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*From the President*  
**A Better Life for  
Many Golden  
in 2002**  
*Dan Keppler*

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I hope that everyone had very safe and happy holidays and I would like to thank all of the members and volunteers for their incredible support in 2001. We were able to take close to 300 Golden Retrievers into the Rescue this year. That number was made possible by our wonderful volunteers that support the Rescue in so many different ways. We hope that you will be able to attend our annual GRREAT business meeting on January 12 to hear the reports of all the activities our members and volunteers participated in during 2001.

I wish I could say that all your hard work and efforts have diminished the need for organizations like GRREAT and other Golden Rescues; however, just the opposite is happening. Rescues all across the county are becoming overwhelmed and are bursting at the seams with dogs. In December 2000, GRREAT members were a part of a rescue effort called Operation Golden Bells that resulted in a tremendous number of Golden Retrievers being saved from a life of pure misery in an Arkansas puppy mill. GRREAT received ten of the Golden Retrievers rescued in this effort, and they were all in foster homes by Christmas. For some, this was the first time they had ever been inside a house in their short lives. All of the dogs are doing well, have had their medical needs cared for, and are learning many new things (like the sound of a coffee grinder). We hope to have some of their stories in the next issue of this newsletter. The fast response and extraordinary efforts made by over 200 families from GRREAT, Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, and other Golden Retrievers lovers was so amazing that it is hard to describe in just a few words, but let us start with

**THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!**

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With the turn of the new year, we can expect a turn in the weather. For the most part, 2001 was mild, but it is difficult to predict what the winter months will bring. Threats to a pet's safety and comfort include ice and snow, antifreeze and sidewalk salt, outdoor cold and indoor dryness, lack of activity, and overeating. Here are some tips for making your best friend as comfortable and safe as possible this winter.

**Ice and Snow** can accumulate in the fur between toes and pads. This can be uncomfortable or cause your pooch to chew. Trimming the fur carefully may help, as well as keeping nails trimmed. Pay attention to the feet and pads by inspecting them each time you return indoors. Be sure not to pull out the fur if you help remove the ice. The AKC suggests you towel or blow-dry your dog if he gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean his paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. (A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.) Be careful that the blow dryer is not set on a high temperature to avoid burns.

**Salt** used for de-icing roads and sidewalks is very different from regular table salt. The snow-melters and de-icers commonly used are chemical compounds, many of which cause painful burns to dogs' feet, as well as to their tongues and mouths as they lick their paws clean. The sand put on icy roads also contains chemicals to melt ice and snow. If you want to sand your own pathway, buy the sand sold for kids' sandboxes. Kitty litter

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## GRREAT News Bites

### More Volunteers Needed For MCI Center Fundraising Effort

For the past year and a half, GRREAT has had an opportunity to work a concession stand at selected events at the MCI Center and keep 10 percent of the money the stand makes for that event. It's sales of a different kind—people want your product, they come to you asking for it. You don't have to "sell" anything. And it's even *fun!*

Each event takes 4.5 to 5 hour time commitment for hockey games (less for basketball games), but the rewards that come back to GRREAT both financially and in opportunities to educate the public are substantial.

Our current volunteers are on the verge of burnout, and more are needed to staff future events. No special skills are necessary! Contact Pam Briggie ([pam-lori@juno.com](mailto:pam-lori@juno.com)) if you're interested in helping out. She'll let you know the upcoming schedule and other details. Come on out, serve some nachos and beer, meet some of the other GRREAT people, and help save some GRREAT dogs!

### 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](mailto:goldenrescue@aol.com) or 410-208-6508.

# GRREAT Annual Business Meeting

## Saturday, January 12, 2002

9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Center**  
**10142 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park, MD**

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m. Get Acquainted Session**  
*(beverages and munchies will be served)*

**10:00 a.m. Business Meeting**  
**Agenda**

- Officers and Coordinators Reports
- Election of Officers  
*Proposed Slate of Officers for 2002*

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

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

- Reports of 2001 activities
- Plans for the coming year's fundraising efforts
- Plans for the coming year's educational activities
- Coordinator reports

*All members are encouraged to attend. You must be present to vote.*

### Voting Eligibility

Voting membership is given to those GRREAT members who have volunteered at least 20 hours of service during a year. Elected officers and appointed coordinators and administrators are automatically considered voting members as their positions require more than 20 hours of service annually.

For other volunteers, hours accumulated in the past or current calendar year are considered valid for voting purposes. Each member keeps track of his/her volunteer hours.

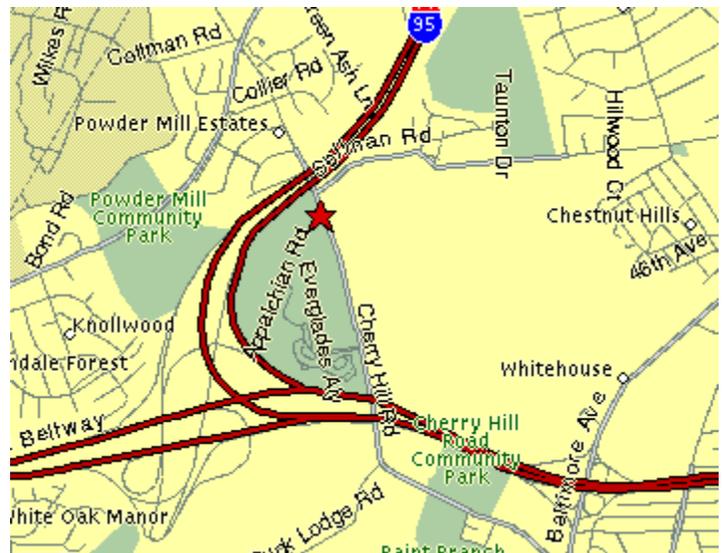
The following can be used as a guide in tabulating hours.

Fostering one dog	10 hours
Fostering a second dog during same year	10 hours
Attend/volunteer at a GRREAT function	5 hours
<i>(maximum of 4 functions to be tabulated, including Adoption Days, Picnic, Winter Party, Meetings, MCI Center, Tattoo Clinics, Fundraisers, Education Booths)</i>	
Transport a dog	5 hours
<i>(maximum of 4 to be tabulated, including shelter pickups, vet trips, owner give-ups, adoption and foster home transport)</i>	
Chair an appointed committee or function	10 hours
Active assistant to a coordinator	10 hours
Home check <i>(maximum of 4 per calendar year)</i>	5 hours

### DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CENTER:

**From the Washington Beltway (I-495)**, take Exit 25 (U.S. 1) south toward College Park. Take the first right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go about 3/4 mile and make a left into the Knights of Columbus property. The parking lot and K of C building are on the right.

