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From the President On the Road Again Dan Keppler

Some the biggest decisions my wife Colleen and I have to make are not over what to have for dinner but what type of vacation are we going to take this year, and if the dogs are coming. This year we decided that they are coming on one and staying on the other—the dogs, I mean. I'm sure that many of you find yourselves in that same situation each year. The decision to take your pets on vacation is usually based on your ability to find a place that will accept them. This is where the searching the web becomes invaluable. I have discovered many websites that can help you find places to travel with your pets. I have also provided information if you are planning on using a kennel or pet sitter while you travel.

If you plan on traveling with your animal, the following sites can get you started.

- <http://www.petswelcome.com/> – covers all aspects of traveling with your animal
- <http://www.traveldog.com/> – requires a fee to join – contains a lot of information
- <http://www.travelpets.com/> – provides places to stay and travel tips
- www.twiddy.com – houses to rent in the Outer Banks of North Carolina
- <http://www.companionair.com/> – an airline specifically for people and their pets
- <http://seniors-site.com/travel/pets.html> – traveling checklists for car, airline trips

Please remember that if you do find a place to travel with your pets, be sure to call ahead and confirm with them their rules and regulations regarding to pets.

Every year **GRREAT News** publishes articles about summer activities and places to go with your pets. Previous issues can be found on the GRREAT web site at

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Sitting Around Skip Nizer

Today I am doing what Debbie thinks I do best: sitting around.

Not everybody can just sit around. There is an undisclosed art of sitting around. The amateur just sits, gets yelled at by his wife, and then does something. The expert sitter does not merely sit, he sits with dignity and refinement, with character and purpose.

Dignity means you sit with pride like a Golden sitting in front of his master with a pheasant in his mouth. Refinement means that you sit neither too far to the right or to the left – some call this being conservative. The main purpose of sitting with refinement is that if you fall asleep, you won't fall out of your chair. Falling asleep is one of the hazards of sitting around.

Character is having your own special way of sitting—so you don't look like you're just sitting around. You see, I want Debbie to say 'Skip is sitting around' with dignity and pride in her voice, not 'Skip is *just sitting around.*'

Purpose is a high, noble reason for sitting around. I cannot say what others have for a purpose, but mine is thoughts—thoughts that will save the world, erase the national debt, training my dog to hunt by having him watch all the outdoor hunting shows and (perhaps the most important) coming up with more reasons for sitting around.

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GRREAT News Bites

"Take Your Dog Out to the Ball Game" Night

Tuesday, June 25 – 7:05 p.m.

Bowie Baysox vs the Akron Aeros

Prince George's Stadium

Bowie, MD

Last July, around 20 GRREAT members and their dogs attended a minor league ball game at Prince George Stadium. Everyone had lots of fun, and the dogs (and GRREAT) got lots of attention. (You can see pictures of last year's event at www.grreat.org/baysox/baysox.htm.)

The Bowie Baysox are hosting another "Dog Days of Summer" game on June 25th, and GRREAT will be there once again. The gates open at 5:30 and the game starts at 7:05. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors.

Prior to the game, a Stupendous Dog Tricks contest will be held in the parking lot, and there will be a pregame parade on the field featuring man's (and woman's) best friend.

For further information, contact GRREAT President Dan Keppler at daniel.keppler@wcom.com.

See You There!!

Thursday, May 23, 2002

11am until 2pm

GRREAT will have an Education and Merchandise Table at the

Wags to Wishes Animal Fair

informing the public about all animals' rights, including adoption, neutering, and general care

Courtyard of the Offices of the
Comptroller of Maryland
80 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401



THE GRREAT ANNUAL BARK-B-QUE

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Knights of Columbus facility

10142 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD

Map and directions on page 11.

Fun from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Only \$10.00 per family!

Enjoy a beautiful day outdoors with dozens of other Golden Retrievers and their families. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends, your dog's foster family and our wonderful volunteers. We are in a private facility, centrally located to our members, with more picnic tables, plenty of parking, a full shelter, playground equipment for the kids, easily accessible restrooms and other improvements. A special event this year will be the Canine Good Citizen Test. There will be games, contests and fun for all!

Plan now to attend a GRREAT day of Golden fun in the sun!

Scheduled Events

Bark-B-Que Registration	10:30 - Noon
Welcome	11:00
Canine Good Citizen Test	11:00 to finish
Lunch (coals ready)	Noon
Contests galore!	Noon - end
<i>ribbons for the</i>	
• tallest Golden older than 1 year	
• shortest Golden over 1 year	
• reddest Golden	
• blondest Golden	
• youngest Golden	
• oldest Golden	
• which Golden can retrieve the most tennis balls from a bucket of water in 30 seconds	
Raffles and Guessing Games	All day long!
Closing and Clean-up	3:00

It's the Doggy Social Event of the Season!

We'll have games and contests with ribbons and prizes, as well as other activities for pets and people—and no doubt some surprises!

For further information about the Canine Good Citizen Test, visit the AKC web site, www.akc.org/love/cgc or contact GRREAT President Dan Keppler, daniel.keppler@wcom.com.

Don't forget your checkbook—there will be a raffle table featuring Golden-related items and other desirables. GRREAT merchandise will also be available.

GRREAT will provide soft drinks and charcoal for the grills. Please bring your own picnic food. You can cook burgers, hot dogs and chicken on the grills. Please, no alcoholic beverages.

To help us plan for beverages and the games, please call GRREAT's voice mail 703-620-6593 box 54 and let us know how many people and pets will be attending. GRREAT requests a \$10.00 donation for the entire family to cover the cost of renting the facilities. The donation can be made at the picnic.

I wonder if that cute blonde I met last year is going to be at the picnic?



***Chuck Rohr is ready to go!
How about you?***

On the Road Again, continued from page 1

www.grreat.org/news.htm. Topics have included the following:

July/August 2001 issue

Having Fun With Your Dog – things to do and local groups to join with your dog

Dog Regulations for Atlantic Beaches – a digest of the rules pertaining to dogs on some of the most popular beaches from New Jersey to South Carolina

July/August 1998 issue

When You Can't Take Her With You – vacation options for your dog

If you are planning on kenneling your animal, the following sites can help get you started.

<http://www.canismajor.com/dog/chosenken.html> – provides you information on what to look for in a kennel

www.abka.com – American Boarding Kennels Association – provides names of kennels across the country

<http://www.doggiedirectory.com/> – offers nationwide listings for breeders, trainers, groomers, boarding kennels, daycare, pet sitters, vets, rescue organizations, and shelters

If you are planning on putting your dog in a kennel, please make sure you visit the kennel and walk through the facilities. If they will not let you see where your dog will be sleeping and being exercised, don't keep your dog there. The kennel should provide you a detailed daily care routine for your dog and allow you to meet the staff that will be caring for your dog.

If you want to keep your dog in your home while you are gone, the following sites can get you started.

<http://www.petsitters.org/> – provides names of petsitters

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Make sure the petsitter visits your home and meets with your animals well in advance of your trip. You need to make sure that you feel comfortable with the people taking care of your pet and that your pet is comfortable with the person.

