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NURSING HOME CHARISMA

By GRREAT Member Robert Moore

The time had come for Jud, our nine-year old Golden Retriever, to get a job! Grandkids were growing up, releasing him from most of his ball playing responsibilities. He still had to walk us, but only an hour or so daily. Jud needed a job!

How about Pets On Wheels? The job suited Jud's personality, and qualifying to visit nursing homes through the County Health Department was a snap. For Jud. Now it was up to us to prove we were competent to tag along.

Jud's presence would've identified us as Pets On Wheels people, but we were alone that first day as the elevator door opened, ushering my wife Lucy and me abruptly into a world hitherto unknown to us. Our orientation. We'd been instructed to make certain Jud didn't eat anything spilled, warned not to become too attached to individual residents as this would inevitably lead to broken hearts, and advised that most residents would remember Jud, but not us. Our role that day was to observe how Elizabeth approached residents with her Sheltie, then decide whether we could do this.

We looked in on one-hundred year old Charlotte, tethered to an oxygen tank, and frail Sammy, who didn't care for Elizabeth's Sheltie; he only liked BIG dogs. Then Jane, sitting silently in her wheel chair at the nurse's station; Joan, who was involved in an intense argument with an invisible family member;

and Rachel, a frightened, frail woman who did not want us to leave. In the Alzheimer's ward, Lucy encountered a professor from graduate school who didn't recognize her. I recall staggering out an hour later, shaken and unsettled. "I don't know if I can do this! Not sure I can go back there."

The following Saturday when the elevator door opened, Jud was with us, and a totally different experience awaited. We had planned to quickly see some of the same folks and leave, only...well, this is Jud's story.

Spotting the usual group arrayed around the nurse's station, Jud waded in. Only after a severe woman, who'd long ago forgotten how to smile, buried her face in his neck and began cooing, and Jane wheeled her chair close to tell him what a pretty boy he was, did we realize Jud had effortlessly changed that world. Nursing homes are hot, and after two hours the nurses were following us around with cups of water. For Jud.

This wasn't the same place we'd visited a week earlier! Today we were seeing residents, not as a group on the down side of life, but as vibrant individuals with life stories. Sammy was the UPI photographer who took the famous JFK pictures; Rachel was General Eisenhower's personal secretary; George, commanding attention as he paced the halls, designed the set for the Oklahoma Broadway production; and Philomena, whom Jud taught

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Taking care of rescued dogs, is something I do best. I know because I've done it, and I've surely passed the test.

Those words from a poem entitled "Rescued Hearts" by Kathleen Parsons can be said about all of us. Those of us who have adopted a GRREAT Golden (or two or three) have cared for them, and have given them our very best.

I would like to talk to you about giving our very best to the Golden retrievers that are coming into GRREAT. In the past several years, GRREAT has been able to bring Golden retrievers of all ages, and many with health problems, into the rescue. We have been able to provide extraordinary medical care for all of them. At the present time, we are not turning away Golden retrievers because of their age or because of their health. We want to be able to continue this practice when accepting dogs into the rescue.

However, our total income from donations, give-up fees, adoption fees, and fund raising is down nearly 43% compared to this same time last year. Needless to say, the Board of Directors and I are very concerned that rescuing every Golden retriever in need may not be possible.

As you know, no rescue group can exist without funds and/or donations. GRREAT is a large, multi-state rescue, and it takes a great deal of money to operate each month. For the first part of 2004, our average monthly expenses have been \$20,244.55. Average monthly veterinary costs, our biggest expense, are nearly six times what they were in 1998. Unfortunately, donations and fundrais-

ing, while generous thanks to our wonderful members, have not increased at the same rate. Aside from orthopedic or other health concerns, each Golden retriever brought into the rescue is given basic vet care, which includes being brought up to date on vaccines. While in their foster homes, they are given monthly heartworm and flea preventative; and if needed, they are spayed or neutered. It is true that many veterinarians are generous enough to give us a much-needed discount, but we still have high expenses to obtain the care these dogs need before they are ready to be adopted. It is very rare that the adoption donation covers the vet costs for many of the Golden retrievers that are adopted, even with the cooperation of the most supportive veterinarians!

Aside from monthly veterinary expenses there are also administrative and foster home expenses. I know I speak for everyone on the Board when I tell you how grateful and appreciative we are to those volunteers who do not ask for

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8, 2004
Adoption Day
PetCo, 12-2 p.m.
Annapolis, MD

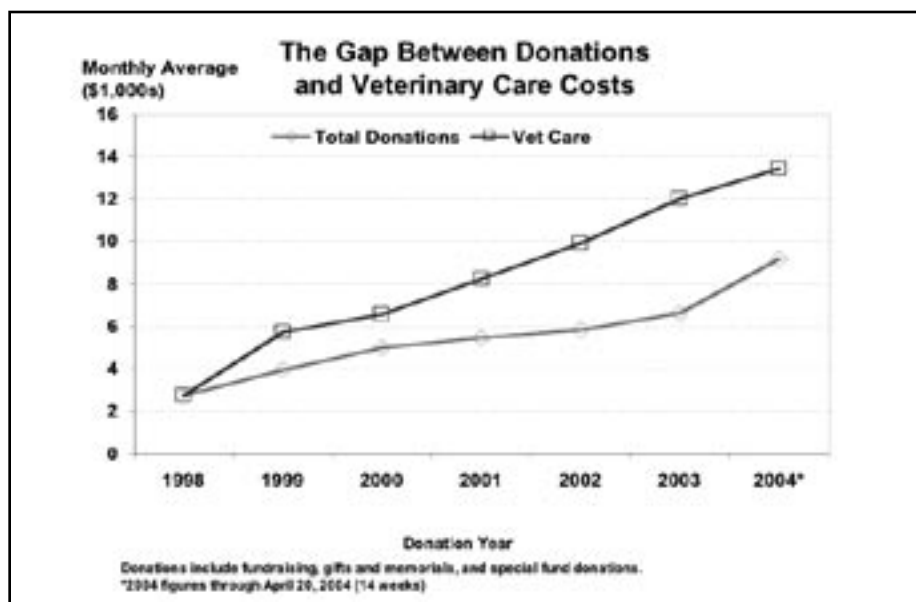
May 22, 2004
Annual GRREAT Picnic and Winetasting
Tarara Winery, 12-4 p.m.
Leesburg, VA

May 25, 2004
GRREAT Calendar Submissions DUE!

June 5, 2004
Adoption Day
PetCo, 12-2 p.m.
Dale City, VA

July 10, 2004
Adoption Day
Ana's Ark Doggie Day Care, 12-2 p.m.
Rockville, MD

For directions to Adoption Days, see page 11. For more information on the Calendar Contest, see page 17; for the Annual GRREAT Picnic and Winetasting, see page 20.



