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the Reins**
Doug Brown

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As you will see in this issue, a new slate of officers is being proposed for election at the January 27, 2001 membership business meeting. I have served as president for approximately one year and 8 months. Since I have not served two full terms, according to the GRREAT bylaws I would be allowed to run again for the president's position in 2001. I have decided not to do that. Although I would love to continue as president of GRREAT, my personal feeling is that, in many instances, change can be a very good thing. I feel this is one of those instances. You will notice that a new person has decided to run for president—GRREAT's current vice president, Dan Kepler. Dan is more than capable of handling the duties as president and I would hope that the membership would stand by me in supporting Dan's efforts to become president. As you will also notice from the proposed slate of officers, I am not going away. I would like to continue serving as GRREAT's vice president if the membership so wishes.

Over the past 20 or so months that I have been president, GRREAT has been through some incredibly hard times, but the one thing that I have noticed is that "when the going got tough, the tough got going." The Board of Directors that I have had the pleasure to serve with are, simply put, fantastic people. Not always did everyone on the board see

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Debbie has enrolled Sadie (our newest addition) in a basic obedience class at The Coventry School for Dogs in Columbia. Being the obedient husband that I am (fear is a wonderful motivator), I go along to watch, give support, drive, and buy dinner.

At first, I thought that it would be boring just standing there watching people train their dogs—I was right. The real fun is watching the dogs train their people. I don't like to brag but I have trained some of the most difficult dogs in the world to do some of the most difficult tricks. There was Ranger, a very active and loving dog, who just couldn't get close enough to people. In only two lessons, I had him to the point that—no matter what treat I had in my hand—he would refuse to come to me. What a beautiful sight it

Training a Dog, continued on page 13

On the bitter cold night of November 3, 2000, Montgomery County (Maryland) Animal Control got a call about a dog tied to a stake near a very busy road, away from any residences. When Animal Control arrived they quickly realized that this 50-pound, gorgeous light blonde one-year old girl was in medical distress and took her immediately to Kindness Animal Hospital in Wheaton, which happens to be one of GRREAT's participating vets. Dr. Katz, himself a Golden owner, was very concerned about the neurological idiosyncracies that Honey was displaying. In fact, he was afraid she might even be rabid!

After monitoring her over the next three days, Dr. Katz knew that she was not rabid, but unfortunately she was blind and deaf and neurologically affected. (In hindsight, we now believe that she suffered either blunt force trauma or ingested poison.) Despite these dire findings, Dr. Katz elected to try treating her for a few days, donating much of his time and services. However, on November 10, although she seemed to be regaining some

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GRREAT News Bites

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MCI CENTER CONCESSION STANDS

Here's a fun and easy way to help raise money for GRREAT just by donating your time.

It's easy because people *want* your product, they come to you asking for it. You don't have to "sell" anything. The miracle product? Hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, beer, and burgers at a sporting event.

GRREAT has an opportunity to work a concession stand at selected sports and concert events at the MCI Center in downtown DC (easily accessible by Metro) and keep ten percent of the money the stand makes from that event. In other words, if the stand sells \$10,000 worth of products during a hockey game, GRREAT gets to keep \$1,000. One weekend night recently, 10 people working for 4½ hours on a slow Tuesday night made approximately \$600. We know more beer flows on the weekends!

Working an event takes about a 4½ to 5 hour time commitment for hockey games, less time for basketball games, and concerts vary. Generally we have to be at the MCI Center one hour before the gates open. Also, the NBA All-Star Game is being held at the MCI Center this year and that will be available to be worked.

Contact Dan Keppler (daniel.keppler@wcom.com or 703-421-6597 or e-mail pam-lori@juno.com if you're interested in helping out for even one event.

Come on out, serve some nachos and beer,
and help save some GRREAT dogs!

Map to GRREAT Annual Membership Meeting Executive Plaza North, Rockville, MD (directions on page 3)



GRREAT Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2000

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

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.

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|---|----------|
| 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> | |

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

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

- Reports of 2000 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 drivers license or other identification. The meeting room is in the corridor behind the guard station. *See map on page 2.*

— REMINDER —

It's Membership Renewal Time! Renew your dues NOW and save \$5!

Please check your mailing label for this issue. If it shows 12/00 in the upper right corner, **your GRREAT membership expires at the end of January.** In October, the GRREAT Board voted to raise dues for next year to \$25.00. However, an exception was made for members renewing by January 31, 2001. Membership dues will remain \$20 through the end of this membership renewal period. Of course, annual membership dues include a subscription to GRREAT News.

Dues are payable now through January 31, 2001, after which membership will be forfeited. Renewals after February 1, 2001 will be \$25.00.

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

**You DO Make a
Difference #2:
Brandy (00-270)
and Jet (00-271)**

Jo Bighouse



***Brandy at rescue:
When was the last time
you saw a Golden
this thin?***

Brandy came to GRREAT on December first. She is 8 years old and has lived her entire life at the end of a logging chain. When the call was received to take Brandy in, we were told she had a litter of three 5-week old puppies. Unfortunately, at the time she was picked up there was only one surviving puppy. It appears that Brandy has had numerous litters.

Brandy was emaciated — at 43 pounds, she was at least 20 pounds underweight. You could see every rib and vertebrae. She had a haunted look in her eyes and would drop to the ground when you bent over her. Both she and her puppy (a coal black ball of fluff named Jet) were infested with fleas and internal parasites. Brandy also tested positive for heartworms. When she is healthy enough and has gained some weight, she will begin treatment for the heartworms.

