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Chyann & Her 10 Little Gifts

By Jim Nelson, GRREAT Foster Dad

This is the story of Chyann, a smallish, mahogany Golden Retriever. In early February, Chyann found herself in quite a fix. Her people had dumped her in a

Virginia animal shelter. Chyann was only eight months old, malnourished, afflicted with worms, and very pregnant.

Her situation was about as bad as it gets for a dog without a home, but not hopeless.

Hope for Chyann came in the form of GRREAT. Through the efforts of many people, Chyann escaped her near hopeless situation. Mary Collings coordinated the intake and transport volunteer Bill Price drove Chyann from Virginia to her foster family in Columbia MD. Bill had a nervous trip—Chyann was so, so pregnant that he was afraid she would deliver right there in his car!

So Chyann found herself with her Foster family, Stef and Jim Nelson, on the evening of February 10. Even though it was obvious she was ready to

give birth soon, she was also just as glad to be someplace warm and safe. Chyann is a real sweetie who always has a smile and a wagging tail, and her condition didn't stop those qualities from shining through.



Although her foster family hurried to prepare for the impending puppies, Mother Nature and Chyann had other ideas. Chyann delivered her first

baby the next day at about 4:45 a.m. Stef came in to check on her and found a tiny black pup next to Chyann, who, was smiling and wagging her tail.

Over the next four hours, she delivered ten black pups. It was an amazing performance by a mother who was basically a pup herself. She took care of the afterbirth, chewed the umbilical cord off, and cleaned up her babies like a pro. She made the humans assembled little more than helpful spectators. Even though Chyann had been with her foster family just a little over 24 hours, she had no problem with them being in close contact with her and the pups during the entire process. She nursed all ten, a job well done.

CHYANN Cont'd on page 14

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Letter From The President

by Kim Wiff, GRREAT President

In the summer Sirius, the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun. During late July, Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its brightness added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and humid weather. They named this period (July 3-August 11) “dog days” after the dog star; the warmest period of the summer.

As we come into the dog days of summer, there are several steps we need to take to protect our Golden Retrievers from predators and parasites. If your dogs are like mine, when the weather gets warmer, they want to be outside a lot of the time. While it’s good for them, I’d like to urge you to be cautious. There are many dangers that we could unwittingly expose them to.


One of GRREAT’s biggest concerns is dog theft. There are people that will cruise a neighborhood looking for dogs unsupervised in yards. These predators will case your house, just like a burglar. If you have a regular schedule of letting your dogs out, go out with them, and/or vary your schedule. This is (another) one of the reasons it is so important to have your GRREAT dog permanently identified either with a tattoo, or as we are now doing, with a microchip. If you currently have a GRREAT dog that is not microchipped, (or tattooed as we did in previous years) I would like to urge you to get that done as soon as possible.

The second concern is parasites. Fleas and ticks are a big problem in

our area. As Golden Retrievers are coming into GRREAT, we are seeing an increasing number of them that have Lyme disease. There are many ways, naturally and conventionally, to combat fleas and ticks, and you should discuss these options with your vet.

Something else that comes with warmer weather are mosquitoes which can infect your dog with heartworm. The number of dogs with this illness is also on the rise. However, as you know, a simple dose of a heartworm preventative each month is all it takes. Again prevention is by far the best method to protect your dog from this very serious illness.

Another summer concern is hot pavement. Your dog may need extra protection for his feet. Remember that exposure to hot pavement can result in severe burns to the bottom of the pads. Your dog can get sunburned too; your Golden may require sunscreen on their nose (and sometimes on their ears). Some Golden Retrievers as they age lose the black pigment in their nose, making them vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.

With the dog days of summer here, and the mercury rising, along with the excitement of vacationing and outdoors activities, I hope that you will remember the well-being of your Golden. So whether you are going camping, gardening in your yard, or just out for that summer drive or walk, I hope you will ensure that your dog days of summer are just as much fun and safe for your Golden as it is for you! 



Notes from Folks

A friend shared this recipe for keeping mosquitoes and fleas away from your dog. Thought I’d pass it along for those interested. Keep this “potion” refrigerated when not in use.

- Mary Collings

Take a BIG fat lemon (the more rind the better) and slice it paper thin.

Put in a bowl with a tablespoon of crushed rosemary leaves, or a 6-inch sprig of fresh rosemary. Pour over with a quart of hot, near boiling water.

Let steep overnight. Strain and put into a large spray bottle. Keep in fridge. Shake well before applying.

The lemon in this spray along with the rosemary oil will give the dog a beautiful shiny coat and keep all flying bugs away (including fleas, by the way). If your dog has dry skin or allergies, add a teaspoon of tea tree oil and a tablespoon of aloe pulp.

Use the spray at least twice a week to keep the scent on the coat.



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What Should You Feed Your Golden?

by Jo Bighouse GRREAT member

To choose the best food you need to know how to read the ingredients label. You should avoid foods that include any meat or poultry by-products, animal fat, meat meal, corn gluten, corn gluten meal, artificial colors, flavors or preservatives. It is a common misconception that if meat is listed as the first ingredient there is more meat than by-products in a food. The ingredients are actually listed by weight. Since chicken is 70 percent water and heavy, a very small amount can put it at the top of the list. If you find a food with chicken as the first ingredient and poultry by-product meal as the second, there is actually more poultry by-product meal than real chicken. The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) describes poultry by-product meal as, “the ground, rendered, clean parts of the carcass of slaughtered poultry, such as necks, feet, undeveloped eggs, and intestines.”

When buying commercially prepared food your best choice is a canned variety, which is likely to have a higher percentage of meat than you will find in dry food. Dry food cannot have more

than 50 percent meat to properly pass through the extruder during processing. Canned food should not be confused with semi-moist food that is packaged to look like burgers or ground meat. Semi-moist foods are not a good choice for a healthy diet as they contain a high level of chemical additives, artificial color and sugar.