MICROCHIPPING

The Board members of GRREAT are pleased to announce the introduction of microchipping as the required means of identifying and securing the safety of all GRREAT Golden Retrievers. Effective April 15, 2004, all GRREAT dogs coming into the rescue will be microchipped before adoption.

Microchipping will be available to all non-GRREAT dogs for \$35 per dog. Microchipping will be done at all adoption day events, GRREAT special functions, and specially scheduled clinics throughout GRREAT's geographical coverage area.

If you are concerned about the usefulness of the tattoo on your GRREAT Golden, don't be! Both GRREAT and NDR (National Dog Registry) will maintain the database of GRREAT Golden Retrievers and their respective tattoo numbers. However, for additional security and safety, you should consider having your forever Golden or wannabe microchipped.

For questions regarding the transition, please contact Scott Daniels, Board member and Tattoo/Microchip Coordinator. Scott can be reached at microchips@grreat.org or 302.449.1227.

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to smile again, raised poodles on a farm in Kentucky. And there was ninety-eight year old Ellen, a school teacher, geologist and artist, whose ageless beauty remained undiminished long after she'd outlived family and friends.

Dr. Roberts, who had chaired the Romance Languages Department at NYU, quoted poetry in French and Spanish to Jud, stretched out at his feet. We conducted a clinic brushing Jud's teeth, to the delight of first-floor residents who'd "never heard of such a thing!" Lucy's professor never did remember her, but he usually remembered Jud, and we enjoyed hearing of adventures he'd encountered many years before. That is, until we were banished from the Alzheimer's ward by a head nurse deathly allergic to dog hair. Yikes!! Jud was a Golden Retriever!

At a party, red-haired Lucy and Jud won the look-alike contest hands down, had their picture in the newspaper and I was proud! Jud took it all in stride.

Dr. Roberts' daughter thought we were wonderful for giving our time. I guess others couldn't know it was those folks



Jud was a devoted
Pets on Wheels volunteer

who were giving so much to us; we were simply visiting friends whose company we enjoyed.

The residents particularly related to Jud, with his graying hair and dignified demeanor, and of course because he was taking such good care of Lucy and me. We even sneaked Grady, our GRREAT son, in for a Sunday afternoon visit when he was eight weeks old (shhh... keep this quiet!)

We came to know it was Jud's destiny in this life to radiate joy. We are privileged to have been along for the ride. 🐾

DOG WASH TO BENEFIT GRREAT

Spring has arrived, and along with it, the mud that our dogs love to play in. Take this opportunity to make a difference and help save Golden Retrievers and get a clean dog in return.

We need bathers and brushers and we need donations of towels. If you are or have been told that you act like a clown, we could use your services to entertain people while they wait. We are also looking for donations for the bake sale held during the day. If you can help in any way, please contact Georgie Bahler at gabahler@verizon.net or phone her at 703.860.2004.

WHERE: Dog Day Afternoon
305 East Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20176
703.779.1333
www.thedogdayafternoon.com

WHEN: Saturday May 1, 2004.
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

COST: \$20 per dog, \$5 additional for a nail trim

WHO BENEFITS: First of all, you'll love having a clean dog and a clean home, but the funds collected at the Dog Wash will go to benefit GRREAT.

Sources of Income and Expenses

Income

- Adoption fees
- Donations
- Special funds
- Fundraising
- Merchandise sales
- Membership fees
- MCI Center

Expenses (examples)

- Veterinary care
- Boarding
- Foster home expenses
- Newsletter printing/postage
- Merchandise to sell
- Facility fees for events
- GRREAT phone and beeper

reimbursement for expenses. Your donation of food, travel, phone calls, postage, etc., may not seem like much to you, but cumulatively, it is a significant contribution to GRREAT each month. You are “saving” the rescue money by not asking to be reimbursed, and are allowing precious funds to be used elsewhere.

A few of weeks ago, I picked up a 10 year old Golden Retriever named Jackson from the D.C. Shelter. He was given up by his owner who could no longer care for him. Knowing that he would not be adopted by anyone, the shelter contacted GRREAT to take him. When the staff brought Jackson to me, despite the wagging tail, and smile on his face, he never paused to “say hi” to me, but went right for the door. No doubt eager to make his getaway, Jackson quickly jumped into my van and settled in. Before we got onto the road, I offered Jackson a treat, but dropped it in my reluctance to get too close to his mouth. I quickly bent over to get it for him, and he gave me a single lick on my cheek. I couldn't help but smile when I looked into his bright

and smiling eyes. In that moment, I realized that I had made him happy; GRREAT had saved his life!

I feel strongly that, despite all the concerns about our finances, this was, and is, a reminder of what rescue work is all about; the Golden Retrievers whose lives we make a difference for. I know I speak for many when I say that we do not want this to change. I am worried that if GRREAT does not receive the needed donations to operate, we will have no choice but to discontinue, or severely limit, bringing Golden Retrievers into the rescue in the very near future.

On behalf of ALL the GRREAT Golden Retrievers past, present, and future, I would like to ask you to please consider making a donation of any amount to GRREAT. Remember that only “we” can change the lives for the Golden Retrievers in our area that need us. Together we can continue to make a difference for the Golden Retrievers like Jackson, that need GRREAT to make their lives better, a second time around.

Thank you for your support.

Kim Wiff

Thank You for Your Donations

Chris Bales
Bernard and Bonnie Burton
Joseph and Virginia Fry
Paula Hart
Scott Jennings
Joan and Tim Kirchner
Mary Ellen and Michael Lunde
Sharon Murphy
Stuart Painter
Conway and Martha Robinson
Michelle Sam
Neelam Shingadia
Buddy and Susan Sinor
Trish Smith
Bob Taylor
Mike and Lisa Tryson
Caryn and Warren Wick
Linda Wilson

A Big Thank You to
Bob and Pat Miles
for opening their home for the April Board Meeting. The GRREAT Board also extends its sincere sympathies to Bob and Pat on the loss to lymphoma of their GRREAT dog Champ shortly after the meeting.

Golden Opportunity!

The GRREAT News is looking for some talented individuals to assist with everything from column ideas to proofing to feature writing! No experience is necessary—all that is required is a sense of humor and a willingness to help out. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to newsletter@great.org.

DONATIONS

In Honor of...

Our friend Nelson Gibson, who will be sorely missed. Please use it to help defray the expenses of Desi (03-265). - *Phil and Janet Hauck*

Pam Briggie and Lori Bott, as a gesture of thanks for their help on February 26. - *Robert Magill*

Sadie (01-196). - *Dawn and Marshall Bowen*

Dusty. - *Jonathan Gordon*

Lucy (02-202). - *Shelley and Steven Levy*

Ben Jarratt. - *Mary Jane and Keith Smith*

Brownie (00-005). Four wonderful years. - *Ann and Michael Brace*

In Memory of...

