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From the President The "You" in GRREAT Dan Keppler

As I approach my last six months as President of GRREAT (*please contact me if you are interested in finding out more about the job*), I want to share with you my feelings about all the wonderful people involved with this organization. I have come to realize that my main job as President is keeping this incredible organization on its current path. Even with new suggestions and ideas from members, we might make some small changes, but the primary direction was successfully chosen many years ago.

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I often refer to GRREAT as a giant puzzle with 1500 pieces that fit almost perfectly together, forming a wonderful picture. I believe that GRREAT's role in the rescue community has increased over the years in a significant way. When GRREAT first started we were taking our cues from other rescue organizations and now just the opposite is true. GRREAT has one of the best reputations among the rescue community, the local shelters and area vets, and *you* are the reason why.

A very wise person once said to me, "How do you know it can't be done, or the answer will be no, until you ask your question." That observation could not be more correct. The reason we have saved so many Golden Retrievers and helped so many people is because, when we have asked for something, *you* have always delivered. For that, all the Golden Retrievers we have rescued and will continue to rescue will always be thankful.

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New Virginia Law Impacts Rescues

Mary Ellen Lunde

As some of you may have heard, in the spring of 2002 Virginia passed a law, SB 260—now called Chapter 787, regulating animal rescue. The main sponsor of the bill was the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, a program of the Humane Society of the United States. From what we can tell, most rescue groups in Virginia consider it at best a bad law and at worst, something that will cause even more animals to die in Virginia.

There is much controversy about the exact meaning of the law. The legislative sponsor of the law, Senator John Watkins said he intended SB260 to address Rescues that take in strays directly (which GRREAT does not) and to provide (by publicizing contact information for the Rescue) a way for owners to be able to find their lost pets. However, the law does not make this kind of distinction and therefore seems to apply to all Rescues that take in more than 6 animals a year. GRREAT takes in an average of 5 to 6 Golden Retrievers a week.

Effective January 1, 2003, the law as written states that Rescues must:

- pay \$100 annual fee to Virginia
- register with State Veterinarian's Office
- register all foster homes that accept more than two animals per year
- publicly post the Rescue's name, phone number, and home address in every pound in the Rescue's service area
- be subject to a home inspection at any time by the State
- comply with many other paperwork provisions regarding foster homes, adopters, medical treatment of dogs, and so forth

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GRREAT News Bites

Volunteers Needed for Regular and Summer Time Fostering

So far this year GRREAT has taken in more than 130 goldens with more coming in almost daily. Unfortunately, GRREAT has about a dozen dogs either in boarding or with their owners waiting for foster homes. More calls are coming in every day. As has been the case historically, we are getting in quite a few young enthusiastic males.

In the past, during the summer months we've been fortunate that we have been able to pick up a few extra foster homes from members who are teachers or others with free time. GRREAT would very much like to hear from you if you feel you can either take a regular foster (average foster time 3 to 4 weeks) or a substitute foster for times of vacation, etc, usually 1 to 2 weeks.

If you can foster during the summer, please let me know. In your message back to me, it would be very helpful if you could include:

- your name, address, phone, email
- any special requirements you have about type of dog you can foster
- number and ages of your current pets
- whether yard is fenced
- average number of hours per day the dog will be left alone
- whether you could be a regular foster or just want to be a substitute short term foster
- whether you have completed a foster home application agreement in the past

If you need more info before you make a commitment, just call me at 301-549-3156. We will be holding a series of New Foster Home Seminars through the summer and fall. As always, GRREAT members and volunteers are the GRreatest!

Mary Ellen Lunde
GRREAT Secretary, Foster Home and
Intake Coordinator

Pumpkin Painters Wanted!

Saturday, September 21, 2002

Enjoy a fun fall day Saturday, September 21, 2002, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and help support Rescue! **GRREAT** will be featured on the third and busiest day of the 28th Annual Seven Sweets & Sours Festival at Kitchen Kettle Village, located in the Village of Intercourse, 10 miles east of Lancaster, PA on Route 340.

GRREAT volunteers are wanted to help staff the education and merchandise tent along with the featured "fun'raising" event of painting pumpkins for fall porch decorating.

Sorry, this is a NO dog event, but it is a great opportunity to help spread the word on Golden Retriever Rescue to thousands of visitors.

Contact Sidney Morris to volunteer: (800) 732-3538 ext 2719 or email kkv1@aol.com.



Photos on this page are courtesy of Kitchen Kettle Village, www.kitchenkettle.com

Kitchen Kettle Village is a cluster of 35 food, artisan's shops and guest rooms that now surround the original Jam & Relish Kitchen. There is no admission charge and parking is free.

The Seven Sweets & Sours Festival is a tribute to Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine, where the bounty of the garden is preserved as delectable condiments and relishes. During the festival the Village is decorated with fall creatures, and there is food sampling of new products, recipe sharing, children's activity tent, a quilting bee, cookie decorating, and entertainment by "Banjo Jimmy and his Sidemen".

Seven Sweets and Sours Festival Dates

Thursday, September 19 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Friday, September 20 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

GRREAT's Day

Saturday, September 21 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Directions driving north from Baltimore

(approx. 1½ hr.): Take I-83 North to York, PA, then take Route 30 East to Lancaster, PA, then exit to Route 340 East to Intercourse (about 9 more miles). The main entrance to Kitchen Kettle Village is in the center of town, turn left at large entrance sign off Rt. 340, then meet your GRREAT friends at the flag pole.





Gail Corby writes:
We had to have Suki (99-156) put to sleep recently. The vet thought it was lymphoma, and while I disagree with the diagnosis (it didn't act like it did when our Cricket had it), she had a huge mass on her neck and it was big enough that she couldn't get comfortable. She was restless and not sleeping. The mass had been apparent since last summer, and we made a conscious decision not to treat her—what was there to gain for a 14 year old dog?

We were told she was 12 when she came into the rescue, and we had her 2½ years, which would...well, you can do the math. Do you remember how rickety she looked, with all the fur missing from her hind quarters and her arthritic gait? GRREAT was generous enough to approve her ear surgery, in spite of her advanced age, and she never had any more trouble, or apparent discomfort, from them.

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There have been some strong allegations that this legislation was in retaliation for some whistle-blowing that occurred a couple of years ago about extremely poor practices at the Richmond shelter, resulting in the firing of the shelter's management.

The new law was initially expected to go into effect July 1, 2002, but apparently our fellow rescuers in southeast Virginia were able to ask enough questions about the new law that the state Attorney General has said that the State Vet office cannot enforce the law until regulations are written. Previously, the State Vet office had said that they were not going to write regs but just use the law itself. It is well known that no law provides the details needed for its own successful, uniform implementation. Well-written regulations and procedures are vital. GRREAT plans to be more involved in the next step of the process: providing input to administrators, rule writers, and legislators, on how this law affects Rescues and the animals they save.