A good local publication available from local pet supply stores and veterinarians is *Pet Lovers Companion*, containing feature articles and a directory of pet services including kennels, sitters and supplies, as well as apartment buildings and local hotels and motels that welcome pets. Published in both Maryland and Northern Virginia editions, the information is also available at www.petloverscompanion.com.

Please note that GRREAT is not affiliated with any of the sites listed above and does not specifically endorse their use.

Whatever you decide to do, wherever you decide to go, have a GRREAT summer with your pets and family!

See you at the GRREAT Bark-B-Que!

The Nature of Animal Healing

a book review by Jo Bighouse

Martin Goldstein's *The Nature of Animal Healing* contains a wealth of information to achieve and maintain optimum health in our companion animals. As one of the most successful holistic veterinarians in the country, Dr. Goldstein draws from his experience to provide numerous case studies and anecdotal evidence to support his philosophy on appropriate nutrition and care.

The recurring theme of the book is that the quality of the food the animals eat and the toxins they are exposed to directly affect their health and personality. Dr. Goldstein advocates a natural, homemade diet, but for those who are not able to commit the time necessary for a real food diet, he gives a thorough explanation of the ingredients found in prepared food and a list of recommended foods.

An entire chapter is devoted to the belief that the current pet vaccine protocol is actually contributing to disease, including vaccine-induced cancer. To support this premise, case studies from both animal and human research are provided.

This book causes the reader to question the accepted practice of providing pets a non-varied, commercially-prepared diet and the annual vaccine schedule. Alternative approaches to traditional medicine are offered and specific recommendations are made for treating a number of ailments, from ear infections to cancer. Especially helpful is a Source Guide which includes manufacturers of the products recommended in the book and a listing of holistic books, newsletters, web sites, and veterinarians. The final chapter, "The Death of a Pet" deals with this inevitable event with helpful, caring advice and inspirational messages.

The Nature of Animal Healing is available in hardcover and paperback from both local and on-line book stores, as well as from GRREAT.

The Stories We Could Tell: GRREAT Calendar Photo Contest for 2003

Next year, GRREAT will celebrate its 20th anniversary. What better way to recognize this milestone than to honor the most photogenic Rescue dogs in the world—yours! Photos will be selected for the cover and for each month, plus a collage page of honorable mentions. Photos are judged by a committee of GRREAT members using the following criteria:

- composition (balance, centering, color and contrast between dog and its surroundings; top of head, paws and tail not cut off by photo)
- background (uncluttered, nothing sticking up behind the dog's head; a simple background is best)
- sharpness (your photo will be enlarged to 9 x 13; fuzzy pictures only look worse when enlarged)
- general appearance (no glowing eyes, but muddy, wet, or snow-covered dogs show what this breed is all about)
- appropriateness (holiday, spring, summer, fall, and winter settings and activities that maintain the dignity and beauty of the animals; costumes are discouraged)
- variety (old dogs, puppies, in action or posed, light, dark, big, little—just like the dogs we rescue)

GRREAT's annual suggestions for taking better photographs of your pets are included in this issue on page 13.

Send the photo(s) of your GRREAT dog, with its GRREAT ID number, age, and a brief description of the dog's past or present life, together with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the entry to

Deb Nizer
GRREAT Rescue Calendar Photo Contest
327 Thelma Ave
Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

Deadline for entries: June 1, 2002

*The contest deadline is rapidly approaching,
so get out your camera and send us some photos!*

Calendar Photo Contest Rules

1. Only GRREAT Rescue dogs are eligible. Dogs featured in the 2002 calendar (other than honorable mentions) are not eligible this year, but other GRREAT dogs in the family are.
2. Animals only in the picture, please (no humans, although other non-GRREAT family pets may be included).
3. Horizontal shots (picture wider than tall) are required, due to the design of the calendar. Vertical pictures will not be considered.
4. Color photographs and color digital images are eligible. Polaroid instant pictures are not. **Please note:** digital images must be printed out for submission. Please do not e-mail images—the judges cannot be responsible for printing out digital photos. Maximum photo size is 5 x 7 inches.
5. Submitted pictures and stories are not returnable, but may be used in a future issue of the newsletter.

PVGRC Silent Auction

From Dan Keppler:
I want to thank the following people for all their hard work and dedication that made the Silent Auction at the PVGRC Banquet such a GRREAT success.

Edie, Laurie and Tracey: For all their hard work and effort sending out the letters, collecting all the donated items. Doing all the detail work beforehand and during the event really made the evening run smoothly.

Mary Ellen, Pam, Lori, Doug, Becky and Colleen: For all your work setting up and breaking down the event and also collecting and sorting all the bid sheets. There were also a few other PVGRC members who helped set up but I do not have their names.

Many hands that night made for a light load, and with the help of the PVGRC and GRREAT bidders, we raised approximately \$2,700 for the Rescue.

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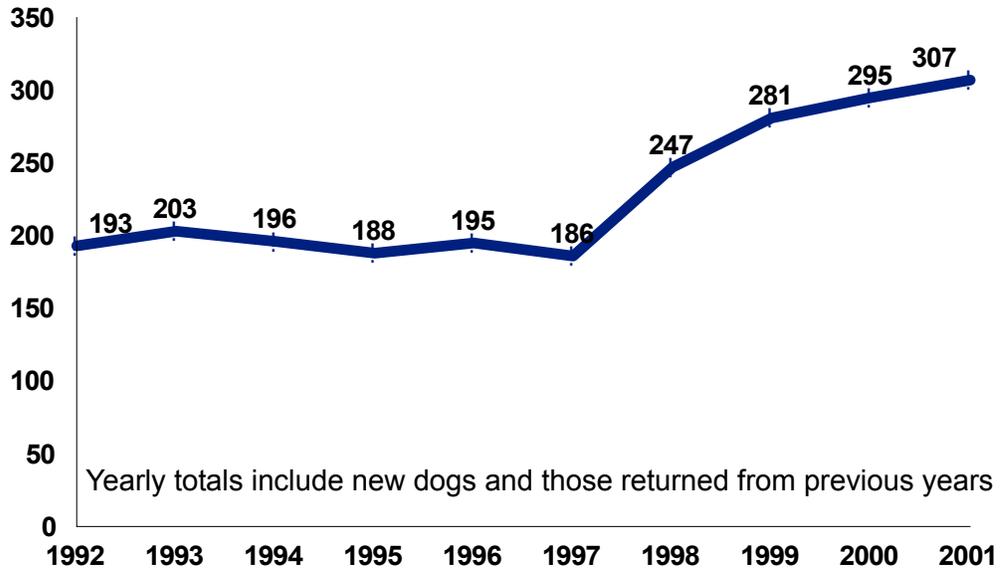
Did you know?

Although GRREAT is considered a “pure-bred rescue,” only about 12% of the dogs taken in during 2001 were registered with the AKC.

At the end of 2001, there were 16 GRREAT dogs in long term foster care.

