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## A Doggone Good Day

By Meg Ellacott, Contributing Writer

Dog parks are made for the fun, off-leash exercise of dogs. But it's sometimes hard to tell who's enjoying themselves more, the humans or the dogs.

Nestled between the South River and Harness Creek, Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis offers

a wide variety of family activities. Visitors can walk, jog, or bike on over 6 miles of scenic paved trails, play at the large multi-level children's playground, enjoy the South River promenade and scenic overlook, or picnic

among 336 acres of beautiful park land. The park's Visitor Center includes formal gardens, art galleries, and a café.

Quiet Waters is also home to the first dog park in Anne Arundel County, which is planning three additional dog parks. Located off Bay Ridge Avenue, the dog park encompasses an acre surrounded by high fences, and the entryway is double gated to prevent dogs from intruding on humans in their parts of the park. Inside the fence, each dog park is divided into two sections, one for large dogs and one for older and

small dogs. At Quiet Waters, aside from a few trees and benches, the park is a flat, open space to allow the dogs to run. There's not much shade, but dogs can run over a rolling landscape, and lush grass tickles their paws. Water, bowls and poop bags are

provided for owners to pick up after their dogs are provided.



Allie and Chyann at Quiet Waters Doggie Beach

Quiet Waters Doggie Beach: Long before the dog park fences

went up, Quiet Waters Park was home to the dog beach. While people are not allowed to swim in the waters off the South River Promenade, dogs are encouraged to jump in and splash around in the small stretch of beach beyond the promenade. While no fences delineate the area, a set of rules are posted at the start of the beach, which is open from 7 a.m. until dusk and closed on Tuesdays. So come on in - the water's fine! If your goldens are anything like mine - they'll love a cool swim on a hot summer's day.

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# Letter From The President

By Kim Wiff, GRREAT President

Summer has passed all too quickly, and we are headed into fall, my favorite time of the year! The end of 2005 will be here before we know it. And before I will know it, my time as President of GRREAT will be ending as well.

As you know the goal and main focus of the Board of Directors is to do what is best for the Golden Retrievers we have an opportunity to help. However, in order for GRREAT to survive in these economic times, it must be run like a business. The Board works very hard to find the balance that is both beneficial to GRREAT as an organization and to the Golden Retrievers coming into the rescue. Each Board member has something unique and important to contribute to the decision making process. Because we are from such varied backgrounds, both in life experiences and dog experience, there are often several points of view to be discussed and considered with each issue. The board sometimes has to make decisions that are not easy for the Golden Retrievers that have been accepted into the rescue or for the ones we are considering accepting into GRREAT. They can be heartbreaking choices at times. We have seen a dramatic rise in the number of Golden Retrievers with serious health and/or temperament problems. We make these decisions very carefully and consider each one individually. Our responsibility to you, our members, and to our potential adoptive families and the public is one we as a board take very seriously.

While these decisions for the Golden Retrievers are important, what is equally important is having the volunteers there to make them. At the end of this year, there will be several vacant positions on the Board of Directors. While

GRREAT is fortunate to have a generous and charitable membership, we have found over the last couple of years, that what we have not had are volunteers who are willing to step into the more active and higher profile positions within the rescue. I know that, in this area, in particular we are pulled in many directions, both personally and professionally. We all have many demands on our time, and finding time for "one more thing" may be seemingly impossible. However, before you convince yourself that you don't have any more time to spare, I'd like to ask you to consider a few reasons to become more involved.

When you become more involved in GRREAT you get

*TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE* - For me and others we, became more involved because of a desire to give back to a breed that has given us so much to our lives.

*EXPERIENCE* - It will give you the chance to learn more about your own Golden Retrievers, and to work more actively in a cause we believe strongly in.

*TO EXPERIENCE DIVERSITY* - By being more involved, you get to meet and make friends with people you wouldn't otherwise get to know.

*TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE* - By serving more actively in GRREAT not only have I lost myself by giving and donating my time, but I have found myself along the way.

I hope that with 2006 right around the corner, one of your first New Year's resolutions will be to consider a more active role within GRREAT. If you are interested in "stepping up to the Board," please contact me.

## In Memory of Bart 1997 - 2005

Bart (04-123) died after his kidneys failed and he contracted pneumonia. He was a handsome, eight year old golden with the softest, wavy dark gold hair. I wish I could say he had a good life, but I'm not sure. His family gave him up when they got a new dog. Bart had a number of health issues during the nine months he lived with us, his foster family, so he was often recovering from surgery or adjusting to new levels of medication. He died before he was strong enough to go for hikes or to the beach.

He was a quirky boy - not the typical in-your-face golden. He was always a gentleman - sometimes a little stubborn. He would quietly follow me around the house. Many times I would work a little longer at the computer so as not to disturb him by getting up, which meant he'd have to get up too. Bart taught us a lot. He was very much loved by his foster family, and we miss him.

Thanks to GRREAT for taking care of his multiple medical expenses and to the vets and staff at the Brenton Veterinarian Hospital in Leonardtown, MD, who provide exceptional care.

-Pat Johnson



# Thanks to Our Volunteers

We would like to thank the following donors for their donations to GRREAT!! Your donations helped to make Goldstock a successful fundraising event!!!

## THANK YOU:

Georgie Bahler  
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# Dealing with Pet Loss

By Jo Bighouse, GRREAT Member

Recently I was faced with the loss of my 13-year-old golden retriever. For those of us who have the pleasure of sharing our lives with animals, saying that final goodbye is inevitable but never easy. As my old boy was slipping away I wasn't sure he was aware of my presence. But he rewarded me with one last smile and wag of his tail before he left this earth. Being able to help him cross the bridge in peace and surrounded with love will always be a comfort to me.

Those who have not experienced the deep attachment and love between animals and people often look upon grieving for a lost pet as strange. For that reason we may not always be able to go through the natural stages of grief and may be hesitant to talk about our feelings.

In her book, "Coping With Sorrow On The Loss Of Your Pets" Moira Anderson offers some coping strategies:

*Acknowledge your feelings* Let yourself grieve and talk to others about your feelings. The feelings you have about your pet are genuine, so you should not be embarrassed about them.

*Remember the good times* Focusing on the good memories and the happy times you shared with your pet is one of the best ways to shift your thoughts away from your pain.

*Seek outside help* If you are having trouble coping with your feelings on your own, you may want to get some help. Help can come from a variety of sources – friends, secular and religious counselors, doctors, veterinarians, and books.

