



# GRREAT NEWS

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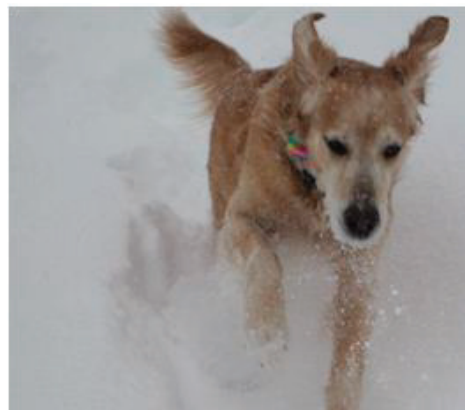
## A GRREAT New President

OMG! What have I done? Those were some of the thoughts going through my head as I took over as President on August 1. On the other hand, I was feeling oh so proud to be associated with such a GRREAT organization! I am passionate about our mission (and Golden Retrievers, of course) and have long been interested in becoming more involved in GRREAT's day-to-day operations. Louise Davidson is a tough act to follow, but I'm committed to giving it my all. Thank you to the Board of Directors for their confidence in me and to everyone who wished me well as I stepped into this new role.

Why did I decide to do this? Although I had been volunteering with GRREAT in various ways (e.g., foster, Adoption Days, home visits) off and on since 2002, my "paying" job kept me too busy to really involve myself on a regular basis. When I was approaching retirement a few years ago, everyone at work wanted to know whether I was going to become a consultant. I always told them I wanted to travel, but, especially, to spend more time helping to rescue Golden Retrievers... even though it does not pay as well!

My sweet Hollie (03-048) had gone to the Rainbow Bridge a few months before my retirement, so I thought when I was not traveling I would foster, do transports, and continue to assist at various events. I did not want to be tied down to a full time dog, even a Golden!

The first transport I was asked to do after my retirement was to take a dog from one animal hospital in Maryland to another in Virginia. He had been found roaming as a stray along Route 40 in Baltimore by a family who could not keep him. They had named him Fluffy, and he was approximately nine years old. He was having so much trouble walking that he needed to be evaluated for hip dysplasia and/or severe arthritis by an orthopedic specialist.



When I went to pick him up, he was anything but "fluffy," which explained why Mary Collings, our Intake Coordinator, had renamed him...more about that later. He weighed a pathetic 49 pounds with his e-collar on, had shortish hair, and was afraid to go out the door of the vet's office. But he was still the cutest little thing.

I finally coaxed him out to the car and onto the back seat. After our 80 minute drive, he was afraid to leave the car. Again I tried to soothe him and managed to get him into the animal hospital where he refused to leave my side until I walked out the door.

When I arrived home, I e-mailed that I had completed the transport and reported that he was so very cute and sweet. Well! Two days later I received an e-mail asking if I would temporarily foster him until another foster home could be found. I said I would but that I was leaving for Iceland in a week. That was okay. GRREAT would find another place for him to stay. By the end of that first week, I had agreed that I would continue to foster him when I got back from my trip if another foster had not been found.

You probably have guessed where this is heading. After I picked him up from the temp-temp foster, he never left again! I had become a "failed foster" for the second time. I always say that he adopted me more than I

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

adopted him. Rather than having hip dysplasia, he had leptospirosis which causes sore muscles and painful joints among other symptoms. Having been together through two months of antibiotics, ear infections, skin irritations, and some separation anxiety, he had become quite the mama's boy and pretty much glued himself to my side. I just could not turn him over to yet another environment!

We had two wonderful years together. We fostered Simba (10-025), did transports, and volunteered at Adoption Days. He sat by my side as I coordinated transports and wrote up Board meeting minutes as Secretary. Sadly, ten days after I learned he had lung-cancer, he was gone. He went to the Rainbow Bridge the day after this year's GRREAT Bark-B-Que...but, he certainly enjoyed that event, having a hot dog with bun AND a hamburger.

