



# GRREAT NEWS

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## URGENT – PLEASE HELP

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GRREAT seldom requests special donations from our constituency but within the first five weeks of this New Year, we've encountered exceptional medical expenses for three dogs: Lucas, Amber and Pilot. Despite best efforts of their previous owners, their health declined and these wonderful Goldens are now in our care.

The stories of these three special dogs are presented below with an estimate of their surgical expenses. These estimates do not necessarily include follow-up consultations, ongoing medications, antibiotics, or costs that may arise due to complications or other medical needs. To cover just their surgeries, we need to raise \$10,000. We urgently request that you consider donating to help offset the medical costs for these Goldens.



**Lucas** (12-003) is a 13 year old dog in otherwise good health (with the possible exception of laryngeal paralysis) who has terrible periodontal disease. Lucas' initial exam revealed teeth that are loose, missing, or very decayed with huge chunks of calculus on them. Several teeth are severely infected, reconfirming the pain he suffers and how much treatment is needed !!

The vet said it was the worst mouth she has ever seen in all of her years in practice and due to the extent of his periodontal disease, recommended Lucas be seen by a veterinary dentist, who reconfirmed her opinion.

Lucas' first surgery focused on the right side, upper and lower, from which 15 teeth were extracted, including two canines. Lucas now has 5 or 6 teeth remaining on the right side, which, hopefully, can be maintained because the gums around these teeth have little pocketing or recession. Surgery on the left side of Lucas' mouth is scheduled for March with follow-up visits to check his status between and after surgeries.



These surgeries will surely change Lucas' quality of life for the better!! Here's a "loopy" Lucas after his first surgery, swollen mouth and all.

Due to the extent of the work that is required, including extract- ions, suturing extraction sites, probable repair of suspected fistulas, and anesthesia for two surgeries, the estimated cost is \$5,869. We urgently solicit your help to fund Lucas' expenses so that he has a happy and pain-free future.

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**UPDATE !!!** Thanks to your generous support, we surpassed our \$10,000 donation goal to fund costly medical procedures for Lucas, Amber and Pilot. Your timely response to our request once again underscores the dedication of Golden devotees to provide the opportunity for a happy life for these wonderful dogs. An update on the status of Lucas, Amber and Pilot, whose stories are documented below, will be published in the May/June edition of the newsletter.

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# President's Message

Dear GRREAT Members -

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who responded so quickly and generously to our call for donations for Lucas, Amber, and Pilot (see cover story). We are very grateful that our Golden Retrievers have such giving friends. Decisions regarding the level of treatment to provide these dogs are faced daily by your Board and are not taken lightly. Each situation is discussed and evaluated on its merits.

Care of these specific dogs, for example, produced a lively discussion among Board members. In determining treatment for any dog in our care, we weigh a variety of factors, including the dog's age, overall health, temperament, likely outcome of the procedure, veterinary and behaviorists' advice, and potential for adoption. With the senior dogs with health issues, our general rule of thumb is to make them as comfortable as possible without heroic measures. For example, we recently made the difficult decision to deny chemotherapy to a nine-year-old in favor of palliative care. Thirteen-year-old Lucas presented a unique situation. Otherwise healthy, he was in constant, severe pain that could be alleviated with surgery. Faced with choosing between extensive surgery and euthanasia, we chose surgery based upon the best available medical advice; we chose to give Lucas a chance for a few pain-free years.

I assure all of you that we are very aware of the need to minimize our costs while providing a good life for as many Golden Retrievers as possible, forcing us to navigate the tightrope between treating a few, like Lucas, at the potential expense of our ability to treat many. Dogs with both medical and behavioral issues, such as dog aggression or bite incidents, are especially hard to place in both foster and forever homes. Keeping a dog in long-term boarding with little hope of placement is hard on both the dog and GRREAT's ability to be a good custodian of your donations. While we go to great (GRREAT?) lengths to place every Golden who comes to us, serious temperament problems also pose serious potential legal liability if we adopt out a dog that has bitten people or other dogs. In these cases, we make every attempt to place these dogs with other organizations who are better equipped to rehabilitate these dogs. On rare occasions, we are called upon to make the most difficult decision a Board Member has to face — to let them go. Our sincere commitment is to save these wonderful dogs whenever possible.

Although this has not been an easy column to write, I believe it's important to let our members and volunteers know that your Board struggles with these decisions and tries to make the very best decision for each dog and for the organization.

*Barbara Bertsch Boyd*  
President

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**May 6, 2012**



**11am - 3 pm**



**GRREAT's Annual  
Bark- B- Que**



**Quiet Waters Park**

**Annapolis MD**

**For More Information:**

<http://www.grreat.org/barkbque.htm>



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**Amber** (12-006) is a 9 year old female who came into GRREAT on Jan 23rd with a very sad story and major medical issues. Amber arrived with a massive tumor on her right leg, infected teeth and ears, suspected mange, and no shots or other preventative medications. Amber had this tumor for over 7 years because the owner couldn't afford to take her to the vet.



Amber

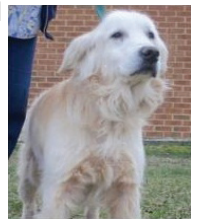
Once into GRREAT, Amber's first surgery was 4 ½ hours long and required the entire time just to remove the tumor, which weighed a hefty 3 ½ pounds and had a HUGE vascular supply. In fact, the tumor was so massive that another surgeon had to help hold the mass out of the way while the surgeon tied off the vessels as she went along! At the end of the 4 ½ hours, Amber's body temp was down to 95 degrees, and the teeth extraction and

spay had to be postponed.

