



# GRREAT News

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*A special message*  
**See You Later**  
*Deb Nizer*

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**Keeping  
New Years  
Resolutions  
for Your Pet  
and Yourself**

While most of us have been preparing for the beginning of a New Year, I've been preparing for the end of a busy year and the close of my term as Adoption Coordinator. Like most of you I've been thinking of the past.

In 1993, when I asked "How can we help," I never expected to be so intimately involved in GRREAT, particularly since I'm not a joiner. I've never belonged to any kinds of clubs. Now I find myself closing the year with very mixed feelings. I'm happy that I have been able to help so many dogs find new homes, and looking forward to taking a much needed break from the day to day running of GRREAT. I'm also feeling sad, knowing that I will not be talking to, e-mailing, or seeing so many GRREAT volunteers on a regular basis.

The past four years have certainly been busy, rewarding, and filled with new experiences. I've learned a lot, met many wonderful people, and made lots of new friends. The position of Adoption Coordinator has certainly made me grow as a person. I'm more comfortable doing new things and have learned to hold my temper when necessary. I've heard and

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During several of our recent GRREAT events, both new and old members have approached me inquiring about fostering our beloved Golden Retrievers. Many of these people stated that they would love to foster, but thought they would have to foster a number of Golden Retrievers per year and other commitments would not allow them to foster one Golden after another. I must admit that I was a bit surprised by the impression that a continual commitment would be required.

GRREAT is always on the lookout for new and available experienced foster homes. GRREAT would certainly applaud and appreciate anyone who applies to foster any of our Golden Retrievers, whether it would be one, two or five Golden Retrievers per year. A common saying is *one step at a time*. In our organization, we could say *one dog at a time*. This saying is quite true: if you foster just one Golden per year, that is one more Golden life saved and, after all, that is our goal. GRREAT is unique among rescues in our area in having a good base of foster homes who are able to foster on an ongoing basis and take in more than one Golden per year. GRREAT extends our gratitude to these foster families for their tireless efforts and continual support. However, even they need an occasional break.

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Every year we make a mental note to do more for our pets, to improve their health (and ours), to live a better life, to increase our exercise and decrease our calorie intake, and so on and so on. But many New Year's resolutions last just a few days, even though our intentions are noble and sincere. With the turn of the century, we've compiled some suggestions for sticking to your resolutions, and some suggested resolutions to benefit you and your pets.

1. First of all, decide if you are serious about making a change. Resolutions are a waste of time unless those who make them are committed. Think in terms of what you want to

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**Can You Help a GRREAT Volunteer?**

*The following letter is published with the permission of the GRREAT Board of Directors. Any arrangements or offers of assistance should be made directly with Ms. Brown.*

Hello, my name is Tammy Brown. I am thirty years old, single, have no children, work for the Department of Defense, own my own house, volunteer for GRREAT, and own two beautiful Goldens. My female, Amber, turned three years old on this past September 16th and my male, Grizzly, I am estimate to be about two years old, because I adopted him from the Animal Control last February. Both are altered.

In the later part of September 1999 I had unexpected emergency gallbladder surgery which kept me out of work without pay for six weeks. Earlier in 1999, I was also out of work for six weeks, most of it without pay, for major depression. I am trying desperately to keep my head above water, but have fallen several months behind in my mortgage and another major bill. My back is against the wall. I am unable to work two jobs at this point, and due to many past failed attempts at having roommates in my house, probably due to my being a single female and never being able to find a female roommate—needless to say, the roommate thing never turned out. I see no alternative—other than filing bankruptcy—than to rent out my house, which involves me and my furry babies moving somewhere else where the monthly expenses are between \$400 - \$500 a month. Unfortunately, most rentals don't allow pets, let alone two 80 to 100 pound dogs. Both of my babies are very well kennel trained and housebroken, and my female even rings the bell hanging from my glass sliding back door to let me know she has to go out. I love my babies more than life and just don't know what to do.

I am trying my best to be strong and hang on. What I am looking for is just a TEMPORARY home for one or both of my babies for 6 months to one year MAXIMUM in order for me to get back on my feet again and to move back into my house. I am not doing this because I want to; I am doing this because I feel as if there is no other alternative if I am to save my credit and my home that I have worked extremely hard to obtain and maintain for years. This is an extremely hard and sad situation for me, but I feel there is no other option. My Goldens are my babies; in other words, I will continue to provide food and veterinarian care for them during our separation. If you know of any resources of help, please contact me. Thanks so much.

Tammy Brown

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# GRREAT Annual Business Meeting Saturday, January 22, 2000

**First Floor Conference Room—Executive Plaza North  
6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852**

*New location in Rockville*

All members are encouraged to attend. You must be present to vote.

### Voting Eligibility

Voting membership is given to those GRREAT members who have volunteered at least 20 hours of service during a year. Elected officers and appointed coordinators and administrators (as listed on page 2) are automatically considered voting members as their positions require more than 20 hours of service annually.

For other volunteers, hours accumulated in the past or current calendar year are considered valid for voting purposes. Each member keeps track of his/her volunteer hours.

The following can be used as a guide in tabulating hours.

Fostering one dog	10 hours
Fostering a second dog during same year	10 hours
Attend/volunteer at a GRREAT function	5 hours
<i>(maximum of 4 functions to be tabulated, including Adoption Days, Picnic, Winter Party, Meetings, Tattoo Clinics, Fundraisers, Education Booths)</i>	
Transport a dog	5 hours
<i>(maximum of 4 to be tabulated, including shelter pickups, vet trips, owner give-ups, adoption and foster home transport)</i>	
Chair an appointed committee or function	10 hours
Active assistant to a coordinator	10 hours
Home check	5 hours
<i>(maximum of 4 per calendar year)</i>	

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The Board of Directors welcome additional families who would be able to foster even one Golden per year.

So, to answer the many questions about how many Golden retrievers you are asked to foster per year, please be assured that even one per year will benefit the Rescue and the dogs we love. Our foster home program is one key, if not *the* key, ingredient in GRREAT's success with rescuing Golden retrievers. Please do some soul searching to see if you can open

up your heart and home to one of our Golden retrievers on a temporary basis.

Are you unsure about the requirements and process to become a foster? Perhaps you just have questions about our foster program? Please feel free to call GRREAT's information line, (703) 620-6593, mailbox 61, then press 62 and leave your name and phone number for a call-back by our foster home coordinator or email DeAnna Edge, VAEDGE@AOL.COM.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**10:00 a.m. Get Acquainted Session**  
*(beverages and munchies will be served)*

**10:30 a.m. Business Meeting**  
**Agenda**

- Officers and Coordinators Reports
- Election of Officers

#### *Proposed Slate of Officers*

President	Doug Brown
Vice President	Dan Keppler
Secretary	Mary Ellen Lunde
Treasurer	Gail Corby

Nominations for officers will also be taken during the business meeting.