Also, as of this moment the requirement for a fee seems to have been dropped.

GRREAT is in better shape than many other smaller rescues in that we have an established post office box and a dedicated 24-hour GRREAT phone number, and we keep extensive paperwork and do home visits on all our adopters and foster homes. There are many smaller rescues who use their home phones and other resources to carry on their work in order to save money for the vet care of the animals they take in.

There is strong opposition from the GRREAT Board and all rescues in general about registering and turning over personal information about our foster homes to the state—information which could later be accessed by anyone making a Freedom of Information Act request. As of this moment, GRREAT has not released any personal information to Virginia, nor would we do so without written permission from each individual involved.

Rescues are objecting particularly strenuously to this provision, since it means ex-owners, potential adopters or literally anyone might just show up on the foster home's doorstep. That is simply not acceptable to GRREAT, particularly in view of the huge number of federal and state employees and other high level individuals in other organizations who generously volunteer their time and homes to foster rescued Golden Retrievers.

Because of this law, some Rescues have said that they will stop taking in dogs from Virginia. Others will severely limit their intake, leaving even more animals in shelters to be euthanized. As of the time this newsletter went to press, GRREAT's position is as follows:

- we will continue to make inquiries with the Virginia State Veterinarian's Office about our need to register, since we do not take in strays off the street
- we will NOT release any personal information on our foster homes
- we will continue to monitor the implementation of the legislation primarily through the Yahoo email group VA-rescue-law
- we will support reform efforts of the newly formed VA League of Rescues, which may include letter writing, protests in Richmond in the fall, and other appropriate activities to get this law amended or rescinded
- we will continue our current practices of only taking in owner turn-ins and dogs that are legally released to us from shelters (and therefore are no longer considered strays)

The bottom line is that, as of this moment, GRREAT intends to continue saving hundreds of Golden Retrievers a year, but absolutely will not release any personal information whatsoever about our foster homes. Further updates regarding the law and its impact on GRREAT will be published in future newsletters and by email.

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I truly believe that with everyone's continued input and dedication, we will continue to maintain GRREAT as a rescue that everyone uses as a model in the future. **You**, our volunteers, donors, and supporters, truly are amazing!

I want to give you a quick update on the Memorial Day dogs rescued from the puppy mill in Oklahoma. After spending a wonderful week at Jo Bighouse's luxury estate and having tons of visitors, the 11 dogs were transported up to New York to start their lives anew. Most of the puppies have come out of their shells and are enjoying human companionship, some for the very first time. GRREAT kept only one of the dogs but our volunteers served as a vital link in the chain that got these dogs from Oklahoma all the way to northern New York state.

In particular, I want to recognize the GRREAT volunteers who handled the transport and care of these dogs from Kentucky all the way to New York. Please see the box in the next column. Again, thank you to everyone that made this all possible!

Photos were taken as the dogs were rescued. If you'd like to see them, they have been



Eight year old Dottie, now free from an entire lifetime of being bred in a puppy mill

Thanks

to these special volunteers who participated in Operation Remembering Our Own

Kim Wiff and Scott Daniels drove to Kentucky and back to Virginia in record time during the Memorial Day weekend.

Mary Ellen Lunde coordinated this whole effort. She spent so much time on the phone and on e-mail.

Denise Gettier slept with the dogs the first night at Jo's house and also fostered Dottie.

Jo Bighouse gave up all her time and her home for these precious Golden Retrievers. Jo also is caring for 8 puppies and their mom, so at one point she had 20 dogs on her property besides her own.

Kim Wiff and Mary Ellen Lunde transported all the dogs up to New York state to continue their life of freedom!

posted on the Internet at
<http://www.ofoto.com/browsePhotos.jsp?collid=88581003403>

This is just one more example of the extraordinary lengths our volunteers go to in helping our favorite beautiful breed. Without **you**, there would be no GRREAT.

P.S. This is turning out to be an unusually hot summer. Remember that your dogs should not be kept out in the heat for extended periods of time during the hot weather. Ensure that your Golden has plenty of water and shade when you are outside exercising him. And never, ever leave your beloved child-in-a-fur-coat in a closed car. Hot, sunny days are miserable for everyone, but hot cloudy can be particularly deceptive and dangerous. Please read the helpful hints starting on page 13 for keeping dogs cool when the weather turns hot.

Should I Shave My Golden This Summer?

The short answer is NO. A Golden's double coat serves several purposes including insulation and water-proofing. "Blowing coat" is the Golden's natural preparation for warmer weather, but she needs your help to complete the process. Brush her thoroughly every day to remove as much loose undercoat as possible.

In addition, daily brushing or combing gives you the chance to check for ticks and other parasites, particularly fleas. Fleas can cause allergic reactions and "hot spots" in dogs—big, wet lesions that appear suddenly in areas that the animal scratched and can become easily infected. See your veterinarian for flea and tick preventives and if a "hot spot" appears.

With her undercoat thinned, the outer coat will insulate her against the heat and protect her skin from painful sunburn. Clipping it a little shorter for summer may help to keep the dog cooler, but resist the temptation to shave off all her hair in an effort to keep her cool, because you will be removing protection both from heat and the sun.

Use the same common sense for your dog as you would for yourself in managing the heat.



IN REMEMBRANCE
HILLARY CLINTON
OWEN
1992-2002

Abby Owen writes:

Adopting Hillary was the best thing we ever did for our family. She was given up through GRREAT at eleven months by a loving family who simply didn't have enough time and knew she deserved better, and she was

received into a family who fell in love with her and were grateful for every day she spent on earth with us.

She was named after the First Lady right after the presidential inauguration, because she was blond, beautiful and intelligent (though truth be told, canine Hillary was a gorgeous auburn). Our Hillary charmed die-hard Republicans and even those who thought they didn't like dogs. She would quietly approach them, and before they knew it they were petting her. By the time they were ready to leave, they would ask to watch her if we were going away. And Hillary would give a big grin, chalking up another convert.

She adored our two boys, regretting their decision to go off to college, but always welcoming them with leaps of joy when they returned. She was the peacemaker when our cats would have power struggles, and she would rush into the fray barking when the cat skirmishes went on too long. She loved the cats, standing still and wagging her tail when they circled her with loving figure eights.

She spent the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas destroying every toy she owned, so Santa would bring new ones. And she was the one who picked out our Christmas tree each year at the Christmas tree farm. She was a dedicated Frisbee player, leaping enthusiastically and energetically each time; her skill made up for our lack of precision.

After living in the suburbs for over eight years, she acclimated to city life in Old Town, meeting new friends at the dog park (though she was reluctant to share her Frisbee), and enjoying the attention she always received everywhere she went.

We always called her God's Most Precious Angel. Sadly and unexpectedly, Hillary died on February 17th of a massive heart attack, truly becoming one of God's angels. She would have turned ten on March 8th.

