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Have you guys heard the big news?!

GRREAT is having its
Annual 3K Walk.

The word around the dog park is that it is the place to be!

GRREAT 3K WALK OCTOBER 27, 2012

Registration starts at 9:30 AM

Walk starts promptly at 10:00 AM

WEBERS Pet Supermarket (Rear Parking Lot)

11021 Lee Highway

Fairfax, Virginia

(For more D'tails see the Article on Page 3 or the website below)

<http://ggreat.org/3kwalk.htmorg/3kwalk.htm>



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2012 GRREAT 3K WALK by Carolyn Beyer

Grab your sneakers and the dog and head over to Weber's Pet Supermarket cause the talk around the dog park is GRREAT's 3K Walk is the place to be, 11021 Lee Hwy, Fairfax (Rear Parking Lot) on October 27, 2012. The walk starts promptly at 10am but please come early to register. Registration begins at 9:30am.

Each participant will receive a 3K walk event shirt. Refreshments and dog treats will be provided during the event. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the event.

REGISTER NOW! -- \$20 per human walker on or before Oct. 12th and \$25 Oct. 13th and after. Go to <http://ggreat.org/3kwalk.htm>

VIRTUAL WALKER: For those that are unable to attend don't fret as you can still participate in spirit by becoming a virtual walker. An event shirt will be mailed to you so you can still show off your GRREAT support around town.

****For those that do not wish to pay via PayPal you can print out the registration form and mail to the GRREAT P.O. Box. Walkers can also register the day of at the event.**

Register early to ensure you receive an event shirt in the size you prefer; quantities will be limited.

We are looking for donated items for the door prizes. For more information please contact events@ggreat.org.

If you wish to volunteer at the event please email volunteer@ggreat.org (Don't fret - you can still volunteer and walk - the only exception is if you volunteer for the snack station position). **(REGISTRATION FORM on PAGE 14)**

GRREAT Board Meeting Highlights (April 14, 2012 and July 14, 2012)

At the April Board meeting, GRREAT's audit firm, Yount, Hyde, and Barbour, PC, presented GRREAT's Financial Report (dated Dec 31, 2011) and the firm's audit findings. Based on their presentation, the Board voted to approve the 2012 Q1 Financial Statement, the 2011 Audited Financial Statements, and the 2011 Management Letter Response. The audit firm also recommended that GRREAT adopt an investment policy and a records retention policy. Mr. Harry Sethna, GRREAT Treasurer, presented drafts of each at the Board's July meeting, both of which were approved by the Board at that time.

During the April meeting, the Board agreed to formalize internal documentation of all roles and responsibilities of various GRREAT functions, to expand our electronic archives to better ensure auditability, and to establish backup Points of Contact for all major positions within GRREAT. These efforts are currently underway.

Also at that meeting, the Board voted for and approved appointments of the following three Board members to a one-year term commencing April 14, 2012: Adoption Coordinator: Jessie Robinson Pickard; Intake and Foster Home Coordinator: Mary Collings; and Medical Coordinator: Lucinda Twining. Members of the Board voted for and approved appointment of the following four Board members for a two-year term starting April 14, 2012: Carolyn Beyer, Scott Daniels, Vicki Korobkin, and Robert Moore. Subsequently, due to Board membership turnover, on April 24, 2012 the Board voted to realign our Board membership, approving nine Board members rather than eleven.

To address the financial impact to GRREAT resulting from the decline in donations and large increase in veterinary costs this year, the Board agreed at its July meeting to establish a Fundraising Team dedicated to the Fundraising Coordinator, to enable us to optimize our fundraising efforts. Likewise, an Events Team will be formed to support the Events Coordinator, which will work in conjunction with the Fundraising Team. Roles and responsibilities of these teams are being drafted.

Additional discussions focused on various items such as our ongoing efforts to update the design of GRREAT's website to streamline content and increase accessibility, plans for upcoming events such as the GRREAT 3K Walk, and work on our GRREAT calendar.

President's Message: Before You Cross the Bridge

Family circumstances recently prompted me to review my Will and insurance beneficiary designations. In doing so, it occurred to me that I was missing something important in each document. While I'm not planning to join Cookie, Napo (Napoleon), Rupert, Shannon, Bailey, Hollie, and Noah at the Rainbow Bridge any time soon, it's certainly likely that I will have one or more pups whenever I do cross the Bridge. What would happen to them?