- Reports of 1999 activities
- Plans for the coming year's fundraising efforts
- Plans for the coming year's educational activities
- Coordinator reports

**Directions to Executive Plaza North:** From I-270, take the Montrose Road exit east for about 1.6 miles. At the fourth stoplight, turn right onto East Jefferson Street. At the next light (the big curve) the street name changes to Executive Boulevard. Turn right there into the Executive Plaza office building complex. 6130 is the closest building on the right. Parking is free on the weekend. You will be asked to sign in at the security guard's station and show a driver's license or other identification. The meeting room is in the corridor behind the guard station.

### Consider This!

**How to decide whether to adopt a cat or a dog:**

A dog will consider you a "member of the family."

A cat will consider you "staff."

*Thanks to John and Jackie Lodmell for sending this in!*

# Special Donations were received

## IN HONOR OF ...

My sister-in-law's (**Lori Levin**'s) birthday, from Michael and Barbara Abrams

**Cathy Story**. Please accept this donation in appreciation of all the help we received in finding our lost "Tide" and especially to Cathy Story (a PVGRC member), from Arthur and Maurie Negrin

**Noreen Stewart** of Parker, Arizona, from Irena Nemcova-Nemec

**All GRREAT volunteers** from Betsy Davis

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**Bonnie**, a 12 year old Golden Retriever who will never need to look for a home, from Joan Wong of Singapore

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

**Cody** (99-190), my first successful foster. What a great GRREAT dog. Almost broke my heart to send her on her way. Please use where most needed. —Vicki Smith

**Dusty**, from Jonathan Gordon

**Fiddle** (94-172), from Charles and Wendy Heinz

**The Lamp Cat Colony** (but we love Goldens too), from Dr. Joseph and Jo Ann Lamp

**Maggie May** (98-044), formerly Goldie, who has given us so much joy. She quickly became one of the family, adopting us as her own. She was 11 months when June and Richard Downing let us have her. Now at 2½ she has become quite the young lady. Thanks!  
—Lisa and Ken Funk

**Max**, one GRREAT Golden, and in his memory, from Dan and Sharon Nix

**Oliver**, from Stephen Williams

**Sarah and Montana West** and to thank **Lyn Fuller** from Brian and Shirl West

**Shadow** and in memory of **Sandy** and to thank **Al Handy** who introduced me to the beautiful world of Goldens, from John M. Powell

**Shoko**, our loyal Lab, from Gerald Schuchman

**Trey and Jake**, the GRREATEST Boys in the world, from Jude and Gary Biedenkapp



## A GRREAT BIG Thank You goes to

**Sheila Ray**, for donating two kennels to future adoptive families.

**Mutts and Mittens, Inc.**, Safety Harbor, FL, for donating ten Timber's Holiday Toys

**Originals by Jacqueline**, Newtown, CT, for donating a Golden Retriever Tree Topper

**Woodland Studio**, Wurtsboro, NY, for donating a Golden Retriever pin and a Golden Retriever suncatcher

**Golden Touch**, Houston, TX, for donating a silver Golden Retriever pin

**Master Stroke**, Grand Junction, CO, for donating a Golden Retriever puppy print

**PETSMART Charities** for a donation resulting from GRREAT's participation in their October Adopt-A-Pet-Weekend

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seen some of the consequences when people make a wrong or snap decision regarding a pet. I've witnessed the joy of a family making a careful, thought-out choice about the right pet. Thankfully, seeing a family and dog leaving with ALL faces smiling certainly has outweighed the bad memories. And last but not least, if you believe my husband Skip's view, I have found a new way to get out of cooking dinner and learning to read a map.

I really started all this just to say THANKS to all the volunteers who have helped me do this job through the years. While there are too many names to list them all, I must mention a few who put up with me on a day- to-day basis: Linda and Dave Clark, Lisa Smith, Becky Ober and Mary Ginn. I also want to thank all of our home visit volunteers and Adoption Day helpers. Without your assistance, I couldn't have done my job.

Special thanks go to past and present board members. I've enjoyed working with you all—even our all-day meeting and eating fests (we had to have something to keep our strength up—honest!).

To Georgie Bahler, Rescue Person Extra-ordinaire: I can't tell begin to say how much I've learned from you or how much help you've been. You're one smart, special lady and GRREAT is very fortunate to have you.

To my family, Skip, Kate and the four-legged crew—THANKS. You've all shared this job with me, helping with chores, checking out dogs in shelters, transporting, or just being ignored and neglected. Thanks for allowing me the time to do what I consider one of the most important things I've ever done.

Enough of this wallowing. We will still be fostering and I'll be helping at the Maryland Adoption Days. I will see everyone again on some future occasion. So, I'll see you later and THANKS again.

—*Deb Nizer*

*You're invited to a  
GRREAT SOCIAL EVENT  
and GOLDEN GATHERING*

**April 14, 2000 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

*Casual Dress*

**Holiday Inn, 999 West Patrick St., Frederick, MD**

The Headquarters Hotel for the GRCA Eastern Regional Specialty  
held at Rose Hill Manor, Frederick, MD

Tickets for the GRREAT Social Event are \$28.00 before March 1, 2000 and \$30.00 thereafter. Each ticket includes two coupons for alcoholic drinks (cash bar thereafter) and unlimited soft drinks.

**Please call 301-595-3344 for reservations.**

*Featuring*

*New York Style Deli Board*

Carved roast beef, corned beef and pastrami  
with selected breads, rolls and assorted cheeses

*Tucson Station*

Antipasto salad, black olives, garlic bread topped with olive oil,  
Bread sticks with port wine cheese and other Italian favorites

*Hors D'oeuvres*

Fruit and cheese display  
Chicken wrapped in snow peas brochettes  
Spring rolls with hot mustard or teriyaki sauce

*Viennese Deserts*

On display during the Social  
will be a continuous slide presentation  
and a video tape playback of the day's events  
and competition at Rose Hill Manor.

GRREAT will also be sponsoring a silent auction  
and several raffles featuring an original oil painting  
of a Golden Retriever by Ginnie Crozier Otis.

*All proceeds will benefit GRREAT's LEO FUND.*

The LEO FUND was established to provide specialized  
medical care for rescued Golden Retrievers.

For more information on GRREAT, The Leo Fund,  
additional silent auction pieces and raffle items, visit our website at  
[WWW.GRREAT.ORG](http://WWW.GRREAT.ORG)

*GRREAT wishes to thank the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club  
for allowing us this unique opportunity to enhance our efforts to rescue  
unwanted, displaced, abused, and neglected Golden Retrievers  
and to provide specialized medical care for those who need it.*

# Special Donations were received

## IN MEMORY OF...

Lynn and Gail  
Hunsicker write:

In the past few years we have had the opportunity to donate money to GRREAT in tribute to our Golden, Champagne. On October 16, 1999 with the assistance of her long time friend and veterinarian, Dr. Kent Olsen, Champagne departed this world. This year's contribution is in memory of our Champy. We miss her smiling ways.

