



# GRREAT News



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## *From the President* **Our Throwaway Society** *Dan Keppler*

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Recently, far too many days have been like August 27<sup>th</sup> was for Georgie Bahler and Mary Ellen Lunde. That day alone, GRREAT took in and successfully placed 5 dogs in foster homes. Three of these dogs were emergency intakes because they were strays from shelters that had informed us that the dogs were to be euthanized within 72 hours. Two were from homes where the owners had similarly given us limited time to take in the dogs. The biggest problem is that times like these have become all too common for GRREAT. We have already taken in over 210 dogs in 240 days and there is a waiting list that averages between 10 to 15 at any given time. Unfortunately, this frenetic pace is really starting to take its tolls on our intake volunteers and our foster homes.

This got me thinking, so I decided to count the number of Golden rescues on the web and found 94 rescues dedicated solely to this breed. Granted, very few rescues are as big or as active as GRREAT, but the thought that **94** rescues have been formed **for a single breed** is a very disheartening one. I urge everyone to continue educating people that owning a dog is a **lifetime** commitment and should not be undertaken on a whim or because a puppy is too adorable to pass up. Our beloved Golden retrievers deserve a better fate than this. I understand that there are many legitimate reasons why people have to give up

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Don't take this the wrong way, but for the longest time now, I have been trying to imitate my dog. Not his look, which is furry and chestnut brown. Not his walk, which, as with most Golden Retrievers, is more of a waddle. And not his tail. I don't need a tail. I have enough trouble buckling my pants as it is.

Also, I can live without his bathroom habits, which can be summed up this way: "Tree or bush? Tree or bush? Aw, how about right here on the grass..."

No, what I admire about my dog is his fascination with the simple routine of life. Every day for him is like boarding the space shuttle.

For example, in the morning, I tumble out of bed, grumble, yawn, open the door, and ta-da! There he is, the canine answer to Richard Simmons. He is so worked up, he doesn't know which way to go, toward me or away from me. So he does both.

"Oh boy oh boy oh boy!" he seems to pant. "It's morning and I'm gonna eat!"

Never mind that he has eaten every morning since he was born. Or that he's had the same food every morning since he was born — and that was 11 years ago.

Never mind. He pulls me downstairs and waits breathlessly as I scoop yet another helping of boring brown nuggets into his bowl.

"Oh boy oh boy oh boy! Food, food, food!" I yawn.

Three minutes later, he is off the food thing and into a new obsession: going out. Again, he runs forward and backward. "I'm going out! I'm going out! Is this great or what?"

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their dogs and I am relieved that they come to us for help rather than dumping the dog along a roadside. But we continually hear the same excuses (such as "too hairy" and "no time/wants too much attention").

Although we can never entirely stop people from giving up their dogs for such inadequate reasons, I do believe that educating people about the commitment involved in raising a dog will one day lead to fewer of these types of cases. GRREAT News Bites on page 3 provides information about how you as a member can obtain GRREAT educational materials at no cost to spread the Rescue word to people who express an interest in buying a puppy or adopting a Golden.

This is also our annual Dog-alog issue. Enjoy the print version included here or go online to [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org) to see the items in full color. It's not too early to shop for those unique Golden items for Christmas gifts.

On a happy note, we want to recognize our many volunteers who work so hard during the year. It is your help and dedication that makes this organization as special as it is. This is why I am inviting everyone to join in a celebration of thanks to **all** our volunteers. Please plan to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic from 11 to 3 on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Paxton Child Development Center in Leesburg (details on page 3).

Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to this organization and to this beloved breed.

***GRREAT Condolences***

GRREAT offers our sincere sympathy to GRREAT Board Member Doug Brown and his wife Becky. Their GRREAT Goldens, Sonny and long term foster Max (age 14), went to the Rainbow Bridge in the same week as a result of insurmountable medical problems.

