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From the President
**Losing a
Furry Friend**
Dan Keppler

As President of GRREAT, I have the opportunity to see the many highs and lows that come with being a part of a Rescue. On the one hand, I am privileged to see the happy smiling faces of adults and children as they show off their most prized family members at the various picnics and celebrations throughout the year. On the other hand, I hear all too often about terminally ill or about dogs who have recently passed away. Unfortunately, it is the one bittersweet part of dog ownership – that their lifespans fall far short of ours. Although there are no words that can ease the pain of such a loss, I do find that having a network of caring family and friends can really help ease the period of grief. This is important not only for getting over the loss (although we never truly do), but also to commemorate the life of the animal.

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People who don't have animals in their lives (it's their loss) often fail to realize that these friends are much more than pets. They are friends, confidants, and equal members of our family (for most of us). My wife and I are sometimes surprised when our dogs don't articulate whole sentences back to us in mid-conversation. Would it seem absurd to some people? Sure, but we don't mind. And the amount of time spent with them is somewhat irrelevant. Once they cross our doorsteps, they become part of our extended families whether we adopted them as puppies or at age 12.

I think one of the reasons people have such a tough time dealing with the loss of a pet is due to the fact that there are really no formal social mechanisms in place for such a loss. When a human being passes away, we have an opportunity to hold a wake or a funeral.

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**Understanding
the Ingredients
in Dog Food**

Jo Bighouse

As the commercial dog food industry continues to offer "new and improved" products, it is often difficult to discern reality from myth. Your best tool in choosing a nutritious food for your Golden is to become educated on the actual ingredients listed on the label.

So, what do all of those terms mean and how do you know what is actually good for your dog? Most importantly, the food should consist of human-grade ingredients. Some pet foods contain meat "by-products," "by-product meal," or "meat meal" that are unfit for human consumption. For example, "poultry by-products" can include chicken heads, feathers, feet, and viscera. "Meat meal" could be rendered animal carcasses, including diseased livestock, euthanized pets, condemned material from slaughterhouses, and even road kill.

A good quality food would not contain potentially harmful chemicals or preservatives. Some examples of what should not be included are: propyl gallate, which may cause liver damage; sodium carboxymethyl-cellulose, an edible plastic filler; BHA and BHT which are suspected carcinogens; ethoxyquin, originally used as a rubber stabilizer in tires; propylene glycol, a chemical with properties similar to antifreeze; sweeteners that include corn syrup, maple syrup, sorbitol, sucrose, ammoniated glycyrrhizin; and artificial dyes which are chemical additives used only for product appeal to the person buying the food.

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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) 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 or 410-208-4934.

**Does your dog suffer from
Anxiety — Arthritis — Cancer — Epilepsy — Ear Infections — Allergies?**

**Have you noticed
Bad Breath — Poor Coat Condition — Hot Spots — Dry Skin?
If so, diet and vaccinations may be a contributing factor!**

Midas Touch Golden Retrievers is sponsoring a
Holistic Dog Care Seminar
Saturday, March 30, 2002 from 12 - 4
at Paxton Child Development Center
420 Wildman Street, NE, Leesburg, Virginia 20176

Guest Speakers: Dr. Carol Lundquist and Melissa Courtney

All seminar proceeds will be donated to Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training.

Dr. Carol Lundquist is a graduate of the VA/MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She has completed the Acupuncture Course from the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and the Chiropractic Course from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. She is currently enrolled in the Veterinary Homeopathy Course. Dr. Lundquist uses acupuncture, chiropractic, herbs, homeopathy, laser therapy, meridian stress assessment, allergy elimination, flower essences, and nutritional supplements in her practice of cats, dogs, and horses.

Ms. Melissa Courtney is the owner of Mac-n-Jacs Canine Nutritional Consulting where she helps dogs regain their health by using the correct diet for their situation and their owner's lifestyle. She has worked with an extensive range of problems such as malignant hyperthermia, aortic stenosis, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer and chronic skin problems with excellent success.

This seminar will give you the tools to make a significant improvement in your dog's health and longevity! Seating is limited to 50, so be sure to register early.

Please note: This is a people-only seminar; sorry, but our dogs can't join us this time. Register by using the form below or contact Jo Bighouse at 703-777-0096 or Jan Skadberg at 304-725-0751. Please note, registration fees are non-refundable.

To register for this informative seminar send this completed form and a check payable to Midas Touch Golden Retrievers in the amount of \$35 to:

Jo Bighouse
420 Wildman Street, NE
Leesburg, Virginia 20176
703-777-0096

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you like to be added to our mailing list to be informed of future seminars? _____

Plan now to attend!

**The 1st Annual
GRREAT
Golden
Yappy Hour
in Annapolis**

**Saturday,
March 16
4-7 pm**

Hosted by

Before and After

Home accessories
and Gifts
50 Maryland Avenue
410.263.7075

and

Paws Pet Boutique
Pet Gifts and
Supplies
54 Maryland Avenue
410.263.8683

Scheduled Events

- Treats (canine and human) served
- A silent auction of pet items with proceeds benefiting GRREAT
- GRREAT representatives and happily adopted Golden on hand to answer questions and wag tails

Please join us for all the fun!

Losing a Furry Friend, continued from page 1

Friends gather around and share stories and we are provided an opportunity to say our proper goodbyes. However, when our pets pass away, we usually are not afforded the opportunity of a funeral or a formal means of saying goodbye. Because of this, we really are not given a suitable way to express our feelings of grief or to share the fond memories with others.

The good news is that the tide is starting to turn. As hospice care becomes more prevalent for humans, the same is becoming true in the animal world. You would be amazed to find out how many support groups and websites are available for people to be able to express their feelings and to ask questions or to answer others' questions. There are also a number of pet cemeteries and crematories available. While doing a little research on the subject, I uncovered a resource called Petloss.com. It seems that on Monday evenings all across the globe, people light candles in memory of their pets. It is a very healing ritual with no adherence to any religion or creed. It's just a simple lighting of candles to bring us all together. The candle ceremony is not done on-line. Each of us privately lights his candles in his own way. Candle lighting times are at 10 PM Eastern. Additional information can be found on their website (www.petloss.com).

