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**Having Fun with  
Your Dog**  
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Congratulations to everyone that has adopted a Golden from GRREAT!! We had the opportunity to meet so many of you at the Bark-B-Que in May. Have you ever wondered what to do with your dog once he or she has settled into your home (besides love it to pieces)? Many people enjoy going out to walk and play fetch with their dogs—it's a wonderful way for both ends of the leash to get some exercise. New adopters love to show off the handsomest dog in the neighborhood to their neighbors and let them cuddle the dog. But there's lots more the two of you can do. If you think your dog would have a great time using its skills, no matter what they may be, I have some suggestions about groups that hold events throughout the local area. Getting out with your dog not only makes both of you happy, it can bring the two of you closer. Golden Retrievers are very intelligent animals that love to work or play and be rewarded for it. We encourage you to have fun with your dog in whatever activity you choose. Here's just a small sample of local dog groups that you can contact.

**The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, Inc. (PVGRC)** (<http://pvgrc.org/>) PVGRC was organized in 1968 to promote the purebred Golden Retriever and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. PVGRC members initially founded GRREAT and continue to generously support the Rescue. Many members of

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Community Service**  
*Carol A. Harris*

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Headquartered in a modern facility on Bestgate Road in Annapolis, Maryland, the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank (EVBB) opens its doors several days a week to dogs eager to donate blood for the canine community in exchange for a warm hug and some c-o-o-k-i-e-s! Modeled after the American Red Cross, EVBB was established in 1993 by Ann Schneider, DVM, to provide a humane source for veterinary blood banking. This relatively unknown but valuable service is available for your pet.

I speak from experience when I say your pet will enjoy committing to this worthy and needed service; my own Golden "grand dogs" are actively involved with the donor program. Two year-old Indy is an enthusiastic participant, serving as both a regular

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**Brandy's GRREAT  
Happy Ending**  
*Jo Bighouse*

In the January/February issue of this newsletter, we shared the story of Brandy who was rescued by GRREAT in December of 2000. For eight years, before GRREAT came to her rescue, Brandy's world consisted of neglect, abuse, and the continual birth of puppies. Her exercise was limited to the small area she could reach at the end of a heavy logging chain. At 40 pounds, she was severely emaciated. Heartworms, internal parasites, and fleas plagued her malnourished body.

As Brandy's foster mom I tended to her broken spirit and body. It was not long before she began to trust me and soon she developed a hearty appetite for her special meals of "dog soup" served with a side of fresh vegetables and yogurt. When she was well enough, she was checked in at the animal hospital for her heartworm treatment. Although initially she was to spend only one or two nights at the hospital, she did not respond well

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## GRREAT News Bites



### Temporary Foster Homes Needed

The GRREAT Inn is FULL! All of our current foster homes have dogs awaiting adoption, and summer is upon us. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This is the time of year that many foster families have vacations planned, and they are unable to take their foster dogs with them.

GRREAT is looking for people to help give our fosters a needed break by taking a foster dog on a temporary basis—a weekend, a week, or perhaps as long as ten days. If you can help out—even for a weekend—please contact Georgie Bahler (gabahler@erols.com) or 703-620-6698.

This is also an opportunity for you to decide whether regular fostering is something you would enjoy. The current foster family can provide you with information about your temporary foster dog, so there won't be any surprises. The rewards of fostering are enormous: there's no telling what you, your own pets, or the foster dog might learn from the experience.

Some folks think temporary fostering is like having grandchildren—at the end of the allotted time you can always return them to their primary caretakers!!

**Try it—you might like it!**

*Brandy Casey (00-008) at a Delaware beach sniffing her first horseshoe crab. Sadly, a month after this picture was taken, she was diagnosed with advanced cancer. Thank you, Joyce Casey, for sharing this memory of Brandy.*



## **Additional Information Regarding Delaware's State Park Beaches**

Pets are allowed in Delaware seashore parks but prohibited by state law from all "swimming" or "sunbathing" beaches from May 1 to September 30. Park rules and regulations also restrict pets from such designated areas as surfing and sailing areas and nesting areas.

Access to beaches OPEN for pets will be available at designated parking areas and surf fishing vehicle crossings. Please note that at Gordon's Pond and Fenwick Island, access is limited to the pedestrian dune-crossing located at the north end of the parking lot.

Beach areas CLOSED to pets will typically be designated with signs posted at the "toe" of the primary dune. The signs will be located at the extreme boundaries of the closed areas. Adverse tidal conditions occasionally affect the placement of signs.

Always refer to maps for approximate boundaries. If you are uncertain about the status of an area, please contact the park office or a park ranger for further information.

## **Summer Fun for Everyone!**

The sun is warm, the weather is beautiful and that look in your dog's eyes says *take me to the beach!!* Where to go? It seems everyone has a favorite beach destination, but some are more dog friendly than others. GRREAT has compiled a table of current (2000-2001) information (*see next page*) about the Atlantic beaches where pets are permitted. In general, beaches in Delaware, Ocean City, MD, and Virginia Beach, VA are *not* open to dogs through the summer months during the daytime (but spring and fall days at the beach are just as much fun and much less crowded). Assistance dogs are, of course, the exception. If you want to romp with your best buddy, the best places are Assateague National Seashore (just south of Ocean City) and Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, and other beaches on the Outer Banks.

Whether you're playing catch, swimming in the ocean, running along the shore or simply enjoying each other's company, the beach can be fun and rewarding for both pets and their owners. To assure that pets will continue to be welcome at the beach, please be a responsible pet owner!

- ALWAYS clean up after your pet!
- Keep your dog on leash and under control at all times, except in designated off-leash areas. A dog that chases wildlife, destroys property, or scares other beach goers makes non-pet people think all dogs behave that way.