I'm sure that my extended family would either take them back to Pennsylvania or find them a good home, but my dogs are likely to be GRREAT rescues. I suddenly realized that allowing that to happen might violate the GRREAT Adoption Contract. Having not read the contract for quite a while (tell the truth, you haven't either), I dug it out of the files.

There it was in Item 8..."If the adopter cannot keep the animal, **the Adopter must return it to GRREAT**. The animal shall NOT be given away, sold or exchanged without the prior written permission of GRREAT. In the event of the Adopter's death, GRREAT shall be notified immediately." If my Will is being executed, I clearly cannot notify GRREAT! The only way to ensure that my dogs are returned to GRREAT is to include it in my Will.

States have differing requirements for Wills, but my Maryland Will now has a Pet Guardianship clause that reads, "I hereby appoint GRREAT [sic] Golden Retriever Rescue as the primary guardian for any pets that I may own at the time of my death." It also includes special instructions on their care: "Return to GRREAT [sic] Golden Retriever Rescue." Since I am highly unlikely to have animals other than Golden Retrievers, Mary Collings should not have to worry about intake for a cat or a Bichon!! However, if you have other animals, you should also include your wishes for them.

Realizing that GRREAT incurs expenses for intake, fostering, and especially vetting, I included a specific bequest to care for my dogs (and hopefully a few others). I am also planning to include GRREAT on one or more of my beneficiary designations. (In order to forestall a possible attempt on my life to shore up GRREAT's financial situation, I must state that the amounts are not large!)

One other way for you to help Golden Retrievers after you cross the Bridge is to ask that donations in lieu of flowers be given to GRREAT. That wish can also be included in a Will. Our past two editions of the GRREAT News have included recognition of two friends of GRREAT who did just that.

Is it time for you to update your end-of-life documents (or to create them)? If so, please be sure to include care for your Golden children! And we would not mind if you include GRREAT in your planning also!

Travel safely with your dog: Canine Friendly Vest Harness Review: Posted by Two Dog Tales, Dec. 2011, Gwyn Donohue's blog www.twodogtales.wordpress.com (Reprinted with Gwyn Donohue's permission)

As you pack up the car and head to Grandma's house for the holidays, will your dog be as securely strapped in as you are?

I've used seat belts for my dogs ever since I had a convertible with my first Golden. I wasn't worried about her jumping out of the car, but about her being flung out into traffic if someone hit me.

That can happen even in regular cars, as one Arlington family found out after their car flipped in an accident on Glebe Road in 2009 and their scared Golden bolted out a window (Don't worry, Taz was found and is home safe).

My first "dog seat belt" was a nylon harness with a short strap that Saab sold that slid over the car's seat belt shoulder strap at one end, and you clipped the other end to the ring on the harness.

But dog seat belts have come a long way since then.

I recently had the chance to try out the Canine Friendly VestHarness™ from RC Pet Products. Full disclosure, RC gave me the harness at no cost, but they did not ask me to review it on this blog. (Continued on Page 5)

Canine Friendly Vest Harness Review by Gwyn Donohue

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The VestHarness fully covers the dog's chest area.

The first thing I noticed and really like about the harness is that it covers the full chest. With the harness I used to use I always worried that the thin straps would do more damage than good in a collision.

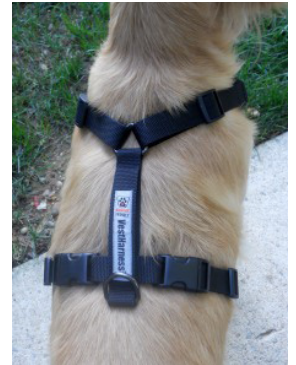
The other good thing about the chest piece is that it is ventilated mesh. RC makes a mesh version and one that is nylon lined in fleece, but I prefer the mesh since I take a lot of road trips with the dogs in the summer and they get hot quickly.

I also liked that both the chest and body straps are adjustable, which means it can fit a wide variety of breeds and body shapes.

