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DEADLINE

for July/Aug. Newsletter ...

JUNE 10th

A Final Progress Report on Lucas, Amber and Pilot

In our March/April edition of the GRREAT News and on our website, GRREAT reported the stories of three very special Golden Retrievers (Lucas, Amber and Pilot), all of whom required extensive medical procedures. We also requested, after much consideration, donations to help offset their medical costs and set a goal of \$10,000. Within just two weeks we exceeded this goal, thanks to your willingness to help. The following progress report underscores the tremendous difference your generous contributions made to the lives of Lucas, Amber and Pilot.



Lucas ultimately had 38 teeth removed and now appears to be completely recovered from his second surgery. There is no swelling of the gums and the tissue healed nicely. Lucas' final dental checkup is scheduled for the first week of April after which, barring bad news, Lucas should be ready to find his forever home. We decided to forego including a photo of Lucas' mouth since we're just "not sure seeing pictures of Lucas with only four teeth in his mouth will make anyone feel very warm and fuzzy!" Suffice it to say that his foster home reports that Lucas has become quite the chow hound – whereas before his surgery, Lucas only ate to live, he now lives to eat, which he does well even without those teeth.

Amber's foster home reports that the incision from her surgery to remove the massive tumor has healed (see picture on left) and the staph infection seems to have cleared. Amber is scheduled to see the vet the last week of March and, hopefully, her sutures from surgery can be removed and her antibiotics, discontinued. Amber still exhibits itching, possibly due to food sensitivities.



Similar to Lucas, Amber LOVES her food and is barely able to maintain her "sit" while her food is prepared. Now free to roam the house with her canine foster siblings, Amber isn't afraid to let her younger siblings know that she hasn't much interest in puppy play. She does, however, love to play fetch outside with her human foster parents, running hard to catch and return the ball. Afterwards, a weary Amber will settle for a long nap while sunbathing on the porch or curled up in front of the TV, emitting "charming snorts" upon awakening. Such a lady!



Pilot has also improved "leaps and bounds" since his surgery, which has healed beautifully (see the grayed outline area towards his tail). Although Pilot has severe arthritis in his back, the pain is controlled with mild pain and nerve medication. Pilot also has a skin condition, which has improved with frequent baths and some Benadryl. Pilot gains more and more energy each day, and, like Amber, loves to play ball. His only request is constant love of which he will remind you often with little "nose nudges" under your hand, forcing you to pet him.



Once again, we would like to thank all of you for your many generous contributions donated to help these three Golden Retrievers, and also to thank their foster homes for their time and commitment.



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Donations for Lucas, Amber and Pilot

Jeff and Lucinda Twining***

This urgent donation request came on the one-year anniversary of the death of Jack, my wonderful Golden, at 11 1/2 years old, so I am glad to have the opportunity to provide this assistance in his memory. -- Susan Van Bell*

Laurie Walker*

In honor of our GRREAT pup Jessie (04-155) -- Carol and David Yates

Donna Dandrea*

Phebe Brown*

Crystal Harless

Thank you GRREAT for your dedication in helping these wonderful dogs! -- The Davis Family*

David and Bethany Weinstein

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Walter Grabowski and Robin Hoesch*

Carrie Sensabaugh

We dedicate this donation to our sweet Golden, Maxwell, on the Rainbow Bridge and the sweet Golden who are the love of our lives now, Jaxin (Maxwell's brother and littermate) and Royce who was rescued from a Missouri puppy mill. We hope this donation will do good work for the sick Golden. -- Rick and Joanne Pinette

Roy Brown

Susan and Richard Bottomley*

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Dianne and Bruce Blackwell*

Kate Russell

Karen Kromulis*

Terry and Karen Moses*

In celebration of our recent rescue Golden, Buddy, who truly rescued us! -- Sharon and Bill Coale

In memory of Buddy, Bear, and Alex -- Pam and Conrad O'Connell*

In memory of Duchess and Casey Girl -- Jeanne O'Donoghue**

Linda and Ron Igou

Tonia Heffner and Jay Goodwin*

Dawn and Ed Lowe*

Kenneth and Linda Chaletzky**

Nancy Forest and Robert Eisenhauer*

David Silber and Eileen Rose

Jane and Tim Sawina*

Richard and Rebecca Seitz GRREAT came through and helped us pay for Tahoe's extensive medical needs when we first adopted him. Here's a little help for some other friends. -- Joy Levy*

Melissa Neal**

In memory of a GRREAT dog, Buckwheat -- Lawrence Barth**

Steve Soderberg and Mary Ann McFarland*

In honor of 11-167 Joey, our wonderful foster whom GRREAT supported through his surgery and other challenges. -- Diana Turk and Matt Meisner