Amber was released to her foster home to recoup. Sadly, her follow-up vet visit yielded bad news. The skin around the incision died and additional surgery was required to remove the dead skin. Amber still requires teeth extraction and spaying. There is some good news ... biopsy results determined the mass to be benign and although the tumor may return because it was so vascular, the tumor is slow-growing.

Amber is a such a wonderful lady who loves all, including children, and has led such a lonely life. She so much deserves a chance at a healthy life among us. Estimated cost for Amber's medical needs is \$2,030, not including follow-up consultations. Please consider donating to help offset the extensive medical costs to give her this opportunity.

**Pilot** (12-016) is an 8 year old, neutered male who was picked up as a stray by the Anne Arundel County Animal Control. Consequently, nothing is known of Pilot's home history. Similar to Amber, Pilot has a tumor on his side although it is slightly smaller ... about the size of an adult's hand. Also similar to Amber, Pilot has a skin infection, possibly sarcoptic mange (aka scabies); three infected teeth with exposed roots that need to be extracted; and anemia, likely due to the tumor taking the so much of the blood supply. Pilot also tests a weak positive for Lyme disease. We hope to remove the tumor and perform teeth extraction at the same time.



Pilot

Like all Goldens, Pilot is very friendly and lively when out and about. GRREAT's transporter says Pilot "likes to talk to you when you pet him ... and rode like a pro. Just an all around about as good a doggie as it gets." He, too, deserves the medical attention required to allow him to live the remainder of his life happily, giving so much more in return. The estimated cost for surgery for Pilot is \$1,664, which does include post-surgery pain meds and antibiotics, but not post-consultations.

We also have other dogs in the rescue who have significant health issues and ongoing medical expenses. Please consider donating to help offset the medical costs of these very special Goldens. GRREAT will never abandon these fellow beings, and we're confident you will continue to support our efforts with your generous contributions

## GRREAT DOG WASH FUND RAISER



**GRREAT** is holding a fund raiser dog wash from March 12th - 24th at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 2599 John Milton Dr. Herndon, VA.

GRREAT will receive \$10.00 from each \$16.00 dog wash.

The dog wash is a self-service wash...tub, water, shampoo, towels, high-velocity dryers and some tasty treats are all provided.

All you need to do is provide the dog.

The hours for the dog wash are

Mon. – Fri. 10 am – 7 pm (last bath 6:30 pm)

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm (last bath 4:30 pm).

The store is closed on Sundays.



# 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

**More than thirty devoted, fearless members and** volunteers defied Mother Nature's ice storm to attend GRREAT's Annual Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland at noon on Saturday, January 21, 2012.

President Barbara Boyd discussed the rescue network that enables GRREAT to participate in cross posting dog information while facilitating transfers among rescues in certain circumstances. President Boyd discussed GRREAT's involvement in the National Capital Area Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as an example of GRREAT's commitment to expand fundraising activities.

In this regard, Treasurer Harry Sethna exhibited detailed income and expenditure charts illustrating a loss in 2011 mainly attributable to increased veterinary costs. The need to expand the network of veterinary care providers who allow us discounts was discussed.

The Medical Coordinator report examined the nature of medical expenses incurred, showing the percentage of dogs taken in with medical issues, diagnostic means utilized, treatments and procedures employed and the most prevalent medical conditions encountered.

Membership Coordinator Kevin Lewis introduced himself, having recently succeeded Shawne Lampert in that role. Mr. Lewis stated his eagerness to work with GRREAT and emphasized the importance of filling out volunteer forms in order to ensure entry of a volunteer applicant's information into the database. Otherwise, volunteer availability and desire to participate are unknown.

During 2011, GRREAT conducted 354 intake interviews of which 101 intakes were cancelled for various reasons, and 21 dogs could not be accepted, resulting in 232 new dogs being received to be vetted and fostered. Of these 232, 164 were chipped by GRREAT,

The remaining being accounted for by death, transfer and those previously chipped. Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of having a dog's existing chip position checked annually to ensure scanability. GRREAT operates a 24/7 hotline to trace lost dogs found with GRREAT chips.

GRREAT now has 191 active foster homes and, during 2011, inquiries to become a foster increased by 21% above the previous year, an extremely welcome development! Of 392 adoption applications received, in excess of 85% were from Maryland and Virginia; 120 home visit volunteers each completed an average of 6 home visits during 2011. Our ultimate goal being to place our dogs in the best forever homes, of the 241 dogs brought into GRREAT during the year, including new and those returned from prior years, 202 were adopted.

Attendees learned that the 3K Walk, a sponsored event and one of GRREAT's premier fund raisers, was a success and would have been even more so but for rain. Likewise, the Bark-B-Que attendance suffered from rain. GRREAT either sponsored or participated in approximately 20 events during 2011.

Officers elected include: Barbara Boyd, President; Jennifer Phillippe, Vice President; and Shawne Lampert, Secretary. Minutes of the January 22, 2011 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Recommended amendments to GRREAT Constitution and Bylaws were presented, discussed and passed unanimously. The revised Constitution and Bylaws will appear on the GRREAT web site.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the 2012 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm.

## 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

Immediately following the annual meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2012, the Board of Directors met.

Items discussed included GRREAT's budget matters considering the increasing veterinary costs being encountered, as well as rising bank fees. Discussions ensued regarding ways to reduce mounting boarding expenses, including short-term boarding, avoiding urgent pickups whenever possible and other options.