So what is the point of this story? I guess it's that I now believe in "signs." I did not tell you that I had retired from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, usually know as NOAA (pronounce no-aah). I also did not tell you what Mary had renamed Fluffy...he was Noah! My first transport after my retirement from NOAA was Noah...that had to be more than a coincidence. And it had to be more than a coincidence that Noah went to the Bridge the day that Louise decided to step down from the President's position.

As I said before, Louise is a tough act to follow, but I'll give it my best. After all, Noah led me here!

— *Barbara Boyd, GRREAT President*

## 2012 Elections

GRREAT's membership elects its officers for two-year terms. The President and Treasurer are elected in odd years, the Vice President and Secretary in even years

Nominations are now being accepted for the offices of Vice President and Secretary for two-year terms, and also for President to serve the remaining one year of former President Louise Davidson's term.\* Nominees shall be presented to the membership for election at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices are made as follows:

- You may nominate yourself or another GRREAT member for any one of these three offices;
- If you are nominating someone other than yourself please obtain the individual's consent before submitting the nomination;
- You may make nominations for one or more of these offices but you may not nominate the same person for more than one office. All nominations must be received by GRREAT no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2011;
- No nominations will be taken from the floor during the annual meeting;
- Please return your nominations to [training@grreat.org](mailto:training@grreat.org) so that they are received no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

Board of Directors membership is a privilege as well as a time and emotional commitment. If you love the Golden breed and want to be involved in helping these incredible beings find their forever homes, please consider volunteering to become a member of GRREAT's Board of Directors. If you would like more information on what each position entails please email [president@grreat.org](mailto:president@grreat.org).

\* *Barbara Boyd, who was appointed by the Board to serve as President until the 2012 elections, is a candidate for election to the office of President at the 2012 Annual Meeting.*

# GRREAT DOG WASH

Want to turn your muddy dog into a clean pup?

We need volunteers to wash dogs at this event!

Please come out and just give an hour or a few washes. Any bit helps.

Email [Volunteer@grreat.org](mailto:Volunteer@grreat.org)



Sunday, October 9, 2011 -  
11am until 2pm

**4 Paws Spa and Training Center**  
121-A Industry Lane, Suite 1  
Forest Hills MD, 21050  
<http://www.4pawsspaonline.com>



Come out and support GRREAT while getting a clean dog despite the groan from your muddy Golden. For more info go to [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org)



## GRREAT Membership Renewal

Please join GRREAT as a supporting member or renew your annual membership for 2012. Membership dues are a major source of our funding.

Your membership dues help fund the many costs of the rescue, such as veterinary exams, surgeries, transportation, and medical supplies for these wonderful Golden Retrievers while they wait to be adopted. The funds also support our long-term fosters who remain in GRREAT's care for the remainder of their lives.

This year the number of incoming Golden Retrievers, the number of long-term fosters, and veterinary costs have risen substantially. To help cover increasing costs, GRREAT membership dues for 2012 will increase from \$35 to \$40. Membership applications and renewals beginning October 1, 2011 remain in effect through December 31, 2012. Membership fees paid in September are not applied to 2012 membership dues. To join or renew, visit the Membership Center page at the GRREAT website after October 1.

Your GRREAT membership entitles you to receive by mail our bi-monthly GRREAT Newsletter publication as well as online notices of news and events. Please support our mission to find new loving homes for these Golden Retrievers who so deserve our help.

# ADOPTION REPORT

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Roxie	11-027	6	F	Max	11-069	9	M
Heidi	11-049	8	F	Daisy	11-074	6	F
Chester	11-066	1	M	Jessie	11-096	7	F
Duke	11-071	2	M	Kiara	11-102	1	F
Daisy	11-074	6	F	Chevy	11-105	5	M
Heather	11-075	8	F	Goldie	11-110	6	F
Roxy	11-083	5	F	Axel	11-117	3	M
Buddy Bear	11-086	3	M	Gibson	11-118	3	M
Sarah	11-089	3	F	Bodie	10-217	1	M
Riley	11-091	2	M	Harley	11-062	6	M
Almondra	11-103	5	F	Tucker	11-084	5	M
Thunder	11-104	3	M	Laydee	11-124	2	F
Milo	11-107	1	M	Cooley	11-125	1	M
Rosie	03-018	10	F	Murphy	11-129	3	M
Nash	10-202	5	M	Buddy	11-132	10	M
Dallas	11-065	7	M				

## GRREAT Positions

GRREAT is looking to fill two positions.