Nicolette Parisi and Richard Wakeling

Elizabeth Kaiser and Ned Scherer***

Pam and Keith VanDerbeek*

Jeannie and Ken Blood*

Tim and Linda Daniel**

Mary and Douglas John*

In memory of Bingo - Beloved dog of Phil and Janet Hauck -- Linda Scher*

Shelby Walker *

Courtney Matthews and Andrea Supp**

Steve Fisher and Laura Luke

Sue and John Weis***

The Quinn Family (including Murphy, a GRREAT Golden coming up on his seventh year with us...a real character!) -- Brian and Ann Marie Quinn**

George and Nancy Metze*

Harry and Anna Fink*

To celebrate our healthy 9-yr old GRREAT lady, Daisy Mae 08-080 -- Linda and Craig Wensley*

Heather and Kip Lady*

Bill and Kathy Erney*

Rick and Peggy Fowler

John and Heidi Rhodes*

In Casey's memory -- Greg and Cindy Guest

In memory of our beloved GRREAT dog, Summer, who lost her battle with cancer on 1/7/12. We miss her every day! -- Pamela Higgins

Ralph and Jondelle Truitt*

You all were so good to our Lucy and she is such a joy for our family. Many thanks. -- Steve and Jacquie Lowe

Joseph F and Carolyn Miller Jr

June Morris*

Jane Kunze

In memory of Bayberry who brought love and joy to everyone she met. -- Lori Hrinko

John Kaczaniuk

Richard and Carole Delaney

Peter and Faith Sherry*

Marianne and John Little

In memory of Dete Gallo, wife of Angelo Gallo -- Alison Martinek

Sharon and Brian Roeder*

Hoping each of these special needs dogs does better soon. -- Mia and Tim Brown*

Shirley and Robert Coelho*

Brad Frey and Sara Bodenberg*

Barbara Jacksier

In memory of Candy and Penny. -- Jennifer Pleska*

Lynn and Richmond Abbe*

Suzanne McKeown*

Erin and Eric Lassen

Wade Robert and Zoe Cohen*

Jeffrey and Roberta Katz*

Ivy Ahmed

Laura and Hunter McCluer*

Kevin and Diane Duvall**

Catherine Campbell*

From Brinkley to help those Golden in need. -- Renee Scott*

Suzanne and John Arthur

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Judith Eyler*

Steve and Kathryn Troch

Lloyd Aguero

Regina and Neil O'Keefe*

Julie Galton*

In memory of Cassandra St Claire -- Joe and Virginia Fry*

Douglas and Judith Henry

In memory of Jake (formerly Chester) who joined us in June 2003 and who lost his 10 month battle with cancer on Jan 23, 2012. -- Ray and Kathy Schmid*

Martha VanLandingham*

Jean and Robert Barton*

Donations for Lucas, Amber and Pilot Continued from Page 3

Edward Yawn and Melissa Nielson*

Nancy and Richard Hughes*

Mary Beth and Robert Mccartin

In memory of Phoebe (07-117) and with thanks to Ditto and John Christensen who gave her the best 2 months in her hard life.

-- Barbara and Max (11-169) Boyd**

Peter and Faith Sherry*

Ethel and Haddon Carryer*

Back in December I had to have a small growth/tumor removed from my side, below my left elbow. Since my person had noticed it was hard for me to eat - even soft food, she had my teeth checked again. They were in very bad shape - pinpoint holes along my gum line, cavities, even an abscess. I had to have more teeth removed. Since the surgery, my life has really improved. I can eat comfortably. I am no longer in pain, and my breath is great. No more odor. I hope this helps other dogs feel as good as I do now - "Boise" (10-107) --Penny and John March

Cheryl and Mike Andrzejewski*

John Neal*

In memory of Sedrick and in honor of McHenry and Zeke
--Janet Caple

Thanks for the good work you do for the dogs

-- Sharon Bottcher and Joan Peddicord*

From parents of GRREAT volunteer Marie Lavallee

--Beverly and Gilbert Lavallee

Carol Taylor*

Steve and Jennifer Harris*

Gary and Carol Zierhoffer*

In Memory of Max - whom we adopted from GRREAT at age 12. Max gave us more than three years of love, devotion and pure joy. When he came to us we simply wanted to bring some peace to an older dog that many people would normally overlook due to his age. We thought maybe he had a year at best. Max however surprised us all. He insisted on taking long hikes with the other dogs, got himself into shape, his wobbly legs actually improved dramatically with exercise and weight loss - at age 12 he built up his muscles and he soon was running around the fields on hikes, swimming everyday and could run up and down the stairs. He also proved to be one of the sweetest Golden's I have ever known. He somehow found a way to demonstrate his new found happiness with life each and every day for the next 3 years, quickly winning over the hearts of our other three Golden's ...and us all. He taught us the strength of sheer will power in his desire

to live on with us. Sadly, Max passed peacefully this summer with us and his dog friends by his side -- wagging his tail and looking us in the eye as if to say "thank you" as he left us. We loved him with all our hearts. (Please don't forget the old guys, they are simply amazing. They are so appreciative - and they have so much to give to us and to teach us about life!) Keep doing the great work that you do GRREAT.
-- Kim and Mark Kabbes*

