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For the Love of Golden Retrievers: The Benefits of GRREAT Membership

Anyone who is a fan of Golden Retrievers is eligible to be a member of GRREAT. While many of GRREAT's members have rescued a dog, anyone who enjoys Golden Retrievers may join and experience the benefits of belonging to the largest rescued dedicated to rescue, education and training of Golden Retrievers in the region. Along with matching unwanted Golden Retrievers with their "forever homes" GRREAT offers many member benefits.

GRREAT offers all dogs the opportunity to be microchipped at a low cost. If a dog chipped by GRREAT is lost, GRREAT often will know before the owner and can help reunite the dog and owner very quickly.

GRREAT's signature events are also not to be missed. All members are plugged into a variety of social opportunities for themselves and their dogs. From the summer Bark-B-Que, to canine cruises to dog washes to the 'Howliday' party, there are many opportunities to share happy experiences with your dog and other Golden lovers.

In addition, GRREAT members share tips and support with one another as they journey along life with their Golden. From extra assistance to first-time foster homes, to support with unique behavioral or medical issues, GRREAT's combined knowledge of Golden Retrievers is unsurpassed.

GRREAT members also have access to exclusive GRREAT merchandise and the latest dog toys and items through the GRREAT online store at www.grreat.org. Visit the store often as there are often many new items for sale. All purchases go to support GRREAT's work, so when you are looking for new items for you and your dog, please consider shopping with GRREAT first.

If you know someone who loves Golden Retrievers, encourage them to join GRREAT and take advantage of the many benefits of belonging. It is easy to become a member, or renew a lapsed membership, by visiting www.grreat.org and clicking on "Membership Center." The cost is only \$30 for an annual membership. Additional donations are welcomed and much needed at anytime throughout the year.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Ah, the “Dog Days of Summer” are here. We hear that phrase all the time, but have you ever wondered where it came from? It refers to the hottest, most sultry days of summer, traditionally between July 3 and August 11. The “Dog Days” was a term from the Greeks and Romans, who used it to reference the star Sirius, the brightest star in the Canis Major constellation (which looks like a dog.) In the summer the star rises and sets with the Sun, causing the ancients to believe that its heat added to the heat of the sun.

Make sure to take some basic precautions to keep your dog safe and healthy during these “dog days”. Here are a few tips:

- When running errands, do not leave your dog in the car – even for a few minutes. It only takes a few minutes for the internal heat in the car to build up 40 degrees above the outside air temperature, and can quickly cause your dog to develop heat stroke.
- Be careful when walking on hot pavement or sand – they can burn your dog’s pads
- Exercise early in the morning or late in the evening
- Provide your dog with plenty of water
- If you are going to be outside in the sun, consider sunscreen for your dog too – protect his nose and any exposed skin

Another meaning for the Dog Days of Summer to rescue groups is, this is one of the busiest times of the year. Shelters are full, families want to give up their dog before they go on vacation, foster homes are scarce (they are on vacation) – it’s a tough time for us. As I mentioned in our last issue, the weak economy is also increasing our intakes. More unfortunate families have to make the tough decision to give up their pets due to financial reasons. So, as I ask of you in every issue, can you please consider fostering just one dog this year? You can get more information and an application from Denise Malczewski at becomeafosterhome@grreat.org.



Peanut, Scooter and Big Red enjoy the GRREAT “dog days” of summer

We also have a need for transport volunteers, particularly to and from our outlying areas. If you are taking a trip and can possibly squeeze a dog in one way, please let our Transportation Coordinator, Vicki Eurice, know (transport@grreat.org.) We are frequently asked to take in dogs from shelters near Charlottesville and south – maybe you are taking a child to college and have some room on the return trip? We also offer mileage reimbursement for transports at the charity rate.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Keep an eye on the GRREAT calendar – we have some fun events and fundraisers coming up!

—Sandy Diamond, GRREAT President



My name is Cassie (01-175) McCreary and I was rescued by GRREAT in the summer of 2001. I was given up by my first family because they had a two year old and a two month old and it was too much work. But now I live with my new family where we also have young kids. My mommy and daddy call me and my lab sister Kayla “the nannies” cuz we let them know when the baby’s crying or the toddler toddles. I enjoy car rides, cuddling, going to the beach, chasing chipmunks and TENNIS BALLS!!! Actually, mom says I am a bit OCD when it comes to my love of tennis balls, but she loves me anyway!

MY THOUGHTS: Doggone Memories

By Skip Nizer

The best part of trying to write an article about Golden Retrievers, or any dog, for GRREAT is remembering them and the things that they did, good or bad. That in itself brings up another subject or question – the dog's memories.

I know that dogs remember things. My old Shiloh did and now Scout knows that around eight o'clock all three of them (Toby, Sadie and Scout) get a treat. The other two just lay there while Scout stands in the dining room facing the kitchen (where the treats are kept) and looks back at me while I sit in my man chair. If you don't know what a man chair is, it is a chair that is comfortable, has padded arms, reclines, has enough room in the seat area to hold and hide (from non-certified people) the TV remote and is close to the TV. Scout will look back at me and then to the kitchen until I get out of my man chair and get the treats. However only Toby and Sadie will get up and come into the kitchen for them. Usually Scout will wait in the dining room for me to take it to him. Perhaps my man chair should be in the dunce's corner.

Now this brings up another question - is it a memory thing or does he know how to read time? I have spent my man thinking time allotment on this question, all thirty seconds, and have come up with a brilliant idea. Before I leave for duty tonight I will turn all the clocks back 2 hours, so that when the time is eight the clocks will read six. In order for this to work I can not tell Deb. She may give clues to Scout. The only problem is she gets up at four thirty and at four thirty it will be six thirty but that is a small price that she can pay for this research. And she has never been really late for work before.

