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From the President

Throw-Away Pets

Doug Brown

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Cabin Fever?

Places You and Your Dog Can Go
compiled by April Fritz

I sat down to watch a television newsmagazine on a Friday evening not long ago. I had no idea what the story lines would be, but I was all set for some couch-potatoing and relaxing with my three Golden Retrievers and one cat. To my absolute horror, one of the stories was about the practice in certain counties in several states of setting up dump sites for pets! When I say dump sites, I mean that is exactly what I mean—a place where you can literally throw away a living, breathing pet for the sole purpose of having it destroyed.

One of the sites was built of cinder blocks with three metal pull-out doors. Each of the doors had a specific label: large dogs, medium dogs, and small dogs and cats. Persons dumping their *live* pet open a metal door to place their animal on the a slide leading to a square room. I'm sure you have all seen the type of building I am describing—usually they are located in apartment or condominium complexes and intended for garbage.

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On June 16th last year, I agreed to foster a Golden Retriever from the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society. We named him Rusty. He was a stray, neutered, and needed a good home until a permanent family could be found. We knew Rusty had a respiratory infection and that he was on antibiotics. When he didn't improve, I took him to our vet, who changed his medicine. Rusty still didn't improve; another vet in this group saw him and she changed his medication for a third time. Then we went to a strong steroid—all to no avail. At this point they decided to x-ray Rusty's head and they found what they described to me as a "pocket of gunk" caused by a unknown source. I then took him to a fourth vet who examined him with a scope and he ruled out foreign object and/or tumor. Returning to my own vet, she could only suggest that Rusty be taken to Veterinary Referral and Critical Care (VRCC), near Richmond, almost a hundred miles from home.

Rusty's condition displayed itself in this way: all the mucus which should ordinarily run down his throat (in other words, nasal drip) was accumulating in his head. This necessitated constant wiping of his nose and clean up of surroundings with every sneeze and cough (not a pretty picture).

Rusty's Story, continued on page 14

It's been a strange winter in the mid-Atlantic—bad weather alternating with brief spells of gorgeous weather. Our guess is that both you and Goldie are ready to get out of the house, so we've compiled lists of some pet friendly places in our area. Our lists in this issue include stores where dogs can shop and off-leash parks in our service area. In another issue we will list bed and breakfast inns that welcome pets.

We won't be covering public parks where leashes are required, beaches, hotel chains, restaurants, or public events. For these, we recommend that you consult *The Washington, DC-Baltimore Dog Lover's Companion*, by Don and Ann Oldenburg. This handy reference, available at book stores for \$17.95, rates over 350 local parks, monuments and public buildings, festivals, fairs, shows, and even restaurants with outdoor areas where pets can be close to diners. Another book is the Mobil Travel Guide *On the Road with Your Pet*, which lists pet-friendly lodgings in the U.S. and Canada. However, for the

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But in this case the garbage is the pet. Then, at some point, the 'responsible' agency would come and pick up the animals and immediately take them to the gas chamber to end their lives.

This particular facility, according to the news story, was dirty and had little or no food and water. There was no heating or cooling in the structure, and of course there was a terrible smell. Any of you who saw the program will probably never forget those big eyes looking up the metal slide and out the door, just wondering what was going on. It took a long time, but local advocates were able to close down this facility and another like it, both run by the same government agency.

In another state, a similar facility was set up at the local garbage dump. Outside the dump there were cages similar to puppy mill cages where discarded pets were warehoused until workers could pick them up for euthanizing. It sounds unbelievable, but it is all too real. The facility located at the dump was still in operation, according to the news magazine.

My first point in bringing this to your attention is to emphasize that even in this supposedly enlightened day, some individuals still look on pets as disposable—objects to be used and then thrown away when they are no longer convenient or amusing.

My second point is to acknowledge the *incredibly valuable* work everyone involved with GRREAT provides to needy, neglected, abused and unwanted Golden Retrievers. Even if you transported only one Golden last year, that effort had an impact on saving a life. Volunteered at one Education Day? What an invaluable service you provided to the Rescue and to a Golden's life. Rounded up your membership renewal check or enclosed a separate donation? You've helped support our mission. Stored a few boxes of merchandise in your basement? That merchandise, once sold, played a part in saving a Golden's life or funding necessary surgery. Even if you are on the volunteer list but have not yet been called upon to help out, you are still providing a valuable service in just your willingness to give of your time and energy.

Last year GRREAT authorized a record number of hip replacements and spinal disc surgeries on Golden Retrievers accepted into the Rescue. Quite frankly, our expenses were considerably more than donations brought in. Although GRREAT is still financially healthy, the Board
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Auction Items Wanted

The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC) is hosting two fundraising Auctions, and all proceeds benefit GRREAT! The first is at the **PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet on March 18, 2000**, where last year over \$4,000 was raised for GRREAT. The second will be **April 14, 2000 at the 2000 GRCA Eastern Regional Specialty**, which people from all over the East Coast will attend.

As you may know by now, GRREAT rescued over 280 dogs in 1999, a 19% increase over 1998, and still many had to be turned away. More than 50 Golden Retrievers have already been accepted into the rescue this year. Needless to say, as the number of dogs needing rescue goes up, so do the our expenses. Also, our medical expenses last year depleted the Leo Fund to the 'red zone'. **These two auctions are very important fundraisers for GRREAT.**

Please consider donating a special item for auction. Anything Golden Retriever related, hand-made or otherwise, is especially popular. Consider selecting something from your favorite pet store or dog catalog, or pool funds with other GRREAT friends and purchase a really distinctive item to donate. If you have an "in" with a celebrity or artist, obtain a one-of-a kind piece of memorabilia, signed print, or original piece of art. Every donation makes a difference, and remember, since GRREAT is a non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible!

Please mail your donations directly to either of the auction Co-Chairs: Laura Schmitz, 8217 Copperglow Trail, Fairfax Station, VA, 22039, or Sam Connelly, 1 Stone Falls Ct., Baltimore, MD 21236. You can also just give us a call to make other arrangements (Laura, 703-503-8961 or Sam, 410-256-3113). We will be happy to honor any specific instructions or requests. Of course, a formal letter of acknowledgment will be sent for your records. If you are planning to bring your donation with you to the event, please call one of us and give us a description and approximate value of the item so we can create a bidding sheet for it.

On behalf of all the wonderful GRREAT Golden Retrievers, past and future, thank you for your generosity. Please call one of us if you have any questions.

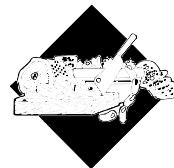
You're invited to a GRREAT SOCIAL EVENT and GOLDEN GATHERING

**April 14, 2000 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
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 1st and \$30.00 thereafter. Each ticket includes two coupons for alcoholic drinks (cash bar thereafter) and unlimited soft drinks. Dress is casual.