**Bob Johnson**—another Golden lover—from Mrs. Marjorie Johnson

Our neighbor, **Thomas E. (Bob) Johnson**, who passed away August 24, 1999, from Mr. and Mrs. David Swiger

**Thomas Edward (Bob) Johnson**, from Gilbert and LaRue Kelbaugh

**Gloria A. Gibbs**—a dog lover every day of her 92 years, from Gwen Wood

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**Bear Bear Sampson**, from Jeanie Haskell-Sampson (*please see remembrance on page 16*)

**Bear**, Jeanie Haskell-Sampson's dog, from Donna LeCompte

**Beau**—we love you and miss you, old dear—you're gone too soon. And **to thank Marie**, Beau's good, true friend. —Robert and Marcia Bergquist

**Callalou Honey**, our best friend for 12 wonderful years, from Jill Kurtz

**Charlie**, from Bill and Nina Malone

**Danny**, from Patricia Kennedy

**Dusty**, from John and Pat Gird

**Jake "the snake" La Motta** (96-007), an angel dog, from Linda Stacy-Nichols

**Jenny**, who passed away 11/98, from Patrick Neiler

**Lindy**, CD, a friend to Brie, GRREAT dogs MacGyver and Barney, and in whose honor GRREAT foster dogs now help to fill our broken hearts. —Nicolette Parisi

**Maggie and Jericho**, from Beverly McWhirter

Lenny and Cor Endlich's GRREAT dog **Millie**, another wonderful Golden whose life was way too short, from Patrick and Patricia McAllister (*please see remembrance on page 9*).

**Nicholas**, from Jane Kunze

**Pollux**, from Laura Garces Fischer and Felix Fischer

**Printz**, from Lawrence J. Nee

**Reilly**, companion of Mary Chapin Carpenter, from David Wolf

Our first GRREAT dog **Rusty**, so loving and gentle until cancer took him. And **thanks for Randy**. We were able to adopt from GRREAT a true member of our family who is loved so much. —Dorothy Dean

**Rusty**, and **in honor of Roger, Zack and Woody**, from William and Mary Ferguson

**Sandy Maust**. I lost my faithful partner on September 2, 1999. He would have been 16 on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope the enclosed check will aid your organization in caring for another of those wonderful pets who I loved for so many years. —Wilma Maust

**Tracey** (95-113), the most missed Golden. May she rest in peace since leaving us 2/14/99, from Mark and Roslyn Preston

My beloved **Zack**, from JoAnna Thalheimer



*A heartfelt Thank You to the following people who generously sent end of year donations to GRREAT.*

Kathy and Dimitri Adcock  
Debra and Bill Armstrong  
James and Gloria Baer  
Sue Barefoot  
Debra and Bill Barrows  
Ken and Carolyn Beard  
The Bernhardt Family  
Priscilla and John Borden  
Michele Brady  
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Cheryl Brooks  
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Julia Stran  
Andrea Supp and Courtney Matthews  
Kate Symonds  
Thomas Tucker  
Sheila and Gordon Urquhart  
Tim Zilke

**Thank You**  
**to these**  
**individuals**  
**for their recent**  
**donations**

**The**  
**SIMILE-FINALE**  
**FUND**

*GRREAT's fund for holistic treatments for special needs dogs, begun by Elizabeth Oberdorfer, received recent donations from:*

Tim and Anna Alt-White

Mary Ginn

*I'm sending this donation in memory of Raffie and Grama dog and friends of Ipsy and Barkley Ginn and all others who have passed on in 1999.*

—Mary Ginn

## Adoption Days in January and March

**Saturday, January 29, 2000 — Noon to 2 pm**  
**PETCO, 2441 Centreville Rd #F, Herndon, VA**  
**703-713-1552 (for directions ONLY)**

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Capital Beltway (I-495) take the Dulles Toll Road West towards Dulles Airport. Exit onto Rt. 657 (Old Centreville Rd., Exit 10) South towards Chantilly. The total toll will be approximately \$0.75. PETCO is in the corner of the first shopping center on the left. There is a Red Lobster and a Crestar Bank in the front.



**Saturday, March 11, 2000 — Noon to 2 pm**  
**PetsMart, 5401 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD**  
**301-662-2033 (for directions ONLY)**

**Directions from the Washington Beltway (I-495):**  
Take I-270 North for approximately 30 miles to the MD 85 North exit. Turn right onto Grove Road and turn right again onto MD 355 (Urbana Pike). PetsMart is 0.9 miles on the right (west) side of the road.

**Directions from the Baltimore Beltway (I-695):**  
Take I-70 West/US-40 West approximately 38 miles to the MD 355/Market Street exit. Turn right onto MD 355 S/MD 85 S for 0.1 mile and then bear left onto MD 355 S for another 1.4 miles.



## — REMINDER — It's Membership Renewal Time

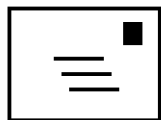
Please check your mailing label for this issue. If it says RENEW NOW in the upper right corner, your GRREAT membership expires with this issue. Membership dues are still only \$20 per year and include a subscription to GRREAT News.

Dues are payable now through January 31, 2000, after which time membership will be forfeited.

This is also the time to consider making a tax-deductible donation to GRREAT. Use the handy form on page 19, and mail it and your check to GRREAT's post office box in the addressed envelope included in this issue.

Tuck a note in the envelope about your pride and joy—and maybe a picture—we love to hear from you!

*We love getting letters like this!*



## Dear GRREAT

I immensely enjoy reading the *GRREAT News*. I would like to give a GRREAT big thank you to your volunteers. I have been in the Animal Control field for over 18 years. I have had many contacts with Golden Rescue at each shelter where I have worked.

Many animal shelter employees are partial towards certain breeds (we can't help it). I have to admit I love the Golden Retrievers. My family bred Golden Retrievers as I grew up, but no more, because I have had a front row seat to view the multitudes that come through shelters.

All animal shelters are thankful for the Rescue groups that assist us in getting dogs placed in new homes. Our county shelter receives about 4,000-5,000 animals per year, and this is with a population of only about 125,000 people! As you can guess, many of these animals do not get new homes. To have a rescue group that responds quickly and even takes close mixed breed animals is a godsend.

GRREAT has a terrific volunteer named Carolyn Bishop who works with us in Washington County. In 1998 and so far in 1999, we have had nine Golden Retrievers picked up from our shelter by your Rescue. Carolyn and her close group of contacts are only a phone call away.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and foster families. Animal shelters would have a much harder time without you!

—Keller Haden  
Animal Control Supervisor  
Humane Society of Washington County, MD

*Leny Endlich writes:*

I am sending you a small donation for the Leo Fund in memory of our beloved GRREAT Golden Millie van Oranje, CGC, 1-24-89 to 10-25-99.

We adopted Millie in May, 1990. She was a beautiful Golden but she had one problem: very bad hips. The vet put her on Glycoflex. Surgery was not necessary because she had such a lot of muscles that she could live with it, and so she did.