**From Baltimore**, Southbound I-95, take Exit 29B (Route 212 Calverton). Follow Route 212 (Powder Mill Road) one mile and turn left onto Cherry Hill Road. Go a mile and a quarter and turn right into Knights of Columbus property. The parking lot and K of C building are on the right.



## Goldie's Indoor Exercise Ideas

While we all know the benefits of exercise, keeping your dog fit during the winter months can be challenging. Lower temperatures and a decrease in our own activity levels make us less eager to play with and exercise the family dog. But these mostly indoor activities can help you and your dog warm up to winter, keep joints supple, and prevent your dog from gaining weight.

- **Throw a ball.** Find a tennis ball or a soft ball and toss it. Your dog will be eager to retrieve it. Experiment with different sizes, and challenge him to bring them back to you. If space permits, play in a long hall or large room to encourage "long-distance running."
- **Play hide-and-seek.** This game tests your dog's sense of smell. Show him any object, and let him examine it by sniffing or chewing it. Ask him to sit and stay while you hide it. (Be sure to place it where he can get it.) When you're ready, urge your dog to find it. You might even try hiding yourself!
- **Set up an obstacle course.** Create a course in a large room—be sure to include tunnels to crawl through (a large box or an old open-ended barrel will do quite nicely) and objects to walk around or over (chairs, tables or boxes). Complete the course together or encourage your dog to go solo through each "station."

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or wood ash will also provide safe footing. A large door mat will protect your floors. When you come in after a walk on chemically treated streets or sidewalks, wash your dog's feet and pads with warm water to remove any salt residue and dry them thoroughly. Brush out the underside of a long-haired dog. If the hair is wet or feels gritty, it has picked up the salt or sand and should be washed in warm, soapy water. Follow the washing and rinsing with a brisk towel rub.

**Antifreeze** Everybody has heard about the dangers of antifreeze and windshield de-icer, but until pets stop dying from lapping up spills in their owners' driveways, the message bears repeating. These products smell sweet, taste good to your dog, and it takes only a couple of laps to kill a dog. A dog can walk through antifreeze spilled on the driveway and ingest a fatal amount just from licking its paws clean. The dangerous element in conventional antifreeze is ethylene glycol (EG) because it changes into a crystalline acid inside the body and attacks the kidneys.

Symptoms include an appearance of "being drunk:" lack of coordination, vomiting, depression, and increased water intake and urination. **Call your vet immediately if you suspect anti-freeze poisoning**—these chemicals kill in a matter of 4 to 8 hours or less! Even if the pet seems to be getting better, irreparable kidney damage may have already occurred. Of course you're careful yourself or use an animal-friendly anti-freeze, but be aware that others aren't always as knowledgeable or conscientious. Walk your pets on leash and otherwise keep your pets away from any spills you might encounter when you're out and about.

The new "safer" brand of antifreeze contains propylene glycol (PG), but the Poison Control Center warns that there's still danger if your pet ingests PG. Comparatively speaking, PG is safer than EG because it takes a greater quantity to have a toxic effect and PG does not have the effects on the kidneys. So for those two reasons, PG antifreeze is quite a bit safer. Both PG and

EG antifreezes show similar symptoms initially. PG antifreeze is a step in the right direction but you still need to be careful and not have a false sense of security about your dog's safety if exposed.

If you keep antifreeze around your house or garage, the only way to keep your pets safe is by prevention. Here are some basic safety rules:

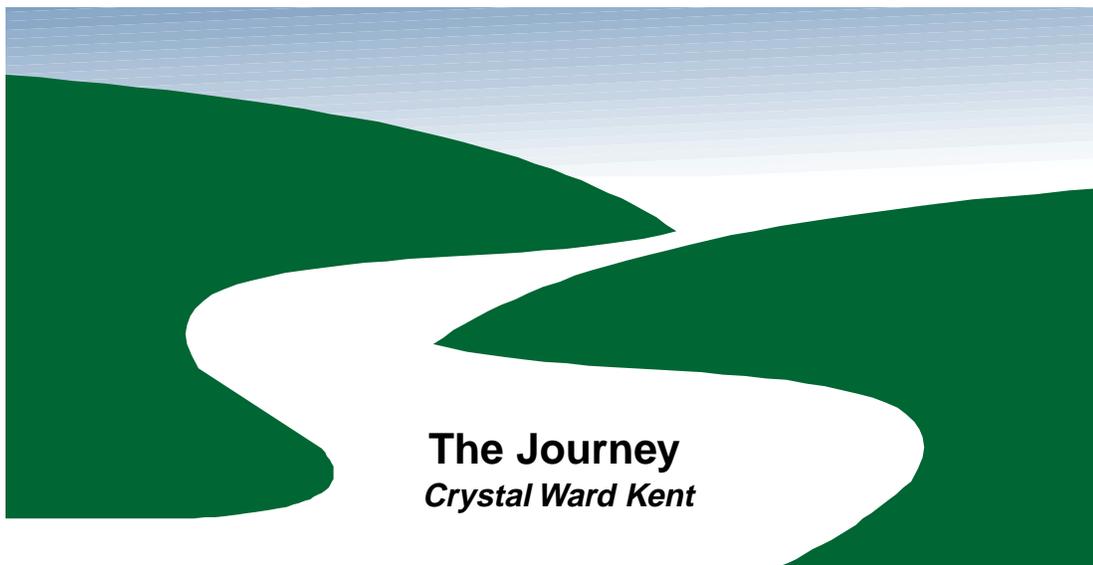
- Tightly screw on antifreeze container tops and store them where dogs, cats and toddlers cannot reach
- Dispose of empty containers according to your local trash and environmental laws
- Wipe up all spills, however small, in your garage or driveway
- Prevent your dog from licking anything on the ground

Keep in mind too that dogs are just as susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning as people are, so never leave your car's engine running in the garage while your pet is there.

### **Cold Weather**

Wind chills cut through short fur just as fast as they do through your street clothes, and even tough paw pads can be frostbitten. Frostbite in dogs occurs most frequently on the ears, tail, scrotum and feet. Young, debilitated or old animals are most prone. Signs of frostbite include flushed or reddened tissues initially, then white or grayish tissues, evidence of shock, scaliness of skin and eventual sloughing of tissue surface. Frozen tissues should not be rubbed or massaged. Do not permit your dog to lick, rub or scratch at frostbitten tissues. Prompt veterinary attention is needed. If this is not possible, the affected area should be warmed by immersing your dog in warm (not hot) water or by using warm moist towels that are changed frequently. When warming is complete, gently dry the affected tissues, apply some Vaseline and lightly bandage with a clean, dry, non-adhering bandage. Take the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible for follow up treatment.