Please call 301-595-3344 for reservations. Send your check (payable to GRREAT) to GRREAT Social, c/o Doug Brown, 11624 35th Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Featuring New York Style Deli Board

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

Hors D'oeuvres

Fruit and cheese display

Chicken wrapped in snow peas brochettes
Spring rolls with hot mustard or teriyaki sauce



Tuscan Station

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



Viennese Desserts



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

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.

Thanks

...to the following volunteers who helped at the Herndon, VA Adoption Day in January

Cathie Skoog
Tory Hodgkins
Gail and James Frahm and son
Cheryl Garbett
Gayle Golumbeski
Valoree Lilley
Alan Moore
Kathy Rogeux
Mark Slevin

...to the following folks who helped at the February 19th Education Day
Rick Acton with Calamity Jane
Tom and Mary Lou Janzuk with Jake
Kathy Frost
Dan and Colleen Keppler with Maddie

...and to the Broughtons for returning the crate that came with Rufus (Smokey) so that another adopted dog can use it.

The GRREAT Dog Wash

Saturday, May 13, 2000
10:00 - 2:00
Mills Recreation Center
43895 Grottoes Drive
Ashburn, VA

Dog Washing Fees
under 50 pounds - \$5.00
50 - 100 pounds - \$7.00
over 100 pounds - \$10.00

Also Planned
Dog Grooming Demonstration
Tattooing for Dogs



Directions to Dog Wash: From the Washington Beltway, take VA-267, the Dulles Toll Road. After paying the 50 cent toll, take the first exit, Route 7 west towards Leesburg/Winchester. Follow route 7 approx 16 miles to Ashburn Village road. Make a left onto Ashburn Village road and follow it approx. 3 miles to Gloucester Parkway. Turn right onto Gloucester Parkway and follow it approx half a mile. Mills Recreation Center is on the left.

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you elected in January is now charged with finding new and better ways to raise funds so that GRREAT can continue to perform these surgeries and cover its other operating expenses. The sad fact is that if GRREAT does not have these surgeries performed, there are only two options. One is to allow the Golden to lead a life filled with agonizing pain, and the other is to have a beautiful animal euthanized in the prime of its life. Neither of these options is acceptable to the GRREAT Board if something can be done for the Golden in need.

The decisions your Board makes in determining what to do with certain Golden are at times absolutely agonizing. Dozens of e-mails and phone calls are exchanged, meetings are held and Board members drive from all locations, even from as far away as Delaware, to participate in and witness the professional evaluation of a dog's temperament in order to make a factual decision on the outcome of the Golden.

As you finish reading this, please look down at your side, as I am sure your Golden friend

is right there next to you. Imagine those big brown eyes looking at you, not from a warm and loving home, but from the bottom of some miserable enclosure where the pet has been dumped and is waiting to die. Last year GRREAT was able to prevent more than 280 Golden from being dumped into those unspeakable trash bins.

By adopting a Golden or by participating in GRREAT's efforts to rescue other Golden, you are a true hero in the Golden community. Any type of support—fostering, volunteer time, a monetary gift, or any other way of helping out—allows GRREAT to continue working to save Golden lives.

We have many educational events scheduled in the next few months, in addition to the GRREAT Social at the GRCA Eastern Regional Specialty in April and our picnic in May. Your participation is invited as either a volunteer or a visitor. Please see the complete list of activities on page 7, as well as our regular calendar on the back cover. We hope to see you there!



GRREAT'S ANNUAL BARK-B-QUE

Sunday, May 7, 2000 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

NEW LOCATION!

Knights of Columbus facility

NEW LOCATION!

10142 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD

Picnic fee: \$5.00 per family

Directions to the Knights of Columbus grounds: (if you know the way to Cherry Hill Park where our December party was held, the K of C facility is very close!)

From the Washington Beltway (I-495), take Exit 25 (U.S. 1) south toward College Park. Take the first right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go about 3/4 mile and make a left into the Knights of Columbus property. Then make a quick left onto a gravel road and follow it a couple hundred yards to the picnic grounds.

From Baltimore, Southbound I-95, take Exit 29B (Route 212 Calverton). Follow Route 212 (Powder Mill Road) one mile and turn left onto Cherry Hill Road. Go a mile and a quarter and turn right into Knights of Columbus property. Then make a quick left onto a gravel road and follow it a couple hundred yards to the picnic grounds.

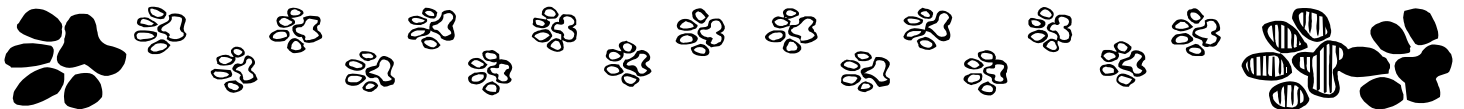
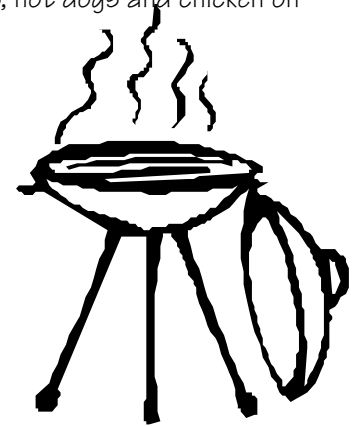
Enjoy a beautiful day outdoors with dozens of other Golden Retrievers and their families. We have a new location this year, at a private facility more centrally located to our members, with more picnic tables, plenty of parking, a full shelter, playground equipment for the kids, easily accessible restrooms and other improvements. Plan now to attend a GRREAT day of Golden fun in the sun!

GRREAT will provide soft drinks and charcoal for the grills. Please bring your own picnic food—you can cook burgers, hot dogs and chicken on the grills. Please, no alcoholic beverages.

Planned Events

- Diving for tennis balls and other games, and maybe a doggie talent contest
- Silly Contests—ribbons for the largest, smallest, lightest, darkest, oldest, and youngest Golden Retrievers
- Merchandise Table
- Visiting with old and new friends

Also planned: Canine Good Citizen test
Chinese Raffle of Golden Items



Join the Parade of Rescued Dogs— April 14, 2000

Help celebrate the 26th anniversary of the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club's Independent Specialty Show and Obedience Trial. Enter your rescued Golden in this very special parade, held at Rose Hill Manor in Frederick, MD* on the afternoon of April 14th, just prior to the Parade of Titleholders at the Eastern Regional Specialty Show of the Golden Retriever Club of America. To enter, write a brief essay (100 words or less) about your dog, which will be read as the dogs parade around the ring. A committee will select the 20 entries they feel best represent typical rescued dogs. The full entry must include the dog's name (with phonetic pronunciation if unusual), age, sex, titles or awards, owner's name address, phone, e-mail, name of rescue organization, shelter, or other means of rescuing the dog, a check payable to PVGRC for \$20.00, and the essay. Mail your entry to Shaaron Plate, 13415 Blenfield Road, Phoenix, MD 21131. **Deadline for entries is March 29, 2000.** For further information, contact Shaaron Plate at GLDHAVEN@AOL.COM or 410-667-6512.