A couple of weeks ago she started to limp on her left rear leg. The vet took more x-rays and was not sure what it was, suspecting arthritis in her knee. She got some pills for that and it worked. But after a couple of weeks she could not walk any more. X-rays were taken again and there it was, a big mass of cancer in the bone. She was in a lot of pain. She was always a tomboy with a twinkle in her eyes and a smile on her face. But not any more. My husband went to the vet to say goodbye to her and hold her, and then she left us.

I hope she will see her Golden brother up there—the one we lost last November. We miss her so very, very much. Her Golden sister and brothers are without their alpha dog and they are still looking for her as well. We all miss her and loved her so much.

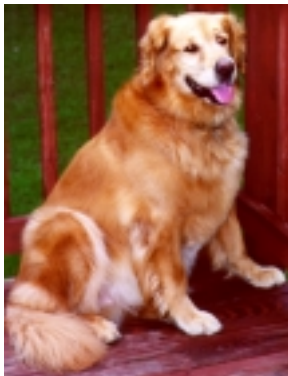
—Cor and Leny Endlich, Max, Tabbie, Zack, and pup Tanner

*Millie Endlich, protecting the Earth from squirrels*



# Special Donations were received...

Happy Anniversary to  
Clancy Shick and family



To thank **GRREAT** for all your hard work, from Charlotte and Charles Gilmore

To thank **June and Richard Downing**, from Jim and Tracey Taylor

To thank **GRREAT and all those who worked so hard to help find Campbell**, from Jody and John Culver

To thank **GRREAT** for four great years so far with Cody, 95-131, from Lynn Shine

To thank **GRREAT** for all you do, from Regina and Kenneth Wolfe

To thank you—**GRREAT**—for Bo and all the work you do, from Linda Scher

To thank **GRREAT** for bringing Bailey, #99-135, into my life, from Toni Thompson

To thank **GRREAT** for Nina and the wonderful work you do, from Rosalind and Stuart Walman

For **Yuri**, from Ray and Freda Rever

For **Clancy**—January 4, 2000 is our one year anniversary in enjoying his great company. We love you Clancy, from your family —Joanne Shick

For giving a **Golden a chance** to be a happy, healthy member of a family, from Nancy Hamilton

This donation is a Christmas gift for **Nick and Janet Kaplan in memory of Millie**  
—Michael Kaplan

# Leo Fund Donations were received In Memory of...

My husband and I would like to make a donation in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McHugh's Golden named Sheila. Sheila recently died at the age of 17 and our friends are heartbroken. Thanks and keep up the good work."

—Jackie and  
Patrick Smith

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**Bud**, from Jayme Melofchik

**Huckleberry** (Jack Tar of Middleborough), from Jane C. Smith

**Jake**—our "wonder dog," from John Horwath

My best friend **Jenny**, who has been gone since 1995, from Jo Dempsey

Our beloved GRREAT Golden, **Millie van Oranje**, CGC, from Cor and Leny Endlich  
(please see remembrance on page 9)

**Misty**, who passed away December 29, 1998, from Sandy Melago

**Nuggett**, 15 years of love, who died 2/99, from Jeff and Maurine Schuller

**Reily Ray**, the sweetest bestest Golden we ever knew. We'll always miss him. —Sheila Ray

**Roxy**, from Linda Hunt

**Samantha**, a Golden and sweet Border Collie, 16 going on 17 years 2/15/99, with eternal love and gratitude. —Debbie Brent

**Spenser**, from Douglass Gray and Patricia France

**Teddy Scheuermann and Oscar Scheuermann**, loved by Mike and Harriet Scheuermann, from Julie Palais and Rick Stevens

**Tomasina Jefferson** (96-108), best friend until her untimely death this year, from Ricki Marie Ernest

**Truck and in honor of Maggie, Samson, and Shane**, from Tim and Linda Daniel

**Golden Angels  
(\$500 or more)**

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Louise Ernest  
Mary Ginn  
Joyce and Pierce Quinlan  
Lesle Raulin

**Golden Heroes  
(\$100 - \$499)**

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Roland and Ele Behnke  
Debbie Brent  
Bernard and Bonnie Burton  
David and Cynthia Collier  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cortright  
Tim and Linda Daniel  
Jo Dempsey  
Fred and Shelley Donnell  
Wendy Eakle  
Gary Greenwood  
Nancy Hamilton  
Faye and Kim Heffner  
Charles and Wendy Heinz  
John Horwath  
Linda Hunt  
Lee and Catherine Jenkins  
Dr. E. Joseph and Jo Ann Lamp  
Dawn and Ed Lowe  
Sandy Melago  
Carol Melamed  
Paul and Andrea Misner  
Conrad and Pam O'Connell  
Julie Palais and Rick Stevens  
Sheila Ray  
Neil and Connie Schuster  
Russ Stephens and Barbara Blair  
Julia Stran  
Neil Strawser  
Martin and Janet White

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

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Anita Abbruscato  
Judith Adrezin  
Robert Barton  
Wendy Beyer  
Chris and Susan Boehmer  
Lisa Bonato  
Sheila Cohen  
Patricia Collier  
Thomas and Vivian Collier  
Carola Dahle  
Karen Davis  
Richard and Anna Dodson  
Cor and Leny Endlich  
Ricki Marie Ernest  
Jill Fisher  
Douglass Gray and Patricia France  
Edward Gross, Jr.  
Kathi Knill  
Jayme Melofchik  
Donna Mistretta  
Michael Mulligan  
Sharon Robinson-Boonstra  
Raymond and Kathleen Schmid  
Jeff and Maurine Schuller  
Jane C. Smith  
Nancy and Robert Snyder  
Julia Stran  
Leslie Thornton  
Fran Ward



**Leo's Corner**

*The Leo Fund  
for special needs dogs.*

**Leo Thanks Trish  
Collier and Family!**

Donations have been received in the name of Patricia Collier, who requested donations to the Leo Fund in lieu of Christmas gifts, from:

Wendy Eakle

David and Cynthia  
Collier

Thomas and Vivian  
Collier

*and also:*

In honor of my brother and sister-in-law, former owners and forever lovers of Golden Retrievers, David and Cynthia Collier of Stuart, FL, from Patricia Collier

**Dear GRREAT:**

**I want to help dogs that need special surgery.**

**Here's a donation to The Leo Fund.**

**Please send me a donation acknowledgment.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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



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P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church, VA

## LETTERS from GRREAT DOGS

Hello, my name is Moses. I am eight years old or nine or maybe even twelve (but I doubt it). I was tied up to a lamp post in Sterling Park back in the spring of '99. Someone found me there and took me to an animal hospital in Leesburg. From there, I went to the animal shelter in Waterford. I spent over two weeks there in a cage-like place.