*Be prepared* Often it isn't possible to prepare in advance for the death of a pet, but the more you do to prepare your emotions for this shock, the better off you will be.

*Rearrange your surroundings* When a beloved pet is gone for good, nothing can bring back the memory as sharply as the sight of his bed, one of his toys, or even just a spot he loved to sleep or play in. Change things so you are not always looking for your pet in the places where he always stayed.

*Change your schedule* It is not unusual to experience feelings of depression at the time of day you and your pet interacted, such as feeding times or walks. Change your schedule to fill these voids and take on a substitute activity you enjoy so the times are no longer constant reminders of your lost activities with your pet.

*Create a memorial* Write down your memories. A written tribute gives you a tangible reminder of your pet that you can review. A photo album of your favorite pictures makes their presence still a visible part of your life.

*Help others* Donate to a pet related charity or volunteer for an organization dedicated to animals.

*Concentrate on surviving pets* If you have more than one pet, you will find the survivors are of great help and comfort.

For additional resources on coping with pet loss, you can order the Directory of Pet Loss Resources from The Delta Society, 289 Perimeter Road, East, Renton, WA 98055-1329.

Sharing this article was the first step in my own healing process. I hope it is helpful to those of you who are facing a similar loss. And I can say from personal experience, a good friend close by as you face your loss is the best gift you can have. (Muskie and I thank you, Kim.) 🐾

# ADOPTION REPORT

The dog days of summer have been the best ever for 41 dogs adopted between June 10 and August 18. Among these lucky pups are 27 males and 14 females. Fourteen were under the age of two at adoption, 16 were between 2 and 6 years old, and 11 were age 7 or older, including three 10 year olds and one 11 year old. Congratulations to all these cool dogs and their new owners.

Name	ID	Age	Sex
Bailey	05-132	1	M
Brandy	04-179	2	F
Buddy	05-090	1	M
Buddy	05-110	6	M
Buddy	05-113	1	M
Casey	05-081	4	M

Name	ID	Age	Sex	Name	ID	Age	Sex
Charlie	05-106	8 mo	M	Maxi	05-091	7 mo	F
Cody	03-153	8	M	Moose	05-108	10 mo	M
Dugan	05-044	9	M	Norra	05-094	8	F
Emily	05-099	6	F	Pete	01-174	6	M
George	05-069	10	M	Rhett	05-082	4	M
Griffy	05-043	10 mo	M	Rusty	04-164	2	M
Happy/Taz	02-105	3	M	Sandy	04-140	3	F
Honey	05-070	7 mo	F	Sandy	05-137	10	F
Jackson	04-049	10	M	Sara	05-065	8	F
Jackson	05-077	7	M	Scarlett	05-083	4	F
Kissy/Chrissy	05-086	7	F	Shadow	05-001	4	M
Lady	05-020	6	F	Shadow	05-102	11	M
Leyla	05-084	4	F	Shane	05-112	2	M
Lucky/Archie	05-111	1	M	Singleton	05-117	6	M
Lucy	05-105	1	F	Tigger	05-062	1	M
Lucy	05-116	7	F	TJ	05-141	11 mo	M
Maddox	05-087	1	M				
Maverick	05-128	2	M				
Max	05-068	1	M				

## ADOPTION DAY DIRECTIONS

### 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 Road West. Continue on Old Keene Mill Road 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.*

### November 5, 2005

Noon - 2 p.m.

Petco

1719 York Road

Lutherville, Maryland

410-453-9131

From I-495 East (Capital Beltway), take exit 27, I-95 North toward Baltimore. Travel approximately 23.0 miles, take the left exit 49B onto I-695 North toward I-70/Towson. Travel approximately 17.5 miles, take exit 25/MD-139 toward Lutherville. Travel approximately 0.4 miles, turn left on N Charles St. Travel approximately 0.1 mile, turn right on Bellona Ave. Travel approximately 0.7 miles, turn left on York Rd [MD-45]. Travel approximately 0.3 mile, Petco is on the right.

### December 3, 2005

Noon – 2 p.m.

Petco

10800 Promenade Lane

Manassas, Virginia

703-257-6373

From I-495 West (Capital Beltway), travel approximately 16.9 miles and take exit 49 onto I-66 West toward Front Royal/Manassas. Travel approximately 17.8 miles, take exit 47A/VA-234-Bus onto Sudley Rd [VA-234-BUS] toward Manassas. Travel approximately 0.7 miles, turn right on Streamwalk Ln. Travel approximately 0.1 miles, turn right on Promenade Ln. Travel approximately 0.1 miles, Petco is on the right.

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Here are some tips if it's your first time visiting a doggie park: Time your first trip for off-hours; weekends and after work are busiest.

1. Watch your dog carefully for signs of aggression.
2. Stay long enough to let your dog make a friend or two.
3. Don't expect an old dog to love the park. The crowd is mainly rowdy youngsters.
4. Your shy dog may need a few visits to warm up, and she may never. Parties aren't for everyone.

**Directions to Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis:** Rt 50 East to the MD 665/Arise T. Allen Blvd. Exit 22 toward Riva Rd. Merge on to 665 South, straight on to Forest Drive east. Turn right on Hillsmere Drive and make immediate right into park. (Park entry fee is \$4/vehicle, \$20/yearly pass.) Follow park road nearly to end; dog park is on left. Visit [www.quietwatersdogpark.com](http://www.quietwatersdogpark.com).

While you're in Annapolis, check out Paws Pet Boutique, an innovative specialty pet store celebrating the relationship between pets and their owners; open until 5pm each day. 64 State Circle, Annapolis 410.263.8683

*Websites for Info About Traveling with Your Dogs*

[www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)

[www.thepetproject.com](http://www.thepetproject.com)

[www.petvacations.com](http://www.petvacations.com)

[www.RovinwithRover.com](http://www.RovinwithRover.com)

## Thanks to Our Volunteers

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

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Weber's Pet Supermarket

*Barb Hals*

*Sandy Au*

*Bob and Monica Walker*

*Jeff and Lucinda Twining*

*Jane Caverly*

*Kathy Thomas*

*Lauri Presnell*

*Diane Lanigan*

*Shelly Hunsburger*

*Barbara and Harleigh Leaf*

*John Hunter*

*Janet and Phil Hauck*

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Ana's Ark Doggie Day Care

*Lori Bott*

*Pam Briggie*

*Jacque Coley*

*Debra Bowen*

*Monica Thomas*

*Elizabeth Crane*

*Jim and Stephanie Nelson*

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Petco Alexandria

*Marion Lynders*

*Sally and Ben Au*

*Scott Daniels*

*Gail Corby*

*Pamela Hodgkinson and Summer Carolyn*

*Beyer*

*Steve Chaney*

## Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club News

GRCA National Specialty

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

September 23 - October 1, 2005

Hosted by the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club

Help is needed with all events - no experience necessary!  
Field, Tracking, Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Raffles/Silent Auction