For example, the large (45 to 65 lb.) I tried was easily adjusted to fit a barrel-chested, skinny-waisted Doberman just as comfortably as an average Golden

Retriever. There are adjustable straps across both the chest and torso.

To secure the dog, I pulled the car's seat belt out, slid it through the strap on the back of the harness, then inserted the belt into the buckle just like a person would use it. The harness allowed the dogs to either sit up or lie down comfortably. When we stopped for potty breaks, there no need to remove the harness, I just unbuckled the car's seat belt, clipped the dogs' leashes to the D-ring on the harness, and walked them.



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Overall, the harness worked great for my calm Golden, who is happy to sit still for many hours during car rides. Chatham was very comfortable during long car rides.



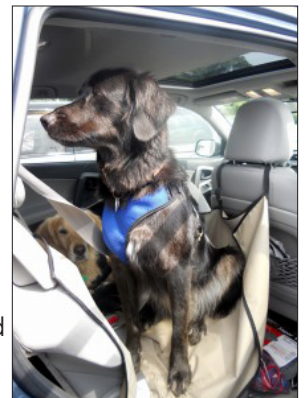
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The Golden-Lab-Border Collie mix who hops from window to window got herself twisted enough that I had to pull over to untangle her twice during a D.C.-to-Cape Cod trip. Not bad for a nine-hour ride, however, and I'm not sure anything short of puppy Prozac would keep her sitting calmly for that long. "Can't sit still" Sundae got tangled a few times.

The VestHarness is fully washable, which is nice since my little shedding machines left enough hair on them to build a new puppy. I hosed the harnesses off, hung them up to

dry overnight, and they were good to go.

The VestHarness sells for around \$25 to \$34, depending on size. There are six size options, ranging from 5-lb. to 110-lb. dogs. You can find a retailer that carries RC Pet Products near you on their website www.rcpets.com.



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Book Review by Skye Anderson

Bailey, by Harry Bliss (the New Yorker magazine's cover artist and cartoonist), Scholastic Press, 2011, 32 pages, \$16.99, ages 3 and up

Bailey The Dog is always late for the school bus – in the morning because he can't decide whether to wear the blue collar or the red collar (you gotta look cool in school, you know!) as well as in the afternoon (school ends with reading time, which always makes Bailey sleepy). But, he just can't wait for tomorrow and more school, unlike his human buddies, because Bailey just loves school.

Bailey is a light colored pup with muddy brown smudges. He is Everydog and gets into trouble just like a dog in school. He even eats his own homework!

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Book Review by Skye Anderson (Continued from Page 5)

Bailey's best subject is nature when he can dig and chase squirrels. All the kids (multicultural) want to sit by him at lunch though nobody wants to trade a sandwich for a bone.

There are plenty of creative situations for the young reader to tell you more about and lots of unique items in the simple drawings that add life and conversation to Bailey The Book.

Though your average 3 year old may not yet identify with elementary school, I can't wait for the next Bailey book to come out! Everyone loves Bailey!

Goldstock 2012 by Jessie Pickard



The NJ Rescue group at the entrance to Camp Weequahic (Stephen O'Byrne, NJ Photographer)

Goldstock is held every Labor Day weekend at Camp Weequahic, just north of Scranton, PA. It started in 1998 when a group of about 65 people and their Golden Retrievers met to get together and have a good time. Over the past 15 years, Goldstock has grown and at times, the attendance is in excess of 300 people, 400 dogs and over 30 Rescues, with several thousand dollars being raised each weekend.

The weekend is full of fun events like the Doggy Olympics, the Sweetest Dog contest, and the Rescue and Senior parades, as well as silent and live auctions, merchandise sales by the Rescues, and educational seminars. The CGC and TDI tests are also administered, and the final night of the weekend is set aside for the Candle Ceremony where the dogs and people we have

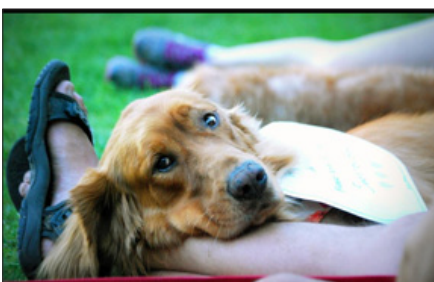
lost in the past year are remembered by name.

This year, GRREAT was represented by more than 20 people and 35 dogs. Some of them came up for the day, and some of them stayed all weekend and manned the merchandise booth, helped with the auctions, entered contests, and gave of their time and their dollars. All who attended have some very treasured memories from this weekend that will make them smile for a long time to come.

We saw Jody Ference and Kevin Hieber and their dog up there, and Melody and Jerry Phillips came up for the day with 4 of theirs! Dianne and Bruce Blackwell came up in their RV with their 4 Golden Retrievers and welcomed everyone to some front porch hospitality, camping-style. And all 4 of their dogs entered the senior parades, including Solly with Bruce pulling him along in an industrial-sized wagon.



Bruce Blackwell with Solly (Unknown Photographer)



Wiley the Sweetest Boy owned by Shirley & Bob Coelho (Stephen O'Byrne Photographer)

Lee Beaton and Larry Utley drove up from Florida with their two, Tommy and Randy, who both took home gold medals in their respective Doggy Olympic trials!

Once again, Shirley and Bob Coelho single-handedly managed to bring in more than \$1000 by entering one of their Golden Retrievers into the Sweetest Boy contest. Wiley was a big hit and Chelsea stole the show at the Rescue Parade. Mia and Tim Brown brought their two pups, Axel and Gibson, along with a beautiful butterfly earring and necklace set to match the theme of this year's Goldstock for the Live Auction. The late-night-Bid-Sheet-free-for-all on Friday was a blast, as tired as we were!

A Special Thank You to all our photographers: especially to Stephen O'Byrne who allowed us to use his photographs without a water mark.

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Goldstock 2012 by Jessie Pickard (Continued from Page 6)

The single ladies of GRREAT shared Cabin 32; Barbara Boyd, Carolyn Beyer, Dena Evans, and Jessie Pickard, along with 6 of our dogs – Max and Scout, Paige, Shadee and Blue, and Stevie.

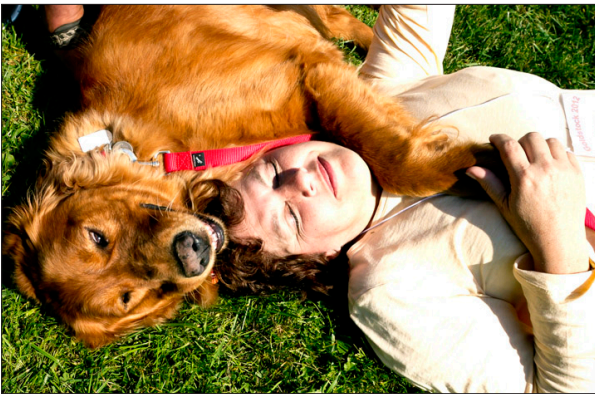


Jessie, Dena & Carolyn along with some of their dogs
(Unknown Photographer)

Some past GRREAT Board members were also there including Sam Connelly who designed the T-shirts themed for this year's Goldstock, as well as Georgie Bahler, Becky Brown, and Laura Schmitz who all brought Silent Auction items – as well as bid on several others for us!

The weekend was a huge success! Not only did we make money for GRREAT but we had a lot of fun doing it, and our dogs spent the entire weekend having fun with us. We are very happy to let you know that GRREAT came away with over \$5500! Next year, we want to see YOU there!!

More Goldstock 2012 Photographs taken by Stephen O'Byrne, NJ



Shirley Coelho and her dog Wiley (11-199) relax after some heavy campaigning for Sweetest Boy
(taken by Stephen O'Byrne, NJ)



Dock Diving in the lake!
(taken by Stephen O'Byrne, NJ)



The lake at sunrise
(taken by Stephen O'Byrne, NJ)



Jessie Pickard and Stevie (LTF 08-208) having fun at the Canine Massage Seminar led by Skye Anderson.
(taken by Stephen O'Byrne, NJ)

2013 Calendar Photo Contest Winners

The calendar photo contest continues to be popular with members. Over the years, our judges have seen thousands of photographs of Golden Retrievers of all sizes, ages, and shades of gold. Our judges always look forward to viewing GRREAT Golden Retrievers through your own unique lens. This year about 80 entrants submitted 185 photographs that captured their Golden Retrievers playing, running, fetching, swimming, snoozing, or enjoying a romp in the snow.

A team of four judges had the unenviable task of picking the winners.

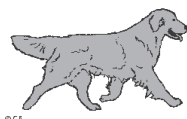
Technical quality, clarity, and composition were all important, but so too was a flair for the unexpected and the ability to capture a picture-perfect moment.

WINNERS			
Cover	10-185 Delilah	Janet & Phil Hauck	
January	12-016 Pilot	Michelle Myers	
February	09-173 Noah	Barbara Bertsch Boyd	
March	12-044 Josey	Sarah Navia & Harry Sethna	
April	06-177 Buddy	Julie Palais	
May	09-213 Maddox	Suzanne & Will Menner	
June	04-054 Roxie, 07-026 Bailey, 11-170 Shadow	Rebecca & Art Hotop	
July	09-103 Marlow	Lucy Pearson & Robert Moore	
August	10-216 Ben	Ethel & Haddon Carryer	
September	11-062 Harley	Kathy & Dimitry Adcock	
October	10-156 Buffy	Karen Kromulis	
November	07-017 Ozzie	Lynn Shine	
December	02-272 Murphy	Corinne Sandefer	
HONORABLE MENTION			
09-092 Nelson	09-087 Phoebe	10-124 Bogey	12-005 Jinx
09-107 Sunni	04-070 Abby	10-227 Tessa	12-012 Henry



Our congratulations to the winners, and the honorable mentions. We also thank everyone who submitted entries, and the photogenic models who posed for the pictures. We wish there were more months in the year, so we could feature them all!

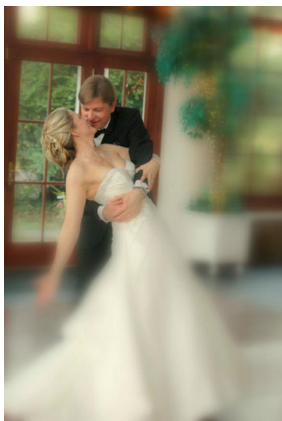
The 2013 calendar is on sale now at the GRREAT store, and at most GRREAT events. They make excellent holiday gifts or stocking stuffers for family, friends, neighbors, your Veterinarian, or playmates at the dog park. Most important, your generosity and support makes it possible for us to continue our mission of rescuing Golden Retrievers.



Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Charlie	12-062	1	M	Prince	12-065	4	M
Rocky	12-064	5	M	Jinx/Rory	12-005	11mo	M
Winston	12-067	4	M	Eva	12-034	10	F
Max	12-076	3	M	Maggie	12-045	8	F
Seamus	12-079	2	M	Cookie	12-049	10	F
Jax	12-081	8mo	M	Goldie	12-051	5	F
Angel	11-196	7	F	Princess	12-052	12	F
Daisy	12-053	7	F	Missy	12-056	9	F
Doc	12-074	6mo	M	Corey	12-057	4	M
Penny	09-212	3	F	Princess	12-058	2	F
Punkin	12-019	8	F	Rusty	12-061	11	M

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSIE AND DAN!!



No, GRREAT does not have a new Adoption Coordinator. On July 7, 2012, Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard exchanged wedding vows in a lovely outdoor ceremony at Raspberry Bank in Leesburg, Virginia. (Yes, it was 106 degrees that day!) We wish them the very best and thank them for putting donations to GRREAT on their wish list.

“Gifts” for Jessie and Dan Pickard:

In honor of Jessie and Dan Pickard's wedding. – Carolyn Beyer

In celebration of the wedding of Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard. – Sarah and Paul Geroulo

Congratulations to Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard. – Robin and Steve Heinecke

In honor of Jessie and Dan's wedding. – Mary and Ken Collings

In honor of Jessie and Dan's wedding to recognize their dedication to GRREAT, and in particular, to helping the GRREAT dogs with special needs. – Carol and Rory Nansel

In honor of Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard's wedding. – Elizabeth and Steven Reimer

In honor of the marriage of Dan and Jessie Pickard, a very “golden” couple. Their love has blessed GRREAT and many, many others. – Phil and Janet Hauck

In honor of Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard's wedding. – Dave Kifer and Karen Iovino

In honor of Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard...check written on their wedding day in honor of their marriage. – Trish Collier

In honor of Jessie Robinson and Dan Pickard's wedding. – Shirley and Robert Coelho

Donations: Through August 22nd

Thank You for Your Donations

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

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

***denotes total contribution of \$1000 or

Demetrio Guerrero and Sandra Rutan

Sheryle and Jeanne Robinson

Rance and Zoe Burger

The Ruth C. Chase Trust***

Diane Lanigan

Robert Learner*

Balaji Subramanian

Peggy Fowler

Katy Cusato

Sarah and Paul Geroulo

In Memory Of...