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

For most Rescues, the summer and early fall months are traditionally the slowest for donations. It's vacation time and people are busy with travel and outdoor activities. It's also a very active time for give-ups, shelter dogs, and other dogs that need to be rescued. Many Rescues, including GRREAT in the past, have had to make emergency requests for funds to carry them through the end of the year.

However, this is not a message begging for summer donations (although if you feel like making a donation we would certainly be grateful!). Rather, it is a message of thanks to all the people and organizations who have made arrangements for ongoing donations to GRREAT.

Over the past couple of years, matching funds arrangements, the United Way, charity web sites, employee donation programs, and other sources have provided year-round funds that smooth our cash flow and provide a safety cushion for emergency expenditures during these busy months. In addition, some individuals have made a commitment to send donations regularly to GRREAT. Their names appear in nearly every issue of this newsletter and we appreciate their continued generosity.

We would like to acknowledge recent ongoing donations large and small, not only to thank the donors, but to give others some ideas how you can stretch your dollars as well. These include:

Royalty income from **Oxyfresh Worldwide** products (www.oxyfreshww.com)

Rochelle Lesser and landofpuregold.com (donations resulting from the Golden Greetings photo cards contributions program)

iGive.com (participating merchants include L L Bean, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, Ebay, OfficeMax.com and over 370 others)

PipeVine, Inc. (online donations received through networkforgood.org and helping.org)

United Way (payroll deduction)

Central Maryland (donations from Debra Schaum Sandy Melago, and Patricia Perszyk)

Greater Lehigh Valley, Inc. (unnamed donors)

America's Charities Campaign (employee pledges) (unnamed employees of USA Today)

Matching funds from various foundations and corporations (most recently AXA Foundation and Brenda Pascal)

To all of you, thank you for your generosity!

September 11, 2001 began as a typical one for my husband and me at our apartment one and a half blocks south of the World Trade Center. We awoke to a beautiful, sunny, cloudless fall day and walked our two Golden Retrievers, Hope and Darwin.

Hope had been through a hair-raising rescue up near Albany New York as a puppy. She, her littermates and their mother were found starving to death in a backyard-breeding nightmare. All of them were rescued by GRROWLS and "Hope" was christened thusly, as she was not expected to live through the night. Needless to say she defied all odds and when we adopted her as an eight-week-old puppy, she had enough spunk for the whole litter. Our Darwin was found wandering Long Island, New York, with no hair. After getting his thyroid in check he blossomed into the most beautiful male Golden I have ever seen.

On September 11th, they were given their breakfast and fresh water and off we both went to work. All the windows, which faced North into the towers, in our 17th floor apartment were left open. My husband, Eric, who often times worked from home went to his office in midtown. I usually walked to work to my office near Wall Street, but had an early client meeting in the Bronx, north of Manhattan, so off I went.

During my client meeting, a secretary ran in and said one of the Trade Towers had been hit by a plane. There was a television in the office so we immediately turned it on. It was a grisly and terrifying site and my immediate thought was that I had to get home to the dogs. The people in my meeting urged me to stay, but I felt an urgent need to get home. I tried to get Eric on the phone, but for some reason, which I would not understand until hours later I could not get through. In my heart I knew he was on his way home too, as he would have heard the news at his office.

The subway I rode downtown suddenly stopped at 86th Street and the announcement was that there was no more Lexington Avenue train service. I left the train and

went upstairs to the street. There were throngs of people milling about on the sidewalks, almost all of them on cell phones. I knew if I needed to walk all the way home, it would take hours so I stopped at a deli for a bottle of water. I asked the man at the cash register, who was listening to a radio, if he had heard anything about the plane crash down town. He looked at me and the words he uttered I will never forget as long as I live. He said, "Lady, the towers have collapsed." I guess my reaction was rather hysterical because I remember him yelling at me "yes, but you're alive."

I stumbled onto the sidewalk thinking I had to find Eric. Neither of us had a cell phone and my only hope of finding him was at his office at 34th Street. Every pay phone in the city had a line around the block and by now people were walking up the center of the streets. I remember being utterly focused at the task at hand, getting through the crowds to Eric, not stopping to speak with anyone, head down, one foot in front of the other. I stopped for a brief moment at Times Square and the ticker tape repeated what the man at the deli had said. "World Trade Center collapses." I wouldn't put the pieces together of the second plane crash nor see the devastating images for hours. You don't know it when you are in shock; it hits you later when you say to yourself "Oh, I must be in a state of shock." My state of shock and that of my husband's, looking back on it, lasted for months.

I arrived at Eric's high-rise office tower at 34th Street and went into the lobby. I never thought what I was going to do if he wasn't there. After wandering many floors with empty cubicles, I heard his voice on the phone speaking French, I knew to his mother. Never has that language sounded so like music to my ears.

We spent the next few hours calling our families and letting people know that we were okay. From what little news we could piece together Manhattan Island was in "lock down" and everything below 14th street was off limits. Eric, as I knew he

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Hope and Darwin in New York City, 9-11-01: A Personal Story

Nan Schramm

Mark Your Calendar Now for GRREAT's Annual Howliday Party Saturday December 7, 2002 Montgomery County (MD) Fairgrounds (details in upcoming issues of GRREAT News)

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would, had rushed home after the first plane hit, only to be stopped by FBI and told to leave the area. He witnessed the horror of people jumping and ran as one of the towers came down.

The hours ticked by like seconds for us that day. All we could think of was Hope and Darwin with all the windows open and how we could get to them. At this point we were still unsure if the building was even standing. My mother told me she was sure she had seen it on CNN and that it looked unscathed. In my mind, I knew that 50,000 people worked daily in the Trade Center and that the casualties and loss, to put it in the eloquent words of then-Mayor Giuliani, could be greater than any of us could bear.

We ended up getting on a subway downtown about 7:00 to some friends who lived well east of the destruction. They fed us dinner and then we decided to see how far we could get on foot into what had not yet been coined *ground zero*. There were very few civilians out and a police officer said to us, stick together as a group, you don't know what is out here. I suppose he meant marauding looters.

The closer we got to the destruction, the thicker the ash became in the air and under foot. It got so that if a National Guard truck passed by we needed to pull our shirts up over our faces to breathe. We got into Battery Park City in the pitch black and were able to see our building across the West Side Highway. I simply couldn't look. The building two doors north of ours was badly on fire and I knew that in addition to the ash and debris that must have come in the open windows, the dogs now had thick smoke to breathe. That is, if they were still alive.

We crossed the highway and systematically tried to get to the building up the various abandoned streets. National Guardsmen, who were frankly doing their job by turning us away, thwarted all efforts. There was nothing left to do, and the sights we took in resembled that of a horror movie in which we were all extras. We back to our friends' home in the smoky darkness and were given a comfortable bed and clean tee shirts to sleep in. I am not a religious person but I said a prayer for my babies. I prayed that they would not suffer and if they had to die, or had died, that it would be painless and quick, much like being put to sleep.