Accepted into Rescue	284
Returned from previous years	23
2001 Total Intake	307

Busier than Ever: Total Intake by Year



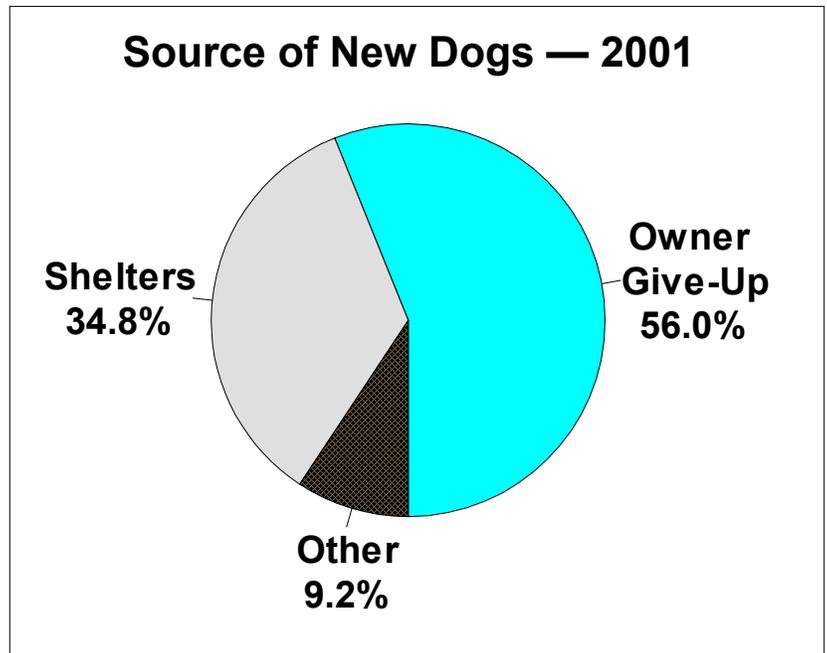
Medical Problems on Intake

Heartworm Positive	16
Allergies	16
Thunder/Separation Anxiety	11
Thyroid	7
Heart Murmur	6
Cancer	5
Lyme Disease	4
Pregnant	3
Seizures	3
Mange	2
Cryptorchid	2
Chronic Diarrhea	1
Blind	1

Surgeries after Intake

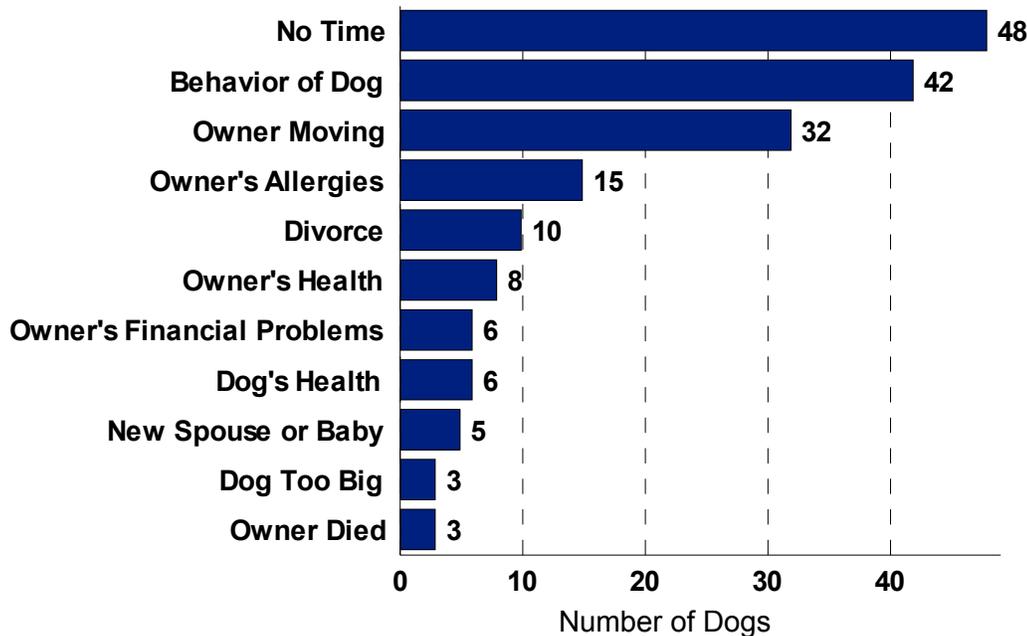
Hip Dysplasia/Hip Surgery	11
Eye/Eyelid Surgery	7
Knee/Shoulder Surgery	5
Broken Leg/Fracture	2
Cruciate Surgery	1

Source of New Dogs — 2001



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Reasons for Owner Give-Ups

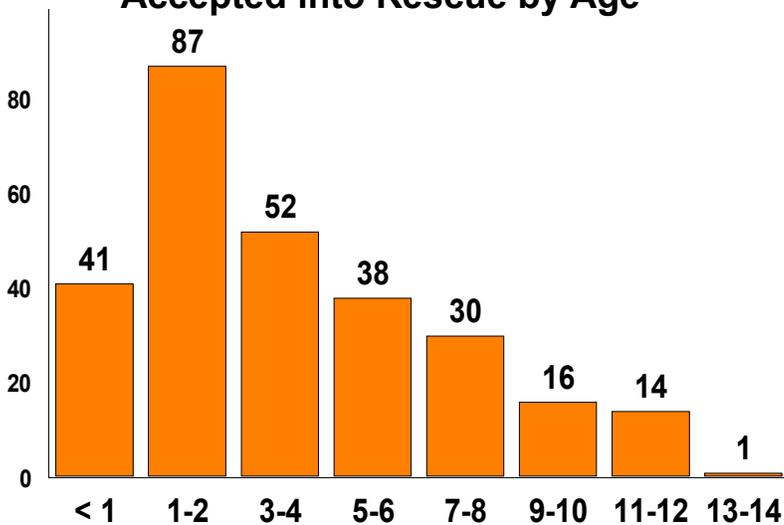


Other GRREAT 2001 Activities

Applications Received	720
Adoption Day Events	12
Available Dog Lists Mailed	12
GRREAT Web Site 'hits' per month	13,500

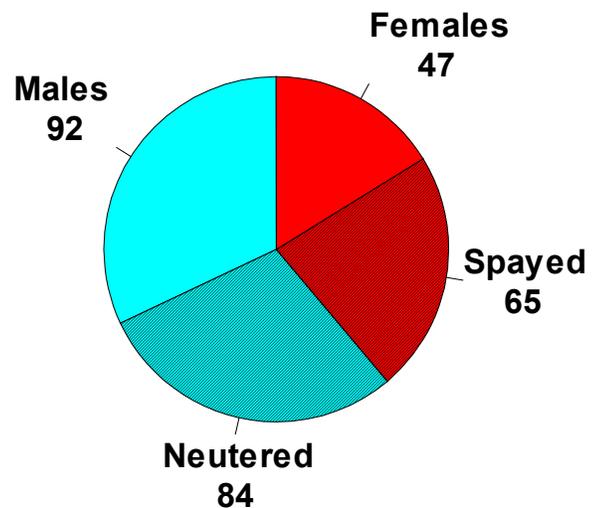
This information was presented at the January GRREAT annual business meeting. We have reprinted it here for the benefit of the members who could not attend that meeting to give you an idea where your generous donations go.