Financial statements were approved and the Board accepted the CPA firm of Yount, Hyde & Barbour to continue performing our audit and tax work.

The Education Coordinator discussed efforts to solicit members for the Education team.

The GRREAT events calendar was outlined and discussed, including the idea of promoting a bike event with sponsors. Ms. Beyer agreed to work with her contacts to determine how that might best be accomplished.

The recently enacted Bylaws provision for quarterly meetings was discussed.

The Board adopted a Code of Conduct for annual execution by Board members. Such will appear on the GRREAT website along with the Constitution and Bylaws.

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# **MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP**

by Robert Moore

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The 430th Session of the Maryland General Assembly kicked off January 11, 2012. During the 90 day session, legislators will be considering the following bills that may be of interest.

**SENATE BILL 203** would amend Animal Cruelty portions of the Criminal Law Article as follows:

Presently under Maryland Code Section 10-606 animal cruelty is a crime, with certain exceptions for activities that may otherwise be considered "cruel," such as veterinary procedures, approved research, humane food processing, and self-defense. Senate Bill 203 would add to existing penalties that the defendant is assessed reasonable costs associated with removing, housing, treating or euthanizing any animal confiscated from the defendant.

**SENATE BILL 301**, or so-called Animal Registry

Under the auspices of Maryland State Police, a Maryland Animal Abuse Registry would be established and continually updated in a manner to include specified information. Essentially, a person convicted of certain crimes involving animal cruelty would be required to register with their local county sheriff. The resulting registry would provide relevant information, including details, of the conviction and a photograph of the registrant. The resulting registry would then be available for those, including individuals and rescues, to consult prior to purchasing an animal from a kennel, other commercial establishments or from an individual.

**SENATE BILL 804** would add/include service animal trainers to those who are included in certain rights granted to disabled persons and their service animals.

**HOUSE BILL 131** would require, among other things, a retail pet store that sells dogs:

to post conspicuously on each dog's cage specified information about the dog;  
to maintain a written record containing specified information about each dog in the possession of the retail pet store; to require a retail pet store to maintain a record for at least 1 year after the date of sale of a dog;  
and to make specified records available to a specified State agency.

This legislation targets puppy mills, backyard breeders and others, at least when they market their animals through retail pet stores in Maryland.

**HOUSE BILL 278** would create a category "at-risk owners" to include persons who own or have owned one or more dangerous dogs as determined by a county or municipal authority and require such persons to register and report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and to complete a responsible pet ownership course before acquiring a dog.

**HOUSE BILL 837** would prohibit a person from driving when distracted by an animal in the front seat of the vehicle.

**HOUSE BILL 882** would allow a \$100 income tax credit to a person adopting a dog or cat from certain animal shelters or rescues.

**HOUSE BILL 936** would extend the sunset provision of the statewide taskforce on establishment of a spay/neuter fund.

**HOUSE BILL 912** would alter certain terminology in the Maryland Code to refer to owners of dogs as "guardians" of the dog.

The above are intended only as brief summaries of each document, and GRREAT does not recommend either for or against any of the bills. Should you be interested in additional information, you are encouraged look up the particular bill for its complete language at <http://mlis.state.md.us/>.



## Pick of the Litter



### DODGER (11-134)

As everyone involved with animal rescue knows, there is great reward in saving an animal from a less than happy future, at best, and from death, at worst. The harrowing accounts of GRREAT Golden retrievers rescued from cruelty or abandonment inspire relief and joy in us, as those Golden retrievers find redemption in the caring arms of the GRREAT community. On the other hand, the stories of the Golden retrievers surrendered by owners who find themselves unable or unwilling to care for an aging or ill pet, although equally heart breaking, do not inspire quite the same feelings of triumph, because in truth, it is dismaying, not joyful, to take a Golden away from a family who has raised it since puppyhood.

Though ultimately the Golden retriever is better off in the long-term with the change, he is understandably confused and homesick in the short-term, with life as he's known it suddenly upended. And so, feelings of "relief and joy" are often delayed, if they arrive at all. The good news, as GRREAT's history of Golden retriever rescues shows, is that Golden retrievers are extraordinarily resilient, and most accept abrupt transitions with grace — even while treading old age.

One of GRREAT's current fosters available for adoption, Dodger (11-134), is one such Golden retriever who was surrendered by his owners in the summer of 2011 due to a recently-diagnosed diabetic condition that was thought to be too expensive for them to manage. Dodger arrived in GRREAT foster care trembling and weak from high blood sugar, which was quickly addressed with a raw, low-carb diet to which Dodger responded well. He started on a twice-daily insulin injection and throughout the next couple of months, his glucose levels were monitored to confirm how his blood sugar levels were responding to the dosage. Along with his diabetic condition, Dodger suffered through a few bouts of loose stools and allergies (evidenced by some paw-gnawing), but both issues were remedied with diet adjustments, which required a careful balance, as diabetic dogs cannot skip meals if they are taking insulin. Additionally, Dodger has developed cataracts, a common side effect of diabetes. While his cataracts are advanced enough to make it difficult for him to see, they certainly have not slowed him down, and he can easily navigate his surroundings (as long as someone lets him know if the furniture has been rearranged). Today, Dodger has rebounded to steady health, with only some occasional wooziness due to dips in his blood sugar level. Thanks to his foster family, he has established an efficient health regimen of daily insulin shots and a raw diet of meat, bones and vegetables.

