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Last Chance for Redskins (raffle) Tickets — Deadline September 16th!

From the President
Humane and Human Causes
Doug Brown

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How many of us, while conducting our daily activities, have been asked why we spend so much of our time rescuing animals (and more specifically Golden Retrievers) when there are so many human causes that need attention? Quite a few of us, I imagine.

I look at GRREAT as both a humane and a human endeavor. While it is true that much of our time is spent rescuing the dogs, an observer needs only to attend one of GRREAT's Adoption Days or any of GRREAT's other events to see how much of an impact our rescue activities have on individual families and the entire community.

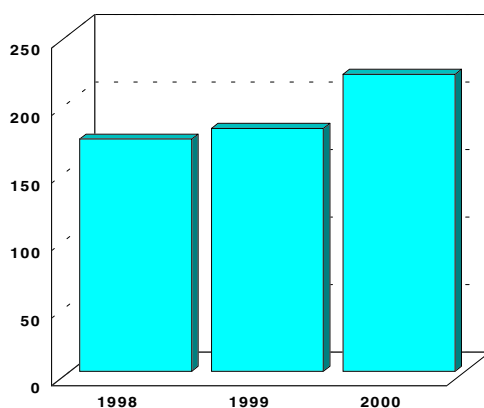
Most of our adoptive families have children who are proud as peacocks (or should I say Golden Retrievers?) when they take home their brand new pet—and more importantly—a brand new best friend. Although our Adoption Days are high stress events, they are also days filled with joy for anywhere from ten to fifteen families who proudly add another member to their family. Visit one of our fundraising events or educational events and again you will see the positive impact GRREAT has on each family, no matter what the make up, and the community at large.

Our members, volunteers, coordinators and board members should all be proud that they have found—or made—the time to be associated with our far-reaching family- and community-driven organization that makes such a positive impact on so many lives—both animal and human.

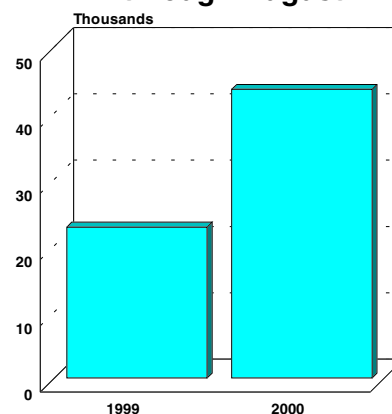
Please take a look at the graphs below—they tell a sad story about the dogs we love. 1999 was a record-breaking year for GRREAT in terms of dogs accepted into the Rescue. Unfortunately, we are running more than 22% ahead of last year. As of the end of August, 2000, we had taken in 220 dogs. We currently have more than 60 dogs in foster homes awaiting adoption. This increase is not unique to GRREAT. An informal survey of other Golden rescues around the country reported similar increases this year. Most of this can be attributed to the popularity of this beautiful animal—popularity that

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Number of Dogs Entering Rescue through August 1998-2000



Veterinary Expenses through August



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GRREAT News Bites

GRREAT will have an education table and merchandise for sale at the following events:

- Sunday, Sept. 17 10 to 6 Essex (MD) Day Dog Walk
Sunday, Sept. 24 11 to 5 Day in the Park, Rocky Point State Park, MD
Sunday, Oct. 1 9:30 to 2 Bark in the Park, Annapolis, MD
Sunday, Oct. 1 10 to 6 Old Dominion Dog Show, Leesburg, VA (directions on page 9)
Saturday, Oct. 14 Noon to 5 Catonsville Kennel Club AKC Show, West Friendship, MD (directions on page 3)

Please stop by and say hello!



UPC Symbols Sought for GRREAT Foster Dogs

Do you give your dog Nutro dog food? If so, you can help GRREAT by sending the UPC (bar code) and receipts for the products you buy. As a rescue organization, GRREAT can receive one bag of dry Nutro product free for every six we buy. Canned food is included also in this program—we can get one case of canned Nutro for every ten cases we buy. The offer excludes Nutrix, Optichoice, treats, and biscuits. GRREAT will use this bonus food to help feed the dogs in our foster homes.

Please mail UPCs and receipts to Jo Bighouse, 420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Deadline Looms for “Treasured Golden Bonds” Storywriting Contest

GRREAT member Rochelle Lesser, through her web site LANDOFPUREGOLD.COM, is hosting a Golden story writing contest for both adults and young adults. Essays and stories up to 3000 words must be submitted by e-mail, but an entry form must be completed and mailed to:

Rochelle Lesser, School Psychologist
Millersville Psychological Services
1110 Benfield Boulevard
Millersville, MD 21108

Deadline for entries is Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000.