* directions on page 14



Special Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

Helen Magnusen, from Laurel Doudera

Dr. Samuel Gehr, from Nick and Sharon DeCesare

Bo, who was the most undemanding dog we ever knew, **and in honor of Bella**, for filling up the void in our hearts...and lots more! —Norman and Marcia King

Dearman, a GRREAT dog, from Sheila Loftus

Duke of Chesterfield, adopted May 1993 and died March 1998, from Judith Grant

Dutchess, Rose and Kali, from Marie Meehan

Geoffrey, my beloved 14 year old Golden, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge this past June. He had been independently rescued in Oklahoma when I lived there nine years ago.
—Melanie A. Smith

Honey's GRREAT Surprise, from Nick and Sharon DeCesare

Millie Endlich, from Woodfield Veterinary Clinic

Our beloved **Peaches**, a Cocker Spaniel with a Golden heart, from Stacy Martin-Duffy

Tosca, from Lawrence F. Barth

Two special Golden Girls, **Duchess and Splash**, from Teresa and Al Blumberg

Tucker, from Scott and Cindy Marble

Rebel, from Tammy and Shane Waite
(please see note on page 18)

and, pictured at right

Max, our best friend – he is sorely missed!
—Bridget and Eric Cooper

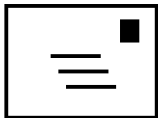
Max Cooper, devouring a chewy treat



Here is a picture of “Handsome Sam”: doing what he does best—taking cat naps with his best friend, Percy Bill. They are always together, even eating out of the same bowl at times.

We’ve had Sam three years and we are so glad we decided to foster him after our other Golden, Jake, died. He is so sweet and loving it is hard to believe he was wandering around starved and injured when he was found. He has really come a long way—from a dog who was afraid to pick up a toy to one who carries his “Teddy” around with him. Thank you for saving him. We love him so much!

—Robert and Susan Wilson-Griner



Dear GRREAT



Wanted: Seeing Eye PERSON

We have a Golden opportunity for a special person or family. Logan is a four year old, neutered, blind Golden Retriever. When rescued, this lovable hunk weighed in at 149 lbs. It goes without saying that he is on a strict diet and to date has lost 10 lbs. This is a long term project—it will probably take up to a year to get his roly poly body to match his beautiful head. We think he is going to be a gorgeous Golden.

Life dealt Logan a bad hand when both of his parents gave him the gene for congenitally detached retinas. At this point in time, he has some peripheral vision but will eventually be totally blind. It's not fair. This is a young dog with great possibilities. There is nothing wrong with his sense of smell and hearing. I think he can learn a great deal!

It would be preferable if he is placed in a one-floor home or a house where you don't mind gating stairs so he doesn't fall and hurt himself. He wants to play but with his bulk it would be better if there weren't small children in his area. He wouldn't mean to, but he might accidentally knock them down. He is not a mean dog. He is just young and playful. He gives new meaning to the words "love handles."

Logan is housebroken but may make a few mistakes until used to a new environment and layout. He will give you a bark signal to let you know he wants to go out, so listen up! He likes walks but tires easily with all that weight he is packing around. He is on Clinical Management Nutrition (CMN) diet food, very restricted treats, no table scraps. He has a split pad that is healing nicely but still favors that foot a bit. He loves to ride in the car. We don't have a cat in house but understand he is O.K. with felines. He would love a playmate and gets along well with other dogs.



Logan is looking for a new home

Remember he is only four years old and I am sure will become more active and playful when he drops some of this weight. A fenced yard or invisible fence would be nice since it would give him more freedom but it is not an absolute necessity. Walks are good for people too!

Logan has been checked out and comes with a clean bill of health from the vets. He is up to date with all his shots. His back legs were matted and therefore shaved but his feathers will grow back with no problem.

Logan will be a devoted companion for a household with older children, a retired couple or an individual. Please call Sally and Ben Au to visit and fall in love with "Howard Huge," a.k.a. Logan (703/369-4667 or email: BDAU@EROLS.COM).

Say Hello to GRREAT Folks at the Following Events

*If you would like to have GRREAT attend a special event in your area,
please contact our Volunteer Coordinator or one of our Education Coordinators*

On TV in March!

Washington's Channel 9 Pet Line—live appearance
Ann Arundel County SPCA cable show

March 11 Adoption Day, Frederick, MD (see page 9)

March 18 PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction to Benefit GRREAT (see page 3)

April 2 Natural Pet Expo, Coventry School for Dogs, Columbia, MD (see page 14)

April 13-16 PVGRC Eastern Regional Speciality Show

April 14 Parade of Rescued Dogs (see page 5)

April 14 GRREAT Social and Golden Gathering, Frederick, MD (see page 3)

April 29 Adoption Day, Annapolis, MD (see page 9)

May 6 Education Day in Sterling, VA

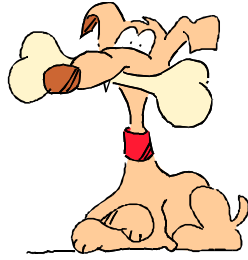
May 7 GRREAT's annual Bark-B-Que (see page 5)

May 13 The GRREAT Dog Wash (see page 4)

May 21 Ann Arundel SPCA Walk-A-Thon

June 3 Adoption Day, Tyson's Corner, VA

June 16 York County, PA SPCA Telethon



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

It's time for the GRREAT 2001 Calendar Contest!

By popular demand, GRREAT will be creating a 2001 calendar featuring the most photogenic Rescue dogs in the world. Photos will be selected for the cover and for each month, plus a collage page of honorable mentions. Photos are judged by a committee of GRREAT members using the following criteria:

- composition (balance, centering, color and contrast between dog and its surroundings; top of head, paws and tail not cut off by photo)
- background (uncluttered, nothing sticking up behind the dog's head; a simple background is best)
- sharpness (your photo will be enlarged to 9 x 13 and fuzzy pictures only look worse when enlarged)
- general appearance (no glowing eyes, but muddy, wet, or snow-covered dogs show what this breed is all about)
- appropriateness (holiday, spring, summer, fall, and winter settings and activities that maintain the dignity and beauty of the animals; costumes are discouraged)
- variety (old dogs, puppies, in action or posed, light, dark, big, little—just like the dogs we rescue)

Helpful hints for taking better photographs of your dog will appear in the next issue.