*Please contact Martha Cole Glenn at (703) 532-9447 or [mc1glenn@aol.com](mailto:mc1glenn@aol.com)*

**August 21st was a lazy hot summer day for some, but it wasn't for Sandy Diamond, Bob and Jill Kurtz and Tucker (#05-096). In the midday heat they sold picnic lunches (and ice cold drinks) to benefit GRREAT to those attending the PVGRC Specialty held at Pinecliff Park in Frederick Maryland. Thank you for your fundraising efforts!**



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# A Breed Apart:

## Spotlight on a GRREAT Volunteer

### GRREAT Transport Volunteer and Foster Extraordinaire, Diane Lanigan

By Emily Pasterick, Contributing Editor

“The Dog Lady.” That is how people in her neighborhood refer to Diane Lanigan, a longtime GRREAT volunteer who, with 6 Golden retrievers currently—and scores of others either enjoying life with forever homes or tucked away in loving memory—has certainly earned the nickname.

Diane had dogs all her life—all kinds—and was introduced to GRREAT back in 1992 when she



rescued a Golden from a coworker, and then surrendered it to GRREAT. Her volunteering began as the primary home visit volunteer for the northern Virginia area for adoption applicants whose adoptability qualifications were “questionable”—before GRREAT implemented its home visit policy for all adoption applicants. At the same time, she offered her transport services to relocate surrendered Golden retrievers as needed, and fostering Golden after Golden (and even non-Goldens from other rescues). Today she is recognized among GRREAT volunteers as a foster home most likely to take in the “Golden oldies.”

As fate would have it, her willingness to bring in the elders of the rescued Golden population—a population that is notoriously, and unfortunately, not as appealing to applicants—has given her a wonderfully large brood of wise Golden retrievers very content to romp out the rest of their years in her care.

When I spoke with Diane about her volunteering and fostering experience,

I did not expect to come away with anything other than the facts I needed to build a profile—yet, Diane literally “stole the show,” recounting for me some particularly memorable fostering stories, sharing the details of her activities outside of GRREAT (she has a 9-5 job, and also finds time to volunteer at a

homeless shelter), and offering her perspective of fostering—“nothing to it—if I had room, I’d take in 25 dogs.” Struggling myself at times to find a strategy that balances my love of volunteering with my need to dedicate time to my “other” life duties, I found her breezy, good-natured approach particularly refreshing. From an obviously generous, driven, and energetic woman, the opinion “people who do a lot, can still do more!” just made sense.

To extend the spirit of that comment, I asked her to share with me her thoughts on generating more interest

from the GRREAT volunteering community in fostering the hundreds of Golden retrievers GRREAT rescues each year, and any other ideas she had for reaching out to those with a desire to contribute. Diane wishes that people would realize most rescue Golden retrievers just need some love and attention, not a dog behavior expert (“you’re not gonna get a lunatic!”), and that this does not take any more time than is already committed to caring for dogs already in the home (“if you have one dog, a second or third dog is nothing!”). She also supports heartily the “E” in GRREAT, the education initiative that GRREAT prides itself on promoting, particularly the perils of purchasing puppies from “backyard breeders” or pet stores.

Diane’s overwhelming dedication, energy, and “can-do” spirit of helping as many Golden retrievers in need as she possibly can, has enabled her to make outstanding contributions to GRREAT for the past 13 years, and to serve as a fantastic inspiration to other GRREAT volunteers (at least THIS one!). GRREAT is proud to spotlight Diane Lanigan, the “Dog Lady,” as “a breed apart!” 🐾

# DONATIONS

## Thank you for your donations...

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*Selena Coon*  
*Elizabeth Crane*  
*Mark Ketterman*  
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*Ted Ritter and Harma Nyhof*  
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*Judith Urbanczyk*

## Corporate & Internet Giving. . .

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Julia Keelty-For Peyton Smith's birthday  
June Morris

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Kim Dawson

*World Reach, Inc*  
Two anonymous USA Today employees  
Kenneth and Leslie Thornton

*Microsoft Giving Campaign*  
Matching a donation by Bob and Carolyn Reagle

## In Honor Of. . .

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The marriage of Dan Clements and Amy Rumpf, great golden lovers! - *Sharon and Bill Coale*

Rusty - *Jonathan Gordon*

Gracie (05-125) - *Michael and Lynn Quinney*

My first foster, Rusty (04-164), a beautiful, gentle soul who found his wonderful forever home on 7/28/05. I'll miss you kiddo! - *Emily Pasterick*

Bailey Sweeney. - *Linda and Terry Sweeney*

## In Memory Of. . .

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Marvin Glaser. - *Aaron and Rita Weisstuch*

Eileen Langert. - *Jane and Georgia Mettauer*

Eileen Langert and her love for Casey 01-030 forever and a day. - *Melba McLean*

Jessie Covington, mother of Newbie Crew. - *Carol and Jim Crew*

SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGG, TDI ("Mason"), October 26-1989 –April 18, 2005. - *Martha Cole Glenn*

Martha Cole Glenn's rescued dog, Mason, who earned her UD and MH titles after finding her "forever home." - *Curtis and Joan Wilson*

SR Sawdust of Golden Oaks UD, JH, WCX, CGC, TDI (Mason), best friend of Martha Cole Glenn. - *Rick Stevens and Julie Palais*

Please use to help the dogs in the Golden Retriever rescue. This donation is being made in memory of my sister's dog Cally, a golden who passed away last week. She had a wonderful life with my sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Daner, and was their only "child." As you can imagine, she will be sorely missed. - *Kim Cantor*

Gunner, although not a GRREAT golden, he was great golden. - *Eileen and James Hollaway*

Mardi Strathern--the best golden ever--part of a long line of Golden Retrievers sharing a home with Ann and Jeff Strathern. - *Kingsbrook Animal Hospital*

Carol Gaskins: wife, mother, "failed" foster mom and friend. She was the most wonderful and unique person and we'll cherish our memories of her forever. As hard as it is to say good-bye, Marty and I know she is having a blast with Marky and "the pigs."