When Brandy first came in to her foster home, she was terrified of the stairs. No amount of coaxing could convince her to climb them so she had to be carried into the house. The first order of business was a bath for both mom and pup. Brandy was very cooperative, although obviously terrified. Later Brandy was shown her new room complete with blankets, fresh water, and food. Her reaction to the food in the bowl was puzzling — she seemed starved but didn't eat. She nosed around the floor but would not put her face into the bowl. We then realized that food in a bowl was a foreign concept for her. When she was picked up it was noticed that food was scattered on the ground.

Apparently she was accustomed to sifting through the dirt for her food and did not know how to handle a clean, full bowl. When her food was poured out onto the floor she devoured it.

The puppy, Jet, did not display the playful characteristics you would expect from a 5-week old puppy. She laid on the blankets and appeared to be an

outside observer of her new world.

Although her eyes were bright and she was alert, she did not give much response to affection or toys. For a little pup whose five weeks on this earth consisted of merely surviving, toys were of no importance.

Brandy has now learned to eat from a bowl and use the stairs. She is realizing that a human hand can be loving and although she will still cower, she no longer drops to the floor when I bend over her to attach her leash. She is still extremely thin but is showing improvement daily with her high protein diet. When we sit together she lays her head against my chest and her eyes are beginning to lose some of their sadness.

It didn't take long for Jet to begin acting like a puppy. She chewed on my feet, crawled into my lap for a nap, and amused us when she wrestled her toys so hard that she did somersaults. Sadly, on her 6-week birthday, Jet slipped into a coma caused by a birth defect, and she had to be euthanized. She left us much too soon, but for at least one week of her brief life, she enjoyed playing with toys and received lots of hugs and kisses. Our solace is knowing that we were able to allow her a few days of carefree puppyhood.

Thanks to GRREAT, Brandy has a second chance and is responding with that typical loving Golden personality. I'm sure some day we will even see her Golden smile.

Brandy and Jet, learning that people can be kind and food can be plentiful



Golden Pendant Raffle for Valentine's Day ***to benefit Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training, Inc.***



Imagine this beautiful 14 karat gold work of art gracing the neck of someone special. It can be yours—just in time for Valentine's Day—or to keep for yourself! The pendant features the profile of a Golden Retriever mounted on a heart and backed by a pair of angel wings. What a perfect setting for a classic image of this beautiful breed! A faceted amethyst is mounted at the base of the heart. The pendant was donated to GRREAT especially for this raffle by The Hunting Horn, Ltd., of Warrenton, Virginia. It is a richly cast, limited edition piece of jeweler's art—only 20 will be created. The value of this prize is \$700.00.

The other side of this page contains eight raffle tickets. The page can be copied freely, cut apart, and tickets purchased individually for \$5.00 each, six for \$25.00, or you can send in the whole sheet with \$32.00 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 **6 for \$25.00**, or as printed by the sheet of **8 tickets for only \$32.00**. The more you buy, the more you save! *And the more chances you have to win!!*

Tell all your Golden-loving friends about this fabulous pendant! 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 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 payable to GRREAT to:

Golden Pendant Raffle
c/o Sam Connelly
1 Stone Falls Court
Baltimore, MD 21236



Tickets and payment must be received by Saturday, February 10, 2001 in order to be included in the drawing that day. The winner will be notified immediately so that he or she will have the pendant in time for Valentine's Day.

Good luck and thank you for supporting GRREAT!

About the donor...Established in 1986, The Hunting Horn, Ltd., has been dedicated to presenting the very finest in design and workmanship in dog breed jewelry. Their unique jewelry is a combination of dog carvings from the very best artists with their own classic designs. Until now, the Hunting Horn collection has been available only at AKC Dog Shows and at their home base on Main Street in Warrenton, VA. Please visit their web site at <http://www.huntinghorn.com> to see more of their creations.

GOLDEN PENDANT RAFFLE TICKETS

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

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sight and hearing, her prognosis was still totally unknown. The county had to make the tough call that she was not adoptable and that there were many other dogs needing their money for vet care. Despite her extremely guarded prognosis, Dr. Katz just felt that Honey should have a little more time to see if she would continue making progress. He suggested to the county that they call us.

I went to see her at the vet's and, despite being warned that she was terrified of people and not to expect much in the way of interaction, she crawled into my lap when I sat on the floor and stayed there the whole time. Needless to say, when I did my write-up on her, I recommended that GRREAT take her in and I offered personally to foster her, although I already had a foster dog. Dr. Katz felt that if we could provide her a loving home environment for about four to six weeks, we would know for sure whether she was going to be able to recover enough to be adoptable.

As I am writing this article, I have had Honey for 19 days and I am pleased to report that she has virtually all of her eyesight and hearing back. Funny thing, though, her hearing seems somewhat selective. She definitely understands treats, brekkie (breakfast) and din-din, but doesn't seem to recognize "come." She sleeps through the night in a crate and gets along well with my dogs, Sammie Girl and Travis. She runs and plays for short periods, although we will need further evaluation of her hips and she still seems to be in recovery. We are still working on house-breaking, but it's been 13 days without an accident! We're not sure we're out of the woods yet medically, but no matter what the outcome, GRREAT was there to give her a fair chance.

If you sometimes wonder how your donations to GRREAT are used, think of a terrified, shivering one-year old little Golden, tied to a stake near a busy road, temporarily blinded and deaf, and know that YOU made a difference.



Bear, resting because his hips won't hold him

You CAN Make a Difference #3 Primo/Bear

Hello, my name is Primo and I need your help. First, I have this name problem, but my foster parents help there by calling me Bear, 'cause I look like a GRREAT big cuddly bear. But seriously, folks, I am only fourteen months old and my hips are shot. My back left leg has no socket at all, and my right one is not much better. I am an extremely well-behaved boy who wants nothing more than to be able to run, romp and play like my friends, but I can't. So I play the best I can and when my legs give out I lay down to play.