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 Ave, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

Deadline for entries: June 1, 2000

Calendar Photo Contest Rules

1. Only GRREAT Rescue dogs are eligible. Dogs featured in the 2000 calendar (other than honorable mentions) are not eligible this year, but other dogs in the family are.
2. Animals only in the 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 instant pictures are not. Maximum photo size is 5 x 7 inches.
5. Submitted pictures and stories are not returnable, but may be used in a future issue of the newsletter.

Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations

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 Thomas and Mary Kathryn Bannister
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 Regina Cook
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 Mutts and Mittens, Inc.
 (Rick and Pam Sedlacek)
 Mary Nielsen
 Ralph and Joyce Page
 (see *Rusty's Story* on page 1)
 Stuart Painter
 Stuart and Dagmar Sachs
 Mary Louise Semans
 Kathleen Skeen
 Pam Stirling
 Sheri Ulrich and Stan Smith
 Andrew and Kelly Woolner
 David and Paulette Zee

PEANUTS

We'll miss you, Mr. Schulz

By Charles Schulz



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Adoption Days in March and April

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

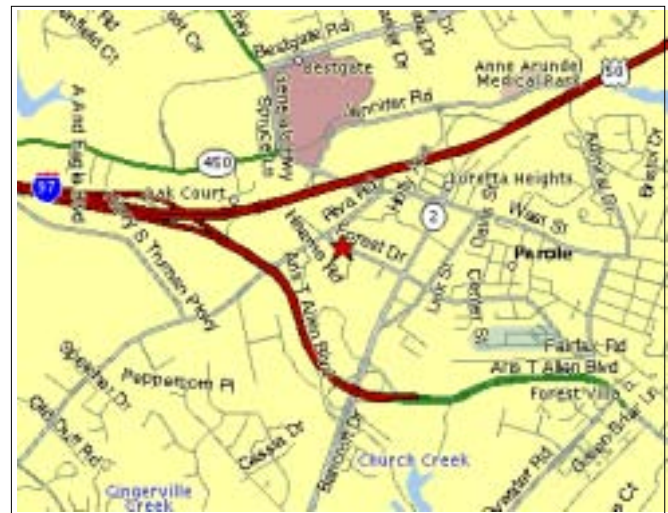
Directions from the Washington Beltway (I-495):
Take I-270 North for approximately 30 miles to the MD 85 North exit. Turn right onto Grove Road and turn right again onto MD 355 (Urbana Pike). PetsMart is 0.9 miles on the right (west) side of the road.

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.



Saturday, April 29, 2000 — Noon to 2 pm
PETCO at Festival Shopping Center
2319 Forest Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401
410-224-8323 (for directions ONLY)

Directions: Take Route 50 from Washington to Annapolis or I-97 from Baltimore to Annapolis. Take the Riva Rd/Aris T. Allen Blvd exit (#22). Turn left (north) on Riva Rd. Proceed approximately 1/3 mile. Petco is in the Festival Shopping Center on the right at the intersection of Riva Road and Forest Drive.



Special Donations

**were received
for the following
special reasons**



IN REMEMBRANCE
KALI

Elizabeth Ross writes:
Please accept this donation in memory of Kali, my faithful companion. He was a bare-tailed underfed creature when he came to us at age 5. He grew into a handsome, happy, majestic dog. He taught me about the generosity of love, about the pure joy of the sun on your face and about the pleasures of doing nothing. He died at age 15 after a sudden decline. There is a hole in my heart that happy memories can only partially fill. Thank you, GRREAT, for rescuing him and so many other Golden retrievers who have more to give than we can ever return.

In honor of Daniel P. Keppler, from John M. Keppler

To thank my wife Barbara and my two dogs, Jackie and Scotty, from Andy Kirschbaum

To thank Julie Palais and Rick Stevens for bringing Max (99-107) into our lives, from J. Michael and Patricia Cleary

To thank you for Beau, whom we adopted in May 1999, from Kathleen and Jay Witkin

To thank Lynda Harrell, from Ruby —Bob and Carolyn Reagle

In honor of Cody Heckman's first birthday, March 2, 2000, from Eric Heckman

To thank all the GRREAT foster homes, from Marion Shields

I saw in the Washington Post that **GRREAT** took in a dog tied up in the woods.
Thanks for all you do. —Ronald and Joan Apatoff

To thank GRREAT for Cindy, our departed but much beloved first GRREAT dog, and for **Vince**, our wonderful “new” GRREAT dog. Please use where most needed.
—Nancy and Dave Smith

To thank all the wonderful volunteers at GRREAT! I won the gorgeous Golden 14k gold pendant and I love it! I get so many compliments on it—thank you! —Sharon Coale

For future foster doggies, from Diane Wolfe

Please keep the refundable portion of our training deposit—**you guys deserve it!** Max has completed 7 weeks of training and received his certificate. —J. Michael and Patricia Cleary

In honor of Chammy, our 13 year young Golden, from Patty Arey

To thank Sam, my best friend, from Brenda Pascal

In honor of two wonderful guys, Judson and Grady, from Lucy Pearson and Robert Moore

In honor of Albert (93-107), my “first-born” son, the apple of my eye and Elizabeth’s older brother, from Rochelle Stern and Thomas Warrick

In honor of Scout, my male Golden adopted from GRREAT in 1996, **and Katie**, my new female Golden pup. **In memory of Brandy**, my female Golden who passed away in 1998, from Dr. Susan Brennan

In honor of our GRREAT dog, Addie, from Scott and Kay Patterson

In appreciation for adopting Macho from GRREAT seven years ago. He is a wonderful and loving addition to our family. —Kathi Creely

Leo Fund Donations for Special Reasons

In the name of Marjorie Snyder, from Arlene M. Dunlop

In the name of Olivia McDonough from Anne McDonough

In honor of Leo Bruell, from Kim and Don Dawson

To thank Diane Petruso for her valuable research for Christie on seizure prevention therapy. Enclosed is a check for the Leo Fund or where it is needed the most.
— Priscilla Borden

To thank Dr. T. Walker, Dana Eddy and the staffs of Towne and Blue Ridge veterinary facilities in Virginia for all their care. —John and Denise Gettier

Keep up the good work! —Karen Wahler

This past year my much-loved Golden has been treated for lymphoma. I realize how lucky I am that I have the resources to fund his chemotherapy. I hope this will help the “pups” who are not so lucky. May they bring joy to their new companions.
— Anonymous in Arlington