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## The Journey

Crystal Ward Kent

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey—a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark. Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures—jumping in leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears.

If you spend much time outside, you will be taught how to truly experience every element, for no rock, leaf, or log will go unexamined, no rustling bush will be overlooked, and even the very air will be inhaled, pondered, and noted as being full of valuable information. Your pace may be slower except when heading home to the food dish—but you will become a better naturalist, having been taught by an expert in the field. Too many times we hike on automatic pilot, our goal being to complete the trail rather than enjoy the journey. We miss the details—the colorful mushrooms on the rotting log, the honeycomb in the old maple snag, the hawk feather caught on a twig. Once we walk as a dog does, we discover a whole new world. We stop; we browse the landscape, we kick over leaves, peek in tree holes, look up, down, all

around. And we learn what any dog knows: that nature has created a marvelously complex world that is full of surprises, that each cycle of the seasons brings ever changing wonders, each day an essence all its own.

Even from indoors you will find yourself more attuned to the world around you. You will find yourself watching summer insects collecting on a screen or noting the flick and flash of fireflies through the dark. You will stop to observe the swirling dance of wind-blown leaves, or sniff the air after a rain. It does not matter that there is no objective in this; the point is in the doing, in not letting life's most important details slip by.

You will find yourself doing silly things that your pet-less friends might not understand: spending thirty minutes in the grocery aisle looking for the cat food brand your feline must have, buying dog birthday treats, or driving around the block an extra time because your pet enjoys the ride. You will roll in the snow, wrestle with chewy toys, bounce little rubber balls till your eyes cross, and even run around the house trailing your bathrobe tie—with a cat in hot pursuit—all in the name of love.

Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You may find dog biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag

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*Indoor Activities,  
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- **Form doggie play groups.** If you know someone else who has a dog, arrange time for them to play together. Assuming they're compatible, they'll amuse themselves. Throw a ball, play hide-and-seek or try the obstacle course to see which dog can finish first.
- **Find an indoor obedience class.** Watch for dog-training classes in the newspaper, at a park district or as part of continuing education programs. Attending weekly sessions will ensure that you and your pooch spend some time together. Plus, classes will introduce you to other dogs and their owners. Use them to set up doggie play groups.
- **Catch a breath of air.** Weather permitting, take your dog outside. Use common sense. If it's much too cold for you, it's probably too cold for him. Come inside if he's shivering excessively or appears uncomfortable.
- **Throw snowballs.** Throw a snowball and watch your dog try to find it. Wipe his paws when you're finished to be sure they're free of salt or other ice-melting chemicals that might irritate the skin.
- As always, before trying any new rigorous exercise routine, consult your veterinarian.

*Adapted from "Labs of Steel,"  
[http://www.iams.com/aboutdogs/articles/dog\\_articles/labssteel.htm](http://www.iams.com/aboutdogs/articles/dog_articles/labssteel.htm)*

# Thanks

From Judy Barker:  
Thanks to the volunteers who helped at the December Adoption Day in Chantilly, VA. Thank you for making the day a success!

Steve Cheney  
Becky Brown  
Doug Brown  
Allison Hodges  
Jill Kurtz  
Bob Kurtz  
Linda Kurtz  
Tracey Moriarty  
Ed Moriarty  
Barbara Prince  
Sandy Diamond  
Pamela Hodgkinson  
Tom Sicheri  
Corinne Sandefer

## *A Better Life, continued from page 1*

One of our goals as a Rescue is **education**, and it is part of G.R.R.E.A.T.'s name. Puppy mills are flourishing in America and they are providing pet stores with puppies by the thousands. The worst part about this is that most of the time they are not breaking any laws and if they are caught, the consequences are so minor that they are worth the risk to the puppy millers. To read more about puppy mills I have listed just a few websites for you. (Please be aware some of the pictures are disturbing.)

<http://www.golden-retriever.com/mill2.html>

[www.nopupppymills.com](http://www.nopupppymills.com)

<http://teresa.maro.net/dogs/mills.htm>

<http://www.geocities.com/crias/420paper.html>

What can GRREAT and its members and volunteers do? Three suggestions:

- 1) We can begin by educating people about the horrors of these puppy mills, and we can make sure when we talk to people we stress the importance purchasing puppies from legitimate breeders and not from pet stores and back yard breeders.

- 2) We can avoid shopping at stores—including pet supply stores—that sell puppies for profit. We have to let them know that they will not get our business until they stop selling puppies.
- 3) Contact your government representatives and see where they stand in regards to animal-related issues. The ASPCA is very involved and has a great website to help you get involved: <http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=cruelty>

We need to remember that as either a representative of GRREAT or as an individual, any lobbying or petitioning to end puppy mills and other types of animal cruelty should be accomplished in a way that we get our point across so people see us as an educational tool and in a positive way and not as a harassing menace.

If you would like to join my e-mail list and receive information about ongoing issues and upcoming events, please send me an e-mail to [PRESIDENT@GRREAT.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@GRREAT.ORG) and I will add you to my distribution list. Remember, too, that our website [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org) is also a wonderful source of information and educational material!

Here's looking forward to a GRREAT 2002!