Be sure to read the official contest rules, writing topics and tips, scoring criteria, lists of judges, prizes and sponsors and obtain the entry form from

[HTTP://LANDOFPUREGOLD.COM/CONTEST.HTM](http://LANDOFPUREGOLD.COM/CONTEST.HTM).

GRREAT Special Events

Saturday, October 7, 2000

End of Summer Picnic

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

420 Wildman Street NE

Leesburg, VA

Map and directions on page 9



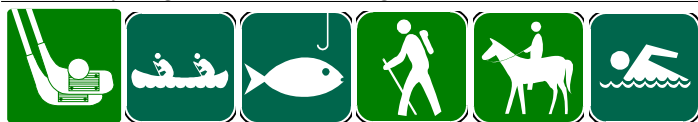
Join us on October 7th to celebrate GRREAT's wonderful foster families and our Goldens. This event is open to all GRREAT members, foster families, and adoptive families. This is a GRREAT opportunity for adopted dogs to revisit their foster families! The picnic will be held at the Paxton Child Development Center, 420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA, from 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. There is a small zoo for the kids (peacocks, donkeys, horses, birds, goats), and additional activities are also scheduled.

This is a celebration of our foster families, so the cost is FREE, the food and beverages are FREE (hot dogs and hamburgers; soda, water and juice). Donations are of course welcomed and warmly accepted.

Note: There will be a brief general membership business meeting to vote on a change to the GRREAT bylaws.

Questions about the picnic and business meeting can be addressed to GRREAT Vice President Dan Keppler, DANIEL.KEPPLER@WCOM.COM or 703-421-6597.

So that we can have enough food on hand for everyone, please call the GRREAT phone number, 703-620-6593, and leave a message in Box 51 stating how many people and how many dogs will be attending.



FUN AHEAD:

POCONOS VACATION RAFFLE

Through the month of September, we are holding a raffle for a Poconos vacation the week of October 21-28. The suite has a full kitchen and two bedrooms. On the Delaware River, the resort has a championship golf course, rafting/canoeing, fishing, hiking, indoor pool, horseback riding, and shopping at nearby outlet malls. Raffle tickets are available on the GRREAT web site and at GRREAT events such as Essex Day and the Adoption Day in Columbia. The drawing will be held October 1st at the Old Dominion Dog Show. The winner need not be present at the time of the drawing. For further information, contact Sam Connelly, 410-969-3095 or ANIGRAPHIX@AOL.COM.



Roger Caras, internationally known naturalist and author

Saturday, October 14, 2000

Book Signing by Roger Caras

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Howard County Fairgrounds

2210 Fairgrounds Rd

West Friendship, MD

GRREAT will host a very special event on October 14th in conjunction with the Catonsville Kennel Club's AKC dog show. Roger Caras, noted naturalist and animal lover, "the voice of the American Kennel Club," will autograph copies of his numerous books, such as

The New Roger Caras' Treasury of Great Dog Stories

The Roger Caras Dog Book

A Dog is Listening

A Celebration of Dogs

The book signing will be Saturday, October 14th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD. GRREAT will also have an education table and merchandise for sale from 12:00 to 5:00. For further information on how to purchase books from GRREAT so that you can bring them to the book signing, check the GRREAT web site, WWW.GRREAT.ORG or contact Gail Corby (GAILDC@AOL.COM or 302-378-2543). We will also have books available that day at the event on a first come basis.

Directions to Howard County Fairgrounds: Take I-70 west from Baltimore or east from Frederick to the MD Rte 32 exit. Turn onto MD 32 South; turn right onto Frederick Road (MD 144) and then turn right onto Fairground Road.

Note: Travellers from the west side of I-495 may choose to take I-270 to Germantown, then MD 27 north to I-70 east, then follow the directions above.

HAIL TO THE REDSKINS!

...and benefit GRREAT at the same time!

A generous football fan and Golden lover has made an incredible donation of football memorabilia to GRREAT. These items will be raffled on September 17th as a single prize package. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the animals rescued by GRREAT. This could be YOUR winning season!!



The lucky raffle winner will receive the following:



two tickets to a Redskins 2000 season game (date to be determined) and a personal **tour of the Redskins training facility**



a regulation **football autographed by more than a dozen current Washington Redskins players**



a **Redskins cap also signed by more than a dozen Redskins players**

The next page contains eight raffle tickets. The page can be copied freely, cut apart, and tickets purchased individually for \$5.00 each, or you can send in the whole sheet with \$35.00 and we will separate them when we get them.