Some other websites that may prove useful:

- <http://web.vet.cornell.edu/public/petloss/>
- <http://aplb.org/>
- <http://www.avma.org/care4pets/>
- <http://www.superdog.com/petloss/bookloss.htm>

And for those people who are dealing with terminally ill dogs and are looking for advice or for alternative ways to take care of their dogs, the following hospice website contains some fantastic information.

<http://www.specialneedspets.org/hospice.html>

For all those people who have opened their hearts to these wonderful dogs and have taken them across the Rainbow Bridge, I say thank you—and I know that you have a wet kiss waiting from your furry friend.

As always, thanks to all the volunteers, foster families and GRREAT members that make this truly the best organization. For without you there is no GRREAT!!

With GRREAT Sympathy

GRREAT offers its sincere sympathies to John and Sandy Ogas, GRREAT volunteers, on the loss of their GRREAT dog, Chester and their home. The Ogas returned from a foster home seminar to find their house totally engulfed in flames. Chester died quickly of smoke inhalation. John and Sandy did not have a dog of their own; they took in GRREAT special needs situations, including a pair of Golden Retrievers that needed a home and Chester, who was dog-aggressive when he came into the Rescue. The house was a complete loss, but the Ogas have said that the most precious thing they lost was Chester.

Our thoughts are with you in this sad time.



Just this side of Heaven is a place called **Rainbow Bridge**

When an animal that has been especially close to someone here dies, that pet goes to the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but one day, far off on the horizon, a figure will appear. Suddenly, there will be a pause in the play as they all stop to study the figure in the distance, watching for a familiar walk, listening for a particular whistle. Even from so far away, one of them will recognize the figure and begin to quiver with excitement. The others will smile to themselves, as they watch the one suddenly break away from the group, and go flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross rainbow bridge together, never again to be separated.

—author unknown

The Stories We Could Tell

If you are a big Jimmy Buffett fan, you'll recognize that phrase as a line in one of his songs. It is also such a true statement about GRREAT and the people who have adopted our wonderful dogs over the past 20 years. Twenty years is a very long time and so many dogs have been adopted to wonderful families, but, as time has a way of doing, we sometimes lose touch. This is where you come in—we never ever get tired of listening to and reading about the dogs you have adopted from us. In fact, we wish we knew more about how you have changed their lives and how they have changed yours. We would love to hear from you!

We are looking to post your stories and pictures on the GRREAT website, a limited number in *GRREAT News*, and the best in our annual calendar celebrating our 20th anniversary. We will be collecting stories and pictures throughout the year, changing them regularly on the web site and featuring them in the newsletter, but the deadline for submitting stories and pictures for the 2003 calendar is June 1, 2002. The first story appears on page 7 of this issue.

Please provide us as much information as possible—include your name, phone number/e-mail (in case we need to contact you), the dog(s)' current name and original name if different, its GRREAT number (00-000), the story about your family and you dog(s), and any pictures (printed or electronic) you want to share. (If you want your pictures back please provide a self addressed stamped envelope.)

If you would like to send the information via e-mail, please send it to Barb Dunnington at bsd21702@aol.com. If you want to mail it please send it to our post office address: GRREAT Stories We Could Tell, Attn. Barb Dunnington, PO Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043.

The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club
extends a warm invitation to Members of GRREAT to attend the

PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet

** To recognize the year 2001 achievements of PVGRC Golden Retrievers and their people**

When: Saturday, March 16, 2002
Where: Holiday Inn College Park, 10000 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, MD
Time: 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour and Hors d'Oeuvres
Silent Auction to benefit GRREAT
7:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
Awards Ceremonies following dinner

Price: \$30.00 Per Person

Last date to make reservations: March 9, 2002. For more information, call Joan Donohue at 410-721-0329 or email her at Aquest@erols.com. For more information about the banquet, and auction, as well as directions to the event, please visit www.pvgrc.org.

PVGRC generously supports GRREAT by holding a silent auction of unique Golden Retriever-related and other fine items during the banquet. Plan to come early and bid often on a GRREAT selection of very special items!

In addition, through the generosity of Marcia and Bob Bergquist and in memory of Beau and Maggie, more than two dozen current and classic books about Golden Retrievers and dog training in general will be available for purchase at the banquet. Proceeds from the book sale will also go to GRREAT.

Thanks

From Judy Barker:

**Thanks to the
volunteers who helped
at the February
Adoption Day in
Tyson's Corner, VA:**

Eileen Pratt
Kate Teitel
Fay Jenkins
Carol Ochs
Kathy Rougeaux
Lucinda Twining
Jeff Twining
Steve Cheney

**Thanks to the
volunteers who helped
at the February
Pet Expo in
Timonium, MD:**

Roberta Dorn
Phil and Janet Hauck
Denise Gettier
Michael Eldert
Tanya Trivett
Janet White
Marty White
Deborah Dowell
Leslie Hoy
Dan Keppler
Carol Ochs



**UPC Symbols
and Receipts
Program
DISCONTINUED**

We have been notified by the company that we are no longer able to get coupons for free food for our foster dogs though the Nutro UPC Program. Effective immediately, please discontinue sending UPCs to GRREAT. Over the course of the program, we have received more than 100 bags of free food for the Rescue. Thank you, everyone, for your participation.



Dog Food Ingredients, continued from page 1

The best dog foods have two or three sources of protein coming from meat, poultry, or fish. One of these should be the first ingredient listed. Grains should be whole grains and not grain fraction. Oatmeal, brown rice, barley, whole wheat and whole oats are examples of whole grain sources. Grain fraction includes brewers rice, rice flour, rice gluten, rice bran, corn gluten meal, and wheat flour.

Don't forget to scrutinize your dog's treats also. A package that is sitting on my desk as I write this claims to be "The best dog treats in the world" with "no artificial colors or flavors." This sounds impressive until you turn the package over and read the ingredients. Of the thirty-two ingredients listed the first eight are chicken, chicken meal, rice, maple syrup, smoke flavor, propylene glycol, guar gum, and salt. My Golden Murphy, who warms my feet as I

work, has been very interested in this package of treats. The "aroma" coming from the package is so strong that she has let me know that she would be my very best friend forever if I would let her have just one. Sorry, Murphy, but I care about you too much to give you one of these.