If you want to feed your dog the best food perhaps you would like to consider a homemade cooked or raw diet. There are food mixes on the market that can simplify the homemade diet. You simply add meat and vegetables to the mix for a complete meal. Before embarking on a homemade diet it is best to do some research so you are providing all of the necessary vitamins and minerals. Some good resources are: *Home-Prepared Dog And Cat Diets* by Donald R. Strombeck, DVM, PhD; *Feeding Your Dog For Life* by Diane Morgan; and the B.A.R.F. books by Ian Billinhurst. You should also work closely with your veterinarian and take into consideration any medical condition your pet may have.

The term, “you are what you eat” applies to our pets as well as to ourselves. My suggestion is to feed the

highest quality diet you can afford. With optimal nutrition your golden is less likely to experience allergies, hair loss, chronic ear conditions, hot spots, and disease. The extra amount you invest in your golden’s food may reduce the number of veterinarian visits and the need for medication. 🐾



ADOPTION REPORT

Name	ID	Age	Sex
Bailey	04-134	8 mo	M
Bailey	05-004	1	M
Bailey	05-037	3	M
Bella	05-067	5 mo	F
Ben	04-173	1	M
Benedict	05-078	4	M
Big Red	04-091	9	M
Buddy	99-214	7	M
Buster Brown	05-054	7 mo	M
Cal	02-060	7	M
Chance	05-072	8	M
Chastity	05-063	8	F
Chief	05-051	5	M
Chyann	05-024	1	F
Clapton	05-052	4	M
Comet	05-049	1	M
Coty	05-061	1	F
Daisy	05-074	2	F

Thirty-six dogs will enjoy their time in the sun at their new forever homes this summer. These GRREAT rescues were adopted between April 29 and June 9, 2005.

There were 24 males and 12 females in this group. Eight were younger than two years, sixteen were between 2 and 6 years old, and twelve were age 7 or older.

Congratulations to the families who have brought these dogs into their homes.

Name	ID	Age	Sex
Daisy	05-079	4	F
Freddie	05-076	4	M
Jack	04-196	5	M
Jake	05-064	6	M
Jake	05-092	6	M
Katie	05-071	2	F
Mason	05-036	10	M
Maxwell	05-014	8	M
Midas	05-023	2	M
Molly	04-100	2	F
Ruby	03-226	4	F
Sam	05-066	2	M
Sassy	05-058	8	F
Scooby	98-138	8	M
Shadow	05-057	6	M
Sparky	05-073	8	F
Tipper	04-136	12	F
Toby	04-144	8	M

ADOPTION DAY DIRECTIONS

August 6, 2005

Noon – 2 p.m.

Petco

6612 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA
703-660-1300

From I-495 (Capitol Beltway) take Exit 1, Rte. 1 South. Travel approximately 1.5 miles. Petco is on the right.

September 10, 2005

Noon – 2 p.m.

Petco

2319-D Forest Drive
Annapolis, Maryland
410-224-8323

From I-495 (Capitol Beltway) take Exit 19, Rte. 50 East. Travel approximately 18 miles. Take Exit 23, Aris T. Allen Blvd., and make an immediate left onto Riva Rd. Travel approxi-

mately 0.3 miles on Riva Rd., then turn right on Forest Dr.

October 1, 2005

Noon – 2 p.m.

Petco

9230-B Old Keene Mill Road
Burke, Virginia
703-455-2007

From I-495 (Capitol Beltway) take Exit 57, I-95 South towards Richmond. In less than 1 mile, exit onto Rte. 644, Old Keene Mill Rd. West. Continue on Old Keene Mill Rd. for approximately 5 miles. Petco is in a shopping plaza on the right.

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

Headed to an Adoption Day? Show Support Along the Way!

Maryland drivers can show support for GRREAT just by hitting the open road!

For more information on how to obtain Maryland GRREAT license plates, please contact the program coordinator, Teri Stachowiak, at lwstack@adelphia.net.



Product Review: Photo Stamps

Are you looking for a new way to show off your dog? Photo Stamps are back!

It's quick and easy to immortalize your Golden on a postage stamp. The hardest part is deciding which picture to use!

Just go to www.photo-stamps.com and click on "Get Started Now." Upload your digital photo, and the program will show you what the stamp will look like. You have a choice of several border colors, and you can also rotate the photo or zoom in or out. If you don't like the way it looks, just click on "select new image" and try again with a different picture.

The cost is \$16.99 plus shipping for one sheet of 20 stamps (37 cents). You can order more sheets of the same picture for less, and you can also order different postage amounts. You can also send them as gifts.

It's fun and its easy—give it a try!

Ask Goldie 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 like my dog's fluffy feet, but I notice that other Golden seem to have the hair on their feet trimmed. Am I supposed to be cutting that hair?
Signed,
Cutting Edge in Maryland

Dear Edge:

A Golden Retriever's fluffy feet may look appealing to her people -- but to the Golden, that fluff probably holds no appeal at all. Hair that spills over the toes and emerges between the paw pads can make navigating a slick floor a challenge for your dog. Outdoors, the hair is a magnet for pollen, dirt and other debris. Such material not only gets tracked into your home, but also causes considerable discomfort to your Golden. How would you feel if you had a stone stuck between your toes? That's the sort of discomfort that too much toe hair can cause your dog to feel.

Your best bet is to trim your Golden's foot fluff. Buy a pair of baby fingernail scissors with blunt tips. Have your dog lie down on her side. Carefully pick up a paw. Trim the hair so that it's no longer than the paw and you can see the paw's shape. Then, turn over the paw and carefully trim the hair between the paw pads as short as possible.