The tickets are not numbered, so they must be filled in completely. (Make it easy: apply one of your stick-on return address labels to each ticket and add your phone number.) PLEASE pay for the tickets with a check so you have a receipt for your donation. Tickets will not be accepted for the raffle without payment. Individual tickets are **\$5.00 each**, as a “pack” of **5 for \$20.00**, or (as printed in the newsletter) by the sheet of **8 tickets for only \$35.00**. The more you buy, the more you save! *And the more chances you have to win!!*

Tell all your Redskins fan friends about this fabulous opportunity to own Redskins memorabilia! Even if you're not a Redskins fan, every ticket you sell (or buy for yourself) will benefit the beautiful dogs we love so much. Make extra copies of the tickets and sell them to Redskins fans and supporters of GRREAT. You do not have to be a member of GRREAT to win, nor do you have to be present at the drawing. However, tickets that are not completely filled in may cause you miss out on the prize since we can only contact you if we know who and where you are. If we draw a ticket with only a name and no address or phone, we will draw again, so please make sure to tell us who you are.

Send your raffle tickets—completely filled out, please—with your check to:


Redskins Raffle c/o P. Briggie and L. Botts
10823 Golf Course Terrace
Mitchellville, MD 20721

Tickets and payment must be received by Saturday, September 16, 2000 in order to be included in the drawing on September 17th.

Good luck and thank you for supporting GRREAT!

REDSKINS RAFFLE TICKETS

This page may be freely copied. Sell tickets to all your Redskins fan friends and Golden lovers!




Redskins Raffle to Benefit GRREAT
 Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training, Inc.
Tickets \$5.00 each • 5 for \$20.00 • Sheet of 8 for \$35.00
Please fill out ticket completely.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

The winner receives two tickets to a 2000 season Redskins game, an autographed football, autographed cap, and a tour of the Redskins training facility. Mail tickets with check to Redskins Raffle c/o P. Briggie & L. Bott, 10823 Golf Course Terrace, Mitchellville, MD 20721. Drawing will be held 9/17/2000. Your check is your receipt.




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Special Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

Mr. Thomas C. (Tim) Booker from Gail and Robert Cabelly, David and Linda Fisher, Elizabeth Graney, Suzanna Louise Jones, and Bill and Carol Richardson

Alyeska (Allie) Heaton. Allie, we'll miss you. —Paul, Tammy, Taylor and Casey Gray (*see letters on page 10*)

Budward, owned by Penny and Richard Lynch. Thanks so much—you do a great job with this organization. —“Josie” and Janet Lemke

Buddy (99-205) and his wonderful adoptive parents, Bob and Diane Cepek. —Martin and Janet White

Kirby, our beloved 12 year old Golden who died on April 13, 2000. She was a wonderful friend and companion and will remain always in our hearts. Your organization is very beneficial and I hope this small contribution will help those Golden in need. —Linda Curland

Lacy, who passed away in May of this year. She was adopted from your organization five or six years ago by Daniel and Debbie Swinder and family. Lacy was about seven years old when they adopted her. She was a very lucky dog to have been adopted by such a loving family and she will be greatly missed by everyone in their household. —Elaine Hauck

My dearest Golden, **Zack**, who died one year ago. I still think of him every day even though God sent me Czar, a four year old Golden. Thanks for all you do. —Joanna Thalheimer

Our dog **Zipper** (97-015) who passed away in July 2000. We will forever miss his cookie crumbs. —Diane Lanigan and Lauri Fowler (*see letters on page 10*)



Special Donations were received for the following reasons

In honor of our beautiful Golden Retriever and Chocolate Lab —Tamara and Scott Eden

In honor of Apple Jack and Olive —Kate Symonds (*see letter on page 10*)

In honor of GRREAT for being such a wonderful organization and **to thank Rudi** (97-175) for being our loving, sweet Golden Retriever. —Conway and Martha Robinson

In honor of Ginger, my 1997 adoption and **to thank GRREAT** for seeing her beauty and nature. —Marlys Norby

To thank Barbara Blair and Russell Stephens for first fostering and then adopting mom and son senior Golden, Rock (00-096) and Rusty (00-097). —Julie Palais and Rick Stevens

In honor of April Fritz, Cajun chef extraordinaire. —Martha Cole Glenn

In honor of Spari Silverman and to thank her for all her help in placing Magnum. —Craig and Cheryl Wild

In honor/memory of Splash and Duchess. —Risa Kipnis

GRREAT, please accept this contribution toward the impressive work that you do. We're very glad to be members of such a fine, caring organization. —Carole and Bruce Kovacs



And the Winner is...