Getting back to memories. I can recall the time that we stopped to check the oil in the suburban and Lucky jumped into the engine compartment to help and the time he retrieved his first duck on a real hunt. It wasn't a just killed duck. It looked like a shredded rag in his mouth and had an odor that was overwhelming at 20 feet even with

Eight-Year Old Celebrates Birthday By Encouraging Gifts to GRREAT

I am writing to you for my granddaughter, Danielle Clark. I am her grandmother – her mother would be writing this letter herself, but she is currently in Afghanistan and will not be back until September. Danielle recently had her eighth birthday celebration. On her invitations sent out she requested no gifts, but instead asked for a donation to the Golden Retriever Rescue (GRREAT). Danielle's mother, Corinne Keyes, is an avid animal advocate and she has instilled her love of animals in her daughter, Danielle, who also loves all animals. This is not the first time that Danielle has requested "no gifts" for a birthday party – she also did this when she lived in Cyprus and collected money for the donkeys that also needed people to help them. Here are Danielle's friends who attended her party and made a donation (Danielle also contributed to round up the donation). – Shirley Keyes

*Chris Arcangeli
Thomas Baker
AJ Chapman
Owen Keightley
Samantha Lane
Casey McCullen*

*Claire McShane
Safa Samimi
Brianna Sook
Margaret Warren
Mae Zingo*

Thank you Danielle and friends!



the temperature at 34 degrees.

So my question is, when I would watch him sleep and observe that his legs were moving was that a memory? No it isn't, it's a dream. I hate when I answer questions that I shouldn't have needed to ask. But dreams are based on memories but not ones that we recall on our own.

So back to the basics, do dogs have memories, that is the question. Do they sit and stare at us and remember the time that they became part of our family, the first time that they saw us, the time that those who were rescued were given clean water or enough food. Do they remember when a hand stroked their forehead and didn't slap them? Do they remember the first time that they were unafraid to approach a human and get close without feeling pain? Do they remember the first touch of love?

I can remember picking hundreds of ticks off of Shorty the night we picked him up, finding Sniffs so cold that his joints were almost immovable, seeing a flea bag we named Shiloh in the shelter, watching Sporty sit up and then fall over dead and look up for a treat,

seeing Leo struggle to stand with two bad hips and later seeing him run and watching Scout run the fields doing what he was born to do. Watching Rebel at seven months, running free from a six foot rope for the first time in five months.

I guess my question will never be answered and the world, like me, will live in a state of confusion. Perhaps if I ever get to see the Rainbow Bridge my question will be answered if I have a never ending supply of tennis balls and treats.

The important part is that we have the memories of them. We brought into their lives what they deserve to have. They give us a sense of purpose, a feeling that we have done some good, unconditional love, companionship, someone to talk to who doesn't question our reasons or motives and that just wants to be with us for who we really are. And there are times when I wonder if I would want to be with me when I am who I really am.

Well it's time that I start turning the clocks two hours ahead. Don't forget to pet your dog and maybe add a treat. Then sit in your man/woman chair, close your eyes and treat yourself to a memory or two.



Tucker (06-078) and Tally (00-050) Frankenhouse enjoy the beach in Venice, FL. Venice is an extremely pet friendly place with dog beaches and parks. Tally is 8-years-old and we have had her since she was 1 year old. Tucker's age is unknown although GRREAT put him at around 7 years old. His family was killed in a house fire and we were fortunate enough to adopt him. Both dogs go to the Broad-neck dog park every day to romp with their friends. They also go almost everywhere with Mom and Dad. They are very spoiled, but is there any other way?

ADOPTION REPORT

For the period of 4/24/08 through 6/25/08, 37 lucky families found their Forever Golden. Of these fortunate pups, 22 were age 2 or under, 17 were between the ages of 3 and 9, and 7 were age 10 or older. Males outnumbered females by 27 to 10. Also, four Special Needs Golden, Saylor, Jannus, Franco and Janet were adopted! Congratulations!

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Amber	08-090	10	F	Ginger	08-081	2	F	Max	08-088	8	M
Bailey	08-073	3	M	Goose	08-067	3	M	Meg	08-019	4	F
Ben	08-043	3	M	Hamlet	00-183	10	M	Murray	08-069	6	M
Benny	08-038	10	M	Harley	08-048	3	M	Nugget	08-092	1	F
Bo	08-084	1	M	Harry	08-071	8	M	Page	08-045	5	F
Buddie	08-060	4	M	Hobo	08-007	10	M	Roxy	08-049	3	F
Buddy	08-066	3	M	Honey	08-082	2	F	Saylor	07-082	2	F
Charley	08-015	6mo	M	Irving	08-091	1	M	Sam	08-047	5	M
Cowboy	08-032	12	M	Janet	04-022	10	F	Schaeffer	08-037	2	M
Crosby	08-065	1	M	Jannus	07-015	10	M	Tanner	08-068	11mo	M
Franco	07-213	4	M	Jaxx	08-059	5	M	Taylor	08-014	6mo	M
George	08-035	8	M	Kira	08-055	5	F	Tigger	08-077	1	M
				Lincoln	08-079	1	M				

UPCOMING ADOPTION DAYS

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008
12 noon - 2 p.m.
 PETCO
 615 Belair Road, Suite P
 Bel Air, Maryland

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008
12 noon-2 p.m.
 PETCO
 6612 Richmond Highway
 Alexandria, Virginia

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008
12 noon - 2 p.m.
 PETCO
 2319-D Forest Drive
 Annapolis, Maryland

DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations

Lauren Bartlett
Cynthia Crawford Beattie
Eileen Bennett
Kate & Art Chutuape
John & Kathy Collins
John & Karen DuTeil
Kevin & Diane Duvall
Anthony Freitag
Jonathan Gordon
Jen Hackler
Catherine Hazlewood
Roslyn Hurt-Steverson
Kevin & Dorothy Irwin
Carolyn & Jeremy Kilborn
William Krebs & Madeline Bednar
Cynthia Kronz
Diane Lanigan
Michelle Livengood
Dianne May
June Morris
Skip & Deb Nizer
Nicolette Parisi & Richard Wakeling
Anne Patton
Chris Pierce
Relishdress
Sandra Rutan
Cheryl & Brad Sidwell
Bruce Stiely
John & Jennifer Strohm
Lillian Teng
Andrew Thompson
Sherry True
Mary Anne Walsh

In Memory Of...