Sabina Arcos

Jackie and Dale Stout***
Bruce and Kathy Fernie

In memory of my girl Bailey and my buddy Buster -- David Hess*

Amanda and Dean Blankenship**

Sandra L. Gray

Anne and Alex Will

All best wishes for complete recoveries of these sweet companion animals. -- Olivia and Tom McDonough***

Mary Smith*

Steele and Patricia Lipe** via Charitable Gift Fund

We hope it will help sustain the GRREAT work of your organization. -- Elizabeth Ross and Bennett Frankel*

Daniel Volchok and Kathleen Keller*

A Dog's Nighttime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep.
The King sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs; they're tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.
No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Till morning comes and "I want Food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For the mornings here, it's time to play.
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.



President's Message



Riley in the Wind

I confess...I am an e-mail hoarder. Ever since I began transporting Golden Retrievers for GRREAT, I have kept almost every e-mail about the dogs I helped move. (And you wouldn't believe how many e-mails are sometimes exchanged for just one dog!)

All this "hoarding" has finally come in handy! At a recent Board of Directors' meeting, the discussion turned to our special needs dogs and to this awesome picture Riley's long-term foster mom had posted on GRREAT's Facebook page. Since I had transported Riley, I went through my saved e-mails to refresh my memory on his history. I also read the terrific story his foster home has posted on our Special Needs Dogs web page. This led me to Comet, his foster brother, who I had also helped transport and who also has a terrific story posted on the GRREAT web site.

Rereading the Comet (11-010) and Riley (11-032) e-mails reminded me that transporting can be a true adventure! The Transport Team is sometimes a bit hesitant to publicly discuss these "adventures" for fear that it will discourage other transporters. In this case, I'm going to risk it!

Comet came into GRREAT as an 8-year-old intact male with allergy and ear infection issues. He wore a shock collar and spent some days outside. His family had lost its home (a common reason for giving up a dog over the past few years) and was moving to a pet-unfriendly apartment. His first stop was a vet where they reported that "He is laid back, affable in the extreme...such an easy going guy. His skin is a mess as are his ears and it's clearly a chronic issue and he is definitely uncomfortable, but he just let [us] do whatever [we] needed to and gently kissed hands and wagged his tail. [We] will shave him down when he is under for his neuter on Monday to ensure that [we] have a good handle on all of his skin issues."



Comet resting

I picked up Comet from that animal hospital on a cold, snowy, slushy January day. He was wearing a "cone of shame" to prevent him from scratching his ears and stitches, and he had indeed been shaved. Comet loves cars and was so excited to be going on a ride that the first thing he did when he got in was completely demolish his E-collar. The vet staff gave me a new one but suggested that I might want to leave it off in the car! Those of you who have driven the Washington Beltway in the snow know what a joy that is...especially with a dog who whines! Comet really did not like the slow traffic! We finally got to the office where I was meeting Comet's foster dad. While we waited for him to come out, Comet entertained himself by rolling in the snow and slush which probably felt good to his itchy body, but made him a bit of a mess for the next leg of the trip. When he finally got home, his foster mom wrote that he is a "walking itch." Unfortunately it was also found that Comet had a mast cell tumor.



Riley

Just about a month later, I was called on to transport Riley, a 1-year-old intact male. Riley was being given up because he had had two grand mal seizures and had appeared to threaten the owner as he came out of them. Although it was a difficult decision, Riley was turned over to GRREAT rather than keep him crated or risk harm to the family. Apparently the weather was not very calm the day I picked up Riley and delivered him to the vet. I reported that we made it there "without blowing away."

A few days later, I was again picking up Riley after he was vetted. This was supposed to be part of a well orchestrated multiple transport that involved picking up a dog at a Maryland shelter, taking her to an animal hospital, driving to Virginia to get Riley, and meeting his foster dad at the same office (in Maryland) where I had dropped off Comet. Most shelter pick-ups go quite smoothly and don't take much time. Well! This one lasted close to an hour. When I needed to stop for gas, instead of quickly "swiping and going," I had to enter the station twice where there were, of course,

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Riley comforts Comet

lines. By the time I had dropped off my first "passenger" and picked up Riley, there was an accident

on the DC Beltway and it was clear that I was going to miss his foster dad at the office because he had another appointment in a different location.

There I was with a dog in Friday afternoon traffic with no place to take him. I did what many transporters find themselves doing on occasion...I took him home

to what I call Boyd's Doggie Day Care. Riley was a lovely guest even if he did splash water all over the floor when drinking and he and my Noah always wanted the same toy of the 5 or 6 lying around. A few hours later, when traffic died down and Riley's foster parents were back home, Riley, Noah, and I set off on an evening trip which was thankful uneventful, as most transports are.