Accepted into Rescue by Age



Of the 279 dogs whose ages were recorded, 128 or 46% were age 2 or under. Dogs age 7 and higher, usually considered unadoptable by most shelters, comprised 22% of the Golden Retrievers accepted into the Rescue for potential adoption.

Accepted into Rescue by Gender



More than half of the dogs accepted into the Rescue during 2001 had already been neutered or spayed. The remainder were neutered or spayed prior to adoption.

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

In honor of Victoria West. —John and Kathy Vollbrecht

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT **for Nigel!** Thanks! —Margaret and Buz Bonifant

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT **in honor of Dusty.** —Jonathan Gordon

Please use this donation where it is most needed **in honor of our beloved Kirby** who died of cancer 5½ years ago. He lives on in our hearts. —Kathleen Doyle

Here is a donation **in honor of** the following: **Joe and Barbara Campbell and Ch. Canterbury Shining Bellatrix.** We hope that you will be able to use this donation to help in your efforts to ensure better futures for those animals in need.

—Joan A Maloney, Treasurer of Mispillion Kennel Club, Milford DE

In honor of Maggie (01-085), who earned her Canine Good Citizen award on March 19. Maggie's CGC is a remarkable achievement for her, because when she came into our lives in April 2001, she was dog aggressive and did not tolerate any dogs within 20 feet of her. Thanks to advice from Georgie Bahler, we learned how to teach Maggie (using lots and lots of treats) to be more accepting of other dogs, until finally she can walk around strange dogs with just a casual sniff in their direction. Maggie has become a totally different dog from what she was when we brought her home a year ago. Thank you for taking in a dog who has brought such joy and happiness into our lives. —Tami and Keith Roleff

In honor of Rudy and in memory of Sheena. —Julia and Stephen Stran



**Special
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IN MEMORY OF...**

In memory of a Golden Retriever named **Leo** who died recently. He will be greatly missed by many (of whom I am one) who met him walking the trails. He was ecstatic to see everyone and truly was a ray of sunshine to all he met. He inspired my love of Golden Retrievers and my promise (to myself) to adopt one, one day. —Mary Portelly

In memory of Calvin Klein, a wonderful 9 year old male Golden belonging to Kris and Kathleen Klein. Calvin died as a result of complications from hemangiosarcoma (cancer). Their other Golden, Polo, misses him too. —Dr. Brent Cook and Kingsbrook Animal Hospital

In memory of Rocky (95-165) a truly great dog and his wonderful forever home. —Diane Lanigan

In memory of Duke (00-256), a great pal to Addie and a loving member of Ken and Patty Arey's family. He will be missed very much. —Nancy Kimbell

Editor's note: The Arey family adopted Addie, a 7 year old yellow lab, who was orphaned when her owner was killed as the plane crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Addie and Patty Arey were featured in the April 19 *Pentagram*, the weekly newspaper of the Fort Meyer Army community.

In memory of our friends' dog **Hillary Owen**, a Golden who died last month. Hillary was a rescue dog nine years ago. She was a wonderful dog and will be missed greatly. Thank you! —Elaine and Ken Kaplan

In memory of KC 'Best Dog' 11/84-12/97. —Linda and Richard Harrison

In memory of Murphy, beloved dog of the Pelehach family. —Kathleen Skeen

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

**Potomac Valley
Golden Retriever Club**

Leslie and Jeff Adelman

Eric and Chris Boehm

Jeanne and Rocky Chutuape

Eric Damphousee and Nan Schramm

Bronda Harrison

Al and Jean Huey

Elaine Johnson

Dottie and Marie Kilcarr

Irma and Marcel Kohler

Tom and Mary Ann Kuehne

Tisha and Seth Matula

Ray McKenna

Bernardine McPherson

Stephanie Nagley

Elizabeth Ross and Bennett Frankel

Laura Schmitz

Kim Shaw

Christine and Kenneth White

Thomas and Theresa White

Ken and Ginger Wick

Doreen and Brad Wright

**Local Fundraising Events
Successful for GRREAT**

Enclosed please find a check sent as a donation of the proceeds from the Midas Touch Golden Retrievers Holistic Seminar in March. Thank you for spreading the word about our seminar to the GRREAT membership. Your announcement of our seminar, both in the newsletter and through the e-mail list, made it possible for many of the members to attend.

The valuable information provided to attendees by Dr. Lundquist and Ms. Courtney will enable them to provide optimum care for their canine companions.

—Jo Bighouse
Midas Touch Golden Retrievers

Enclosed are donations totalling more than \$1000 that were raised at our First Annual GRREAT Golden Yappy Hour on March 16th in Annapolis, MD. The donations include the proceeds from the silent auction. We are very excited that the Yappy Hour was such a success and look forward to continuing this as an annual event. We were honored that so many Goldens and their humans joined us for treats! In addition to Goldens, many other breeds came out to support us too, and one fostered Australian Shepherd mix from an SPCA in West Virginia even found a forever home that night!

In addition to the money we were able to raise, information about GRREAT was distributed. We are certain that several Goldens will soon find their forever homes.

It is heart warming and encouraging that so many people care about rescuing dogs, as evidenced by the fantastic turnout. You can be certain that the wonderful work that you do at GRREAT does not go unnoticed. We are continuing to distribute information about GRREAT at both of our stores. We look forward to seeing you on Maryland Avenue in Annapolis very soon!

Thank you for helping us put together this event. Working with GRREAT was extremely smooth and made putting together the event that much easier.

—Brenda Burlbaugh, Before and After
—Michelle Kownacki, Paws Pet Boutique
Annapolis MD

Thanks

to the following for
hosting events and
donating the proceeds
to GRREAT

**Midas Touch Goldens
Leesburg, VA**

Before and After
Home accessories
and Gifts
50 Maryland Avenue
Annapolis, MD
410.263.7075

**Paws Pet
Boutique**
Pet Gifts and
Supplies
54 Maryland Avenue
Annapolis, MD
410.263.8683

The following people
made specific donations
to GRREAT at the
Yappy Hour:

Brenda Burlbaugh
(in honor of JB)