Jack Gaardsmoe, my good friend's husband. - *Priscilla and John Borden*

My critters: Solveig, Kari, Brad, and Apollo (the last adopted from GRREAT). 25 years of living with Golden Retrievers! - *Jane Brooks*

Lucy Wakefield and Goldie and Violet Lindberg. Thank you for all the love and support by so many GRREAT volunteers to both of our dogs that first came into our lives as fosters: Sassy (00-040) and Mitzi (03-098). They are both GRREAT dogs! - *Barbara and Robert Dickman*

Sam and Grind. - *Al and Jean Huey*

My Honey dog, who I miss every day. - *Barbara Dunnington*

Calloway and Abercrombie—two great fur babies who are missed! - *Joseph and Tracey McGovern*

U-CDX, AGII Sandyhill's Change of Pace Am/Can. CDX, TD, OA, OAJ. This special Golden lived with Donna and Bernie Thompson and was a delight to all that met him. "Pacer" Thompson was a therapy dog and represented the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club at nursing homes and elementary schools. - *The shelter staff at the Frederick County Esther L. Boyd Animal Shelter*

Jake. Gone from our lives, but not from our hearts. - *Paul and Jerri Sethna*

Ceilielh (pronounced Kaylee—meaning "party"), 6/19/03 and how we miss her. - *Janet and CJ Owen*

Our beloved first Golden Retriever Alex Wilmot. - *Chuck and June Wilmot*

In Memory of Fozzy...

Fozzy, a true gentleman of the South. He came to his foster home (Jan and Marty White) with a prognosis of two to six months due to lymphoma. Three years later he lost his battle. However, during that time he never lost his zest for life or his dignity. He will be missed. - *Jim and Ginny Schultz*

Fozzy. - *Jeanine Gelhaus*

Fozzy Bear (01-074), who went to the Rainbow Bridge on March 7, 2004. We're so saddened by his passing but feel very privileged that we were his foster home for almost three years.

Fozzy Bear was nothing short of a miracle! When I picked him up from the shelter on March 28, 2001, I knew immediately he was a special Golden. He latched on to my mother's stuffed elephant key ring and wouldn't let go! Within a few short weeks our wonderful vet, Dr. Laura Page, confirmed our worst nightmare: the pathology report on one of his lumps stated lymphoma. She explained that the prognosis was not good—we

had two to six months with him. We opted for “treating” the lymphoma with diet only after we heard the options.

So, almost three years later, Fozzy Bear’s time on earth was up. During those years, he made a lot of people smile...and stop to pet him. He never knew a stranger.

Marty and I would like to thank Vicky, Bill and Shelby Smith, Carol, Rick, Kim and Jenny Gaskins and all their Goldens, Ginny and Jim Schultz, Mary Ellen Lunde, and Dan Keppler for helping us take care of Fozzy and for their never-ending support. For anyone who took a moment to pet and/or talk to Fozzy Bear—Thank you! He was such a people pup, your actions helped keep him going.

A very wise woman told us only people fear death. Other creatures live for the day and don’t think about tomorrow. What a wonderful statement. It’s brought us a lot of comfort knowing Fozzy’s days were spent thinking of only the next pet or kiss...Oh yeah, and the next meal. We love and miss you so much Fozzy!

- Janet and Martin White.

Zack's Fund for Mobility Challenged Goldens...



In memory of my loveable Golden Zack, who died August 1999. His birthday is March 1, 1990.

- Joanna Thalheimer

Joyce and Ralph Page

For Other Reasons...

To thank Edie Galpin (GRREAT’s Intake Coordinator) and Tom Janczuk (GRREAT’s Foster Home Coordinator).

I’ve been a member/volunteer with GRREAT for about a year now. I was doing home evaluations on people wanting to adopt from GRREAT, but I wanted to be more involved. In September 2003, I had a conversation with Edie about the possibility of me helping with intakes. After a long conversation with Edie and a couple of “trial” intake interviews, I became one of the Intake Assistants.

One of the first intake interviews Edie asked me to do was with a shelter, who had an older girl that had been picked up as a stray. I spoke with Tom and offered to pick her up and he didn’t hesitate at all; he told me to go get her. It was at that moment that I became a member of the Transport Team. Even though I had only done a few intakes and had never done a transport before, Tom and Edie both trusted me enough to let me go pick up this sweet, old girl (Tom named her Shelby), and transport her to an animal hospital for a check-up and boarding.

The moment I saw Shelby in the shelter, my heart melted. Despite being very dirty, she was the prettiest Golden girl I’d ever seen. When my husband Ken met her, he felt the same way I did. Ken and I fostered Shelby and we knew we wanted to make her a permanent member of our family, so we adopted her in December 2003. Every day with Shelby is an absolute joy! She gets along really well with our other two dogs, Reno and Keona, and they love her as much as Ken and I do.

Thank you Edie and Tom. If it weren’t for you both, I would never have met Shelby. Also, you’ve given me the opportunity to help so many Goldens in need and for that, I’m forever grateful.

- Mary Collings, Shelby’s Mom

An online donation for Susanne Lazanov.

- Anonymous

DONATIONS, Cont'd

For Other Reasons, Cont'd...

We fostered Shelby (04-001) and would like to pay for his vet bill. Next time we foster we will be sure to push the chocolate cupcakes to the back of the counter, out of dogs' reach!

- *Jan and William Carlson*

For GRREAT's great work!

- *Marcia and Norman King*

Please apply our donation to care of Rusty.

- *King George Animal Rescue League*

Thanks for all you do for Goldens!

- *John and Jackie Lodmell*

Thanks again for all your hard work. Gadget (Rex 00-012) and Rose (Mollie 00-202) are packing their bones and beds to head west for vacation. We're headed to the Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Yosemite, Yellowstone, and the Grand Tetons. I hope they don't chase the Bison!

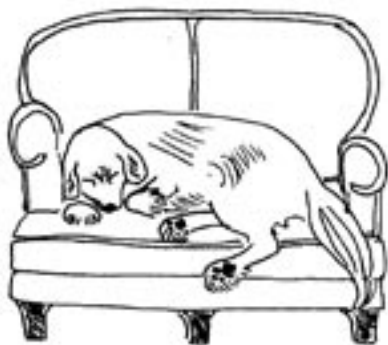
- *Allan and Debra Farcosky*

To thank GRREAT on our 6th anniversary with Molson. - *Doreen and Brad Wright*

Thank You...

Susan McCullough, for donating a case of canned dog food.

Dr. Khianey, for his generous donations of Heartgard.



Corporate and Ongoing Donations...

Donations received through Something Special, Ltd. of Stafford, VA.

Sales of GRREAT merchandise on eBay by volunteer Stef Nelson.

WorldReach, representing donations from USA Today employees Nancy St. John and "Anonymous."

Fannie Mae Foundation, representing a matching gift for a donation made by Cathy Bushnell.