Carol often praised us for being able to foster pups without adopting them ourselves and said what a failure she was at fostering. Tristan and



# DONATIONS

Caesar became Gaskins for a very good reason—no one would have cared for and spoiled them like you all. We are in awe of how both of their medical problems were turned around.

It's frequently said that people select a dog breed much like themselves—must be true because Carol was truly golden. We love you! - *Marty, Janet; JoB, Beamer and Bumper White*

## For Special Reasons. . .

On Friday evening, June 10, 2005, I was visiting a friend's home in Rockville MD with my 2 Brittneys, Scooter and Spice (adopted from American Brittany Rescue four years ago). Much to my dismay they found a hole in his fence and escaped about 6 p.m. We searched for about 4 hours until after dark that night to no avail. We again resumed our search at daybreak on Saturday morning. I had changed my answering machine at home to indicate how I could be reached if someone found my dogs with their name tags and my phone number information. About 9:30 a.m., Sherry Carson, one of your rescue people called my friend's home to notify us that she had my dogs and although a bit bedraggled and tired they were fine. I was searching at Lake Needwood and my friend contacted me on my cell phone with the good news. I drove to Sherry's home and picked up my 2 dogs that morning. She refused my offer of a personal reward but was willing to take a donation to your rescue organization. I am very happy that my girls found her and that she was willing to hold them until I could come and get them. I am very thankful for the people who volunteer at rescue organizations such as yours and American Brittany Rescue. My girls are very important to me, and I am very glad to have them safely at home due to Sherry Carson. Please relay my thanks to her and acknowledge her to members of your organization. - *Jean Hartsock*

My husband and I recently were able to reunite two lost dogs, Spice and Scooter, with their Mom who had been visiting a friend near our neighborhood the previous day. They were resting right in the middle of our street. She had tags on them with only her phone number, which led us to her

voicemail message that provided three additional numbers for a "lost dog." She was so happy to have her guys back and since I wouldn't take a reward, she saw my license plate (GRR 0116) and decided to give a donation to GRREAT. - *Sherry Carson*

Please accept this donation to your worthwhile endeavor. My sister, Joan Taylor, owner of Goldridge Kennels at 403 Westwind Ct, Street MD is retiring from her place of employment and has asked that donations be made to your organization in lieu of retirement gifts. Ms. Taylor is devoted to the care and protection of Golden Retrievers. - *Tina Potts*

Please accept this donation on behalf of our Golden Piper who is currently being fostered by one of your gracious volunteers during my hospitalization. - *Tess Hare*

The enclosed check for \$150 is intended for Lucy's care, 05-120. The woman who sent me the check, Gay Schonbrunn, is one of the people who contacted me about Lucy being in Fairfax Co. Animal Control. An email about Lucy was circulated around a lot, which is how Gay heard of her all the way up in New England! She was so appreciative of GRREAT helping Lucy that not only did she send this check, but she sent me a lovely book about Golden Retrievers! - *Mary Collings*

We love our GRREAT dog Mollie Magee (03-257). Here is some of the money we made from selling our old toys at a yard sale, so you can help other Golden Retrievers, and in thanks and appreciation for bringing this wonderful dog into our life. - *Nick and Julia Hansen (age 5)*

To thank Dave Wolf for dog sitting Max and Kali. - *Wilbur Minnich*

Enclosed is a check given as a donation by Jan and William Carlson at the July Adoption Day in Rockville. Unfortunately, Jan and her husband will be moving to Boston at the end of the month so we will be losing a wonderful volunteer and foster home. - *Jessie Robinson*

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# DONATIONS

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To thank Jane Salter for her dedication and for fostering Luke who turned 1 on June 10th. - *Michael and Renee Curreri*

For what would have been our beloved GRREAT dog's 14th birthday this year, there is simply no more fitting gift than to make a donation to GRREAT to honor his memory and celebrate his life. Rollei (formerly "Bumper," 97-174) brought us immeasurable joy for more than seven years. Rollei's story, chronicling his heroic battle overcoming laryngeal paralysis, was featured on the front page of the January/February 2004 GRREAT newsletter. We had named him after the Rolleiflex camera, and his handsome visage graced the cover of the GRREAT 1999 calendar. He also appeared as the April photo hound in the 2001 GRREAT calendar.

From the scared, skinny six-and-a-half-year-old Golden we adopted on a winter day in January 1998, Rollei grew to be such a warm, enormous presence in our lives -- and in our Arlington neighborhood. He was of noble bearing and full of energy -- walking tirelessly, even on the coldest nights -- and attracted so much attention because of his gorgeous coat and his extra-large size, which can only be described as truly awesome. Children regularly came up to hug him. Aside from walking, his favorite sport was parking himself for hours on end at our front door, where he kept watch over canine, pedestrian and car traffic, his eyes peering just above a foot-high door panel. We called it "Rollei's World." Neighbors and friends knew to look for him there, day after day, year after year.

And during his all-too-brief time with us, he gained a larger-than-life reputation for his fearlessness and huge appetite: He was known to have consumed a bag of organic fertilizer, downed part of a six-pack of beer as well as the cardboard pack itself, reduced a fine pair of Italian leather boots to only the steel shanks, dragged a huge bag of garbage for several blocks in hopes that the contents would spill out so that they could be more easily eaten, and struggled with my husband to hold onto a pig carcass that had been tossed onto the street by an area restaurant. He also fended off two pit bulls and another neighborhood dog in two separate attacks, ending up both

times with bad, but fortunately not life-threatening, wounds in the emergency room. Never once did he cry. When burglars broke into our house, he scared them off -- a feat noted by the investigating police officer and that we wrote about in an earlier GRREAT newsletter. Plus, he survived three surgeries for laryngeal paralysis and a serious bout with pneumonia. It was as if he were indestructible. If only he had been.

Tragically, last December, something within his central nervous system started to dramatically affect his balance. We took him to his veterinarian, Dr. Jane Morse of Ballston Animal Hospital, and then to neurosurgeon Mike Knoeckel at South Paws. We thought we would have to say goodbye to him that day. But true to form, Rollei bounced back. With the help of steroids, he once again beat the odds and his appetite and energy returned to levels that we had not seen for years. There were good and bad days, but each one was equally precious. Suddenly in late March, Rollei took a



turn for the worse. Within a matter of days, we knew we had no choice but to end his pain and suffering.