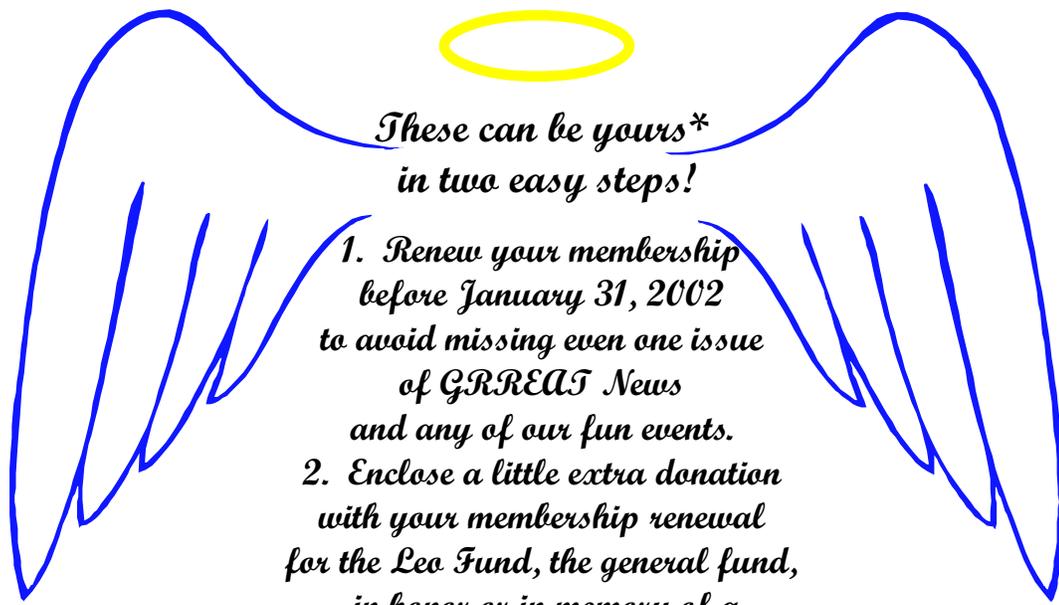
### *Donna and Thomas McConn write:*

Enclosed is a donation in the memory of our Golden "Bailey". Bailey came to me in 1992 before being taken to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. He was a year old. I called GRREAT to see about finding him a good home. I was not a member at that time, but had heard about the organization. I already had three Golden and a Greyhound. My mother liked Bailey and told me that I should keep him because my one Golden (the only male) was getting old. I called GRREAT back and said "never mind, Bailey now has a home". Bailey had a Great Spirit, but hated to be left alone. I was told that he had been kept in a portable kennel most of his life and did not get much attention. I was his third home. He received much love and affection at his new home

with his new doggie friends. In 2000, after routine blood work was done, results showed multiple myeloma (cancer).

Bailey received chemotherapy for one year until his organs began to shut down. I learned how important it is for our pets to have regular blood work checkups. I do believe that because of the early discovery, Bailey was able to live a normal life until almost the end. I now do routine blood work on the rest of my dogs periodically to make sure there are no signs of disease. Although all diseases will not always show up in blood work, it can still show a lot of illnesses. We miss Bailey a whole bunch as well as the other dogs we have lost over the years. Please accept this donation in memory of Bailey.





*These can be yours\*  
in two easy steps!*

- 1. Renew your membership before January 31, 2002 to avoid missing even one issue of GRREAT News and any of our fun events.*
- 2. Enclose a little extra donation with your membership renewal for the Leo Fund, the general fund, in honor or in memory of a special someone.*

*\*sorry, no gift wrapping available*

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adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound.

You will learn the true measure of love—the steadfast, undying kind that says, “It doesn’t matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as long as we are together.” Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race (so true!). And you will learn humility. The look in my dog’s eyes often made me feel ashamed—such joy and love at my presence. They saw not some flawed human who could be cross and stubborn, moody or rude, but only her wonderful companion. Or may-be they saw those things and dismissed them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chose to love me anyway.

If you pay attention and learn well, when the journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be—the one they were proud to call beloved friend.

I must caution you that this journey is not without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal com-

panion will follow a trail you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go. A pet’s time on earth is far too short—especially for those that love them. We borrow them, really, just for awhile, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left. The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and sleeping in the sun. The young pup of boundless energy wakes up stiff and lame, the muzzle now gray.

Deep down we somehow always knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts they would be broken. But give them we must, for it is all they ask in return. When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead—young and whole once more.

“Godspeed, good friend,” we say, until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross again.

*Posted on numerous Internet sites. Our thanks to Vicki Smith for finding it and sending it in to GRREAT News.*

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*to both the direct and indirect donors listed here*

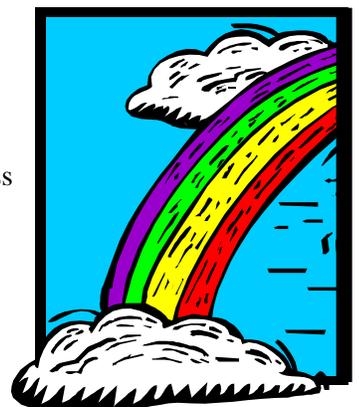
“This is a donation made to GRREAT from someone visiting my web site.”

—Anna Moore

*The visitors were Eugene and Beverly Gross of Illinois.*

Kathryn Wooters of Boston forwarded a check from George Keen of Connecticut with the note “Keep up the great work!”

*Many thanks to all donors, large and small—your generosity is GRREATly appreciated.*



**Special  
Donations  
were received  
IN HONOR OF...**

*Thanks*

**to the following  
donors and those  
who preferred their  
gifts be given to  
GRREAT instead**

Greetings! This donation is a Christmas gift to Janet and Nick Kaplan.

—Michael Kaplan

We would like to make a donation to your organization as a Christmas gift for Richard Paisley, who is passionate about Goldens. —Karl and Barbara von Vorys

Merry Christmas to GRREAT.

—Terry Standridge

A Christmas donation for all that you do.

—Joyce and Ralph Page

**My mom** who faithfully walks her Golden Grand-dog Sadie each and every day! We walk together when I am not at work! Please use the donation where it is most needed.

—Melissa Guzman

**Our wedding anniversary.** —Pam and Conrad O'Connell

**Our recent wedding** and our two Goldens, **Tahoe** and **Sadie** 00-054, and **Mr. Peabody.** —Curtis and Stephanie Dalpra

**Amber** 00-227, who has been our love for one whole year now. Always **thanks to Kathleen, Mike and Kelsey.** —Deborah and Eric Uslaner

**Buddy** 00-213. —Lee and Sylvia Mabie

**Chelsea** and **Peaches**, our dream dogs. —Kelly and Christopher Kane

**Chelsea** —Ellen and Gary Kasnett

My foster dogs in 2001—**Connor** 109, **Brady** 080, **Amber** 134, and **Hannah** 194. —Lynne Glennon

**Farah**—our great Golden girl. —Susan and Michael Sanders

**Keo** and **all of the GRREAT oldies** and **to thank GRREAT** for a job well done. —Carla Dahle

**Montana** —Barbara and Dave Abernethy

**Mystic** and **Aja**, both GRREAT dogs! —Peter, Faith and Kelsey Sherry

**Rascal** —Tam and Eugene Steffen

**Rocky**, adopted by us 1/31/01. —Joseph and Caroline Miller

My wonderful dog, **Summer.** —Pamela Hodgkinson

**Teddy** and **Becky.** —Cynthia Martin

My two GRREAT boys, **Tref** and **Jake.** —Jude and Gary Biedenkapp

**Trixie** and **Moe.** —Sara Bogle

**The wonderful foster families and volunteers** who work tirelessly—put this check where it is needed most. —Susan McKinney

## A Thank You Letter from the Humane League of Lancaster County, PA

To Whom It May Concern:

Just a little note to say thank you for taking the time and finances to take dogs from our shelter. With your work and dedication, you help make the stress of receiving over 6,000 dogs a year a little easier on us.

Even though there are so many mixed breed dogs that come to a shelter that need a home too, it is so wonderful to be able to put a dog in an environment where it is best known and appreciated. It is so hard to be absolutely sure that the dog is going to the right home when we have so many to deal with.