Lucky for me, the folks at GRREAT are giving me a chance at a normal life by paying for my hip replacement surgeries. I am told this is not a cheap thing to do and the Leo Fund has only so much money to pay for all the special medical costs GRREAT incurs.

So here's the deal—I need your help to pay for my surgery. This way I can get the help I need and we can preserve the Leo Fund for other deserving rescued Golden later in the year. So if you can find it in your heart to give just a little bit more, I promise you I will be eternally GRREATful and give you some of the biggest hugs and kisses you've ever received if I see you. Thanks for considering helping me out!

—Bear

P.S. Sorry about all the GRREAT puns, but I couldn't resist it!

Where Your Donations Go

Honey (page 1)
Brandy (page 4)
Bear (page 7)
**and more than
270 others
in 2000**

The stories in this issue are typical of the type of dogs GRREAT accepts into the Rescue. About 10% of our dogs are heartworm positive at the time of intake, like Brandy. They will require extra vet expenses for treatment—expenses paid from GRREAT's general fund.

Although helped by the generosity of a Golden-loving veterinarian, Honey will require weeks of rehabilitation in a foster home, slowing the intake process for other needy dogs.

And Bear speaks for himself in asking for assistance from the Leo Fund and generous folks like you.

This is GRREAT's primary season of fundraising from our supporters as they renew their memberships. Please remember Bear, Brandy and Honey when you write your renewal check.

And to those of you who have already included something extra in your renewal envelope,

THANK YOU!

Thank You

to these individuals for their recent donations

- Joanie Anderson
- Anonymous in Gaithersburg
- Lucy Athey
- Carolyn Beard
- Mark and Heesuk Beighey
- Ethel and Haddon Carryer
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- Wayne and Katherine Hunter
- Kelly and Chris Kane
- Gary and Deborah Kramer
- Jill and Bob Kurtz
- Sandra Laughlin
- John and Jackie Lodmell

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eye to eye, but one thing was always clear: each board member knew that the decisions we made directly affected the lives of many Golden Retrievers. Personal differences were put aside, sleeves were rolled up and the business of making GRREAT a better organization and helping our beloved Golden Retrievers was the resounding theme.

I have had many people come up to me and congratulate me on being president of GRREAT and the great work that I am doing. Although I would love to take all of the credit, I simply cannot do that. There is no way that only one person could run and operate GRREAT. This organization provides services in four states and the District of Columbia; there are well over a thousand members and hundreds of volunteers. Without the help of all the Board members and the many other GRREAT members that work to support all of the board, GRREAT would not function and our furry friends would be left to founder and, in many instances, perish. There is simply no way that I could possibly list everyone that I would like to thank, as I would inevitably forget someone and I certainly do not want to do that and hurt someone's feelings.

I would like to thank all of the year 2000 board members and the other board members that have been by my side since I took over as president in the spring of 1999. THANK YOU!!! I would also like to thank my wife, Becky, who has endured many nights and weekends of my being on the phone or on the computer working on GRREAT projects, or traveling to different events. She has also been by my side, as have many Board members, during a year that saw my mother under go bypass surgery, hip replacement, knee replacement and other illnesses that kept her in the hospital and nursing homes for weeks at a time. I feel it is extremely important to thank *all* of the spouses and significant others of our board members and coordinators as they too give of their time by supporting the efforts of their loved ones.

At the risk of being repetitive, I would again like to thank everyone who has helped me during my time as president. I—and GRREAT—could not have done it without you. Thanks for being there for me. Your support and friendship will always be cherished.

Adoption Day

Sunday, February 4, 2001

Noon – 2:00 pm



Petsmart
13337 Worth Avenue
Woodbridge, VA

Directions to Petsmart of Woodbridge:

From the Washington Beltway (I-495), go about 11 miles south on I-95. Take the Prince William Parkway exit 158B (VA 3000) west toward Manassas for about a mile. Turn left onto Worth Avenue and go 0.1 miles.

Dear GRREAT



Please accept this donation in memory of my husband, Clayt, who died in August after a long downhill illness and in memory of my son, Christopher, who died suddenly in October. Clayt, back in the early to mid 1990s, was involved with me in fostering several Golden Retrievers. The 1996 Howliday Party was one of his last social events—he always enjoyed them and other GRREAT events. My son was, all his life, a lover of animals of all kinds. He was a big ‘tough guy’ who was so gentle and tender with small “critters”—an abandoned baby squirrel he adopted and raised (in our house!); our family dog, Amy, who slept with him for years, sometimes pushing him out of bed; dogs, kittens, even an injured owl his (ex)wife a veterinarian used to bring home for special care. For both of them, please accept this donation to the Leo Fund.

—Patricia Collier

I am writing this letter to inform you how very happy we are with our new dog, Rebel. Thanks to the lady from GRREAT who got us in touch with Edie Galpin, we now have one of the most beautiful, loving, and obedient Golden Retrievers we could ever have wished for. We have had him almost one month, and he has made a perfect adjustment to his new environment.

We want to personally thank GRREAT for looking out for us, also for Edie Galpin the foster home volunteer. She brought Rebel into our home. She impressed us as a true and caring volunteer, an outstanding person with a cheerful personality. I am sure that GRREAT is proud to have a faithful volunteer such as Edie in your organization.

—Lawrence McKay

As you can see from our change of address, we have moved out west. Yuri is enjoying it here. We are too. We really enjoy the newsletters and want to keep our membership current. Again, we thank everyone responsible for giving us Yuri. He is a constant joy. Happy Holidays to everyone!

—Ray and Freda Rever

We are two Golden Oldies who came to the Rescue a few months ago. We now have a new home, people who watch out for us, a yard to play in, food, water, and treats every day, a basket of toys, soft beds, and friends (canine and human) who come to play. Every time a human hand touches us it is with love. Yes, life is GRREAT.

