memories about Vera.

Vera worked at Columbia Animal Hospital in Maryland for about eight years. During my Golden Carley's visits there, Carley would crawl on the floor, peeking around the corner and down the hall to see if 'her' Vera was coming—such anticipation! When Vera would come out and sit on the floor and hug her, there was no end to Carley's delight.

Vera loved all animals—and motorcycles! When I would take Carley for a visit and hear about the motorcycle racing, I admit to just groaning, closing my eyes and hoping for the best (and reminding Vera that my husband is a plastic surgeon)!

Vera adored her own Golden, Sunshine, who would often visit at work. Much of her free time was spent taking Sunshine hiking and swimming. She had recently purchased a house with land in Mt. Airy and was ecstatic about having more room for Sunshine. She was also in the process of adopting another Golden from GRREAT.

I believe a big thank you is in order for Dr. David Tayman and his family, the staff of Columbia Animal Hospital and the friends who arranged and attended a touching and beautiful memorial service for Vera on January 31, 1998. Dr. and Mrs. Tayman opened their hearts and their home to Vera's parents, Francis and Max Reimann of Nuremberg, Germany, who stayed with the Taymans while they were here. They will be taking Sunshine back with them to live in Germany, where Vera had taken her in the past on vacations.



*Vera Case in happier times*

Vera was a Golden Person with a Golden heart and she will be missed by many.

—Carley and Jo-Ann Khan

### Memorial Donations to GRREAT *The following friends of Vera Case made donations in her memory to GRREAT.*

Mr. P. Beg  
Carol Dean  
Marguerite Hetzner  
Joan F. Hoos  
Gloria Lemon  
Geri McMurtry  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reagan  
Dr. Ali Shabrami and Dr. Carol Shabrami  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith  
Catherine Trice  
Lynne Young and Addie Stocks

### Recipes Requested for 'GRREAT Cooks'

Do you have a favorite recipe that everyone asks you for? GRREAT wants it to be part of our cookbook fundraiser. Just about every type of recipe is needed, including doggie snacks. Especially desired are updated classics and health-conscious foods. Send your recipes to GRREAT's post office box, marked Attention: Cookbook Recipes. Each recipe submitted will be considered an entry in the GRREAT Cooks raffle. And thank you for supporting GRREAT!



## ADOPTION REPORT

The New Year saw nineteen dogs begin the good life with their adoptive families. Fourteen were male, five were female; five were age six and over, two were six months old or less. Congratulations to all! Let us know how you are doing—send us a photo and a note and we'll include it in a future issue of **GRREAT News**.

Name (ID)	Age	Sex
Ahab (98-010)	9 y	M
Bear (97-167)	4 y	M
Beau (98-021)	6 y	M
Buddy (97-130)	2 y	M
Bumper (97-174)	6 y	M
Cloe (98-012)	4 y	F
Dusty (98-003)	4 y	M
Katie (97-158)	9 m	F
Lady (98-014)	4 y	F
Max (97-171)	5 y	M
Peanut (98-004)	4 m	M
Rudi (97-175)	3 y	M
Rusty (97-173)	6½ y	M
Sam (98-013)	1½ y	M
Scout (97-176)	4 y	M
Shane (98-006)	3 y	M
Shelby (97-178)	3 y	F
Sunny (97-156)	6 y	F
Sunshine (98-011)	2½ y	M

# Dear GRREAT

(On the Furniture  
Edition)

When we lost our beloved Golden Pablo on Christmas eve of 1996, we thought our world had ended. What a bleak, sad winter it was. We really couldn't see how we could ever love another dog that much. But in May 1997, we adopted a dear, loving, bundle of fur named Ziggy, whom we renamed Ginger. She is the second joy of our lives. She is at my heels all day and the most avid tennis ball chaser we have ever known. She is bright, funny, loving, and a wannabe lap dog. Thanks to everyone at GRREAT, especially Deb Nizer and foster parents Peggy and Jerry Citrano for putting joy back into our lives.