In memory of Sam, a friend’s dog that was adopted as a stray at an elderly age. He was a Lab, not a Golden, but he acted like a Golden—gentle, loving, kind, and very forgiving of the right life he had had. My friend, Leeny, is a lover of Golden yet she opened her heart to this needy dog. He only lived but a few months with her before he died, but he had received a lifetime of love from his adopted family.
— Virginia Lewis

In honor of Amigo, a 1996 GRREAT adoptee still going strong, from Mary Ann McFarland and Steve Soderberg

In honor of Gengii (nee Abbott), who has been with us since 1992. Arthritis may have slowed him down a bit, but he still enjoys tennis balls and meals. He is as alert as ever. —Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid

Golden Angels (\$500 or more)

Anonymous in Arlington

Golden Heroes (\$100 - \$499)

Priscilla Borden
John and Denise Gettier
Dr. James and Virginia Hayes
Krista Maslyn
Mary Ann McFarland and
Steve Soderberg
Karen Wahler

Leo’s Pals (up to \$99)

Kim and Don Dawson
Arlene Dunlop
James and Carol Funk
Maurice and Jean DeBoy
Aleksandra Kiligbarda
Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid
Ina and Judge Marvin Land
Virginia Lewis
John and Kathleen Marsch
Anne McDonough
Beverly Porter
Louis and Theresa Stachowiak
Pam Stirling
Dana G. Williams *

*a matching fund donation



Leo’s Corner

*The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.*

CORRECTION

One of the Golden Angels in the last issue was inaccurately identified. The correct name of the donor is

Louis E. Ernest

We apologize for the error and thank you once again for your generosity.

Dear GRREAT:

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

Please send me a donation acknowledgment.

Name _____

Address _____

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

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U.S. Individual Canine Income Tax Return

1999

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Label	Registered Name: _____	Rabies Tag Number: _____
	Nickname: _____	Master's Name: _____
	License Number: _____	Kennel Address: _____

Filing Status Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Show Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Guard Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Top Dog
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Stray Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue/Foster Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeing-Eye Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Muttt

Exemptions (Dependents) Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Puppies: (Specify number & ages) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Worms (Specify kind) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Mites
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unidentified

Income	1 Dog Shows (Include all awards, trophies, ribbons, etc.)	1		
	2 Stud Fees	2		
	3 Puppy Sales	3		
	4 Compensation for Watching, Herding, Hunting (or just being good)	4		
	5 Rewards for Special Tricks	5		
	6 Stolen Food (Hams, turkeys, steaks, roast meats)	6		
	<i>Note: You MUST declare stolen food items. All statements are confidential.</i>			
	7 Interest in Deposits (Including those of other dogs)	7		
	8 Capital Gains	8		
	8a Appreciation of Dog House	8a		
	8b Appreciation of Family Jewels	8b		
	8c Appreciation of Buried Treasures	8c		
	8d Appreciation of Other Canine's Assets	8d		
	9 YOUR TOTAL INCOME	9		

Expenses	10 Medical (Vet exams, vaccines, flea control, all medications - except Viagra pills)	10		
	11 Travel (Boarding, kennels, transport fees, hotel/motel, damage reimbursements)	11		
	12 Toy Replacement (Limit 12 per dog)	12		
	13 Waste Fees (For making unauthorized deposits in restricted areas)	13		
	14 Traffic Fines (Examples: collisions, following too closely, illegal parking)	14		

Deductions	15 Loss of the Family Jewels	15		
	16 Catastrophic Damages (Example: emergency distribution of "liquid assets")	16		
	17 Depreciation (Wear and tear on house, auto, furniture, toys, etc.)	17		
	18 Losses (Tennis balls, bones, old shoes, etc. Can include lost privileges)	18		
	19 Unappreciated Retrievals (Creatures such as squirrels, cats, chickens, etc.)	19		

Tax Credits	20 Veterinary Discounts	20		
	20a Good Behavior in Waiting Rooms (Especially when cats are present)	20a		
	20b Prompt Acceptance of Rectal Thermometer	20b		
	20c Getting on the Scale (Voluntarily)	20c		
	20d Controlling Inappropriate Bodily Functions During Examination	20d		
	21 Approved Special Deposits	21		
	21a Unsupervised Deposits (In authorized locations only)	21a		
	21b Enriched Deposits (Containing lost items such as rings, whole socks, etc.)	21b		
	22 YOUR TOTAL EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS, AND TAX CREDITS	22		

Balance	23 Subtract expenses, deductions and tax credits from your total income. Multiply by 0.28 to determine your total taxes for 1998. YOUR GROSS TAX BITE	23		
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GRREAT Annual Adoption Report — 1999

GRREAT's Adoption Coordinator, Deb Nizer, presented her 1999 report at the annual Business Meeting held January 22, 2000. In 1999, GRREAT accepted more Golden Retrievers into rescue than in any previous year on record. Figure 1 shows that intake jumped from 219 new dogs in 1998 to 247 in 1999, a 13% increase. In addition, 34 dogs were returned from previous years and adopted to new families in 1999, a 54% increase over the previous year. The total number of dogs rescued by GRREAT in 1999 was 281. Of all the dogs rescued in 1999, 60% were males (half had been neutered) and 40% were females (less than half had been spayed). The 281 total does not include 17 dogs euthanized for aggression in 1999, a 112% increase which reflects our tougher policy on aggressive dogs. One dog was accepted into long term foster care, and no dogs were euthanized in 1999 due to health problems. The number of dogs that were taken in accompanied by their AKC pedigree registration papers was down from 55 in 1998 to 42 in 1999.

More than three-quarters of these animals were given up by their owners (Figure 2). Reasons for give up were numerous, as shown in Table 2, far right. Animal shelters in 27 counties in 6 states also called us to pick up Golden Retrievers during the year.

Nearly half of all intakes were age 2 or younger (Figure 3) including 3 under the age of 3 months, and nearly 20% were age 7 or older, including 9 dogs over the age of 11.

Health problems for dogs taken in were a concern and substantial expense for GRREAT during 1999 (Table 2, far right). The number of heartworm positive dogs was up, and mange was a significant problem. In addition, the Leo Fund paid for many more surgeries and special diagnostic tests than ever before. Table 3 shows the types of surgery and special procedures, as well as the average expense per procedure incurred by GRREAT. These figures reflect substantial discounts offered by caring vets.