In memory of Caylee. Caylee was a beautiful Golden Retriever pet of the Umberger family. This donation is in memory and honor of this exceptional and friendly dog. – Donald & Marlene Taggart

Enclosed is a donation to GRREAT in memory of Gracie, beloved Golden of our friends Dr. Adrienne and Ralph Noe. Sadly, Gracie was euthanized last week after a year long battle with cancer. She was a beautiful spirit and brought them endless joy and companionship right up until the end. I hope our contribution will help another special Golden. Thank you for all you do for this wonderful breed. – Marcia Zier

The enclosed donation is in honor and memory of Greg Russell's incredible companion Bear (05-012). It was an honor and privilege to have known such a kind, gentle and loving creature. After more than a year in foster care, he finally found his perfect forever home, but not before some careful plotting. Bear realized long before Greg that they should be together and eventually made Greg realize this too. He reacted to Greg in a way he never reacted to any of the potential adopters in the year I was his foster mom. Greg did not feel ready to adopt at the time, still feeling the pain from the passing of Charlie, his previous dog. However, Bear was relentless and eventually convinced Greg that it was time to open his heart to another dog. All Bear needed to be happy was to be near his dad. Although his physical body is gone, I know he will always watch over us and I am comforted knowing the joy he found in his final years. I am making this donation in his honor and memory, knowing it will help other Golden retrievers coming into the rescue feel such love, as all should. Bear, you will always hold a special place in our hearts and we will forever love and miss you. – Jan Brown

In memory of Bear, best friend of Greg Russell. Bear was the sweetest, most gentle Golden. And Greg is one of those special adopters who are willing to take on a dog with medical issues – thank you, Greg! – Sandy Diamond

In memory of Sophia Chup. – Elaine Rothbauer

In memory of Amber. – Sheila & Al Vertino

In memory of Lucy McAllister. – Animal Clinical Investigation

In memory of Shadow Washington. – Animal Clinical Investigation

In memory of Yola. – Marion Shields

In memory of Sophie Chup. – The Cass-Rigney family

In memory of Logan, a Golden-oldie belonging to Kim & Carl Wiff. – Sandy Diamond

In memory of Amber and in gratitude for Annie (Puck.) – Eileen Powers & Fred Delavan

In memory of Ginny, who taught Jane & Mike

Landis' new dog Nick, how to be a dog. – Sandy Diamond

In memory of Quincy (03-118) our second foster dog who made it very easy for us to find his forever home with Kerry Rodgers. – Maryjo & Michael Sullivan

In memory of Red Larson. – Sharon & Ronnie Worden

In memory of Red Larson. – John Edmondson

In memory of my dad, Red Larson. Although he was more of a cat person, we was so supportive of my work with GRREAT. I miss you and love you, papa-san! – Sandy Diamond

In memory of Douglas Keller and his dog Boomer, both of whom died recently. Our Charlie Brown continues to be a joy to us. – Molly & Edward Johnston

Please accept this donation in memory of Aspen, the 13-year-old heart dog of Jim & Stef Nelson. – Janet & Phil Hauck

In memory of Aspen, best friend of Jim & Stef Nelson. – Sandy Diamond

In loving memory of Max, a beautiful Golden who lost his battle with cancer today. – Neil & Linda Jester

This donation is in memory of my dad, who I miss very much. My dad was so supportive of my volunteer efforts with GRREAT and he always said that he hoped the day would come when there weren't any more unwanted Golden retrievers. – Mary Collings

In memory of Mary Colling's dad. – Sandy Diamond

In memory of McIver, our sweet Red-Dog, our fuzzy alarm, our favorite-favorite. The memory of those "squinchy-eyes" and "crinkle-ears" are making us smile even through our tears. Gone from view but forever in our hearts! We love you, Red One. – Jeff & Lucinda Twining

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Doggone Good Products?

A Look at Electronic Tracking and Booster Bath

GPS for Dogs

By Bob Kurtz, Microchipping Coordinator

People occasionally ask me if GRREAT can track a dog by its microchip. The answer is “no”, because the AVID microchips that GRREAT uses can only be scanned at a distance of a few inches. However, there are a few new tools on the market that can be used to track dogs at a distance.

The Garmin Astro® combines Global Positioning System (GPS) and two-way radio technology. Designed primarily for hunters who work their dogs in the field, the Astro includes a GPS receiver and radio transmitter unit that attaches to the dog's collar or to a special harness, as well as a handheld GPS and radio for the handler. Every few seconds, the collar unit sends the dog's location and speed to the handler's radio, where it appears on the GPS display screen and shows the dog's location to within a few feet.

Because the radio link between the collar and the handheld is limited to a mile or so, this is a fairly specialized tool that probably isn't a great solution for finding the typical dog who has wandered out of the yard.

The PetSafe® GPS Locator takes a slightly different approach. PetSafe includes a collar unit that contains a GPS receiver and a cellular phone. The owner sets up the unit with a “home location” and a roaming distance. If the dog gets beyond the roaming distance, the built-in cellphone notifies the owner by a phone call, e-mail, or text message. The owner continues to get updates every few minutes until the dog is found.

Not surprisingly, these high-tech devices aren't cheap. The Garmin Astro costs about \$500. The PetSafe GPS Locator costs about \$250, but since it uses cellphone technology it also requires a service plan of about \$20 per month.

For more information on these interesting products, see:

<http://www.garmin.com/astro/>

<http://www.petsafegpslocator.com>



Booster Bath

By Emily Bell

My husband and I LOVE this product! Having 4 golden retrievers, bath time was always a huge undertaking for us and taking them to the groomers was getting way to expensive. We desperately needed a way to save our backs and our wallets. We found it with the Booster Bath.

In addition to saving you money, it will also save your sanity. As dog owners, we all know the joy of chasing our soapy and very slippery friend around the house, trying to grab a hold of any available extremity, all the while trying not to slip on the now water soaked floor. With the Booster Bath, all you have to do is strap them in and scrub away.

The only mishap this tub does not stop is the inevitable mid bath shake that I have come to believe is just pure revenge. And with the elevation of the tub, you are in prime soaking range. The next time you find yourself dripping from head to toe with soapy water after your dog has had a nice shake, check their face. I promise you will find a big golden smile, brimming from ear to ear.

I can almost guarantee this product will more than pay for itself and I highly recommend giving it a try. You will not be disappointed. For more information, you can visit their website at www.boosterbath.com.

Our dogs however are still not convinced.