People were pretty much nice to me but it was very boring until this lady came in one day and looked at me. I was so happy to see someone that I picked up two tennis balls in my mouth to show her how talented I could be. Well, she looked real concerned and turned around and walked away. Then the next day right at 10:00 a.m. she was back with a leash and collar—YIPEEEEEEE!!!!!! I knew what that meant—I was free.

Well, she took all 122 pounds of me with her and loaded me up in her truck. Her boyfriend was with her and gave me a pretty funny look—I might add that he is no longer with her!! Well, we went right to another hospital where I was pulled and poked around and bathed. But that was okay because I am pretty good-natured. I know I smelled awful and hardly had any hair but I sure was a happy boy.

And would you know the same lady ended up taking me home with her in about a week or so. Was I ever happy because she had other doggies at her home just like me—well, almost just like me. They had hair and weren't fat like me. There was Missy who I found out was rescued also and is about thirteen years old. She was thrown away

because she wouldn't have puppies anymore but this lady had taken her in along with her mother about five years ago. Missy's mom had died about a year before I came to this home—she had died of cancer. Then there was Scud, who is a good ole boy. He is nine years old and he was chained outside also. I found out that he had been ill with a heart arrhythmia brought on by a tick-borne disease. He was all better now and had put on weight (he was 20 pounds underweight) and had even grown hair. And there was Cinnamon who is nine years old like Scud. He was born in this house and seemed to be quite normal except for that darned frisbee which is ALWAYS and FOREVER stuck in his mouth—he is neurotic, I think. Then there was Babe who is three years old and quite beautiful. She was born in this house too and I quite think she thinks that she OWNS the house. She is very bossy but I must say she can be a sweetheart and is a very obedient girl.

Those were all the other Golden Retrievers in the house, but there were also two other doggies. Chelsea is a Keeshond who is five or six years old. She had also been tied out for her entire life until she became very ill and was brought to the same hospital where I ended up. Anyway, apparently, her owners could not afford to make her well so the nice people at the hospital said they would take care of her and find her a home. Chelsea told me that she pushed her way into this lady's heart and was taken into her home this past year. Last but not least is this cute little long-haired Dachshund named Waldi who is nine years old. This little guy had five homes before coming to this farm house in the country where the air is fresh and the yard is clean and there are plenty of toys and we are never caged up or left behind.

Each one of us gets to go to work with Mom once a week or so and we get to ride in the truck and “weeeeeee” is that fun. Oh, I might add that I really did have some medical problems that caused me to be overweight and also caused my hair to fall out in various places. I overheard my mom

*Cinnamon, Scud, Babe, and Moses Cook, sitting still for a split second*



talking to the doc one day—they were saying something about thyroid. All I know is that I get to take pills every day with peanut butter and is that yummy. And I am soooo proud of myself because I have lost 36 pounds—isn't that great?? I can run and jump and chase balls now and I have a beautiful hair coat—I can't remember the last time I had hair on my tail.

Sometimes my mom gets upset with me though, because she says I am a “counter surfer” and she has had to retrain herself in the kitchen. She has put these funny little wooden things on the counter that snap if I jump up to touch them—they keep me off the counters pretty much. I guess she did that because I was getting up on the counters and eating those good cookies she was making (I must admit that those containers she had them in were hard to get open, but I did it!!)

I had to go to the hospital recently because I ate too many pears from under the pear tree outside and had an awful belly ache. Mom said I had pancreatitis and she was very sad that I was in the hospital for three days. (She didn't want me to know but I saw her crying.) Those pears sure were good though—I looked for them when I got home but someone had picked them all up and the tree was chopped down.

I am a very happy boy here at my new home and think I will stay here with my friends and my new mom who I know loves me very much. I just want to thank all the people who are involved in this wonderful organization called GRREAT because otherwise, I would be waiting for NO one on the other side of Rainbow Bridge. Because, you see, my number was up at the shelter and I was slated to go to doggie heaven the very day that my new mommy came to get me. Thank you for rescuing me!

—Moses (Cook)

It has been awhile since I last wrote a note to GRREAT, so I thought that while Mom and Dad are ordering their calendar and *Golden Favorites* cookbook, I would update you all on my good fortunes.

It is hard to believe that it has been seven years since Mom and Dad found me at a GRREAT adoption day in Fairfax, VA. Dad retired from his defense contracting work and we all moved to Palm Coast, Florida shortly after my adoption. Palm Coast is located minutes from the history of St. Augustine to the north and minutes from the action of Daytona to the south. Personally, I like the goings on at the beach that is just a short stroll from our home. I can run and play in the sand and in the ocean. People here are so friendly. They all seem to like me and many call me the community clown. I have several four-legged friends here. I'm the big man on campus here since all my buddies are smaller than I. As you can guess, my Golden fur is turning a bit gray, but my life in Florida has been the best. I sure wish some other GRREAT Golden could join me to romp and play here. Mom and Dad asked me to tell you to please put the extra money enclosed toward a donation where it can be best used by GRREAT. Woof! Woof!

—Chuck (Rohr)

My name is Jack and I was dog 98-053. I would like to say HI to my foster parents, the Gepps. I really like my new family and am enjoying life a lot. I am hoping to get a TD and a CD in 2000—maybe even try for a WC. This year I've gone to lots of activities with Mom. Saturday and Sunday are the best days of the week because we always spend time out—hours, really—with all my doggy friends. Dad sent Mom and me to dog camp this summer at Camp Jackpot. I tried Freestyle Dance, I'm a Jazz Dog, tracking and of course obedience. Next year I want to try agility.

Please put my donation into the fund that needs the most help. Mom said it should be given in honor of the Armstrongs (Rodger and Sue) and for Marie Acton. They have spent many hours this year with Mom and me teaching us the skills so I can do lots of fun Golden things. They spend hours and hours of unpaid time teaching us all how to have a great time together.

—Jack is a Taz Too (Barrows)



Dear GRREAT:

Please accept this donation to the Leo Fund in honor of Buddy and Bear. My husband and I are celebrating our second anniversary. We were married two years ago on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We met three years ago while each of us was out walking our dog, two great Golden Retrievers, Buddy and Bear. Because of these two wonderful Golden we are married today!

Rather than giving gifts to each other this year, we wanted to make a donation to an organization that helps Golden Retrievers as our way of saying thanks in honor of Buddy and Bear. Buddy has had surgery on both hips so we would like to contribute to the Leo Fund.

—Conrad and Pam O'Connell

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accomplish, not what you want to avoid. Ask yourself if you want to make a change and whether or not you're driven to making it happen. If you decide that 2000 is your year to keep a resolution, then remember: Be realistic and set manageable goals.

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2. Be specific about your goals. Don't resolve to simply lose weight, resolve to lose *x* number of pounds. "I want to exercise more" is not specific enough—try saying "I will exercise 30 minutes per day."

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3. Make a list of your goals and share them with a buddy. This makes your commitment public knowledge and makes you accountable to your friend as well as yourself.