Because of their multiple health issues, Comet and Riley are now both long-term fosters and also BFFs. To read more of their stories or contribute to their care, click on "Special Needs Dogs" on great.org. If you would enjoy an occasional adventure, please volunteer to help transport our Golden Retrievers. Often transporters are the first people to meet dogs coming to us. Knowing that you have helped a dog in need of rescue take that first step to a forever home is GRREAT!



People Animals Love by Cathy Lloyd

While my children were growing up, I took great pleasure in volunteering for their schools and their extracurricular activities. In fall 2009, my youngest child went off to college and I was suddenly confronted with an "empty nest" — except not really. It is true, the human children were all away at school, but we still had a very active household with two Golden Retrievers, a Himalayan cat and a rescued bunny.

For years, I had wanted to do some volunteering with my Golden boys. I decided now was the time to start. My first opportunity came when I made a donation in memory of a wonderful GRREAT dog named Marley (GRREAT #98-159). On GRREAT's website, I noticed the tab for volunteering and decided to check it out.

I started by volunteering at a few GRREAT events and both my Golden boys and I had a wonderful time. We met nice new friends (human and Golden) and were happy to be spreading the word about such a wonderful and dedicated organization. The people who volunteer and run GRREAT are truly awe-inspiring — always making sure Golden Retrievers in need get the very best chance at a "happily ever after" ending with a loving forever family.

I was so impressed that when GRREAT's Intake Coordinator, Mary Collings, asked if I wanted to get further involved by becoming an Intake

Assistant, I was happy to accept the offer. It has been such a rewarding experience to be part of the Intake Team and be the first step in helping a Golden Retriever on his way to a new life. It can be difficult hearing the circumstances leading to GRREAT's involvement, but it always helps me to know things look up immediately for these dogs as soon as the Intake begins. GRREAT has an incredible team of people working together through intake, transport, vet care, foster homes, and adoptions to ensure each Golden we take in gets the very best care and the chance to live out their lives feeling loved and valued.



Kobi, Dylan, Riley

In addition to GRREAT, I started volunteering for another wonderful organization called P.A.L. (People Animals Love). I wanted to share my Golden boys, Dylan and Riley, with other people so they could bring happiness to others the way they do to us. Although they did pass their Canine Good Citizen test, let's just say they are not model therapy dogs if held to the highest obedience standards required by many therapy organizations.

I was so excited to find P.A.L., where the primary qualifications are that dogs must be friendly and love people — standard personality traits for most Golden Retrievers! P.A.L. certification requires owners and their dogs to attend an orientation, where P.A.L. explains their mission and evaluates dogs in very basic obedience skills and manners. Two supervised P.A.L. visits complete the certification process. After that, you can volunteer at any of the established P.A.L.

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People Animals Love by Cathy Lloyd

The other P.A.L. site where we volunteer is Burnt Mills Elementary School. We take part in a reading program for students for whom English is a second language. Students who normally hesitate to read aloud look forward to coming to read to Dylan, Riley and the other P.A.L. dogs. The students read to the dogs without feeling judged or embarrassed and gain confidence in the process. They love getting stickers with the dog's picture that say "I Read to Dylan" or "I Read to Riley" and the dogs love getting lots of pets and a treat from the students.

P.A.L.'s mission is to harness the healing bond between humans and animals to create social change. Their

programs bring the joy of animal companionship to isolated senior citizens and people with mental health issues, improve literacy and close the achievement gap facing low-income minority children. If you have a dog you would like to share with others, P.A.L. is a great way to start. Check their website at

<http://peopleanimalslove.org/> for more information.

Dogs give companionship, unconditional love and joy to so many. Thank you to GRREAT for making sure all the Golden Retrievers who come into our rescue get the loving care they deserve in return!

Hard to Jump Up if You are Sitting by Sarah Ferrel



Dogs jump on people who come to the door because dogs greet each other by sniffing noses (bottoms, lips, ears—and other more personal parts...). In the dog world, not to leap about and sniff noses and lips would be very bad manners. In fact, it might be so insulting that another dog would consider it a call to fight.

Young dogs are fed by their parents in a mouth to mouth method, with the older dogs bringing prey/food back to the pups. Because interest in and licking of each other's faces is a greeting behavior, our pet dogs are hard-wired to check out the

faces of humans entering their environment.

We need not discipline dogs for behavior they consider polite. We need to train them in greeting behaviors that their human pack members find pleasing. We must train our good dogs human-approved ways to politely greet us, and will make them welcome in human families.

Dogs should be taught to sit each time a human enters the home. Keep a container of delicious treats near your door, and have all family members and company use a tiny piece of treat to lure the dog into a sit every single time they enter. Be sure to say, 'SIT!' in the happiest voice possible. Practice as many repetitions as the humans have time to practice. A dog who automatically sits when the door opens will not jump up. It takes time and patience and constantly remembering that your dog will only be as good a dog as you are a good trainer. In all situations where you wish your dog had a different behavior, ask yourself, "Exactly what have I done to teach the dog to behave differently? How much time have I spent showing my dog the way to be the best dog he or she can be?"