United Way of Central Maryland, on behalf of Debra Schaum and Linda Sowers.

America's Charities, representing pledges through Lockheed Martin and AMS employee giving, including Jeffrey Ackerson.

iGive.com, representing a percentage of purchases made by online shoppers who designated GRREAT as their charity of choice.

The American Gas Association, on behalf of Doug Allen.

Attached please find donations that we collected at the 3rd Annual GRREAT Golden Happy Tails Hour in Annapolis, MD on March 20. Once again, we had wonderful weather and many Goldens and their humans turned out to wag tails and raise funds. We hope these donations will allow a few more Goldens to wag happy tails in the future. Please use them as you see fit. As always, if you're in Annapolis, please stop by to say hello. We're retail stores Before & After at 50 Maryland Avenue and Paws pet boutique at 64 State Circle, both in downtown historic Annapolis. Murphy, a GRREAT Golden and Before & After store dog would love to say woof too!

- *Brenda Burlbaugh, Before and After, Annapolis*

For Marty...



In honor of Kelly, our rescued girl.

- *Kathy Heck and Angie Adams*

From fellow goldens, Karmen (99-222) and Avvy.

- *Wendy Garcia*

In memory of our Bandit and Chief Brad Sheppard of Berkeley County Animal Control. - *Judy Lucas*

As a foster mom who took care of a dog like Marty a year ago, I am so happy to be able to help. My foster dog, Toby went to a wonderful home, where he is much loved. Much luck to all of you. I know that Marty will find his forever home soon. - *Judy Gartlan*

In honor of our sweet 'Goldie' girl (99-070).

- *Olivia McDonough*

A friend of mine made some GRREAT decals and the enclosed check is the result of people supporting GRREAT by buying them. - *Mary and Ken Collings*

In memory of my beloved dogs, King and Honey.

- *Lisa Napoli*

From the Mary Chapin Carpenter Birthday Project.

- *Margaret Carpentier*

For my Golden Samantha. I had her for a wonderful 13 years. She was our baby. We love her very much and had a great time with her. She passed away on Nov. 10, 2003 and it has been hard. Time will heal. Thank you for your GRREAT work.

- *Charles and Carol Panagoulis*

Beau was once under the care of the rescue vet of Marty's. So it fits that Beau helps to care for others. We love our Beau Bien and send our best love to Marty and his caretaker. - *Richard and Marion Snyder*

As thanks for the wonderful and loving fosters from GRREAT for the short time they spent with us (Angel, Halle/Kelly, Sarah, Halley, who we adopted, and Shayla) and also for the foster, Hannah, from the Potomac Valley Lab Rescue. - *Allen and Kathy Shapiro*

Thank you GRREAT for all you do. Bailey (99-135) is my love. - *Toni Stiefel*

Please keep up all the wonderful work that you do. - *Julie Von Vorys*

My husband Tim and I met Marty as we began our search for a new Golden companion after Rusty crossed the Rainbow Bridge (our GRREAT dog for 11 years.) P.S. Riley (04-007) and Sandy Rose (04-008) send get well wishes to Marty.

- *Tim White and Anna Alt-White*

To thank GRREAT for my dog Buckmaster (02-278).

- *Thomas Schmidt*

Angel (03-101). - *Patricia and Bill Keilholtz*

Paula Abernethy
Jill and Ken Beard
Dawn Wilson Beecham
Ellen and Dennis Benjamin
Elysa and Igor Birman
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For Marty, Cont'd.

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LEO'S CORNER

For dogs with special needs...



Golden Angels (\$500 or more)

Richard and Anne Peck

Golden Heroes (\$100-499)

Dr. Joseph O'Neill

Sharon Wultich

In honor of Beaver (98-098) aka Mr. December
2004. - *Nancy Butler*

John and Jane Bishop

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

For Tattooing Kona. - *Nancy Spain*

In memory of Huckleberry. - *Jane Smith*

In memory of Spike, our beloved 18 year old
terrier who crossed the rainbow bridge 10/31/03.
Not a Golden, but a "brother" to three during
his life, and a truly great dog.
- *Jim and Carol Funk, Alex (97-107) and Hally*

Our hearts are heavy and sad since we've lost
our Golden angel...So, in memory of our dear
Chelsea, we are enclosing a contribution for
the Leo Fund to help another Golden angel.

Chelsea Belle June 1, 1990–January 30, 2004

*Loving memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with love sincere,
In our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.*

- John and Jane Bishop

ADOPTION REPORT

ADOPTION DAY DIRECTIONS

Spring and puppy love were in the air for a total of 38 dogs who found their forever homes through April 6. Congratulations to all of these families and their new furchildren.

Statistics

Total – 38

Males – 22

Females – 16

Under age 2 – 10

Ages 2-6 – 19

Age 7 and over – 9

Name	ID	Age	Sex	Name	ID	Age	Sex
Annie	03-134	3	F	Maddy/Molly	03-223	4	F
Bascia	04-023	8	F	Maggie Mae	03-235	4	F
Bayley	04-047	3	F	Marcie	02-268	6	F
Boomer	03-267	7	M	Marty	03-281	1	M
Buddy/Huck	03-090	8	M	Mercedes	03-284	1	F
Cody	04-003	1	M	Midas	04-021	8mo	M
Cody	04-029	1	M	Oscar	03-225	8	M
Dakota	04-038	4	M	Rusty	04-020	1	F
Dawson	03-285	12	M	Rusty	04-032	1	M
Desdemona	03-265	5	F	Rusty	04-033	5	M
Duke	03-286	10	M	Sam	04-019	5	M
Duke	04-017	1	M	Shayla	04-028	16mo	F
Dutch	03-266	4	M	Shayna	04-012	5	F
Emma	04-025	3	F	Shelby	04-001	3	F
Fletcher	04-050	4	M	Tasha	04-027	8	F
Henry	03-026	15mo	M	Taylor	04-040	6	M
Jack	03-280	3	M	Taz	03-254	2	M
Jamaica	03-253	6	M	Tessa	03-183	8	F
Kara	04-026	3	F	Trevor/Deacon	03-219	7	M

May 8, 2004

PETCO, Noon–2 p.m.
2319-D Forest Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401
Ph: 410.224.8323

From Rt. 50 East, take the Aris T. Allen Blvd. exit. Then take the first exit (for Riva Road). At the first stop light, turn left. At the next stop light, turn right into the Festival at Riva Road Shopping Center. PetCo is near the Giant.

June 5, 2004

PETCO, Noon–2 p.m.
4167 Cheshire Station Plaza
Dale City, VA 22193
Ph: 703590.8823

From I-95 in Virginia, take the exit for Potomac Mills Mall. This puts you on Dale Boulevard. Follow it for about 5 miles, then turn right onto Minneville Road. PetCo is the first turn on the right.