Paws Pet Boutique

Sandy Sherman

Gregory Russell

Denise Oliver-Bosley

David and Dominique
Moir

Marina Martin

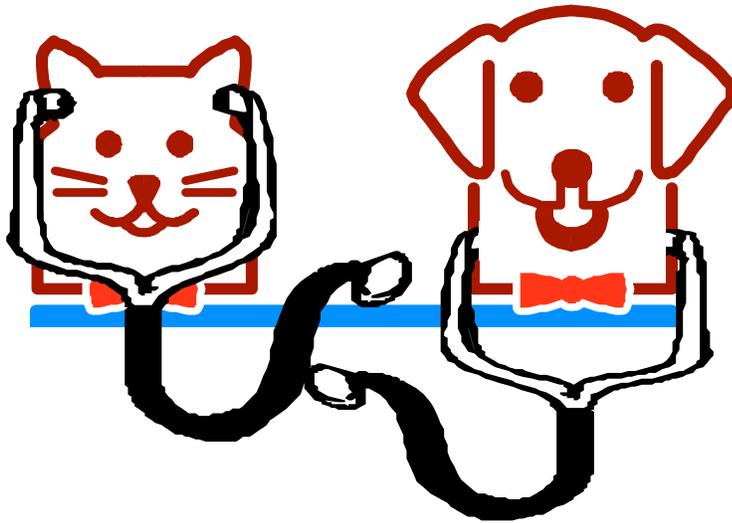
Cindy Strohmaier

Janet Lehman

Pamela Stutterheim

Jennifer Hayden

Tristan Buckstad



The Vet Bill

A man brought a very limp dog into the veterinary clinic. As he laid the dog on the table, Doc Buck pulled out his stethoscope, placing the receptor on the dog's chest. After a moment or two, the Doc shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, but your dog has passed away."

"What?" screamed the man. "How can you tell? You haven't done any testing on him or anything. I want another opinion!"

With that, Doc turned and left the room. In a few moments, he returned with a Labrador Retriever. The retriever went right to work, sniffing the poor dog on the table and checking him out thoroughly. After a considerable amount of sniffing, the Retriever sadly shook his head and barked once.

The veterinarian then took the Labrador out and returned in a few moments with a cat, who walked around the poor dog several times and then sadly shook his head and said, "Meow." He then jumped off the table and ran out of the room.

The veterinarian said, "There's nothing more I can do," and handed the man a bill for \$600.

The dog's owner went ballistic. "\$600! Just to tell me my dog is dead? This is outrageous!"

The Doc shook his head sadly and explained. "If you had taken my word for it, it would have been \$50, but with the lab work and the cat scan . . ."

NUTRO 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 through 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.

Best Dry Dog Foods

In the March/April issue of *GRREAT News*, Jo Bighouse contributed an article called "Understanding the Ingredients in Dog Food," which described what to look for on the label of a bag of dry food. One of her references for the article was the *Whole Dog Journal*, and recently that publication updated its list of the best dry dog foods available in the U.S.

Jo has kindly provided us with the names of those brands as well as contact phone numbers to call to find the names of local distributors. If there is no local distributor, the phone source should be able to provide information on mail ordering the dry food of your choice.

Whole Dog Journal's List of Approved
"Top Dry Foods" 1998-2002
The Whole Dog Journal, April, 2002,
Volume 5, Number 4

Azmira Classic	800-497-5665
Back to Basics	800-219-2558
Best in Show's Solutions	800-DOG-EATS
Best in Show's Power Food	800-DOG-EATS
California Natural	800-532-7261
Canidae	800-398-1600
Eagle Pack Holistic Select	800-255-5959
Flint River Ranch	909-682-5048
Flint River Ranch's Dry Water	909-682-5048
Flint River LC Dog Food	909-682-5048
Hund-N-Flocken	800-364-4863
Innova	800-532-7261
Limited Diets Duck and Potato	800-359-4483
Natural Balance Ultra Premium	800-829-4493
Lifespan	800-874-3221
Millennia	800-364-4863
Pinnacle	800-255-4286
Prime Life	888-881-7703
PHD Canine Growth and Maintenance	800-743-1502
Wellness Super 5 Mix Lamb	800-225-0904
Wysong Maintenance	800-748-0233

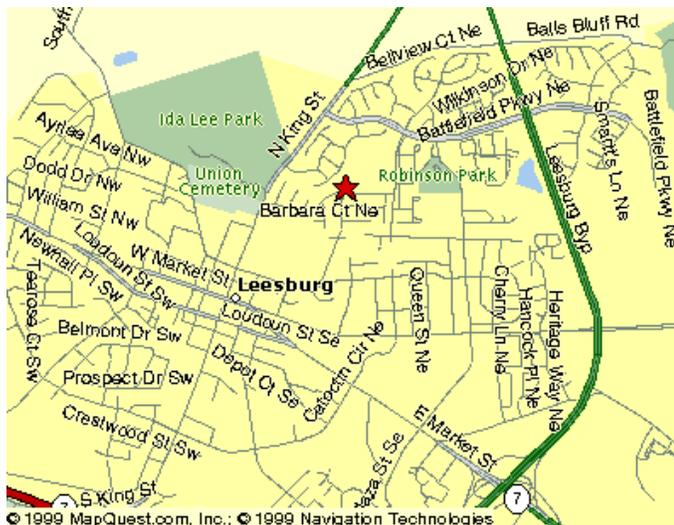
Upcoming Animal Health Care Seminars
 brought to you by Midas Touch Golden Retrievers
 Paxton Child Development Center
 420 Wildman Street NE, Leesburg, VA

May 11, 2002 Noon to 4 pm **Homeopathy and the Value of Herbs in Your Pet's Diet.**
 Guest Speakers: Dr. Chambreau and Joanne Herp, Master Herbalist. Cost: \$35 per person.
 Pre-registration is necessary. Seating is limited so please register early. (This is a people-only event.)

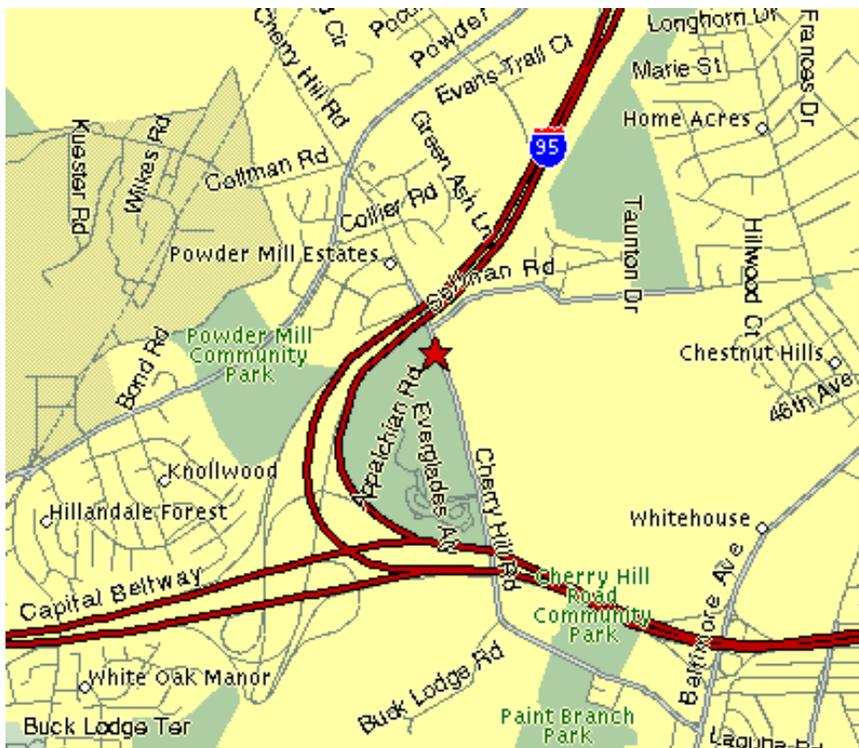
July 20, 2002 Noon to 3 pm **Canine Massage Class.** Cost: \$50 per person. This is a “hands-on” course—space is limited to 10 people and 10 dogs. Instructor: Jan Skadberg, RN

*To receive a registration form for either of these seminars please email
 midastouchgoldens@msn.com*

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



Adoption Days
 are held each month. An available dog list is mailed about two weeks prior to the Adoption Day to families for whom the adoption review process has been completed. If you are interested volunteering at an Adoption Day, contact Dan Keppler for further information. For driving directions to the Adoption Days, visit the GRREAT Calendar at www.grreat.org/calendar.htm.



DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC GROUNDS, COLLEGE PARK, MD

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. Then make a quick left onto a gravel road and follow it a couple hundred yards to the picnic grounds.

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. Then make a quick left onto a gravel road and follow it a couple hundred yards to the picnic grounds.

A Mystery Solved...

Dear GRREAT:

I came across a receipt for a donation that our son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McDonnell, sent us in December. They used Helping.org. This will explain part of the unidentified donations mentioned in the January/February issue of GRREAT News. Since they donated on our behalf and it is noted on the receipt, I don't know why Helping.org failed to forward that info to GRREAT? Anyway, this clears up one mystery.

—Phil and Janet Hauck

Editor's note:

Helping.org and its financial agent PipeVine, Inc. do send donation checks to GRREAT but fail to acknowledge the original donors. If you know of a donation made this way and wish to be thanked in the newsletter, please contact me at newsletter@grreat.org.

John Fox Marketing Consulting sent donations to GRREAT because two of our members/volunteers participated in one of their marketing surveys.

Thanks to:

**Ann Wakefield
and
Nancy Bentrup**

for thinking of us!

Dear GRREAT



Enclosed is a check from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Milander, New Market VA. Mr. Milander wrote, 'Just a small donation for your organization. Thank you so much for all of your help in finding a home for the abandoned dog (Sandy 02-034). It surely took a load off my shoulders! Thanks again!'

Sandy, a mostly-Golden, along with a border collie, was abandoned in a mountainous subdivision when her owners left in the middle of the night, running from the law. Mr. Milander had been going to the home and feeding them for 6 weeks, trying to find homes for both dogs. He is retired and is already feeding 30 cats and 6 dogs of his own, so this had been a strain on him. He was extremely grateful when GRREAT agreed to take Sandy, even though she is not purebred Golden. He has a big heart and has been keeping in touch with us to see how Sandy is doing. Thank you.

—Carol and Rory Nansel

Here is a small donation for your time doing a home check and also for all you do to find homes for the Golden. Four days before your Adoption Day in Bel Air, a lady had an ad for a Golden out in Ohio (Pet Finder). The dog sounded like exactly what I was looking for, after e-mailed pictures and phone calls she chose us. This dog had been dropped off near her home; this lady volunteers at her local dog pound and helps with 'Cause for Paws' so I guess that's why the dog was dropped off near her home. We've named her Holly, and she is a beautiful dog. Again, thank you.

—Penny Hampton

We LOVE our dog Trey whom we got from your organization! Thank you so much!

—Lisa and Mark Zangara

Just a note to let you all know how *grreat* you are. Archie, of course, I adopted from GRREAT a few years ago and I'd like to adopt an older female. I lost Molly in June this year and Archie and I are lonely—I feel an older girl would be good for us and her too.

—Linwood Jones

Chessie 01-152 is doing great—we love her so much!

—Ilan and Stephanie Sussan

These two messages were received in GRREAT's mail within a few days of each other...

Please accept this donation in memory of Norton, a black lab whom we adopted about six years ago from lab rescue. Norton was a big handsome boy whose tail never stopped wagging. He was a loyal companion to us and loved his 'younger brother' Jeeter, a two year old Golden Retriever. Norton died on March 3 in our house and in my arms. He will missed by all of us. He was 13 years old when his heart gave out.

—Alan Glaser

Please accept this donation as a token of my appreciation to [the former owners in New Jersey] who asked me to adopt their 2 year old Golden Retriever so that he may have a better home. The family did not have the time they felt Colby required and realized this. I am the lucky new owner of this beautiful Golden Retriever. They refused to take any payment for Colby—they just wanted him to have a better home.

Colby now shares our house with our Golden Retriever, Jeeter, who we have loved since he was born 2 years ago. Jeeter recently lost his older playmate, Norton, a black lab who died from congestive heart failure at the age of 13. While I have only had Colby for one day, the two boys are getting along wonderfully, and enjoying their wrestling matches and playing chase.

—Alan Glaser

GRREAT Tips for Photographing Your Pets

Taking photos of your pets is more important than simply entering a picture contest. If your pet is ever lost or stolen, adding a current photograph to a “lost dog” flyer could make the difference in having your pet returned to you. Here are eight suggestions from professional photographers for taking good—and potentially prize-winning or lifesaving—pictures of your pets.

1. Photos taken at dog’s-eye level bring out the true beauty of the animal, without the distortion of looking down on it as humans usually do.

2. Get close. Fill the view frame with your pet, but unless you are doing a face-only shot, make sure all paws, tail and ears are also in the picture. Using a zoom lens will allow you to take a big image without crowding the dog.

3. Take lots of pictures. Skimping on film is not the way to get a “cover girl” shot—there’s a direct relationship between the number of pictures you take and the number of good ones you get.

4. Use an assistant standing behind you to attract the dog’s attention by holding a treat just outside camera range or making a loud noise to attract a dog’s attention. A dog looks particularly handsome with his ears and eyes alert.

5. Keep the background clean and simple. Watch out for wires or lights or other distractions that might end up “growing out of the head” of the animal being photographed. Be aware of patterned upholstery and wallpaper and busy or cluttered surroundings.

6. Be patient. Pets get bored and tire easily, so shoot your pictures over several sessions. Break frequently for play time and start again when the dog is fresh. Patience and luck often produce better pictures than expensive camera equipment.

Photography Tips, continued next column

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Be Kind to Animals Week

May 5-11, 2002



Do something special with your fur kids!

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House Rules

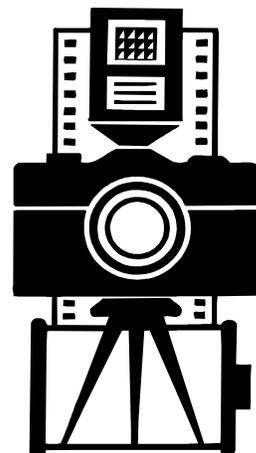
- The dog is not allowed in the house.
- Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
- The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
- The dog can get on the old furniture only.
- Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
- Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
- The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
- The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
- The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
- Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

from the Midwest Animal Shelter Newsletter via the Internet

Photography Tips, continued

7. Avoid using a flash, if possible. Go outside on a bright cloudy day or one with hazy sun. Experiment with different times of day, with varying lighting, angles and shadows. If a flash is necessary, shoot with a bounced flash or with the dog looking to the side in order to avoid the problem of glowing eyes.