It is a great feeling to know that, when we place a dog with a Rescue, the dog is in the hands of a very knowledgeable handler and we feel confident that the dog is going to get the best possible home that it could.

When a dog is placed through a Rescue, it is usually a good assumption to make that the person that is adopting the dog is well informed about the breed and they are usually looking for that particular type of dog. We, as a whole, try to know as much as we can about all the different breeds of dogs, but it is difficult when we are dealing with so many different ones. That's why we appreciate your Rescue group so much for all that you do for the animals. We know that we can only do so much, but every little bit helps a lot. Remember, there are no bad dogs, just bad owners!

Thank you so much and have a great holiday season and a happy new year!!!"

—Alison Ortega

Hi everyone! This past September our beautiful boy Jake (98-148) became a Pets on Wheels therapy dog. He currently visits the residents at Leewood Nursing Home in Annandale and seems to love every minute of it. We can't thank you enough for helping to make this wonderful and very special guy a part of our family. He is the greatest.

—The Kier Family: Dave, Diane,  
Jake and Daisy

I have enclosed the certificate Holly (Reba 100-254) received for completing her basic obedience course. She enjoyed every minute of her class and even enjoyed practicing. I will take her back for an advanced class in the spring. Instead of sending me a refund, please use the money to help a dog that needs medical care. Thanks.

—Penny March

In September of this year, we adopted Abby (Laurel 01-047). She was then in the final stages of recovery from tibial plateau leveling osteotomy on both rear knees and currently is enjoying all normal canine activity. She has been to obedience school, gained immensely in level of confidence, and has bonded closely with our other two Golden Retrievers, Dana and Benji 98-195. Although Abby is a mixed breed, she is pure Golden in temperament and has become a beloved member of our family. Many thanks to GRREAT and to Mary Ellen Lunde for her excellent post-surgery nursing skills.

—Lynne and John Davies

*Abby Davies enjoying a fall day*



Dear   
GRREAT



*Jake Kier, giving back  
as a Pets on Wheels  
therapy dog*

**More  
Special  
Donations  
for special  
reasons**

**To thank Terry Standridge** for fostering our Tootsie—we love her so much—she is a great dog. —Eugene and Margaret Gainor

**To thank Georgie Bahler** for allowing us to adopt Odi, who has been with us for a year now. He's a wonderful dog.  
—Roger Einerson and Kathleen Coleman

**To thank Jan Brown and GRREAT** for the enjoyment we are getting from Nikko and Brandy. —Julie and Craig Wright

From **Shannon**. —Joseph Reiter

**In honor of Skip Nizer and all the great foster parents and to thank you for Bob**.  
—Faith Townsend

**To thank GRREAT** for the wonderful work you do and for **Paddington Bear** who we received into our family from GRREAT in 1996. —Bruce and Sue Gross



**Special  
Donations  
received in honor  
of GRREAT**

**For all the wonderful new lives you've given** to such needy Golden Retrievers. Happy Holidays too to everyone at GRREAT. —Regina and Neil O'Keefe

**For all the good you do** for Goldens and for people. —Ellen Ziegler Ward

**To thank you** for our dog Nigel. —Margaret and Buz Bonifant

**To thank you** for Asta's rescue and placement. —Beth and Bob Scott

**To thank you** for my Cassie. —Gina Norton and Anne Volpe

**To thank all of you**. —Evelyn Grau

Please use as you see fit. Cougar is a joy to us—our first Golden!  
—Rolland Thompson and Angela Welch

For whatever you need it for. Thank you for the wonderful work you do for these beautiful Golden Retrievers. —Walter and Dolores Buchanan

Just to help support your work. Use wherever needed most. —Susan Van Bell

To use any way to help GRREAT. —John and Dorothy Dean

Please use this donation for any fund you feel you need it for most. Thanks.  
—Sandra and Kenneth Diamond

Use wherever the need is greatest. —Paula Hart

**— REMINDER —**

**It's Membership Renewal Time! 2002 dues must be paid before 1/31/02.**



## How Old Dogs Taught Me New Tricks

Leigh Anne Jasheway

1. No matter what your age, you'll feel younger if you calculate it in dog years.
2. A little extra floppy skin around your neck is nothing to worry about unless it's loose enough to step on.
3. Even if you've never caught a squirrel in an entire lifetime of trying, as long as you believe you might, you'll have a reason to get up every morning.
4. There's almost no problem in life that doesn't improve with a few kisses and a pat on the head. (A full-body massage doesn't hurt either.)
5. When life takes away your pleasures, find other pleasures. Sulking is for cats.
6. Some bones are meant to be buried and forgotten. Some are meant to be savored with relish. It takes years of practice to be able to sniff out the difference.
7. If you need help getting up on the sofa or going for a walk and someone wants to help you, let her. Don't think of it as being needy—think of it as fulfilling someone else's need to be needed.
8. It's always much nicer to snuggle up next to a soft, squishy body than one that is rock hard.
9. Obedience is highly overrated. Practice not doing what anyone—including yourself—expects.
10. Life is better when you run off-leash. (Even if you no longer burn up the track.)
11. A loyal friend will accept you no matter how gray your muzzle, bad your breath, or nasty the reputation of the dog that romped through the park with you.
12. It's better to bark at nothing than to stifle your feelings.
13. A ride in the car with all the windows down on a warm day will always pick up your spirits. (Unless you are going to the vet's to get fixed.)

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## REMINDER

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### It's Membership Renewal Time

Please check your mailing label for this issue. If it shows 12/01 in the corner, **your GRREAT membership has expired and this is your last reminder.** Membership dues for 2002 are \$25 and include a subscription to *GRREAT News*.

Dues are payable now through January 31, 2002, after which membership will be forfeited.

This is also the time to consider making a tax-deductible donation to *GRREAT*. Use the handy form on page 19, and mail it and your check to *GRREAT*'s post office box. You can request an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

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



IN REMEMBRANCE

CLANCY

99-246



*Star spangled Clancy  
Dempsey: happy again*

*Mabel Dempsey writes:*  
Clancy 99-246 went over the Rainbow Bridge on 11/26/01 due to a tumor in his leg that was cancerous. My husband Tom composed this letter to the family from Clancy.

Dear Family,

I just want you to know how happy I am to be in doggy heaven. It is great up here! My leg works fine again. I don't limp and I go outside to run, just like I used to, before I got real sick. The other dogs here are all very friendly, and once in a while I even bark at them to get them to play. It feels real good to bark and run again.