July 10, 2004

Ana's Ark Doggie Day
Care Center
Noon–2 p.m.
601-5 Dover Road
Rockville, MD 20850
Ph: 301.738.6781

From I-270, get off on the Shady Grove Rd exit, going north. Head east on Rt. 355 (Frederick Road). Turn left onto Goude Dr. Turn right onto Dover Road. Ana's Ark Doggie Day Care is on the left.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

We adopted Wylie (formerly Frankie) from GRREAT in July 2003. Wylie has been an absolute joy. He has been the perfect addition to our family. He has a wonderful personality and loves to play and is extremely obedient. For purposes of his medical records we gave him a birthday of February 14th, Valentine's Day. It is very appropriate for him because he is so sweet. Our daughter Elizabeth works at the Sandy Spring Veterinarian Hospital and Kennel. She frequently takes him to work with her and he enjoys playing with the other dogs.



- Mike and Peggy Alexander

GRREAT assumes no responsibility for the above directions. Please call the individual businesses listed to verify the route from your address.

Dog First Aid Kit

Emergencies can occur anytime and the best thing to do is be prepared, especially if you're travelling with your dog. Having a first-aid kit ready will help to reduce anxiety if an emergency does happen. Keep the kit readily available and periodically check to make sure all the items are up to date and present. A small plastic toolbox or fishing tackle box works well to hold all the necessary equipment.

Remember to include your veterinarian's phone number and copies of your dog's medical records in your pet's first aid kit. Also, remember that Tylenol and Ibuprofen (Nuprin, Motrin, Advil, etc.) are very toxic to dogs, even in low doses. Only aspirin is safe for dogs, and buffered aspirin or ascriptin is preferred to minimize stomach upset. Consult a veterinarian for exact dosage amounts.

A well-stocked first aid kit for dogs includes:

- Roll cotton
- Some cotton balls & swabs
- Aspirin
- Gauze pads
- Gauze tape
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Hydrocortisone ointment
- Scissors
- Eyewash
- Silver nitrate
- Tweezers
- Oral syringes
- Meat-flavored Baby Food
- Large towel
- Exam gloves
- 1-inch white tape
- Rolls of elastic wrap
- Emergency ice pack
- Canine Thermometer

TRAVELLING WITH TAWNEY

Book Review by GRREAT Publications Coordinator,
April Fritz, assisted by Rock and Roll

According to the Washington Post, more and more families are traveling with their pets, and GRREAT families are no exception. With more than a dozen books about traveling with pets in publication, the big question is which to select when you are purchasing a travel book to pack with bone, bowl and Blondie herself. Each has features that are of use to one category of traveler or another. A comparison table of four pet travel books I found at my local Border's Books is on page 13. These and several others can also be ordered through Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.

I liked the comprehensiveness of the *Pet Travel and Fun Authority*, which included lists and contact information for kennels, doggie daycare, pet sitters, emergency vets, and other pet-related resources, in addition to listings of pet-friendly accommodations. One drawback of the book is that the accommodations descriptions are not as complete as, say, the *Mobil Travel Guide On the Road with Your Pet*. If you have never traveled with your pets, *Vacationing with Your Pet* would be a good choice since it includes lots of tips, checklists, and other information such as training your pet in preparation for a trip. And for someone flying with their pet, *Pets on the Go* provides airline by airline pet travel policies, although the book itself is quite hefty.

Other recently published pet travel guides include:

- *Fodor's Road Guide USA: Where to Stay with Your Pet*, 1st Edition (2001) by Fodor's

- *Traveling With Your Pet—The AAA PetBook* : 5th Edition (2003) by AAA
- *The Portable petswelcome.com: The Complete Guide to Traveling with Your Pet* by Fred N. Grayson and Chris Kingsley (2001)
- *Doin' [Arizona/California/New York/Texas/the Northwest] With Your Pooch!*, a location-specific series called *Vacationing With Your Pet Travel* by Eileen Barish
- *The Dog Lover's Companion to [Florida/New England/New York City/Boston/Texas/Chicago/Atlanta/Bay Area/Washington, DC and Baltimore]: The Inside Scoop on Where to Take Your Dog*, another series of location-specific books by Sally Deneen, and others.

In this last series, *The Dog Lover's Companion to Washington, DC and Baltimore* (second edition 2003) by Ann and Don Oldenburg, should be on every GRREAT family's bookshelf. The book covers dog friendly places, restaurants, hotels, and annual events in the DC, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware beaches and other nearby locales. Places to go with your dog receive a paws rating (interesting/fun for dogs) and a footstep rating (interesting/fun for humans). For example, Constitution Gardens, the Lincoln Memorial, Rock Creek Park, and the C&O Canal National Historic Park all receive the highest ratings for dogs and humans, as does Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, where GRREAT's fall picnic was held last year. In addition, there are dozens of listings that I never would have thought of in the area, including a couple of parks very

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Title	Vacationing with Your Pet	Pets on the Go	On the Road with Your Pet	Pet Travel and Fun Authority
Cost	1995	21.95	17.95	16.95
Publication year	2003 (5th ed)	2002 (3rd ed)	2004	2003 (12th ed)
Listings	25,000	18,000	4,000	35,000
Canada included?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Extras	90 pages of "Kibble and Tidbits" (travel tips, checklists, first aid, emergency phone numbers)	Affiliated with Petsonthego.com; lists of dog camps, websites for national hotel groups that welcome pets; airline policies by company	Toll-free and online listings for hotel chains, airlines, rental cars	Affiliated with petfun.org; lists of "best of state" attractions, beaches, dog camps, resorts, kennels, pet sitters, emergency vets, doggie daycare, dog parks, dog bakeries; "Yellow Pages" format
# Pages	700+	970	470	500+
Accommodations Format	Name, address, phone, rate range	Name, address, website, phone, rate range, pet policy, "creature comforts" (for humans)	Name, address, rate range, phone, website, Mobil star rating, facilities and services, comments	Name, address, phone, price range symbols, restrictions
Author	Eileen Barrish	Dawn and Robert Habgood	Mobil Travel Guides	M.E. Nelson
Publisher	Pet Friendly Publications, Scottsdale, AZ	Dawbert Press, Duxbury, MA	Mobil Travel Guide, Park Ridge, IL	Annenberg Communications Institute, Redondo Beach, CA
ISBN	1884465-15-3	0933603-13-4	0-9727-0223-7	1-56471-814-X
Rock 'n' Roll's Rating	2 biscuits	3 biscuits	3 biscuits	4 biscuits

close to home that the boyz and I plan to visit now that the weather is getting to be so nice.

While I have focused this review on recent books, it is important to remember that even more current information is available from several websites, such as petswelcome.com, travelpets.com, dogfriendly.com, and takeyourpet.com. Some of these sites require subscriptions

but in turn guarantee their customers with up-to-the-minute listings.