Since then, our family, including our other rescue Golden, Maggie, has been tremendously comforted by friends, neighbors, pet walkers and others whose lives Rollei had touched. We are grateful to all of them. We also cannot thank GRREAT enough for bringing Rollei into our lives. He changed us forever-- and for the better. The truth is we didn't rescue him. He rescued us.

- *Linda Taira*

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## Simile-Finale Fund. . .

*Allison Ward*

# LEO'S CORNER

Donations from the Leo Fund jar at the May 2005 Adoption Day. Betsy Bake and Peyton 04-086 took the "Leo Fund Jar Challenge" and were wonderful ambassadors that day. Together they raised the enclosed funds in a few hours time.

—*Jessie Robinson*

## Golden Heroes (\$100-\$499)

*Joseph and Virginia Fry  
Karen Gammon  
Joe O'Neill*

Dear Leo,  
My cousin's precious Golden, Rudy, died this past week in Woodbridge, VA following a rapid decline due to a mass in his spleen that caused massive internal bleeding. As the cancer had invaded nearby organs, it was necessary to euthanize Rudy while he was under anesthesia for the exploratory surgery. He was 11 years old and a gorgeous boy. He leaves behind his very special "Mom", Donna Lynn Gaddy Myer and her two human sons, Brian (18) and Jake (15).

Rudy loved treats, scalp massages, belly rubs and stealing dish towels. Now and then he would explore the inner sanctum of the kitchen garbage can. He wasn't crazy about thunderstorms. He was an excellent protector of his family. There will never be another Rudy. Right now his family doesn't yet know how they will survive this terrible loss.

This check is for the Leo Fund in honor of Rudy's big heart and great spirit because I loved him too. I think this donation will mean a lot to



Rudy's people. I am enclosing a photo of Rudy, that you can see his full magnificence. Good luck with your good and important work. Thank you very much.

--*Karen Gammon*

## Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

*Tim and Linda Daniel* In loving memory of Remi (01-231). He was such a wonderful boy and a joy to foster. Thanks, GRREAT, for rescuing him and to Nancy and Dale Brougner for giving Remi a wonderful forever home.

*Curtis and Joan Wilson* In memory of Mason, loved by Martha Cole Glenn (see additional notes in "In Memory of" on page 8)

*Katie Bock* (via Network for Good) In loving memory of Rufus Stewart

## Letters to GRREAT

I am Maddie 05-048. I am doing well. I had a couple of sick spells but am on the mend now I hope. I am happy at my new home and my new mom.

I have been to one obedience class but everybody I hear talking says I need to continue going. I love children, dogs and big people. I hope I can stop digging in the yard soon and also let up on the chewing. I am a very unusual Golden my family says and I have to agree. My fur is different and my face is different.

My mom thinks I look like a fox but she loves me anyway and so does my whole family and neighbors. Many thanks to GRREAT for rescuing me and giving me to this mom. —submitted by Mildred Fink



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# Pick of the Litter: Caper 05-047

## Spotlight on a special Golden in need of a special someone

By Emily Pasterick, Contributing Writer

The subtle tints of black that flick the tips of his ears and tail, and the soft dark shading that graces his eyes like a moody eyeliner—these are the first tangible suggestions of Caper’s wily spirit. Then he prances over to you for a hug, bounds over to his dogbed, grabbing a woobie on his way for some chew time, and may end up somewhere on the forbidden couch, or the tops of your feet, and the quirky shadows that inconspicuously sprinkle his coat suddenly seem perfectly appropriate. Just another goofy Golden, you laugh with amusement!

But Caper’s much more Golden - equipped with, amazingly, much less than what most Golden’s have—Caper has only three legs.

Caper was found as a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-year-old stray in Virginia in December 2004, severely injured after being hit by a car. A passerby brought him to a local animal hospital, where he stayed for 5 weeks recuperating from a broken pelvis, shattered front teeth, and a damaged left shoulder and leg. After the major physical wounds mended, Caper was brought to the rescue BARK for a 2-week stay, and ultimately was transferred into the foster care of GRREAT.

Allison Ward, GRREAT’s Foster Home Coordinator, along with resident GRREAT Golden Oscar, became Caper’s loving foster care providers in March 2005. Thus began Caper’s therapeutic regimen of twice-weekly acupuncture, weekly swim sessions, and regular ultrasounds and TENS unit treatments—all applied with the intent to rebuild the muscle and nerve strength in Caper’s pelvis and left shoulder. Months later, Caper had made amazing progress, with one exception: his left leg was clearly struggling to function, as



Caper seemed hardly to use it as anything more than a cool appendage with which to whip around and curl into awkward positions. Although he was still able to run and play like a normal Golden, even with the enduring injury, Caper’s leg reached a point, as will often happen in cases of permanent nerve damage, where the limb became a liability, in that it was at risk for further injury because Caper could not feel or properly control it. For this reason, Caper underwent a left foreleg amputation on August 17th, and because he’s Caper, he was ready for playtime and a Pick of the Litter profile, just 3 days later.

Besides the charming “bad-boy” black shading that reminded me ever so much of a comic book masked crusader, I was taken with Caper’s energy, every bit the puppy he was as he wiggled over to greet me and barely sat still long enough for me to run my fingers through his beautiful burnt-red coat, or peer into his majestic almond-shaped eyes. We all took a stroll outside, when I was able to watch how Caper navigated himself with only 3 legs—a cute, endearing hop (ok, I laughed, but Caper didn’t mind), and otherwise assumed the curious composure of any other Golden surrounded by the sounds and smells of the outdoors.

Once Caper has recovered from his surgery, he will be ready for adoption by a lucky family (hopefully at the end of September/beginning of October). Caper is looking for a forever home that can provide belly rubs, ear scratches, lots of woobies, unconditional love, family energy and all of the room that a 2-year-old, healthy, active Golden with a spry, 3-legged “caper,” will require.

**If you are interested in finding out more about Caper, please contact Allison Ward at [fosters@grreat.org](mailto:fosters@grreat.org).** 🐾

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# 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 is a very complicated issue with many causes and solutions. In the last issue I talked about causes of diarrhea in young dogs. In this issue, I will discuss diarrhea related to age and other, more serious causes.

Many diseases have diarrhea as a major symptom. The uncomplicated diarrhea that occurs from dietary indiscretion or worms is relatively easy to clear up by changing the diet or worming the animal. But when the diarrhea is secondary to another cause, it can be much more difficult. Uncomplicated diarrhea is usually seen in young dogs, and secondary diarrhea is usually seen in older dogs. In these dogs, the primary

problem must be cleared up first, and then the diarrhea will either go away or be easier to treat.