DONATIONS

In memory of McIver (01-247) Twining.
– Phil & Janet Hauck

In memory of McIver, sweet Red-Dog
who owned Jeff & Lucinda Twining.
– Sandy Diamond

In loving memory of McIver and Mon-
go, two very special Golden retrievers of Jeff and
Lucinda Twining and her brother. Both
crossed over the Rainbow Bridge and will
always be very loved and missed. – Karol
& Bob Hickman

Please accept the enclosed donation on
behalf of our beloved Sophie Melvin
(02-004). She came to us on January 5,
2001 and went to the Rainbow Bridge
on May 7, 2008. She was an exceptional
Golden girl who touched the hearts of
so many. She was always our little angel
and we will truly miss her. – Lisa & An-
drew Melvin

Here is a donation in memory of Sunny
Bennett and his owner, Keith Ben-
nett. Sunny was a 14-year-old Golden
very much loved by his owners. Keith
Bennett passed away earlier this week.
– Gregory & Lois Utterback

This donation is in memory of Dekota,
a yellow lab and a wonderful friend to
all Golden, owned by Anne Stadelmaier.
– Jim & Ginny Hayes

This is in memory of my brother's
Golden Retriever, Shadow, who passed
away today. – Ryan Hayleck

Please accept this donation in memory
of Bonnie "Noodles" Lester, loving
companion and family member of
Theresa and Adam Lester. She loved the
farm, the water, rocks, Central Park....
But most of all her mom and brother.
Someday they will be reunited again so
Bonnie can receive "All the kisses she
deserves". With love and happy memo-
ries, Linda, Mikey, Jake and Elwood
Stacy-Nichols

In memory of Bailey and Cheyenne.
– Stella & Rick Rineer

In memory of Stormy Hunter. – Kathy &
Wayne Hunter

In memory of Cinder (08-001). My dear
little Cinder: I don't know what happened
and I'm terribly sorry. I hope you have
plenty of squeaky toys! – Diane Lanigan

This donation is in loving memory of our
friend and Golden Retriever Hunter Booe
who will be missed so much, but will live
on in our hearts forever. –Therese & Paige
O'Brien

In memory of Mildred Rechsteiner. – Susan
Plummer

In Honor Of...

In honor of Maddie (05-048). She still looks
like a fox, but is such a good girl. She loves
people and small doggies. – Mildred Fink

In honor of Steve Daner – Happy Birthday,
Papa. – Love, Cate & Ally Daner

This donation is to thank Dee Brown and
Glen MacDonald for keeping my dog while
we were on vacation. It's to help Golden
like Dee's KC, whom we enjoy so much.
– Rosie Brown

For Cody Corr. – John Corr

This is in honor of our girl, Buttercup. She
has been such a blessing to us. We are so
happy she is part of our family. – Leigh &
Tim Fisher

In honor of Trish Collier's birthday.
– Wendy Eakle

This donation is to celebrate the gradua-
tions of Katherine and Christine Whitaker,
Golden Retriever lovers. – Nancy & John
Bentrup

In honor of Judy Daner's retirement from
Fairfax County Public Schools. – your co-
workers at Herndon Elementary School

To Malaika, Brent and Palmer's sweet girl
Copper. – Eric Leuliette & Xochitl Zamora-
Thompson

For Sandy Diamond, for dog sitting Lucas.
– Irving Thomas

In honor of the birthday of Maureen Lillis.
– Paula & Nick Brucciani

In honor of Jen Strohm's birthday. – Jacque-
line Barlow

Dear Jessie, One year ago today, you brought
Maisy (07-065) to Kip and me. She has filled
our lives with such joy and so many Golden
laughs. What a true blessing to be part of
the GRREAT family and to know amazing
people like you. Please accept this donation
in your honor, on behalf of Kip, Maisy and
me for all the wonderful work you do with
thanks, appreciation and Golden "high-fives."
– Heather, Kip & Maisy Lady

This donation is made in the name of Mau-
reen Dimas, a true Golden lover. – Cristen
Dimas

In honor of Jennie, the love of our life.
– Roger & Odette Lueck

In honor of Jane Landis. Jane has helped
out with GRREAT transport coordination
since late last year. I especially appreciate the
help lately when I was dealing with my senior
GRREAT dog, who was just diagnosed with
cancer. Now, Jane and I are a team and it
has helped me lots! Thank you, Jane! – Vicki
Eurice

Our family would like to thank you and Mary
for helping us find a good home for our dog,
Chessie. She was a great dog, however she
did not get along with our older dog and there
were several fights that were quite severe.
Mary helped in the removal of Chessie from
the ASPCA, where we had taken her, in hopes
of finding a suitable home for her. However,
we didn't realize once you label a dog as ag-
gressive the ASPCA does not keep them, but
puts them to sleep. We are making a donation
to help in the future success of other dogs
like Chessie. Thank you for all your hard
work and dedication to these animals. – Gina
Siska

For Sioux Thompson. – Ellen Perryess

In honor of Dusty. – Jonathan Gordon
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Dear Janet,

My golden will retrieve a ball but once she brings it back she will not let me take it from her mouth. She teases me with the ball but when I reach for it she turns her head so I can't get it. In the beginning of the game I can grab her collar and take the ball from her mouth, but after a while she will not let me take it. She will clamp down and will not give it up for anything (well, maybe food). When she gets to that point the game is over. How can I have a nice give and take game of fetch with my dog?

Carolyn

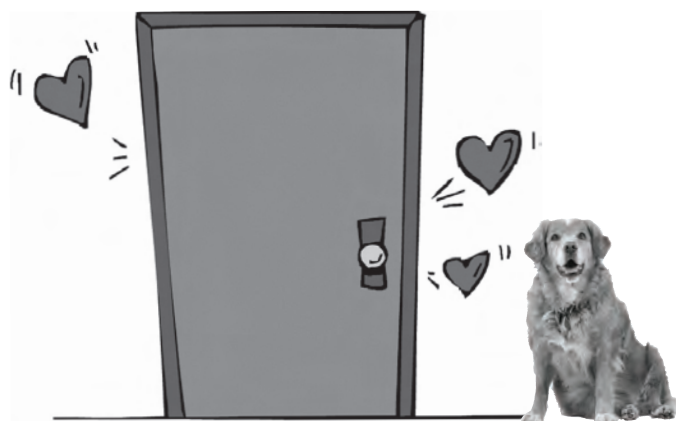
Dear Carolyn,

This situation is quite common and can be changed with patience and creativity. You will need some treats, Bitter Apple or a similar spray that your dog does not like and a long leash. A cotton web training leash works best, but a retractable will do also. The leash needs to be long enough that you can hold the handle while she's picking up the ball.