Your Golden may be less than thrilled with this procedure. The answer to the next question will help.

Dear Goldie,
My Golden hates getting his nails trimmed. I keep putting it off, but now his nails are starting to look like talons on an eagle! How can I trim his nails?
Signed,
Frustrated Pedicurist in Virginia

Dear Frustrated:

Your Golden is not alone in his dislike of pedicures. So many dogs hate having their feet fooled with that many puppy kindergarten training classes include at least one session on teaching a dog to accept nail trims. But you don't need to head back to doggie school to trim your Golden's talons. You just need to resort to some bribery—and be patient.

When your dog is relaxed, gather up some treats and pick up one of his paws. Trim just one nail, give him a treat and then end the session for the day. Once your dog is cool with a daily single-nail trim, try doing two per day—again using treats to sweeten the process. Keep at it until you can do all his nails in a single session.

Consider, too, whether you're using the right equipment. Some experts think that the most commonly used nail clipper, the guillotine clipper, puts too much pressure on the nail and fails to cut efficiently. You might consider switching to scissor-type clippers, which are sharper and put less pressure on the nail. Another option is a cordless, rechargeable grinder. You can find grinders at home improvement stores or in the home improvement department of department stores such as Target. 

Thanks to Our Volunteers

GRREAT is fortunate to have many volunteers who help at adoption days and other events. Many thanks to all of you for all you do!

Adopt-a-thon, May 1

Carla Brown

Tana & Sarah Armstrong

Rebecca & Jimmy Hotop

Steve Cheney

George & Cody Toll

Susan Swift

Julie Palais

Kim Wiff & Chance & Mason

John Hunter

Emily Pasterick

GRREAT Adoption Day, Bel Air, MD

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Jim & Vicki Eurice

Kathy Thomas (holds the record for most adoption days attended)

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Jan Brown

Gregg Russell

Gail Corby

Kathleen Keller & Daniel Volchok

Roland Cochran & his daughter Trish

Collier

Linda Lorang

Lisa Hecker

A Breed Apart: Spotlight on GRREAT Intake Coordinator Mary Collings

By Emily Pasterick, Contributing Editor

Just three years ago, before she became aware of just how much Golden rescue would change her life, Mary Collings decided she wanted a Golden puppy, believing at that time that a puppy would be more likely to bond better with her, and her dog and cat family. “Reno” joined the



Collings’, and was such a wonderful addition that only a month after his welcome, Mary found herself wondering, why in the world would people give up a Golden?

Soon, Mary discovered GRREAT and volunteered to do home visits. The home visits gave Mary just a taste of what she was truly craving, which was greater involvement in Golden rescue. She soon became part of the intake team. As her knowledge of Goldens progressed, so did her roles in GRREAT. Recently, she became Intake Coordinator.

As Intake Coordinator, Mary coordinates six intake volunteers who conduct the initial interviews with owners and shelters that have Goldens they

want to come in to the rescue. The intake volunteer who gathers information about any one dog becomes that dog’s Point Of Contact throughout his/her time in GRREAT. Mary confirms that the team is extremely important, particularly because member provide foster homes “a voice and a name they can reach out to.”

Mary also fields phone calls from give-up owners and shelters, builds a network of other dog rescuers in the area to help with GRREAT’s work, and works closely with the Foster Home Coordinator.

Mary loves what she does with GRREAT, and will tell anyone who asks her how she juggles so many responsibilities and endures the occasional heartaches in the process, “the day I believe, ‘we can’t save them all,’ will be the day I stop doing this, because that will mean I’m not trying hard enough!”

This selfless determination, along with her sincere, honest, no-nonsense approach, enable her to make outstanding and effective contributions to GRREAT. 🐾

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Thank you for your donations...

Elizabeth Crane

C Hillary Fay

Marie Donnelly and Debbie Haller

John and Kathleen Heying

Joan and Tim Kirchner

Dallas and Aaron Wurm

In Memory Of. . .

Marion Rohmann, our friend who loved quilts and goldens. Marion had directed us to sell her quilting fabric at the Brownstone Quilt Guild meeting and give the proceeds to dog rescue. Susan McKelvey happened to be the speaker at this meeting and discussed GRREAT's work. We knew that Marion would be pleased that the proceeds of the sale be donated to GRREAT to help goldens. - *Wendy Ferranti and Nancy White of Mahwah, New Jersey*

Tom Concannon, friend to people and animals.

- *Lynne Glennon and GT Ludwig*

Jean Jenkins. - *Bridget Dillard*

Jean Jenkins. - *Laurie Cox*

SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGC, TDI (Mason), beloved companion of Martha Cole Glenn. - *Elizabeth Holtzclaw*

Roberta Dorn's Summer, our first rescue, who died unexpectedly May 2 at so young an age. The best story about Summer? After being told Summer did not like water and not long after she went to live with Roberta, she jumped off the dock to chase after some ducks and swam. . .and swam. . .and swam! Thank you, Roberta, for loving her so. Summer was at last a princess. - *Becki and Paul Pendell*

Winnie. We can't believe it has been a year since we said good-bye to our sweet girl. You are forever in our hearts. - *Dave, Robin, Thomas and Daniel Robinson*

Duncan. - *Karen Lee Banks*

Duke, of Corrales, NM. - *Valerie Hu*

Josh, a great friend and buddy. Josh was a great ambassador as he greeted my clients every day at my office. - *Tom and Kathy Tucker*

Ginger, owned by Mary Schreiner.

- *Karen Ostensoe and Bart Snell*

In Honor Of. . .

Kim Wiff, Tom Janczuk, Sandy Diamond, Lori Bott and Pam Ambrose. They are such an inspiration helping the lovely goldens. - *Nancy and Ray Jones*

Edie Galpin for pet sitting Buddy 05-016 for one week during our trip to Maine.