Figure 1. Number of Dogs Accepted into Rescue 1992 - 1999

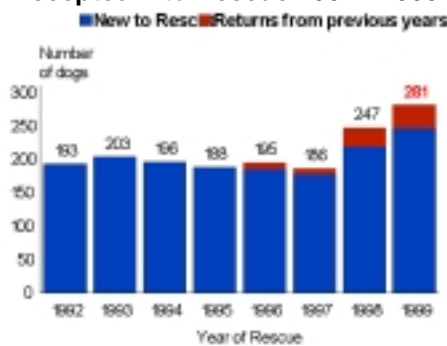


Figure 2. Source of Dogs 1999

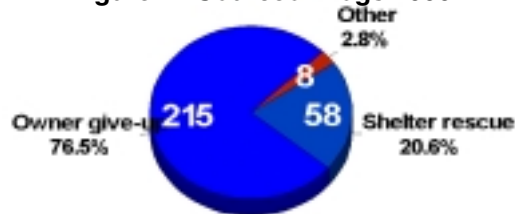


Figure 3. Age at Intake—1999 Dogs

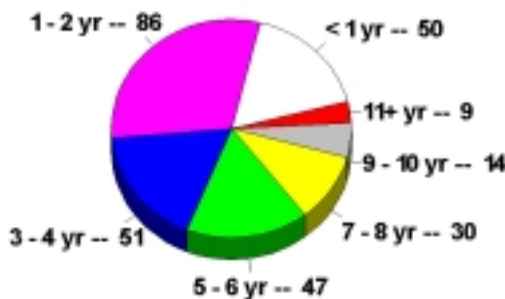


Table 3. Major Medical Expenses

Problem/Service	Number	Avg. Expense
Hip surgery	8	1500-2000
Spine/Disc surgery	2	1500
Myelogram pre-op	2	500
Heart murmur workup	5	270
Knee surgery	1	700
Eye removal	2	150-200
Eye entropion surgery	2	100-150

Table 1.

Reason for Give-up

No time	90
Owner moving	30
Behavior problems	27
Owner allergies	14
Owners divorce	11
Dog's health	9
New spouse or baby	6
Owner's health	5
Separation anxiety	5
Dog too big	4
Owner financial problems	4
Too many pets	3
Abandoned	3
Owner's death	2
Fear of men	1

Table 2.

Medical Problems

Heartworm positive	14
Mange	5
Lyme disease	3
Rocky Mountain tick fever/ Lyme disease/Heartworm	1
Broken leg	1
Epilepsy	2
Blindness	2
Leg missing	1

Adoption Activities

Adoption Days	9
Available Dog Lists Mailed	10
Applications Received	603

The number of applications received was down 14% from the previous year, perhaps reflecting GRREAT's new policies on home visits and other screening of prospective adoptees.

Graphics by April Fritz

Rusty's Story, continued from page 1

Rusty had a very rare phenomenon known as nasopharyngeal stricture, which has been reported in cats but is rare in dogs. The doctors didn't know if this was a birth defect or caused by severe head trauma. After the internist and surgeon discussed his case, the surgeon said he was willing to operate on Rusty to reconstruct an opening in his nasopharynx. The doctor had no precedent for such a surgery, so he could make no promises as to outcome.

Rusty was taken home, and it was now time for the family to decide what was best for Rusty. The options given were: surgery, no surgery, or euthanasia. We put our trust in God and the hands of the doctors and opted for surgery.

On August 17th we went again to Richmond, the decision having been made, and surgery was performed later that day. The doctor called us that night to say that he was very optimistic—Rusty was resting and we could bring him home in couple of days. The waiting game then began, for we had to keep Rusty as quiet as possible for 5-6 weeks and then go back to Richmond again. The concern of the doctors was that the hole surgically made in his throat might close back up.

From the first moment we saw Rusty after his surgery, we knew we had a different Goldie. Prior to surgery, his only means of breathing had been through his mouth and it appeared he could smell nothing. After surgery, he could breathe with his mouth closed and he could, and would, smell every blade of grass, every squirrel track and the cooking of hamburger... within a mile radius.

Late in September we took Rusty back to VRCC for his post operative check-up and, hopefully, final visit. There was no sign that the opening had closed, and no sign of blood or mucus, so we left with high spirits and a happy Goldie. The doctors can promise nothing long range, but they feel there is every hope Rusty will live a long healthy life.

Rusty is now living in Silver Spring, Maryland with a wonderful family consisting of a mother, father and two grade school boys. They lost their 14 year old Goldie not too long ago and Rusty is going to help fill that void. Our home seems very empty and a little sad right now, but Rusty is going to have a great life and our hearts and memories will always hold him near and dear.

I want to thank Jane Van Leeuwen for forming the "Rusty Fund." For her efforts and the countless number of people who contributed, almost all of Rusty's medical expenses were paid. We're talking about many hundreds of dollars and my family and I want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions and for having sight-unseen faith in Rusty, the doctors, and me.

*Letters to GRREAT
will return in the next issue*



Holistic and Homeopathic Pet Fair — April 2, 2000

Coventry School for Dogs and their People
7165 C&D Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia, MD

Dogs & Company, a self-service dog wash, boutique and food pantry in Columbia, Maryland, is sponsoring a pet fair from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on April 2, 2000. GRREAT is one of only two dog rescues invited to have an educational table at this event.

This pet fair is for pet owners who seek knowledge and products to promote an optimal natural level of health and vitality for their pets. Presenters at the event include a holistic vet, homeopathic vet, animal nutritionist, animal communicator, and animal chiropractor. Registration \$15 if received by March 24 and \$20 at the door. For more information, contact Dogs and Company, 410-997-5888.

Directions to Coventry School: From I-95 between Baltimore and Washington, exit at Highway 175 west. At Snowden River Pkwy, turn left. Go to Oakland Mills Rd and turn left. Go up the hill and turn left after the railroad tracks into the parking lot.

DIRECTIONS TO EASTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW IN FREDERICK, MD

From South: Take I-270 North to Frederick. At I-70, I-270 becomes Rte 15. Continue on Rte 15 through Frederick to Route 26 (Liberty Road East). Turn right onto Rte 355 (Market Street South). Go approximately one mile to the sign for Rose Hill Manor (just past the Coca Cola plant). Turn right into the grounds.

From North: Take Rte 15 (Catoctin Mtn. Hwy). Follow signs for Rte 355 to Rte 26 south. Cross Rte 26, and continue as from the south.

From West (I-70, Hagerstown, MD): Take Exit 48 off I-70 East onto Rte 40 East. Continue on Rte 40 past the shopping areas. Go under Rte 15, and take a left exit onto the ramp onto Rte 15. Continue as from the south.

From West (Rt 340, W. V. & Leesburg, VA): Stay on Rte 340 East to Rte 15 North. Turn left just over the bridge across Rte 15. Take the ramp northbound. Continue as from the south.