- NEVER leave your pet unattended. In addition to the potential for theft, dogs are prone to sunburn and even more prone to heat stroke than humans are.
- Obey the rules where pets are prohibited at special locations like picnic areas, park buildings, nature trails, and bird nesting areas. Pets running on the beach or onto the dunes create havoc in nesting colonies. Eggs and young can be crushed or killed and these disruptions can cause parents to abandon a nest altogether.
- Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.
- Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Don't allow him to drink too much sea water as the salt in the water will make him sick.
- Dogs can get sunburned, especially dogs with pink skin and light hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong. Apply sunblock to his ears and nose thirty minutes before going outside.
- If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.
- Salt and other minerals in ocean water can damage your dog's coat. When you are ready to leave for the day, rinse her off with fresh water.
- Golden retrievers never give up, so understand your dog's physical limits for swimming, stick chasing, and heat.

# Dog Regulations for Atlantic Beaches

*This information was obtained from reliable Internet sources in June 2001 and is subject to change without notice. Always check with local authorities, obey posted signs, and be a responsible pet owner.*

	<u>Dogs Permitted</u>	<u>Dogs Prohibited</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Bradley Beach	10/16 - 4/14	all hours 4/15 - 10/15	beach
Ocean Grove	10/1 - 4/30	all hours 5/1 - 9/30	beach
<b>Delaware</b> (see additional notes on previous regarding Delaware parks)			
Bethany Beach	10/1 - 3/31	all hours 4/1 - 9/30	beach and boardwalk
Cape Henlopen State Park	6:30 pm - 8:00 am 5/1 - 9/30 all hours 10/1 - 4/30	8:00 am - 6:30 pm 5/1 - 9/30	beach
Delaware Seashore St. Park	on leash in designated areas all year		
Dewey Beach	5:30 pm - 9:30 pm during summer season all hours rest of year	9:30 am - 5:30 pm during summer season	summer season=Friday of Mem. Day wknd to Sunday after Labor Day wknd
Fenwick Island (municipal)	10/1 - 4/30	all hours 5/1 - 9/30	beach
Fenwick Island State Park	on leash in designated areas all year	on swimming beaches all hours 5/1 - 9/30	
Lewes	6:30 pm - 8:00 am 5/1 - 9/30 all hours 10/1 - 4/30	8:00 am - 6:30 pm 5/1 - 9/30	beach
Rehoboth Beach	11/1 - 3/31	all hours 4/1 - 10/31	beach and boardwalk
South Bethany Beach	11/1 - 5/14	all hours 5/15 - 10/31	beach
<b>Maryland</b>			
Assateague Is. Nat. Seashore	all year round on 6' leash		except in closed areas
Assateague State Park	dogs not allowed at any time		entire park
Chincoteague Nat. Wildlife Refuge	dogs not allowed at any time		entire refuge
Ocean City	10/1 - 4/30 'under control' but not necessarily on leash, per police dept	at all times 5/1 - 9/30	beach and boardwalk
<b>Virginia</b>			
Virginia Beach	no information available about beaches, but 2 new dog parks open		
<b>North Carolina</b>			
Cape Hatteras Nat. Seashore	all year round on 6' leash		beach
Kill Devil Hills	9/16 - 5/14	all hours 5/15 - 9/15	beach
Kitty Hawk	6:00 pm - 10:00 am 6/1 - 9/1 all hours 9/2 - 5/31	10:00 am - 6:00 pm 6/1 - 9/1	ocean and sound beaches; dog on 6' leash
Nags Head	all year round on 10' leash		beach
Southern Shores	rest of year	Mem. Day to Labor Day	beach; year round leash laws in effect
<b>South Carolina</b>			
Myrtle Beach	5:00 pm - 9:00 am 5/15 - 9/15 all hours 9/16 - 5/15	9:00 am - 5:00 pm 5/15 - 9/15	

## Gardeners Alert!!

### Potential Pooch Health Hazard

Cocoa shell mulch, a specialty landscaping product, is potentially hazardous and sometimes lethal to dogs and cats. The crushed shells contain theobromine, a central nervous system and cardiovascular stimulant and the same compound found in chocolate and processed cocoa. Sold by Home Depot and other gardening supply stores, there are no warning labels on the bags about potential hazards to animals who ingest the mulch. (For more information on cocoa and chocolate toxicity, see the January/February 2001 issue of *GRREAT News*.)

Theobromine is highly poisonous to dogs and cats. Used as mulch in a garden or other landscaping, cocoa shell mulch when wet gives off an strong chocolate smell that is highly attractive to dogs. Dogs eat the chocolaty shells and theobromine and become sick. Symptoms range from hyperactivity (restlessness, panting, pacing, and anxious behavior) to nausea, shaking, and over-reacting to noises, touching and other stimulants.

If you suspect your dog has eaten cocoa mulch, call your vet immediately or call the Animal Poison Control Center, a service of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at 1-888-426-4435. Headquartered in Urbana, Illinois, the phones are staffed 24 hours a day, every day, by veterinary toxicologists. Because the center receives no government or private funding, there's a \$45 charge per case, though, at no extra charge, the Center will do as many follow-up calls as necessary in critical cases, and at the owner's request will contact their veterinarian directly. The Center also provides by fax specific treatment protocols and current literature citations when needed.



### IS ONE MAN'S TRASH YOUR TREASURE??

Rosie is an incredibly sweet, affectionate ten year old medium redhead who was unceremoniously dumped in an unattended outdoor cage at a local shelter one Sunday. She had a nasty-looking open sore when GRREAT took her in to be medically evaluated. Although this spunky little girl was found to have a rare form of slow-growing cancer, a piloma-tricoma, her prognosis since her surgery is that she could have many months of quality life and love in her. As a Rescue organization, we believe that not only young, healthy dogs but also ones like Rosie deserve a chance. Rosie likes walks, pets, car rides, and tennis balls and she appreciates the finer arts of dining and napping as well. She gets along well with other dogs, once properly introduced, but is unknown with cats. She does seem to need to go out every 4-5 hours during the day, but easily holds it for 7-8 hours at night.

We are looking for a special family to provide Rosie a long term foster home or maybe even a permanent adoption. Are you the one? We realize not many of the folks on our applicant list are a match for Rosie, but if you are one of the few that are, please call Mary Ellen Lunde, 301-549-3156, or [melunde@erols.com](mailto:melunde@erols.com).