Saturday, October 13, 2001

## Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

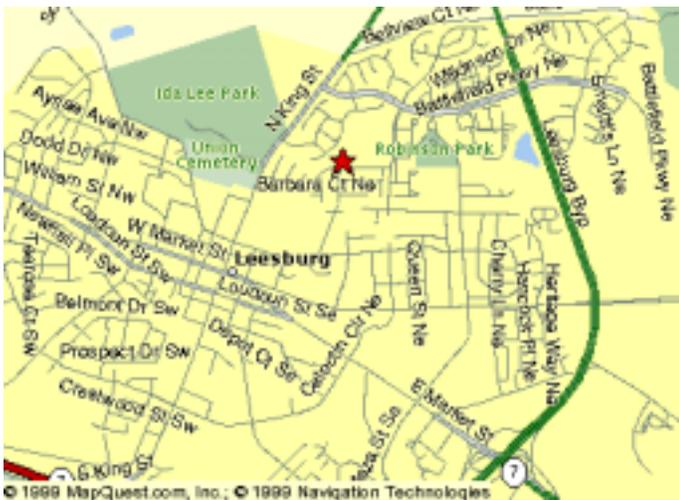
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
420 Wildman Street NE  
Leesburg, VA  
(703-777-4974 for directions)

Join us on October 13th to celebrate GRREAT's wonderful volunteers and all our Golden Retrievers. This event is open to all members, volunteers, foster families, and adoptive families. This is a GRREAT opportunity for adopted dogs to revisit their foster families! The picnic will be held at the Paxton Child Development Center, 420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA, from 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. There is a small zoo for the kids (peacocks, donkeys, horses, birds, goats), and additional activities are also scheduled.

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

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

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



## GRREAT News Bites

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT:

Saturday, December 15, 2001

*Please note revised date!*

## The GRREAT Annual Howliday Party

Montgomery County Agricultural Center,  
Gaithersburg, MD

*Watch your mailbox for further details!*

### Help Get the Word Out About GRREAT

Packets of GRREAT brochures and business cards are now available to our members. When folks ask where you got that beautiful dog of yours and you tell them about GRREAT, now you can also hand them a business card or trifold brochure telling them how they can contact GRREAT to become members or foster parents, to make a donation, or to rescue a Golden of their very own.

Please remember the cost involved in printing and mailing, so if you get a packet, be sure to spread them around. You can always request more!

If you would like a packet of 15 business cards and 15 trifold brochures, please contact Diane Anderson at goldenrescue@aol.com or 410-208-6508.

### GRREAT 2002 Calendar Available Now! Only \$10.00!

The 2002 GRREAT Calendar features thirteen color photographs of dogs GRREAT has rescued, rehabilitated and re-homed. These large 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 9 inch calendars are printed on heavy glossy paper for a year's worth of every day use. The calendar also includes a page of Honorable Mention photos, information about GRREAT, a Golden horoscope and plenty of writing space for plans and appointments. A perfect stocking stuffer for your Golden-loving friends, these calendars are available through the Dog-alog and at all GRREAT events.



## 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, Optichoic, 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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Never mind that going out has not changed one bit since we've lived here. He is so thrilled by the notion of "exit" that he almost bites the doorknob off. He bolts into the backyard as if heading for Tomorrowland with a sack full of "E" tickets.

I slouch and yawn again. The great outdoors.

Then comes the "bathroom" routine, which I already have described. Humans deal with these functions begrudgingly. Not my dog. It's a real thrill for him. He scouts for the perfect spot as if looking for beach-front real estate. "Tree or bush? Tree or bush?" And I don't have that many trees.

Then, once his business is taken care of — and I make a mental note where we're going to have to shovel come summer — he is off the going out obsession and onto a new one: going back in.

It doesn't matter than he was in just two minutes ago. "Things have changed! Things have changed!" he seems to pant. "I gotta get in there! I gotta check it out! Hurry up, hurry up!"

When I open the door, he bolts in, races back and forth — looking for space aliens, I suppose — and when he doesn't find any, he isn't disappointed. Instead, he snarls at some ratty toy he's played with for months, throws it into the air with his teeth, and watches it land. "Look at that!" he seems to say. "It goes up, it comes down!"

As I make a cup of coffee, he jumps up to watch. "Whatcha doin? Whatcha doin? Coffee, huh? That's amazing!"

He then clamps onto my leg and does a dance that, were it the early '50s, I might

call the "Hootchie Coo." I am not sure what he gets out of this — "Oh boy, a leg! Oh boy, a leg!" — but he seems to be having a better time than many of the dates I've had.

When I disengage and disappear behind a door, he lies down outside and waits for me to come out again. If it is only 30 seconds later, he will still react as if I were a released hostage.

Now, my dog does not work. He does not pay taxes. He does not create anything new (unless you consider the bushes outside). But he also doesn't need clothes, doesn't covet cars or jewelry, and doesn't care about houses, as long as he can find a sunny spot on the floor and lie there for a few hours.