Resources for the information in this article are: *The Nature of Animal Healing* by Dr. Martin Goldstein; *Food Pets Die For* by Ann N. Martin; *Protect Your Pet* by Ann N. Martin; and *The Whole Dog Journal: a monthly guide to natural dog care and training*. These publications, along with other informative resources will be available for sale at the March 30th Holistic Seminar in Leesburg, Virginia (see page 3 for details). You can subscribe to *The Whole Dog Journal* by visiting their web site www.whole-dog-journal.com or by calling 800-424-7887.

Debra and Greg Schaum write:

Please accept this donation in memory of our Golden, Peaches, who passed away on January 11, 2001. She was 12 years old. We miss her very much. After her death, it was doubtful whether we would be able to bring another dog into our lives. But as the months passed, it became clear that only another Golden would help ease the emptiness that we were feeling. I remembered a conversation about GRREAT that I had had with a vet tech during a Christmas Eve visit to the ER. After visiting your web site, we decided that this was a wonderful way to bring a new pet home. We are proud to say that, thanks to Stephanie and Jim Nelson, we were chosen to become the new family of Brooks (01-112) in May. He is such a great dog, and we love him so much! Thanks, GRREAT, for all your wonderful work. We tell anyone who will listen about Brooks and your program. Maybe our experience will lead other people in your direction.

Richard and Jule Ann Cheslock write:

This is the letter I dreaded writing in memory of our dear sweet Max (97-171) who left us on Dec. 13, 2001. Maxie, we only had you four years, but it seemed like a lifetime, as you were such a wonderful addition to our family. You came to us with many physical problems, too numerous to mention, but a heart as big as your wonderful bearlike body could carry.

How hard you tried to keep going after we discovered your cancer-ravaged liver and abdominal cavity, but you remained strong and proud as your sick body would allow until the end.

When we took you in for your final visit to the vet, even he was crying as he had to send you to the peaceful Rainbow Bridge. The techs there are still crying over your picture as you were so loved by them also.

We still cry for you, Maxie, and miss you and your tail thumping, even at the sound of my snoring. You are sadly missed, but we are so grateful we had you.

Max Cheslock—four years can be a lifetime

*The Stories We Could Tell—
celebrating 20 years of happy endings*

Jason's Story

submitted by Anneliese Johnson

I adopted Jason (01-137) from GRREAT in August 2001. His previous history was sketchy. In fact, little was known about him, other than he had been tied outside his entire life, which was estimated to be one year. Jill and Bob Kurtz spent two weeks with the blonde beauty as his foster family and with their keen observation, were able to give me insight into his behavior.

Jason had a very difficult time relating to people in general. He only knew one way of socializing and that was to be very "rough and tumble." He would automatically try to roll you on the ground and nip at your clothes (almost every outfit we have from last summer bears proof of this). He was afraid of doorways – it took me nearly 20 minutes to coax him through the local pet shop door to buy him a treat. He was afraid of running cars and especially shy of garages. From what we could tell, he was probably neglected for long periods to time and left outside. Interaction with humans most likely was in a "rough-house" type of play. He was probably punished for trying to enter the house, thus the fear of doorways. He may have been locked in a garage for long periods to time, resulting in his fear of the garage. Never having been inside, he was unfamiliar with stairs.

Many dogs who come to GRREAT have experienced horrible physical abuse. As far as we can tell, this was not the case with Jason. However, neglect leaves scars as well. He looked Golden, but his true Golden heart was hidden.



Jason, the Johnson family's Golden Boy

I have to say that the biggest challenge for Jason has been learning to interact with us without rough play. Right from the start my three children and I started "love therapy" sessions. Twice a day for ten minutes we would stroke his head and say "Nice Love, Jason, give nice love". It sounds simplistic, but it really worked. Eventually he learned to give "Golden Kisses." He even began to like having his belly rubbed. And the day finally came when I saw his Golden smile. Then I knew his past was behind him and he had found his true Golden heart.

Jason and our other Golden, Lucy, are inseparable. If Lucy is not within sight, Jason will let out a pitiful whine until he finds her.

I want to thank everyone at GRREAT, from rescuers to application-approvers to tattooing committees, for giving dogs like Jason a second chance. I can't imagine how sad his life would have been if someone had not rescued him. But more sad would be my life without my Golden Boy.

Thanks

Last September, Pat and Pat McAllister, long-time members of GRREAT, graciously donated four large banners that say "Golden Retriever Rescue."

The banners have been used in many locations and events, including the Scottish Parade in Alexandria, every adoption day since they were donated, and at education events including the Super Pet Expo in Timonium. They have been an excellent advertisement for GRREAT.

Thank you, McAllisters!

A Message of Condolence to the Bahler Family

GRREAT sends sincere condolences to active volunteers Georgie and Joe Bahler on the death of Sunny, their GRREAT dog. Sunny came into the Rescue seven years ago with significant medical issues—bladder and thyroid—that much love and care by the Bahlers helped resolve. He recently passed over the Rainbow Bridge much too soon due to an unsuspected malady called mega-esophagus.

Our hearts go out to you on your sudden and sad loss.



Special Donations were received IN HONOR OF...

Paws March Against Puppymills May 4, 2002 Harrisburg, PA Riverfront Park 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pennsylvania is one of the seven states that have the most puppy-mills. Lancaster County Pennsylvania is known as the Puppymill Capital of the East Coast. State officials have failed to enforce the laws that exist and have failed to enact any new laws that protect the dogs.

The Paws Exhibition at Riverfront Park starts at 11 a.m. GRREAT will have an education booth at the event. In addition, there will be a Dog Olympics with great prizes, wonderful food, and fun for children.

At 3 p.m. everyone will march down State Street to the steps of the Capital to rally against the mills.

For further information, visit WWW.HUA.ORG/PRISON/PAWSMARCH02.HTML

Marge Snyder. —Arlene Dunlop

Eleanor M. Maverick. —Monita Fontaine

Father Joe Curry, dog lover extraordinaire! 15 years in the priesthood.
—Tevis and Bill Thompson

My uncle **Richard Sudranski** and his two golden retrievers, **Cinnamon and Rosie.** I am making this donation on the occasion of my becoming a Bar Mitzvah. —Zachary Friedman

Michelle Stenzel and to thank you all. —Scott Stenzel

Rollei (97-174), a truly GRREAT dog and companion. —Linda Taira and William Welch

Our past and present goldens. —Tim and Linda Daniel

Our 5 joyous years with **Amigo** (96-172). Although he is calmer now at age 7, he is still healthy and beautiful. He loves a good game of tug of war with his braided rope toy and occasionally he still puts on a show for us in the back yard by racing around in circles and mock growling, as the circles become smaller and smaller, until he finally collapses in a heap and grins at us. What a clown! As the author of *Just Goldens* says, at a party of retrievers, the labs are the ones in serious conversation, but the dog wearing the lampshade is a Golden. Keep up your good work (as in “good dog”) and keep the faith.