### HELP MAKE THIS GIRL'S FUTURE ROSIE

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donor and public relations representative, while twelve year-old Bear volunteers for donor recruitment. Bear is so impassioned that a recent presentation at Anne Arundel Community College had the *students* wanting to roll up their sleeves!

As responsible pet owners seek better health care for their dogs, pushing transfusion medicine to the forefront of the veterinary field, the need for humane, quality products



*Bear Harris' EVBB bandanna says 'I saved a life!'*

increases. While commercial blood banks have been supplying typed and tested blood products since the late 1980s, the donors were not “volunteers.” Instead, dogs were warehoused in kennels for their entire lives in order to meet veterinary needs. Setting the standard for “humane” blood banking, Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank is now the largest *all volunteer* blood bank in the veterinary community. EVBB has no in-house donors living in cages. All contributors are pets brought in by families who have made a personal commitment to help meet the needs of the canine population. Just as in human medicine, the demand for blood products exceeds the availability. In an effort to bridge that gap and increase the donor pool, EVBB bloodmobiles travel throughout Maryland and Northern Virginia visiting foxhound kennels, private breeders, and select veterinary clinics. While EVBB’s donor base is local, their products are available to veterinarians nationwide and their network of distribution centers offers 24-hour coverage in nearly 32 states.

***One dog can save up to four lives with a single donation!*** Donated blood is separated into various components and used to treat trauma, anemia, heat stroke, clotting disorders, pancreatitis, and Von Willebrand’s disease, just to name a few. Like humans, dogs have positive and negative blood types and a unit is equal to one pint. Since dogs weigh less than people, the percentage of

blood drawn is proportionately greater. This poses no threat to the dogs, as they recoup the loss quickly.

Donation eligibility and the procedure itself are quite simple. Dogs must be in good health, weigh over 35 pounds, and be between nine months and seven years of age. Donors are asked to commit for a minimum of one year, with donations scheduled approximately every two months.

Each time your pet donates, the staff greets him warmly before he is placed on the exam table to receive a routine check up (EVBB does not treat problems, but regular examinations aid in early detection). Then a technician wraps his or her arms around the dog, stroking and soothing him, while a veterinarian draws the blood. The process takes about five minutes and requires no sedation. At the end of the procedure, your pet is rewarded with more hugs, kisses, and c-o-o-k-i-e-s! Additional benefits are free blood typing and chemistry profile, complete blood count (CBC), testing for heartworm and other diseases, and if ever needed, a free unit of blood for each unit given. Complimentary marketing products include an EVBB bandanna, identifying tag, Frisbee, and best of all, those c-o-o-k-i-e-s!

We all hope that your dog will never need a transfusion but thousands of others will. Give your GRREAT pet the opportunity to be a “HERO FOR LIFE” through canine community service. Please visit Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank’s informative and entertaining website at <http://www.evbb.com> or call (410) 224-BANK today to reserve your pet’s c-o-o-k-i-e-s!

*This information was compiled from the EVBB website and interviews with Tyla Shepeta, Donor & Community Coordinator and Patrick Lee, Jr., COO.*



## A LETTER from a GRREAT DOG



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Thanks for helping me find my ‘forever home’ with Paul Foldes and Marsha Weiner. According to my known history, they are my fourth home, and I am only about 3 or 4 years old.

I have already been to the Charles County, MD, shelter where I was neutered and got my shots in June of 2000. I was adopted from there, but unfortunately my owner was transferred to London and couldn’t take me with her. So, she placed me with another stewardess and her kind family. Unfortunately she, too was unable to keep me due to conflicting family demands. Fortunately she called GRREAT and Paul and Marsha, as fosters, came to pick me up. The family that gave me up to them was so kind as to even make a contribution to GRREAT, as requested, and I left with lots of toys in fine fiddle.

Well, need I say more? Paul and Marsha fell in love with me the instant they picked me up, and after my initial checkup, they adopted me. I am their second GRREAT dog, following in the spiritual footsteps of Lucky, my predecessor GRREAT guy, who was helped across the Rainbow Bridge at age 12 last September after suffering from

cancer. Lucky keeps in touch with Paul and Marsha through me now. Lucky has ‘channeled’ me instructions how to break them in. And, I must say, it has not been too hard <grin>.

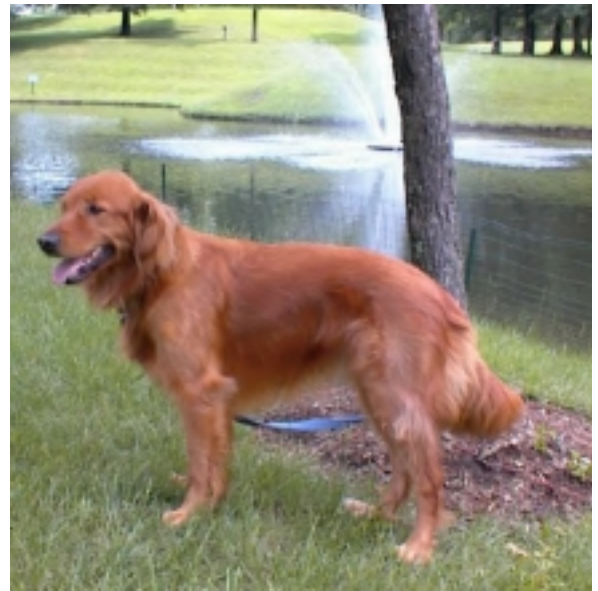
We took an obedience course, and the instructor noted how smart I was, and taught Paul and Marsha how to discipline me without raising a voice. We are now working on

integrating those lessons into our daily lives. Whereas Lucky didn’t retrieve or swim, I do; and Marsha and Paul take me to Jones Point (under the Wilson Bridge in Alexandria) to dip in the Potomac regularly, and to play with many fellow canines.

Every time Paul and Marsha just glance at me, a loving smile crosses their faces, and I do love to nuzzle up with one of them always around me. Fortunately they work a lot from home, so I get lots of ‘face time’ <grin>.

Well, gotta run, my toys are waiting for a little action.