8. Use ISO 200 speed film or faster to stop motion, especially if you are trying to catch your dog in action. If your dog is very light colored, close down the aperture by a half or full stop. Otherwise, the shot may accidentally be overexposed by the light reflecting off Goldie’s fur.



MORE LETTERS TO GRREAT

Donations through United Way were received from

Central Maryland
**Sandy and Jeff
Melago**

**Debra and Greg
Schaum**

**Karen (Sam)
Connelly**

Bay Area Campaign
Eric Boehm

Greater Lehigh Valley
name not provided

Thank You!

Matching Donations through Employers

**Monica Thomas
and
Computer Associates**

Dana Meeker
*In memory of
Dash Jarvis*
and
**Fannie Mae
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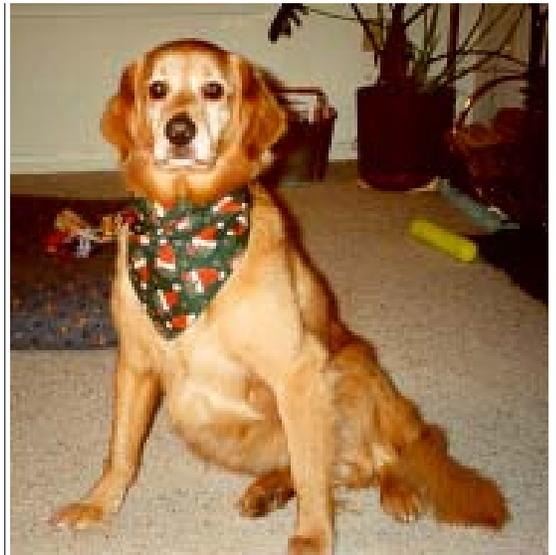
**Joann Stracke
and
Fannie Mae
Foundation**

Please allow me to introduce you to Daisy, GRREAT 01-185. I adopted Daisy in September 2001 and we have never looked back. She is one of the best dogs I have ever owned, and I have owned quite a few over the years.

But having never owned a Golden Retriever, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. Since I live in the city of Arlington, VA, I didn't know how she would adjust to the city life. My concerns were quickly forgotten as she adjusted fine.

She is seven years old, but to watch her run and play, I guess she never got the message regarding the age. She is very pet-friendly and I don't think she ever met what she would consider a stranger. My only problem is containing her from chasing the squirrels, and we have many in the neighborhood.

I first met Daisy at a good friend's kennel in Midland, VA. Virginia Rutter was fostering Daisy and doing an evaluation as to the possibility of placing her in a home. I had noticed Daisy on a couple of previous visits but did not give serious thought to adopting her. Then, after a visit one Sunday, I arrived



*Daisy Bowers, still youthful
at seven years old*

back home and it just hit me that I should adopt her and try to take her home.

Lucky for me that Mrs. Rutter had completed her evaluation and called GRREAT to inform them that Daisy was ready to go. I called Mrs. Rutter on Monday morning and said I would like to adopt Daisy. With her help Daisy soon had a new home and I had a wonderful loving companion.

—Raymond Bowers



Last July, my wife, Rider (our Golden), and I picked up Bailey from his foster parents, Mary Jane Smith and her family. However, within five minutes at his new home, Rider let him know who was boss — no problem! We are happy to report Bailey and Rider are now good buddies.

We have learned to love Bailey and his delight in retrieving balls. He was 67 pounds when we got him but now is on a diet as he quickly went to 90 pounds. Thanks to the Smiths and GRREAT, we now have a delightful dog (Bill) Bailey (01-122).

—Joe and Anne Sloan

*(Bill) Bailey Sloan with one of his beloved
tennis balls*

You don't know me, but my name is Dusty. I am a 9½ year old Golden Oldie who has learned of you from my new parents. My story is sad but not unusual. I was adopted by a family in Maryland when I was a puppy and grew up with my brother and my human family. A few years ago, my brother died and my family split up because of a divorce. I had a hard time adjusting to the changes and started chewing up things.

The day after Labor Day last year, my human mother called the vet to schedule having me put down because "she didn't have time for me anymore." The vet asked a friend who suggested that the owner try calling GRREAT. My human mother of 9½ years came by the next morning and said no one (including GRREAT—which they knew wasn't true!) wanted me because I was too old. So she just left me there to have me put down. Fortunately, the vet had a huge heart full of compassion. She gave me a complete physical and then asked her friend for more advice, because she could find nothing wrong with me. Her friend has two Golden retrievers from GRREAT and could not bear the thought of "throwing me away" so he agreed to take me—boy, was his wife surprised!

I went to live with his family, Rex (a.k.a. Gadget 00-012) and Mollie (a.k.a. Rose 00-202) last September. At first I was a little nervous but they showered me with lots of love and attention. They gave me a crate, which I never had before, my own bed and lots of new toys. The first time they left me (a Sunday morning) I thought they would never come back and I tried to chew the door handle off to go find them. They came back in a couple of hours and gave me more love and attention. I realized that I was going to be okay with my new Golden buddies and my humans, and I haven't chewed anything up since (except the balls and bones they give me). I now help them raise the Golden youngsters, two cats and 20 chickens. The goldfish take care of themselves. I have 2½ acres to run on and I love to chase the kids around, although I prefer to be in the house whenever possible. My old "digs" were pretty rough and I'm still trying

to get rid of the calluses on my "elbows." I don't cower as much as I used to and I'm playing a lot more than when I first got here, but I still won't go near a bathroom and I'm just remembering how to bark.

I hear them talk about becoming foster parents for other Golden retrievers, but mom insists she could never give up a dog that came to live with her. She said if we get any more she'll need a kennel license. I really like my new family; I have two new boys, a 10 year old and 11 year old, that love to play sticks and balls with me and let me sleep in their room with them. My Golden buddies also like to wrestle with me (especially Mollie). I'm very happy now knowing that "one family's trash is another family's treasure." I spend a lot of time trying to teach these youngsters how not to play so rough in the house, but they don't always listen!

I want to thank you for helping all of the Golden retrievers out there—even the ones not "registered" with you—GRREAT's boundaries are much farther reaching than you realize. My family wishes it could send you more money than we did, but we're saving up for Rex's hips—he's going to need surgery due to dysplasia. Please keep us in your thoughts and know that you will always be in ours.

—Dusty (Farcosky), Rex and Mollie
Debra, Allan, James and Andrew (the humans)



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

A LETTER from a GRREAT Family

*Part of the Farcosky
pack waiting for dinner:
Dusty (left), Mollie
(top), and Rex (lower
right)*





Leo's Corner
The Leo Fund
for special needs dogs.