Meanwhile, I am bored with my same routine. Getting up is a drag. I can't get excited about breakfast. And going out then coming back only makes me wonder how many flies I've let in.

So I'm trying to imitate my dog. I'm trying to find wonder in the everyday. After all, when you think about it, it is pretty remarkable that you open your eyes each morning. And since every few hours you get to quench your hunger, well, that's a thrill, when you consider the alternative.

So while I can't match my dog's drool, I am trying to match his zeal. Don't worry. If you come to visit, I will not clamp on your leg and do the Hootchie Coo.

On the other hand, that sunny spot on the floor looks pretty tempting...

*Thank you to Joanna McCoy, DVM, of Choptank Animal Hospital in Cambridge, MD for finding this story and to GRREAT volunteer Karen Davis for sending it in.*





## Volunteering at the MCI Center: A Season of GRREAT Success

It seemed like such a simple idea—get some people together once a month, pour some beers, and make some money for a good cause. Well, our MCI Center fundraising adventure mushroomed into a 150-person e-mail list working over 40 events between mid-October and the end of April.

For the uninitiated, the MCI Center offers non-profit organizations the opportunity to man the fourth floor concession stands for a share of the profits. To maximize our take per event we combined the GRREAT volunteers with people from the softball teams we play on. This enabled us to get a bigger stand with more food and drink options available to the patrons. The food is cooked and prepared by MCI employees. We serve it and run the cash registers. We set up the stand and clean up afterwards. All told, it's a four to five-hour commitment that nets an average income of \$62 per person, per event. We're happy to report that, through the end of April 2001,

GRREAT earned over \$14,500 for its operating fund thanks to the 71 individuals listed at right. An asterisk (\*) indicates the *relative* number of times the person worked (no \*-1-4 times; \*\*\*-up to 20 times). We want to especially acknowledge Steve Cheney who worked 23 events between mid-December and April. *That's* dedication!

While the summer provides a bit of a hiatus, we're doing a few concerts and getting ready to gear up once again come September.

If you've already been an MCI volunteer, you have our unending gratitude. Without your support this enterprise would never have gotten off the ground.

If you haven't had the pleasure yet, come give it a try this season and you may find yourself coming back again and again. If you'd like to lend a hand, write us an e-mail (pam-lori@juno.com), come join the fun, and help save our Golden angels.

—Lori Bott

### Adoption Day

Saturday, October 6, 2001

PETSMART

Potomac Run Plaza, Route 7

Sterling, VA

703-444-6500 for directions only

**Directions:** From the Washington Beltway at Tyson's Corner, take Route 7 West approximately 10 miles to Potomac Run Plaza on left, across from Northern Virginia Community College.

### Adoption Day

Saturday, November 3, 2001

PETCO

2319 D Forest Drive

Annapolis, MD

410-224-8323 for directions only

**Directions:** Take Rt. 50 east from Beltway toward Annapolis. Exit at Aris T. Allen Blvd. Keep to the right and take Riva Rd. exit. Turn left onto Riva Rd. Turn right onto Forest Dr., then right again into the shopping center. PETCO is at the back of the parking lot near the Giant.

## 2000-2001 Season MCI Volunteers

**THANK YOU** to all of these folks who gave of their time and energy at the MCI Center to help our beloved Golden.

### EMERITUS

Lori Bott

Pam Briggles

Steve Cheney

Ackerstein, Sarah  
Alexander, Nancy  
Bahler, Georgie\*  
Banks, Karen Lee  
Barefoot, Susie\*\*\*  
Biedenkapp, Jude  
Biedenkapp, Gary  
Brown, Doug \*\*\*  
Brown, Becky\*\*\*  
Bruno, Jim\*  
Casey, Joyce  
Connolly, Sam  
Cooper, Eric\*\*  
Corby, Amanda  
Corby, Gail  
Corby, Dave  
Doyle, Kathleen\*  
Dukell, Betty Anne\*  
Engle, Irene\*\*\*  
Evert, Chris  
Evert, Ray  
Foldes, Paul  
Forville, Bret\*\*\*  
Forville, Janet\*\*\*  
Fritz, April  
Frost, Katherine\*  
Garbett, Cheryl  
Gill, Sandy  
Gill, Dave  
Ginn, Mary\*  
Grimes, Beverly  
Hodges, Allison\*\*\*  
Hodgkinson, Pam\*\*\*  
Hotop, Rebecca\*\*\*  
Howland, Cindy\*\*  
Jackson, Leigh\*\*  
Johnson, Karl  
Johnson, Patty  
Keppler, Dan  
Lunde, Mary Ellen  
Mabie, Sylvia  
Melchoir, Molly  
Nance, Catherine