—Mary A McFarland and Steve Soderberg

Our WONDERFUL, FABULOUS Golden, **Molly Seidman.** Thanks for all of your good work! —Joshua Seidman and Jocelyn Guyer

Albert 93-107, a prince among dogs and our much loved son, in honor of his upcoming 10th birthday. —Thomas Warrick and Rochelle Stern

My best pal, **Sam.** —Brenda Pascal

Teddy. —Cindy Speas and John Clewett (*please see note on page 13*)

Scout (GRREAT '96) and **Katie Brennan.** —Susan Brennan

Connor and his first Christmas with the Greenfield Gang. —Robin and Donald Greenfield

My smiling fur-face **Penny** (97-039). Thanks GRREAT! —Vicki and James Eurice

Riley's first anniversary with us! (He was Champ 01-003) —Jeff and Lucinda Twining

Madison, Logan, and Daisy and all the love we've shared. —Jeff, Claudia and Kate Smith

Tucker, our handsome Golden boy. —David and Paulette Zee

Tex 98-219, the joy of our lives. When we adopted Tex in 1999, he was a pitiful 55 pounds. He was so sad at Adoption Day and we all worried about him on the way home. But, never fear, Tex became the playful waggy tail “muppy” that we have grown to know and love very much. As soon as he got into the house he was a different dog. He started playing and made himself right at home. After almost three years, he is a happy 90 pounds and still going strong. Thank you to GRREAT! —George and Laura Panagoulis

Our two GRREAT dogs, **Sheela** (97-058) and **Jamie** (01-104). —Bonnie and Vernon Hill

Tigger and Lucky—who are looking forward to meeting their first foster sibling soon. Wish it could be more. —Kathi DeGuzman, Danny, Brooke and Mackenzie, too!

More Special Donations

were received IN HONOR OF...

My senior goldens **Taffy** 14½ and **Dyna** 11 years. —Wendy Beyer

Barney—our great golden.
—Sally and Ken Jonson

Kaylee, for introducing us to pure Golden love. —Judy and Patrick Card

Nigel. Thanks for our boy!
—Margaret and Buz Bonifant

Copper (Aka Pongo 00-278) on his first anniversary with us.
—Andrew and Barbara Becker

Homer and Missy—who have brought joy back in our life after losing our 8 year old Golden ‘Misty.’
—Tony and Barbara Nastus

Summer, a great (lowercase) Golden.
—Mary Gillett

Alex our 1997 ‘adoptee’, who continues to bring us love and happiness.
—James and Carol Funk

Brownie, our GRREAT lap dog.
—Ann and Michael Brace

Lady. —Carol and Doug Melamed

My golden **Tyler** for all the loyalty he has given us since his adoption on March 23, 2000. —Catherine and John Macco

Cassie. —Jeff Joseph and Lisa Merman

\$265 was received from PipeVine, Inc. for contributions made through Helping.org. No donors’ names were listed.

Please accept the enclosed donation which has been made as a function of my “Golden Greetings” PhotoCards contributions program, a project formulated in August 2001 and featured at landofpuregold.com/greetings.htm.
—Rochelle Lesser

End of Season Sweatshirt Sale!!!

These heavy all-cotton embroidered sweatshirts from our current catalog were originally \$39.95 and are now only **\$29.95**. Supply is limited so please indicate a first and second choice. Questions? Call 703-777-0096.



		First Choice		
		Size		
Style	Color	(M,L,XL,2X)	Quantity	Total Price
Golden Horizontal	Grey	_____	_____	_____
Golden Horizontal	Red	_____	_____	_____
Golden Horizontal	Blue	_____	_____	_____
Golden Horizontal	Green	_____	_____	_____
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Special Donations for special reasons

A Donation and Message from the Petco Foundation

Dear Tree of Hope 2001
Charitable Partner:

The year 2001 will be one that we will never forget. The events and days surrounding September 11 changed us all. One bright spot in the otherwise dark cloud of 2001 was PETCO's Tree of Hope fundraiser.

They said it could not be done. People would not donate. Everyone was worried about the economy about terrorists, or they had given all they could to 9-11 Charities. Our Tree of Hope mission was to raise as much money as possible to assist you, our local animal welfare groups. Together we raised a record \$1.34 million nationwide!!!

You and your local store are an unbeatable team in providing hope to the thousands of helpless, homeless, and hungry orphaned animals in your community. I applaud you both for your continued efforts.

In memory of Sunny and to thank Georgie Bahler for her many years of service to GRREAT, and for always being there when we were fostering. —Rick Stevens and Julie Palais

To thank Georgie Bahler for her help in adopting Remington and Travis. —John Saunders

In memory of Sunny Bahler. —Stacy Martin-Duffy

To thank Joyce and Ralph Page for our beautiful Rusty who we love dearly.

—Linda and Jim Kuhn

In the name of Raymond and Kathleen Schmid. —Brian Donovan

In name of Sherry and Richard Carson. —Howie and Patti Bissell

Please accept this gift **in honor of my boyfriend, Rick Paisley**, and **in memory of** our beautiful Golden princess, **Kelly**. She lost her long fight against cancer last January at the age of 15. Although we have two other Golden retrievers in our life right now, we were indeed blessed by her joy of life right to the very end. She will be sorely missed. —Julie Von Vorys

To thank Jo Bighouse for her dedication. —Barbara Dunnington

In honor of Jack—our beautiful, loving and very spirited GRREAT Golden, and **to thank Doug and Becky Brown** for caring for him until we came along and fell in love with him.

—Michele and Matthew Bensen

For GRREAT's fabulous work and compassionate care of Golden Retrievers.

—Kate Sharrock

This year my brothers and sister and I decided that, **in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts** with each other, we would make a donation to our favorite charity. Mine was an easy choice! Please accept this donation to help with the fantastic work you do all year 'round.