—Alice and Robert Keefe



*Ginger (nee Ziggy) and dad Robert Keefe enjoying the upholstered life*

*Brandy Mitarotonda catches some zzzzzz*



Brandy thinks chairs are for *her* to sit in. She especially loves recliners, even more so when my husband Don is sitting in it.

—Nancy Mitarotonda

*Callie (left) and Ted Picard waiting for a TV show to start*



I just wanted to let you know how wonderful our dog is. In August, we adopted an 8 year old girl named Jerri Lee from you. We have changed her name to Caldonia (Callie) after the BB King song in which he talks about walking with his woman and her great big feet. She had no problems adjusting to her new name, and she is so well-behaved. Someone obviously took her training seriously when she was a puppy.

She has been a wonderful addition to our family. We got her after we had suffered some personal losses, and her wonderful, cheerful self was just what we needed. She was quite overweight when we got her, due to overfeeding and a thyroid problem, but she has already lost 7 pounds so far and is doing very well.

Callie and her brothers Ted, a shelter Golden, and Sam, a rescued Siamese cat, are the hit of the neighborhood and make our house a home. Callie is a true retriever and picks up anything left on the floor and happily brings it to us—socks, pillows, towels, you name it. She keeps attempting to do this with the cat, but so far Sam is not going along with it! She and Ted enjoy romps in the park and swimming in the stream in warmer weather. They also love to curl up and watch TV.

During this time of counting our blessings, I just wanted to thank you all for the fantastic work you do and for letting us bring Callie into our lives. You really helped make 1997 a good year for us.

—Lisa Picard

*Tick Season Arrives Early,  
continued from page 1*

of life. Many GRREAT foster homes have already found ticks on their dogs, and it isn't even spring!

Ticks must have moisture to survive. Moisture prevents drying out of the tick's body and promotes the growth of vegetation, which gives the ticks protective cover and offers them a method by which they can attach themselves to host animals. Ticks are most commonly found in grassy, bushy, wooded and shaded areas where moisture is retained through the day. Tick activity in much of the U.S. decreases as drier mid-summer weather moves in.

Dogs aren't the only animals on which the tick feeds; during a tick's life cycle, it feeds on multiple hosts. The larval ticks attach to small animals (squirrels and chipmunks) to feed. The nymphs and adults climb up higher on plants to latch on to larger hosts, including dogs, cattle, deer, raccoons and opossum. Adult ticks can perch on plants for months waiting for a host to come by. They can also seek out potential hosts by detecting heat and carbon dioxide.

On dogs, ticks attach to the ear, head, neck, shoulder, upper leg areas, and between the toes; in other words, in "quiet" areas where they can't be found or scratched off easily. It takes about five or six hours for a tick to become firmly attached and up to ten days for it to become fully engorged with blood. The female needs a meal of blood in order to reproduce.

Several kinds of ticks that inhabit this area are illustrated in the upper right of this page. The small black-legged or deer tick (fig. 1) is the vector (carrier) of Lyme Disease. The American dog tick or wood tick (fig. 2) is the most common; it is larger than the deer tick and carries Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The brown dog tick (fig. 3), found in kennels and pet beds, also carries Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The lone star tick (fig. 4) is less common to the Mid-Atlantic, but can be identified by a bright mark on its back. None of these ticks is large; a male

### TICK TIPS

Check for ticks daily during tick season. The longer a tick remains attached to a dog or a human, the greater the risk of tick-borne diseases. Look for a freckle that moves, or that wasn't there before.

Attempting to kill a tick with a lighted cigarette, matches or kerosene is not a good idea. They can harm the skin and cause ticks to regurgitate their body contents back into the host, increasing the risk of disease transmission.

Avoid using your fingers to remove the tick because of possible exposure to tick-borne human diseases.

#### **Removing an imbedded tick**

Use tweezers, a cotton ball or cotton-tipped applicator soaked in alcohol, and gloves. Tick-removing tools are also available in pet supply stores.

Kill the tick by applying alcohol, ether, or fingernail polish directly to the tick. Wait a few moments.

Using the tweezers/tool, hold the tick at the point of attachment. Rock the tweezers from side to side while gently pulling out the tick. Try not to squeeze the tick—pressure could cause it to inject organisms back into the host. If the tick breaks off and the head is left in the skin, it usually will not cause problems.