—Verrrry RED Teddy (01-009)



*Teddy Foldes enjoying a beautiful summer day.*

### *Thanks to a great bunch of dogs!*

*The Veterans of the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club*



On May 6 PVGRC held its annual Veterans Day for PVGRC member Golden Retrievers. Twenty-four senior Golden Retrievers attended the day at Sue and Rodger Armstrong’s Twin Ponds. On behalf of these veterans, including at least five rescued Golden Retrievers, we would like to donate the proceeds from our Cookie Guess to GRREAT. I donated the cookie jar and “You Lucky Dog” of Alexandria donated the gourmet bakery treats.

—Martha Cole Glenn  
and the Veterans of Potomac Valley  
Golden Retriever Club

### Thank-you Card





**UPC Symbols  
and Receipts  
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.

**Please note that Nutro does not accept UPC labels with out a receipt—both are required for us to take advantage of this offer.**

**ATTENTION FOSTER HOMES:** When you submit dog food receipts to the GRREAT Treasurer for reimbursement. Please include the UPC label. The UPCs and receipts will be forwarded to Jo Bighouse for this project.

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and had to remain longer for observation. Within a few days I received an ominous call from her doctor stating she was probably not a good candidate for heartworm treatment because of her overall health. The treatment had been hard on her so she would need to remain at the hospital longer than expected. The next day I was told she would not eat and seemed depressed. When I heard the words, "She misses you and would probably do better at home." I knew that after fostering numerous goldens I had met one who was destined to remain with me.

Once she came home, Brandy slowly recovered from the heartworm treatment. Her appetite returned as soon as she saw her bowl of special food. Within a few months she had gained 20 pounds and her previously patchy hair grew back as a gorgeous red-gold coat. Although she has not learned to give kisses, she quickly learned to enjoy receiving them and began an amusing practice of laying her face against any human face within reach. For the uninitiated, I tell them she is waiting for her kiss because she will not relent until she receives one. We call her our "Velcro Pup."

After so many years of deprivation she relishes each meal and has developed a taste for fruit along with her daily vegetables. It is not unusual to see her staring longingly at

the bananas in the bowl on the table. To her delight, she has discovered she can pick her own fruit right from our garden this time of year. Now when you give her kisses you are treated to strawberry breath.

Since she has become healthy and self-assured, Brandy has been able to get a job. She visits classrooms to teach children about responsible pet care. After hearing her story and seeing pictures taken when she first came to GRREAT, the children respond with an outpouring of hugs and kisses for Brandy. By the contented look in her half-closed eyes as she is surrounded by adoring children, I believe her previous life is now just a distant memory.

Many people have complimented me about my success with Brandy. I must admit I feel guilty when I hear their kind words because I know my work with her has not been a selfless act. Each day I am greeted with an adoring gaze from someone who thinks I am the center of the universe. She treats each meal I serve as if it was prepared by a graduate of a highly acclaimed culinary institute. If we have been apart for 5 minutes or 5 hours she treats our reunion as if she has just won the lottery. I have benefited far more than Brandy and I am thankful that our paths happened to cross on that fateful day last December.

*Brandy Bighouse, surrounded by admirers at the Paxton Child Development Center*





# JULY 4

## Pet Safety

For many humane societies and animal shelters in our area, the busiest day of the year is July 5th. That's when literally thousands of pets come in to shelters because they became so frightened by fireworks the night before that they chewed, clawed or dug their way out of normally good enclosures. If this happens to your pet, it may take days to identify and return the animal to you.

The hearing of dogs and cats is much more sensitive than a human's. The animal doesn't understand that all the noise is part of a celebration. The odds are that if your dog doesn't like thunderstorms, she's not going to like fireworks either. Some hunting dogs that are tolerant of rifle fire can't handle fireworks.

Sudden loud noises and the explosions of fireworks can cause a pet to panic and act very unpredictably. Normally calm, obedient dogs have been known to jump fences, break through windows, or chew through leashes in a panicked attempt to escape the terrible noises. Dogs can run so far that they become disoriented and lost, and this leads to the potential dangers of being hit by a car or even having mean people toss firecrackers at them.

Here are some precautions you can take to make sure that July 4th is safe for your pet and that he or she will be at your side on the morning of July 5th.

1. First rule: never take your dog with you to a fireworks display. A frightened dog can easily pull the leash from your hand, run off

in a panic, and get lost in unfamiliar territory. Pets belong at home where they are safe and comfortable.

2. Make sure that your dog has current, *readable* ID tags. If you are visiting away from your own home with your dog, a luggage tag makes a good temporary address tag. Many pet supply stores have inexpensive "instant" tag making machines. Think about having a microchip implanted by your vet if there is time. If your dog has no tags, or if you have moved or changed phone numbers recently, replace them **now!** ID tags are your pet's ticket home.

3. If you are at home over the 4th, whatever you do, don't leave your pet outside, even in a fenced yard. Keep your pet inside where the sounds of fireworks are muffled and they will feel protected. Don't leave him unattended in the house, especially if you don't know how he will react to loud noises. He may not be able to run away, but could mutilate himself or be extremely destructive if agitated.

4. This holiday may be the first time you notice that your dog doesn't like loud noises. If your dog begins cowering, pacing, whining or crying, distract him by playing or doing something he enjoys. Don't try to calm the dog by stroking or petting it or by saying "Don't worry, it's okay; it's just loud noise" This type of nurturing may actually reinforce the dog's fearful behavior.

5. If you already know that your dog is frightened by loud noises, create a "den" for

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**is great if you're a vitamin, but not when you are a Rescue.**

To date (mid-June), GRREAT has taken in **150** dogs this year, and there are more awaiting space in the Rescue. **That's MORE than one Golden per day** given-up or abandoned in GRREAT's service area and rescued by our organization.

Spread the good word—Goldens are GRREAT! We are always looking for more foster homes and home checkers (*please see page 2*).

And, of course, we are always looking for homes for the dogs we have in the Rescue.

Watch this space  
in the next issue  
for the annual  
**GRREAT**  
Dog-a-log!