In situations when you cannot practice the sit with a treat, place the dog in his or her safe place, like a crate, or another room until company has entered and are seated. If you let the dog join the humans, give company tiny treats and ask if they will ask the dog to sit each time the dog approaches. Train all family members to make low-key entrances and to never pet or praise or reward the dog until the dog is sitting.

Never step on the dogs toes as an aversive method to stop jumping up. Never knee the dog in the chest. These pieces of advice are old tales that come from aversive dog training methods. Pain teaches your dog nothing except to avoid you and your teaching. Teach your dog the right way to behave and reward him or her for every tiny bit of progress.

One gimmick you may want to try is to keep a flat pan, such as a cheap pizza pan, outside the door you and company usually enter. When you enter, hold the pizza pan at the height where the dog's toes would hit you when jumping up. As the dog's toenails scrape the pan, say, "Off!" and show him your treat. Ask him to "sit!". Many dogs dislike their toes on metal, so the metal pan discourages the strong desire to jump up to sniff your face, and the ready treat allows you to turn a jumping up moment into a mini sit lesson.

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Get Ready to Show Off Your GRREAT Dog in the 2013 GRREAT Calendar!

It's time to submit pictures of your GRREAT dog(s) for the 2013 GRREAT wall calendar and also for the 2013 Funny Faces of GRREAT desktop calendar. Note that there are slight differences in the rules, so please be sure to read each set carefully.

Here are the rules for the GRREAT wall calendar:

- Be sure to note that the picture is for the wall calendar.
- Pictures must include a dog adopted through GRREAT; they may also include other animals, but no people.
- Dogs that were included in the 2012 GRREAT wall calendar are not eligible.
- All pictures must be horizontal due to the calendar design.
- No costumes please.
- High resolution digital images only, please.
- You may send as many pictures as you like.
- Include your dog's name, GRREAT ID number, and a brief paragraph (not to exceed 150 words) about your dog, as well as your name, phone number, and email address.

Here are the rules for the Funny Faces of GRREAT desktop calendar:

- Be sure to note that the picture is for the desktop calendar.
- Pictures must include a dog adopted through GRREAT; other animals and people may also be included.
- Dogs that were included in the 2012 Funny Faces of GRREAT desktop calendar are not eligible.
- High resolution digital images only, please.
- You may send as many pictures as you like.
- Include your dog's name and GRREAT ID number, as well as your name, phone number, and email address.

DEADLINE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSION IS JUNE 22, 2012

Please email your photos to president@great.org

The winners will be announced in the September/October GRREAT News



Remembering Ruth Chase, A GRREAT Lady

by Skye Anderson



Jacy,, Ruth & Robbie

I remember Ruth.

I attended a class at Coventry (www.thecoventryschool.com) with my friend way back in the '90s and ended up finding my niche - so much so, that I asked Ruth if I could observe another session. That turned into assisting her for several years!

Ruth Chase crossed the Rainbow Bridge Thursday, February 23, 2012, to be met by Puppy Paws, Bouncer, Meggie and many, many other great friends of hers, both human and canine.

Ruth loved introducing me to a new class and asking the class to repeat after her: "Hi, Skye!" And at the end of each session, she loved saying, "Bye, Skye!" I always looked forward to that and smiling.

I first learned about positive reinforcement dog training from Ruth and went onward from there. Ruth and positive reinforcement changed my life for the better. Thank you, Ruth.

I remember how proud she was of her children and her grandchildren. She would tell her classes how one granddaughter would put the younger one in a crate, saying to her - "Go crate" - and then close the crate door!

She was active in everything DOG. I am not going to repeat all her accomplishments here (check out www.thecoventryschool.com) but I do want us to remember who she was. Ruth was a dear and a delight. She welcomed everyone and was a welcoming host - I remember the flowers in the urinals at her very large training facility and the vanilla-scented candles in the restrooms and I remember getting locked in one of those restrooms not once but twice! But that was only me, thank goodness, and Jeannine always came to my rescue and somehow got me out. (But not to worry - nobody else got locked in.)

I remember Ruth's commitment to people and to dogs' lives. I remember Bouncer and Meggie. I remember once during a first-night session when she was introducing the first behavior: conditioning the clicker. Bouncer and Meggie and I had sat down on the floor together, listening to Dana Crevling of Dogs of Course had asked me to recommend a facility in the Baltimore-Washington area to bring her national dog seminars to. Of course, my first choice was Coventry (and not only because it was so close to me) but I did look at others.

Fortunately, Ruth and Dana forged a great partnership (and friendship) and brought Kathy Sdao to the East Coast. K9Nosework also came, not once but several times, and Ruth simply loved this new sport for dogs and their people. She went to K9 NoseWork camp twice!