Dodger is a striking blonde-haired dog with a fantastic Golden retriever personality, which has transcended the medical issues and stress from an unexpected living transition. He is laid back and gets along with every human and animal he has contact with. Although he is not very athletic, he loves to take walks around the neighborhood — during which he uses the gravel shoulder of the road to steer his path in the absence of perfect vision — and roams freely around his foster family's home (with the exception of using the stairs) to stay close to them. With the experience of acclimating to a new home, and with such geniality already behind him, Dodger is certain to embrace a new family with the same ease. At a young 11 years old, Dodger still has vigor and beauty, solid control over his diabetes, a long history of happy family living, and a spirit of hopefulness that prepares him perfectly for a new life with a GRREAT new family.

***If you would like to learn more about Dodger, please contact; Intake/Foster Home Coordinator, Mary Collings at [intake@great.org](mailto:intake@great.org)***

## **BEDTIME IS FOR GOLDENS**

*by Dave Carter*

It has been said that a well-known Golden retriever trait is to tuck us in bed every night. We are two of those nutty people who enjoy a warm furry body in bed with us. We have read the warnings that this might not be the most healthy practice for either the dog or the humans, but we have continued this behavior all of our married life.

I am going to include two gold colored friends in this story. Goldie was a beautiful Yellow Labrador who slept beside our bed on the floor. She was not particular whose side she landed at, it was just the comfort that she was next to her humans and that was good enough for her. (Continued on Page 8)



**Goldie**

# BEDTIME IS FOR GOLDENS

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There was one exception when a particular loud clap of thunder struck one dark night. I was awakened by her paw on my chest begging to get into bed with us. She spent that night buried tight to the middle of our double bed. I am not certain she tucked us in — I am certain we remained tucked in that night until she felt safe enough to hit the floor.



Casey

Casey was the only dog Nancy and I had from a pup. She came to us as a 6 pound Chess-a-dor golden bundle of fur from a farm on the eastern shore of Maryland; her father was a Chesapeake Retriever, and her mother was a Labrador Retriever. I

could hold her in palm of my hand when we brought her home in March. The nights were cold, so we kept her warm in bed right next to us praying we would not roll over and smother her.

I would cuddle Casey in my hand and take her down to our backyard for nightly and early morning potty breaks. The ability to cuddle her in my hand quickly changed as she began to grow by the second. Before we knew it, there she was in all of her 110 pound glory. Casey was Nancy's soul mate. She gave up our bed for a close spot next to Nancy on the floor. From her vantage point next to Nancy, she had a clear view down the hall.

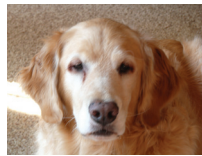
There is a grand story in our family of one night when our son had stayed out beyond bedtime, and he was trying to quietly enter our home and tip toe down the hall to his bedroom. Casey was not so sure who this intruder to our sleeping home may be. As our son rounded the staircase, he was met by this 110 pound guardian with her head down and fur up extolling a very grimacing guttural growl. That stopped him in his tracks. He dropped to the steps to assure Casey he was friend and family. She quickly picked up his scent and low voice tones and allowed him to proceed. He never tried that stunt again.

Rio came to us from GRREAT in September, 2000. He had a long road to his forever home. Rio was my soul mate. He preferred the floor next to my side of our bed. We found a nice fleece bed for him with a suitable pillow and that is where is slept. His way of tucking us in every night was to speak to us in a special low peaceful sound, and I would respond to him in that wonderful tone of peace. Soon our good night conversation would grow softer and softer until we dropped off to sleep. It was his gentle way of tucking us in for a good night's sleep.



Rio

Boston, our current Golden angel, came to us from GRREAT as well. He is such a sweet Golden, no one can believe he was ever turned in to GRREAT. Boston is also very well tuned into bedtime. He waits for the family room lights to be turned off and the security system to be armed for the night. He grabs the toy



Boston

he wishes to spend the night with and climbs the stairs to bed. We will find him in the middle of the bed waiting for us to change and get in with him. It takes some position alignment to allow us to fit in with him. Once everyone has their space, we say our night prayers

with Nancy holding his paw and Boston holds my paw. We thank God for the day, pray for family, friends, and all the critters of the earth that we sleep tight, and wake in the morning to do His will all over again. We say amen then we all sigh. Boston gives once last wiggle to get all of his parts in line, then off to sleep we go.

On cold or stormy nights, Boston stays very close with us through the night. Otherwise, when he gets warm, he will get down and go to his bed, where he curls up and goes to sleep. These are some of my favorite stories. Every day is a new adventure and every night provides the opportunity to reflect on them.

## AN APOLOGY

Unfortunately there was a mix up last month with the credits for the Howliday Party and the Scottish Walk.

The photographers for the Scottish walk are Carolyn Beyer and Andy Kromulis.

The photographer for the Howliday Party is Harry Sethna

The editor, Sylvia Mogerman, sends her sincere apology for the errors.



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## A LETTER to GRREAT'S FOSTER HOMES

Dear Foster Homes,

I want to thank each of you who have opened up your hearts and homes to Golden Retrievers in need. Without your dedication and support, GRREAT would not be the successful rescue organization that we are.

As many of you know from first-hand experience, not every Golden that comes into GRREAT is an easy foster! Many of our Golden Retrievers have behavior issues and/or medical issues, yet you still welcome the foster into your home, knowing this dog will be in your care far longer than the "normal" foster period. Quite a few of you have had a foster dog in your care for months, while your foster dog is recuperating from an illness or surgery, or while you continue to work through behavior issues.