—Dawn Lowe

Please accept **this GRREAT Christmas gift** to me from my uncle, William Beck from California. It is a donation to GRREAT—what a wonderful gift! Of course, I am also including a matching donation from me. I hope this can help some wonderful homeless Golden retrievers. Thank you for all your GRREAT work. —Leslie Raulin

In honor of Reilly, our GRREAT addition to our family and **in memory of Sophie**, whose spirit lives on in our memories. —Judy Beach and Joe Niebauer

To thank Barbara for allowing me to have 2 labs! —Barbara Bell and Andy Kirschbaum

This donation was made possible by **Ms. Jan Skadberg's** dedication to our all-volunteer blood donor program. —Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

In thanks for the two Rusties. —Neil and Cornelia Strawser

In honor of Schubert. In memory of Woody and Brooks. —Pam and Jerry Ambrose

It was certainly providence which led me to your organization. **Everyone I've dealt with has been simply wonderful and understanding.** 'Catie' was a worry for me because of her age but Donna McConn was great and timely. Keep up your good work and I'll support you from time to time in the future. —Bill Ewell

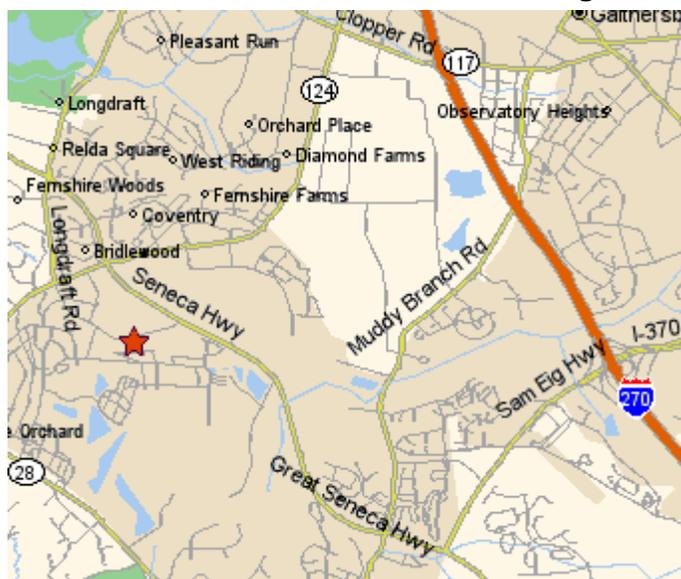
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For driving directions visit the GRREAT Calendar at www.grreat.org/calendar.htm#0316.

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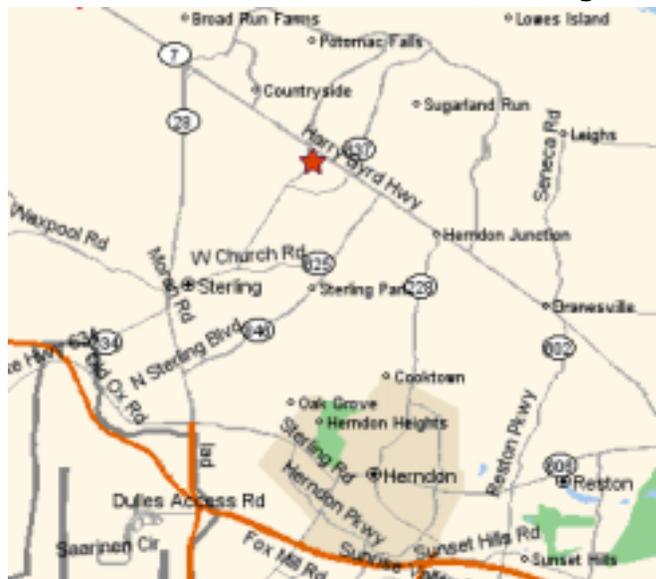
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Special Donations, continued

We appreciate **your good work**. Keep it up. (Anonymous)

To thank you for bringing 'Jack' into our now much happier home.

—Allison and Steve Hodges

We have been in the process of looking for a Golden for our family and were approved thru GRREAT. But through an acquaintance at work I met **Cathy Story** who raises and shows Golden Retrievers. She was looking to place "6 year old **Frankie**" in a home of her own, where she could be the sole "princess." We have had Frankie since Christmas and she couldn't be a better addition to our family. In lieu of payment to Cathy, she asked that I make a donation to GRREAT, which I am more than happy to do. —Amy Braswell

To thank GRREAT and the Sandefers for bringing Berkeley into our lives.

—Catherine and Thomas Wood

Thank you for your GRREAT work. To be used where most needed.

—Nancy and Dave Smith

To thank the GRREAT volunteers who worked so hard on the Arkansas rescue.

—Roberta Dorn

To GRREAT for whatever your most pressing need is at the moment. **Thanks for being there.** —Joyce and Scott Parkin

To GRREAT for general purposes, **in honor of Shadow** and **in memory of Sandy**, my best buddies. And also **to thank GRREAT for its wonderful work.** —John Powell

Use this any way you need to. **We love all the good articles.** —Dottie and Marie Kilcarr

To thank GRREAT for bringing Sassy into our family. —Barbara and Robert Dickman

Keep up the GRREAT work. —Lucy Athey

Special Donations received in honor of GRREAT

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Saturday, May 18
11 a.m. - 3 p.m

Knights of Columbus
Grounds
College Park, MD
same place, same time
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Details in next issue of
GRREAT News!

Thank You to these individuals for their recent donations

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Ferrone

Mary Ginn

Brad and Peggy
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Amy Goldberg

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Rusty Hotop, happy and healthy

Dear GRREAT

Rusty (97-108) was a Leo fund dog who been hit by a car when he was only one year old. The person who had him at that time never got the leg properly taken care of. When Rusty was turned in to GRREAT four years later, he did not have use of his left hind leg at all. It just dangled there—terribly atrophied from lack of use. The GRREAT Board at the time made the decision to have the leg rebroken, and set properly at a cost of \$1400. Deb and Skip Nizer were Rusty's foster parents during his convalescence.

We were very happy when the Nizers selected us to provide Rusty's forever home and he came to live with us in March of 1998. After many, many long walks, and lots and lots of swimming, Rusty gradually built up strength in his leg and gradually stopped his limping. It took about 6 months after we got him to do away with most of the limping and about a year for it to stop altogether.