Eric and I got some sleep. I think sleep came as a result of our emotional states because I did not expect to get a wink. We were up at first light. We put back on our ash covered work clothes and set out. We went to my office on foot to get medical supplies and flashlights. Darwin had had surgery on his front leg the week before and I knew he would need to have it wrapped and be prepared to walk

down 17 flights and several miles to our friends' house in a substance that might be very toxic. In my heart I knew it would be nothing short of a miracle for us to get to them. I frankly had no expectation of getting in to the building, or even being allowed close to it.

We left my office and started towards our home. We saw one lone civilian with a big professional camera. I remember looking down at one point and seeing a dead monarch butterfly and thinking I hope this not an omen of things to come. I had never seen a butterfly in Manhattan.

In the daylight absolutely everything was covered in white soot and ash. Looking back on it, the entire landscape was colorless. Everything was in shades of grey. It was almost Pompeiian. We got as far as Trinity Church and our building came into sight and from what we could see, it looked okay! It was about this time we were asked to turn back by a National Guardsman. I figured we would never get as close as we had and I was expecting this. Every time we were told to turn back, we would scoot up another street so that we wouldn't be seen. Before long we were within one block of our home. At this point I was in complete hysterics. I was overcome with so much emotion and in complete disbelief that we were almost to the building.

Looking back on that journey, I realize we moved in a pocket of luck the whole way. There was a police station right next door to our building and we had terrible fears about what might have happened to the burly men we saw outside every morning who were so affectionate with Hope and Darwin. As we approached the station we could see at the end of our block, "the pile." All that was left of the towers sat in a smoking ten-story heap and our block was littered with burned out wrecked cars.

Eric thought my hysterics might be our ticket in, so I asked the men (they were all National Guardsmen) if our police station had suffered any losses. The gruff response was "enough." I begged them to let us go in for ten minutes to get our dogs. The answer was *no*. And then the miracle of miracles. One of them said "we don't see you, and if anything happens to you in there, we REALLY didn't see you." As we approached the building, it was completely unrecognizable. The awnings, which had been recently installed over the entrance, had blown off the building and were lodged in the parking garage across the street.

We entered a pitch-black, smoky, ash-covered lobby. Had we not had the flashlights we would never have found the fire stair. Bizarrely, the front fire stair was locked and we had no idea where the second one was, but eventually we

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9-11 survivors Hope and Darwin Schramm, former New Yorkers happy to be new residents of Northern Virginia

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found it and entered. We had a very slow go of it making our ascent. It was 17 flights and we kept hyperventilating. Looking back, I know the reason was fear and emotion. We took many breaks and found some windows that could be opened so that we could breathe.

As we approached our apartment door Eric told me to stay back. He did not want me to see the dogs if they had expired up against the door. For some reason he knocked on the door. It seemed like an eternity but after several seconds, Darwin let out a huge WOOF. In we went, and there they were, behaving as if we were late coming home from work.

Our apartment was covered with charred papers and ash, but the dogs still had water in their bowl. Neither of those dogs had relieved themselves in the apartment and they had been alone for twenty-four hours! We held them and cried. They were just as we left them—very happy and frisky. At one point they were rolling around playing in the ash on the floor. I knew we would have to travel lightly and that this might be the last time we ever got into the building as it could collapse. I took Darwin's thyroid medicine, some of their favorite toys, a few important papers and a box of dog biscuits. Oh, and Hope's baby pictures.

How did we get so lucky? Those animals were the only things in that apartment that mattered and they came out of what had to have been a horrible ordeal unscathed. We would learn many weeks later that many other tenants tried to get to their animals and were turned away and that an 8-week-old puppy was left for 4 days and almost died.

Our dogs were taken on a rush hour subway and a commuter train that next day up to my mother's house in Massachusetts. We ended up living in the New York Hilton for three and a half months trying to decide what to do while visiting the dogs every weekend. Not having them for those months was agony, but there was nothing else we could have done. We knew they were safe, if a little confused.

We made the move to Northern Virginia knowing that it would be a beautiful life for Hope and Darwin. Eric was able to keep his job and his commute is now about 5 seconds to his office, the front room of an 18th century farmhouse. We promised the dogs we would never go to work and leave them again, and we haven't.

After we got here, I realized that I needed to somehow give back to the breed that has always blessed my life. I joined GRREAT and ended up getting in touch with Diane Lanigan at the organization, who suggested I get involved with home visits. I have loved every minute of my involvement and it has been a wonderful way for me to get active again after saying goodbye to my job in New York.

I think our grieving process will never be fully over, but every day has been a good one since we moved here last December. The people of Virginia, having suffered so terribly then too, have been so kind and accepting of us.

I have found that talking about our ordeal and hearing about that of others has been very helpful. Feel free to email me at NSCH281302@aol.com

**WE LOVE A
PARADE!
Paraders Wanted
(2- and 4-legged)**

Woodstock, Virginia (population 3500), the fourth oldest incorporated town in Virginia, is celebrating its 250th Anniversary during 2002. Woodstock is in Shenandoah County, about 1¼ hours west of Vienna/Fairfax.

Over the weekend of September 28-29, 2002, there will be a variety of festivities that include a Grand Feature Parade on Saturday, September 28 at 2:30 pm.

GRREAT members and their dogs have been invited to walk in this parade.

Other events going on in Woodstock that day include: a "call to arms" sermon (reenactment of a local revolutionary war hero), a school band competition, kiddie carnival rides, arts and crafts show and demonstrations, food concessions, musical entertainment, and a performance by the James Madison University Band.

If you enjoyed watching or participating in the Scottish Walk in Alexandria last December, think about taking a drive "out west" to walk in Woodstock on what is expected to be a beautiful day in September. **To volunteer, contact Dan Keppler, daniel.keppler@wcom.com.**



**2003 GRREAT Calendar
Photo Contest Winners**



Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to the dozens of people who submitted entries. Look for your pictures and letters in future issues of the newsletter.