Before you throw the ball put the leash on your dog and put the spray within easy reach. When she is bringing back the ball, reel the leash in until you are holding the section of the leash very close to her collar. Now she can't tease you with the ball. Praise your dog for coming to you and ask her to give you the ball. If she lets you take it, praise her, give her a treat, and throw the ball again. If she does not drop the ball, continue to hold the leash but let go of the ball and grab the spray. Using your thumb, press some spray onto your index finger and put that finger on her tongue. The taste of the spray will make her spit out the ball. Tell her what a good dog she is and give her a treat. She's now being rewarded for doing what you want and prevented from doing anything else.

Keep playing with her in this manner until she will retrieve reliably. Once you've reached that goal, begin to minimize the treats until she's rarely getting any. When she's reliable without many treats, leave the leash on her but don't hold it. If she remains reliable then take the leash off. You've just conditioned her to play your game!

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What is the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club?

By Bob Kurtz, PVGRC Vice President

The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC) is a group of people who love Golden Retrievers and love to work with Goldens in a wide variety of dog sports. PVGRC was founded in 1968 and after 40 years is still going strong, with 32 events scheduled in 2008.

Much like GRREAT, PVGRC has a group of officers and a board of directors. PVGRC also has a set of activity committees that help to organize and run club events in conformation (the show ring), obedience, field (hunting and retrieving), agility, and tracking.

The real strength of PVGRC is its members, about 400 strong, who participate in these activities. They enjoy the challenge of training their dogs to be successful in these events, the strong dog-handler relationship that comes from working together, and the camaraderie of other club members.

A handful of club members are breeders, who work hard to preserve and refine the essential characteristics of the breed according to the breed standard set by the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA). PVGRC also has its own code of ethics for breeding that emphasizes responsibly working to eliminate the hip, eye, and heart diseases that can affect Golden Retrievers.

Would you like to join us? Please come out to a PVGRC event to see what's going on. Club members are happy to talk about their dogs and dog sports. Our next big events include an agility trial on August 9 and 10 in Westminster, MD, and a Working Certificate field test on September 13 in Cheltenham, MD. See our web site at <http://www.pvgrc.org> for more details, or email me at vice-president@pvgrc.org for additional information. Visit www.pvgrc.org for more details and events.

DONATIONS

For Medical Care...

For Janet's (04-022) medical expenses. – Rick Manville

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for Franco's (07-213) medical expenses. – Lona Gordon

To defray Nugget's (08-092) boarding costs. – Lisa Hecker

To defray Toby's (08-046) behavior modification/training costs. – Karol & Robert Hickman

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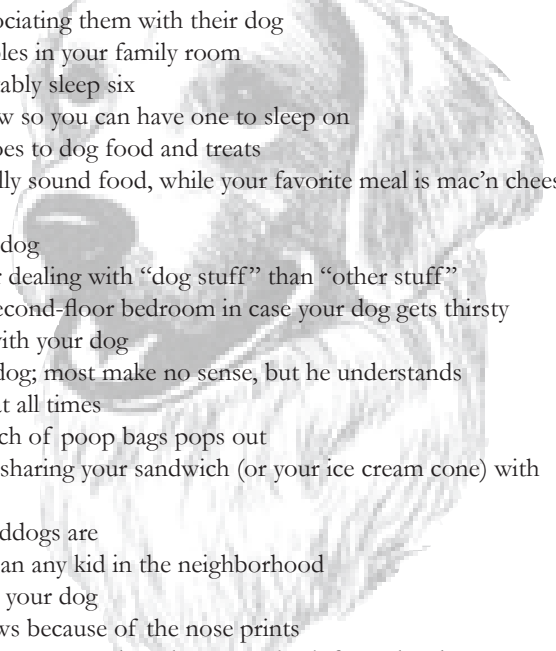
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You Know You've Gone to the Dogs When.....

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- You can only remember people by associating them with their dog
 - Dog crates double as chairs and/or tables in your family room
 - You buy a bigger bed that will comfortably sleep six
 - You break down and buy another pillow so you can have one to sleep on
 - More than half your grocery money goes to dog food and treats
 - Your dogs eat only the most nutritionally sound food, while your favorite meal is mac'n cheese
 - Dog hair in food is just another spice
 - You call long distance and talk to your dog
 - You spend more time on the computer dealing with "dog stuff" than "other stuff"
 - You keep an extra water dish in your second-floor bedroom in case your dog gets thirsty
 - You make popcorn just to play catch with your dog
 - You have 32 different names for your dog; most make no sense, but he understands
 - You carry dog biscuits in your pocket at all times
 - You open your purse, and that big bunch of poop bags pops out
 - Onlookers grimace at the sight of you sharing your sandwich (or your ice cream cone) with your dog, bite for bite
 - Your mom calls and asks how the granddogs are
 - Your dog has a better birthday party than any kid in the neighborhood
 - You sign and send birthday cards from your dog
 - You can't see out the passenger windows because of the nose prints
 - All of your clothes have dog hair on them, even when they come back from the cleaners
 - The most exciting time of your vacation, no matter where you go, is when you get to pet a dog
 - You have a plastic kiddie wading pool in your backyard, but no kids

GRREAT operates two funds for dogs with special needs. The Leo Fund provides surgical care for dogs in need and the Simile-Finale Fund provides holistic and alternative therapies (e.g., acupuncture, swim therapy, etc.) for special Goldens. To support these funds, make the selection on the online donation page or mention the fund in a letter with your contribution by mail. Thank you!

Leo's Corner

Leo's Pals

In memory of Hannah – you will always hold a special place in my heart as if you were one of my own. May you rest in peace sweet, curly haired girl, and have all the toys and bones you desire to play with. – Thomas, Carol & Lizzie Blackwell

In honor of my mother, Trish Collier's birthday. I chose the Leo Fund because her heart and work is with the senior and disabled Goldens. I wish you many more birthdays, Mom! – Judith Whittaker

Leo's Angels

In memory of Aspen (05-195) and Fancy (05-194). – Will Buklad

Leo's Heros

For Chassidy and Polar Bear. – Joe O'Neil and Walt Atha

The \$3 Rubber Ball

By Mary Collings, Intake Coordinator

The afternoon of May 28 started out like every sunny afternoon after my husband Ken got home from work. He took our dogs outside to play, which is the highlight of their day. Things quickly changed from fun to disaster. One of our GRREAT Goldens, Rocky, had a hard rubber ball in his mouth, a little bigger than a tennis ball. He went to pick up a second ball and the rubber ball was forced down his throat, into his esophagus. Thankfully, our vet is a 5 minute trip from our house, but as you can imagine, it felt like it was taking forever to get there.