We know it is expensive to keep pups healthy and happy, so enclosed is a donation to help others. Financial support, however, is not all that is necessary. Please let your supporters know that GRREAT needs homes. Foster homes and permanent homes for all the pups who come to the Rescue. Maybe they can only foster for a week or so, possibly they could adopt one or two for a lifetime. Tell them to talk to the relative, neighbor, or co-worker who has spoken of having a canine companion. If they are loving, responsible people, get them involved.

We come in all varieties. Light and dark, males and females, young and old, active and couch potatoes. In short, there is a pup for every person. We all have one thing in common: we all want a loving, ‘forever’ home.

Our GRREAT beginning has led to a happy ending. We hope that enough people get involved so that every ending is a happy one.

—Rocky (00-096) and Rusty (00-097)
and thank you to Barbara Stephens for forwarding their letter!

Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations

(continued from page 10)

Laura LoSchiavo

Deborah Lung

Jennifer and
Jonathon Matis

Terence McCann

Margaret McGee

Ray McKenna

Ed and Tracy
Moriarty

Carolyn and Rhett
Murphy

Julie Palais and
Rick Stevens

Charles Panagoulis

Nicolette Parisi

Mary Portelly

Beverly Porter

Kate Sharrock

Kathleen Skeen

John and Charene
Snyder

Julia and Stephen
Stran

Andrea Supp and
Courtney Matthews

Ernest and Iscella
Wittich



Can you name
this famous
First Dog?

(answer on page 18)

If you have Presidents' Day (Monday, February 19) as a holiday, do something special with *your* dog!



New Volunteer Positions Available

Dan Keppler, Volunteer Coordinator

This has been another record year for GRREAT. We have taken in over 275 dogs, we have been represented in over 45 community events and we have held 10 adoptions days. This amount of activity has stretched our Board members and other coordinators and volunteers very thin.

As our workload increases, we are looking for ways to become more efficient and we have come up with some additional positions that we think would help share the volunteer workload. Please review these positions very carefully and ask for more information if you are interested in volunteering, since some of them could require up to 15 to 20 hours of your time a week.

Anyone interested should contact the current Volunteer Coordinator, Dan Keppler. Send your e-mail to DANIEL.KEPPLER@WCOM.COM. He will forward the information to the appropriate people for review. (Since it is the Holidays please allow some time for response.)

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR This person holding this position is usually appointed to the GRREAT Board of Directors. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the appropriate volunteers are scheduled to work at the various GRREAT events held through the year. He/she also maintains the volunteer database, monitors the Volunteer voice-mailbox, receives and responds to e-mails and other correspondence pertaining to volunteerism.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS (2) These new positions will be responsible for assisting the Volunteer Coordinator in enlisting volunteers and scheduling them for the various GRREAT events within their geographic areas of responsibility. One Assistant will cover Maryland and Delaware and one will cover Virginia, West

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Special

Donations received in honor of GRREAT



IN REMEMBRANCE

CASEY

Leslie Raulin writes:
Casey (95-139) crossed the Rainbow Bridge on November 3, 2000. A brain tumor stopped her wagging tail and smiling face. She is dearly missed, this GRREAT Golden Oldie.

In appreciation for the work done by GRREAT —Frank Isganitis (Gillette, NJ)

For support of all those wonderful Goldens! —Amelia Zimmaro

To thank you —each one—for your fine worthwhile work —Tom and Bonnie Mason

To thank you for Scout, adopted from GRREAT in 1996. He brings me joy every day. —Dr. Susan Brennan

Please use this **wherever it helps the most!** —Bob and Anita Rohr

Please accept this donation for your wonderful organization! —Ken and Andrea Milvid

Thanks GRREAT for Tref and Jake, our Golden kids! —Jude and Gary Biedenkapp

Thanks for helping us find Wally. —Diane Poole and John Laughlin

Virginia and the District of Columbia. They will work closely the Event Coordinators. *Each of these positions will require about 10 to 15 hours per month.*

EVENT COORDINATORS (2) We would like to create two positions reporting to the Vice President. The responsibilities will be assigned by states—one coordinator for Maryland and Delaware and one for Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Each Event Coordinator will be responsible for researching events, obtaining the information, working with the Vice President and Volunteer and Merchandise Coordinator(s) to make sure the appropriate volunteer workers are scheduled. They will also be responsible for providing feedback on these events to determine if we should continue to attend in the future. *Each of these two positions will require about 10 to 15 hours per month.*

MERCHANDISE ASSISTANTS (4) These four individuals will assist the Merchandise Coordinator and will be responsible for operating a GRREAT merchandise table at various GRREAT or community events. They will be provided a sample of GRREAT merchandise and our “Dog-Alog” catalogs. Each will be responsible for a geographic area: three in Maryland: Eastern Shore, North of Baltimore, and Frederick area, and one in Northern Virginia. *Depending on the time of year and geographic location, these positions could require up to 20 hours per month.*

FUNDRAISING ASSISTANTS (4) Two individuals will assist the Fundraising Coordinator in soliciting and collecting donations (sponsorship of GRREAT events, cash, items for raffles/auctions, etc.) within their geographic areas of responsibility. The position that covers Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia has been filled. We still need someone to cover Maryland and Delaware. (Each of these two positions will require about 10 to 15 hours per month)

Two other individuals (location not important) will assist the Fundraising Coordinator

in researching the Internet to determine possible opportunities for soliciting support for companies or individuals. *Each of these two positions will require about 10 to 15 hours per month.*

The current Foster Home Coordinator position has become too big for one person to handle. Therefore, these responsibilities

are being divided into three new positions described below. These positions are absolutely critical to the operations of the rescue and should not be undertaken lightly. The Home Placement and Home Care Specialists must be knowledgeable about dogs and be willing to make quick—and sometimes difficult—decisions concerning the future of dogs coming into the Rescue. *Each of these three positions will require 15 to 25 hours per week.*

**(1) FOSTER HOME COORDINATOR/
HOME PLACEMENT SPECIALIST.**

This person is responsible for overseeing all actions pertaining to foster homes and is usually appointed to the Board of Directors. He/she will identify the proper foster family for each dog that enters the program and relocating a dog, if necessary. He/she will also be responsible for maintaining the foster home database and providing the necessary supplies to foster homes.