	Dog(s) Name (ID)	Bragging Rights Go To:
Cover	Rock (02-080) and Roll (02-081)	Bob and April Fritz
January	Duke (01-025)	Christina Chiu
February	Tina (01-105) and Harley (93-180)	Roger Adkins and Bonnie Tester
March	Murphy (01-060) and Sammy (01-212)	Rory and Carol Nansel
April	Cody (95-131)	Casey and Lynn Shine
May	Lady (01-269)	Dia and Trav Broussard
June	Grady (97-101)	Robert and Lucy Moore
July	Shane (98-006)	Tim and Linda Daniels
August	Cody (99-190)	Sandy Huber
September	Smokey (01-222)	Doug and Becky Brown
October	Killian (96-036)	Fred and Shelley Donnell
November	Sadie (01-209)	Jennifer Miller
December	Chase (01-204)	Pam Briggle and Lori Bott
Honorable Mentions	Chas(98-130) Toby (96-170) Roxy (94-101) and Shadow (94-102) Sugar (98-115) Raiden (00-198) Karmen (99-222) and Abby Tyler (01-198)	Gail and Tom Koch Patti Elliott Linda Hunt Louis and Teri Stachowiak Lisa Nicolaou Denis and Wendy Garcia The Lloyd Family



**Spay/Neuter Stamps
to be Issued
by US Postal Service
Sept. 20, 2002**

On September 20, 2002, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will issue two commemorative first class (37 cent) stamps dedicated to the preventive message "Spay/Neuter." These are the first U.S. postage stamps to call attention to the pressing issue of pet overpopulation. The issuance of the stamps is the result of a grassroots campaign by individuals, animal welfare organizations, veterinarians and others, and the stamps themselves are part of the USPS's Social Awareness Series. It is very unusual for two stamps to be issued on the same social awareness topic.

Photographs by Sally Andersen-Bruce of a neutered puppy ("Kirby") and a spayed kitten ("Samantha") are featured on a pane of 20 Neuter or Spay stamps. Both animals were adopted after the photographs were taken. In fact, Kirby went to a home shared by Shelby, an 11 year old Golden Retriever (now at the Rainbow Bridge due to cancer), and several cats.

The print run for this pair of stamps is more than double the normal commemorative stamp print run. The stamps and their message will be heavily promoted by the Postal Service, the American Partnership for Pets, and www.pets911.com. The stamps will be available in local post offices shortly after September 20, 2002 and can also be ordered from the USPS at www.stampsonline.com or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

Name	ID #	Age	Sex	Name	ID #	Age	Sex	Adoption Report
Angel	02-054	2	F	Lucky	02-087	2	M	
Bear	02-084	1	M	Lucy	02-030	6	F	
Beau	02-063	8	M	Lucy	02-102	6	F	
Beau	01-255	12	M	Lucy	02-092	1	F	
Bo	02-082	3	M	Mack	02-028	7	M	
Brinkley	01-148	1	M	Maddie	02-016	1	F	
Buddy	02-089	1	M	Mamie	02-024	10	F	
Buddy	02-047	2	M	Maxi	02-101	6	F	
Carly	02-050	2	F	Mick	02-066	2	M	
Casey	02-022	7	M	Midas	01-273	1	M	
Casey	02-055	10	F	Molly/Zoe	02-094	2	F	
Cha Cha	02-079	4	M	Rheba	02-083	5	F	
Charley	01-245	9	M	Rufus	02-059	6	M	
Cleo	01-229	1	F	Rusty	02-038	7	M	
Cody	02-085	3	M	Rusty	02-058	1	M	
Holly	02-112	13 wk	F	Sassy	02-042	3	F	
Holly	01-242	4	F	Scarlet	02-117	6	F	
Hunter	02-023	6	M	Sebastian	02-051	2	M	
Justice	01-267	7	M	Smokey	01-222	2	M	
Kenai	01-200	4	F	Sunny Boy	02-088	5	M	
Lucky	02-106	3	F	Traveler	02-095	2	M	

Thank You

to these
individuals
for their recent
donations

Shelley and Fred
Donnell

Nicole Frese

Kim and Jason Hall

John and Andrew Kett
(age 6) and friends
*Please see letter
this page.*

Tisha and Seth
Matula

Sharon McIlrath

Susan McKelvey
*Please see letter
this page.*

Blythe Norris

Jack and Micky
Penkoske

Andrew Pons and
Marva Jones

Dan and Lillian
Roach

Rose Fabia Roberts

Beth Woodell

To Our Friends at GRREAT,

Thank you so much for coming again to this year's Open House. We always appreciate the great attraction you are for people to come to our event. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Sincerely,
The staff at Caring Hands
Animal Hospital

Dear GRREAT



We love our dog Lady (01-276), who has been part of our family since February. She has come a long way since her days in the Arkansas puppy mill—thanks in large part to the wonderful new start she received from her foster family, Jan, Clay and Kristen Beall.

Our twin sons John and Andrew recently celebrated their sixth birthdays. They agreed that instead of receiving birthday presents at their party, they would rather ask their friends to make a contribution to GRREAT to help more dogs like Lady find good homes. The boys' friends and their families responded enthusiastically! Please accept the enclosed donations from John and Andrew's birthday party. By the way, it was an "Olympics" party, and Lady had a ball!

Thank you so much to:

Melissa and Kevin Dabney
Jeff and Lisa Franzen
Robert and Kimberly Cynkar
Prabhav and Manisha Maniyar
Kate Kronmiller
Michael and Christal Karnaze
Philip and Rebecca Welde
Sharmila Hardi-Prakash
Charles and Nancy Colleton
Stephen and Michele Sobota

—Amy and Stephen Kett

I am pleased to be able to send you a donation of money I did not earn, except in choices of the heart. I would like to tell

you the story of how this money came into my possession, for it represents animal rescue at its simplest and best.

I was working in my garden early one morning, when I was nudged by a cold, wet nose. Turning around, I met two muddy and tired dogs, a beautiful male chocolate lab and a maybe three-month-old German Shepherd puppy. Both were friendly and obedient, delighted to have found a human, and obviously someone's beloved pets. I had to make a quick decision and mentally change my plans for the day, but the thought of that pup's chances on our country roads now filling up with work trucks and commuters left me no option. I led them to our barn, gave them water and food, and closed the door.

I crayoned a quick sign and put it by the road, and when the Humane Society opened, I called. After a few questions, they gave me the owner's name and number. The dogs had been gone since early the evening before and the owner was frantic—and grateful.

She came immediately to pick up her dogs. She said there was a reward, but I refused. She insisted I accept, so I told her I would donate the money to my favorite charity, GRREAT. She wrote out a huge check, much more than I expected or deserved; but when I protested, she said the reward was posted all over the county and that the lab was her husband's award-winning hunter and precious companion.

So I accepted, deciding that the sum was large enough that I could donate to several animal charities: GRREAT (which rescues so many deserving Golden Retrievers), the Talbot County Humane Society (which provides such a wonderful service bringing people and animals together), and Pets on Wheels (which enables dogs—many of them rescued—to return people's generosity by visiting the elderly.)

With the incentive of the reward signs, many people were searching by the roads for these dogs. But the dogs found me and so benefited through their ordeal many other needy animals. So goes the circle. I trust you will use this token to continue it.

—Susan McKelvey

11 Hot Weather Pet Hazards You Should Know About

While you are trying to keep cool this summer, think about your pets. Are they cool and comfortable too, or are their lives in danger from summertime hazards that we sometimes don't think about or don't even recognize? Common sense is the best approach. If you are uncomfortable in the heat, imagine wearing a fur coat! Be particularly sensitive to older, overweight, and under-exercised animals, because they are more likely to overheat during hot weather.