However far you plan to travel with your pet this summer, remember two critical concepts: always call ahead to confirm pet policies (especially for larger pets like Golden Retrievers), and NEVER leave your pets in the car in the summer, because heat in an enclosed vehicle can kill. Bone voyage! 🐾

eBay and GRREAT— A Winning Combo!

“Going once, going twice, going three times: SOLD! to eBay user ID goldenlover33!” Well, it won’t sound like that, but close. GRREAT now has auctions online at eBay and you can help in many ways. We are in need of items to put up for bids. You can help by donating items and we will appreciate just about anything you may decide to send us. Anything of value, from a boat or car to a watch or antique thimble, will help the rescue raise funds so we can do more to help our furry friends. Your donation does not have to be Golden-related. It is tax deductible and GRREAT will provide you with a receipt for your donated treasures.

You can also go to eBay and bid on GRREAT items yourself. Millions of people worldwide shop and bid every day. GRREAT auctions can be found at user id “grreatrescue”. Contact Jim and Stephanie at grreatauctions@grreat.org with your donated items or to ask any questions.

So, if you feel you can part with your items so that GRREAT can continue to help our furry friends, we’d be glad to hear from you!

Upcoming Events

Pet Fiesta

May 1, 2004

Reston Town Center

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Pet Fiesta is a celebration of pets and pet ownership in Northern Virginia. Meet area rescue groups, view products and services from area merchants and participate in a number of fun activities, including the Mutt Strutt Dog Walk. For more information, check out www.petfiesta.org.

Fifth Annual Dog Days of Summer

May 19, 2004

7:05 p.m.

Bowie Baysox vs. Akron Aeros
There will be a pregame parade on the field and special dog displays on concourse from pet societies, dog food, grooming and care. All dogs must pre-register by May 18. Dogs pay, owners get in free. Tickets are \$7 per dog or other dog owner for general admission. For more information, call Craig Jacius 301.464.4874.

Howard County Pet Expo

May 23, 2004

Schooley Mill Park

12975 Hall Shop Road

Highland, MD

11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Caring Hands Animal Hospital Open House

June 19, 2004

Centerville, VA

11 a.m.–3 p.m.

This event will include a dog wash, raffle, agility demonstrations and dog-related information tables such as the blood bank and rescues. Proceeds from the event will benefit all the participating rescues (including GRREAT).

This list is for information purposes only. GRREAT does not sponsor nor endorse these events.

PICK OF THE LITTER

Spotlight on a special dog in need of a special someone

DAKOTA (95-134)

Dakota is a 10-year old, 95-pound, nearly blind sweetheart. "Kody" is very loveable, and easy to care for. He loves to chase a ball, especially if it makes noise. But his all-time favorites are his stuffed animals. He will drop them at your feet and back up and wait for you to toss it to him. He is significantly blind, but gets around extremely well. He even maneuvers stairs. He does not jump on furniture.


Dakota is house-trained, but he may have had a doggie door, because if he goes to the door and you are not there to open it he will "go" right there. So he will either need someone around to let him out or access to outside. We have put him in a crate for short periods of time when we needed to keep him off wet floors, etc. He is fine and does not mind them at all.

Dakota is great with cats, but likes their food and litter box a little too much. Dakota is in a foster home with four other dogs. It did not go well at first, because he guarded his toys and food. They have learned to tolerate each others presence. He has

even learned to share his bed with them as long as he does not have a toy near by. He would be best in a home with no other dogs.

Dakota is fine with children, but does not like anyone to take his toys. For this reason, it might be wise not to have a very young child around him. He shows no anti-social issues at all. He enjoys the company of men and women. He likes being outdoors, but is a little too lazy for very long walks. He enjoys car rides, but needs help getting into an SUV.

He is on a diet and is losing steadily. He is on a supplement for joints due to his age, but x-rays show no real damage at this time. It's a shame that Kody has been in four homes. He really is very easy to care for and love. He rolls with the punches and adapts very quickly to his surroundings. He just needs to find a true "forever" home.

To see a photo of Dakota, please visit www.grreat.org and click on the "Available Dogs" link. If you believe you could provide a loving home for Dakota, please call Anneliese Johnson at 301.452.9450. 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club Agility Trial

June 19 and 20, 2004

Carroll Indoor Sports Center

Westminster, MD

Anyone interested in attending this event, and interested in helping GRREAT to make money, please contact Kim Wiff (president@grreat.org) for more details.

ASK GOLDIE

Featuring your questions answered by Susan McCullough, Author,
Housetraining For Dummies (Wiley); Your New Dog (Capital Books) and Senior Dogs For Dummies (Wiley)

Dear Goldie,

I adore my newly-adopted member of the family, Hank (a 2-year-old Golden mix), except when he barks. As a member of a townhouse community, I need to be sensitive to loud noises that could upset my neighbors. It seems that whenever someone comes to the door, Hank begins to bark loudly and confidently (and even more so when the doorbell rings). I'm sure that he's just trying to be protective, but I need him to learn to use his "indoor" voice. Do you have any hints?

Needing Some Quiet Time
Baltimore, MD

Dear Needing:

Poor Hank. He's just trying to do his job—which, as he sees it, is to let you know that someone's at the door. Understandably, though, you see otherwise.

But take your cues from your Golden's admirable work ethic: give him something else to do when a person knocks on the door or rings the bell. I know a Golden named Allie who tends to greet visitors with too much enthusiasm. Her family deals with her overly effusive behavior by keeping a stuffed toy in a closed hamper right near their front door, and giving it to Allie whenever someone comes calling.

Here's how it works. Whenever there's a knock at the door or ringing of the doorbell, a family member and Allie both go to the door. The family member reaches into the hamper to get the toy, then opens the door. As the visitor steps in, but before Allie can do her thing, the family member throws the toy down the stairs and tells Allie to fetch it. Allie invariably complies—and in doing so, is too busy to throw herself upon the visitor.

I suspect that Hank will respond equally well to a similar job offer. Give it a try—and good luck.

Dear Goldie,

I just moved into a new home with a lush, spacious lawn. I was thrilled to finally have space for Cougar (6-year-old Golden) to run and jump with me, but it seems that I might not be able to join him. Whenever Cougar is unattended, he

digs so many holes that now it's dangerous for me to try to play in the yard (without breaking an ankle anyway!). How can I increase our fun time together by halting his gopher-like habits?

Stuck in a Hole
Hanover, PA

Dear Stuck:

Dealing with your would-be archaeologist calls for a two-pronged approach. First, you need to alleviate the probable cause of Cougar's excavating: boredom at being left unattended. Don't leave your Golden boy alone in the yard, even for bathroom breaks. Get out there with him to make sure he goes potty—and, if you have time, play with him afterward. Of course, you should fill in the holes before you begin accompanying Cougar to the yard.