(2) INTAKE SPECIALIST This person is responsible for collecting information on dogs taken into the rescue from owner give-ups and shelters and relaying that information to the Home Placement Specialist. (This position has been filled by Mary Ellen Lunde.)

(3) HOME CARE SPECIALIST This person is responsible for coordinating all matters concerning the dogs once they are placed in a foster home (including, but not limited to, dog care, veterinary care and the fostering process, in general).



Please contact Dan Keppler if you are willing to take a more active role in GRREAT operations.



Jennifer and Robert Cruise write:

We wanted to share with GRREAT the sad passing of our beloved Calvert, who joined us in the fall of 1994. He was a beautiful and loving dog each and every day of the past six years, and with some gentle assistance, he crossed over the Rainbow Bridge at the age of 15½. Thank you for the wonderful work that you do, and for bringing Cal into our lives.

Special Donations were received IN HONOR OF...



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.

Jessie Robinson for dog sitting for a weekend —Dave and Gail Corby

Georgie Bahler —Patricia Collier (*please see note at left*)

Jocelyn Guyer and Josh Seidman —Celia Shapiro and Bob Dorfman

Brendan —Cheryl Brooks

Brinkley (99-002), from Tyler and Missy, the Martin family “gaggle” of Goldens —Charles and Karen Davis

Brownie (00-005)—we love our big ‘lap puppy’ —Mike, Ann and Sam Brace

Cassie (97-045) —Jeff Joseph and Lisa Merman

Ceilidh (kay-lee), age 9 and doing great! Thank you so much. —Janet and C. James Owen

Chelsea—a wonderful GRREAT Golden. —Christine Marotta

Dusty —Jonathan Gordon

Our Goldens—**Milli, Bailey, Clancy, and Mimi our cat** who thinks she’s a Golden. —Mabel and Thomas Dempsey

Hannah G (Kinnaird) —Molly Kinnaird Johnston

Jack and Rusty, two hard-to-place GRREAT dogs —Debra and Bill Barrows (*see note from Jack on page 15*)

Max, brought into our lives by GRREAT. —Kevin and Allison Long

Mickey (adopted in 1993) **and Jewel**, (adopted in 1999), **Max and Kata** —Betsy Davis

Pollux Fischer —Laura and Felix Fischer

Rascal. Thanks for your good work. —Tam and Gene Steffen

Rudy (96-135) who continues to bring so much happiness and love into our lives. —Barbara Hals and Sharon Dyke

Sam —Bill and Nina Malone

Sarah Lyn and Montana Joe West —Brian and Shirl West

Shadow, my best buddy, and **in memory of Sandy**, over the Rainbow Bridge. —John Powell

Taz and Daisy and **in memory of Stetson, Babe and Mowhawk** —Patrick and Patricia McAllister

Tucker, the gentle giant —David and Paulette Zee



There's Still Time to Get Your Money's Worth!

The 2001 GRREAT Calendar features thirteen color photographs of dogs GRREAT has rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed. These large 11³/₄ by 9 inch calendars are printed on heavy glossy paper for a year's worth of every day use. In addition to the cover portrait and wonderful pictures of our favorite dogs each month, the calendar includes a page of Honorable Mention photos, information about GRREAT and plenty of writing space for plans and appointments.

2001 GRREAT Calendar 10.00

Send your order to: Jo Bighouse, GRREAT Merchandise Coordinator, 420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA 20176. Please include 15% for shipping; VA residents add 4.5% tax.

Training a Dog, continued from page 1

was to see him running over the hill at sunset, then over the next hill and the next hill, until he disappeared *into* the sunset. About a year later, a fellow named Gill wrote me from Montana that he thought he saw Ranger in Glacier National Park running into the sunset. Now there was an obedient dog.

I watched as Ruth Chase showed her students how to break dogs from pulling while on leash. She had them stand flat-footed with the leash in their hand about belly high. Now a professional trainer (like me) knows there is only one way to stop a pulling dog. Extend the leash hand forward until the leash and your arm form a straight line, then to raise one leg up and backward until it forms a straight line with your arm, then allow your upper body to bend forward aligning with your extended arm (like one of those skaters in the Olympics). This shows the dog that you are supple, well balanced, and have paid-up health insurance. Your lungs are cleansed of harmful little things as you kindly yell "STOP PULLING YOU STUPID DOG!!!" This technique has worked well with me in the past. I do, however, recommend long trousers and long sleeve shirts.

Ruth uses treats in her training. WRONG – WRONG – WRONG. When I was training hunting dogs, I never used treats. First of all, treats cost money, then you have to carry them around and share them with the dogs.

I always found it easier to let the dog eat the downed bird. *Why?* the untrained mind might ask. The answer is very simple (Debbie usually says that all my answers are simple). The reasons:

- #1. The dog is getting fresh meat.
- #2. I don't have to carry a dead bird around in my hunting jacket.
- #3. I don't have to clean any game.
- #4. I have eliminated teaching the dog to
 - A) come back, and
 - B) drop the bird (tug of war isn't easy with a quail).
- #5. I can always say that I bagged my limit; and the most important
- #6. is...is...is something about something that is important.