**Silent Auction Coordinator.** GRREAT participates in two silent auctions during the year. One is at the Howliday Party, held in December, and the other is held in March at Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club's Annual Banquet. Prior to the date, an email will go out to the membership asking for silent auction items. The coordinator responds to the email donation offers for the auction. The Coordinator should be at the two events to set up the items and help with take down. There is a bit of a time commitment just prior to the event in getting things organized and the day of the event, but the commitment isn't overwhelming. You will have support, assistance, and guidance every step of the way and work in conjunction with the Events Coordinator. For more information on the position, email [events@grreat.org](mailto:events@grreat.org).

**Newsletter Editor.** After three fun years, Joanne Poesch will be stepping down after the final 2011 issue. The newsletter editor is responsible for collecting articles for GRREAT News and arranging them into an engaging publication on a bi-monthly basis. Currently, the newsletter is produced using Adobe InDesign, but can easily be created using any publishing program. Joanne will be available to assist during the transition. For more information on the position, email [president@grreat.org](mailto:president@grreat.org).

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## 8th Annual GRREAT 3K Walk

Grab your sneakers and the dog and head over to Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Hwy, Fairfax (rear parking lot) on October 29, 2011. The walk starts promptly at 10am, but please come early to register. Registration begins at 9:30am. Each participant will receive a 3K Walk shirt. Refreshments and dog treats will be provided during the event. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the event. Jim Poor Photography will be on hand to capture your dog in all his or her fall glory. A portion of the proceeds of every photo taken goes to support GRREAT!

### REGISTER NOW!!

\$15 per human walker until Oct. 12th and \$20 after Oct. 13th.

Registration forms should be mailed to:

GRREAT 3K Walk  
P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Register early to ensure you receive an event shirt, as we are only ordering a limited number to prevent a lot of extra shirts being left over.

We are looking for donated items for the door prizes. For more information, please contact [events@grreat.org](mailto:events@grreat.org).

If you wish to volunteer at the event, please email [volunteer@grreat.org](mailto:volunteer@grreat.org). (Don't fret - you can still volunteer and walk – except for the snack station volunteer position.)



## Board of Directors News

The GRREAT Board of Directors met on April 2, 2011 with Louise Davidson presiding. Agenda items included plans for the GRREAT Bark-B-Que, updates on Roxie's puppies and other dogs who are not yet available for adoption, and the status of By-Law revisions. Treasurer Harry Sethna discussed the April tax filing and audit recommendations. Louise announced that we had received preliminary approval to be part of the National Capital Area Combined Federal Campaign for this year. We are also applying to be part of the United Way. Louise also announced that Vicki Korobkin will be the new Fundraising Coordinator. Vicki has experience raising funds for another rescue organization. The Fundraising Team now also includes two grant writers.

On July 19, the Board of Directors met via conference call with Interim President Helen Whitehead presiding. Vacant Board positions were discussed. Barbara Boyd was appointed to fill the President's position until the Annual Meeting. Helen Whitehead will remain as Vice President until the next elections and the Secretary's position will remain vacant. Both the Vice President and the Secretary positions are scheduled to be filled at the Annual Meeting in January. The Board also approved appointing the Fund Raising Coordinator to the vacant At Large Board position. Helen reported on the status of the 2012 GRREAT calendar. It is ready to go to the printer. Treasurer Harry Sethna asked the Board to approve several motions including approving the 2010 Audited Financial Statement and related items. The Board voted to increase the adoption fees beginning with dogs taken into GRREAT on or after August 1. Harry also reported that GRREAT has had significantly increased expenses this year and suggested several revenue enhancement ideas. These ideas will be turned over to the Fundraising Coordinator.