I'm still sniffing everything and everywhere. I am sticking my nose into all the new nooks and crannies here. There's lots of socks and laundry baskets here for me to get into. Tell Millie and Bailey that I'm tug-of-war champion up here too! Remember how I used to tug you in all directions on our walks, except for the last month or so? I like being real mobile, nimble on all four feet again, and I'm strong as ever.

You may think you rescued me 2 years ago after I was given up by my other family, but that's not quite right. You see, I selected you guys, not the other way around, because I knew you were a great family that would take really good care of me. You already had rescued two other Golden Retrievers and I saw how good they looked and then, when Tom got down next to me on the kitchen floor that first Saturday morning that I was in your house, I knew this was the place for me!! He sure was brave, 'cause I still smelled kinda bad. I had found a GRREAT foster family. You don't know how glad I was when Tom said he wanted to keep me.

Mabel, you were the best. You were the one who usually put my food in my bowl and put water down for all of us, too. That is all I ever really needed. You were my very best special friend. You took me to the vet for my first check up and had them fix me up when my neck was all scratched up. You knew how stupid I felt walking around with that lamp shade device on my head and you let me take it off. You fed me popcorn when you came back from the movies and fixed me pancakes every Sunday morning, just like everyone else. How many piles of my socks and underwear did you pick up? How many times did you open or close a door to let me in or out? How many gazillion hairs did you vacuum up? How many times did you walk me out the front

door? I was so glad I got to take a picture with Santa this year, too! Thank you so much.

I know Traci and Jason loved me. I felt like their little brother. I just tried to return their love to thank them for cuddling with me on the floor and petting me so gently and stuff like that. I know they loved me so much, even when I got sick and even though I could not show them the attention the way I did when I was stronger, like I am again now. I loved sleeping in Traci's room and I knew whenever she was around that I would get an extra snack. Jason, I loved playing sock tug-of-war with you. You were fun to wrestle with. I'm sorry I whined so loud when you snuck out of the house and woke your mom up. I just wanted to be with you.

But you, Mabel, meant the most to me because you did the most for me and we spent the most time together, especially after the kids went off to college.

I just want to thank the whole family for taking care of me for these last couple of years. There is no way I can possibly thank you all enough for the love and joy you gave to me during our years together. I was sorry I had to go when I did, but I was so sick. I did not want to be lame any more. I had zero energy for any activity except short walks. It was definitely time. I was having way more bad days than good, many more bad hours than good hours. I really was not happy at the end, and now I am happy again. Remember me with a smile on your face because that is the way I remember you. I have a big smile on my face now. My ears still flop but I don't get any more infections. I get cheeseburgers any time I want. My head is way out the window when I go riding around. There are no fences or leashes here. I go for walks often. I don't even have to dig my paws in. I'm free to go wherever I want. Life is great again!

I know you all just wanted to help me at the end of our time together, and how glad I am for that. I just wish that I could repay you a little bit for all that you did for me. I know it was hard to say goodbye. It really was time for me to go, and I thank you for your help in making it dignified and easy.

I love you and always will.

—Clancy

*Winterizing, continued from page 4*

When the snow starts piling up, shovel paths and a bathroom area in your yard. Some people make a game of it with their dogs, adding to the paths each time they go outside to form runs and mazes that they can enjoy together.

If the pet is shivering or limping—even if having a great time playing—get him or her into the house immediately! If you don't, you may end up carrying him/her.

Consider buying a sweater for your dog and maybe even boots. Allow plenty of freedom of movement for walking, running, and playing. Sweaters are easy to put on dogs once you get the hang of it and will keep all his long tummy hair from dragging in the snow, sand or chemicals.

And while keeping warm is good, if your pet likes to snuggle up to a chimnea, fireplace or space heater, watch that he doesn't get too close. Pets can easily burn themselves or knock over a heating unit with one quick wag of a tail.

**Nutrition** Feed your pets a little more. Like people, they burn more calories in the cold, both to keep warm and because exercise is more strenuous when running through the snow. The more your pet is outside, the more extra fuel he'll need.

Always keep a supply of at least three days' worth of pet food in case a winter storm prevents you from leaving home. If your pet is on a special diet, keep at least a week's worth of pet food in the house.

Be sure your pet has plenty of fresh water to drink to prevent dehydration. Pets, like people, lose moisture through breathing, and the effects of cold temperatures are magnified by dehydration. Even indoor humidity is much lower in winter. Make sure you inspect water dishes frequently and have water available all the time. Keep outdoor water bowls free of snow and ice. (Hint: dark bowls absorb heat from the sun and can help keep water liquid).

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## **Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations**

L. Clay Beall III and Janis Beall  
Carolyn Beard  
Dan Blair and Lisa Cutler  
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Ethel and Haddon Carryer  
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Diane Wolfe



## **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.

# Special Donations were received

## IN MEMORY OF...

### More Donations (Thank you!)

Two donations totalling \$60 were received from PipeVine, Inc. for donations made through [WWW.HELPING.ORG](http://WWW.HELPING.ORG).

Many thanks to those unidentified individuals who contributed through this mechanism.

Please accept the enclosed donation. It has been made as a function of my "Golden Greetings" PhotoCards contributions program, a project developed in August 2001 and featured at

[LANDOFFPUREGOLD.COM/GREETINGS.HTM](http://LANDOFFPUREGOLD.COM/GREETINGS.HTM).

—Rochelle Lesser

### Donations through United Way were received from

*Central Maryland*  
**Sandy and Jeff  
Melago  
Karen Connelly**

*Greater Lehigh Valley*  
No donor listed.

**Donation through  
America's Charities  
Nancy St. John**

Our dear friend **MJ Booth** who perished 9/11/01 in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon and whose orphaned yellow lab Addie has joined Duke's 00-256 happy family. Duke has welcomed Addie with open paws. —Patty Arey

**Cindy Fields** from her friend Kathy Carbone.

**George H. Williamson.** He will be greatly missed by family and friends. His memory will live on in our hearts. He has now crossed the Rainbow Bridge to be with his beloved Golden Toby. —Jill D'Agostino

**Ludell L. Beckwith** —Mary-Luise Semans

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**In memory of all the GRREAT GRs who traveled to the Rainbow Bridge  
in 2001.** —Vicki and Gordon Sumner

**Charlie** —Gary and Debbie Kramer

**Dusty Gird** 1981-1994  
—John and Pat Gird

**Monti Skoog** 93-178  
—Cathie and Mike Skoog

**Pollux** —Laura and Felix Fischer

**Teddy** —Margaret Mc Gee

**Hogan** —Mark and Mary Nielsen

**Maxx and Molly Smith**  
—Mary Jane and Keith Smith

**Phoenix**, a GRREAT dog  
—Susan McKelvey

**Jake 'the Snake' La Motta** 96-007  
—Linda Stacy-Nichols

**Jesse, Sandy, Jenna, and Zerelda**  
—Barbara Oestreich

**Sweet Dagmar**  
—Bob Cohen and Karen Stierman

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My **Buddy**, 9/1/01, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of Golden memories —Louis Ernest