Training is important. Not only does it make life more enjoyable with your dog; it helps you two bond together. When Debbie reads this little story, she will shake her head and walk away. But when I read this to Shiloh, he will wag his tail, lick my face and try to get as close to me as he can. I have, with my wonderful training ability, turned him into a critic who likes my stories.

I have to go to obedience class now; so I will save the other 1757 basic commands for later.

P.S. If anyone in California sees Ranger, don't bother to yell. He won't stop. He's just too well trained.

New Year's Resolutions Made by Dogs

I will not bark every time I hear a doorbell on TV.

I will try to understand that the garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.

I will not roll my toys behind the refrigerator.

I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.

I will not use the sofa as a face towel.

I will shake the water and/or mud out of my fur before entering the house.

I will not chase the stick unless I actually see it leave his hand!

Special Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...



Lynne Glennon writes:
I remember the August day that I picked you up—a tangled coat full of mats and huge knots behind your ears. But in your face and eyes were a sweetness that melted my heart. I wanted to keep you myself, but circumstances prevented this. My solution—to find the most wonderful family for you to become a cherished member. The Burdeshaws fit the bill! Unfortunately, a liver disease took you from them in only a year, but I know it was the happiest year in your short life. You are truly missed, Sammy.

John (Ray) O'Connell —Richard and Mary Ann Newton

Babe and Sheba —Cathy and Mike Skoog

Beau (98-021) —Tom and Kathy Rougeux

Bergen and Sooner —Sharon Strike

Britches —Bernard and Bonnie Burton

Bubba —Kathy Wright

Buddy and Cheshedh, two very special dogs, and **in honor of Jan Skadburg**, the wonderful nurse who cared for them so beautifully. Our loving thoughts and prayers are with you. —Toni and James Johns

Casey (95-139) —Leslie Raulin (*please see Remembrance on page 10*)

Copper —Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heagy, Jr.

Dusty —John and Pat Gird

GB, a former foster dog adopted 10 years ago, who died recently at the age of 15. —Jane Kunze

Jason, and **in honor of Cassie and Ozzie** —Cynthia and William Merman

Kodi, owned by Kathee and Clyde Covington —Jim and Carol Crew

Max; our home isn't the same without him. —Bridget and Eric Cooper

Misty Melago —Sandy and Jeff Melago (via United Way contribution)

Molly —Charlene Little

Nicki Holmes, a rescued Golden —Mark and Mary Nielsen

Our GRREAT-at-heart Golden, **Tipsy and Cricket** —Dave and Gail Corby

In remembrance of Sam (99-152) —Lynne Glennon (*please see Remembrance at left*)

**THE GRREAT HAPPY ENDINGS ADOPTION LIST
WILL RETURN IN THE NEXT ISSUE!**

Hi, to everyone! My name is Jack, and I am GRREAT number 98-053. Georgie Bahler encouraged my Mom to write to everyone concerning my year, but—well, you know how time flies! Anyway, I finally caught her at the computer so I could dictate this note. Like a lot of you guys at Rescue, the first part of my life was pretty rough. I was labeled one of those “harder to place” guys. Not enough attention when young, full of energy and mischief and so forth. Then along came Mom and Dad. Mom is really into training—all kinds of fun things too—and Dad is into following up on Mom’s training, so a guy just doesn’t have a chance to get into things. Well, not too many things.

However, this year, after only being with Mom one year, all my training came together. In January I went to my first dog show. Saturday morning I was driven to Richmond—didn’t do at all bad—took highest scoring Golden in the Novice B ring. The next morning Mom and I went to Baltimore where I received my certification in Tracking. A couple of more weekends went by and I went to another dog show, this time at the Howard County Fairgrounds, and did real well in obedience again. Then the following weekend we were off to Raleigh/Durham where I finished my Tracking Dog title (TD). One week later I finished my Companion Dog title (CD) at the Golden Retriever Specialty that PVGRC holds each spring. I finished second in Novice B. Now, you say, what is so very special about titles? Well it does prove to all that I can behave and with the right training, lots of love and a lot of follow-through, “harder to place” rescue dogs can and do make wonderful companions.

I’ve been to camp Jack Pot (call Donna Thompson for details) twice since being adopted and have had an absolute ball. I have also had a great time at the Armstrongs with the PVGRC group as well (see their Web sight too). I assist my Mom with teaching her basic classes for Fairfax County and go to advanced classes at least twice a week, as well as track every Saturday morning. Seem like a lot? Mom thinks

quality time as well as *quantity* time is what it takes!

My friend Rusty, also a GRREAT rescue, has been at trials this year also, earning two Companion Dog titles, one from AKC and one from the UKC. He has also been working in the field, hoping for a WC and is presently tracking on Saturdays with my Mom and his Mom, Maureen Kelly. His Mom even does freestyle with him. Rusty, was also one of the “harder to place” guys because he was a senior.

So, where does this all lead? First of all here is a donation from my Mom to honor both of us boys and the four titles we were able to accomplish this year. (Think about next year—we are both going to try for three titles apiece. TDX, CDX, WC—you name it, we will probably try it!). Second, this is to encourage all you rescued guys to get out, get some training in the fun things we Golden do, and enjoy the life you’ve been given by your adopted parents. If your parents are unsure what there is for you, have them give my Mom or Maureen a call, check the PVGRC web site, sign up for Camp Jack Pot, look at your county brochures under Pet training and activities, just have them find out what the wonderful, fun, Golden things there are to do and give it your best shot.

Sincerely,

Jack Is A Taz Too, CD, TD

(with a little help from Debra Barrows)

Thanks

Thanks to the following volunteers for your speedy processing of home visits. You’re worth your weight in Golden!