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# GRREAT Beginnings and Happy Endings 3K Walk

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
Weber's Pet Supermarket – Rear Parking Lot  
11021 Lee Hwy, Fairfax VA

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Fee: \$15 (before Oct. 12th) or \$20 (Oct. 13th and after)**

Return Registration and payment to:

GRREAT  
P.O. Box 3069  
Falls Church VA, 22043

All proceeds benefit Golden Retriever Rescue, Education & Training (GRREAT), a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, foster care and placement of Golden Retrievers in the Washington, DC, area. Please make checks payable to GRREAT. For more information about the walk or GRREAT's work, visit [www.grreat.org](http://www.grreat.org) or call 703-620-6593.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size (Please circle one; Adult sizes only): Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large

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, October 29, 2011 hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage, and hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant assignees, officers, employees, and agents for any and all loss or damage therefore 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 2011 GRREAT Beginnings Lead to Happy Endings 3K Walk.

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Signature

# DONATIONS

## Thank You for Your Donations

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*\*denotes total contribution of \$100-\$499*

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*\*\*\*denotes total contribution of \$1000 or more*

Michael and Tammy Griffith

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Elaine Zacheis and Joe Hawaka\*

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## In Memory of...

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Donated in memory of a very loving Golden Retriever "Tucker Blackwell". We miss him very much and we know that he is up in heaven playing with all of our beloved pet "angels" waiting for us to join him. Our great memories of Tucker at the "Rott Farm-Doggie Club Med" playing joyfully with our other loved family dogs will always live on! His parents, Dianne and Bruce Blackwell have done so much for many Golden Retrievers! We love them too and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their pet family. – Elizabeth and Raymond Rott

My golden retriever "Fred" who passed away in 2007. He was a genuine gift to this world and my faithful friend. I am truly lucky to have had him in my life. On this day, May 24, 2011, which would have been his 19th birthday, I am donating \$19 to GRREAT to honor his memory.

John Weis who passed in January and GRREAT was his memorial foundation.-Candace and Jeffrey Capogrossi\*

This donation is in memory of "Maverick", another of the many wonderful Golden belonging to Ann Strathern – Kingsbrook Animal Hospital Bob Bornstein, President of SGRR for 25 years. The Golden rescue community lost one of its greatest supporters. There will be a huge amount of wagging tails waiting for him at the Rainbow Bridge. What a party it will be – Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard\*

In loving memory of "Charlie", King of Cuddles. From Annabelle's mom – Susan Dickinson

In loving memory of "Buddy" Tillman, a true Forever Friend. Love Nunu and John – Janet Tillman

## In Memory of... (con't.)

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In memory of "Colonel" Mustian, beloved Golden of Miggie and Wilson Mustian who passed away 7/10/11.

In memory of Sunny (04-115). Sunny came to GRREAT with many medical ailments and was placed as a long term foster. Her "foster" mom Corinne Sandefer loved and cared for Sunny for 7 glorious years and was with her in the end. Because of Corinne's devotion and love, Sunny was able to live out her life with a human to love – a basic need for a Golden. Thank you Corinne. I know Sunny is happily playing on the other side of the Bridge - Diane and John Hein

## In Honor Of...

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I am donating in honor of my 12 yr old Golden, Brandy, that I had to put down in January because of seizures. I loved her very much! I want to help other goldens with seizures. – Kimberly Bennett\*\*

This donation is made on June 8, 2011 to honor my parents, Bob and Shirley Davidson. This date marks the one-year anniversary of Bob's passing and the anniversary of Shirley's birth 99 years ago. Through my parents I learned to respect all living creatures, and especially to cherish dogs. – Louise Davidson\*\*\*

Skylar (11-112). We miss her very much and hope she is well and happy. We hope the best for this wonderful dog – Sue O'Connell

Vicki Rambow's birthday – Eileen Rosen and Joel Margolies

# DONATIONS

GRREAT operates three funds for dogs with special needs. The Leo Fund provides surgical care, the Simile-Finale Fund provides holistic and alternative therapies (acupuncture, swim therapy, etc.), and Chief's Fund provides MRI diagnostics. To support these funds, make the selection on the online donation page ([www.grreat.org/donate/donorinfo.htm](http://www.grreat.org/donate/donorinfo.htm)) or mention the fund in a letter with your contribution by mail. Thank you!