You would never know now by looking at him that he has a steel plate and 12 screws in his leg except for the long ugly scar. Unfortunately, according to my vet, that much steel in him may make him prone to bone cancer. I keep hoping to get a photo of Rusty running so you all could see how handsome (and fast!) he is. That would definitely be a shot worthy of the GRREAT calendar. Thanks for all your hard work, time and devotion.

— Rebecca Hotop

Baloo is doing fine. He is calming down and has adjusted very nicely to our home. The only thing that he is very stubborn about is trying to curl up on your lap like our 10-pound cat does and sleeping on the bed. (It's been tough, but he works hard at getting his now 90 pound body into a small space. He has become adept at sneaking on the bed and slithering in.)

The cat has not fully adjusted to Baloo's exuberance, but she is getting to the point where she is not as apprehensive about him. Baloo adores Cindy, our other Golden so much! She cannot be out of his sight for any reason. In fact, the last time we had them both together at the vet, he was uncontrollable while she was in the next room crying at having her glands expressed. Once he was reunited with her, he always put his body between Cindy and anyone at the vet office.

Baloo is soooo funny! What a sense of humor. And what a talker! Especially when he is bored or if Cindy won't play. He always meets you at the door with a stick or ball in his mouth. In fact, we have started calling him BooBoo, like the friend of Yogi the Bear, because BooBoo is soooo funny and sweet. (Usually he gets called Baloo right before he needs to be reprimanded—remember your mother calling you by your full name?) Neighbor boys between 8 and 12 come over and will ask if Baloo can come out and play. He is a good gardener—digging up only what I point to him to dig and he will remove tree branches to the back of the lot. He has learned to shake hands and to bring in the morning paper. He will take most objects from one of us to the other if we place it in his mouth. And we are still working on “drop it.”

He gets along well with everyone and everything. Temperament has not been a problem with him except that we were told that he could stay 7 hours in the house with no problems. We ended up purchasing a crate to keep in him while we gone—even if for 30 minutes. He would pull books out of the bookcase, get frustrated at the difficulty of the words, and *shred* the book



*Part of the Blanchard pack:
Cindy (left), Baloo, and Deb*

— even hardbacks. (We had to purchase one book twice so that we could finish it!) It only took about 3 months of the crate to break him of his book fetish. We also had to break him from running and yipping like a small dog and from climbing on the kitchen table. He rides well if he can sit in the front seat else he whines and cries most of the time—especially if the ride is more than 15 minutes. We believe at some point that this dog was beaten, as he so fearful if he believes that he is going to get hit. At any rate, “timeout” definitely works for him, as does a stern tone.

He is a very bright dog, but is selective to what he wants to learn or will do. He has no problems or fear to go into the ocean to retrieve a bumper or chase a fish. He is a great alarm dog. He is exuberant with young children, yet has learned to be calm. In fact, if you put him with a 2-3 year old, they are stuck like glue—the normal Frick and Frack. Baloo can open the deck gate and the 2 year old can open the fence gate—not a good combination! However, Baloo did run interference to keep the 2 year old from running off the dock and into the lagoon.

He is learning to trust us more and more as evidenced by the ease with which we can clip his nails. Also, he loves to get his teeth brushed. He asks for that every morning with Cindy. At first he was apprehensive

since it had not been done for him. Now, he can't get enough.

He is truly is a GRREAT dog. I could go on forever about his antics—he truly is funny! Baloo/Booboo laughs A LOT! Our other Golden is sweet and gentle, but Booboo is all personality and love with a need for verification that he is worthy of love. He is an Alpha wanna be (he knows that my husband and I are the Alphas, but he still tries like any normal teenager). In fact, when he came to us, Cindy let him know that she was the dog in charge, but when he became bigger and stronger, she let him think he was the Alpha. She can still put him in his place and definitely out-think him for toys and is much better in the retrieving games. They eat and drink out of the same dish, sleep on the same sofa, both sit on me when invited, yet they only argue over toys.

We have referred a couple of families to GRREAT because we think it is such a worthwhile organization. Good luck!

—Deb Blanchard

As you can see, nine-year old Teddy has become a fabulous addition to our family. He is so loved, and he gives all of that back and more. Thanks for all the GRREAT work you do!

—Cindy Speas and John Clewett,
Teddy, Merlin, and Guinevere

Handsome senior Teddy Speas-Clewett



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Special Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

More Donations (Thank you!)

Donations through
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**Sandy and Jeff
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TK Harvin. —Keith Harvin and Harvin Foods

Josey Hodgkins, lost to us on Nov. 17, 2000 after a valiant battle against melanoma.
—Tory Hodgkins

Dean Matchett, a good friend who loved our rescue golden, Riley. Use where most needed.
—Kathy and Dimitri Adcock

Keba —John and Jackie Lodmell

Geebers, a former foster dog.
— Jane Kunze

Nemo Ruden. —Charlene Little

Barney, Traveler, and Copper.
—Charles and Gillian Heagy

Jenny (a 12 year old golden), my sweet-
heart. —Patrick Neiler

Max Cheslock 97-171. *Please see
remembrance on page 6.*
—Richard and Jule Ann Cheslock

Peaches. *Please see letter remembrance
on page 6.* —Debra and Greg Schaum

Raleigh and Rose. —Elaine Feidelman

Max and Sonny, beloved dogs of Doug
and Becky Brown. —Martha Cole Glenn

Rhapsody. —Joel and Eileen Langert

Sassy. Jack Frakes

Sam Mills, beloved dog of Rose and
Wally Mills, Christchurch, New Zealand.
—Rick Stevens and Julie Palais

Pippin and Crispin Bartlett of Lee,
New Hampshire—two much-loved Golden.
—Kathleen Glass

My granddog, **Sandy Meirose**, GRREAT
dog 95-082. —Armella Laukin

Sandy. —Lane and Gene Weinzwieg

Tracey, our GRREAT girl who we miss
dearly. —Mark and Roslyn Preston

Popeye, our beloved little man.
—Thomas and Donna Frankhouser

Morgan. —Stephanie and James Nelson

Sweetie Reynolds of Albuquerque, New
Mexico. —Chip and Carol Clemmer

Our GRREAT dog **Liberty** who died November 10, 2001. Liberty, who was almost 16 years old when she died, came to us as an eight year old. She gave us so much love. Our hearts hurt. We miss her. Thank you GRREAT for the work that you do and the love you bring to so many of us through GRREAT dogs. —Jim Eddinger and Sheila Loftus