## And a GRREAT time

Congratulations to the following dogs and their families. With lots of good entries, it was tough picking the most photogenic dogs for the coming year. The 2002 GRREAT calendar will feature the wisdom of Madam Goldie's Rescue Zodiac.

We see an order for Christmas gift calendars in the futures of these families!

### GRREAT 2002 Calendar Contest Winners



	<u>Dog Name</u>	<u>Family Name</u>
Cover	Barlow (01-114)	Casey-Williams
January	Bailey and Sundance (95-085)	Palais-Stevens
February	Cody (99-150)	Rolland
March	Jerry (99-180)	Joos
April	Bo (01-032)	Adkins
May	Max (95-009)	Hartman
June	Maxwell Valentine (95-032)	Maslyn
July	Layla Lucy (01-069)	Birman
August	Bear (a.k.a. Primo) (00-268)	Heaton
September	Orion (00-279) and Halley	Kurtz
October	Casey (a.k.a. Honey) (99-123)	Smith
November	Reilly (a.k.a. Willis) (99-213)	Beach-Neibauer
December	Breezy (00-018)	Radt

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Rhett (00-255), Duncan, and Jackson (00-259) Briggie-Bott;  
Duke (00-256) Arey; Sonny (95-167) Brown; Cody (00-176) Bissainthe;  
Summer (a.k.a. Sassy) (00-095) DeMarco; Penny (00-234) Kalb;  
Cassie (97-045) Merman-Joseph; Sammie (98-051) and Travis (99-037) Lunde



*was had by all!!*

This panoramic picture, taken by Stephanie Sites and Curtis Dalpra, shows just *some* of the 140 dogs and 200 people who attended the GRREAT Annual Bark-B-Que in May. (The others were off chasing tennis balls, munching hot dogs, or enjoying the picnic grounds.) The weather was a little overcast, but the rain held off for a day of fun, games, meeting and greeting and just plain enjoying the company of our favorite fur-faces. The winners of the contests received dog treats prepared especially by Three Dog Bakery in Bethesda, MD. Our sincere thanks to all of the GRREAT volunteers who had to “work” while the rest of us played. Hope to see you next year!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2001 Foster Appreciation Picnic**  
**Saturday, December 1, 2001 GRREAT Annual Howliday Party**

**GRREAT IS STILL LOOKING FOR  
 A VERY SPECIAL PERSON**

**FOSTER HOME COORDINATOR/HOME PLACEMENT SPECIALIST**

The person who accepts this position should currently be or have been a foster home, be dog savvy, and have computer and basic administrative skills. This person is responsible for overseeing all actions pertaining to foster homes and is usually appointed to the Board of Directors. The individual will identify the proper foster family for each dog that enters the Rescue and for relocating the dog if necessary. This person will also be responsible for maintaining the foster home database and providing the necessary supplies to foster homes. The time involved is estimated at 20-30 hours weekly. This is a high profile job involving an extensive time commitment, but the personal rewards are enormous.

For further information, please contact DeAnna Edge (vaedge@aol.com), Mary Ellen Lunde (melunde@erols.com) or Georgie Bahler (gabahler@erols.com).

**The Golden  
 Top 10**

*Reasons a Golden is Better than a Boyfriend, Girlfriend, Husband or Wife*

- 10. A Golden loves it when you leave your dirty clothes all over the floor.
- 9. Anyone can get a good-looking Golden.
- 8. A Golden thinks you sound great when you sing.
- 7. A Golden is able to look cute and goofy when drooling.
- 6. The later you are, the more excited your Golden is to see you.
- 5. A Golden never needs to look into the relationship.
- 4. A Golden agrees you've got to raise your voice to get your point across.
- 3. A Golden thinks you're even more pleasing when you DON'T shower.
- 2. A Golden's parents never visit or butt in.
- 1. A Golden doesn't want to know about every other dog you ever had.

Source: Live, Love and Laugh with Golden Retrievers at landofpuregold.com. Used with permission.

**Rockville Montgomery Swim Club** of Olney, MD. This swim club is donating the proceeds from their meets to GRREAT. The Swim Club also provided the facilities for the GRREAT Dog Wash in May.

*Thanks*

**Phillip and Barbara Oestreich** who donated a lamp for a recent auction. The lamp was donated in memory of their departed Golden, Jesse, Sandy, Jenna and Zerelda. Sandy, their first Golden, was a rescue dog who went from being beaten and chained in someone's back yard to an AKC champion—Ch. Erin's Get Your Jolly.

**Terry Standridge** for donating expenses incurred in fostering a shelter dog and for attending the Calvert Pet Day and sending in the proceeds from a GRREAT donation jar there.

**Three Dog Bakery of Bethesda**, who hosted a "Yappy Hour" to benefit GRREAT on June 14.

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## **Special Donations were received**

**Cindy Fields**, from Kathy Carbone, Jody and John Culver, Joann and John Rice

**Mistfield Oliver CGE, "Ollie"** the dude who began it all at the Land of Pure Gold. This donation is the result of funds earned from Oxyfresh. Hopefully more will continue to follow. —Rochelle Lesser

## **IN MEMORY OF...**

**Honey, Cinder, Ember, and Fred** (94-058), our Golden Guardian Angels  
—Michael and Janene Kalb

**Babe** —Mary Ellen Kinnaird

**Casey** (99-123), a.k.a. Honey, who had to be euthanized in May after serious health problems. *Please see remembrance on page 16.* —Mary Jo and Ron Smith

**Hogan**, the dearly loved 13 year old Golden who owned Mary and Mark Nielsen of Tulsa, OK. Hogan is survived by his Golden roommate, Skylar, who will surely find life quite lonely for awhile. I, his friend, will also miss him. —Ann Holmes

**Gator and Dylan**, two dogs I fostered who had terminal cancer. Gator died on May 13. Please use this check towards their veterinary expenses. —John DeNobile



## **More Special Donations for special reasons**

**In honor of Shirley and Gloria**, who used to be our beloved girls, and **to thank Sandy and John Ogas** for adopting them when we could no longer care for them ourselves.  
—Elise and Neil Josephson

**To thank Jan Brown** for Buddy, a stuffed Golden. —Alice Cady

**To thank Jan Brown** for letting us have Nikko and Brandy —Julie and Craig Wright

**To thank Ernie and Leslie Ragland** for giving Rollei (97-174) a "big lift!"  
—Linda Taira and Bill Welch.

*Having Fun with Your Dog,  
continued from page 1*

GRREAT are also members of PVGRC. Although most events sponsored by PVGRC are for AKC-pedigreed Golden Retrievers, there are other events, such as the annual K9 Olympics, that are held just for fun.