**Honey**, my guardian angel and faithful shadow for 12 years —Barbara Dunnington

**Honey Dunnington**, a honey bun of a dog —the Vincent and Margaret Moehringer Family

**Toby and Morgan**—two wonderful Golden who brought joy to our lives —Steve and Betsy Surprenant

Judy and Steve Barker's **Alex** and their little bird with the Golden heart, **Beauregard**  
—Patrick and Patricia McAllister

Am/Can CH **Colabaugh's Desert Storm**, Am/Can CDX, TD, JH, WCX, UCX  
—Robert Crowley

**Dash**, a magnificent Golden beloved by Pam Jarvis and Kim Gruber —Dana Meeker

Sweet **Maggie** from New Orleans who passed away in the Summer of 2000.  
—Sharman Brown and Mike Cohen

This gift is given anonymously in memory of **Jessie**, a beloved family golden who died this year.

## Adoption Report through December 31, 2001

A wonderfully Happy New Year is ahead for 34 dogs and their new adoptive families. Congratulations to all these lucky dogs who found new homes in November and December, 2001. Our statistics on this group: 12 females and 22 males; 18 age 2 or under; five age 7 or older, and 11 dogs between age 2 and 7.

<u>Name</u>	<u>ID #</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Abby	01-249	1	F
Asta	01-237	9 mo	F
Bailey	01-129	7	M
Ben	01-141	5	M
Callaway	01-241	7	M
Cindy	01-214	6 mo	F
Daisy	00-046	2	F
Daisy	01-240	7 mo	F
Duke	01-201	7	M
Dutchess	01-248	2	F
Gizmo	01-225	2	M
Gypsy	01-111	2	F
Jake	01-227	1 1/2	M

<u>Name</u>	<u>ID #</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Jason	01-137	1	M
Lee-Casey	01-250	1 1/2	M
Loki	01-239	1	M
Luke	00-088	2 1/2	M
Maxine/Sprite	01-224	3	F
Milkshake/JoB	01-235	16 mo	F
Milo	01-251	5	M
Moses	01-124	6	M
Oliver/Millhouse	01-205	4	M
Penny	01-234	3 1/2 mo	F
Rex	01-217	5	M
Rex	01-223	4	M
Rio	01-258	8 mo	M
Sadie	01-144	6	F
Sam	01-179	6	M
Shadow	01-228	8	M
Sharpe	01-041	5	M
Star	01-135	8	F
Sunny/Casper	01-238	1	M
Tango	01-233	6 mo	M
Trigger	01-256	2	M

## Winter Car Kit for People and Pets

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advises us all to anticipate bad winter weather and keep the following items in a container accessible from the cabin of your car.

- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Several blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Extra newspapers for insulation
- Plastic bags (for sanitation)
- Large plastic bags (for body wrap)
- Tissues or paper towels
- Matches
- Extra set of mittens, socks, and a wool cap
- Rain gear and extra clothes
- Small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels
- Small shovel
- Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver)
- Booster cables
- Set of tire chains or traction mats
- Cards, games, and puzzles
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag
- Canned fruit and nuts
- Nutrition bars
- Nonelectric can opener
- Bottled water

For your pet

- Treats or food
- Blanket for warmth
- Water

Other items to consider:

- Candles and can(s) of sand to hold them
- Tow chain
- Duct tape

*Winterizing, continued from page 13*

**Skin Care** Have you noticed that your skin is drier and flakier during the winter? Your pet's skin may dry out, too, causing his coat to lose insulating ability. If you notice doggie dandruff (dry skin) or a lusterless coat, ask your vet about adding a tablespoon or two of vegetable oil to his food. If your pet's hair is standing on end because of static electricity, consider using a conditioner. It will also help reduce your pet's winter dandruff.

**Getting Lost** Did you know that more dogs get lost in winter than any other season? Dogs can lose their scent in snow and ice

and become lost. They may become upset if in a snowstorm and run away. Better keep them home in a fenced yard or safely on a leash.

### ***Keep an emergency pet kit in your car***

If your pet travels with you, he is just as vulnerable as you are—perhaps more so—if your car breaks down. Add a simple bag of pet necessities to your own list of winter emergency items (*see right column*). An easy way to remember the essentials is 'TBD' or Treats, Blanket, Drink. Like us, pets need to have something to eat, a way to keep warm, and water to stay safe in harsh weather.



**Leo's Corner**

*The Leo Fund  
for special needs dogs.*

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

**Krista Maslyn  
Beverly Mustaine  
Elizabeth Oberdorfer  
Terry Vander Leest**

**Simile-Finale  
Fund Donation**

*for dogs needing special  
non-surgical treatments*

**Elizabeth Oberdorfer**

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

**Dawn and Marshall Bowen  
Mike and Brenda Burlbaugh  
Bernard and Bonnie Burton  
Mabel and Tom Dempsey**

**Judith Eyler**

**Mary Grumbine**

**Nancy Hamilton**

**Linda and Al Hunt**

**Thomas and Marylou Janczuk**

**Michael and Janene Kalb**

**Allison and Kevin Long**

**Dave and Sally Long**

**Joseph and Caroline Miller**

**Joseph O'Neill**

**Richard and Jan Scolio**

**Marion Shields**

**Barbara Stephens**

**Julie Palais & Richard Stevens**

**Dennis Rivard and Charles George**

**Karen Wahler**

**Linda and Craig Wensley**

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

**Judith Adrezin**

**Jay Aronowitz and Bonita Harris**

**Mary Anne and James Beagles**

**Sharon Bottcher and Joan Peddicord**

**Carolyn Cole**

**Anita and John Funk**

**Jonathan Gordon**

**Charles and Martie Heaton**

**Bob and Kathy Horowitz**

**Katherine and Wayne Hunter**

**Denise and Jeff Irwin**

**Molly Johnston**

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**Linda Scher**

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**Jane Smith**

**Hilary Stanhope and  
Kathi Rechsteiner**

**Howard and Frances Wode**

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

# Notes to Leo

## In Honor of...

**Olivia McDonough.** Thank you! —Judith Adrezin

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**Amazing Grace** 98-126, my little 'delicate flower' alias 'the huntress'! —L Sidney Morris

**Bear** —Charles and Martie Heaton

**Bear** 00-116 —Lynda and Bob Lake

**Ben** 97-018 —Molly Johnston

**Honey Bear**, who at 5½ has had to have an operation for a breathing problem and fortunately we have the money to take care of him. This gift is to help others without resources. —Mary Grumbine