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4. Break each goal into manageable increments. For example, if you want to lose 20 pounds, resolve to shed 2 pounds per week over 12 weeks. In your mind, two pounds is easier to lose than 20, and the timeframe allows for a little slippage.

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5. Put notes, encouragements or reminders where you will see them regularly—at your desk, on your dashboard, by the dog food bin, on the bathroom mirror or the back door. That way you can't forget your resolutions.



6. Celebrate small successes. After the first five pounds, treat yourself to a non-caloric celebration—a extra trail walk with Fuzzface, for instance.

So, what to resolve? Here are some suggestions that will benefit not only you, but also your pet. (Remember, select only a few to make your resolutions come true.)

- Resolve to take yourself to your physician and your pets to the veterinarian on a regular basis, and keep *everyone's* health information and licenses up to date.
- Resolve to take your own vitamins and pills regularly and assure that your pets receive regular heartworm preventive and any other medications they need.
- Resolve to provide lots of chew toys for your pets in lieu of furniture, carpet, slippers or garbage to chew on.
- Resolve to clean up after your pet. Always.
- Resolve to avoid overfeeding all family members—two-legged and four-legged.
- Resolve to increase your exercise by accompanying your pet on longer excursions around the neighborhood.
- Resolve to learn something new every day for yourself and teach your pet something new every month, whether it is a trick, a command, or a new experience.
- Resolve to brush and clip your pets regularly, combing out mats and checking them for lumps and bumps that might need medical attention. The physical contact will do you both good.
- Resolve to spread the word about responsible dog ownership and about Golden Retriever Rescue.
- Resolve to be the best pet owner in the universe. After all, you have the best pet in the world.

The media, looking for a name for the next decade which starts with 00, has suggested the "aught decade." Stick to your millennium resolutions—make this a "can do" year for your goals rather than one which you "aught" to have accomplished.

*Adapted from materials written by the San Francisco SPCA, [www.womenswire.com](http://www.womenswire.com), and International Teaching Seminars ([www.nlp-community.com](http://www.nlp-community.com)).*



### Another Leo Fund Success Story

Dear GRREAT,  
Here's a picture of Dutchess for the doctor who did her hip surgery. She has fully recovered and is doing great!

Thank you so much for trusting us as her adoptive family. She has fit right in and loves playing in our yard with our children and our other Golden Retriever.

—The Habermann Family

## More Letters to GRREAT



Please accept this donation in memory of Barney, a 9½ year old Golden who died of cancer on November 30, 1999. He was loved by his family, Bill and Alice Neuman, of Old Lyme, CT. Please continue the wonderful work that you do. You do a great job on the web site, too (most of which I've printed and am sending to Bill and Alice).

—The Neuman Family

Suki's well being has weighed heavily on my mind and I have prayed that she is happy and well. Please give our best to her new parents. Here is a contribution towards her surgery. Have a happy and healthy 2000!

Tell Suki's parents to let her know that Hunter (her Jack Russell "brother") is happy, healthy, and romping around on a farm in Pennsylvania. He is adored by his new "dad" who is the father of a co-worker of mine.

—Margaret Alexander Parker

Enclosed is a contribution to be used in whatever manner you deem appropriate. My husband and I could never repay you for all the joy Lucy (one of your rescues) has brought us over the past three years.

—John and Jackie Lodmell

Thanks so much to GRREAT and all the "grrreat" individuals associated with your organization. We wish to thank you, John, Kirby, Lynda, and Georgie for all your help in getting us such a wonderful pet. We adopted Sandee and have changed her name to Mandy. We can't say enough about what a lovely dog she is.

You all have our thanks and admiration for all the time and effort you put into such a wonderful organization. Again, thank you and please pass along our thanks to your terrific volunteers.

—Larry, Jeanne, Russ and Mandy Leggett

In honor of **Detective Robert W. Bates** of the Howard County, Maryland, Police Department, from Paul and Andrea Misner

In honor of **Mrs. Olivia McDonough**, from Judith Adrezin

Please accept this donation in the name of a proud owner of one of your wonderful Golden, **Cathy Wojciak**, owner of Max. Keep up the good work! —Fran Ward

In honor of **Dr. Pam Drake**. All your Maryland Golden will miss you. But our loss is Arizona's gain. —Sharon Robinson-Boonstra

In behalf of our daughter-in-law **Majorie Snyder**, from Nancy and Robert Snyder

We have been volunteers (foster parents) for about a year now and we are thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful organization. We've fostered eight dogs to date and fell in love with all of them—just some more than others!

We love reading the newsletter and have become accustomed to reading all the wonderful notes people write describing their Golden Ones. Well, we think there's an extra special "Golden One" who just happens to be on the human versus canine side:

**Mary Ellen Lunde**. She has provided ongoing guidance and support to us as we learn about being foster folks and about GRREAT in general.

Enclosed please find a donation to the Leo Fund in honor of Mary Ellen and all her tireless efforts. While we recognize that there are many selfless, dedicated volunteers out there, we have not yet had the privilege to personally work with them as we have with Mary Ellen.

—Martin and Janet White

In honor of GRREAT and Golden Retrievers in general, from Leslie Raulin

To thank GRREAT for Rusty II (Dusty), from Neil Strawser

To thank GRREAT for the joy and pleasure of Keo, from Carla Dahle

*Notes to Leo, continued on page 17*

## Leo Fund Donations on behalf of Special People

Please find enclosed check for Leo Fund. I have a foster dog named Traveller who requires heartworm treatment. He was a stray 7 year old male who only weighed 50 pounds, but with help from GRREAT, food, love and affection he has a chance. Thank you.

—Roland and Ele Behnke

### Please Note

Because we had so many people to thank for their generosity in this newsletter, the Adoption Report will return in the next issue.

## Misty

Louis A. Wesly

Some time ago, my wife and I took in a Golden who had definitely attained Senior Citizen status—what you may call a Golden Oldie. She was an estimated thirteen years old, as spritely as you can imagine and, best of all, a regular sweetheart, one of those dogs that makes you slightly weak in the knees. Her name was Misty.

She stayed with us for three years. In her last winter, we had some two feet of snow on the ground with drifts of four to six feet. It came to over her shoulders and she no longer had the strength to wade through it when she had to go outside to do her business. To accommodate her, I dug a path from our kitchen door to a bare spot at the side of the house. With some effort she could amble down the path and do her business on the bare spot. Everybody was reasonably happy.

One night, around three o'clock, there was Misty, nudging me. She had to go out. Coming from an elderly lady with a weak bladder, that had to be classified as a 911 call. I rushed out of bed, put on a robe and a pair of slippers and outside we went. It was bitterly cold and a knife-sharp wind was literally howling around the house. Down the path and to the bare spot Misty went. When she had finished whatever she had to do, she tried to go back to the kitchen door but lost her bearings. Instead of going down the path she turned and plowed straight into a snowdrift. The snow was over her head and she panicked, flailed around and got buried even deeper into the snow. I called and whistled but she was now totally out of control. I had no choice but to go after her. Down the path I went in my robe and slippers and into the snowdrift. When I had reached her, I tried to turn her around towards the path, but in her panic she would have none of it. There I was, standing in four or five feet of snow in my slippers. The wind had already blown my robe open. The only thing I could do was to lift up all her fifty-five pounds and carry her back to the path. Just when I had her up in my arms the elastic of my pajama pants snapped and down went my pants toward my ankles. I could barely stop them at my knees and only that by quickly spreading my legs and keeping them spread out.

And there I stood with a fifty-five pound dog in my arms, my open robe slapping around and my pants hanging around my knees with an ice cold wind knifing into my bare bottom. It was a moonlit night. The snow on the ground made it about as clear as day. I hastily looked around to the houses of my neighbors, but fortunately there was no light anywhere so hopefully they were all asleep.

I managed to carry Misty to the path by waddling over there with my feet wide apart and from there she could navigate her way back to the kitchen door by herself. It took me about half an hour in bed to get my feet warmed up. Fortunately, the police did not come to my door the next day to arrest me for indecent exposure.

Misty lived well into the spring, when she died peacefully. You may be asking yourself why anybody in his right mind goes through all that grief for just an old dog who will shortly die anyway. Well, my friend, I do not know what misery Misty had gone through before she came to my house but I do know that my wife and I gave her at least a good last three years.

And that is what Rescue is all about. The next time, try taking in a senior citizen. You may be her last chance for some quality of life. Never mind how little. It will make all the difference to the dog.



## IN MEMORY OF BEAR



*Jeanie Haskell-Sampson writes:*

Bear arrived at our house in March of 1995. He was a senior citizen (10 years old) who was diagnosed with heartworm and every other known parasite.

Bear was in Johnson City, Tennessee's SPCA and one day away from euthanasia when Donna Cooper called Georgie Baylor (both GRREAT volunteers) advising her of this situation. Within two days Alexandra (my niece) and I met Donna at the North Carolina/Virginia border and picked up Bear and another golden named Chip.

Everyone who met Bear fell in love with him immediately as he had a true Golden spirit. Bear was taken to NOVA Community College veterinary school for his first heartworm treatment and then to Blue Ridge Animal Hospital in Culpeper.

Bear became part of a geriatric household—a nine-year-old Golden, Chubaka, six cats and my mother—and did he ever fit in right! Throughout Bear's brief life with us he had many physical challenges and thanks to Dr. Janet Robinson and Blue Ridge he conquered every challenge except the last one, cancer.

I have a wonderful photographic journal of Bear's last weeks thanks to a special friend and GRREAT volunteer Donna LeCompte. She also has an oldie Golden who looked much like Bear and if you had seen them you would think that they were litter mates. She decided to photograph the two in various quiet moments.

Bear is now on my dresser in a mahogany box (given to me by Blue Ridge for their special patients) with Bear's picture on top. Our house is quite different now without Bear, however his spirit will always be here. Ever patient in life, Bear is patiently waiting on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

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In honor of **Lady** (97-066) who has been with us for two years. She came to GRREAT with heartworms and was painfully shy and fearful. Now she is healthy, somewhat plump, very happy and affectionate, and amazingly well-behaved. We are ever grateful to GRREAT and to her foster parents, Barb and Sharon.

—Carol Melamed

In honor of my wonderful Golden Retrievers, **Lucky and Ginger**, from Lisa Bonato

In honor of **Sundance and Bailey**, from Russ Stephens and Barbara Blair

In honor of GRREAT Dog **Hunter** (96-065), from Gary Greenwood

From our GRREAT Buddy (98-136), sent by Richard and Anna Dodson.

To be applied to the veterinary costs for Campbell, from Faye and Kim Heffner

In December 1999, we adopted our foster dog, Jack (99-124). Deb Nizer, Adoption Coordinator, waived the adoption fee, because Jack is a “special needs” dog—he is very aggressive towards other dogs, and requires careful vigilance. However, we would like to redirect the adoption fee to the Leo Fund, in hopes that it will help dogs in need of surgery, like Dolly, whom we met at Adoption Day and again at the Howliday Party. We would like to extend our thanks to a wonderful organization, with the best officers any volunteer organization could want!”

—Dawn and Ed Lowe

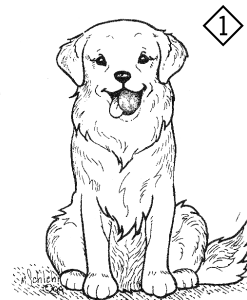
We are happy to send the enclosed contribution in memory of our beloved Golden “Nugget” whom we adopted in July, 1995 and sadly lost in March 1999. This gift is also in honor of Meggie (AKA Molly) whom we adopted in June 1999 and who has brought a lot of fun and adventure into our home.

—Joyce and Pierce Quinlan

## GRREAT New Wrappings for Cold Weather

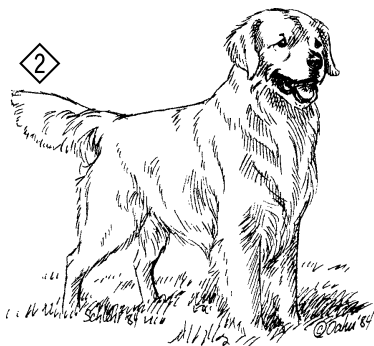
The following T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available through GRREAT. This new merchandise was a tremendous success when introduced at the GRCA National Specialty Show in September. These items are **not** in the GRREAT Dog-alog.

Drawn by nationally known artist **Marcia Schlehr**, these designs were commissioned by local Golden expert Laurie Doumaux especially for GRREAT.



Style ① **Child's T-Shirt** Pre-shrunk, all-cotton, heather gray T-shirt. The puppy is silkscreened in black, and the ball in the puppy's mouth is bright red. Youth sizes S, M and L. **\$15.00**

Style ② **Adult T-Shirt** Marcia Schlehr's pen and ink drawing of Laurie Doumaux' champion Golden, Cougar, has been silkscreened in black on a variety of colors and a wide range of sizes. On the back of the pre-shrunk, all-cotton shirt is the GRREAT acronym and full name, as well as GRREAT's web address. Colors: tan, stonewashed bright pink, or light blue. Sizes M, L, XL and XXL, **\$20.00**. Sizes 3XL and 4XL, **\$22.00**.



Style ③ **Adult Sweatshirt** Drawn by Marcia Schlehr from a photograph of Woody (Schmitz) and Moose sharing a bumper retrieve from the lake at Camp

Gone to the Dogs, this beautiful design is densely embroidered on a heavy, 80/20 cotton/polyester heather gray sweatshirt. The waves are black, the dogs are copper-gold, and the bumper is bright orange. This design is so wonderful that it is also available on a notepad (see below). Sizes L, XL, XXL, **\$45.00**; Size 3XL, **\$50.00**.



### Also available

**Golden Retriever Note Pads**—the perfect stocking stuffers. **\$3.00 per pad**

**The Bumper Twins** (style 3 above), white paper, black ink with red-orange bumper, size 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" w x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" h. 50 sheets per pad.

**Sketches by Sam** Two different pads, each having three views of puppies and Golden Retrievers doing doggie things, including the illustrations on pages 4 and 14. Size 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" w x 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" h. Black ink on cream paper, 50 sheets per pad.

Please include item name, size, color, and \$5 shipping for each \$50 (or fraction thereof) in merchandise ordered. Make your check payable to GRREAT and send to Becky Brown, Merchandise Coordinator, 11624 35th Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. Questions? Call (301) 595-3344.

**Happy shopping, and thank you for supporting GRREAT!**

**Reflections**  
*Reflections*  
**on the**  
**Howliday**  
**Party**

Guest list:  
Humans—234  
Goldens and guest  
dogs—148

A GRREAT time was  
had by all!

Pictures in the  
next issue of  
**GRREAT News!**

Dear GRREAT,

I want to thank you for such a GRREAT Christmas party. I'm Spanky Rollins, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, that attended the party. I enjoyed leading the parade in my "Black Beard" pirate costume.

I will be five years old in January, and my Mom, Judy, got me when I was two from the Welsh Corgi Rescue program. I share my home with a year-old Jack Russell Terrier named Autumn Joy. She has a lot of energy and keeps me up on my short little legs. Autumn is also a rescue from the Jack Russell Terrier program.

Friends like Deb Nizer and Jean Hartmann really made me feel welcome at the party. My mom is looking forward to helping at the next GRREAT Adoption Day. She had a great time with Sam Connelly at the last one. In closing, I just wanted to say thanks for making me feel like a real "Golden Boy."

—Spanky (Rollins)

## THANK YOU

to the following volunteers who  
helped at the enormously successful  
Howliday Party:

Georgie Bahler, Deb Nizer, Skip Nizer, Gail Corby, Laura Schmitz, Becky Brown, Doug Brown, Sam Connelly, Denise Gettier, Daniel Keppler, Glenn McDonald, Dee Brown, Janet White, Marty White, Kathy Bowser, Brad Bowser, Judy Barker, Steve Barker, Jean Hartman, Doug Hartman, Jane White, Marion Shields, Janis Brown, Valerie Brecher, April Fritz, Bob Fritz, Diane Bauer, Judith Rollins, Pat McAllister, Teri Stachowiak, Linda Hunt, Chris Dell, Richard Newton, Cheryl Babik, Cheryl Garbett, Rance Nymeyer, Betsy Davis, Laurie Collins, Kelly Daniels, Scott Daniels, Clyde Daniels, June Downing, and Richard Downing. (If we missed anyone, we sincerely apologize!)



Subj: TAZ - TAZ - TAZ  
From: patsypoo@friend.ly.net

Well here's the TAZ update:

He's just a F A B U L O U S guy! A perfect dog! They just hate us in obedience class! They are all being dragged across the floor and Taz is just sitting beside me—being the perfect gentlemen he always is.

Patrick used to take Stetson with him a lot—but Taz gets to go even more places because he's so well mannered and QUIET. (As you know, Stetson was not quiet, so depending on where Patrick was going, sometimes Stetson had to stay home with me because he was so vocal) but Taz—a perfect dog.....!

Everyone asks us where we got him—he's like the Poster Boy for GRREAT! No one can believe anyone would give up such a dog. We can't believe it either!

We also can't believe we were lucky enough to be the ones to adopt him. We love him so much, Daisy is crazy for him and the cats like

to hang out with him too. We will never be able to thank you enough for calling us and letting us have him. I know I keep telling you that - but it's true! Stetson left such a big hole in our life and Taz was just what the entire household needed!

On an uplifting note, I went by to see the Andersons a couple of weeks ago - they had just adopted Tasha (a 10 year old). I've spoken on the phone with them a couple of times. Everything seems to be working out just fine (altho Tasha and the cat have some getting-used-to time ahead). I dropped off the book "Second Hand Dog" and a coke can with a few quarters in it (most useful training aid in the world with Stetson.....!) Judy said the coke can was working great and the book really gave her some insight. They are just thrilled to have TASHA and she seemed right at home.

Well, I guess I had better finish up my paperwork before it gets too late.

Love and more thanks!!!!!!  
Pat McAllister

**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 2000 membership dues.
2. I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am interested in becoming a GRREAT volunteer.  
(Please complete Volunteer Form at right)
4. I am interested in donating the following services or  
supplies to GRREAT:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.*

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you over age 18? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ OK to call at work? \_\_\_\_\_

County or area where you live \_\_\_\_\_

County or area where you work \_\_\_\_\_

Other areas where you visit regularly \_\_\_\_\_

Best days/hours to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to know how I can help

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ At Adoption Days

\_\_\_\_\_ At Tattoo Clinics

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

\_\_\_\_\_ At Fund Raisers, Pictures with Santa, etc.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Perform home checks prior to adoptions

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Stamp and address newsletters and flyers

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

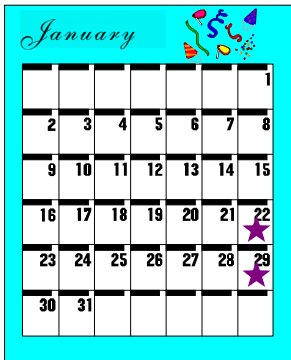
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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, January 22, 2000 – 10:30 a.m.  
**GRREAT Annual Business Meeting**  
 6130 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD  
*Details on page 3*

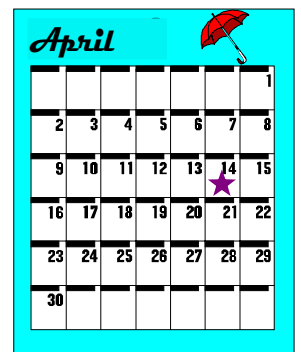
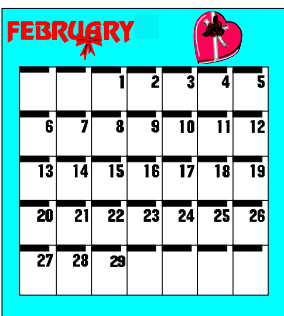
Saturday, January 29, 2000 Noon – 2:00 p.m.  
**Adoption Day**  
 PETCO of Herndon, VA  
*Directions on page 8*

Saturday, March 11, 2000 Noon – 2:00 p.m..  
**Adoption Day**  
 Petsmart in Frederick, MD  
*Directions on page 8*



Friday, April 14, 2000 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
**GRREAT Social Event and Golden Gathering**  
 Holiday Inn, Frederick, MD  
*Details on page 5*

April 13-16, 2000  
**GRCA Eastern Regional Specialty  
 and 26th PVGRC Specialty**  
 Rose Hill Manor, Frederick, MD



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