Congratulations to **Howard Yocum** of Timonium, winner of the Jimmy Buffet concert tickets. **Our thanks to Dagmar Sachs** for donating the tickets that allowed this raffle to take place.


IN REMEMBRANCE
SIR BUD


Jan Skadberg writes:

I am stunned. Buddy (99-241), my foster dog, just died. He was so vibrant and strong yesterday morning that I still can't fathom it. We had a glorious walk this morning, a great breakfast, a ride in the car. We just got back from purchasing the pooches some bones, and after I gave him one, he just collapsed and died.

He had eight wonderful months with GRREAT. If there's one word I can use to describe these months, it would be joy-filled. I can't begin to describe what a wonderful dog he was. He came into the Rescue with allergies to everything. He went from scratching 20 hours a day to just a few minutes, and moreso than that, he was so happy.

He was labor- and money-intensive, but he found such joy in his Rescue life. Both my vet and I knew we were on borrowed time, and we initially didn't think he'd make the first month. We were successful in making every single one of his GRREAT days Golden, and I am so grateful that our organization can do this.

This picture was taken at the point where he had just finished his 45 pound weight gain and the vet said to start cutting back on his food. Needless to say, he wasn't too happy about that and took every opportunity to maintain his caloric intake.

Thank you for letting me long-term-foster him. If someone else had had him I would have always been questioning if he had had his homemade deer meat diet, Claritin, antibiotics, and good care. It gives me peace of mind to know that everything possible was being done for him. He was blessed, and he blessed us. Whatta deal!

*Big bad brazen Buddy Boy binging
on breakfast banana bread and butter*

Humane and Human Causes, continued from page 1

causes people to see backyard breeding as a money-making proposition. Backyard breeding brings many more dogs into this world, and some of them, unfortunately, have health problems like hip dysplasia, allergies and cancer. Owners who can't deal with such problems turn to GRREAT and other Rescues.

As a consequence, our ordinary veterinary expenses (not including Leo Fund surgeries) have nearly doubled in the past year because we have received not only more dogs, but less healthy dogs. We know that, given the right care and treatment, even these less-healthy Golden Retrievers can make remarkable turnarounds and can lead active, normal lives in new homes.

Our financial reserves have been seriously depleted this year, and past years' experience has shown that donations to our general fund lag during the summer and fall. While we have continued to grow in our service to a greater number of dogs, our financial resources have not kept pace.

In the past few years, we have had an increased Internet presence allowing more people to reach us, we have made an effort to increase the number of foster families available to receive dogs, and shelters that are aware of our rescue efforts are referring owners directly to us. Perhaps we are victims of our own success. To put it bluntly, we need your help.

This issue of *GRREAT News* describes a number of fundraising events and other activities planned for this fall. It also contains the GRREAT Dog-Alog, our annual merchandise and gift list. This is also the season to renew your membership in our organization and to show your support of our mission.

Remember that all donations to GRREAT are tax-deductible. GRREAT is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make a donation directly to GRREAT (*page 11*)
- Make a donation through the United Way (*page 9*)
- Make a matching-funds donation through your employer
- Participate in our raffles and sell tickets to your friends (*pages 3-5*)
- Purchase merchandise from the 2001 Dog-alog (*center of this issue*)
- Renew your membership to GRREAT early and enclose a donation with it (*page 11*)

For most folks, the economy has been good recently. Please share your good fortune with the most beautiful dogs on the planet. Thank you.





Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.*

Golden Angels (\$500 or more)

**June and Richard
Downing, owners of
Something Special
Stafford, VA**

Elizabeth Oberdorfer

Golden Heroes (\$100 - \$499)

Carolyn Bishop

**Nancy, Lee and Buffy
Hamilton**

Debbie Iwanczuk

Sandy Mann

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

**David and Annette
Bennett**

Leo Fund Donations for Special Reasons

In loving memory of Jimmy, my special angel. Though I know he will live forever as that being, I miss my dog.

—Carolyn Bishop

In memory of Sam, who left us at about age 13. Our neighbors, the Beans, adopted him from GRREAT about 4½ years ago, and he became a neighborhood treasure. Our yellow lab, Buffy, and Sam were best buddies. We all thank you for nursing him to health before the Beans adopted him. Thank you for your wonderful work in helping this noble breed. (We too had a Golden for 15 years and know their marvelous qualities.)