**Capital Dog Training Club of Washington D.C.** (<http://www.cdtc.org/>) This group does Agility, Freestyle, Flyball, Canine Good Citizenship tests and Run-thrus.

**The National Capital Air Canines™** (<http://www.discdog.com/>) was formed in 1995 by Frisbee dog owners for Frisbee dog owners. The primary purpose of NCAC is to bring together fellow Frisbee enthusiasts to have fun and share knowledge and experiences.

**Dog Parks** If your dog loves to run and play off-leash, join one of the many groups that support, build, and run approved off-leash dog parks in this area. A list of local dog park organizations with their own web sites is included below.

**Fidos for Freedom** (<http://www.fidosforfreedom.org/>) This group does so many things but one area in particular is therapy dogs. These are dogs of all kinds that are owned by volunteers and are specifically trained to perform

quality pet therapy visits at local healthcare facilities. Allowing a dog to give a little unconditional love to residents of nursing homes or patients in local hospitals will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. It will be an activity that your dog will grow to eagerly anticipate. You will have the opportunity to see people smile who seldom find a reason to smile. Other nursing home visitation programs include Pets On Wheels and the Delta Society. Volunteering with a therapy dog program is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your special dog.

**Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank** (<http://www.evbb.com/index1.html>) The mission of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank is to provide a humane source of the highest quality veterinary blood products, along with the guidance and education necessary to insure blood products are used to the maximum benefit of the patient. Please read the article written by Carol Harris in this issue to find out what this local canine blood bank does. Canine blood donation is a wonderful way for your pet to share its good health with less fortunate animals.

As always, thanks to all those of you who have volunteered your time, donated money or items in support of GRREAT. All 150 of the dogs brought into the Rescue so far this year LOVE your support.

## AKC Breed Statistics for 2000

The following breeds are listed in descending order by the number of dogs or litters registered with the American Kennel Club in 2000.

### The top 10:

1. Labrador retrievers
2. Golden retrievers\*
3. German shepherd dogs
4. Dachshunds
5. Beagles
6. Poodles
7. Yorkshire Terriers
8. Chihuahuas
9. Boxers
10. Shi Tzu

### and the bottom five:

148. English foxhounds
147. Harriers
146. Otterhounds
145. Spinone Italiano
144. Sealyham terriers

\* This gives you an idea why GRREAT is so busy these days!

### Local Dog Park Groups—Maryland

Bowie Dog Park	<a href="http://angelspace.net/bowiedogpark/faq.html">http://angelspace.net/bowiedogpark/faq.html</a>
COLD-NOSE (Catonsville Off Leash Dogs Neighborhood Organization and Support Effort)	<a href="http://members.home.net/lauracook/parkpage.htm">http://members.home.net/lauracook/parkpage.htm</a>
Howard County Dog Owners Group	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/petsburg/park/1058">http://www.geocities.com/petsburg/park/1058</a>

### Local Dog Park Groups—Virginia

Arlington	<a href="http://www.Arlingtondogs.org">http://www.Arlingtondogs.org</a>
Clarendon	<a href="mailto:Clarendondogs@yahoo.com">Clarendondogs@yahoo.com</a> ( <i>messages only</i> )
Herndon Dogs, Inc.	<a href="http://www.herndondogs.net">http://www.herndondogs.net</a>
Lorton	<a href="http://www.lortondogs.homestead.com">http://www.lortondogs.homestead.com</a>
Oakton	<a href="http://sites.netscape.net/oaktondogs">http://sites.netscape.net/oaktondogs</a>
Reston Dog Park Coalition	<a href="http://www.restondogs.org">http://www.restondogs.org</a>

# Dear GRREAT

I just had to tell you how thrilled we are to have Wheatly in our family. He is absolutely perfect—the easiest dog ever! We think he is beyond handsome. Thanks for getting us together. It is truly a match made in heaven.

—Nancy Brougher

## Please check your mailing label!

The GRREAT membership list was recently converted to a new, more comprehensive database. Your mailing label reflects the information we have about you in our records. Please send any corrections (names to add or delete, new zip code or zip+4, typos) to Jill Kurtz, Membership Coordinator, at jakurtz@erols.com. Please also keep us current on your e-mail address so that we can keep you apprised of upcoming events in your area.

*Peanut Schuller  
comforting little lost  
Lucky*

*What goes around, comes around. Pass it forward.* Nice phrases, and it seems even the GRREAT furballs can participate. Thought you might enjoy this picture of Peanut (99-043) in a non-posed picture offering some tender comfort to Lucky, a beautiful little Golden-Lab pup about 3½ months old that I found trying to keep up with two young boys on a busy thoroughfare in Lake Ridge, VA. Something made me stop and go back and see if the pup was theirs. Turned out it wasn't. It had followed them for over a mile after going through its electric fence! Needless to say, I 'volunteered' to try to help Lucky find her owners.

I brought her home where my two Golden retrievers greeted our little friend in surprisingly different styles. Samantha, our 11 year old senior Golden, only wanted to show that she was the dominant alpha in the house. Peanut, our 90-pound GRREAT foster pup, whom we ended up adopting, decided he was going to protect Lucky from grumpy old Sam. While he and Lucky immediately hit it off and engaged in rousing play, every time Sam came near, he would gently get between her and the pup and shield Lucky with his body. Now, Peanut has always been submissive to Sam, so I was pretty amused.



*Wheatly (top) and the whole gang  
in the Brougher kitchen*

After trying for several hours to find her owners, I fed her and she decided it was nap time. Peanut came over and laid next to her and that's when the picture was taken. It was a beautiful, simple gesture of comfort and friendship. I'd like to think Peanut remembered being a little orphan in need of a friend too and simply responded to the need of a little, lost companion. Who's to say why he did what he did. But apparently our GRREAT Golden retrievers thank us in their own way by showing us how we touched them. Maybe they know more than we think they do. Thanks, Peanut!

—Jeff Schuller

P.S. I was able to find Lucky's owners that night by driving around. It was a chance in a million, but they had decided that day to call her Lucky. Maybe she'll pass it forward one day, in her turn.

First, I need to introduce myself. I am Deb Nizer's sister. I recently graduated from college after a number of years! During my graduation party I requested (in lieu of gifts) donations for people's favorite charity. Our good friends in Arizona, Laurence and Carol Acheson, presented me with the enclosed check. They were the proud parents of Sunny, a wonderful and loving Golden! We make the donation in memory of her!

—Pamela Birmingham



## Adoption Report

### March 1 — May 31, 2001

Congratulations to 68 lucky dogs and their new families! We are very pleased that so many dogs found new homes this spring. Our statistics on this group: 25 females and 43 males; 18 under the age of 2, including a 9 week old puppy; 12 age 7 or older, and 38 dogs age 2 to 6. *And we still have more waiting for homes!*

<b>Amber/Annie</b>	<b>01-039</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Amber</b>	<b>01-050</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Andy</b>	<b>01-073</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Barron</b>	<b>01-013</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Bear</b>	<b>01-044</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Bear</b>	<b>01-088</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Beau</b>	<b>01-032</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Bilbo</b>	<b>01-087</b>	<b>10 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Brandy</b>	<b>01-080</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Brandy</b>	<b>01-092</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Brooks</b>	<b>01-112</b>	<b>18 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Buffy</b>	<b>01-037</b>	<b>9 mo</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Champ</b>	<b>01-003</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Charlie</b>	<b>01-113</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Chelsea</b>	<b>01-038</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Cody</b>	<b>01-043</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Cody</b>	<b>01-067</b>	<b>15 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Cody</b>	<b>01-071</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Comet</b>	<b>01-076</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Connor</b>	<b>01-058</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Curtis</b>	<b>01-051</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Deogee</b>	<b>01-079</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Digger</b>	<b>01-063</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Duke</b>	<b>01-095</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Dustin</b>	<b>01-055</b>	<b>3 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Flynn/Dugan</b>	<b>01-042</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Ginger</b>	<b>01-090</b>	<b>6 mo</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>01-034</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Hali</b>	<b>01-046</b>	<b>4½</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Homer</b>	<b>01-016</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>

<b>Hunter</b>	<b>01-056</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Jackson/Pilgrim</b>	<b>00-259</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Jake</b>	<b>99-202</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Layla</b>	<b>01-069</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Lexi</b>	<b>01-023</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Mac</b>	<b>01-061</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>01-005</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>01-045</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>McGuire</b>	<b>00-250</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Missy</b>	<b>01-015</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Murphy</b>	<b>01-060</b>	<b>18 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Nikko</b>	<b>01-091</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Peaches</b>	<b>01-089</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Peaches</b>	<b>01-094</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Precious</b>	<b>01-036</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Ranger</b>	<b>01-078</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Sadie</b>	<b>01-072</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Samantha</b>	<b>00-036</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Sampson</b>	<b>01-049</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Samson</b>	<b>01-108</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Sandy Nicole</b>	<b>00-214</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Sassy</b>	<b>01-011</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Schatzie</b>	<b>01-062</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Shadow</b>	<b>01-054</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Shelby</b>	<b>01-084</b>	<b>19 mo</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Shirley</b>	<b>01-033</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Simeon</b>	<b>01-075</b>	<b>9 wk</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>01-114</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Sir Jeter/Jackson</b>	<b>00-152</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Spencer</b>	<b>01-059</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Stormy</b>	<b>99-236</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Tanner</b>	<b>01-040</b>	<b>10 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Teddie</b>	<b>01-019</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Topaz</b>	<b>01-035</b>	<b>3 mo</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Walker</b>	<b>01-020</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Wheatly</b>	<b>00-107</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Whitney</b>	<b>01-101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Wilson</b>	<b>00-195</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>

## Thank You

### to these individuals for their recent donations

Deborah and  
Lawrence Barnes

Michael Ehrlich

Edith Emmons

Dawn and  
Robert Flannery

Diane Lanigan

Paul and  
Andrea Misner

Jack and  
Micky Penkoske

Matthew D. Reed

John R. Saunders

A.P. and M.J. Smith

An unnamed donor  
who contributed  
through the  
E-commerce source  
“Pipe Vine”



*Casey Smith enjoying a bright fall day*

*Mary Jo Smith writes:*

The original intent of this letter was to submit Casey's (a.k.a. Honey, 99-123) picture for consideration in the GRREAT 2002 calendar. Last night, after a very sudden and sad turn of events, we had to euthanize Casey.

Casey came to us in September, 1999, twelve days after Toni Johns, her GRREAT foster parent, brought her into Countryside Veterinary Clinic. My daughter and I were working at Countryside Vet that day and fell in love with Casey immediately. Casey came to GRREAT by way of Animal Control. She was a stray, homeless and obviously on her own for a number of months, so there is no known history. After a month at the shelter, she was rescued by GRREAT, who estimated her to be about 8 years old. A thorough exam led our Countryside Vets to determine that she was probably closer to 12 years of age.

We were able to keep her many physical problems under control, but within the last six weeks she underwent two surgeries—removal of a cancerous tumor on her belly and amputation of a toe with a suspicious growth. Last night she began to experience breathing difficulty due to a paralyzed larynx. Although she had this condition for years, this episode was too acute for her to overcome.

Casey filled our lives with joy. She adjusted so well from her first day with us and never presented a problem. Her personality endeared her to all she met and her enthusiasm belied her physical condition and age. Always wanting to share the moment with us, she proved a gentle, loving, and loyal companion to each of us, especially our five year old Golden, Molly.