Some of the comments which follow may seem repetitious, but if this information saves just one animal's life or avoids just one injury, the few minutes you take to read further will be worth it.

Pesticides

Many people treat their lawns with pesticides at this time of year. Watch out for all types of chemicals—pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, weed killers, and insecticides—that can make your pets sick or even kill them. Read the instructions and warnings on the product and pay attention to them. In addition, keep your pet away from unfamiliar yards and grassy areas. Since they don't wear shoes or pants to protect them from these substances, pets can pick up residue on their paws or fur after being in a treated area and can become ill when they lick themselves. Pesticides are an additional danger to animals who eat grass.

Hot pavement

If your dog is out during the day, remember that asphalt, tar, concrete, and even sandy beaches can get very hot and burn the pads of your pet's feet. In addition, the heat radiating up from the pavement affects your pets more quickly because they are lower to the ground. If you are walking your pet on a hot day, check the temperature of the pavement temperature with your hand. If

LEAVING YOUR PET IN A PARKED CAR CAN BE A DEADLY MISTAKE



When it's 80 degrees outside, the inside of your car will reach over 100 degrees in just 10 minutes—even if you've cracked the windows! Your pet could suffer from heat stroke...or worse.

If you can't take your pet in to the place you are visiting, don't leave it in the car.

Leave your pet at home where it's comfortable, cool and safe!

PLEASE NOTE: If a pet suffers or dies from extreme temperature, its owner could be charged with animal cruelty.

it's too hot for your hand, think of how it must feel on your dog's feet! (Better yet, walk your pet early in the morning or in the evening.) A pet that tries to lick tar from its feet will become ill. To remove tar from footpads, rub them with petroleum jelly (Vaseline), wash gently with mild soap and water, and rinse thoroughly. Never use kerosene or turpentine to remove tar from an animal—ingesting the cleaner will make the animal sick too.

Antifreeze

Leaking engine coolant kills. The sweet taste of this poisonous liquid is tempting to animals, but could lead to a fatal result. It takes less than a tablespoon to kill a cat or small dog, and only slightly more to kill a larger dog. You know that you keep your own garage clear of old bottles, dirty rags,

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*Poster courtesy of
Dumb Friends League,
Denver, Colorado.
To download this poster
for printing,,
go to:
[http://www.ddfl.org/
behavior/hot2.htm](http://www.ddfl.org/behavior/hot2.htm)*

Special Donations were received

IN MEMORY OF...

Holden, our much loved dog for 12½ years. —George and Molly Kanellos

Wellington —Anita Marcinski

Athena and Karma —Ed Bielecki and Connie Holcombe

Toby, Teddy, and Rusty —Peter and Barbara Manchester

Peter and Buddy (in doggie heaven) —Peter Neuhaus

Hillary Clinton Owen —Abby Owen *Please see remembrance on page 6*



In honor of the Madden family who fostered our wonderful new addition, Camden.
—Abby and Steve Owen

On behalf of the **5th Annual East Coast Goldenfest** and **in memory of Sandy Collins**. If it could be used to help senior rescues, that would be great! —Laurie Collins

For **Jake Alexander** —Fox Chapel Veterinary Hospital

Thanks for Raiden—the funny, gentle, energetic, goofy, happy, smart and winsome dog we hoped to find and finally did thanks to GRREAT. —David and Lisa Nicolaou

In honor of Jeff and Barney. —Polly and Scott Roberts

For my Goldie. What a joy and companion she is to me. —Mildred Fink

This obedience graduation certificate fulfills our training obligation on Nala—please keep our \$50 as **a contribution for the great job** you do. —James Wagoner and Lisa Lund

I had a wonderful time at the March Yappy Hour auction in Annapolis and went back later for another item. Here's my check! —Tristan Buckstad

Special Donations for special reasons

Service Plaques Presented at Annual Bark-B-Que

Sam Connelly (left) and Georgie Bahler, who both retired from the GRREAT Board of Directors this year, proudly display the service plaques presented to them at the GRREAT picnic in May. Each plaque reads:

*In recognition of
your timeless efforts
From the hearts of many rescued
Golden Retrievers, thank you for
all your hard work and dedication.
Without your hard work and
support, we would not be here today!*

Judy Barker, who could not be present, also received a service plaque.



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and spots or puddles of auto coolant, but don't forget the potential hazards of spills in your neighbor's driveway, or in parking lots. If you spill some coolant, be sure to clean the area promptly. Try animal-friendly products that use propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol, and contact your veterinarian **immediately** if you think your pet has ingested even a small amount of coolant. Fast action could save her life.

Pick-up Trucks

Never let your dog ride unsecured in the back of an open vehicle like a pick-up truck. Unless your dog is riding in the cab with you, your dog could be bounced out or jump out of the moving vehicle. In some states, it's illegal to keep your dog in a pickup unless he's secured to prevent jumping or falling out. If your pet must travel in the back of an open vehicle, make sure he's safely tethered (in a harness, not a neck collar) to the center of the bed where he's unable to reach the sides and is able to stand or sit on a slip-proof and cool surface. A secured crate is even better and is really the safest way for a dog to travel, whether in an open vehicle or inside a car or van.

Open Car Windows

Like all the SUV commercials show, dogs love riding in cars and trucks. While most dogs like to stick their head out the window to get that feast of smells a moving vehicle provides, it's not a good idea. Even if they ride inside the vehicle, the open window is a temptation to jump out of the car. Furthermore, debris from the road could fly up and get in the dog's nose, eyes or mouth. (Have you heard about Doggles goggles for dogs? They provide eye protection against bright light, ultraviolet rays, dust, dirt and trauma. Visit their website at www.doggles.com.)

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are at their worst in the summer, especially after a mild winter and periodic rain showers. Heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes, but can be prevented by administering a monthly chewable tablet.

In the mid-Atlantic and south, dogs should receive heartworm medication year round. In colder climates, summer and fall (June through November) are the most important months for heartworm medication. If your dog is not currently on heartworm medication, it must be tested before starting; see your veterinarian. One tablet a month can save your pet's life. (If you have a reminder message service such as Outlook on your computer, send a message to yourself on the first of each month to give your dog its heartworm medication and to change the filters on your furnace so that the air conditioning will be more efficient for both you and your pets.)

Parvovirus and Rabies

Be sure that your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date because the risk of two deadly diseases increases in the summer. During the summer, many pets spend a lot of time outdoors with their families, and the chances of encounters with wildlife (possible rabies carriers) increase. Parvo virus, an illness that flourishes in hot weather, can be fatal to young dogs who have not received a series of vaccinations to be fully protected. Pay attention to reminders from your vet to keep these shots current.