Many of you have endured heartbreak when your foster became ill and went to the Rainbow Bridge, yet you continue to keep your hearts and homes open for the next Golden in need. This is especially true for those of you who foster the seniors. You know the time spent with your foster will be short and that your heart will break, yet you never say "no" to the next senior who needs a foster home. One of our foster homes who takes in the seniors, lost seven fosters in 2011, yet she didn't hesitate to say "yes" when recently asked to take in a 13 year old stray with some medical problems.

Our Long-Term Foster Homes are a special group of foster homes. Your willingness to commit to your foster for the remainder of his/her life is truly admired. Your foster dog has special medical needs, or is a senior, yet you are more than happy to care for and love that dog for as long as possible, whether it's a few months or a few years.

We have numerous foster homes who pay for their foster dog's expenses and we appreciate this so much! Any time a foster home wants to help out with expenses with a vet bill or medications for your foster dog, a donation can be made to GRREAT on behalf of your foster. Not only does this help GRREAT, but we'll provide you with documentation so you can claim the donation on your taxes. It's a win/win situation for GRREAT and for you!

I'm honored to work with such an amazing group of dedicated and tireless volunteers. Without your generosity of time and commitment, we wouldn't be able to help all of the Golden Retrievers every year whose lives are forever changed for the better by you. Whether you've fostered one Golden or one-hundred Golden Retrievers, you have made a difference!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

Mary Collings

Intake/Foster Home Coordinator

## Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Amber	05-139	7	F	Mikey	11-232	2	M
Buddy	10-131	13	M	Joey	11-167	8	M
Solomon	11-136	11	M	Reggie	11-189	3	M
Tazz	11-149	4	M	Angel	11-196	7	F
Bogie	11-013	3	M	Wiley	11-199	8	M
Jack Frost	11-140	9	M	Jack	11-211	3	M
Phoebe	11-173	2	F	Winston	11-213	6	M
Jake	11-174	9	M	Champ	11-216	5	M
Lucky	11-175	9	M	Sassy	11-223	8	F
Mia	11-188	1	F	Hunter	11-229	7	M
Sasha	11-210	9mo	F	Deedles/Mack	12-001	9mo	M
Piper	11-219	7	F	Kahlua	12-004	8	F
Zoie	11-225	3	F	Phoebe	07-117	8	F
Murphy	11-228	2	M	Maggie	11-115	8	F
Libby	11-128	1	F	Buddy	11-130	1	M
Chloe	11-041	10mo	F	Suzie	11-144	11	F

# Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Mazy	11-178	8	F	Hunter	12-002	9	M
Addison	11-220	1	F	Jack	12-014	7	M
Paddington	11-230	6	M	Cooper	12-017	1	M

## Donations

### Thank You for Your Donations

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

*\*\*denotes total contribution of \$500-\$999*

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

Hugh Spitzer and Dinah Stevens

Mildred Fink

Joseph Lenczycki\*

Douglas and Judith Henry

Diane Lanigan

Sheryle and Jeanne Robinson

Demetrio Guerrero and Sandra Rujan

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### In Memory Of...

Murphy Quinn. Thank you and keep up the fine work. - Brian and Ann Marie Quinn

King (11-072). We fostered King for 4 months. He was 12 year old when he came to us and we thought he might not leave since he was a "mature" Golden. But, a wonderful family, the Christensens, were looking for a senior and everyone fell in love. Sadly, King went to the Bridge on Dec. 20, 2011 after only being with the Christensens for 4 months. King was a wonderful old boy. Please use this donation to help other senior Golden in search of their retirement home. King had a wonderful final home and was surrounded by love. All our seniors deserve this. - John and Valerie Williams\*

Al Blumberg - James Zehner

Traveler and Maybe - Sharon McIlrath\*\*\*

Copper — for 6 years, a weekly visitor of many patients at Copper Ridge, an Alzheimer's facility, and an amazingly intelligent forever

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## In Memory Of... (Cont.)

friend of our family. - Andrew and Barbara Becker\*

Angie and Smokie, Keely's (00-061) feline companions of 14 years. - Lane and Gene Weinzweig

Bud-Light (11-13) - Kathy and Wayne Hunter

My Golden Retriever, Dudley, who passed away in October. He was a wonderful pet—but aren't they all? - Judith Eyer\*

Chelsea, Dylan, Spenser and Chaucer - Douglass Gray and Patricia France

Ivan - Robin Forster and Jennifer Utz

Al's Pal Jeter from Murphy and Quigley - Catherine and Richard Bertin

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Nicholas and Geebers - Jane Kunze  
Jeeter who died 8/13/11...my heart aches. - Al and Sylvia Glaser\*

Jenny (non-GRREAT Golden), Brady (98-206), Jordan (02-275) - Patrick Neiler

Agatha Christie, Shiloh, and Riley - Jeff and Lucinda Twining\*

One of the most special of the hundreds of dogs GRREAT has taken in through the years. I guess we all know the amazing story of valiant, Peaches, and her dedicated "mom" Jessie Robinson. I feel I have been privileged to know Peaches a bit and have watched her indomitable, cheerful struggle. Now she has lost her battle and gone to the happy fields by the Rainbow Bridge, where she's running straight and fast! I'm very saddened by the death and the pain for Jessie, who has now lost a third beloved Golden in almost half of one year. Jessie and Peaches each epitomize what is, for each, "Best of the Breed". - Trish Collier

Our Sunshine (98-011) who is waiting at the Rainbow Bridge. - Terry and Karen Moses\*