Ruth had a long, supportive relationship with GRREAT - from providing her Coventry facility for adoption events nearly 20 years ago, to training and donating behavioral consults to GRREAT fosters. Thank you, Ruth.

I remember Ruth. I will always remember Ruth. We were so fortunate to have known her. Her legacy will surely live on in Columbia, around GRREAT and in the GRREAT dogs she helped.

Donations in Memory of Ruth Chase, founder of Coventry School for Dogs and Their People in Columbia, MD (February 23,2012)

Thomas H. Stromer

Stacey Keen*

Timothy Weber*

Joyce White

Ruth's love of dogs and her contribution to the training and caring of our special friends will live on forever. We hope this small donation will assist with the care and placing of a forever home for our wonder-

ful Golden Retrievers. -- Ellen Steiger*

...our good friend

-- Lee Ann and Earl Moore

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Donations for Ruth Chase (Continued from page 9)

Thomas H. Stromer

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Timothy Weber*

Joyce White

Ruth's love of dogs and her contribution to the training and caring of our special friends will live on forever. We hope this small donation will assist with the care and placing of a forever home for our wonderful Golden Retrievers. -- Ellen Steiger*

...our good friend -- Lee Ann and Earl Moore

...my dog trainer for 20 years. She was a great person and great dog lover. Her talent and passion will be missed tremendously. -- Marilyn Weeks

Though it is with sadness we say goodbye to Ruth, we are pleased to be able to honor her by helping GRREAT continue with their mission. -- National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC C/O Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot, and Jill Marie O'Brien*

To her family "May the thoughts of sympathy from your friends help to ease your pain at this difficult time." -- Bill and Kittie Kujawa*

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...and her devotion to animals -- The McCleary Family (John and Erin McCleary)

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...one of our favorite humans. She taught us to be great family members and to play with our friends at Coventry School. We will always miss her! Love, Cooper and Jasmine Fink and their humans, Anna & Hrry Fink*

Kristen Ackermann

Cindy Knowlton*

With love from Triadelphia Veterinary Clinic. **

Denise Chatham*

I miss her very much. She was a shining light in the dog lover's world. -- Lynn and Chris Desautels

...who will be sorely missed by the many people and dogs who knew her. -- Ellen Manning

Ruth Chase's devotion to dogs and people was not simply the name of her Coventry School. She gave so much to the world of pets, people, rescue and responsibility. She taught and encouraged. She was a model and member for us in our 13 years in rescue. This donation is to honor her. -- Phil and Janet Hauck*

Howard and Beverly Schoeberlein

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Additional donations in memory of Ruth Chase can be found under Special Funds.



Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Princess	12-038	4	F	Henry	12-012	9mo	M
Lexi	12-040	1	F	Teddy	12-013	1	M
Trooper	10-035	8	M	Gadsby	12-015	1	M
Clover	10-164	1	F	Tucker	12-018	12	M
Pooh	10-233	8	F	Gracie	12-020	7	F
Jessie	11-096	7	F	Quinn	12-021	4	M
Scooby	11-114	1	M	Tommy	12-035	1	M
Montana	11-169	4	M	Buddy	09-204	3	M
Jackson	11-194	4	M	Sadie	11-208	6	F
Beau	11-195	4	M	Grayson	11-224	7	F
Guy	12-009	4	M	Sam	11-227	4	M
Muneco	12-011	5	M	Justice	12-008	4	F

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Dan Shea

Samuel and Irene Savage**

My beloved husband Brian who I lost in Sept 2011 and my beloved Golden Taffy who I lost in Jan 2012.—Beth Ives

Ginger & Tuli -- Joanne Heiningner*

Jack, our beloved golden retriever we lost to cancer at age 7 on 1/10/12. -- Mohogany Pillay*

Bingo Hauck -- Nicolette Parisi and Richard Wakeling

Bailey, cherished pet of John and Diane Chaney. -- Cara Lynch

"Sam" (as in Samantha), the beloved Golden Retriever in the family of my dear granddaughter Stacey Leonard and her husband Jim and great grandchildren James and Sarah and their remaining dog. Sam crossed over the Rainbow Bridge earlier this week, leaving a big gap in her family. She was thirteen years old. She gave and received so much love. -- Trish Collier

Lucy, Jeff Balenson's endearing golden. It was through Jeff's fostering services for GRREAT that we now have our super Golden, Jake! -- Cory and Stanford Rothschild*

Our dog Sassy (02-042) -- Julie Palais and Rick Stevens

Rusty Stephens-Sarrin (06-055) -- Julie Palais and Rick Stevens

Ginger Oriana Tyra Princess who crossed the rainbow bridge on Monday, April 9, 2012. She misses me but I miss her more. -- Robin Golden-Thomas

Donations

In Honor of...

Seamus Michael Sheridan-Walsh, beloved golden retriever to Thomas Sheridan and Vincent Walsh. -- Shawn Daugherty

Our loving Golden Retriever, Sassy.
-- Jim and Ginny Hayes**

Murphy - Anne Marie & Brian Quinn

To Help With Costs...

For Leah's vet bill (11-090) -- Lisa Swanson*

For Libby's 11-221 vet visit -- Renee Johnston**

To cover medical bills for a foster

-- Carol Moore*

To cover the cost of Maddie's (11-099, LTF) boarding when the Hotops were away on vacation. -- Carla Wenger, owner of Country Club Kennels*

For medical costs. -- Janis Foshay

Toward dentist bills encountered by GRREAT -- Ernest and Iscella Wittich* (See box at end of 3rd column)

For Other Reasons...

To thank Dean and Amanda, Izzy's super fosters! -- Pam and Tony Poisson

Saw you at the Expo in Maryland. Thank you for your great work! -- Barbara Noll

Donations collected from event at You Lucky Dog -- Karen Smith

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Forever Friends...

Memorials can be seen at:

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

Billion, 07-11 (fostered by Lucy Wichlacz). -- Robert Kann and family*

Sassy, cherished immeasurably by Julie Palais and Rick Stevens -- Motrya Kokoris*

Sponsor Me!

For Stevie and Charlie -- Trish Collier*

For Beeker -- Balaji Ubramanian

For Comet (11-010) and Riley (11-032): Our donation is dedicated to our special needs golden boy Ranger whom we lost in

March 2009; two months shy of his 5th birthday. We became GRREAT fosters/volunteers in our attempt to help repair our broken hearts, after suffering such a devastating loss. We love you and miss you every single day Ranger! -- Amy and Jody Rohde*

For Leah 11-090 vet bill -- Lisa Swanson*

For Gracie 10-114 -- John Cadalso*

For Riley (11-032): In memory of Debra Laudenslager -- Margaret Jackson

For Bailey (04-092), Gracie (10-114), and Rufus (03-199) -- Kalina

Special Needs Dogs can be seen at www.ggreat.org/dogs/doglist_special.htm

Our lives were touched by a bit of heaven when Clare, 98-173, a beautiful Golden Girl, entered our lives. She became an instant member of our home as well as our hearts. She loved to play with balls, her soft-toy goose and catch-me-if-you-can. How she loved to run! She would run full speed down our long, hilly driveway and turn around and smile "Ah-h. I won!", was written all over her face. Word got out around the deer and rabbit communities that they best watch out because Clare was fast. She loved chasing them out of 'her' yard. Taking walks were always a favorite as were so many new things to investigate, ie, a big twig that fell during the night, a bunch of leaves on the roadway, a new dog friend, getting a treat from another dog lover, always new smells to check out. Her love and smiles were endless and priceless to us, who had the pleasure of knowig and living her. She crossed ove the Rainbow Bridge in early December. Now she plays tag with her brothers and sisters plus numerous dog cousins. She was a special girl. We loved her. We miss her. *Iscella and Ernie Wittich*

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) or mention the fund in a letter with your contribution by mail..Thank you!

Leo's Corner

Leo's Pals - Up to \$99

Jon and Eleanor Pascale

Jane Holmgren

In honor of my beloved husband,

Brian, who I lost in Sept 2011 and

my beloved Golden, Taffy, who

lost in Jan 2012.—Beth Ives

For Stevie (08-208): In honor of Ruth

Chase -- Lisa Nersessian

For Amber and Pilot. -- David and

Paulette Zee

Nancy Beal

Pat Hutnik

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For Chassidy and Polar Bear --

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Toward Pilot, Lucas and Amber's medical needs -- Linda and Al Hunt

Chief's Fund -

With fond memories of Ruth Chase.
-- Leah Hatley

In memory of my darling Golden Sydney, who also suffered from mild seizures for much of her life, but finally went to the Rainbow Bridge when a brain tumor proved too much for her. -- Gwyn Donohue

Simile-Finale Fund-

In honor of my beloved husband, Brian, who I lost in Sept 2011 and my beloved Golden, Taffy, who I lost in Jan 2012.—Beth Ives*

Pat Hutnik

Leslie Botjer*

Book Review by Skye Anderson

Funds to the Rescue: 101 Fundraising Ideas for Humane and Animal Rescue Groups, Susan Daffron (Logical Expressions, 177 pages, 2009, \$19.99)

Ever played pup chip bingo? It's similar to cow chip bingo. You take a field, mark it off in a grid, sell chances, and let the pupsters loose. The first one to "make a deposit" on a square wins for the lucky person who owns that square - a fun fundraiser.

And don't forget memorials, bequests, and grants. Or write and sell a canine cookbook. My favorite dog rescue fundraising ideas are Walk Naked (a dog named Naked) and Eat for Pete (at a restaurant - each year, a different dog is named Pete). Or sponsor a particular special needs dog for \$10 a month. For these and more great ideas, read on!