Barbeque Grills

Outdoor cooking presents extra hazards to curious pets. First of all, barbecue grills can be easily knocked over with just one happy wag of a long tail. Secondly, the smell of that steak on the coals may be too tempting for a hungry (aren't Golden's *always* hungry?) pet to resist, and a nasty burn on the nose, mouth, or paws might be the result. Always monitor the location of your pets while you are cooking outdoors.

Cookout Garbage

Put the garbage away so the dog won't get it, and that means in a covered container rather than in a thin plastic bag. Sweet, buttery (but undigestible) corn cobs, as well as chicken and other bones, are common foreign bodies that are found in dogs'

Recognizing and Treating Heat Stress

No matter what you call it—heat stress, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, heat prostration—overheating in a dog is a potentially fatal condition that requires immediate veterinary attention.

A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2° F. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107-108° degrees for only a short time before suffering irreparable brain damage or even death, and a car sitting in the sun can reach those temperatures in just a few minutes.

Heat stress is the beginning of heat stroke. The first sign of overheating is **excessive panting**. His **gums or the skin on the inside of the ears become flushed and red**. Heat exhaustion quickly deteriorates into heat stroke, with signs of **weakness, dry mouth, skin that is cool to the touch, wobbly walking, fainting or loss of consciousness**.

If any of these signs are present, cool the dog down immediately any way you can—pour cool (not ice) water over his body or pour rubbing alcohol on him. Once his temperature has begun to drop, stop cooling or you'll over-cool him. Then take him promptly to the nearest veterinarian.

Heat stroke is a real emergency situation and requires immediate veterinary care.

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

Golden Angels
(\$500 or more)

Dr. Joseph O'Neill

Golden Heroes
(\$100 - \$499)

Judith Adrezin

Debbie Brendt

Michael Fox and
Norma Vasquez

Molly Johnston

Leo's Pals
(up to \$99)

Diane Lanigan

Joseph and Caroline
Miller

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 accept this donation to the Leo Fund **in honor of Olivia McDonough**, a dear friend and animal activist. —Judith Adrezin

In loving memory of my mother, Miriam D. Brent on this third Mother's Day since she crossed the Rainbow bridge to join Jessie, Samantha, Candy, and Skippy. —Debbie Brent

In honor of Jo Bighouse. —Michael Fox and Norma Vasquez

In memory of my beloved Ben, GRREAT dog 97-018. He was as good as he was gorgeous. —Molly Johnston

Our Rocky 01-024 completed his obedience training about a year ago. We forgot we were entitled to a refund of our deposit upon completion and would like to donate this to the Leo Fund. **The Leo Fund helped Rocky out when he needed it**, so he would like to give back to it. Rocky is a sweet boy and we love him so much—he has been through so much with three operations in less than a year, but he is fine now. —Joseph and Caroline Miller

KEEPING YOUR HOT DOG COOL: 5 QUICK IDEAS

1. Water is vital to a dog's heat regulation and hydration. Be sure your pet has lots of fresh, cool water every day in a tip-proof bowl placed out of the sun. Give your dog ice water! When you reach for ice for your beverage, toss some cubes in the water bowl. Let your dog bob for the ice "cookies;" she will end up drinking more fresh water to keep cool and hydrated. In fact, if you have two bowls, you can even freeze water in one overnight and put it out before you leave for work so that your dog will have cool water all day.
2. If your dog is hot, place cool damp cloths on his belly, head, and on paws. Together with normal panting, this will help lower his internal body temperature.
3. Substitute sheets for blankets in the dog's bed as sheets stay much cooler.
4. Put a frozen bottle of water wrapped in a towel in your dog's bed/crate for a mini air conditioner.
5. Kiddie pools are inexpensive, and dogs love to lounge in the cool water (supervised by you, of course). Exercise your pet in the cooler hours. Swimming is wonderful exercise, and it's cooling as well.

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stomachs and intestines during the cook-out season. These can be life-threatening and expensive to remove.

Swimming pools

Goldens love water—it's programmed into their genetic makeup. Watch your pet around pools, ponds and lakes—don't assume he knows how to swim. Be especially watchful if your pet knows how to open a gate with his nose. If you have a swimming pool, do not leave the dog unattended in the pool area. An animal can drown if it falls in the water and becomes fatigued trying to swim or crawl out.

Garden and house plants

Common summer plants can be toxic to pets, causing irritation, illness and even death if they are eaten. Indoor houseplants normally out of reach inside but placed on a patio or deck for the summer can be a real hazard. Some plants to avoid are: amaryllis, avocado, azalea, bird of paradise, caladium, cyclamen, daffodil, dieffenbachia, eggplant, fruit and nut trees, hibiscus, holly, hydrangea, iris bulbs, lily of the valley, morning glory, mushrooms, nightshade, philodendron, rhododendron, rhubarb, schefflera, tobacco, tomato, tulip bulbs, potato, and yew. If you suspect that your pet has eaten any of these plants (bulbs, roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit), get her to a veterinarian immediately.

Every owner wants their dog to have fun with the family in the summer. With a little extra awareness of pet hazards, summer can be safe, too.

Resources used for this article:

www.aspca.org
www.ddfl.org
www.k9haven.org/hotdog.html
www.purina.com/dogs
www.vet.upenn.edu
www.msnbc.com
www.spcala.org

Decorating with Dogs

Decorating when you have pets can provide unique opportunities to express your own personal style and taste. Here are some tips I'd like to share:

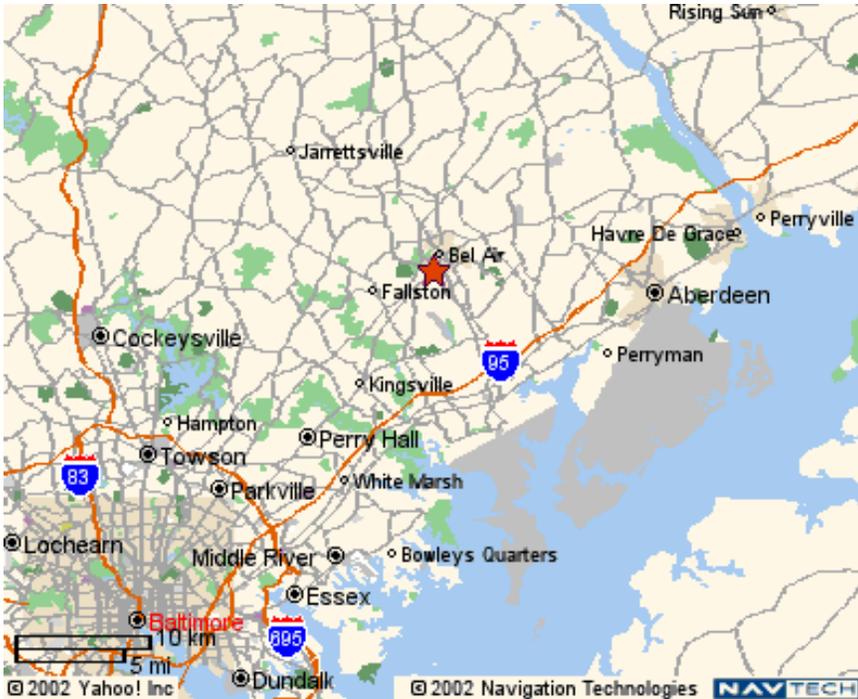
- 1. Bare floors, without carpet or throw rugs, can give a nice open feeling to a room. They can provide a soothing balance when you have many art objects that reflect your love of animals.*
- 2. Paw prints and nose smudges on glass doors and windows break up glare and soften the light in a room.*
- 3. Dog crates, when stacked three high, can add height to a room and pull the eye upward. If fastened securely to the wall, the top can provide a safe and dramatic place for exotic plants or statuary that otherwise might be molested by your pets. An up light can make it a real focal point. Cats love to inhabit the upper crates, leaving the lower ones for the dogs.*
- 4. Old towels and blankets thrown casually on upholstered furniture can add a wonderful homey, country-quilt look to an otherwise bland room.*
- 5. Common smooth upholstery fabrics can look almost velvety when lightly textured with pet hair.*
- 6. Vari-kennels, placed end to end and topped with plate glass can create an unusual coffee table, one your friends will really remember.*
- 7. Doggie beds, randomly placed around a room, can add color and texture, much as throw pillows do.*
- 8. Shredded or chewed books and magazines send a message to guests that they are free to relax and feel at home.*
- 9. Dog crates can make versatile end tables, and can be slip covered to match any room decor.*
- 10. There is absolutely nothing that makes a guest feel as welcome as three friendly dogs hopping in his lap as soon as he sits down.*

So throw away those videos by Lynette and Christopher, and express your own unique tastes. Your home should reflect what YOU like!

*Barb Cooke
Cavalier Rescue
Galveston Island, Texas
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Upcoming Adoption Days

For driving directions from other areas, visit the *GRREAT Calendar* at www.grreat.org/calendar.htm and click on the map icon.



Saturday, August 3, 2002

Noon - 2:00 pm

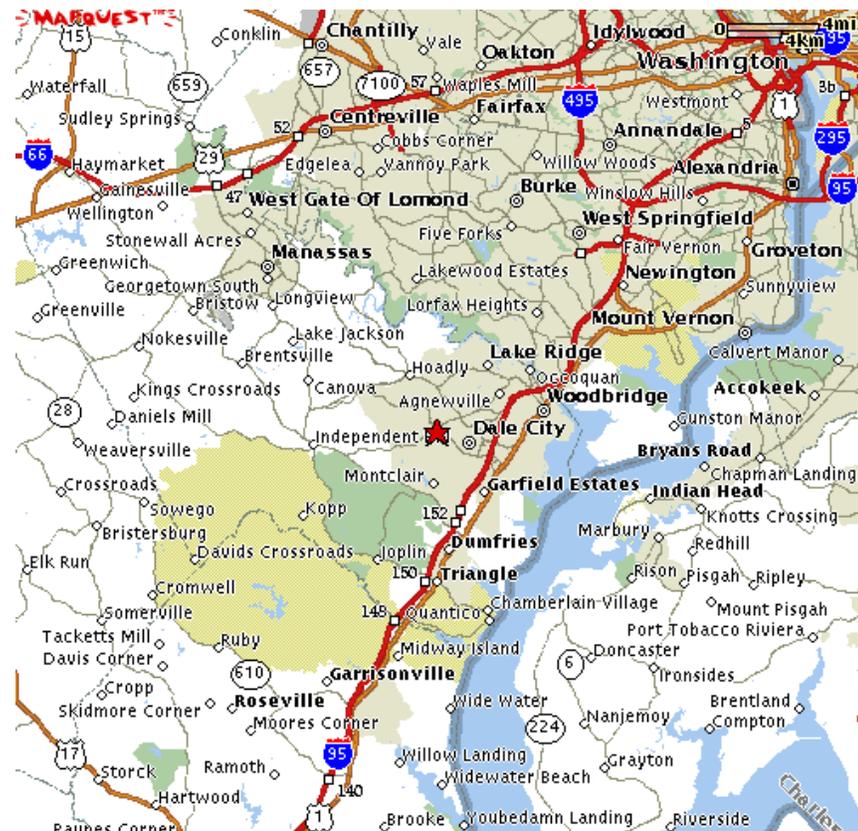
PETCO

615 Bel Air Road, # P

Bel Air, Maryland

410-420-6692 for directions only

From Washington and Baltimore: Take I-95 north to the northeast side of Baltimore (via I-895 East, the Harbor Tunnel Throughway). From the merge of I-895 and I-95, go about 15 miles north on I-95 to exit 77A, MD 24. Keep left at the fork in the ramp and turn left onto MD 24 north. Go 4.9 miles and turn left onto US 1, Bel Air Rd/Baltimore Pike. Petco is 0.7 miles south, past Harford Mall.



Saturday, September 7, 2002

(this is the weekend after Labor Day)

Noon - 2:00 pm

PETCO

4167 Cheshire Station Plaza

Dale City, VA 22193

703-590-8823 for directions only

Note: This is a new store next to the Safeway in a new plaza at the corner of Dale Blvd and Minnieville Road.

From Washington and the north: From the Mixing Bowl, take I-95 south 11 miles to the VA-3000 W/Prince William Pkwy exit (exit number 158B) towards Manassas. Merge onto VA-639 W for 1.17 miles, and turn left onto VA-640 (Minnieville Road). The shopping center is 2.16 miles further at the Dale Blvd intersection.

From I-95 south of Dale City: Take the VA-784 exit (exit number 156) towards Dale City/Rippon Landing. Continue on Dale Blvd for 3 miles to the intersection with Minnieville Rd.

**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

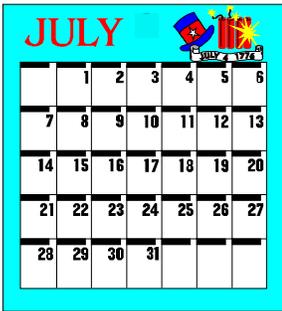
Name _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail Address _____
Home Phone _____ Best time to call _____
Are you over age 18? Yes _____ No _____
Work Phone _____ OK to call at work? _____
County or area where you live _____
County or area where you work _____
Other areas where you visit regularly _____
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, September 21, 2002 — 9 am - 6 pm

GRREAT Day at the Seven Sweets & Sours Festival

Village of Intercourse, PA

Details on page 3.

Saturday, September 28, 2002

Grand Parade Woodstock, VA

Details on page 10.



Adoption Days

Saturday, August 3, 2002 — Noon - 2:00

PETCO of Bel Air, MD

Saturday, September 7, 2002 — Noon - 2:00

PETCO of Dale City, VA

Maps and directions on page 18.

Future Adoption Days: October 5 and November 2, 2002

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