Our beloved GRREAT dogs, Hooper and Amber. - Edythe Wise\*

Maddie, the loving and loved companion of Karen and Barb. Their care and devotion gave Maddie many years longer than predicted. She will always bring a smile to the many who loved her. I miss you, Maddie. - Martha VanLandingham\*

Ramsey, whose energetic ball chasing kept Joe and MaryLou entertained for hours. You left us too soon, Ramsey. We miss you terribly. - Martha VanLandingham

Jake, Bear, Copper and Brandy - Tom and Marylou Janczuk\*

Sadie. A sweet and loving dog. We miss you. - Theresa Crone

Amber, Ann and Ed Nelson's sweet Golden girl! She grew from a wiggly 8-week old puppy to a very much loved best friend and teacher. - Jeff and Lucinda Twining

Peaches (05-140); the sweetest, bravest, "peach" of a Golden girl. The Rainbow Bridge is just a little more colorful now that you are there. Jessie, Dan, and all of us will miss you, little one! - Jeff and Lucinda Twining\*

Peaches (Peachy Peach) — we were lucky enough to dog sit Peaches! And in honor of Jessie and Dan who went the extra mile every day to allow this happy girl to enjoy life. - Robin and Steve Heinecke

## In Honor Of...

My faithful companion, Mia. - Betty Yoast\*

Our 3 GRREAT Goldens - Lucy, Jessie, and Brandy. - Olivia and Tom McDonough\*

Rusty Yeiser's 60th birthday. He loved our Golden girl. - Laura Kurz

Our Brady, who is such a very special part of our family. - Joe and

Judy Niebauer\*

Daisy - A. Lee Hogewood III

Lilly, our friend at the dentist office. - Anonymous

Martha VanLandingham - Sherrie and David VanLandingham

Our sweet Maddie. - Alison Fischer Silvers

Beau, a 12 year old GRREAT rescue that's still going strong! - Laura Catalano\*

Kelsey and Rufus - best pups in the world! - Barbara Dunnington

Martha VanLandingham - Linda and William Eggbeer\*

Leslie Gnat - Jan Rothman

Shelby Walker and her beautiful Golden, Duncan, who she rescued through GRREAT. - Christina van Hilst

Peg, Beth and Bonnie. Good friends to me and furry friends. - JoAnn Adkins

Patricia Hugunin and Carl Slaski who have and live with a rescued Golden. - Marvene and Bob O'Rourke\*

Our grandpa who loves Goldens with all his heart. - Henry, James, Zachary and Teddy Moeller

Sally Cunningham, an avid Golden lover in Vienna, Virginia! - Jennifer Cunningham

John and Sandee O'Neill - Wanita Zimmerman

For medical costs and for all that GRREAT does for our Goldens. - Beverly and Steven Kreisberg\*

For vet invoice for Hunter (12-002). - Dagmar and Stuart Sachs

To cover Angel's (11-196) prescription. - Amanda and Dean Blankenship

## To Help With Costs...

A contribution towards Jessie's (11-096) care. - Janette and Dave Siebs

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## To Help With Costs...(Cont.)

Please accept the enclosed donation for use in any way that is helpful for the mission of GRREAT. We became aware of your organization through our friends, Art and Beckie Hotop. - F. Gass

## For Other Reasons...

Enclosed is a little check in thanks for you accepting Buddy into your group last weekend. I had Buddy picked up, transported 50 miles to Largo, all within a 36 [hour] period of my phone call asking for GRREAT's help. Thank you so very much for helping me/us help Buddy; he's a wonderful Goldie. Largo and her husband were so very nice and it was a pleasure meeting them. - Animal Welfare League, Whitestone, VA.\*

Happy Valentines Day to Sharon Bowman. May this help make life better for a dog that current circumstances do not allow Sharon to have at the moment. - Robert Linaburg

To all the great Golden from your departed friend, Bailey Thompson. - Michael Thompson and Donna Fronckoski\*

For Janet and Nick Kaplan - Michael Kaplan

Back in November, we had a giving campaign and this was one of the charities we wanted to make a contribution to. One of the members of our firm is a big time supporter of your organization. - Anonymous

To Thank the GRREAT Volunteers. - Neal and Judy McKinley\*

Thank you for our sweet Maverick. - Dierdre MacNeil and Ray McCann\*

On behalf of Patrick Dillon. - Bryce Turner\*

To thank GRREAT for all you do. - Doreen and Brad Wright\*\*

On behalf of our family, please use this donation to directly help the care and welfare of the dogs who

many need it most. - Ellen and Chris Courtney\*\*\*

To support your activities with Golden Retrievers. We adopted our Shadow from GRREAT via Art and Rebecca Hotop in December, 2002. He is the best Christmas present ever! GRREAT had funded two hip surgeries for him. He is a fantastic member of our family and has brought so much joy to our lives. Keep up the good work! - The Alexander Foundation\*\*\*

For all the dogs and Camden's 12th Birthday. - Abby Owen\*

In Martha VanLandingham's name for Christmas. - Stuart and Tracy Barr

Merry Christmas, Tony and Judy Hannold! Your dedication to animals in need is both admirable and inspiring! - Gretchen Brown

Dedicated to my sweet girl, Casey. - Shiela Ramsey\*

We dedicate this donation to the dog we adopted from GRREAT — who is now deceased....Rudy, and our other Golden Retriever, Kelly. Thank you to such a wonderful organization! - James and Melaney Mackin\*

Years ago I adopted Josh, a pup renamed Zack. He was so ill when GRREAT rescued him in a kill shelter. The following 6 years have been happy and healthy ones filled with love! - Karen Renaud

In the name of Jeff and Lucinda Twining. - Dominic Lewis\*

To my Grandparents, Kaye and Dr. Ray Bennett — their love of all things Golden (really, all things dog!) has always been a source of inspiration. This is also in the name of Buddy, a GRREAT dog who's been part of my family for going on ten years! :- ) - Brittany Allen

Christmas donation in honor of our rescue, Rynn, who we've had for almost 2 years now. Thank you GRREAT! - Jessica Knutson and Christopher Hoffman

My GRREAT dog - Tanner - is now

4 years old and the joy of my life. Thank you, and special thanks to Diane and John Hein. - Rita Demma\*

In honor and memory of Coby, Jake and Dugan. - Anita and Frank Abbruscato

In support of your work with Golden Retrievers. - Marshal and Edith Schy\*

On behalf of Bill and Deb Haegele, in memory of their beloved Pete, Oliver and Betsy. - Julia and Dick Kwiatkowski\*

Missed the Holiday Party but still wanted to contribute. - Carol Moore

In recognition of Mary Collings, who was very helpful and supportive as I found a home for an 11 month old Golden. Best wishes to your organization and many thanks to Mary. - Paula Bruening\*

For our great Golden, Jake (Rusty). To thank you all for all your work! - Martha and Thomas Palmer\*

On behalf of Alan Glaser, dog walker, with a love for Golden. - Robert and Margaret Knitzer

Donating as Christmas gift for my wife and our two Golden. - Alan Davis\*

For Ralph Truitt, a long time foster parent & rescue assistant.

For being there for all of our Goldies. To thank GRREAT for the wonderful memories of Keo. He is missed. - Carla McQuay\*

In the name of Natalie Babbitt, a lifelong lover of dogs, particularly Golden. - Lucy Frattaroli

In Kevin Layton's name, as a holiday gift. - Joseph Cliff

My donation is a Christmas gift. I can't think of a better way to give! Thank you for all that you do and keep up the excellent work! - Jessica Clendenon

## Corporate Giving...

Petsmart\*

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# Donations

of Barbara Dunnington

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The Petco Foundation — Funds collected at your local Petco store during our 2011 Breeds in Need Fund raiser. It is very gratifying indeed to be able to raise what we are sure are much needed funds for such a worthy organization such as yours to assist the special animals in your care. We applaud your efforts for helping your specific breed(s) and look forward to doing even more in the future to make sure these orphans find the “forever” homes they so richly deserve.\*\*\*

Schwab Charitable Fund — This grant is made possible by the generosity of Brian Donovan, in the name of and recommendation of Ray and Kathy Schmid.\*

Back in November, we had a giving campaign and this was one of the charities we wanted to make a contribution to. One of the members of our firm is a big time supporter of your organization. – On behalf of Kathy Anderson.\*

T.E. Connectivity (formerly Tyco Electronics Corporation) — To help support our communities, the foundation created Dollars for Doers, a program that honors employee volunteers. On behalf of the unselfish efforts given to your organization by Ethel Carryer during 2011. \*

National Conferencing Inc — You were nominated for this donation by one of our employees. After careful review, we too recognized the value of your organization and how you're impacting the community in which you reside. We thank you for your efforts, and we are delighted to be able to help by sending you this small donation in support of your worthy cause. – On behalf of Michael Mayhew\*\*\*

Poop Rescues, LLC — Poop Rescues Pet Waste Removal Service chose your rescue as the rescue of the month for

December. We are thrilled to be able to donate to your GRREAT organization.\*

The Greg Biffle Foundation\*\*\*

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*Memorials can be seen at:*

<http://great.org/foreverfriends/index.htm>

## Forever Friends...

For Buddie-Love - Ilene Mutchnick  
Greg and Cindy Guest\*

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For Betsy Girl Haegele, Oliver Twist Haegele, “Sir” Pete Haegele - Bill and Deb Haegele\*

In memory of Gordon Edmonson, our first foster, who died of cancer July 2011. You brought us joy during your last days. - Jim and Terry Edmonson\*

For Canyon Coelho - Dana Coelho

For Joshie Salafia - Helen Whitehead and Lou Salafia

For Stevie and Charlie - Trish Collier\*

For Comet (11-010) - Sarah Tuck\*

For Maggie Mae (08-211) - Donna Murray\*

For Comet & Riley, in honor of Amy & Jody Rohde and the outstanding care they give to all of the Goldens who have become a part of their family. Love, the proud

parents of Chloe (one of Amy and Jody's golden Golden!) - Lauren Silverman

For Special Needs dog Riley (11-032): in Loving memory of Sierra, our GRREAT dog, who also suffered with seizures. - Beverly Porter\*

For Charlie (08-150), as a token of my sincere appreciation and heartfelt admiration for all of the GRREAT team and Charlie's forever foster family of caregivers. Having shared 8 wonderful years with my much beloved and very special Golden, also a “Charlie”, I offer you my greatest thanks and deep gratitude for the love, caring, energy/time, and compassion you are now providing this special “Charlie”. - James T Bender\*

## Sponsor Me!

For Comet - Veterinary Ophthalmology Clinic\*

For all [Special Needs Dogs] that are currently pictured as well as the dogs listed as “coming soon.” - Kathleen and Kerry Skeen\*\*\*

For special needs dogs Clover (10-164) and Stevie (08-208). - Sara Bogle

For Special Needs dog Comet. - Patrice and John Scanlon

For special needs dog. - Cindy Dominik

Please use as needed for special needs dogs. - Elizabeth Kaiser and Ned Scherer\*\*\*

For Clover (10-164). - Jeanne O'Donoghue\*

For Stevie (08-208). - Linda Totels\*

For Bailey (04-092), Beeker (09-026), Charlie (08-150), Clover (10-164), Gracie (10-114), Maggie Mae (08-211), Rhett (08-138), Roxy (11-106), Rufus (03-199), Stevie (08-208), Trooper (09-209) and Comet (11-010). - Mike and Debra Keatley\*

For Goldens with special needs. - Tim White and Anna Alt-White

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## Sponsor Me! (Con't.)

For Comet: This donation is made in Roger Adkins' name. - JoAnn Adkins

For Stevie (08-208): This donation is given in honor of "Frisco" Britton. - Kimberley Bennett

For Gracie (10-114): Made in the name of George Kachadourian in

honor of Robbie. - Patricia Rieder  
For Charlie (08-150): I am making this donation in honor of Sean Combety and Brady. - Lori Orsi

For Trooper (09-209): Trooper's story hit close to home — my Golden boy, Davis, was diagnosed with a Thyroid Carcinoma in the summer of 2009. After a second opinion, he was a candidate for surgery, and his tumor was removed in

December of 2009. Two years later, despite his hip dysplasia and various lipomas, he's a happy (and very lucky) pup. Lots of love to Trooper and his wonderful foster family from Davis and his mom. - Elizabeth Gaskins

For Roxy (11-106). - Leslie Trew\*

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

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.great.org/donate/donorinfo.htm](http://www.great.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

In memory of Clover who died February, 2012. - Donna Peterson

In honor of Mike and Betsy Damitz for watching Angel (11-196). - Amanda and Dean Blankenship

Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid

In honor of Dennis J. Quinn and his dog, Finnegan Quinn - Jill Nunnally and Molly McClellan

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

Mary Anne Walsh

In memory of our beloved Cassie. - Debra Laudenslager

For Chassidy and Polar Bear. - Joe O'Neill and Walt Atha

In memory of Cricket Horning. She was a GRREAT foster dog with us in 1999, and was a recipient of hip replacement surgery with help from the Leo Fund. During Cricket's time in our home, it became exceedingly clear that she was meant to join our family. She brought us immeasurable joy through the years, and we loved her more than words could ever express. We lost Cricket this September, her age estimated at 13-14 years of age. We are so grateful to GRREAT for bringing her into our lives, and for all that you do for these wonderful dogs. - Tanya Horning

Mike and Debra Keatley

Harvey and Lenora Pascal

### Leo's Heroes - \$500 and Over

In remembrance of all the GRREAT Golden who

departed for the Rainbow Bridge during 2011 Goodbye! - Harry Sethna and Sarah Navia

In celebration of all the Golden who found their way to GRREAT during 2011. Welcome! - Harry Sethna and Sarah Navia

Kim Rogers

## Simile-Finale Fund

In honor of Barbara Boyd for transporting Angel (11-196). - Amanda and Dean Blankenship

Donated as a gift for Jeff and Lucinda Twining. Merry Christmas. - Amanda Spears and Family

In memory of my Donka, also a GRREAT girl and also a patient of Dr. Kocen's. Still missed, and will always be loved. - Jennifer Atkins\*

Elijah Kelley

## Chief's Fund

For my wonderful girlfriend, Katie. No one loves and cares more about providing love and devotion to needy Golden Retrievers than you. Love, Dan - Daniel Rosenthal

In Memory of our Sweet Teddy. - Christian and Kathryn Vieweg\*

In memory of Guinness Stilwell. - Elizabeth Douglass\*

Donated as a gift for Jeff and Lucinda Twining. Merry Christmas. - Amanda Spears and Family\*



### In Memory of...Jake

Jake (formerly Chester) who joined us in June, 2001 and lost his last battle with cancer on January 23, 2012,

~~ Ray & Kathy Schmid

## HERE'S A DONATION

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for

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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:  
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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member

Renewal

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Mark here if this is an address or name change

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Mark as many as applicable:

I am enclosing \$40 for my 2012 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:

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please complete this form to volunteer. Return to:

**GRREAT**  
**Attention: Volunteer Coordinator**  
**P.O. Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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,  
Fund raiser & Micro Chipping Clinics

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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 online at  
[www.grreat.org/vol\\_form.htm](http://www.grreat.org/vol_form.htm)

## 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.great.org/calendar.htm](http://www.great.org/calendar.htm). For more information on any event, please e-mail [events@great.org](mailto:events@great.org) and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please e-mail [volunteer@great.org](mailto:volunteer@great.org).*

### April

**14** 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day** Petco  
6612 Richmond  
Highway Alexandria,  
Virginia 22306

### May

**5** 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day** Petco  
10464 Baltimore  
Avenue Beltsville,  
Maryland 20705

**6** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**GRREAT Bark-B-Que**  
Quiet Water Park  
600 Quiet Waters Park  
Rd. Annapolis, MD  
21403 More D'Tails to  
follow.

### June

**5** 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
**Adoption Day** Petco  
9230-B Old Keene Mill  
Road Burke, Virginia  
22015

*We will be taking a short break over the summer. We're looking forward to being back with Autumn Events,*

**Please be sure and submit your adoption application at least four weeks prior to the event. We cannot approve applications on the spot.**