Taffy, a wonderful Golden, who “owned” two dear friends of ours in Key West, FL. Prior to dying of cancer this past week, she had a charmed life with a fenced in yard, her own swimming pool, a cat she played with, more than 25 stuffed animals that I could count, and two servants (our friends!). When the time is right, I know they will want to have another Golden. We’re still in love with **Lucy**, who we were lucky enough to get from you. Keep up the good work. —John and Jackie Lodmell

Carley Khan who will be loved forever and was a true ‘water dog,’ whether in Stoney Creek, Ocean City, the Magothy River, Kent Island, Deep Creek, the Choptank River, Pocono Lakes, Florida Intracoastal, and miscellaneous lakes, ponds, streams and puddles everywhere!! (And let’s not forget hoses and sprinklers!) —Jo-Ann Khan

Lycinan’s Boogie Woogie from Lycinan’s Best Bib & Tucker and **for all the GRREAT work** you do. —John and Charene Snyder

My best friend ever, **Klinks Hayden Schwitzer** of Manassas. “Golden boy” is greatly missed every day but I still have lots of good memories. —Blue Boy (Schwitzer)

Adoption Report through Feb 28, 2002

A warm winter was had by 34 dogs ranging in age from 15 weeks to 12 years who found new homes in January and February, 2002. Several were adopted by their foster families. Our statistics on this group: 11 females and 23 males; 12 age 2 or under; 12 age 7 or older, and 10 dogs between age 2 and 7. Congratulations to all!

<u>Name</u>	<u>ID #</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Amber	02-001	5	F
Caelie	01-257	5	F
Casey	01-188	7	M
Chase	01-204	3	M
Chloe	02-002	11	M
Daisy	00-104	4	F
Dakota	01-253	1	M
D'Ouro	01-115	10 ¹ / ₂	M
Duncan	01-263	11 mo	M
Ginko	01-261	12	M
Goldie	02-013	5	F
Honey	02-011	15 wk	F
Honey Bear	01-066	4	F

<u>Name</u>	<u>ID #</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Jack Daniels	02-010	7	M
Jake	00-239	11	M
Junior	01-278	7 mo	M
Lady	96-079	7	F
Major	01-264	10	M
Major	01-247	2	M
Murphy	96-051	9	M
Nala	02-018	3	F
Oz	02-008	7 mo	M
Riley	01-208	1	M
Robin	01-262	2	F
Rudy	01-189	14 mo	M
Sammie/Buddy	01-065	3	M
Sammie	01-212	9	M
Scout	01-254	3	M
Shadow	02-003	10 mo	M
Sherman	01-268	7	M
Sophie	02-004	5	F
Taz	01-206	2	M
Tinkerbelle	02-025	2 mo	F
Woofie	01-284	9	M

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 Leonard and Georgia Woody

Memorial Donations, continued from previous page

Candy, a Golden mix whom we adopted from GRREAT in 1990. We got Candy when she was three and she made it to her fifteenth birthday last month. Unfortunately, she had thyroid and arthritis problems, but thanks to a caring vet—Dr Mira at Howard County Animal Hospital—Candy lived the last couple years of her life in relative comfort. Candy was a loving pet. . . a faithful companion, the best sweetest dog we could have imagined. We already miss her immensely and we know she's in doggie heaven eating whole hot dogs without a pill inside and chasing balls like she did when she was young. Thanks to GRREAT and founder and past president Kathy Carbone for finding a good home for Candy and a great dog for us. —Charles and Wendy Phillips

Holly, Chelse, and Tristan—loving members of the Stephenson family. —Chris Stephenson

Sam, a wonderful Golden Retriever who passed away of liver cancer on January 24, 2002. He had been a faithful friend and companion to Susan and Brian Donnelly for 11 years. They actually got him from your organization, I believe. This contribution is from Mom, Dad, Karen and Doug. —Carlene Cooke

It is with GRREAT sadness that I pass on that we have lost our true Golden friend, **Chuck**. He was the love of our lives ever since our meeting at a Fairfax Adoption Day some nine years ago. We will forever miss his smile and wagging tail. Please use the enclosed donation as best fits the needs of GRREAT in memory of Chuck. —Bob and Nita Rohr



Leo's Corner
The Leo Fund
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In the name of "Sir
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—Robert Mercer

Dr. Joseph O'Neill

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Heather and William Woerner

Microchipping Clinics in Maryland

The Mid Atlantic German Shorthair Pointer Rescue is holding microchip clinics in Maryland. This is a great chance to further protect your dog if he or she ever gets lost or stolen. Along with your dogs tattoo this really helps improve your chances of getting your loved one back if they are ever lost. For further information, visit www.mdgsprescue.org/.

April 13, 2002 Feed & Seed in Highland, MD 10 am - 2 pm

May 18, 2002 The Feed Bag in Phoenix, MD 10 am - 2 pm

Insertion and registration of the Home Again microchip with the AKC is \$30. Proceeds go to the Mid Atlantic German Shorthair Pointer Rescue.

Notes to Leo

In Memory of...

Brandon and Tess. You touched our lives and will forever live in our hearts. We miss you both very much.

—Louis and Teri Stachowiak

Elsa, loving Golden companion of Laurel, Emma and Sonnig Rumpl. —Debbie Brent

Heather. —Sheila Cohen

Jake. —Leslie and Jackie Sachlis

Jake and Shane—our “Golden” boys.
—John and Patricia Horwath

Max, a GRREAT dog owned by Jule Ann and Dick Cheslock.
—Leny and Cornelius Endlich

Peaches—a special dog owned by dear friends. —Ernest and Iscella Wittich

Spenser.
—Douglas Gray and Patricia France

Tasha—the greatest of the GRREAT dogs!
—Elizabeth and James Byrne

I wanted to let you know that **Ranger**, who we got from GRREAT in 1992, has died. He was 5-6 years old when we got him through Georgie Bahler and we were his 4th home. He had a torn tendon when we adopted him and required about \$1000 worth of surgery within about 3 weeks of our getting him. GRREAT paid about \$300 of it, as I remember. Ranger was a fantastic dog and we miss him a lot. He started out fearful of everything and we'd like to think he grew to trust people and the world over the 9 years we had him. Thank you for matching us with such a wonderful dog and doing such important work.