Eddie Sigelman - who adored his Golden. -- Linda Scher

Gracie Dinneen. -- Barbara Gumpert

Two dog friends who recently passed away: "Maddie Buck" and "Willie Wilson" -- Shirley Berkin

Cady, a wonderful Golden who gave lots of love and happiness to her family and friends. -- Maria Harley

Gracie... She was the very best girl and everyone who knew her loved her. I'm so thankful that through GRREAT Gracie and I found each other. -- Arleen Dinneen*

Our first GRREAT Golden, Riley 01-003; his 13th birthday would have been July 1. -- Jeff and Lucinda Twining**

Sintra. -- Craig Froehle

"Meatball," the best office manager Pro Clean ever had and in support of his dad Mike D'Aluto. -- Kathryn Maclane*

Mika (00-123) and thank you for all the years of joy and love Mika brought to family, friends and myself. -- Matthew Gump*

Anna Kaltreider. -- Claudia Anderson

Max 11-005. -- Amanda and Dean Blankenship**

In Honor of...

Sweet wonderful Dory (Mary Ellen Rubenstein). -- Carolyn Lawson Low

Maggie 12-045 who I met at the last Adoption Day and fell in love with her story. -- Rebecca Cornell

To Help With Costs...

For medical bills. --Betty Van Dyke**

To cover training expenses for Libby 11-221. -- Kevin and Renee Johnston*

To offset veterinary expenses for Penny 09-212. -- Robert Miller

For foster home expenses for Princess 12-052. -- Tim and Linda Daniel**

For foster home expenses for Dakota 11-231. -- Kathleen and Vincent Saulino**

To cover some of the vet bills for Max 12-076. -- Barbara Akst*

For medical care for Chessie. Give her a big hug and let her know people are praying for her and all her Golden friends you have in your care. -- Jennifer Morretta*

For Other Reasons...

To thank all those who give their time and love to GRREAT. -- James and Sharon Qualls*

This is a Father's Day donation for my dad Wayne Bailey. -- Allison Bailey

In memory of Kodi and in honor of Sassy. -- Jim and Ginny Hayes**

From a person and her dogs grateful to GRREAT, its people and its dogs. -- Anonymous*

I give donations only to organizations that I personally know use the money to help the animals directly. I am very impressed with GRREAT. Every person I have met within the organization is wonderful. I am on the

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list to adopt a Golden. The right match hasn't happened yet but I hope it will soon. Thank you. -- Susan Jordan***

I lost Riley 1 year ago today on 7/15/11. One of the worst days of my life. He wasn't a GRREAT rescue but he was a rescue. He was a GREAT golden retriever and I will honor his memory by trying to help other Golden retrievers in need. -- Kevin Fitzgerald

Dear Dr. Ed Molesworth: Thank you for making a terrible day better. Words can't express how grateful I am for having George's last memories be in his own home. There are very few people who would have gone to such great lengths and I am blessed to know one who does. -- Amy Goldberg*

To thank Bruce and Dianne Blackwell for dog sitting Paige. -- Carolyn Beyer

Corporate Giving...

IBM Employee Services Center -- Anonymous donors*

Microsoft Matching Gifts Program -- Anonymous donors***

CFC of the National Capital Area -- Anonymous donors***

Walk Your Dog With Love -- Proceeds from first half of year.

Mt. Airy Mattress -- in honor of Lisa Robertshaw.

Quintiles, INC. -- Cyn Vanditta

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

Leo's Corner (Continued on page 12)

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

Sarah and Paul Geroulo

Carol and Rory Nansel

Leo's Angels (\$100-499)

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

To celebrate the life of CARMEN 07-087, who lost her battle with cancer on June 6, at only 7 years of age. We were fortunate to be Carmen's foster home for a few weeks and remember her as an enchanting

Forever Friends...