We were blessed with Casey for a short 21 months, but our love for and memories of Casey will sustain us for a lifetime. Please accept this donation in memory of our beloved Casey and use it wherever you feel it is most needed.

With our thanks to GRREAT,  
The Smith Family

*July 4 Pet Safety, continued from page 9*

her in the basement, a closet or under a table—the more claustrophobic the better—with a favorite blanket and toy. Cover the windows and keep a radio or TV playing a little louder than usual to muffle the outdoor noise. Plan ahead—don't wait until the fireworks have started to create a place your dog thinks it will be safe.

6. If your dog had a bad experience last year, you should think about conditioning its behavior to desensitize it to loud noises. Unfortunately, this takes about 30 days, so it may be too late to start this year.
7. In more extreme cases, your vet may advise some tranquilizing agent for your dog. This could be a prescription drug or a homeopathic remedy such as herbs to relieve the anxiety associated with the noise.
8. If you are going to be out of town over the holiday, board your pet at a kennel. There he will be protected and safe, waiting for you when you return.

If, despite your precautions, your pet somehow becomes lost, visit area animal shelters *in person* as soon as possible. A description of a lost pet made over the telephone may not be linked to a dog that is in custody. Provide the shelter with a photo and detailed description of the animal. Post signs with a photo of the pet in your neighborhood, but consider that the animal may have fled beyond its normal, familiar territory. Offer a reward for the dog's return.

If you find an unfortunate lost pet, take the animal to the nearest animal shelter. Place a "found" ad in the local newspaper and post notices around your neighborhood.

The Fourth of July is a celebration for humans. With proper precautions, it can be almost a non-event for your pets. Please do whatever you can to see that your pet doesn't becoming a statistic on July 5th.

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



## Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund  
for special needs dogs.*

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

Priscilla Borden

Debbie Brent

Trish Collier

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

Judith Adrezin

Paulette Zee

## Notes to Leo

In honor of Olivia McDonough's birthday  
—Judith Adrezin

In memory of Miriam Brent, on this second  
Mother's Day since her journey across the  
Rainbow Bridge —Debbie Brent

In memory of Honey, a long term foster  
(please see remembrance below)  
—Trish Collier

In memory of Chipper, beloved friend and  
companion of Dorothy and Malcolm Clough  
—Priscilla Borden

*Trish Collier writes:*

Once again, I'm writing an "In Remembrance" letter, the cost of taking—by long term foster care or by adoption—Golden Oldies into my heart and life. On April 10th, Honey was put to rest in my arms in our home, the gentlest and most loving way to ease her out of her weary life here. I know she's waiting for me with Pumpkin, Shannon, Hal—and Jenny and Amy from my pre-GRREAT day—in the field before the Rainbow Bridge, and soon I'll place a fourth little slate memorial plaque in my garden with her ashes and name collar.

I'm very grateful for our three years and ten months together. Born almost totally deaf and with entropion not altogether fixed by surgery, Honey was also afflicted with severe cardiomyopathy. In addition, she had severe separation anxiety disorder. In December, 1998, she was given three to nine months to live, but with super care from the staff of Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital, she was able to live comfortably, eating well and walking slow, short daily treks until almost the end.

I'm enclosing my favorite picture of her and her pal/model, Sunny, as they campaigned for our County Executive in the summer and fall of 1998, participating in motorcades, rallies, and at polling places. Janet Owens enjoyed them and me teases that they put her over the top at the election.

I am designating this memorial contribution to the Leo Fund, since Honey was a "Special Needs" dog too. I am impressed and touched by the stories in each issue of *GRREAT News*. Indeed, all of GRREAT's work is worthy and dear to my heart.

*Honey (front) and Sunny Collier on the campaign trail*



**Adoption Day**  
**Saturday, July 7, 2001 Noon – 2 PM**  
**PETsMART**  
**220 Kentlands Boulevard**  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20878**



**Directions to Kentlands PETsMART:**

From the Washington Beltway (I-495) or from I-70 in Frederick, MD, take I-270 to I-370 West (Sam Eig Highway) past Fields Road. Sam Eig Hwy ends at Great Seneca Highway. Turn right and proceed about 1.5 miles to Kentlands Blvd. Make a left and continue straight through two traffic circles. PETsMART is on the left in the same building as Zainy Brainy. The Zainy Brainy sign can be seen from Kentlands Blvd.

**Adoption Day**  
**Saturday, August 4, 2001 Noon – 2 PM**  
**PETsMART**  
**Potomac Yard PETsMART**  
**Alexandria, VA**



**Directions to Potomac Yard PETsMART:**

**From I-395 in Virginia,** exit onto Glebe Road south. Proceed for several miles to Route 1. Turn right (south) onto Route 1 and Potomac Yard Shopping Center is on the left at the next light.

**From the south and east side of the Washington Beltway:** Take Route 1 north through Alexandria for several miles. Potomac Yard Shopping Center is on the right.

**From I-270 or the north and west side of the Washington Beltway in Maryland:** Exit onto the George Washington Parkway south. Proceed to the National Airport exit. Stay to the right after exiting and exit at signs for Route 1. Proceed to Route 1 south and go approximately one mile to Potomac Yard Shopping Center on the left.

**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 \$25 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 \_\_\_\_\_

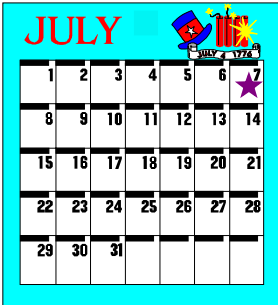
**Please indicate any area of interest.** The appropriate GRREAT  
Coordinator will contact you for more information.

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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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



Saturday July 7, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day**  
PETsMART at Kentlands, Gaithersburg, MD  
*Directions on page 18.*



Saturday August 4, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day**  
PETsMART at Potomac Yard, Alexandria, VA  
*Directions on page 18.*



Saturday September 8, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day**  
PETsMART of Towson, MD  
*Directions in the next issue.*



Saturday, October 13, 2001  
**Foster Appreciation Picnic**  
*Location and details in next issue.*

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