—The Hamiltons—Lee, Nancy and Buffy

In honor of all the needy Goldens in GRREAT care.

—June and Richard Downing
and all the Fuzz Butts

**In honor of Akea and Kaycee and in
memory of Cutter** who recently died of cancer. (Cutter was Tiffany Oberdorfer's dog and Akea and Kaycee are Elizabeth's.)

—Elizabeth Oberdorfer

In honor of Buddy (99-060)

—Debbie Iwanczuk

In memory of Buddy. —Sandy Mann

**Please note:
The Adoption Report
will return in the next issue**

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



*Jimmy Bishop, loved and missed
by his family*



Mary Ellen Lunde writes:

At least my foster dog Katie's last few months were Golden. In her young life (the vets estimated she could be as young as three) she had suffered a 100% fused spine from being shot with BBs, tick and heartworm infestations, and a terminal cancer that ate away at her footpads and skin.

Despite all this, she would thump or wag her tail whenever you spoke to her and she always followed me up and down the steps, despite the effort it took because of her spine and sore paws. Her smile would light up a room. But when her tail no longer thumped and she refused her noontime treat, her eyes told me it was time to release her from this world. She came into the Rescue in June and left much too quickly.

While the majority of our efforts go into rehoming dogs, mostly with happy endings, I am grateful that our organization also provides love and dignity and the final kindness to those Golden who need someone to care, especially at the end.

Old Dominion Dog Show Oct. 1, 2000
Morven Park International
Equestrian Center, US Rte 15 at Tutt Lane
Leesburg, VA

Directions from Washington Beltway (I-495): Take the Dulles Toll Road west (Route 267, tolls \$.50 and \$.35) to Route 28 (Exit 9; formerly Exit 1). Take Route 28 Sully Road north to Route 7 West. Continue west on Route 7 to the Leesburg Bypass, Route 15 North. Stay on Route 15 Bypass for 2.6 miles. Turn left onto Tutt Lane and continue to Morven Park entrance on left. Driving directions from other locations can be found at [HTTP://ML.AOL.COM/KBLAIRH/DIRSHOW.HTML](http://ML.AOL.COM/KBLAIRH/DIRSHOW.HTML).

End of Summer Picnic Oct. 7, 2000
Paxton Child Development Center
420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA
(703-777-4974 for directions)

Directions to Paxton Child Development Center: Take VA 267 west (Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway) to US 15 South/VA 7 west. Merge onto Leesburg Bypass/US 15 Bypass South. Take US 15-Business exit towards Leesburg. Turn right onto South King Street/US 15 Business and go 1.4 miles north. Turn right onto Oakcrest Manor Drive NE. Paxton Child Development Center is at the corner of Oakcrest Manor Drive and Wildman Street.



Adoption Day
September 23, 2000 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Coventry School for Dogs and their People
7165 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia, MD 21046
(410-381-1800 for directions only)



Directions to Coventry School:

From I-95 between Washington and Baltimore, take Highway 175 west. At Snowden River Parkway, turn left. Go to Oakland Mills Road and turn left. Go up the hill and turn left after the railroad tracks into the parking lot. The Coventry School address is 7165 C&D.

Essex Day Dog Walk Sept 17, 2000

Directions to Essex, MD: Take I-95 through Baltimore to the Eastern Avenue/MD 150 exit, which is north of the Ft. McHenry tunnel (toll charge applies from the south). Keep going east. MD 150 is Eastern Avenue, which becomes Eastern Boulevard in Essex.

YES! You can donate to GRREAT through the United Way!

According to United Way officials, you can make a donation to GRREAT through the United Way process even though GRREAT is not listed in their leaflet of charities. If you have a United Way donation drive at your place of work, just write in GRREAT and provide our address so that United Way can forward the donation to us. Clip the handy note at right and use it to fill in your United Way pledge form. United Way will send GRREAT a check for the amount of your donation less a "pledge loss and processing cost" of about 13%.

Attention federal employees who donate to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC): Unfortunately, according to federal regulations (Office of Personnel Management), "an employee may not make a [CFC] designation to an organization not listed in the brochure." GRREAT is not listed with CFC this year.

Clip and take to work!