The key is that if diarrhea does not clear up quickly and easily, a veterinarian must be consulted to test for other illnesses. Standard blood screening can pick up many diarrhea-causing diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease, and liver disease, but bowel cancer can be much more difficult to diagnose. Even screening radiographs (x-rays) may miss intestinal tumors much of the time. Ultrasound is invaluable to look for many things that can not be picked up on blood tests or survey x-rays. Other, more refined blood tests can identify other causes of diarrhea. Scoping and colonoscopy, as well as MRI scans, are available through many veterinarians.

It is very hard to find an exact cause for diarrhea in many cases. Sometimes all the tests will be negative and the animal still have diarrhea. Many veterinarians will start treatment with flagyl (metronidazole). This drug is used to treat giardia, which is very hard to find in a stool check. Other antibiotics may be used to treat a non-specific illness. Many veterinarians will alter the diet to find a food that settles the gastrointestinal tract. Since there are many excellent over-the-counter and prescription diets on the market, it is best to ask your veterinarian which diet he or she prefers that you use.

When vomiting occurs with the diarrhea, it becomes a more serious problem. Many of the same illnesses that cause diarrhea will also cause vomiting. Electrolytes like sodium and potassium are lost in greater volume with vomiting than with diarrhea. This can lead to other complications. Also, dogs that vomit with diarrhea will dehydrate faster than those with diarrhea alone. If an animal gets weak from vomiting, a veterinarian must be contacted so that fluids can be administered either under the skin or with an IV.

If a dog only has a mild soft stool and is otherwise doing well, Imodium may be tried for a short time as long as no other signs are seen. It is still better to contact your veterinarian before doing this, as he may pick up on things that you do not.

Some of the more benign causes of diarrhea would include emotional issues such as those caused by a change in the household, for instance, a new pet, a new baby, or even a new spouse. These take patience and some tolerance but with help will usually resolve. Some high-strung dogs will get soft stool every time they go for a walk. The stools start normal but by the end of the walk the dog may be dripping stool. The dog comes in and is fine and during the next walk the same thing happens. One of my dogs had this and the dog lived a long normal life otherwise. 🐾

## Thanks to Our Volunteers

Special thanks to our foster homes for showing their foster dogs at GRREAT Adoption Days!

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Weber's Pet Supermarket

*Jessie Robinson (held by*

*Allison Ward)*

*Anita and Frank Abbruscato*

*Janet and Marty White*

*Kim and Carl Wiff*

*Rebecca Hotop*

*Jennifer MacDonald*

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Ana's Ark Doggie Day Care

*Jill and Bob Kurtz (held by*  
*volunteer Jaimie)*

*Marty White*

*Anneliese Johnson*

*Jim and Amy Peterson*

*Terri Jones*

*Elizabeth Reimer*

*Megan Moore*

*Sam Connelly*

*Kim and Carl Wiff*

### GRREAT Adoption Day, Petco Alexandria

*Jim and Stef Nelson*

*Jessie Robinson*

*Jeane and Bruce Hostetler*

*Jan Brown*

*Sandy Diamond (held by*

*Kim Wiff)*

*Becki Pendell*

*Mary Ellen Rubenstein (held by*  
*volunteer)*

*Anneliese Johnson (held by*

*Lois Coben)*

*Rebecca Hotop*

*Sue and Bill Hutt*

*Karen Sondak*

*Allen and Kathy Shapiro*

## Happily Ever After

I just wanted to let you know that Cody is doing great! We relocated to Leesburg last September, to a much larger townhouse. Cody has more room to move around inside, a great lake to swim in, and tons of neighborhood kids who adore him. He's kinda like the Pied Piper- whenever we go outside for a walk, somewhere between two and a dozen kids show up to pet and play with him! He's currently about 110 lbs. of muscle and fur, and is a very happy, healthy, rambunctious pup. The only thing Cody seems to be missing right now is a regular playmate- I've been considering adopting a second golden (or possibly fostering, but I question whether I'd be able to give up a foster). If you have any ideas along those lines, please let me know. Thanks again for getting Cody and me together- he's a Grreat dog and my best buddy.

*-Steve Hopson and Cody (03-031)*



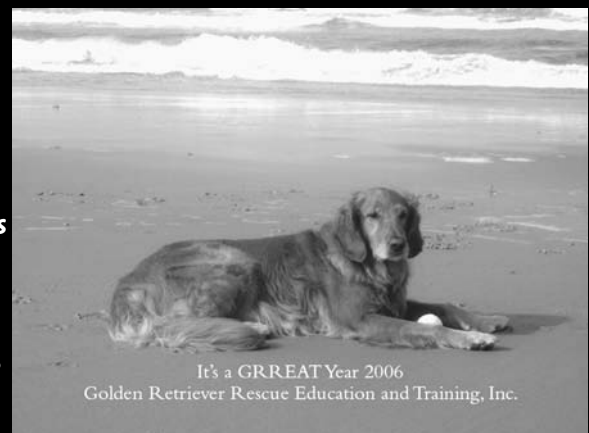
## Auction Items Needed!

GRREAT is in need of items for its Silent Auction at the Annual Howliday Party. We need holiday items, certificates for services, tickets to events, and Golden novelty items. We prefer mailable items, unless they can be brought to the party. All donations should be received by December 4, 2004. Anyone wishing to donate an item should contact Pam Ambrose at Goldenschu@aol.com or Kim Wiff at president@grreat.org.

## 2005 GRREAT Calendars are on sale!

**You can now purchase the 2005 GRREAT wall calendar, which features 12 full-color photos of our spectacular rescued goldens! Calendars will be available at [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org) (click on the GRREAT Store link on the left hand side), at Goldstock and at GRREAT functions, including adoption days.**

**The cost of the calendar is just \$10. Special thanks to everyone who submitted photos and to April Fritz and Beth Lacey Gill for coordinating the project.**



It's a GRREAT Year 2006  
Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training, Inc.

# Help GRREAT Earn Up to \$1400 a Year

The Food Lion Shop and Share program is an easy, convenient way to raise money for GRREAT. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to GRREAT—up to \$350 every three months! Food Lion is the only supermarket chain in our area that supports not-for-profit organizations in this way.

GRREAT has been registered as a participating organization for several years. However, beginning January 1, 2006, organizations must have at least 25 MVP cards linked in order to participate. Once 25 cards are linked, the organization will be eligible to participate in the next quarter.