Dab alcohol on the site or otherwise disinfect it.

Flush the tick down the toilet.

might be the size of a match head; a female swollen with blood would be no larger than a pea.

Controlling ticks takes work. You can't control them in fields and forests, but you can control them in your yard and especially in your house. Outside, keep grass well-clipped, remove brush, and prune trees to allow more sunlight to penetrate the soil surface and dry it out. Applying an insecticide along paths or trails or along the edges of lawns can reduce tick movement into lawns. A variety of yard chemicals are available. Inside, household sprays contain-

*Tick Season, continued on page 16*



1. Blacklegged Tick  
(deer tick)



2. American Dog Tick  
(wood tick)



3. Brown Dog Tick



4. Lone Star Tick

*All illustrations greatly enlarge the actual size of the tick. Figures 1, 3, and 4 from the Tick Research Laboratory, University of Rhode Island. Figure 3 is from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.*

# Memorial Donations were received in memory of...

**Mrs. Rose W. Ketz** who loved Paxton and Marley, our two GRREAT dogs, from Donald and Elizabeth Ketz-Robinson

**Tyler**—a special dog, from Pat Balducci

**Misty**—Miss Tawny Love, my oldest and best friend—RIP 12/31/97, from Jim Brooking

**Solveig, Kari and Bradford** who were my own puppies and prepared the way for **Apollo** from GRREAT, from Jane K. Brooks

**Brandy, Bull and Sheba**, from Stuart and Carol Clemmer

13 year old **Honey Bear**—she was quite a character and we miss her, from Kathleen Glass ☒

**Tawni**, our Golden who died 6½ years ago at age 15, from Nancy Hamilton

**Toby and Zip**, whose owners are Carolyn and Dick Bregard of Alabama, from Valerie Haugen

Georgie's dog **Chip**, from Donald and Elizabeth Ketz-Robinson ☒

Our GRREAT Golden **Magen**, from Scott and Cindy Marble ☒

*Tick Season, continued from page 15*  
ing pyrethrins or resmethin, as well as crack-and-crevice sprays containing diazinon, malathion, carbaryl or propoxur. Follow directions carefully when applying any of these products in a pet area.

The best way to deal with these parasites is to prevent them. Treat your dog with tick repellent or tick-killing agents that have a residual effect. Collars impregnated with amitraz (brand name Preventic) last up to three months, but are toxic if a dog eats the collar. Amitraz affects the tick's nervous system, causing the tick to lose the ability to feed. Ultimately, the tick detaches and dies, usually within 48 hours after the collar is put on the dog. Amitraz has been shown to be less toxic to dogs than other tick-killing compounds. Topical (skin surface) treatments include fipronil (Frontline) and

My wonderful Golden boy **Blue** who left us in January 1997—he's missed so much, from Carron McDonough and family

**Jubilation**, from Carolyn and Rhett Murphy

**Cognac**, beloved friend/dog of Julie Palais and Rick Stevens, and **Khumbu**, Galen and Barbara Powell's beloved Golden, from Julie Palais

**Sandy** and to thank Shadow for coming to live with us, from John Powell ☒

**Grandma Katie** and to thank **Cy and Shaaron Plate** for their loving foster care, from Susan South

**Greta**, the loving and loyal Golden Retriever companion of Stanley Bandong; Greta died recently at the age of 13, from Evelyn Timberlake

**Rosie** and in appreciation of GRREAT's caring people who make life better for dogs and their owners, from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zimmerman

☒ indicates a donation designated to the Leo Fund (see page 9)

## Directions to PETCO of Gaithersburg (Adoption Day 5/17/98)

In Maryland, take I-270 to I-370 West (Sam Eig Highway). If coming from the south, stay left at the fork in the ramp. Turn right at Diamond-back Drive. At the next light, turn right again onto Muddy Branch Road. Go 1.2 miles. Petco is in the Festival at Muddy Branch shopping center at the end of the center away from Weis Market.

permethrin (ProTICall—formerly Defend), both of which are also effective for fleas to varying degrees.

As always, your veterinarian is your best source of information and advice about canine parasites.