Once Rocky was stabilized, the vet came out to talk to us. She said several people tried to reach the ball with their hands with no luck. While working to get the ball out, Rocky's body began to shut down and the vet said that Rocky had given up, but thankfully she didn't give up on him. She tried using a scalpel but the ball was too hard to puncture, so she got a necropsy knife, punctured the ball, and was able to pull it out with some instruments. Once the ball was out, they had to resuscitate Rocky. We were finally able to go back to the treatment room and sit with Rocky, while they continued giving him drugs and oxygen. Our vet recommended taking him to a 24-hour emergency vet for monitoring overnight to ensure there was no swelling in his throat or lungs. After almost losing him, it was heart wrenching to leave him overnight.

We picked Rocky up the next afternoon, believing the nightmare was over. Boy, were we mistaken! The next day, Rocky got very sick and back to our vet we went, where he



got an injection to stop the vomiting. By midnight, Rocky became lethargic, so we took him back to the emergency vet. The emergency vet felt that Rocky was having a severe reaction to the antibiotic he was put on (as a preventive because of possible cuts in his throat from extracting the ball). He had to spend the night and as we were driving home with him the next evening, we believed the nightmare was over. And again, we were mistaken.

Two days after that, we were back at our vet because Rocky was having bloody diarrhea. Our vet ran some tests and referred us to an internist vet, where we took him that afternoon. He stayed overnight so an endoscopy, sonogram, and more tests could be done. Rocky had some bruising in his esophagus and a blood clot in his abdomen from having gone into shock. Swallowing the ball and the subsequent stress and trauma that Rocky's body endured wreaked total chaos on

his system. He came home with some medications and I'm very happy to say after 2 long weeks, Rocky's acting like himself again – it was music to our ears to hear him “talking” again, which he hadn't done for a week after this happened.

A \$3 ball ended up causing us a tremendous amount of worry and stress, an incredible amount of discomfort for Rocky, a lot of money in vet bills, and the absolute worst part of it is that we almost lost Rocky. Please be careful and only let your dogs play with balls and toys that are too big to fit entirely in his/her mouth. I thought that what happened was a freak accident, but our vet told us quite a few dogs have been brought in with a ball or toy stuck in their throat. She added that Rocky was one of the few who survived.

GOLDSTOCK 2008

Once again, GRREAT will be attending Goldstock, a retreat held at Camp Weequahic in Pennsylvania. Golden Retriever rescue groups and enthusiasts from around the country attend this fun event, which is held over Labor Day weekend. There are activities for people and their dogs, and it is a big fundraising event for GRREAT.

Over the weekend silent and live auctions are conducted. GRREAT is looking for donated items for these auctions, and we need your help. Golden Retriever and dog-related items are the most popular, although any items are welcome.

Donations can be mailed to:

Sandy Diamond
12720 Fantasia Dr
Herndon, VA 20170

Lisa Cook
2113 Windom Ct
Bel Air, MD 21015

If you prefer to drop off your items or arrange pick-up, please contact Sandy Diamond at 703-919-8513 or e-mail president@grreat.org or Lisa Cook at 410-322-7264 or e-mail volunteer@grreat.org. We request that you send your donations by August 26, 2007. Thank you in advance for helping to make GRREAT's participation in Goldstock 2008 a success!

The Journey

By Crystal Ward Kent

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey--a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also will test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark. Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures--jumping in leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears.

If you spend much time outside, you will be taught how to truly experience every element, for no rock, leaf, or log will go unexamined; no rustling bush will be overlooked; and even the very air will be inhaled, pondered, and noted as being full of valuable information. Your pace may be slower except when heading home to the food dish--but you will become a better naturalist, having been taught by an expert in the field. Too many times we hike on automatic pilot, our goal being to complete the trail rather than enjoy the journey. We miss the details--the colorful mushrooms on the rotting log, the honeycomb in the old maple snag, the hawk feather caught on a twig. Once we walk as a dog does, we discover a whole new world. We stop; we browse the landscape; we kick over leaves, peek in tree holes, look up, down, all around. And we learn what any dog knows: that nature has created a marvelously complex world that is full of surprises, that each cycle of the seasons brings ever changing wonders, each day an essence all its own.

Even from indoors you will find yourself more attuned to the world around you. You will find yourself watching summer insects collecting on a screen or noting the flick and flash of fireflies through the dark. You will stop to observe the swirling dance of windblown leaves, or sniff the air after a rain. It does not matter that there is no objective in this; the point is in the doing, in not letting life's most important details slip by.

You will find yourself doing silly things that your pet-less friends might not understand: spending thirty minutes in the grocery aisle looking for the cat food brand your feline must have, buying dog birthday treats, or driving around the block an extra time because your pet enjoys the ride. You will roll in the snow, wrestle with chewy toys, bounce little rubber balls till your eyes

cross, and even run around the house trailing your bathrobe tie--with a cat in hot pursuit--all in the name of love.

Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You may find dog biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound.

You will learn the true measure of love--the steadfast, undying kind that says, "It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as long as we are together." Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race (so true!). And you will learn humility. The look in my dog's eyes often made me feel ashamed--such joy and love at my presence. They saw not some flawed human who could be cross and stubborn, moody or rude, but only her wonderful companion. Or maybe they saw those things and dismissed them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chose to love me anyway.

If you pay attention and learn well, when the journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be--the one they were proud to call beloved friend.

I must caution you that this journey is not without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal companion will follow a trail that you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go. A pet's time on earth is far too short--especially for those that love them. We borrow them, really, just for awhile, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left. The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and sleeping in the sun. The young pup of boundless energy wakes up stiff and lame, the muzzle now gray.

Deep down we somehow always knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts they would be broken. But give them we must, for it is all they ask in return. When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead--young and whole once more.

"Godspeed, good friend," we say, "until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross again."

DOG Wash

and Bake Sale *To Benefit GRREAT*

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008
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Golden Retriever Rescue, Education & Training is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, foster care and placement of Golden Retrievers in Virginia and elsewhere. For more information, visit www.grreat.org or call 703-919-8513.

GRREAT BEGINNINGS



LEAD TO HAPPY ENDINGS!

Volunteer dog washers, dog sitters and donated baked goods for people and dogs are needed for the Dog Wash. To volunteer, e-mail volunteer@grreat.org.

A Lotta Bark in the Park: GRREAT 2008 Bark-B-Que a Success!



(More than one hundred Golden Retrievers and their humans attended the GRREAT annual Bark-B-Que. A GRREAT signature event, the Bark-B-Que was held in June at Quiet Waters park in Annapolis. Everyone was "GRREAT-ful" to the many volunteers who helped organize the day with events coordinator Carolyn Beyer at the helm.

Clockwise from top) The dog beach is a popular attraction for Golden Retrievers at Quiet Waters park. New at the Bark-B-Que this year, attendees enjoyed meeting the dog communicator, Sherry True, and pet photographer, Jim Poor.



Lots of fun at the GRREAT Bark-B-Que!

Natural Health

By Dr. Pam Grasso

Homeopathy can be an effective medicine for first aid and is always something I have available at home and when I travel. Most of the remedies that would be used for first aid are “acute” remedies or the polycrest remedies. A polycrest remedy is used for situations like trauma, bee stings, fever, or diarrhea. Often these remedies can be used to increase your pet’s recovery or even chances of survival before you get to your veterinary hospital. Of course, in an emergency situation, you should immediately take your pet to your veterinarian.

For a more in depth description of homeopathy, see the November/ December issue of the GRREAT News. Homeopathy is best used by itself, not in combination with other medicines or remedies. It is effective with most Bach Flower remedies, such as Rescue Remedy, supportive fluids, and most of the suggestions for the First Aid Kit in last month’s issue. If your dog is being treated constitutionally with homeopathy, consult your homeopath prior to giving any acute remedies.

For the Homeopathic First Aid Kit 30c potencies are sufficient. Store the remedies in a cool, dry place away from high heat or strong odors. Do not leave them in a hot car, as this may inactivate them. To administer a remedy, place a few pellets on the gums. You should observe the patient for continued improvement. In most acute situations you can repeat the remedy every hour for no more than 3 times. If you see an improvement, the remedy should not be repeated.

Here is an alphabetical list of homeopathic remedies for your kit.

- Aconitum 30c can be an effective remedy for extreme fear and shock. It is often used for the dogs that get motion sickness in the car.
- Apis 30c, made from honeybee venom, is used for swelling after insect bites, jellyfish stings, or allergic reactions. This is an effective remedy for hives and the “swollen face”.
- Arnica 30c is indicated for trauma of any kind. This is usually the first remedy given after any trauma. It can be a very helpful remedy for pain and bruising. This patient often doesn’t want to be touched. Once the remedy starts working, the patient is more willing to be touched and examined. This is often indicated in shock also. (This is a good remedy for the bird that flies into your window. Dilute the remedy in water and syringe in the side of the beak.)
- Arsenicum 30c is used in cases of vomiting and diarrhea. It is effective for cases of food poisoning. This patient is usually very weak and exhausted from the illness.
- Belladonna 30c is a good remedy for sudden fevers. It is useful in cases of heatstroke. Bloat is another emergency indication for this remedy. The patient is hot and restless.
- Bellis perennis 30c is used after an injury to the abdomen. Homeopathic veterinarians may use this after abdominal surgery.
- Bryonia 30c is a good remedy for muscle pains that are worse with motion and better after rest and local pressure.
- Cantharis 30c is an important remedy for skin burns.
- Carbo veg is a good remedy to have for stomach bloat. This patient may be weak and collapsed. Give the remedy and go directly to your veterinarian.
- Cocculus 30c is another remedy for motion sickness.
- Hypericum 30c is good for any injury to the toes/fingertips. This is a good remedy for the pain that lingers after you accidentally step on your best friend’s toes. After Arnica, this may be a good remedy for the tail that is shut in the door by mistake.
- Ledum 30c is an effective remedy for puncture wounds, such as stepping on a nail, and bite wounds. This is also indicated for blunt eye injuries.
- Nux vomica 30c is a great remedy for nausea and gi disturbances. Food poisoning is an indication for this remedy. Nux vomica may be used for post-vaccine reactions that involve the gi tract, such as vomiting and diarrhea. This patient is usually more irritable than normal.

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Road Trip, and More, with Nick- 07-239

By Jane Landis, Steve Hopson and Sandy Diamond

Sandy: I got the call from Bob Bornstein, President of Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue, while I was wrapping presents for the GRREAT Wrapping Brigade in December. “Can you take two more puppy mill dogs?” he asked. GRREAT had already committed to two, and the placement for these two had fallen through – a 9-month old male named Nick, and an 8-year-old female named Sara. I told Bob yes. The dogs were being transported from Missouri, along with many other dogs that were going up to the Northeast. Joy Scrimshire and I were told to meet the transport at 10pm at the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter in Edinburg, VA. We were in the middle of nowhere, and it felt like some type of clandestine meeting! When the transport showed up, it was a large tractor trailer filled with dog crates and A LOT of barking dogs! Poor Nick and Sara were so scared they wouldn’t walk and had to be carried to crates in the van. When we got back to my house, we had to carry them to their crates in the house. In addition to being so frightened, neither one knew how to walk on a leash and had never been in a house before. In the morning, I took Nick to Blue Ridge Vets to be neutered and to await a foster home.

Steve: I was contacted by Jane Landis in early January to transport Nick to her home in Alexandria, and from there he would be transported to his final destination in Maryland. The only indication of any possible problem with Nick was that he might be a “bolter” and that we should be careful at loading and unloading. Arrangements were made to pick up Nick at Blue Ridge Vets in Purcellville, where he was recovering from his neuter on January 6. Arriving at Blue Ridge, I discovered he had been at the clinic not two or three days, as thought, but over two weeks. Poor Nicky had licked out the glue from his original neuter incision, chewed out the stitches that replaced the glue, chewed out the staples that replaced those stitches, and eventually had to have his incision wired shut, resulting in an infection in the area, which required antibiotics and warm compresses several times a day. Nick was also very shy and withdrawn, wetting submissively when I tried to pet him, and was obviously quite afraid of anything new (particularly me). In spite of all this, he was a very cute redhead Golden boy who obviously needed someone’s attention to bring him out of his shell. The vet tech and I carefully loaded Nicky into the back of the SUV, and off to Alexandria we went.