To participate in this free program, shoppers like you must link your MVP card to GRREAT by December 31, 2005. Either complete a customer sign up form at the store or visit the Food Lion website at <http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/default.asp>.

Then, just remember to shop Food Lion and scan your MVP card. This program does not interfere with the MVP discounts and no MVP product has to be purchased to participate. Thank you for supporting GRREAT! 🐾

## That Man Behind the Camera

By Kim Wiff

If you have attended any GRREAT events recently, you may have noticed the presence of a man who regularly shows up not with a Golden, but with a Nikon. This is Joe Lamp.

For the past several years, Joe has served as an unofficial photographic chronicler of many of our events such as Christmas parties, special fundraisers and picnics. Through his camera's lens, he has recorded images that document these activities from furry head to wagging tail; from photographs that capture the overall atmosphere of the event to those of individual GRREAT dogs and their owners in momentary (but probably not rare) acts of total silliness. Joe has then provided us with digital files of these photos for our archives and for potential use in montages for education days, fundraisers, etc. He has done all of this without once being asked; just out of the goodness of his heart.



Joe does not now have a GRREAT dog, feeling that he would not be able to devote adequate time to such a partnership until after he retires in a few years. In the meantime, he attends as many GRREAT functions as possible to get his Golden fix.

We certainly wish Joe a speedy path to retirement and hope that, until that time, he will continue to put his Nikon to work on GRREAT's behalf.

Thank you, Joe, for this wonderful contribution to GRREAT! 🐾

## Mark Your Calendar

### September 23-October 1

2005 GRCA National Specialty sponsored by Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC) Gettysburg, PA

*Details at [www.pvgrc.org](http://www.pvgrc.org)*

### Thursday, September 29

Rescue Dog Parade sponsored by GRREAT Gettysburg, PA

*Details at [www.pvgrc.org](http://www.pvgrc.org)*

### Saturday, October 1

GRREAT Adoption Day Petco 9230-B Old Keene Mill Road Burke, Virginia

*See directions on page 5*

### Saturday, November 5

GRREAT Adoption Day Petco 1719 York Road Lutherville, MD 21093

*See directions on page 5*

### Saturday, November 12

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

*See information on page 18*

### Saturday, December 3

GRREAT Adoption Day Petco 10800 Promenade Lane Manassas, Virginia

*See directions on page 5*

### Sunday, December 11

Howliday Party Frederick County Fairgrounds Frederick, MD

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# “What Did He Just Eat?...”

## A Snapshot of the Well-Known (and Not-So-Well-Known) Common Household Items That Can Pose a Serious Health Threat to your Golden

By Emily Pasterick, Contributing Writer

Chocolate...poinsettias...anti-freeze. These are typically among the toxins that first come to mind when people consider what common household items could be lethal to their dogs. And it's good that most owners recognize these. However, there are dozens more very ordinary household plants, foods, and other products that may not be as recognizable to owners as carrying the potential for severe illness or even death if ingested by your Golden. Familiarizing yourself with these items can help mitigate the possibility that your dog can get into them in or out of your home, and preserve the health of your Golden. The lists provided below are not exhaustive, and do not provide lethal dosage information, but rather serve as a quick snapshot of common household dangers so that you can take the necessary precautions.

### Household items (non-food):

- Mothballs
- Potpourri oils
- Mushrooms
- Homemade play dough
- Fabric softener sheets
- Dishwashing detergent
- Batteries
- Cigarettes
- Pennies
- Hand and foot warmers

### “Human” food items:

- Chocolate
- Onions

- Pear pips, the kernels of plums, peaches and apricots, apple core pips (contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning)
- Potato peelings and green looking potatoes
- Rhubarb leaves
- Moldy/spoiled foods
- Alcohol
- Yeast dough
- Coffee grounds, beans & tea (caffeine)
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Tomato leaves & stems (green parts)
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Raisins and grapes

### Toxic household and outdoor plants

- Apricot
- Azalea (Rhododendron spp.)
- Bird of Paradise
- Boston Ivy
- Caladium
- Creeping Charlie (Glechoma hederacea L.)
- Castor Bean (Ricinus communis)
- Choke Cherry (Prunus virginiana)
- Daffodil (Narcissus spp.)
- Daphne
- English Ivy (Hedera helix L.)
- Foxglove (Digitalis purpurea L.)
- Glacier Ivy
- Heartleaf
- Hemlock, Water (Cicuta maculata L.)
- Hyacinth (Hyacinth orientalis)
- Hydrangea (Hydrangea spp.)
- Jerusalem Cherry (Solanum pseudocapsicum L.)
- Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense)
- Jimson Weed (Datura stramonium L.)
- Jonquil
- Lantana (Lantana camara L.)
- Lily-of-the-Valley (Convallaria majalis)
- Mandrake


- Mistletoe
- Morning Glory
- Marble Queen
- Nightshade (Solanum spp.)
- Nephthytis, Arrowhead Vine
- Oats, (Avena sativa)
- Pigweed, Redroot (Amaranthus retroflexus)
- Poinsettia (Euphorbia pulcherrima)
- Pokeweed, Inkberry
- Parlor Ivy
- Red Sage
- Rhubarb (Rheum rhaponticum)
- Red Princess
- Saddleleaf
- Tulip (Tulipa spp.)
- Umbrella Plant
- Yew, English (Taxus baccata) and Japanese (Taxus cuspidata Sieb. & Zucc.)

Do some items on these lists surprise you? Me too. Oversights happen, and if you know or suspect your Golden has ingested a potentially lethal amount of any of the above, call his/her veterinarian immediately, or contact the Animal Poison Control Center at 888-4ANI-HELP (888-426-4435). Educating yourself and your family on the potential hazards before they become killers is the best defense against dog health threats.

The following websites were consulted for the creation of this article:

[www.cybercanine.com/toxicplants.htm](http://www.cybercanine.com/toxicplants.htm)

[www.thepetcenter.com/wai/poi\\_PP.html](http://www.thepetcenter.com/wai/poi_PP.html)

[www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate\\_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story\\_no=257#ct-4](http://www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story_no=257#ct-4) 



The GRREAT Store  
www.grreat.org

GRREAT has some new shirts available through the on-line store. We now have long and short sleeve t-shirts in your choice of oatmeal or indigo blue. Follow the link to the store from the GRREAT web site and choose from over 40 items for you and your golden.



## Dogs 24/7

By Linda Kurtz

Your Golden's peaceful snoozing on the couch is interrupted by an exciting dream, one characterized by twitching paws and a wiggly nose. The common misconception is that your dog is dreaming about chasing one of those tantalizingly entertaining squirrels up that tree in your backyard. However, times have changed. Your dog is actually fantasizing about being on the cover of his very own book. As a matter of fact, wouldn't you like to show off your beaming Golden cover boy to his adoring fans?

Well, now is the time to make your dog's—and your own—dreams come true! It's never been easier to achieve eternal fame on the cover of *Dogs 24/7*, a book filled with 500 different pictures of our furry friends (many different breeds included).

All you need is a digital camera and the perfect shot of your Golden kid. Just go to [www.dogs24-7.com](http://www.dogs24-7.com) and click on "Click to Put Your Dog on the Cover of This Book." Then follow the simple directions, which includes uploading your digital picture and writing a personal caption.

You can either purchase the entire book with your dog's cover (\$29.95 with free USPS shipping or \$52.95 with expedited 5-day delivery) or just your dog's cover if you already have the book (\$10.90 USPS or \$29.95 5-day).

## Thanks to Our Volunteers

As I arrange transports from shelters and owner give ups, I am continually thanking the transport volunteers. Many times I think that just is not enough and sounds hollow. But I hope that all those listed, any I missed, (and I apologize profusely if I did) and others that have volunteered and then the trip fell through for whatever reason; know that I am most sincere in my thanks. Without the volunteers below and over one hundred others on my transport list, my job would be impossible. Thanks! - *Vicki Eurice – GRREAT Transport Coordinator*

Ben and Sally Au	Louise Davidson	Meghan McCaffery	Joy Scrimshire
Marie Bertin	Karen Davis	Denise Malczewski	Mary Sigmond
James Blouch	Ruth Dominick	Lisa Melvin	Bob Taylor
Jean Brennan	Jim Eurice	Wendy Messersmith	Kathy Thomas
Wendy Caldwell	Karen Gaulin	Susan Parry	David Walman
Catherine Campbell	Robin Hoesch	Heather Peoples	Allison Ward
Lois Cohen	Katherine Holmes	Sally Petty	Gene Weinzwieg
Trish Collier	Laura Horn	Bill Price	Jan and Marty White
Mary Collings	Karen Hutcheson	Doug and Marilyn Reedy	
Lesleigh Cook	Fran Karsner	Grace Reidy	
Eric Cooper	Laura Kurz	Tonya Rider	
Jane Cubbon	Susan Leonard	Jessie Robinson	

2005 GRREAT Beginnings Lead  
to Happy Endings 3K Walk  
November 12, 2005

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case we need to contact you about your registration.*

T-Shirt Size:    Small    Medium    Large    X-Large

*Sorry, only adult sizes are available.*

Registration Fee:     \$12 (by November 1)  
                                 \$15 (after November 1)

*Please make all checks payable to GRREAT.*

**Waiver:** Registrants and their accompanying family members, friends, and pets participating in the GRREAT Beginnings Lead to Happy Endings 3K Walk to be held in Fairfax, Virginia on Saturday, November 12, 2005 hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage, and hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the City of Fairfax, Weber's Pet Supermarket, GRREAT, or their respective successors, assignees, officers, employees, and agents for any and all loss or damage there-fore on account of injury to person or property, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract otherwise arising out of or resulting from any act of omission, while traveling to or participating in the 2005 GRREAT Beginnings Lead to Happy Endings 3K.

I have read and agree to the above waiver:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*Please mail your completed registration to:*

GRREAT  
Attn: 3K Walk  
P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church, VA 22043-0069

Thank you for your support!

**GRREAT Beginnings  
Lead to Happy  
Endings 3K Walk  
Information**

Four-legged and two-legged friends of rescue are invited to walk with us to raise money for GRREAT.

People treats and doggy treats will be provided along the way and at the conclusion of the walk. There will also be door prizes and plenty of fun! All registered participants will receive a GRREAT Beginnings T-shirt.

Register now by filling out and mailing the Registration Form on the left. Registration is \$12 per human walker until November 1 and \$15 after November 1. All proceeds benefit Golden Retriever Rescue!

*Walk Details*

DATE: Saturday, November 12

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: Weber's Pet Supermarket  
11021 Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA  
(703) 385-3766

DIRECTIONS: Rte 495 Capitol Beltway to I-66 W. Exit Rte 123 S. Right at light onto Rte 29/50 W. Stay on Rte 29 at intersection with Rte 236 and Rte 50. Weber's is on the left in the Westfair Shopping Center (across from Borders Books). Please park in the rear of the shopping center.

## HERE'S A DONATION

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for

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In honor of

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In memory of

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To thank

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All donations are tax deductible and are gratefully acknowledged in *GRREAT News*.

Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.

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

## 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 2006 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please complete this form to volunteer. Return to:

**GRREAT**

**Attention: Volunteer Coordinator**

**P.O. Box 3069**

**Falls Church, VA 22043-0069**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

OK to call at work?  Yes  No

Please indicate any area of interest.

The appropriate GRREAT Coordinator will contact you for more information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Be a foster home for a GRREAT dog

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at adoption days

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at microchip clinics

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at GRREAT booth at dog shows, fairs, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help operate a concession stand at MCI Center/RFK Stadium/other events to benefit GRREAT

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at fund raisers

\_\_\_\_\_ Transport GRREAT dogs (to/from vet, animal shelter, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Perform home visits prior to adoption

\_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate an activity or event

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate the following services:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This form can be filled out on-line at [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org).

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# Renew Your Membership for 2006

Be sure not to miss out on a thing—renew your GRREAT membership for 2006.

We rely on membership dues, donations, and fundraising to carry out our missions. Your \$30 membership dues keeps this newsletter coming to your mailbox every two months and will help us save more Golden Retrievers in 2006.



GRREAT members enjoy many events that are fun for people and for dogs. This gathering took place at last year's 3K fundraising walk.

To renew, simply clip and complete the membership renewal form on page 19 of this newsletter. Be sure to include your current mailing and e-mail addresses. Mail the form along with a check for \$30 (payable to GRREAT) to: GRREAT, PO Box 3069, Falls Church VA 22043.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please send a note to Jill Kurtz, membership coordinator at [memberships@grreat.org](mailto:memberships@grreat.org) or at the mailing address above.

We hope that you will continue to be a part of our GRREAT family! 🐾

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