Cabin Fever, continued from page 1
most up-to-date listings, we suggest that you visit the following web sites:

TAKEYOURPET.COM—online newsletter, downloadable pet-friendly lodging directories by state(30 day trial subscription \$1.95)

INDOGSWETRUST.COM—listings of dog friendly lodgings, travel tips, stories and jokes, links to other dog sites

PETSWELCOME.COM—listings of U.S., Canadian and French lodgings, ski resorts, campgrounds, beaches, kennels, vacation rentals and more; travel tips and information exchange

DOGFRIENDLY.COM—dog friendly hotels, tourist attractions, stores and employers; newsgroup/information exchange

DOGGONEFUN.COM—online and printed newsletters (by subscription) and index to previous issues that can be purchased; each 16 page newsletter includes stories by writers traveling with dogs, book reviews, festivals and dog events, travel pointers; personalized travel information database listings (for a fee)

TRAVELDOG.COM—commercial web site offering lists of places where dogs are welcome, such as camps, beaches and parks, travel information, and accessories and products for dogs on the move

STORES

In response to a request in a previous issue of *GRREAT News*, we heard from several people about places where a *well-behaved dog on leash* is allowed inside. For example, almost every pet supply store allows leashed pets to come in and shop. We won't list them individually, since you probably know which of your favorite stores permits canines.

Some non-pet stores in our area also allow dogs on leash, but policies may vary from store to store in a chain. Most of these pet friendly stores are in buildings with their own access. When we spot-checked malls in the area by calling their security departments, they all said that dogs on leash were

not allowed. One did say that if you carried your dog, it was welcome (try that with a Golden!).

If you are planning a shopping expedition with Goldie, we suggest that you call the store to confirm she is welcome. The following stores have been reported to allow well behaved dogs on leash. Information came from personal experiences, web sites listing dog friendly places, or phone calls to the store.

Galyans Trading Company (sporting goods)—Gaithersburg, Fairfax

Home Depot (lumber, hardware, house and garden)—dozens of locations in GRREAT's service area

Other hardware and lumber stores—call ahead to your favorite

Restoration Hardware—DC, Columbia, Alexandria, McLean

Saturn (car dealerships)—Gaithersburg and other locations

If you know of more, please let us know!

Before you take your dog to one of these dog friendly stores, "practice" at a local pet store. If he does not go to the bathroom inside the pet store, you are off to a great start! Accidents are likely to happen in pet stores and veterinarian offices because your dog will be tempted to go where he smells that a previous dog has left its mark. Pet stores are the most forgiving of accidents, so make your trial shopping trip there. Other tips for taking your dog shopping are listed at right.

Of course the message we want to emphasize is that where ever you take your dog, it should be well-behaved and always on a leash. Dogs in non-pet stores are still a novelty and you set the example, good or bad, for future visits. Attend an obedience class to socialize your dog and learn how to handle him in a public place.

Thanks to Tracey Chesley and Jane Wilson for contributing to this part of the article.

Cabin Fever, continued on page 16

Shopping Etiquette for Your Dog

(courtesy of
dogfriendly.com)

- Shop with your dog only when the store is not busy.
- Allow the dog to relieve itself before you enter the store. *Always* clean up after your dog.
- If you haven't been there before, confirm that dogs are permitted at the service desk as you enter.
- Even in a dog friendly store, keep your pet on a short leash.
- If other dogs are present, avoid introducing them. Snarling, barking and growling dogs can scare other customers. Go outside if you want to socialize the dogs.
- If your dog is not comfortable around people—especially children—leave him at home. An unfortunate incident could ban all dogs from the store.
- If the dog has an accident in the store, offer to clean it up. Remember that you are the example for future dogs and their owners.

Etiquette for Dogs Visiting Dog Parks

(courtesy of dogpark.com)

- Make sure your dog's shots and licenses are up to date.
- Leave a female in season at home. Spayed and neutered dogs are safest at a dog park.
- Observe all rules posted in the dog park, especially those about cleaning up after your dog.
- Never leave your dog unattended in the park.
- Keep an eye on Goldie, especially in view of other dogs. Mischief can happen quickly.
- Keep the dog on leash until you get to the off-leash area, and keep the leash handy in case mischief does happen.
- If the dog plays rough, becomes aggressive or is generally unruly, leash him and leave immediately.
- Avoid smoking and eating at the park. They distract from your attention to your pet, and cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting, if possibly dangerous, treats to the dogs.

Cabin Fever, continued from page 15

DOG PARKS

A dog park is an outdoor area where your best friend is legally allowed to run without a leash. Dog parks are a creative response to local laws prohibiting owners from running their dogs off-leash on public property.

As with many activities associated with pets, there are both pros and cons to visiting a dog park. Among the pros: a dog park is a great place to socialize and exercise both humans and dogs. Once a park has been established (a long process involving petitions, city hall, park districts, community support, and approval from the neighbors), most parks are self-regulated by regular visitors.

Among the cons: little knowledge of the other visitors to the park. Are their vaccinations current and have they been properly socialized? How closely do other owners supervise when their dogs are off-leash? In addition, there is always the possibility of spread of disease when dog litter is not cleaned up. A very popular dog park can bring out aggressive tendencies in both dogs and people. Overall, however, dog parks have a very positive impact on those who use them.

Dog park dynamics fluctuate according to the time of day and the people and pets who use them. Many parks are very busy in the early morning and late afternoon and comparatively quiet at other hours of the day. Some parks simply offer open space for dogs to run; others offer amenities such as agility courses, trails, and ponds to splash in. The best type of park is completely fenced so that the dog can't run into a busy street while chasing a ball or being chased in a game of doggie keep-away.

The number of dog parks in GRREAT's area has nearly doubled in the six months since we first looked for them. A national website, DOGPARK.COM, maintains a listing by state and city of dog parks, including location, hours of operation, type of facility, amenities (benches, water, trash cans, poop



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bags), and other comments about the park. If you are thinking about establishing a dog park in your area, DOGPARK.COM and DOGPARK.COM have articles and information on the process.

Here's a list of known dog parks in our area:

Delaware Wilmington: Rockford Dog Park

Washington, DC Lincoln Park; Glover Park Dog Park

Maryland Baltimore: Lake Roland in Robert E. Lee Park; Catonsville Off Leash Dog Park; Gaithersburg: Green Park; Greenbelt Dog Park (permit tags required)

Pennsylvania Cressona: Cressona Park; Lancaster: Buchanan Park Dog Park; Washington Boro: Owl Bridge Farm Dog Park (private park, small donation; call 717-872-9195 for more information)

Virginia Alexandria: 26 locations! Arlington County: Utah Park, Madison Community Center, Glencarlyn Park, Towers Park, Barcroft Park, Shirlington Park; Centreville: Chip and Snoopy Park; Charlottesville: Azalea Park; Richmond: Barker Field; Sterling: NOVA Dog Park

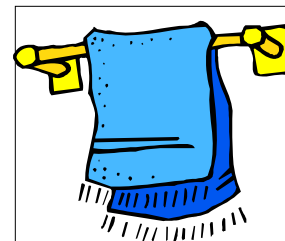
The key words for using a dog park are: **clean up** after the dog and **control the dog** while it is off-leash. Dog parks are a privilege—bad behavior on either the human's or the animal's part can ruin things for everyone.