## Leo's Corner

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

For Cassidy and Polar Bear - Joe O'Neill and Walt Atha\*

To thank Bruce and Dianne Blackwell for watching Paige - Carolyn Beyer

This is in memory of Patriot Samuel Martinez – my cousin's beautiful dog that passed away on Flag Day. He was an amazing dog that is terribly missed – Richard and Kristin Buck

### Leo's Angels (\$100-499)

His name was Comet. He was an enchanting character when we fostered him, full of life and whimsy! He personified all the wonderful qualities of a Golden Retriever: curiosity, companionship, devotion, loyalty, a sense of mischief, and a damn-the-obedience-training-when-there's-food-involved attitude! We were fortunate to be his foster home for a few weeks back in 2005. Comet, (05-049), effortlessly charmed his way into the hearts and loving home of Dot and Ernie Helmick, and quickly filled the void left behind by their previous Golden. Dot once told us that he loved chasing the critters in their back yard, and although he never caught any, he always seemed to have fun trying. Sadly, Comet died of cancer, in May, at age 7. We will always be grateful to the Helmicks for taking him in, providing him a wonderful forever home, and making sure that his end was peaceful. When they adopted him, we had warned Dot and Ernie that like Halley's Comet, it may be 76 years before they came across another Comet as special as the one they were adopting. Today we would like to assure them that, as Comet proved, when they are ready to fill the void, there will be another bundle of floppy ears, brown eyes, wet nose and bushy tail for them to love and cherish. – Sarah Navia and Harry Sethna\*

Jeanne O'Donoghue\*

To show my support for all the Goldens at SGRR on the recent loss of their long-serving president, Bob Bornstein, and for Bronte (02-198) – Sarah Navia and Harry Sethna\*

In memory of Jessie Robinson's Annie. We know you miss her but the memories don't fade. "God gave us memories so we might have roses in December". Sarah Navia and Harry Sethna\*

### Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

Matthew and Holli Jaffe\*\*

### Chief's Fund

This donation is in memory of "Rex" McMahan who was the best companion. Rex belonged to our neighbors, Tom and Nadine McMahan and unfortunately suffered from seizures. Rex will be sorely missed – Susan Hegarty

### Simile-Finale Fund

Lisa Rusowski

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# DONATIONS

## In Honor Of...

Rexx – Dustin Schwinn

Buddy(03-185). Happy 9th birthday to our very special Buddy adopted in 2003. Buddy is a jewel. The best dog ever - Kathryn Allen

In honor of Eli and Marlowe -2 incredible dogs. And in memory of Jud and Grady. We will miss you! And in memory of Bob Bornstein, late President of SGRR – Robert and Lucy Moore\*

This donation is for Jesse, our Roxy and Felix – Evan and Emil DeRenzo

For the love of Goldens and the devoted volunteers at GRREAT whom I hold in the highest esteem – Carey, Hannah, Jessie, Carolyn, Mary, Lucinda, Robin, Denise, Lona, Jeannie and so many more. Use as needed. Who knows better than the Board where the gifts should be designated – Diana and Doug Hellinger\*\*\*

This donation to GRREAT is for my sister Zoe's birthday, to help other dogs have great homes like "Sammi" and "Buddy" have with Zoe and Wade – Betsy Murphy

In honor of all of Jessie Robinson's long term fosters. Their big sister Annie will be missed – Carolyn Beyer

## To Help With Costs...

For Roxy and the puppies' vet bills – Terri Jones

## For Other Reasons...

I am making this donation on behalf of another Golden owner who cared for my dog on our recent trip to Chincoteague. Thanks Joan! - Jason Gizzarelli