—Robert Van Wesep and Kay Dickerson

In memory of Skipper and Kim, two great Golden, **and in honor of Rusty** 01-133 **and Corky** 02-008, the ‘boys.’
—Sherry Carson

For Special Reasons

As a Christmas gift to my parents, **Rudy and Lynette Shields.**

—Wendy Shields and Gregory Hamilton

To thank all the GRREAT people who care about these Golden.

—Bill and Geri Guwang

In honor of Sam. —Bill and Nina Malone

In honor of Hunter (96-065).
—Gary Greenwood

In honor of Beaver, my 10-year old puppy. I'm reminded daily that adopting him three years ago at age 7 was one of the best things I have ever done.
—Nancy Butler

In honor of our Honey Bee who is a GRREAT best friend.
—Linda and Ron Igou

In honor of Layla (01-069) **and Harley** for all the joy they bring to our family.
—Elysa and Igor Birman

In honor of Dusty Gordon's 6th birthday—owned by Jon Gordon.
—David and Annette Bennett

Please accept this small donation. I am a true ‘Golden’ lover! —Toni Dickinson

In honor of Max (formerly Curtis) who had knee replacement surgery.
—Stuart Painter

In honor of Sierra (94-188) our GRREAT dog who struggles with numerous health issues but is so sweet and loving.
—Beverly Porter

Just to say “**Thank you.**” —Cheryl Riley

Thanks for all of your time and good work! —Rebecca and Art Hotop

Leo Fund Donations are a family affair!

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Suzanne Janss

Tracey and Peter Janss

Phillip and Barbara
Mitchell

Joanne Heininger writes:

A few years ago, our family started a tradition of selecting a charity at Christmas to make a donation to. This year was my turn, and I chose the GRREAT Leo Fund. I'm pleased to send you the checks from our family. Glad we could help you keep up the GRREAT work.

Tracey and Peter Janss write:

Every year our family selects a charity to support during the holidays. This year Aunt Joanne and her Golden Retriever, Tuli, chose your organization. We are happy to support the good works that you are doing and wish you much success in the New Year!



Rosie is the Golden Oldie with a slow-growing cancer who was looking for a special home via the GRREAT website and the July/August 2001 issue of GRREAT News. The Youngrens responded to the announcements. Rosie's "sister" Kirsten is 11 years old, and this is her unedited story and art work. While some of the facts aren't exactly the way things happened, we think you will understand what Kirsten was trying to say.

She was a dog with no record of birth...well, sort of. She was truly a lost dog. Didn't know where she came from — didn't know her real name. Didn't know who would abandon her. She was just a unique dog — Rosie.

One beautiful day, everything seemed to be going well at the Human Society: taking care of the animals, filling up water bowls, feeding puppies, and doing a good job — until they went outside and heard an “ARF! ARF!” It came from a dumpster! “ARF! ARF!”

There sat one old golden retriever inside a cardboard crate. The could tell the dog was in pain, and a large open tumor the size of a pancake marked the middle of her back.

The workers took her straight to the vet to get her checked out. They found out that the tumor had cancerous parts and that the dog was between the age of 10-12.

Finally, Rosie was given to GRREAT, the Golden Retriever Rescue and Training Foundation. A GRREAT woman and volunteer named Mary Ellen had come to take her. But she didn't know what to call this old gal. She needed something cute...she was thinking in her mind, “Rosemuffin...no, no, no...Rosita...nah! Rosie, yes Rosie!”

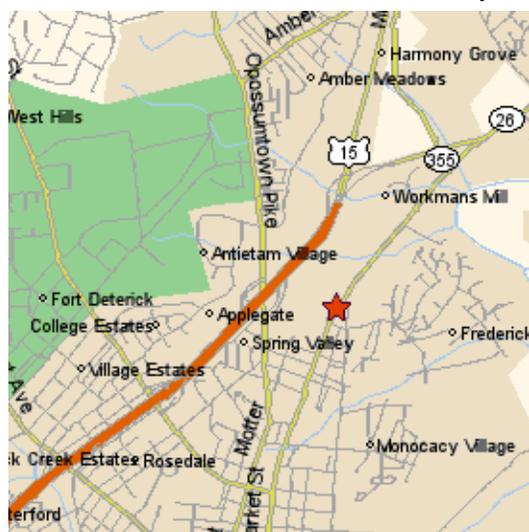
So quickly Mary Ellen posted ads about Rosie on the internet. That's when my mom signed on to www.grreat.org. She opened up the documentary on Rosie. She adored her!

So, my mom told me about Rose, and we called Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen came to our house all the way from Baltimore! There was Rosie in her little black seatbelt with a toothy little grin on her face! She seemed happy as a clam. Her white as snow face told us she wanted to go to a good home.

Now Rosie is living a great life with us. She loves her red tennis ball, chew toys, and her cuddly bed next to mine. Rosie and I have definitely bonded, and we play fun games together.

If you look “Rosie” up in MY dictionary, you will get: Rosie, n. Rosie. Definition: ONE SWEET DOG WITH LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE.

Saturday, April 13, 2002 - 8 am until 3 pm
GRREAT Education and Merchandise Table
28th Annual Independent Specialty Show,
 Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club
 Rose Hill Manor
 1611 N. Market Street, Frederick Maryland



Saturday, April 20, 2002 - 8 am until 5 pm
GRREAT Education and Merchandise Table
AKC All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial
 Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia
 Morven Park International Equestrian Center
 US Route 15 at Tutt Lane, Leesburg, Virginia



**Two
 GRREAT
 Education
 Events!
 See you
 there!**

**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

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, March 16, 2002 — 4 - 7 pm
GRREAT Golden Yappy Hour

Annapolis, MD
Details on page 3.

Saturday, March 16, 2002
PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet

Details on page 5.

Saturday, March 30, 2002—Noon - 4:00
Holistic Dog Care Seminar

Paxton Child Development Center
420 Wildman Street, NE, Leesburg, Virginia 20176
Details on page 3.

Adoption Days

Saturday, April 6, 2002 — Noon - 2:00
PetsMart of Gaithersburg, MD

Saturday, May 4, 2002 — Noon - 2:00
PetsMart of Sterling, VA

Maps on page 11.

Other April and May events on pages 11, 16 and 18.



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