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 Education and Training, Inc.**

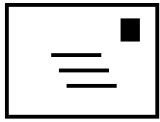
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Letters to GRREAT

Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations

John and Diane
Chaney

Fort Hunt
Animal Hospital

Gail Hunsicker
(via United Way)

Barbara Nastus
PetsMart Charities

Jeff and Maurine
Schuller

Susan Seward



Here's a donation from the gum ball machine at our store—there will be more to come from this!

— Patrick and
Tanya Horning

My family and I would like to make this donation in memory of a family friend who was a wonderful Golden Retriever. She just passed away a few weeks ago and we are all feeling her loss. We hope that this money will be put to good use to benefit other Golden Retrievers and their families. We also hope that this donation in her memory will somehow help her family in dealing with her loss. She has been part of their family for eleven years and will be greatly missed. Her name is Alyeska (Allie), and her family is Hud, Martie and Katie Heaton. Allie, we'll miss you.

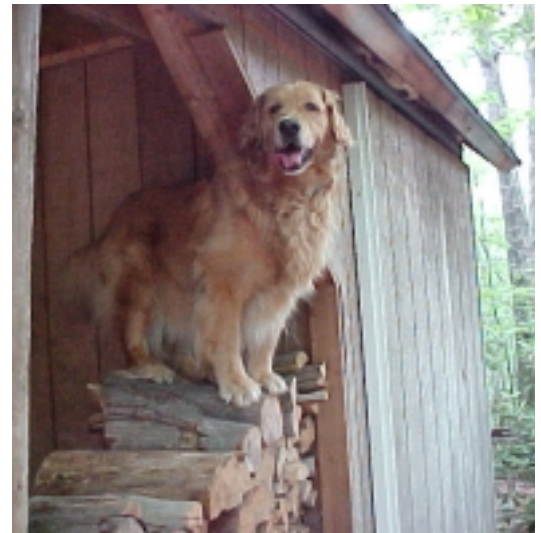
— Paul, Tammy, Taylor and Casey Gray

Please accept this donation in honor of my friends Apple Jack and Olive – AJ the adopted Golden and Olive the part-Golden/all cool dog. My buddy Apple Jack died from old age two weeks ago, 29 months after he moved in with Olive and me. Those twenty-nine months turned 80 pounds of misery into almost 100 pounds of dear, sweet, humorous DOG. AJ came to GRREAT after being confiscated from his original owner. For a month he looked at the ground. A month before he died, he caught my eye and held it. I could go on forever, but I won't. AJ is now at peace, and always in my heart.

—Kate Symonds

On 07/28/00, we did the hardest thing we have ever done in our lives: we put down our Golden. Zipper (97-015) began having seizures last December, and despite all the medications and prayers, the seizures continued to wreak havoc on his body. They became increasingly more frequent and violent, until we made the very humane but devastating decision to let him cross the Rainbow Bridge. In his honor we will adopt another big blond goofy looking Golden when the time is right.

—Diane Lanigan



Sunshine Sims, Queen of the Woodpile

Thought you might like to see this picture of Sunshine (GRREAT #97-047). She's been enjoying her summer at Deep Creek Lake where she finally succeeded in making it to the top of the wood pile in her never-ending search for chipmunks.

Sunshine has truly been a GRREAT addition to our family. Thank you again!
—Diane Sims

I have sad news about Buddy, who was featured in the last issue of *GRREAT News* as a special needs dog looking for a permanent home. Buddy was 7 years old and had been in the Rescue for about eight months. His primary problem was epilepsy. In early August, his seizures became unmanageable on his usual medications, and the vets found evidence of liver damage from the years of seizure medications and possible brain damage from the recent seizures. His long-term foster mom, Sandy Mann, made the difficult decision to allow the vets to relieve him of his suffering.

Buddy is one more example of GRREAT's commitment to these beautiful animals for their *entire* lives through its network of foster homes. Rest in final peace, Buddy.

—Sam Connelly

**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 2001 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: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sunday, September 17, 2000
Essex Day Community Fair

Essex, MD

Directions on page 9

September 23, 2000 Noon - 2:00

Adoption Day

Coventry School for Dogs and their People, Columbia, MD

Directions on page 9



Sunday, October 1, 2000

Old Dominion Kennel Club Fall Show

Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

Directions on page 9

Saturday, October 7, 2000 11:00 - 3:00

End of Summer Picnic

GRREAT Membership Business Meeting

Paxton Child Development Center, Leesburg, VA

Details on page 3

Saturday, October 14, 2000 1:30 - 3:00

Book Signing by Roger Caras

Catonsville Kennel Club Dog Show, West Friendship, MD

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