- *Jim and Carole Underwood*

To salute Allison Ward for her efforts in coordinating the Bark B Que at Quiet Waters on June 12th. As our new events coordinator, she was successful in soliciting food and drink from sponsors. We are proud of her and the success of the event.

- *Phil and Janet Hauck*

Peyton Smith's birthday. This is money that I collected from my friends for my 7th birthday. Please put it to good use to save goldens. Thanks. Love Peyton.

Donors included Bruce and Michelle Leff, Elizabeth Gordon, Caroline and Alexander Montague, Avni and Sunjay Kaushal, Robert Ciaverelli, Sunit and Ina Patel, Daniel and Julia Evans, Mark and Lisa Kaufman, Kevin and Sharon Owens, George and Claudia Nemphos, Gloria and Gregory Reed, Richard and Ann Holofcener, Eric Snyder and Lana Wiester, Joseph and Sarah Harlan, Toni and Robert Frieman, Rebecca Jones, Ziya and Ayse Gokaslan, Andrea and Richard Link, Lauren Greenbaum, Elizabeth and Alan Dackiw, Mark and Denise Knobloch, John and Kirsten Lynch, Jonathan and Gail Fishman, Luigi and Elizabeth Cataldo, and others.

Casey. - *Allison and Steve Hodges*

Dusty. - *Jonathan Gordon*

Goldie and her baby Sadie. - *Dan and Lillian Roach*

DONATIONS

Richard Becker's birthday. My daughter recently planned and hosted a surprise birthday party in my honor, inviting some extended family and a few friends. In the invitations she suggested, "No gifts, please", but well knowing my high regard for your organization and a multiple dog owner herself she added, "donations will be accepted for GRREAT" and a brief summary of your activities. The birthday luncheon was a total success and many guests were anxious to learn more about GRREAT. I am enclosing five checks representing the generous donations received for GRREAT to use as you deem appropriate. Best wishes for continued success in your work with these extraordinary pets.

Donors included Janice Cramer, John Hale, Ginger Duvall, Diane and Richard Carton, and Richard Becker's extended family.

For Special Reasons. . .

In honor of Olivia McDonough and in memory of her beloved dog Goldie who recently died.

- *Judith Adrezin*

In memory of Ashley, on the one year anniversary of our loss, and to thank GRREAT for Garvin, our Golden angel! - *Jackie and Patrick McNamara*

In honor of Rudi 97-175 and to thank GRREAT for all the help you give to all Golden.

- *Conway and Martha Robinson*

To congratulate Nala (02-018) on the marriage of her people, James Wagoner and Lisa Lund and their children Peter, Rivers, Chase and Russell.

- *Jay and Tonia Goodwin*

To thank Jazz and Sophie. What a bundle of joy you are! - *Lisa and Andrew Melvin*

For where it is needed most. - *Mark Ketterman*

Here are a couple more checks people have given me for sewing on scout badges.

- *Kathi Rechsteiner* (checks from R and A Gold, Caryn Sullivan)

For Rozzie and Stuart Walman. - *Ericka Stevens*

Special Fundraisers. . .

The GRREAT Happy Tails Hour sponsored by Paws Pet Boutique in Annapolis was held on March 19, 2005 to honor Murphy Burlbaugh, a GRREAT dog. Our goal was \$2,000, so we are pleased to make this donation. Murphy was adopted later in life, so we would be grateful if the majority of these funds could be used to ensure older dogs live a comfortable and natural life in a loving forever home. Many thanks to the individuals participating in the event who were so generous with their donations. Special thanks go out to the Annapolis businesses that supported us in raising these funds for GRREAT. We could not have done it without them. Thank you for all GRREAT does to ensure pets are treated with compassion.

Cash donations totaling over \$370 and checks from Robert and Michele Connerton; Debra Smith; Lynn and James Sheffer; Janet Rotoli

The following sponsors donated 10 percent or more of sales for the day to GRREAT:

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DONATIONS



Please accept this donation in loving memory of SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGG, TDI (“Mason”), October 26, 1989 – April 18, 2005. Thanks to the participants in the 2005 Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club’s Veterans’ Day whom I challenged that I would match two times what they donated in a “Cookie Guess” I provided.

- *Martha Cole Glenn*

Corporate Donations. . .

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Axa Foundation, matching a gift from Brenda Pascal

CSC Employee Campaign, donation made by Kimberly Dawson

Microsoft Giving Campaign, donation and match on behalf of Robert Reagle

Tyco Matching Gifts Program, matching gift from Ethel Carryer

Calendar Contest Winners Named

by April Fritz, Publications Coordinator

This year’s harvest of Golden photos were magnificent. We had many terrific shots to choose from. We had every kind of picture from the laid back couch potato to the energetic and mischievous. We had every shade of red and blonde, and all ages and expressions. After long, hard consideration, the committee chose the following winners.

Winners will receive a free copy of the 2006 GRREAT calendar. Photos and stories that didn’t make the calendar may appear in future issues of the GRREAT news and be used for our education event albums. THANK YOU for your submissions!

Cover	Murphy 98-177	Melofchik
January	Jasper 02-078	Chmura
February	Peyton 04-086	Bake
March	Katie 05-071	Howell
April	Sundance 95-085	Palais-
	Bailey	Stevens
	Sassy 02-042	May
	Bella 03-128	Pearson
June	Jordan 04-075	Gardecki
July	Dutch 03-266	Dehmlow
August	Teddy 01-009	Foldes
	Ranger 04-163	Traub
September	Max 03-032	Kenney-
		Treadaway
October	Angie 02-108	Brandwin
	Traveler 02-096	McIlrath-
	Chase 02-237	Copenhaver
November	Bronte 02-198	Sethna
December	Sophie 02-004	Melvin
	Jazz 00-132	

Honorable Mentions

Joey 04-118 Nansel; Treevor 99-009 and Shana 04-063 Hauck; Gonzo 02-157 Gill; Mac 98-116 Babcock; Cody 95-131 Shine; Brandy 03-220 Ward; Rocky 05-002 Humaneck-Gump.