Due to all these unexpected complications, I called Jane on the way, to determine whether she or, more importantly, the foster home, were aware of the issues. The trip was relatively uneventful, with Nick nervously roaming around the back of the truck most of the way, while occasionally allowing me to pet and reassure him. Relatively uneventful, that is, until we were turning into Jane’s driveway, when Nick decided to be carsick! Almost made it! Jane and her Golden Ginny met us at in the driveway, where Nick immediately attached himself to Ginny, and Jane started making calls to determine what to do about Nick, as the situation was quite different than originally thought. Several hours later, Jane decided to keep Nick for several days until he had healed. I remember distinctly feeling as I left Alexandria that night that Nick had found his “Forever Home”, while neither he nor Jane realized it just yet.

Jane: So, alas, this puppy mill puppy, Nick arrived with Steve. There before my eyes was this adorable, scared, sick puppy who had just been neutered looking quite pathetic. He had pulled his stitches out three times and was wearing a collar. I instantly fell in love with him. He so needed to be loved and cared for. Our then 9 year old Golden Rescue 00-091 (who left us to cross the Rainbow Bridge on the 3rd of April) was immediately curious and walked over to sniff him. Before long she was next to him and he appeared to be comforted by her. Our Ginny was one special girl!

Homeopathic Remedies

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- Phosphorus 30c is a good remedy for bleeding. The blood is bright red. It can be used for bleeding after surgery or after a tooth extraction. Although fear of thunderstorms is often a deeper problem, this remedy may be effective for fear of thunder and/or loud noises.
 - Rhus tox 30c is a good remedy for acute lameness that is secondary to arthritis (a flare up after overdoing it). These patients are generally restless, get better with motion and worse after rest. Muscle tears will be greatly relieved by this remedy. Rhus tox, derived from poison ivy, is also a good remedy for acutely itchy skin. This remedy may give relief to the very allergic itchy dog initially, but a deeper remedy will be needed in most of those cases.
 - Ruta 30c helps heal sprains and sore bones. It is often used after Arnica if lameness continues.
 - Silica 30c is a great remedy for expelling foreign bodies from the skin, such as splinters.
 - Symphytum 30c is made from the herb boneset and is a good remedy for bone fractures and will help with bone healing and pain.
- In addition to oral homeopathic remedies, these topical gels can be very effective.
- Calendula gel is a wonderful topical treatment for wound healing. This can be applied twice daily to any wound.
 - Hypericum cream is used topically for burns.

Homeopathic remedies are very effective and don't take up much space, so they are generally easy to add to your first aid kit. They are wonderful treatments for acute situations, but should not be used long term without the supervision of a homeopathic veterinarian. To learn more about homeopathy for animals visit www.theAVH.org or www.drpicairn.com.

Pam Grasso, MS, DVM, CVA, offers Western veterinary medicine as well as acupuncture, herbal medicine and homeopathy at Ashburn Farm Veterinary Hospital in Ashburn, VA. www.ashburnfarmvet.com (703-726-8784)

Congrats to the 2009 Calendar Winners!

Cover – Chief (07-121) Johnson
January – Bo (01-032) Adkins
February – Samson Shambarger
March – Buddy (07-169) Condon-Kopera
April – Bear (05-012) Russell
May – Midas (04-108) Robinson
June – Jazz (00-132) Melvin
July – Tobey (06-198) Keller
August - Sadie (05-233) Tester-Myers
September – Bo (04-137) Oleartchick
October – Copper (00-278) Becker
November – Shana (04-063) Hauck
December – Molson (98-041) Wright



GRREAT Flea Market

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our GRREAT Flea Market sale in Gaithersburg in July. From coffee pots to toys, we had four carloads of "stuff" to sell. GRREAT's booth was one of the busiest of the day. As a result we made more than \$550 for the rescue. We hope to attend another flea market in Bowie, Md. in September, so start cleaning out your basement/garage/storage sheds. If you would like to donate to the next sale, please contact the GRREAT fundraising coordinator at fundraising@grreat.org.

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GRREAT

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adoption

_____ Additional Information or Comments:

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

GRREAT Calendar of Events

September

6 GRREAT Adoption Day 12 noon- 2 p.m. PETCO 615 Belair Road, Suite P, Bel Air, Maryland

13 GRREAT Fundraiser Dog Wash and Bake Sale at 4 Paws Spa and Training Center. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Forest Hill, MD
Contact volunteer@great.org to participate

21 GRREAT Education Table at Caring Hands Open House. 11a.m.-3 p.m. 5659 Stone Road, Centreville, VA

October

4 GRREAT Adoption Day. 12 noon- 2 p.m. PETCO 6612 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia

4 GRREAT Education Table at 3rd Annual Dog-A-Thon for Pets on Wheels 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oregon Ridge Park, Baltimore, Maryland

5 GRREAT Education Table at Fredericksburg Dog Festival 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hurkamp Park Fredericksburg, Virginia

18 GRREAT Education Table at Baron's Barktoberfest 11a.m. – 3 p.m. Baron's K9 Country Store, 525 Pritt Lane, Bel Air, Maryland

18 GRREAT Education Table at Prince William SPCA Pet-A-Thon & Fall Festival 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Rd, Manassas VA 20112

19 GRREAT Education Table at Caring Hands Animal Hospital Howl-O-Ween Event. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 12733 Braemar Village Plaza, Bristow, Virginia

25 GRREAT Education Table at Howl-O-Ween Barkin' Bash. Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD

November

1 GRREAT Education Table at Home 4 the Holidays 11a.m. – 4 p.m. Reston Town Center, Reston, Virginia

8 GRREAT Beginnings 3K Walk Fundraiser. Weber's Pet Supermarket, Fairfax, VA

22 Watch GRREAT on Petline 9 7:30 a.m. CBS, Channel

December

6 GRREAT Adoption Day. 12 noon- 2 p.m. PETCO 4167 Chelshire Station Plaza. Dale City, Virginia

For more information on these events, visit www.great.org/calendar

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