—Diane Lanigan,

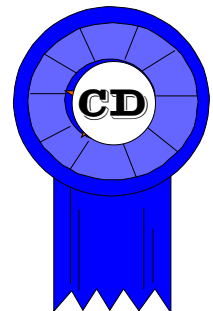
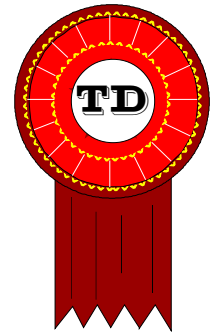
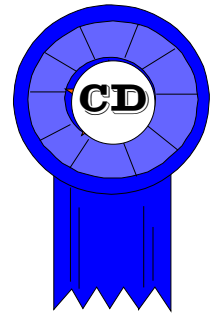
VA Home Visit Coordinator

**Jo Bighthouse
Valerie Brecker
Julie Ann Cheslock
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Jane Medico
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A LETTER from GRREAT DOGS





Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.*

Golden Angels (\$500 or more)

June and Richard
Downing, through
Something Special
in Stafford, VA

Golden Heroes (\$100 - \$499)

Debbie Brent

Trish Collier

Mary Ginn

Krista and Bob
Maslyn

Rich and Jan Scolio

Marion Shields

Lynne Young

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

Judith Adrezin

John and Nancy Bentrup

Jennifer and Jim Bognet

Maurice and Jean DeBoy

Jo Dempsey

Judith Lucas

L. Sidney Morris

Ralph and Joyce Page

Julia and Stephen Stran

Dana Williams

Tom and Michelle Wiseman

**In loving memory of my mother,
Miriam D. Brent** (10/31/24 - 4/8/00) who
is partly responsible for my love and passion
for dogs, and who crossed the Rainbow
Bridge with my 'Samantha' and 'Jessie.'
—Debbie Brent

**In memory of Clayt Eakle and Chris
Eakle** —Trish Collier (*please see letter on
page 9*)

In honor of Olivia McDonough, an
ardent supporter of all things Golden.
—Judith Adrezin

**In honor of Carolyn and Wallace
Bishop**, whose hearts are as big and whose
love as unconditional as the Golden they
cherish. —Kelsey, Gabrielle, and Judith
Lucas

Leo Fund Donations for Special Reasons

**In memory of Ipsy and all other
GRREAT dogs and other family
members** who passed this year.

—Mary Ginn

In memory of GGbean, Skillfor's
Golden Girl

—Lynne Young

In honor of Maxwell—Happy 11th
Birthday! and **in memory of our sweet
girl, Honeybear.**

—Krista and Bob Maslyn

In honor of Ruby (99-066) and **in
memory of Sheena**

—Julia and Stephen Stran

To honor our Golden friend, Chester

—John and Nancy Bentrup

In memory of Teddy—we will never
forget him.

—Maurice and Jean DeBoy

In memory of all my wonderful pets
who have given me great joy over the years.

—Jo Dempsey

From Buddy Dodson (98-136) **to help
other Golden through GRREAT.**

—Richard and Anna Dodson

In honor of Amazing Grace (98-126)

—L. Sidney Morris

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

Thank You

to Ina and Judge Marvin Land for a
donation to the Simile-Finale Fund (alter-
native therapies for Golden with special
needs).



Make it a happy—and safe—



Valentine's Day



for your dog

Sweets for the sweet? That's great for you, but potentially dangerous for your dog. Dogs are particularly susceptible to chocolate toxicity if they eat more than 100 milligrams of chocolate per pound of their body weight. It is the theobromine in chocolate that causes toxicity in dogs. As a reference point, there are 45 milligrams of theobromine in an ounce of milk chocolate, semisweet chocolate has 150 milligrams per ounce, and there are nearly 400 milligrams per ounce of pure unsweetened (baker's) chocolate.

You don't need to panic if your 80 pound Golden Retriever eats a plate of chocolate chip cookies (the cookies may make him nauseous but no more than if we ate an entire batch of cookies). However, if a 15 pound poodle eats the same batch of cookies, he's going to be a very sick puppy. Chocolate toxicity is based on the amount of pure chocolate the dog ingests—the effects are diluted if he eats chocolate chip cookies, chocolate covered candies or chocolate flavored goodies, but the richness of those human treats could give him pancreatitis.

Symptoms of chocolate toxicity are nervousness, vomiting, shaking, and sometimes a condition referred to as 'hyperesthesia' which means overreacting to noises, touch, lights, and other stimulants. The combination of the theobromine and caffeine is what causes the symptoms. Dogs can also get caffeine toxicity, and the symptoms are the same as chocolate toxicity.

If you catch your dog eating chocolate or coffee grounds, the best thing to do is make him vomit before the toxins have a chance to cause symptoms. If he is allowed to absorb the theobromine/caffeine and

develops symptoms, he will have to go to the vet, perhaps his stomach will have to be pumped, and he may spend some time on intravenous fluids to flush out his system. It will be the most expensive box of chocolates you ever received!

The best defense against chocolate toxicity is a good offense. A dog can smell chocolate in a box wrapped in cellophane in the middle of a sack full of groceries. Keep any type of chocolate out of his reach (and even beyond what you think he can reach).

If your dog does eat a box or bag of chocolates, call your veterinarian immediately for professional medical advice. Induce vomiting in one of three ways:

1. Give syrup of ipecac, 1 teaspoonful per 10 pounds of body weight Repeat only once after 15 minutes if no vomiting occurs.
2. Give hydrogen peroxide 3%, one to three teaspoonsful every 10 minutes; repeat up to three times.
3. Give 1/2 to 1 teaspoonful of table salt, placed on the back of the tongue.