Make sure, too, that Cougar's getting enough exercise: a good 20-to-30 minutes of fetching, running or other vigorous play. And don't confine your workouts to your yard. Take him with you on your daily jog, and set up some play dates with other pooches. Take him to a refresher obedience class, too—an adult dog can learn good manners just as well as a puppy can, and a class provides good mental exercise for a dog.

Finally, realize that Cougar's excavation urges are entirely normal—and give him a chance to give in to them by giving him a place of his own in which to dig to his heart's content. A child's sandbox, which you can buy at your local toy store (you can get the sand there, too) fills the bill nicely here. Whenever Cougar starts to dig elsewhere in the yard, bring him to his sandbox. You can even increase his incentive to confine his digging to the sandbox by burying a favorite toy there occasionally. This way, you both win: your yard stays gorgeous, and he gets to do what comes naturally. 🐾



On sale now: GRREAT bumper stickers! Show your support with these awesome 6 x 4-inch oval stickers that look just like the popular Eurostickers. The stickers are \$3 each, and all proceeds benefit Golden Retrievers that come into rescue. They will be on sale at Adoption Days and all GRREAT events, including the upcoming Wine Tasting Fundraiser and Spring Picnic. For more information, please contact Jessie Robinson via email at jrgolden4314@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU!

To member Darby Wiggins for processing GRREAT's recent mailing of the updated Standard Operating Procedures document to all GRREAT foster homes.

The Dog-tor is OUT

"The Dog-tor is In" will return in the next edition of the GRREAT News. Please email your questions to newsletter@grreat.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

March 6, Adoption Day Owings Mills, MD

Andrew Becker
Wayne Hunter
Jennifer Golbeck
Shari and Emily Lucas
Elizabeth Reimer
Wendy Turner
Roberta Dorn
Rochelle Lesser
Kate Combs
Barbara Boyd
Terri Jones
Barbara Schmitt
Janet Kaplan
Kristin Koldewey
Jan Carlson

April 3, Adoption Day Vienna VA

Lucinda Twining
Bob Miles
Michelle Sam
Roberta Dunn
Allison Ward
Nan Cox
Jeff Twining
Cyndy Martin
Barb Boyd
Barbara Schmitt
Jeannie Blood
Mary Ann McFarland
Jennifer and Dan Goldbeck

For more information or to volunteer at an Adoption Day in your area, please contact Stef Nelson at volunteer@grreat.org or 410.381.9456.

LETTERS TO GRREAT

Dear Wonderful Folks of GRREAT,

Just a short note and a check to let you know that I really haven't fallen off the face of the earth, although living in Oregon is certainly a different world than the Baltimore/DC area.

Michael, Travis, Sammie Girl and I all continue to enjoy Oregon, especially since spring started about the beginning of March and we've had temps in the 60's and 70's for the past 4 weeks. Official growing season for Roseburg starts in mid-February and last through mid-November, so all of the flowering plum trees and cherry trees, camellias, tulips, etc, are in full bloom. Azaleas will be at a peak in about 7 days and shortly thereafter, the roses and rhododendrons will be out.

Michael and I have been on a diet since mid-January and have each lost about 25 pounds, and although we have quite a way to go, I really think that we're going to get to a weight that is more rational by the end of the year. It has been a tremendous help that there are so many wonderful biking/walking trails right here in Roseburg where we live. We walk at least 25 miles each morning and usually another 15 miles in the evening. If we are home around noon, we usually walk another 5 mile. Sammie and Travis go with us, of course, and have also lost weight.

Both Michael and I continue to do volunteer work with the local golden rescue here in Oregon, Golden Bond, both with evaluating dogs prior to intake and transport. GB recently lost their Foster Home Coordinator and I'm sure they were hoping that I would be ready to step in. I think at some point in the future, I would love to do it but just not right now. I haven't been doing any fostering, either and probably won't for a couple of years as Michael and I have been doing quite a bit of impromptu traveling and would like to do so for a while. Also, I have to admit that both Travis and Sammie Girl seem much happier without strange dogs always traipsing through the house, although as a general rule almost all dogs are much calmer here in Oregon, especially around other dogs. I guess the laid back attitude of the owners transmits to their pets. I also volunteer every other Sunday to help the local SPCA (private org, not part of the county) with cat adoptions. They don't have a facility right now and don't have any foster homes for dogs, so they only do cats. They are also 100% wedded to the foster home approach, although they are trying to raise money to build a facility.

As soon as they finish the landscaping of our front yard, I hope to put together a photo album and post it on the web, so anyone that is interested can see our new digs and surroundings.

Mary Ellen and Michael Lunde

ABOUT MARY ELLEN LUNDE: Mary Ellen Lunde is a name known by nearly anyone who has ever had contact with GRREAT. From 1997–2003, Mary Ellen wore many hats as a fantastic volunteer, including secretary, intake coordinator, and foster home coordinator. Mary Ellen was the point person to respond to our incoming calls, find out about the dog, locate an available foster home, and, if necessary, arrange transport between the give-up/shelter and the foster home. She consistently devoted 50 hours or more per week to GRREAT, and she is deeply missed.

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

DEADLINE RAPIDLY APPROACHING!

Are you a camera-happy golden lover? Think your dog is the most photogenic around? Enter your favorite GRREAT Golden photographs in our Calendar Contest! We are accepting entries for the 2005 Calendar, which is sold through GRREAT and provided to veterinarians and shelters within our coverage area. We encourage everyone to send their best shots of their four-legged companions. Photos will be selected for the cover and for each month. A committee of GRREAT members will judge submissions using the following criteria:

- 1) overall composition (balance, centering, color and contrast between dog and its surroundings)
- 2) quality of background
- 3) sharpness and clarity
- 4) general appearance (muddy, wet, or snow-covered dogs are encouraged to enter; no glowing eyes)
- 5) seasonal appropriateness (costumes are discouraged)
- 6) variety (we want to see them all!)

2005 GRREAT Calendar Contest Rules

- 1) The deadline for submissions is **May 25th, 2004**, and judging will occur in early June.

- 2) We regret that we cannot accept digital photos, unless they are taken or scanned at very high resolution (a minimum of 300dpi at 9x12 inches).
- 3) All entries must be horizontal, due to the design of the calendar. Vertical pictures will not be considered.
- 4) Only GRREAT Rescue dogs are eligible. Dogs featured in the 2004 calendar (other than honorable mentions) are not eligible this year, but other GRREAT dogs in the family are.
- 5) Other pets are welcome, but please leave the humans behind the camera.
- 6) Sorry, photos cannot be returned.
- 7) Only color images are eligible. We cannot accept black and white or Polaroid images.
- 8) We reserve the right to use any images and/or stories you send us in future issues of the GRREAT News.

Send the photo(s) of your GRREAT dog, along with his 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: GRREAT CALENDAR CONTEST, C/O PLATINUM ONLINE SERVICES, 554 N. FREDERICK AVE. #351, GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877.