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Bill and Geri
Guwang

Dr. James and
Mrs. Ginny Hayes

Anne Peck

Golden Heroes
(\$100 - \$499)

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Dr. Joseph O'Neill

Doreen and Brad
Wright

Leo's Pals
(up to \$99)

Anneliese Johnson

Marjorie Johnson

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

Please use the enclosed check **to help dogs through the Leo Fund**. This check is a percentage of gross earnings from my doggie day care for the month of March. I have posted information about GRREAT in my office and on my web site. Every time someone admires my dog Jason, I tell them about the work that GRREAT is doing saving dogs like him. I hope the enclosed check will help another dog find a happy, healthy future.

—Anneliese Johnson

Thanks to GRREAT from Brinkley (01-148) — hit by a car at age 7 months, Brinkley had a crushed femur and required three operations. He is now one year old and fully recovered.

—Bill and Geri Guwang

In memory of Squirt. —Anne Peck

In honor of our four-year anniversary with **Molson.**

—Doreen and Brad Wright

In memory of my beautiful horse Fancy, who I helped “cross over” on January 9, 2002. She, her pasture-mate Dandy, and my Golden rescue dog, KC, were all “best buddies.” Fancy is sorely missed by all of us.

—Marjorie Johnson

Please accept the enclosed donation to the Leo Fund **in memory of Carrie**. Carrie was my thirteen year old Golden Retriever who made many friends in her life. For most of her life she went to work with me where she warmed the feet of my computer students and warmed the hearts of many children with disabilities.

She learned to expect an apple slice each day from my secretary's lunch and she somehow persuaded a colleague to bring extra fruits and vegetables for her each day. She also was the happy recipient of holiday gifts from the children who came for therapy and from their parents.

Carrie helped a number of children and adults overcome their fear of dogs. She also helped many children redirect their attention from their own needs to her needs—a valuable lesson.

On Halloween, Carrie endured the inevitable costumes—a clown, a ladybug, a Flintstone character, a bunny, and more. At Christmas she rolled her eyes when the antler headband appeared. She had her own personal seamstress who kept her supplied with custom-made scarves so that she was always on the cusp of fashion.

I probably gave Carrie a dozen silly nicknames and she seemed to respond to all of them. She stole birdseed and tissues and would collect all the dog toys and lie on them so that none of my other dogs could have them. She will be missed.

—Margaret McGee

E-MAIL TO GRREAT

- 3** *foster families*
- + **1** *long-term foster family*
- = **3** *happy endings*

From: Seth B. Whitelaw

To: GRREAT

Subject: Update on Scholar, Sunny Girl and Penny

Just thought I'd update you on our special Golden Oldies. As you remember, Sunny Girl was a sweet 13 year old taken in last June who was fostered for a bit by BettyAnn Dukell before we agreed to be her forever home on a long term foster basis. When we took her to the vets, we were told she probably only had a few weeks to live. Despite the original veterinary diagnosis, Sunny is very much with us and doing quite well 10 months later. Her recent examination by the senior vet in the practice revealed that her heart murmur, while audible, is not as bad as originally thought, and he believes that her "tumors" are benign growths. He is so confident in her condition that he is willing to clean her teeth. Sunny now has her full coat back and it is a gorgeous red. Sunny no longer tucks her tail, or runs in the other direction (except for storms). When we are outside we often find her sitting under the apple tree on the west lawn soaking up the sun. She also loves to roll in the grass, and she quickly adapted to the routine, especially if food is involved. She is obviously thriving in a home where she is loved and cared for.

Penny was a Golden/lab mix that had so many things wrong with her that the vets at Rocky Gorge didn't know where to start. Debbie and Mario Iwanczuk fostered her and provided her with outstanding care. They kept her about six months and diligently brought her to every Adoption Day, had her on the available dog list, but no one was interested. GRREAT then ran a story in the newsletter and we adopted her. Penny also is still doing quite well. We only have to keep her in socks for the front feet now, and with luck we'll get it down to one some day. Penny's favorite pastime is laying among the daffodils or "hiding" in the vinca. Medically, her only issue is the thyroid, which, at this point, is minimal. She is off all other medications. She is doing quite well and is looking forward to another taxing summer of sleeping on the porch.

Scholar, age 2-3 when we got him, had been fostered by Carl and Sara Gepp, and was adopted sometime before 1999. He has been the perfect dog from day one. Scholar, of course, is still the man of the house and has taken to hanging out with Dad. He enjoys a good scotch and cigar at the end of a hard day of hunting for treats or bed.

Well, that's all from the Whitelaws for now.

Best regards,
Seth

Adoption Report through April 15, 2002

Six weeks made a big difference in the lives of 26 GRREAT Golden Oldies. Our statistics on this group adopted through mid-April: 12 females and 14 males; 14 age 2 or under; 3 age 7 or older, and 9 dogs between age 2 and 7. Congratulations to all!

Name	ID #	Age	Sex	Name	ID #	Age	Sex
Bonnie	01-260	1½	F	Maggie	01-270	4	F
Boone	01-153	10	M	Maggie	02-033	1	F
Brownie	02-009	2	F	Max	02-037	10 mo	M
Buddy	02-031	6	M	Maxie	02-006	3	F
Cody	02-032	13 mo	M	Pacey	02-036	10 mo	M
Dee	01-275	2	F	Quigley	02-012	1	M
Ginger	01-279	6	F	Rusty	02-046	4	M
Hercules	00-153	5	M	Scoobie	02-029	1	M
Joey	02-020	4	M	Shelby	02-053	1	F
Kiaya	02-014	3	F	Sonnie	01-272	1	M
Lady	01-276	7	F	Stryker	02-015	8	M
Lisa	01-274	1½	F	TipTop	01-271	6	F
Lucky	02-035	2	M	Wookie	02-026	9 mo	M

**DEAR GRREAT:
HERE'S A DONATION**

- I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for _____

- In honor of _____

- In memory of _____

- To thank _____

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Thank you for your generosity.

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- 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, May 11, 2002

Animal Health Care Seminar

Details on page 11

Saturday, May 18, 2002 - 11am until 3pm

GRREAT Annual Bark-B-Que

Knights of Columbus Picnic Area

10142 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD

See page 3 for details

Thursday, May 23, 2002 - 11am until 2pm

GRREAT Education and Merchandise Table

Wags to Wishes Animal Fair

Courtyard of the Offices of the Comptroller of Maryland

Annapolis, MD

See page 2 for more information

**Saturday, June 1, 2002: Deadline for
Calendar Photo Contest Entries**

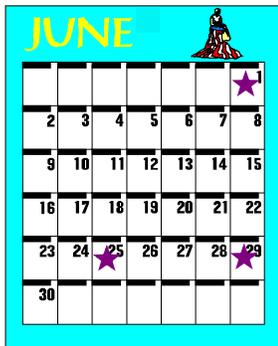
Tuesday, June 25, 2002 - 7:05pm

Dog Days of Summer

Bowie Baysox vs. Akron Areos

Prince George's Stadium, Bowie, MD

See page 2 for more information



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