Give That Rescued Dog a Job!

Information from the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club

By Marth Cole Glenn

The following article is written as a tribute to SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGC, TDI "Mason" (October 26, 1989 - April 18, 2005) who came into the life of the author as a rescue dog.

In May 1992, my heart was broken from the sudden loss of my first Golden Retriever, Stafford (Stafford Golden Glenn, CD). Stafford had been found in the woods near Fredericksburg. I loved him dearly and was devastated.

I asked a friend, Jeff Chaffin, if he could find me a 6 month old boy. I didn't want a puppy because I was working very long hours as a lobbyist. But I needed a Golden fix badly. Jeff persuaded me to come and look at a 2 ½ year old girl who had been sired by his beloved Rogue. She had been given up three times, had been left at a vet for adoption, had recently given birth to mixed breed puppies, and was beautiful. But, as witnessed by the fact that she waited at my front door for week for her owners to come and get her, she was a little stubborn and was hesitant to give her heart away again. Her AKC registered name was Sawdust of Golden Oaks.

Yes, she had baggage. But smart, talented rescued dogs (that's your dog too, right?) can be successful in any competition. Don't think you can't do this just because you have a rescued dog. Don't think you can't do this because you "start late" and don't know your dog's pedigree. You have a Golden Retriever. You can send a picture to the AKC, get an Indefinite Limited Privilege (ILP) number and



successfully give your dog a job!

Will it be easy? No. Will your dog embarrass you? Almost certainly. Will you forget all that and be so very proud when you and your dog work well together? YES!

Now, let's talk embarrassing. One of the easiest exercises to teach in obedience is to "stand for exam." Mason took a stand against the "stand." She would not do it. It took a year and a half--and a mortifying moment in a competition where she laid down while the judge made me do a heeling pattern all by myself.

But, all of this became worth it the day she came sailing over that last jump and achieved her Utility Dog title at almost aged 11. I can still remember the tears of joy!

And I had no idea that "you don't introduce 5-year-old dogs to field work." So, off I went to PVGRC field class one summer. Mason swam. Mason retrieved. Mason came back to me. Yea! But there was just one problem. While she wasn't afraid of

them, she put her paw down when it came to retrieving ducks. With help, I eventually persuaded Mason that it was fun to retrieve ducks!

Now, Started Retriever, Junior Hunter and Working Certificate Excellent are achievements. But they are not

high level ones in the "field" world. However, working for these titles gave my dog and me the opportunity to achieve something together. It was worth all the hard work.

Mason marched in rescued dog parades at two GRCA National Specialties. She got plenty of applause in Ohio in 2003 when she did her Utility Dog "signal" exercise for the crowd as we went around the ring.

As you may know, GRREAT is sponsoring the Rescue Dog Parade at the GRCA National Specialty in Gettysburg this year. Be sure to volunteer to help with the parade and enter your dog.

I still can't believe Mason was given away. But their loss was a gain for Mason and me. She lost her battle with kidney disease aged 15 ½. I miss her every day, but I was blessed with a fabulous ride.

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I challenge you to read the following and get involved in some form of competition. You and your dog will have great fun.

A TITLE

A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor that dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved your enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they sometimes seemed.

And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him another chance when he failed (or you) and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

--*Author Unknown*

Pick of the Litter: Jackson 04-049

Spotlight on a special Golden in need of a special someone



By Emily Pasterick, Contributing Writer

Jackson is a big, beautiful 13-year-old gentleman, with a coat and face as distinguished as his name. He is active, and, even more remarkably for his age, has no medical problems to slow him down.

A plot of grass in the rays of the afternoon sunshine is his favorite place to relax, and a countertop with yummy food within reach is his favorite way to make mischief!

What makes Jackson such a special Golden and a perfect "pick of the litter" is the fact that he has "boomeranged" among the shelter/rescue world more than twice because of the inability of his previous adopters to adequately accommodate for his strength and

presence in their lives. Now that he is 13 years young, and only because he is 13, he is not as desirable a Golden candidate for adoption.

But what potential adopters should know is, with Jackson's age comes a wisdom from a wide range of experiences, both sad and joyful; a dignity from braving the disappointment of rejection; and a peaceful delight from having seen a worse existence such that he can appreciate and revel in the little joys of life.

He is wonderful with other dogs and kids (as long as the kids are not very small, given his size and strength), and has not gotten too old for attention, as evidenced by the little nudges he gives you with his wet nose.

Ultimately, Jackson would be a marvelous, soulful companion to the individual or family in search of a loyal teacher and a guiding spirit, as well as an eagerness to share in the journey through the twilight of Jackson's life!

If you are interested in finding out more about Jackson, please contact Sue and Bill Hutt at hutt.sl@verizon.net.

Special Volunteer Needed

Are you enjoying this issue of *GRREAT News*? We are in need of a volunteer to do the layout of the newsletter every two months.

To do this job, you need experience in layout, and design and working with images. Experience

in Adobe InDesign, PageMaker or another layout program is required.

The estimated time for this is about 10-15 hours per month. If you are interested, please contact Kim Wiff at president@grreat.org or Jill Kurtz at thekurtzes@yahoo.com.

The DOG-TOR Is In

Your questions answered by Dr. Ronald Spikloser



Dear Dr. Ron,

I'd like to be a good citizen and scoop my pup's poop, but it is so loose that it's nearly impossible to pick up. Is this something that I should be concerned about?