The best Valentine's Day present for your dog? Puppy love and hugs and kisses—but not the chocolate kind.

Thanks to GRREAT volunteer Sam Connelly for preparing this information on chocolate toxicity. The complete article on many substances poisonous to pets can be found at <http://members.aol.com/busher9518/poison.htm>. Inducing vomiting instructions from the *Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook* by Delbert G. Carlson and James M. Giffen, Howell Book House 1992. (This book is available from GRREAT.)

Toxic Amounts of Chocolate for Dogs

| Milk Chocolate | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Dog's weight | Amount of chocolate |
| 20 lbs. | 1 lb. |
| 30 lbs. | 2 lbs. |
| 40 lbs. | 2.5 lbs. |
| 50 lbs. | 3 lbs. |
| 60 lbs. | 4 lbs. |
| 70 lbs. | 5 lbs. |
| 80 lbs. | 6 lbs. |
| 90 lbs. | 7 lbs. |

Semisweet Chocolate
(semisweet morsels come in 6 ounce and 12 ounce bags)

| Dog's weight | Amount of chocolate |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 20 lbs. | 6.5 oz. |
| 30 lbs. | 3.25 oz. |
| 40 lbs. | 8.5 oz. |
| 50 lbs. | 14.5 oz. |
| 60 lbs. | 18.0 oz. |
| 70 lbs. | 22.0 oz. |
| 80 lbs. | 26.0 oz. |
| 90 lbs. | 30.0 oz. |

Baking Chocolate
(one square of baking chocolate is one ounce)

| Dog's weight | Amount of chocolate |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 20 lbs. | 2.5 oz. |
| 30 lbs. | 3.25 oz. |
| 40 lbs. | 4.5 oz. |
| 50 lbs. | 5.5 oz. |
| 60 lbs. | 7.0 oz. |
| 70 lbs. | 8.5 oz. |
| 80 lbs. | 10 oz. |
| 90 lbs. | 11.5 oz. |

Table of toxic amounts adapted from http://www.frii.com/~phouka/dogs/dog_choc.html

Adoption Day

Sunday, January 7, 2001 - noon until 2:00 pm

Pet Depot

2151 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, Maryland



DIRECTIONS

From Virginia, D.C. and eastern Maryland: Take the Capitol Beltway (I-495) to I-95 North toward Baltimore. Exit at the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) West (towards Towson). Exit onto I-83 North. Take exit 16B and at the end of the ramp turn left onto Greenspring Drive. The store is 100 yards on the right.

From upper Montgomery, Frederick and Howard counties in Maryland: Take I-70 east to the Baltimore Beltway North. Exit onto I-83 North. Take exit 16B and at the end of the ramp turn left onto Greenspring Drive. The store is 100 yards on the right.

Answer to Presidents' Day Question on Page 8



Photos on pages 8 and 18 courtesy of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

The only Golden Retriever to live at the White House was LIBERTY, owned by President Gerald Ford (1974-1977).

Susan Ford, the president's daughter and the person who bought Liberty for her father when they lived in the White House, remembers: "Liberty was our family dog—no question about that, but we shared her with the country. She used to get letters, so we had a stamp of her paw made up so she could sign them." When asked if she ever worried that Liberty felt stressed by the abundant attention she received from the press, Susan said Liberty liked it; though there was one concern: the press always carried dog biscuits in their pockets, and the first family was afraid Liberty might get fat from so much snacking.

Being President has many perks, one of which is that you don't have to walk your pet yourself so that it can do its business. However, Gerald Ford offered to take care of Liberty himself one night when

the trainer was away. Ford took the pooch for a business trip to the South Lawn in the middle of the night and found he had no re-entry access to the private quarters of the White House. The annoyed President was forced to pound on the door until the Secret Service awoke to let him back in.

Another story (whether it's true or not is unknown) is that if visitors stayed too long in the Oval Office, President Ford whistled for Golden Retriever Liberty to pounce on them!

Although Liberty is waiting at the Rainbow Bridge, her great-grandson still lives with Betty and Gerald Ford at their home in California.

Perhaps President Harry S Truman was right when he said, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

Celebrate Presidents' Day—do something special with your four-legged friend.

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In honor of _____

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New member Renewal (Member number
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Name _____

Address _____

Mark here if this is an address or name change.

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Circle as many as applicable:

1. I am enclosing \$20 for my 2001 membership dues.
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(Please complete Volunteer Form at right)
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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? _____

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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
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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

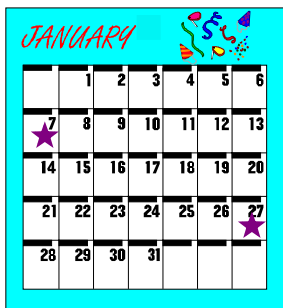
_____ Provide storage space for food, supplies, crates

_____ Stamp and address newsletters and flyers

_____ Donate the following services:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sunday, January 7, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm

Adoption Day

Petsmart of Timonium, MD

Directions on page 18

Saturday January 27, 2001

10:30 am to Noon

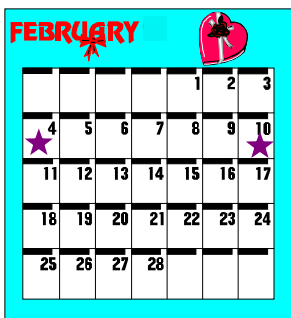
GRREAT Annual Membership

Business Meeting

Room J, 6130 Executive Blvd.

Rockville, MD

Directions on page 3, map on page 2



Sunday, February 4, 2001 Noon - 2:00 pm

Adoption Day

Petsmart of Woodbridge, VA

Directions on page 8

Saturday, February 10—Drawing for Golden Pendant


See pages 5 and 6 for details!



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