Memorials can be seen at:

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

Maggie Hunter -- Catherine Rees

Sally Dobbs -- Donald Dobbs*

Sponsor Me

For Stevie (08-208): In Loving Memory of Ginger who will forever be in my heart. -- Robin Golden

For Stevie and Charlie and love to both -- Trish Collier*

For Beeker. -- Balaji Subramanian

For Gracie (10-114) - in memoriam to Sally, our golden girl who lived to be 13+ yrs old & was a special girl. We will never forget you, dear Sally, my sweet baby girl. -- Maria Dobbs

For Stevie 08-208 -- Phil and Janet Hauck*

For Stevie 08-208 -- Robin and Steve Heinecke

For Sponsor Me Dogs: Bailey (04-092), Beeker (09-026) Charlie (08-150), Clover (10-164), Comet (11-010), Gracie (10-114), Maggie Mae (08-211), Rhett (08-138), Riley (11-032), Stevie (08-208), and Trooper (09-209) Sarah and Paul Geroulo*

For Stevie (08-208) and Charlie (08-150) -- Trish Collier*

character, full of life and whimsy. She personified all the wonderful qualities of a Golden Retriever, but marched to her own drummer. We remember her as a fun loving, happy puppy. She was fortunate to

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

have spent the last years of her short life with Karen and Christian Wright, who were able to channel her rrepressible energy by taking her hiking, swimming, and on walks in the outdoors that she loved so much. How very appropriate that they plan to scatter her ashes at her favorite swimming spot! Our thanks to Karen and Christian for opening up their hearts and home to Carmen, and for making sure that her end was peaceful. "We weep to see you haste away so soon. As yet the early-rising Sun hath not attained his noon."- Sarah Navia and Harry Sethna

Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

In fond memory of all the Goldens we've had through the years. -- Jim and Ginny Hayes

Chief's Fund

Sarah and Paul Geroulo

Simile-Finale Fund

In memory of the best Golden Retriever ever – Bailey. -- Rocklin Gmeiner

Sarah and Paul Geroulo

2013 ELECTIONS

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

Nominees shall be presented to the membership for election at the Annual Meeting in January 2013. Nominations for these offices are made as follows:

- You may nominate yourself or another GRREAT member for either of these offices;
- If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please obtain the individual's consent before submitting the nomination;
- You may make nominations for one or more of these offices, but you may not nominate the same person for more than one office. All nominations must be received by GRREAT no later than Friday, November 30, 2012;
- No nominations will be taken from the floor during the annual meeting;

Please return your nominations to education@grreat.org so that they are received no later than Friday, November 30, 2012.

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



THE ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTING A DOG OR CAT by Stanley Popovich

There are many advantages to adopting a dog or cat. Adopting a pet can be a great way to reduce our every day stresses and anxieties. In addition, there are many other reasons why adopting a dog or cat can be important in your life.

For instance, pets can help us to relax and help us to focus on the good things in our lives. This can be very helpful when we are overwhelmed by the stresses and anxieties of our lives. Playing with our pets can help reduce our fears and anxieties in any situation.

Pets can get our minds off of our problems. A pet owner could do an activity with their pet that will give them a fresh perspective on things. Spending time with animals will get your mind off of the problem and give you the energy to do other things. Most importantly, playing with animals will give you the self-confidence that you can cope and that you can get through a stressful day.

Spending time with a pet can reduce loneliness, be a great source of companionship and a pet can help us to feel better. Also many people talk to their pets and this can help them to get their problems out in the open. Animals can be good company to all of us and can prevent the fear of being alone during our troubles.

Taking care of dog or cat can be a great way to increase our happiness and self-confidence. There are many animals out there who could benefit from your time and talents. Doing something that will help your pet or other animals can give you a source of pride and accomplishment.

Pets are 100 percent faithful and will be by your side through the good and bad times. Everybody deals with anxieties, stresses, and other life problems. It is during those times when you need someone by your side to talk to. People in our lives come and go, but your pet will never leave you regardless how bad your problems may be.