Funds to the Rescue is a book no rescue or shelter should be without. Author Susan Daffron, a marketing and public relations expert, shares her worlds of experience with the world of animals and animal volunteers. An organization staffed almost entirely of volunteers may not have the luxury of a paid marketing position but needs one: this book can take the place of that highly paid person!

Each idea in Funds has proven to be successful AND Daffron gives us the name of the shelter or rescue who used each project and just how successful it was! What a superb resource to be able to call upon: the people who actually put on the event and the animals who reaped the benefits – bound to save you time and effort so you can spend more time saving animals.

Did I mention Daffron explains 101 ideas in detail? She includes icons so you can estimate the level of difficulty of a project (the 'difficulty' icon is a pawprint), the up-front cost (a moneybag icon), the planning time (a clock) required - all on a scale of 1-5. The project that requires the fewest personnel, the fourth icon, rates a 1-person-figure while projects needing many people to pull it off are given 5 person-figures.

But more than just a detailed list of 101 ideas, Funds is also a blueprint to successful fundraising. Step-by-step, Daffron takes us through how to set annual (and long-term) goals/objectives and how to plan to avoid burn-

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out among volunteers; how past donors can become future donors; how to delegate and thank volunteers

(and why); and what to do before, during and after a fund-raising event. She raises legal issues, illustrates the importance of 'branding' (without mentioning the term), and relates the marketing/fundraising funnel and pyramid of giving to animal organizations.

How about a Fur Ball, an easy, quick, old-fashioned letter-writing campaign, or a murder mystery dinner that raised over \$25,000 for one shelter? Partner with a business looking for a write-off thus appearing more humane to customers. Put a Wish List on your website. Sell stuff on eBay. Heck, sell a whole house! Nowadays you can get one cheap.

I might have used a catchier name for the projects, numbered them in the Table of Contents, and perhaps included a chart or list so an organization could easily start with projects that might be the quickest/easiest or require the least up-front costs/personnel/planning, but, on the whole, Funds will fill a much needed gap!

Other books for rescues and shelters include *Publicity to the Rescue* (with 19 case studies), *Happy Hound* (adorable cover photo): *Develop a Great Relationship with Your Adopted Dog or Puppy* – both also by Susan Daffron or *Rescue Matters!* by Sheila Boneham. If you work for or volunteer with a rescue or shelter and haven't read a 'How To' book recently, it's time for a brush-up. And look into an organization called the National Association of Pet Rescue Professionals, www.naprp.org. You'll be glad you did and so will the animals!

Caveat: these are methods and ideas for your organization to modify depending on your resources and needs. Even the steps can be personalized, as well as the level of difficulty for your group, the number of personnel required, etc. Funds is a start. A great start.



How to Find Books Reviewed by Skye Anderson

Books reviewed come from (pre-publication copies sent by) the publisher/authoe, egalleys (prior to publication), libraries (checked out) and bookstores (purchased).

Readers can many times find these books at their public library or you can go to Dogwise ([ww.dogwise.com](http://www.dogwise.com)), Amazon or other online stres to order the book. Readers can also make friends with their local independent bookstore (www,bookweb.org), second hand bookstores, or book superstores.

Hard to Jump Up if You are Sitting by Sarah Ferrell (Continued from Page 7)

Don't wait until you are tired and coming home ready to collapse and take off your dressy clothes to practice these sit skills. Practice coming and going in and out the door 10-20 times every time you think about it. This teaching method is called "flooding". Practicing so many times will lessen the dog's overwhelming desire to jump up so that the dog becomes less likely to jump up, and more and more likely to plop into a speedy sit to get his or her praise for sitting.

Go to obedience school! Practicing sit in a distracting situation with strangers and other dogs will give you a golden opportunity to teach your dog to be the sort of greeter you look forward to meeting at your door.

Sarah A. Ferrell, author of "Devoted To Dogs: How to BE Your Dog's Best Owner" (available at abrohamneal.com or amazon.com) runs Dog Manners and Obedience. Her columns appear in the Free Lance-Star newspaper and the AKC "Gazette" and English Springer Spaniel National "Spotlight". Email her at saf@abrohamneal.com.

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E-mail Address _____

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I am interested in donating the following services
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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GRREAT
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P.O. Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116

Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

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OK to call at work? Yes No

Please indicate any area of interest.

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adoption

_____ Additional Information or Comments:

This form can be filled out online at
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. For more information on any event, please e-mail events@great.org and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please e-mail volunteer@great.org.

June

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

July

14 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco
10060 US Highway 40
Ellicott City, Maryland
21042

August

4 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Weber's
14508G Lee Road,
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

September

8 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Adoption Day Petco
1719 York Road
Lutherville, Maryland
21093

**Please be sure and
submit your adoption
application at least
four weeks prior to the
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There have been some slight changes from last years rules so be sure to See page 8 for more details.