**Jake** 00-011 and **Bear** 00-143 Janczuk —Thomas and Marylou Janczuk

**Maxwell T Long**, a.k.a. Max, who is the best Golden in the world—thanks for putting us together! —Allison and Kevin Long

**Morgan** 98-133 —Anita and John Funk

**Peanut** 99-043, my best friend and home visit partner. —Jeff and Maurine Schuller

**Rocky** 00-096 and **Rusty** 00-097, my Golden oldies. —Barbara Stephens

**Samson** and **Sophie** —Bob and Kathy Horowitz

The **search and rescue dogs** —Nancy Hamilton

**Search and rescue dogs** working at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon —Mike and Brenda Burlbaugh

## In Memory of...

**Alex.** We were his first foster home before surgery. —Dennis Rivard and Charles George

Judy and Steve Barker's **Alex** and Janet and Phil Hauck's **Treavor.** We were so sorry to hear they have both passed to the Rainbow Bridge. —Santee and John O'Neill

**Beau**, a wonderful companion! —Sharon Bottcher and Joan Peddicord

**Brandy** —Jay Aronowitz and Bonita Harris

**Chassidy** —Joseph O'Neill

**Clancy** —Mabel and Tom Dempsey  
*please see remembrance on page 12*

**Ellie Mae**, beloved Golden Retriever of the Rubensteins (Rick and Mary Ellen and family). —Thomas McQueen and Sarah Kohn

**Kate and Britches** —Bernard and Bonnie Burton

**Kaycee** —Elizabeth Oberdorfer

**Can. Ch. Quillmark Westmont**

**Joshua.** This donation has been earmarked for GRREAT since receiving my tax refund in August. Sorry for the delay. Keep up the good work. —Karen Wahler

My black dog **Sam** —Jane Smith

In loving memory of **BJ** and in loving honor of **Adam** and **Lucas** and **Dozer.** —Beverly Mustaine

In honor of **Shadow** Hunt and **Sammie** Hunt and in memory of **Roxy** Hunt—Golden rescues. —Linda and Al Hunt

In honor of **Cody:** we love you! And in memory of **Tiger**, he was our Diamond in the Rough. —Dan, Kim, Ethan & Cadence Rolland

## For Special Reasons...

From Dave, Sally and Brady 97-090. —Dave and Sally Long

Please use for the Leo Fund. —Dawn and Marshall Bowen

Thanks for all the wonderful work that GRREAT does. And also my buddy Kenai, the best dog in the world! —Joy Levy

To thank all the volunteers—GRREAT job! —James and Margaret Schultz

To thank the A-team for turning a chore into GRREAT fun! —Marion Shields

For bringing Duke into my family. —Terry Vander Leest

**More Notes to Leo on next page...**

# More Notes to Leo

In honor of **Jammar**, our nine year old Golden, who died in September, 2000 and who was our first pet and gave us such a love for Golden. I wish that this check could be for a lot more money. In July we had two stray black labs show up in our yard and they were quite sick. We spent hundreds of dollars for vet care and even more on grooming aids, toys, food, and so forth. It took a month before we could get anyone to adopt them. They were lovely 18-month old dogs who would have been put to sleep by the SPCA if we had taken them there. Now they are happy and healthy in Wilmington. I know that GRREAT helps many dogs just like them and when it becomes financially feasible, we will donate more.

—Katherine and Wayne Hunter

We lost both of our elder statesmen this past year. Therefore, some of the enclosed donation is in memory of **Genji**, who we adopted in 1992. He was a great companion and is sorely missed.

However, we were very lucky and we were able to adopt **Bear** from you this April and he is a wonderful dog also. He has proved to be a very welcome addition to our household.

Please distribute the enclosed check between the Leo Fund and your general fund. Thank you for the good work that you do and for providing such wonderful companions.

—Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid



GRREAT, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church, VA

## A LETTER to LEO from A GRREAT DOG

“Hi, my name is Rocky. Thanks to my good friends Kelly, Scott and Clyde Daniels, I was adopted by the Joseph and Caroline Miller family. I have a big sister, Belle (a Standard Poodle) and two nephews—Bailey, a Golden Retriever and Tumble, a Pomeranian.

Back in May, my mom and dad noticed I was walking like I had arthritis so they took me to see Dr. Art Jankowski at Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware. He told my mom and dad I had osteochondrosis and needed an operation on both of my shoulders.

I would like to thank the Leo Fund which paid for one of my shoulder surgeries. This really helped us out. Please accept this donation from my family—hopefully it will help another dog like me.

Well, I thought after all that my time with Dr. Jankowski was over, but I was not so lucky. In October, my mom and dad noticed my left leg was not like it should be. My mom said it looked like my paw was on the wrong leg. So back to Dr. Jankowski we went and he advised I had a deformed leg. On October 5, he performed an ostectomy and I had to wear a silver brace for a month. We just had our last appointment last week and he said I can actually run in two weeks if I do well with my short leash walks.

I just wanted to let you know that I'm better now and very happy. I wanted to publicly thank the Daniels and the Leo Fund for where I am now. I could not be happier.

—Rocky (Miller)



To: GRREAT  
From: Nancy Brougher

Just an update on Wheatley. He is doing beautifully!!! He is very content with his packmates (six other dogs) and is very active. When he first joined us, his front legs were wine stained from frantic licking. He is such a beautiful, blond fellow that the stains on the legs damaged his appearance. Now, at long last, he is all one color and absolutely gorgeous. He just loves being brushed and massaged. The look of contentment on his pretty face is a joy to see.

Thank you so much for all GRREAT did for Wheatley. He must have had a rough time before you rescued him, but he made a safe landing. We love this handsome senior with all our hearts. Thanks again for arranging our dear boy's adoption. He knows that he finally has a last name and that he'll be loved forever.

**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 MCI center events
- \_\_\_\_\_ At information booths at dog shows, community fairs, education days, 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, January 5, 2002—Noon - 2:00

### Adoption Day

PetsMart

12020 Cherry Hill Drive

Silver Spring, MD

phone: 301-586-8262 for directions only

Saturday, January 12, 2002—9:30 - 1:30

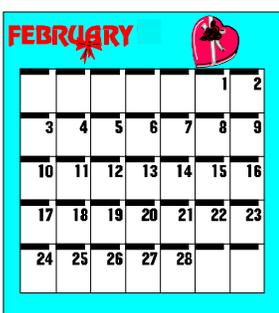
### GRREAT Annual Business Meeting

Knights of Columbus Building

10142 Cherry Hill Road

College Park, Maryland

Details on page 3.



**REMINDER:** Membership renewal dues must be postmarked by Thursday, January 31, 2002

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