There are also many different breeds of dogs and cats we can choose from which can accommodate our life styles. If you want a certain type of pet that will suite your life style, all you have to do is talk to a pet expert or a veterinarian. These people will work with you to determine what type of dog to get that will fit in with your household.

By adopting a pet, you will be saving a life; a life of an animal that could very well become your best friend. A pet will love you unconditionally during his or her lifetime. Don't let a few obstacles prevent you from gaining a faithful companion in your life. Adopting a pet can be beneficial to your health and be one of the best things that ever that happens to you.

A Silent Goodbye by Anonymous

You never said "I'm leaving"	You never would have died.	For part of me went with you,
You never said goodbye,	In Life I loved you dearly,	The day God took you home
You were gone before I knew it,	In death I love you still,	"...it's certainly likely that I will have
And only God knew why.	In my heart you hold a place,	one or more pups whenever I do
A million times I needed you,	That no one could ever fill.	cross the Bridge... What would
A million times I cried,	It broke my heart to lose you,	happen to them? Is it time for you
If Love alone could have saved	But you didn't go alone,	to update your end-of-life docu-
you,		ments (or to create them)? If so,
		please be sure to include care
		for your Golden children! And
		we would not mind if you include
		GRREAT in your planning also!"
		Barbara Bertch Boyd (GRREAT President)

REGISTRATION FORM

GRREAT BEGININGS AND HAPPY ENDINGS

3K Walk

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Weber's Pet Supermarket – Rear Parking Lot

11021 Lee Hwy, Fairfax VA

Registration Fee: \$20 (before Oct. 12th) or \$25 (Oct. 13 and after)

Return Registration and payment to:

GRREAT

P.O. Box 190

Merrifield VA, 22116

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

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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

Waiver: Registrants and their accompanying family members, friends, and pets participating in the GRREAT Beginnings Lead to Happy Endings 3K Walk to be held in Fairfax, Virginia on Saturday, October 27, 2012 hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage, and hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant assignees, officers, employees, and agents for any and all loss or damage therefore on account of injury to person or property, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract otherwise arising out of or resulting from any act of omission, while traveling to or participating in the 2012 GRREAT Beginnings Lead to Happy Endings 3K Walk.

Signature

HERE'S A DONATION

I'd like to make a donation to GRREAT for

In honor of

In memory of

To thank

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

Checks should be made payable to GRREAT.

Please mail forms with your contribution to:
GRREAT, P.O. Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116

MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member

Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Mark here if this is an address or name change

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Mark as many as applicable:

I am enclosing \$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:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please complete this form to volunteer. Return to:

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

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

OK to call at work? Yes No

Please indicate any area of interest.

The appropriate GRREAT Coordinator will contact you
for more information.

_____ Become a foster home for GRREAT dogs

_____ Help at Adoption Events, Education Events,
Fundraising & Micro-chipping Clinics

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

_____ Perform home visits for potential adopters prior to
adoption

_____ Additional Information or Comments:

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.grreat.org/calendar.htm. For more information on any event, please e-mail events@grreat.org and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please e-mail volunteer@grreat.org.

October

6 12pm - 2pm

Adoption Day

Petco 6612

Richmond Highway
Alexandria, Virginia

20 12pm - 5pm

Howl-O-Wine

Sponsored by Wags
for Hope - Sugarloaf
Mountain Vineyard
18125 Comus Road
Dickerson, MD 20842

20 11pm - 4pm

BARCStoberfest

Patterson Park 2601A
E. Baltimore St. Baltimore,
MD

27 10am Walk

Begins Registration
opens at 9:30am

GRREAT 3K Walk

11021 Lee Hwy. Fairfax VA

30 11am - 2pm

Caring Hands Animal Hospital Open House

43300 Southern Walk
Plaza Ashburn, Virginia
20148

November

3 12pm until 2pm

Adoption Day

Petco 10464 Baltimore
Ave. Beltsville, Maryland
20706

Please be sure and sub-
mit your adoption appli-
cation at least four weeks
prior to the event. We
cannot approve applica-
tions on the spot.

SAVE THE DATE!!

GRREAT HOWLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 2, 2012

at the

Frederick County
Fairgrounds

Frederick, MD

11:00am-2:30pm