Adoption Report October – December 1999

The last quarter of 1999 was extremely busy for GRREAT. New homes were found for 73 dogs, nearly 25 per month. Of those with information about the dog's sex, 44 were males and 27 were female. Fifteen of the adoptions were dogs under age 1; 12 were over the age 6. Congratulations to all these new families! See you at the picnic!

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>
Abby	99-209	4	F	Jake	99-184	2½	M
Allie	99-163	1½	F	Jake	99-202	5½	M
Ally	99-172	1½	F	Jerry/Jericho	99-180	3 mo.	M
Angel	99-185	3½	F	Jewels	99-211	*	*
Aspen	99-168	1½	F	Kalli	99-210	1	F
Aubrey	99-200	3 mo.	M	Kiara	99-158	9 mo.	F
Bailey	99-145	8 mo.	M	Kody	99-150	11 mo.	M
Bailey	99-073	1½	M	Lucas	99-143	2½	M
Bailey	99-203	*	*	Lucky	99-197	8 mo.	M
Beau	99-196	5	M	Major	99-165	1½	M
Ben	99-162	6 mo.	M	Max	99-090	8 mo.	M
Ben	99-142	5	M	Max	95-031	9	M
Brandon	99-173	1	M	Oscar	99-201	3 mo.	M
Buckwheat	99-186	4	M	Precious	99-220	*	F
Buddy	99-205	*	M	Randy	99-171	7	M
Buzz	99-188	1½	M	Rascal	99-166	*	F
Calli	99-230	6	F	Riley	99-179	5	F
Chance	99-221	2½	F	Rusty	99-146	3½	M
Chelsea	99-227	3	F	Rusty	99-192	1	M
Chelsea	99-204	15 mo.	F	Sage	99-157	3	M
Chessie	99-195	*	F	Sam	99-152	5½	M
Chrissie	99-160	6½	F	Sam	99-136	7	M
Cody	99-190	3	M	Samson	99-133	9	M
Doogie	99-148	3½	M	Sandee	99-234	3	F
Emily	99-231	11 mo.	F	Sandy	99-217	11 mo.	F
Eric	99-223	1	M	Savannah	99-181	3 mo.	F
Goldie	99-164	6 mo.	F	Shadow	99-191	1	M
Gus	99-174	*	M	Sidney	99-127	1	M
Hamlet	99-225	*	M	Smokey	99-178	1½	M
Harry	99-132	2½	M	Sukie	99-156	12	F
Heidi	99-155	14 mo.	F	Tasha	99-147	10	F
Honey	99-123	8½	F	Taylor	99-137	4	M
Honey	99-081	8	F	Theo	99-091	9 mo.	M
Honey	99-183	4½	F	Tucker	99-194	9 mo.	M
Hotrod	99-175	*	M	Tundra	99-114	8	M
Jack	99-124	5	M	Willis	99-213	4	M
Jack	94-008	10	M				

* no information



Towel and Toy Donations Sought

Time for spring cleaning? Don't know what to do with those old linens?

Donate them to GRREAT! We need old towels and blankets for our dog wash on May 13.

When we are finished with these items, we will clean them and donate them to local shelters and animal hospitals that always need extra bedding for the animals they take care of.

We are also seeking used collars and leashes as well as dog toys in good condition.

Please bring your items to the GRREAT Picnic on May 7 in College Park or call Dan Keppler, Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for picking them up.



Howliday Party Memories

If you think 148 dogs and 234 humans had a good time at the Howliday Party, come to GRREAT's summer party, our annual Bark-B-Que on May 7th and see for yourself!



There were plenty of opportunities to meet, greet and eat! A GRREAT time was had by all. See you next year!



Notice: Left at Howliday Party

A large ceramic pasta bowl was left behind after the party. To claim it, please contact April Fritz (agfritz111@aol.com or 301-330-5749).



From: rooney@promarcagency.com
To: GRREAT
Subject: Re: Hannah

She is fabulous! and we just love her! She has adjusted well to the family. For the first two weeks we did not see our cats but now that know they can intimidate Miss Hannah if necessary so they have reappeared. She thinks Caitlin is her playmate! They have a terrific time together. She is amazingly gentle with baby Thomas. I think she knows he is small and that she could hurt him. They have a fund time together. He also a great source of food for her so that may also be why she is so gentle with him!

Hannah has many dog friends and walks almost daily with a neighbors black lab. The black lab appears at times to be killing her as they play but she seems to love it. Now that she is growing she is exerting herself more. We start dog training classes in the next two weeks! More news later!

From: swaite@nishanet.com
To: GRREAT
Subject: BUZZ (99-188)

I just wanted to thank GRREAT for the beautiful dog Buzz that we adopted in November. Buzz is really good. I can't tell you how happy we are with Buzz. I don't think we could ever live without a Golden.

Buzz has completed his obedience class. I would like to have the deposit used as a donation in memory of Rebel, my Golden Retriever that died in October. He was a beautiful Golden and a joy to have and to hold. Rebel, like most Golden, thought that he was a lap dog. This is how I would like to remember him.

Thanks a lot, GRREAT, for you r love and care for Golden.

—Tammy (Waite)

**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:

- _____ Other: _____

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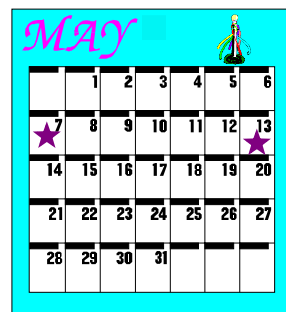
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, March 11, 2000 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Adoption Day at Petsmart in Frederick, MD
Directions on page 9

Friday, April 14, 2000 Afternoon
GRCA Parade of Rescued Dogs
Details on page 5

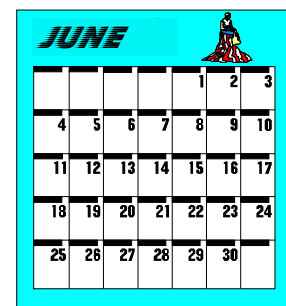
Friday, April 14, 2000 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.
GRREAT Social Event and Golden Gathering
Details on page 3



Saturday, April 29, 2000 Noon – 2:00 pm
Adoption Day at PETCO in Annapolis, MD
Directions on page 9

Sunday, May 7, 2000 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
GRREAT's Annual Bark-B-Que in College Park, MD
Details on page 5

Saturday, May 13, 2000
The GRREAT Dog Wash in Ashburn, VA
Details on page 4



Please see page 7 for other events where GRREAT will have representatives or educational materials.

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