Diarrhea, not a pleasant word but a common occurrence in animals. Diarrhea can have many causes and is always of concern.

In dogs that are nursing a soft stool is normal and the mother stimulates the bowels and cleans up the puppies. In young animals after they are weaned, worms, a change in diet or eating the wrong item can cause soft stool.

Diarrhea is soft stool that is occurring frequently whereas just soft stool but not increased

frequency is not diarrhea. The increased frequency is more dangerous as there is an increase in fluid loss and electrolytes.

Worms are a common cause of diarrhea in puppies. They can be roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, tapeworms, coccidiosis or giardia. Some, like roundworms, are contracted through the placenta where others are contracted from the environment.

Rounds and tapes can be diagnosed with the naked eye. A roundworm looks like spaghetti and a tapeworm looks like a rice grain.

Most of the time it is easy to kill the worms and the diarrhea goes away, but sometimes it is more difficult as the worms are in the environment and recontamination can occur. There are many drugs to rid the animals of worms. The mistake people make when they try to worm on their own is they buy a general wormer that is either too weak or not the right one for the type of worm the puppy has inside. Therefore it is important to take one or more stool specimens to the veterinarian to get checked. Not every stool has the worm eggs in them; therefore more than one is recommended.

I will automatically worm a puppy at least twice for the most common roundworms. It is safe and effective.

Another common cause of soft stools in young dogs is a sudden change in diet. Any change from one brand to another or even within a brand can cause soft stool. The intestinal bac-

teria that aid in digestion are used to digesting one food and if a new one is eaten too soon the bacteria are not ready to digest it and diarrhea results.

Whenever you change your dog's food, do so slowly and over a period of at least several days. If the stools start to soften back up and slow down. Do one quarter of the new food with three quarters of the old food for a few days and then one half and one half and then three quarters of the new food and one quarter of the old food and finally all new food.

A third common cause of soft stool in puppies is a dietary indiscretion. Most puppies will put everything in their mouth and eat many of them so like a sudden change in diet the bacteria are not ready and soft stool or diarrhea results.

Puppy proof your house just like parents of children child-proof their house. Anything the puppy eats that it is not used to can cause problems or even death. Be cautious with treats and toys. Like children's toys not all dog toys are equally safe and treats not only can be dangerous and cause diarrhea but are fattening.

Next time I will continue to discuss diarrhea related to age and its usual causes. 🐾

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The ten little ones sadly lasted as a unit for less than a week. The parasites that infected Chyann were passed on to the pups. Five of the weakest babies passed away. Although it was heartbreaking, watching Chyann search was amazing. She would touch her nose to each pup, as if counting them. When it didn't add up to ten, she frantically searched for the missing. She finally settled down and went back to mothering the survivors. The vet assured us there was nothing that could have been done for them and all efforts were poured into keeping the remaining puppies healthy.

The next eight weeks went well for the five remaining babies--Allie, Collin, Billy, Bobby, and Hanna. The pups were loveable and always full of wiggles and licks. The vet determined that the father was probably a Australian Shepherd. Some have blue eyes and the coloring of an Aussie. The Australian Shepherd is a working dog that is very intelligent and trainable and hopefully the mix with Golden Retriever qualities will make these pups terrific adult dogs.

The foster family of these pups wanted to find homes within GRREAT and the Board agreed. It was determined that approved applicants that met certain criteria (adult home during the day, accept dog under one year, accept mixed breed) would be contacted to see if they were interested. Applications were reviewed and those meeting the conditions were contacted. Unfortunately, only one of the puppies found a home within GRREAT—Allie.

A puppy rescue in New Jersey gladly accepted the remaining four. The Nelsons made the drive to NJ and



met the family who would find Bobby, Billy, Bubba, and Hanna new homes. It was a successful trip to New Jersey for the Nelson's, but a very long and quiet car ride home.

Allie's new family took her home on May 10. Her never ending licks were welcomed by the Babcock's...and sorely missed by the Nelson's. A happy and wonderful day for Allie and her new family but her foster family missed her very much.

Chyann? Well, Momma has been spayed and has found a new home for herself, too. Her happy face and loving personality made that job an easy task.

Although they probably won't remember us, we'll never forget our adventure...or them. This story wouldn't be complete without thanking quite a few people. Thanks to Mary Collings and Bill Price...Bob Taylor of PVGRC for the donation of a whelping box...Susanne Cummings for her great puppy insights and advice...Jo Bighouse for her puppy advice and use of her heat lamp, heating pad, and other items...Jesse Robinson for her help in application review, transport of supplies, and expert puppy birthing...Allison Ward for baby sitting, expert puppy birthing, and yogurt...the GRREAT Board for all their support, it meant a great deal...Eddie Galpin for her advice and support...and last but not least Karen Sulley of the NJ Puppy Rescue for four very obvious reasons. 🐾



Searching for a Lost Dog

By Sandy Diamond, GRREAT Education Coordinator

The summer months give us plenty of opportunity for fun adventures with our Golden Retrievers. Unfortunately, it is also a time when many dogs are lost. Here are some tips to make sure your dog is safe, as well as how to search for your dog if he does become lost.

Making sure your dog has proper ID is critical. All GRREAT dogs are required to be tattooed or micro-chipped, and to wear a GRREAT tag at all times. You should also have your own tag on your dog's collar, with the best phone number to reach you. If your dog is tattooed, make sure the hair on his inner leg is kept clipped.

Keeping your dog safe when you are outside is the next step—prevention is key here. Dogs can get scared from thunderstorms or fireworks and can bolt. A curious dog can easily get lost while hiking with you off-lead in an unfamiliar area. Traveling with your dog, or moving are other times when dogs can easily get lost. Keeping your dog's collar on and your dog on-lead in any of these situations will help.

If your dog does get lost, here are some things to do:

❖ Start searching immediately. Do not wait to see if your dog comes home on its own. Make sure to bring a leash with you, and possibly a favorite toy or treats. Ask for help from neighbors, family and friends.

❖ Put a message on your answer-

ing machine telling callers you will check frequently.

❖ If your dog is a GRREAT dog, call 703-620-6593 immediately. Thanks to the tag that your pup is required to wear, we are often able to reunite dogs and their people very quickly.

❖ If you have not located your dog after an hour of searching, put up flyers with a recent picture of your dog and a description. Put the flyers up in your neighborhood and give them to people who work outside every day (mail carrier, utility workers, delivery people, etc.). Put them up in shopping malls, walking paths, parks, grocery stores, etc. Don't forget the kids in your neighborhood, either.

❖ Call shelters within a 50 mile radius of your home, and keep checking. Visit them in person if possible and leave a flyer. Call veterinarians and emergency vet clinics in your area (people often drop off injured animals) ask if you can place flyers here as well. Check with rescue groups in the area.

❖ You can also check the internet. There are a number of sites that have databases of lost and found pets—www.petfinder.com and www.1888pets911.org are two. More detailed information on searching for a lost pet is available at www.petrescue.com/library/find-pet.htm.

Hopefully you will never have to search for your pet, but being prepared if the unthinkable happens will save valuable time. 🐾

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 6
GRREAT Adoption Day
Petco
6612 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, Virginia
Details on Page 5.

Saturday, September 10
GRREAT Adoption Day
Petco
2319-D Forest Drive
Annapolis, Maryland
Details on Page 5.

September 23-October 1
2005 GRCA National
Specialty sponsored by
Potomac Valley Golden
Retriever Club (PVGRC)
Gettysburg, PA
Details at www.pvgrc.org

Thursday, September 29
Rescue Dog Parade sponsored by GRREAT
Gettysburg, PA
Details at www.pvgrc.org

Saturday, October 1
GRREAT Adoption Day
Petco
9230-B Old Keene Mill
Road
Burke, Virginia
Details on Page 5.

Saturday, November 5
GRREAT Adoption Day
Petco
1719 York Road
Lutherville, MD 21093

Saturday, November 12
2nd Annual GRREAT Beginnings Walk
11021 Lee Hwy
Fairfax, VA

Doggie Happy Hour—What a Hoot!

By Meg Ellacott, GRREAT Travel and "Fun With Your Dogs" Editor

I'd heard about the famous doggie happy hour but never checked it out until now. WHAT have I been missing all this time and how much FUN was that?!! Kelly and I had a blast, met lots of new friends and learned about the Guiding Eyes for the Blind Program. They were there with information for Happy Hour guests – we learned what goes into raising and training the guide dogs and the program in general.

You'll have to plan to visit the Holiday Inn Select in Old Town. It's sort of like doggie park goes upscale with their bone bar, watering hole and, of course, an outside bar for humans too. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 until 8 p.m. (spring, summer and into the fall) you can join the fun at Doggie Happy Hour at the Old Town Holiday Inn Select Courtyard, 480 King Street, Old Town, Alexandria. See them on the web at www.doggiehappyhour.com. You'll meet other dog lovers with their furry friends for a fun evening featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and happy hour specials. Their tag line (Yes, you can even buy t-shirts): "Eats, Treats and Drinks for All."

The hotel simply asks that the dogs don't come inside, keep



their paws off the tables and chairs and stay on-leash. Sounds reasonable to me.

It was sort of like controlled chaos. I couldn't believe how many people showed up with their kids (dogs that is.) The crowds and pooches increase after 6 p.m. so get there early to grab a table and seating.

I took Kelly—no Jake. She's a bit better behaved but, just like most goldens, was checking out everything and everyone with that high curios-

ity of hers. Plus, she's not shy and thought everyone came ONLY to see HER, of course. So many different breeds showed up, from labs, boxers and terriers to pugs and goldens—I even met my first Leonberger—beautiful breed. I asked several people how they'd heard of doggie happy hour and most of them said word of mouth at their doggie parks. There were folks that were new to the venue and others who were 'regulars' that come religiously once or twice a week all summer long. They feel it's a great way to mingle and meet other dog-loving folks. Come on down and try it—it's really is a blast.

Happy Hour runs April through October and when the summer is over, the hotel throws its grand finale Halloween party, complete with doggie costumes and prizes. I understand almost 500 people and their pups showed up last year! 🦴





Notes from Folks

Ginny and I are so grateful for the wonderful effort your group made to find and deliver our Kodi (from 2 states away). She helps fill our void and heal our grief from the loss of Lacey. We love her dearly and Boo and she are relating well after Boo told her to relax and not worry about being Alpha. We have just returned from a visit with dear dog loving friends and a short stay with my daughter. All the adults and grandchildren thought she was wonderful. My daughter's dog Dixie (Boo's real daughter) and she got along famously. Bless all you wonderful people.

- *Jim and Ginny Hayes*

Our golden Gracie that we adopted from GRREAT on Nov 22, 2003 is wonderful. We were not sure that another golden could replace our Abbie who passed away on June 2, 2003 & was 14 1/2 years but Gracie is just as wonderful as our Abbie. We love her!!! She will celebrate her 9th birthday on Apr 27th one day after my wife's 59th birthday. Thanks for all the good work you do for goldens!

- *Bob Morris*

A Very Good Raincoat

By *Bill Price, Member*


I have after years of searching found a satisfactory raincoat for Golden Retrievers. Every raincoat I have tried before had a maximum range of 5 paces before you had to stop and rearrange the main part of the coat over the dog. At Weber's Pet Supermarket they carry "Outward Hound" raincoats, the best raincoat for dogs I have yet seen. The photo shows my two Golden Retrievers wearing their raincoats after a walk in a hard rain. Once on, I did not touch the raincoats until I took them off of the dogs.

While I cannot vouch for the durability of the Outward Hound raincoat it does appear to likely be more durable than anything else I have tried. Also it does not have the annoying elastic strap across the back found on other raincoats which might interfere with the process of elimination (the ultimate reason for any



dog walk in the rain that I know about.)

The Outward Hound raincoat comes in sizes (I have no idea whether the owners of 8" dogs have the same problems with raincoats that Golden owners do), and is made in purple or red. If you go to one of the Weber's Pet supply stores in Northern Virginia you can try the raincoat on your dog in the store.

The cost is \$18. 


The GRREAT Store

www.grreat.org



You will find a nice selection of books, toys and clothing at the on-line GRREAT store. One of the more interesting items we offer is the Plush Recordable Bone. This innovative and interactive toy is sure to be a favorite with your golden. Each 9" bone contains a computer chip to allow you to record a ten second voice message. When he chews the bone, the message replays and your golden hears your voice speaking from the bone!

Each bone is made of super soft plush and features a Velcro opening that allows the computer chip to be removed to change the recording. Available at the GRREAT store for only \$11.95!

Follow the link from the GRREAT web site to shop at the on-line store. Your purchase will make your golden happy and support our rescue efforts. 

Your Travel Ideas

Bodhi the Lodge Dog

Several times, we have taken our dogs to Savage River Lodge in Western Maryland. They are very dog friendly – in fact, they have a Lodge Dog named Bodhi.

Bodhi has a “Yappy Hour” for the dogs on Saturdays. Every morning, a basket arrives at your door with fresh made muffins and orange juice for the humans and a homemade biscuit for each of the dogs in the cabin. Bodhi even has his own business card and writes notes to dogs staying at the cabin. You can learn more at www.savageriverlodge.com.

- Carolyn Miller

Canines on the Canal?

I always wanted to take a canal trip, but didn't want to leave my dogs behind. Then I happened upon an article about New York State's 524 mile canal system. A web site (www.canals.state.ny.us) provided us with an overview of the state's canals which connect the Great Lakes with the Hudson River and with five waterways in Canada.

Two charter companies cater to families with canines in tow. Canal Princess Charters (www.canalprincess.com) charters houseboats out of Tonawanda, near Nigara Falls. Erie Canal Cruise Lines (www.canalcruises.com) rents barge boats from Waterford.

- Sharon McClrath

Just Beachy: The Perfect Home Away from Home

By Meg Ellacott, Contributing Writer

Looks like I've found our “home away from home” at The Homestead B&B, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Just 3 hours from the D.C. area, you'll find country charm at the beach in this lovely Victorian Farmhouse

situated in a quiet neighborhood about two miles from the downtown beach. There's a one-time \$10 pet fee (very reasonable) making it possible to bring your goldens on vacation with you. There's a relaxing, calm atmosphere that welcomes you to The Homestead... and it's just delightful to be away from the noisy downtown beach area.

Upon arrival we were shown to our bright and cheery room where doggie treat bags awaited.

We quickly unpacked and took off for Cape Henlopen State Park in historic Lewes. This is a quaint little town up Route 1 next door to Rehoboth. The dogs went crazy at the beach park—five-year old Kelly ran and ran (even though she has a bad leg), played tag with the waves, and chased birds. Jake, the protector (6 years old), kept running back and forth near the waves. It was chilly and windy but still a nice day—lots of fun.

Technically, dogs are not allowed on the beach/park May 1-October 1—so



you may want to consider taking your kids to the beach off-peak summer time.

I made plans with The Homestead's in-house massage therapist to get a massage the next day. The Inn owners had transformed a large shed into the most beautiful spa-type room. I was amazed—it was like New York City meets Rehoboth Beach—absolutely beautiful and one of the best massages I've ever had.

Our second day on the beach led us to Dewey Beach down Route 1—more fun at the beach, great shopping at the outlet stores, and a wonderful Italian dinner.

With a beautiful breeze whispering and lulling us to sleep, Jake, Kelly and I snuggled in and fell fast asleep by 9:30—we were very happy and tired campers...it was just beachy.

Visit www.homesteadatrehoboth.com for more information. 🐾

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Please indicate any area of interest.

The appropriate GRREAT Coordinator will contact you for more information.

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_____ Coordinate an activity or event

_____ Donate the following services:

This form can be filled out on-line at www.grreat.org.

Coming Soon: Goldstock Auction Items Needed

By Kim Wiff, President

On Labor Day weekend, GRREAT will again participate in Goldstock, a retreat held each year at Camp Weequahic in Pennsylvania. This is a highly successful fundraising weekend for GRREAT and for other Golden Retriever rescues throughout the country.

During the weekend silent and live auctions are held. To help raise much needed funds for GRREAT, we will need your help. We are looking for donated items for the auctions. While Golden Retriever and dog related items are always a big hit, we also encourage other non-dog items as well. Each and every donation will be gratefully acknowledged in *GRREAT News*.

All donations can be mailed to:
Kim Wiff
43986 Bonlee Square
Ashburn, VA 20147

If you prefer to arrange pickup of your donation or a drop-off at a GRREAT event, contact me at president@grreat.org or 703-724-4853. You may also contact

Stef Nelson at volunteer@grreat.org or 410-381-9456.

We are asking for ALL donations to be received by August 15, 2005. THANK YOU for helping to make GRREAT's participation at Goldstock a success!

For more information about Goldstock, please visit www.goldstockfund.org/Camp/index.htm 



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