### RESOURCES USED IN THIS ARTICLE

"A Tough Year Tick-Wise" in *Your Dog: A newsletter for dog owners*. Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Vol 2, No. 2, September 1995.

"Tackling Ticks" in *Your Dog* (above), Vol. 1, No. 1, August 1994.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension literature on ticks, June 1995.

"American Dog Tick," Iowa Insect Information Notes, Iowa State University Extension, April 1996.

Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook, DG Carlson and JM Giffin. Howell Book House, 1992

"Dog Parasites" from [www.vetinfo.com](http://www.vetinfo.com).

## Special Donations were received

### In honor of ...

**Our devoted Golden friend, Chester**, from Nancy and John Bentrup

**Our new grandson**, from Priscilla and John Borden

**Our first foster dog, Rusty, and his new parents, Sally and Kirt Meyer**, from Amy and Tom Campbell

**GRREAT** for your wonderful work, from Dr. and Mrs. James W. Hayes

**Our beloved Golden, Bailey**, on her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Patricia Kennedy

**Cassie Merman-Joseph**, from Lisa Merman

**Brandenburg our GRREAT Golden**, from Don and Nancy Mitarotonda

**Sparky**—the Sparkle goes on! from Barbara and Robert Osgood

**Mr. Sam, my best friend**, from Brenda Pascal

**Barney's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday**, from Sally Shornstheimer and Ken Jonson

**Trish (Collier) and Clayt Eakle**, foster parents of our beloved Cindy and very special Golden Lovers, from Dave and Nancy Smith

**Kelly, my Golden**, from Alex Vallianos

**Chester**, adopted 3/94, from Barbara and Robert Young

### To thank...

**Marsha and Wally for bringing Hope into our hearts and home**, from Sherry and Michael Abramson

**GRREAT for Penny** (formerly Jenny), from Vicki and James Eurice

**GRREAT for our wonderful Chelsea**, from Ellen and Gary Kasnett

### Recent Donations

Anna Alt-White (for Simile-Finale Fund)  
Ronald and Joan Apatoff  
Kathy Ayres  
Dr. and Mrs. Henry Balch  
Thomas Bannister  
Sandy and Doug Berlin  
Richard and Jule Ann Cheslock  
Janice and Charles Cram  
Bob and April Fritz  
Cindy Froslic  
Ken and Donna Goodman  
Nathan Greene  
Bob and Alaine Hamilton  
Bronda Harrison  
Paula and Michael Hart  
Charles and Jill Heagy  
Joanne Heininger  
Charles and Wendy Heinz  
Jane Johnston  
Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid  
Kathi J. Knill  
Kristina M. Kotulak-Hays  
John and Jackie Lodmell  
Mary Ellen Lunde  
Barbara MacDonald  
Carol and Doug Melamed  
Mary and Michael Miller  
Margaret Muldoon  
Sharon Nix  
Abby Owen  
Nicolette Parisi  
Jack and Micky Penkoske  
Gordon and Merritt Ringer  
Bob and Anita Rohr  
Patricia Scahill  
Cathie and Mike Skoog  
Jan Wolf Shapiro  
John and Charene Snyder  
Dinah Stevens and Hugh Spitzer  
Hope Sternberg  
Richard and Elaine Swartz  
Chris Umberger  
Neal Vecchio  
Karen Wahler  
James and Jaclyn Walters  
David and Paulette Zee  
Clara Zurn

**THANK YOU**  
to all of these  
friends of  
**GRREAT**  
for their  
recent  
donations

### DID YOU KNOW?

The average cost\* to GRREAT to re-home a rescued dog:

**\$221.**

GRREAT's current requested donation from the adopting family:

**\$150.**

**Your donations do make a difference!**

\* per rescued dog (excluding the five dogs with unusually high Leo Fund expenses), based on 1997 total veterinary bills, foster home supplies, phone calls, transportation, and insurance.