THE PUP TENT



Can you reassemble the pieces of the puzzle to create the photo below? Cut the pieces out and try it!



GOLDEN PUZZLE

By Beth Lacey Gill



VOLUNTEER CORNER

A BREED APART

Spotlight on a GRREAT Volunteer

Ruth Chase

For this newsletter GRREAT has chosen to highlight an individual who has been a tremendous asset to not only GRREAT over the years but also many, many canine friends in the metro DC area. Her name is Ruth Chase and she is indeed a dog trainer extraordinaire and benefactor of GRREAT. Ruth owns and manages the Coventry School for Dogs and Their People in Columbia, MD. She has always been very active in local community affairs regarding dogs and has time and time again helped GRREAT in so many ways. I am sure that many of you have been to her facility which she has frequently provided free of charge to GRREAT for Adoption Days, seminars and meetings. In addition to the use of the facility itself, Ruth gives of her own time on those days, including cleaning up afterwards the mounds of golden hair, etc. !

Ruth's direct financial contributions have also been substantial over the years. This includes many personal donations from her, as well as encouraging support of the rescue among her clients. She has many organizations and rescues that she supports but always puts GRREAT at the top of her list!

Another significant area where Ruth's tremendous talents benefit GRREAT is her willingness to always work closely with the Foster Home Coordinator and foster homes on individual severely problematic dogs. Sometimes this involves Ruth seeing a dog before GRREAT agrees to take it in. Her insights to the dog and its behavior is integral to helping GRREAT ascertain whether coming into GRREAT will result in his being able to be a valued family member in the future. Her wisdom also helps GRREAT identify the type of foster home needed to accomplish this. In addition, Ruth has met with individual foster families who had dogs that had issues beyond the normal, giving the foster home a good grasp of what is probably triggering the dog's behavior and very specific steps on how to deal with it. There are

quite a few dogs that would not have made it into GRREAT and quite a few foster families that would have thrown in the towel, except for Ruth's extreme competence, her willingness to share her knowledge and her selfless generosity of her time.

Her ability to help so many dogs is due mostly to her talent in helping people understand how to communicate with our fuzzybutt friends in a language the dogs understand. I will always remember the first session I attended with Ruth in which she emphasized that rolled up newspapers could be effective tools in dog training, as long as you followed her special technique, which is as follows.

- Give Fido a command
- If he doesn't follow it, reach for the heaviest, tightly-rolled newspaper you can find.
- Pick up newspaper and raise it high above your head.
- Bring it down quickly and beat yourself firmly about the head and shoulders, asking yourself if you did all the training exercises you were supposed to for about 15 minutes each day.

Ruth is dedicated to people having a loving relationship with their dog and was one of the first trainers in the metro DC area to fully embrace positive reinforcement methods at a time when it was not considered very professional. However, her constant research and dedication to providing the best possible life for all doggies that came within her sphere has resulted in thousands of well-trained happy dogs with their humans proficient in canine communications. Once again, I cannot praise Ruth enough that with all the demands of starting a running her own business, she always makes time for GRREAT and other rescues. Ruth's dedication to GRREAT goldens has indeed earned her many feathers for her angel wings.

The staff of the GRREAT News would like to thank Mary Ellen Lunde for writing this piece for the newsletter. 🐾

Many thanks to member Barb Dickman for processing GRREAT's membership renewal reminder. Barb folded and prepared more than 400 letters for mailing in just a few hours. Rumors that her dog Sassy (00-040) and her foster Mitzi (03-098) helped to lick the envelopes are unconfirmed!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our generous supporters in the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC), who raised almost \$2,000 during their Silent Auction to benefit GRREAT at PVGRC's Annual Awards Banquet on March 13, 2004.

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 are gratefully acknowledged in the GRREAT News.

Thank you for your generosity.

Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.

Please mail forms with your contribution to:
GRREAT, P.O. Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

- New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

- Mark here if this is an address or name change

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Mark as many as applicable:

- I am enclosing \$30 for my 2004 membership dues.
- I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation of \$_____.
- I am interested in becoming a GRREAT Volunteer. (Please fill out and return Volunteer form as well).
- I am interested in donating the following services or supplies to GRREAT:

Thank you for your support!

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 the form to:

GRREAT
Attention: Volunteer Coordinator
P.O. Box 3069
Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Best time to call _____

Are you over age 18? Yes No

Work Phone (_____) _____

OK to call at work? Yes No

County or area you live in _____

County or area you work in _____

Other areas 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
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GRREAT'S SECOND ANNUAL WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER & SPRING PICNIC

at the beautiful Tarara Winery in Leesburg, Virginia

GRREAT is proud to announce our second annual spring picnic and wine tasting fundraiser to benefit the rescue and re-homing of over 300 Golden Retrievers per year. This very special event will feature festival-type wine tasting for the first 300 adults who sign up. The event hosts invite you to bring your faithful canine companion(s)—leashed at all times, please—to meet old friends and new in the lovely setting of Tarara Winery.

DATE AND TIME: Saturday May 22, Noon–4 p.m.

COST: To enjoy the wine tasting, the cost *per person* is \$25. Wine will also be available for purchase by the glass or bottle.

If you would just like to attend the event and enjoy the day, the dogs, and the winery grounds, the cost is \$10 *per family*.

Please note that GRREAT will be providing food for purchase, but feel free to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy.

WHERE: Tarara Winery in Leesburg, VA, features the Meadow Pavilion (covered, 2100 sq. ft); a 15-acre field; open and wooded picnic areas (20 picnic tables); softball field (bring your own gloves); six miles of wooded and riverside hiking trails; volleyball court (bring your own ball); horseshoe pit; children's play area; ample field parking, water and electricity on site.



SIGN UP: Send a check for \$25 per adult wine taster to P.O. Box 3069, Falls Church, VA 22043, attn. Wine Tasting. If you'd prefer not to participate in the wine tasting, but want to picnic with us, please send a check for \$10 per family and let us know how many people will be attending. **New this year:** you can also sign up online and pay by credit card at www.great.org/picnic.

DIRECTIONS:

From Washington, D.C.: Take the Dulles Toll Road (267) to Leesburg. Go north on U.S. Route 15 North toward Frederick, MD and travel 8 miles to the small town of Lucketts. Turn right at light on state road 662. Proceed 3 miles until you see the entrance to the winery on the left. Follow the signs to the winery parking. Then follow the signs to the event parking.

From Frederick, MD: Drive south on U.S. Route 15 and cross the Potomac River. Drive 2 miles and turn left on state road 658. Drive approximately another 2 miles and turn left on state road 662. Proceed 1 mile until you see the entrance to the winery on the left. Follow the signs to the winery parking. Then follow the signs to the event parking.

Questions can be directed to greatevents@great.org.

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