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**MCI Volunteers,  
continued**

**Palais, Julie\*\*\*  
Parkos, Shannon  
Plubell, Elizabeth  
Port, Lisa\*\*\*  
Port, Steven\*\*\*  
Rigsbee, Tom\*\*\*  
Robinson, Jessie  
Schuller, Jeff  
Schumacher, Kim  
Shine, Lynn  
Skadberg, Jan  
Smith, Beverly  
Smith, Vicki\*  
Stevens, Rick\*\*\*  
Strohmaier, John  
Stultz, Mike\*  
Swartz, Karen  
Tapman, Brandy  
Weiner, Marsha  
Whelan, Jenny  
White, Janet\*  
White, Marty\*  
Williams, Jerry**

*In addition, several people brought friends, nieces, etc., to help, but I didn't get all of their names. If I forgot anyone, I apologize.*

—Lori Bott

*Dear*   
**GRREAT**

*Homer and Missy Nastus  
enjoying the good life in  
their forever home*



**Letters to GRREAT about the  
MCI Center Project**

I learned of your organization last night at the Caps game. I mentioned to one of your volunteers [Steve Cheney] that I liked his dog pin and he told me about GRREAT. I asked if you accepted donations and a resounding YES! was the answer. I think it's wonderful that there are caring people like yourselves that volunteer their time to help the dogs that can't seem to find a home. One day my husband and I plan to buy as much land as we can to start a rescue of our own. We rescued one of our two dogs from a dumpster at our university. Chance and three of his brothers were dumped with no food, water, or anything. Chance's brothers went to good homes that we found for them after taking in all of the puppies. (Unfortunately that's a typical thing for an irresponsible college student to do—leave the dog behind once you leave the campus.) Anyway, here's our donation (like we promised at the game), our application to join GRREAT, and our application to volunteer as homecheckers. Keep up the great work!

—Kim and Jason Hall

Enclosed is the final paperwork for adopting for Homer and Missy—a very modest fee for all the love, laughs, and companionship they give to us.

We lost our golden retriever Misty very suddenly last September. We were totally devastated. Not long after, I realized we should become foster parents for GRREAT.

Please accept this donation in honor of Lori Bott and the dedicated team of GRREAT volunteers that have been staffing the refreshment counter at MCI center all season to raise funds for GRREAT. I have enjoyed reading the reports of their fundraising successes and really admire their commitment. I'm sorry I wasn't able to contribute my labor due to a conflict with my work schedule, but my conscience will feel better if I make this donation in honor of the GRREAT volunteers. Thanks for all you do!

—Dawn Lowe

Please accept this donation in honor of Pam Briggie and Lori Bott. Because of their hard work tremendous effort, and countless hours (I think they practically lived at the MCI center during basketball and hockey season!), GRREAT was able to receive a steady income last winter. If you've never seen these two in action, you don't know what you're missing. We only wish we had more of our own time to give to the fundraising effort. We really appreciate all that you do!

—Kathleen Doyle and Mike Stultz

We mailed our application in December. How surprised we were to receive your call in January. It was just what we needed to fill the void left by our Misty dog. We had one, then we had none; we prayed for one and got two!

They were very sick with heartworm, as you know. They didn't move for three days. We weren't sure if Homer would make it, but he did. Can it be that they knew they were rescued? They behave and listen so well. They are no trouble at all.

Homer and Missy are the light of our life. Everyday is a surprise since their page of life was blank when you brought them to us. As you can see from the picture, their heavy winter coats are gone. Maybe they have shed their old life too.

—Barbara and Tony Nastus

## United Way Donations Work!

### You CAN donate to GRREAT through the United Way!

According to United Way officials, you can make a donation to GRREAT through the United Way process even though GRREAT is not listed in their leaflet of charities. If you have a United Way donation drive at your place of work, just write in GRREAT and provide our address so that United Way can forward the donation to us. Clip the handy note at right and use it to fill in your United Way pledge form. United Way will send GRREAT a check for the amount of your donation less a "pledge loss and processing cost" of between 13% and 23% depending on the local United Way office.

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

### Donations received to date from the 2000 United Way Campaign:

\$176.81 from United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley (donor name not provided).

\$1663.40 from the United Way the National Capital Area This reflects gifts designated to GRREAT in the Fall 2000 campaign. Donors who allowed their names to be released were Scott Daniels, Dennis Dove, Pamela O'Connell, and Heidi Waugh.

*The McQueen Family (Tom, Sarah, Lynn and Randy) write:*

Kelsey (a.k.a. Kelsie, 95-160) came into our family in August 1999 from a GRREAT Adoption Day. We were told that she had nearly been euthanized for aggressive behavior (events turned in her favor when a migraine on the part of the person intervened; after that her behavior was noted to improve), and that she had separation anxiety and thunderstorm phobia.

After a period of adjustment to her new home and our other GRREAT Golden, Randy, Kelsey really began to blossom. Her personality was sweet, loving and lovable, playful and protective. She loved her large fenced yard, and would run and run just for the joy of running (or to chase any animal that moved). She loved rides in the Explorer, walks in the park, and rooting for the Orioles. She quickly worked her way into our hearts: a loving companion and spirited playmate.

\$40.30 from United Way of Charles County: "This is one-half of the total payment of \$80.60 for the 2000 Campaign. You may expect to receive the other half in January 2002. One or more donors who participated in the 2000 Campaign requested that \$104 be sent to your organization. We have deducted 13.5% for our current Administrative and Fund Raising expenses and 9% for the average amount of money considered uncollectible by our United Way each year." (The donor was Wendy L. Thomas.)

As Kelsey had been a very healthy and hearty dog, we were surprised to find out that the excessive panting that developed suddenly in July 2001 was due to an enlarged liver. We were further stunned to find out that the biopsy showed invasive cancer throughout her entire liver. Kelsey declined rapidly but remained close, spirited and loving up to the end. She was euthanized on 13 July 2001 in the company of her loving family and compassionate veterinarian.

Although Kelsey was with us for only two short years, she will be in our hearts forever. We will never forget her loving and faithful companionship—gifts to us until our next encounter at the Rainbow Bridge.

Please accept this donation to the Leo Fund and use it to assist other dogs in need of medical care. It is a privilege to be associated with GRREAT. You touch many lives through your dedicated work and have brought us much joy!

*Clip and take to work!*

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### ONLINE DONATIONS

\$80 in donations were made to GRREAT through helping.org. The names of the donors were not included with the check.

\$122.12 was received from iGive.com, Inc., also without the donors' names mentioned.



*Kelsey McQueen in happier times last Christmas*

# Special Donations were received

## IN MEMORY OF...

Our beloved Golden Retriever, **Golden Max Van Oranje CGC UD**, 11/29/1990 - 6/10/2001. After a long fight with his kidney failure, we had to give up. I was feeding him to keep him longer, but after a couple of months he did not eat anymore and we had to let him go. We miss him very very much. He was such a special pet. Please use this donation where you need it the most. —Leny and Cor Endlich, and also Zack, Tabbie, Precious, and Tanner.

**Daisy Melhuish.** —Tammy Melhuish

14 wonderful years with our **Dolly.** — Dr. Jim and Ginny Hayes

Laurie Anderson's dog, **Tally.** —Georgie Bahler

**Tess**, loved and missed by Terry and Lou Stachowiak. Terry is a volunteer for GRREAT and she lost Tess a couple of weeks ago. I work with Terry and I volunteer at the Humane Society of Baltimore County. I've learned much about GRREAT and appreciate all you do. Thank you very much! —Diane E. Thomas



# More Special Donations for special reasons

# Thanks

*From Judy Barker:*

Thanks to the volunteers who helped 23 dogs get their tattoo identifications at GRREAT's first Tattoo Event. Thank you for making the day a success!

Skye Anderson  
Judy Barker  
Steve Barker  
Jude Biedenkapp  
Jan Brown  
Edie Galpin  
Jim Galpin  
Jessie Robinson  
Greg Russell  
Tevis Thompson

Please find cheque enclosed for a donation **in honour of Jan Brown** who kindly looked after Nikko and Brandy whilst we returned to the UK for a vacation. Jan wouldn't accept any payment so we agreed on this instead and felt this was appropriate." —Julie and Craig Wright

**In honor of Sam Connelly's** artistic talents to benefit the dogs of GRREAT.  
—Deanna Edge

**In honor of the marriage of Rebecca Reed and Scott Mason** of Sterling, VA.  
—Stan and Rosalea Hyman

**In honor of** our sweetheart **Amber** (00-227) for her fifth birthday. She is so loved by Avery, Ric, and Debbie Uslander. —Deborah and Eric Uslander

**In honor of Olive**, the beautiful dog! My retriever buddy Apple Jack went to doggy heaven a year ago. Olive, my main dog, still carries on and reminds me that Apple Jack has found peace at last! Without Olive, I'd be lost, stuck, lonely. . .and without my daily laugh!"  
—Kate Symonds

I did a favor for a friend, Ron Hirsch, and to 'pay me back' he gave me this check for GRREAT. So, I'm signing him up as a member for the next year. He doesn't have Goldens, but all his 'critters' are rescue animals. —Barbara Clem

**To thank GRREAT** for yet another wonderful dog, Nigel. —Margaret and Buz Bonifant

**To thank GRREAT** for helping Goldens. —Doreen Wright

## Editor's Note

Space in this issue of GRREAT News is limited because we wanted to include our annual Dog-alog without exceeding our usual postage. Regular features, such as more photos, longer letters to GRREAT and the light-hearted essays and articles, will return in the next issue.

Thank you, **Brian and Lynde Knowles-Jonas**, for donating a framed piece of Golden Retriever artwork for GRREAT to use as a fundraiser.

## Adoption Report

June 1 – August 31, 2001

It has been a busy summer, not only for our foster homes, but also, thankfully, for adoptive families. Congratulations to 51 lucky dogs who found new homes through August 31st. Our statistics on this group: 26 females and 25 males; 15 age 2 or under; 9 age 7 or older including three 11 year olds, and 27 dogs age 2 to 6. *There are still more dogs looking for homes—this has already been GRREAT's busiest year ever!*

Name	ID #	Age	Sex
Amber	01-134	10	F
Bailey	00-235	3	F
Baxter	01-021	10 mo	M
Beauty	01-117	1	F
Belle	00-014	4	F
Ben	01-141	6	M
BooBoo/Moe	01-103	5	M
Boomer/Mike	01-118	6	M
Bruiser	00-027	1 1/2	M
Buddy	95-162	7	M
Buddy	00-213	2 1/2	M
Buddy/Roo	01-167	14 mo	M
Buddy	01-145	1 1/2	M
Carley	01-132	3	F
Casey	01-175	2	F
Chance	01-099	4	M

Thank you,  
Alice Cady!



GRREAT volunteer Terry Standridge's mother, Alice Cady, had been looking for a project and she sure found one!

Alice is making the bandannas that identify the dogs waiting to be adopted at our monthly Adoption Days.

*Alice, thank you for your efforts!*

Name	ID #	Age	Sex
Charity	00-026	1 1/2	F
Danny	01-109	2	M
Dusty	01-125	21 mo	M
Dutch	01-128	6	M
Ginger/Gretchen	01-120	1 1/2	F
Goldie	01-126	6 mo	F
Grady	01-116	3	M
Jack	01-106	3	M
Jake	00-196	3	M
Jamie	01-104	8	M
Jasmine	01-131	2	F
KoKo	01-029	11	F
Lacy	01-096	2	F
Lady	01-098	1	F
Lady Liz	01-100	2	F
Laurel	01-047	3	F
Lexi	01-070	5	F
Looy	00-218	1	M
Lucky	01-164	3 1/2	M
Lucky	01-097	1	M
Lucy/Lady	01-154	2	F
Maggie	01-085	3	F
Maxwell	01-064	17 mo	M
Mishka	01-081	11	F
Missy	01-159	8 1/2	F
Molly	01-068	2	F
Murphy	01-123	7	M
Nicholas	01-048	3	M
Remy	01-163	3	F
Rusty	01-156	1 1/2	M
Sandy	01-162	7	F
Sebastian	01-107	11	M
Summer	00-053	2	F
Tawny	01-121	4	F
Zoe	01-176	6 mo	F

## Thank You

**to these  
individuals  
for their recent  
donations**

Linda and  
Neil Billings

Arthur Chutuape

Cheri Cooke  
and R. Scott

Marlies and  
Anthony Durso

Marie Kilkarr

Leslie and  
Brian Parker

Chris Stephenson

Barbara Timberlake

John and  
Victoria West

*Thanks*

*From Judy Barker:*

A GRREAT big Thanks to the following people for donating their time to help raise funds for GRREAT at the Talbot Dog Show in Easton, MD in August.

Steve Cheney  
Ruth Dominick  
Pat McAllister  
Barbara Nastus  
Tony Nastus  
Sharon Robinson-  
Boonstra  
Tevis Thompson



## Leo's Corner

*The Leo Fund  
for special needs dogs.*

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

Patrick, Tanya, Ashlee,  
Chinook, Tippy and  
Cricket Horning

Thomas McQueen  
and Sarah Kohn

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

Nicolette Parisi and  
Jan Brown

Doreen Wright

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

Tim and Linda Daniel

Denise Irwin

Rebecca Mashaw

Cathy and Curtis Salter

Joyce Scordy

## Notes to Leo

In memory of Molly Jones, one of the sweetest Golden girls there ever was. She owned and was loved by Linwood Jones of Millsboro, DE. She is also survived by Archie (a GRREAT rescue), who will be very lonely without her. As her groomer for the entire 10 years of her life, I too will miss her so very much.

—Denise Irwin

In the memory of my sister's remarkable Golden, Nugget, who passed away on July 7 at the age of 13. Nugget's brother, Leo, was the father of my own Golden, Gus. Nugget also had arthritis in his hips in his later years, so a donation to the Leo fund to help other dogs with health problems is the ideal way to honor his memory. Living with two Golden now and having known many more, I know that they can require a lot of attention and work. But still it baffles me that anyone who has lived with one of these dogs could abandon, desert, harm, or abuse a Golden. Keep up the great work, and from everyone who's ever loved a Golden, thank you.

—Rebecca Mashaw

In memory of our nephew-dog Sparky, greatly missed by his parents Mr. and Mrs. David Scordy of Hamilton, VA. Sparky was a great Golden Retriever and we miss him greatly—including his Rhodesian Ridgeback cousin. We hope this donation can further your wonderful work. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to your breed.

—Cathy and Curtis Salter

In memory of Sparky, owned by my son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. David A Scordy, of Hamilton, VA. Thank you.

—Joyce Scordy

In loving memory of our Maggie who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on July 11, 2001 at the age of 14. She was a wonderful companion and best friend and will remain in our hearts always. Sadly missed by Tim, Linda, Samson, Shane, and Laddie Daniel.

—Tim and Linda Daniel

In memory of our beloved golden, Kelsey. We hope this money will be helpful in serving the medical needs of the Golden you so lovingly serve and care for.

—Thomas McQueen and Sarah Kohn

*Please see remembrance on page 7.*



*Sally Au writes:*

We let Chance cross the Rainbow Bridge in August. He was 15 years and 2 months old. I am so glad that it was Dr. Jennifer Au who administered his final IV and that one of my vet tech classmate/friends that was present to help.

He had started giving signals a week before when he didn't finish his dinner. I took him to the clinic where we did blood work, urinalysis, fluids and medications. We tapped his belly and my heart sank when I saw the pink-tinged fluid drip out. He had some vomiting and diarrhea as well. When we did the ultrasound, his liver was full of tumors. It was three months almost to the day after his surgery. There was nothing else we could do.

He refused to eat Tuesday dinner. There was no way we were going to let him linger and suffer. He was a GRREAT dog in so many ways.

#### Dear GRREAT:

I want to help dogs needing special surgery with this Leo Fund donation.

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

**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 2002 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

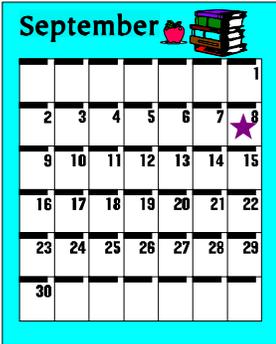
\_\_\_\_\_ Donate the following services:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, October 6, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm

## Adoption Day

PETsMART of Sterling, VA

*Directions on page 5A*

Saturday, October 13, 2001

## End of Summer Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

*Please see page 3*

Saturday, November 3, 2001 — Noon - 2:00 pm

## Adoption Day

PetCo of Annapolis



Saturday, December 8, 2001

## Adoption Day

Webers Pet Supermarket, Chantilly, VA

*Directions in next issue*

Saturday, December 15, 2001

## GRREAT's Annual Howliday Party

Montgomery County Agricultural Park

Gaithersburg, MD

*Details in next issue*



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