## **GRREAT is looking for some very special Volunteers...**

We are looking for one or more **corporate sponsors** to underwrite the cost of printing *GRREAT News*. Our newsletter is our main educational tool, and it has a circulation of over 1000 homes, vets, shelters, and other recipients. If you or your company can underwrite the printing costs of one or more issues of *GRREAT News*, we will recognize your generosity by printing your advertisement, your name, or your corporate logo in each issue that you sponsor. For further information, please contact April Fritz, newsletter editor at (301) 330-5749 or AGFRITZ111@AOL.COM.

We are looking for new **foster and adoptive homes for our older and special needs dogs**. Please see the story on Traveler on page 11. A senior dog can add joy to any family, and these dogs deserve a chance to live out their Golden years in a loving environment. If you are interested in sharing your home with a senior dog or a special needs dog, please contact Deb Nizer, Adoptions Coordinator at DNIZER@AOL.COM, or Georgie Bahler, Foster Home Coordinator at (703) 620-6698.

We are looking for one or more **veterinarian-writers** who can contribute articles to the newsletter. Part of our educational effort is to provide foster homes—and Golden lovers in general—with basic information about the health care needs of their pets. Your contribution could be a regular column or an article on a specific subject. If you write informational materials for your clients, think about writing for us. Contact April Fritz, newsletter editor at (301) 330-5749 or AGFRITZ111@AOL.COM.

We are looking for **quilters** to help us assemble a Golden quilt to be raffled at our Winter Holiday Party in December. We will provide the fabric; you provide the creativity and skill. If you're interested, contact Sam Connelly at (410) 256-3113.

We are looking for a **copier repair person** who can help keep our 3M 537 copier functioning. If you are someone who knows the innards of this make and model, please contact Georgie Bahler at (703) 620-6698.

We are looking for **points of contact in the pharmaceutical industry** who can help us reduce our costs for medications such as Interceptor and Heartguard. Better yet, we would love to have a corporate angel donate these medications. If you know of a detail person or other pharmaceutical representative who handles veterinary supplies, please contact Shaaron Plate, GRREAT President, at (410) 667-6512.

We are looking for a generous soul who can donate a **laptop computer** and/or a **portable printer** for use at Adoption Days and by the Secretary. Again, please contact Shaaron Plate.

...and while we're looking, we hope to see **you** at WWW.GRREAT.ORG and at the GRREAT Picnic on May 31!

**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 1998 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.  
Send to P.O. Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043-0069.*

**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 the form to:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

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. You will be contacted by the appropriate GRREAT Coordinator for more information.

I would like to know how I can

\_\_\_\_\_ Be a foster home for a GRREAT dog

\_\_\_\_\_ Be an emergency or short-term foster home

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at Adoption Days

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at Tattoo Clinics

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at information booths at dog shows,  
community fairs, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at Fund Raisers, Pictures with Santa, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Transport GRREAT dogs (to/from vet, pick-up at  
animal shelter, owner give-ups)

\_\_\_\_\_ Transport supplies, food

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide storage space for food, supplies, crates

\_\_\_\_\_ Stamp and address bulk mail (newsletters, flyers)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate the following services:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**Sunday, April 5, 1998**  
Special time: 1:00 - 3:00

**Adoption Day**

PETCO

6394 Springfield Plaza  
Springfield, VA

*See page 3 for directions.*

**Sunday May 31, 1998**  
11:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**GRREAT's Annual Picnic  
and Golden Get-Together**

Bull Run Regional Park  
Centreville, VA

*See page 5 for more information.*

**Friday, May 1, 1998**  
*Deadline for receiving entries for  
Calendar Photo Contest*  
*See page 2.*

*Future dates to note*

**Sunday, June 14, 1998**

**Adoption Day**

PETCO of Bailey's Crossroads, VA



**Sunday, May 17, 1998**

Noon - 2:00 pm

**Adoption Day**

PETCO

275 Muddy Branch Road  
Gaithersburg, MD

*See page 16 for directions.*

**Sunday, July 26, 1998**

**Adoption Day**

PETCO of Annapolis, MD

**GRREAT BEGINNINGS**




**LEAD TO HAPPY ENDINGS!**

**Golden Retriever Rescue  
Education and Training, Inc.**

P.O. Box 3069

Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

 703-620-6593

*First Class Mail*