## Corporate Giving

IBM Employee Services Center, Endicott, NY\*

Tyco Electronics Matching Gift program, Princeton, NJ

Freddie Mac Foundation Employee Giving Program, Princeton, NJ\*

Three Scoops of Vanilla – Erin Furman

Barrel Oak Winery\*\*

Walk your Dog With Love

Regional Veterinary Referral Center\*\*

## Forever Friends

*Memorials can be seen at [www.grreat.org/foreverfriends/index.htm](http://www.grreat.org/foreverfriends/index.htm)*

"Link" Kupferberg – Paul Kupferberg

"Buddy" Tillman – David Tillman

## Sponsor Me!

*Special Needs Dogs can be seen at [www.grreat.org/dogs/doglist\\_special.htm](http://www.grreat.org/dogs/doglist_special.htm)*

For Maggie Mae (08-211). – Dawn and Marshall Bowen

For Sunny (04-115). This donation is in memory of Terri Allen Abell. Terri loved Golden Retrievers - especially her Cooper. It's so befitting to honor Terri by donating to "Sunny", for all who had the privilege of knowing Terri knew her golden light and nurturing love. I send this to also honor her sister, my dear friend, Barbara. – Felicia Barlow

For Stevie and Charlie. My fond regards to Stevie, Jessie's very special foster and dear old Charlie whom I never met but feel a real affection for based on his description online. – Trish Collier\*

For Stevie- Dabney Schneider

Belle(10-200) – This donation is made in memory of the wonderful Golden dog Tucker Simonds, who died from cancer on 7/7/2011 – Nancy Rost

Belle (10-200) – Catherine Campbell

This donation for Charlie is being made for my Mom's birthday. Her name is Barbara Walsh, and she lost her beloved Golden "Augie" a few years ago but "Cassie", her Golden with a sense of humor, keeps her laughing and feeling loved all the time. My mom is a lifetime dog lover and I think I got it from her. Thank you for all you do at GRREAT – Margo Demers

Wally (09-152) – Aija Pocock

## HERE'S A DONATION

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

To thank

\_\_\_\_\_

All donations are tax deductible and are gratefully acknowledged in *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 \$35 for my 2011 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**

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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.

\_\_\_\_ Become a foster home for GRREAT dogs

\_\_\_\_ Help at Adoption Events, Education Events,  
Fundraisers & Micro Chipping Clinics

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

\_\_\_\_ Perform home visits for potential adopters prior to  
adoption

\_\_\_\_ Additional Information or Comments:

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

## GRREAT Calendar of Events

*There is a rescue for Golden Retrievers? This is a commonly asked question at the numerous events that GRREAT participates in. When people find out that GRREAT takes in about 250 dogs every year, you can see the shock and amazement on their faces and you can hear it in their voices. People know that Golden Retrievers are such good dogs, so they can't help but wonder "Why would anyone give up a Golden?" It is because of comments such as these that GRREAT attends events to help educate the public on the need for rescue and on the Golden Retriever breed. GRREAT is always looking for and in need of committed volunteers who wish to give some of their time to attend events. For a list of upcoming events go to [www.grreat.org/calendar.htm](http://www.grreat.org/calendar.htm). For more information on any event, please email [events@grreat.org](mailto:events@grreat.org) and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please email [volunteer@grreat.org](mailto:volunteer@grreat.org).*

### September

25 3rd Annual Responsible Dog  
Ownership Day  
12pm until 4pm  
PetSmart  
412 Constant Friendship Blvd.  
Abingdon, MD 21009

1 GRREAT Adoption Day  
Noon until 2pm  
Petco  
6612 Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

15 Dogfest 2011  
9am until 6pm  
Baltimore Humane Society  
1601 Nicodemus Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

### October

1 Dog Days of Downtown  
Silver Spring  
11am until 3pm  
On the Plaza, Ellsworth Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD

9 GRREAT Dog Wash  
11am until 2pm  
4 Paws Spa and Training Center  
121-A Industry Ln, Suite 1  
Forest Hills MD, 21050

29 GRREAT 3K Walk  
9:30am  
Webers Pet Supermarket  
(Rear Parking Lot)  
11021 Lee Hwy  
Fairfax VA, 22030

9 11th Annual Walk for Paws  
10am until 3pm  
11th Annual Walk for Paws  
Board of Education  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD