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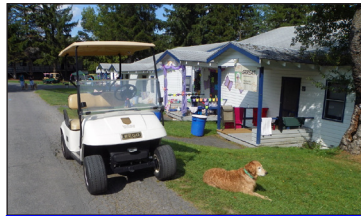
President's Message: Max & Scout's Excellent Adventure by Max (and Scout) Boyd

Hi! My name is Max (11-069), but Mom sometimes calls me Maxwell or Maxie. She is out transporting another doggie this afternoon, so she asked me to write this column for her. I guess I'll have some help from my foster brother, Scout (11-047), AKA Scoutie or Scout-a-roo. He's always butting in where I don't want him.

Anyway, I want to tell you about our weekend at Goldstock. In case you don't know, Goldstock is held over Labor Day weekend as a way for dogs and their humans to raise money for Golden rescues while having a lot of fun...and we did both!

When we first got to camp, Scout and I helped set up the GRREAT merchandise table. That was a lot of work! We also moved into our cabin and met our roommates Paige, Stevie, Blue, and Shadee. Blue and Shadee are longhaired miniature dachshunds, but we made them honorary Goldens. Lovely little Stevie is blind, but she was really good at finding her way around the cabin. (Don't tell anyone, but I had a little crush on her.) Scout and I had a good time tormenting Paige by drinking from her water bowl, which she definitely doesn't like.

When Mom came back from lunch, she had this weird thing she called a golf cart. Silly



Max guarding the golf cart and cabin.
Photograph by Barbara Bertsch Boyd

Scout jumped right up on the seat beside mom. Now, I love riding in a car; it's one of my favorite things...but golf carts, not so much. Lots of different people tried to help Mom get me to sit on the floor to ride along, but every time the cart started to move, I dragged my back paws on the ground and Mom had to stop! More about the dumb golf cart later.

That night we had a celebration. The humans said it was to get everything ready for the Silent Auction, but all the laughter and people running around seemed like a party. I think that there was even some wine involved. The only thing that went wrong was that dopey Scout suddenly disappeared. I thought that was a good thing, but Mom and the other humans seemed to want him back, so they looked all over our cabin and went outside calling for him. He was found in the cabin next door being petted by the NJ rescue folks. He had found his way through the bath and shower room that connected the two cabins.

There were lots of fun events at camp. One night we went to a costume contest. Luckily Mom did not dress us up, but other dogs had some truly amazing costumes. None of these store-bought outfits for these pups! The winning get-up was a dog with a garden on its back...complete with white picket fence, butterflies, and twinkling lights.

One morning we went to a dog massage workshop led by Skye Anderson who writes some articles for this newsletter. She was nice, but she said I failed as a demonstration dog because I kept rolling onto my back for a tummy rub. I guess that made it hard for her to show back, head, and leg massage...but tummy rubs are almost as good as car ride

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President's Message

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My favorite activities took place at the lake. It was down a big hill from the cabin, so Scout and Mom hopped in the golf cart. Not me! Mom and I finally came to an agreement about that. I just ran behind the cart! I'm pretty fast for a ten-year-old guy.

Mom had never had a chance to take me or Scout swimming, so she didn't know whether or not we would like it...or if we could swim. When we got to the lake, I ran right in...about 1.5 feet...and lay down to sun myself. Why exert all that energy to actually swim when you can just enjoy the cool water and the squishy sand? Scout decided that he liked to chase after balls in the water, but he would only go in as far as he could stand. If he could not reach the ball that way, he stood and barked at it. Any smart dog should know that barking won't bring the ball to you.



Scout selecting a ball for the lake. Photograph by: Barbara Bertsch Boyd

Eventually Mom got both of us into water where we had to swim. She was holding us up, but it was still sort of scary. We both kept trying to doggy paddle above the water, which made our butts sink, which made it even more scary! Maybe we aren't retrievers after all! She has promised us life jackets next time.

Lots of other dogs were much better in the lake than Scout and me. They had Doggie Olympics. I liked watching the dock diving the best. Some dogs had races for a ball...none of them tried to "bark" it to them! Just seeing all those Golden Retrievers...natural and honorary...frolic in the lake made all the humans smile and laugh. Cool!

At the end of each day we were plenty tired. Scout managed to share Mom's small cot. I told you he is always butting in. I slept on the floor like I always do or on the neat dog bed Mom bought at the Silent Auction.

So, all you canines out there, Scout and I highly recommend that you put Goldstock on your calendar next year. You just can't beat running around off leash, swimming (or sunbathing), meeting lots of other dogs and humans, and generally having a ball (or many balls). A GRREAT way to end the summer!

New Young Donor by Barbara Bertsch Boyd



We would like to welcome Caroline, our newest member of the Young Donor's Program. Caroline recently celebrated her 7th Birthday and in lieu of presents, donated her checks to GRREAT so that she can help rescued dogs like her Golden, Yoshi. Caroline loves Yoshi (pictured), and we GRREATLY appreciate her kindness and generosity! Caroline's donation will help other dogs like Yoshi find loving forever homes. Thank you, Caroline, and a belated Happy Birthday! We hope we will see you and Yoshi at one of our events soon!

Board of Directors' News by Shawne Lampert

The quarterly GRREAT Board meeting was held October 6, 2012. Discussions focused on opportunities to increase funding for GRREAT while decreasing operating costs to defray sharply rising veterinary and other expenses. In line with these discussions the Board agreed to move from a cost basis to accrual accounting methodology according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which will enable GRREAT to apply for additional charitable organization funding opportunities. The Board also agreed to keep Membership Dues at \$40 for the upcoming year and to offer a "Golden" level for "Supporting Dogs." Please note that the GRREAT 2013 Calendar is now available for sale at http://www.great.org/store/books_calendars.htm. Thanks, Shawne

Each time you go to the vet or at least once a year, have the vet scan for the microchip just to make sure it is functioning and in place!

Conversation with a Great GRREAT Dog! - Meet Marlowe Moore

Reported by Skye Anderson

I recently met a great GRREAT loquacious dog named Marlowe Moore. This is how our conversation went (on and on and on. . .).

GRREAT News (GN): Hi Marlowe!

MARLOWE Moore: Hi, Skye!

GN: Cute, but you aren't the first one to say that! So, to begin with, why not tell us a little about yourself.

MARLOWE: Well, I am a 4-year-old male, weighing about 76 pounds (but I'd weigh 90, if it weren't for my peeps!), and I sport a handsome red-gold coat that glows in the sunlight. I live in Gaithersburg, MD, and I'm gregarious. Ummm, what's gregarious?

GN: Umm, OK. Well, on to more about you. How did you pick your name and find your family?

MARLOWE: I have always liked the poetry of Christopher Marlowe so that was a snap. I am also called one of the 'boys' because of my other 4-legged brother, Eli. Eli had always had another GRREAT Golden, Grady, until 2009 when Grady went over the Rainbow Bridge.

After a few months of watching Eli mope around the house, our peeps called GRREAT again. My foster brought me to a few prospective homes one Saturday and I decided I had the most fun with Eli and his peeps.

So, that is how I came to be called Marlowe and came to live with Eli and our peeps, Mom Lucy and Pops Robert.

Pops is retired so now he has a new job – staying home and playing with Eli and me! We have a huge backyard and when we hear the cowbell that Pops rings, we come running.

When can you come over and play with us, Skye? We have a tennis ball that I think you'd like to throw.

GN: Ummmm, well, on to the next question: What makes you smile and what bores you?

MARLOWE: What makes me smile? Everything! I'm a Golden! And nothing bores me but sometimes when we go on home visits I become a bit anxious and antsy and clingy – I don't want Pops to leave me anywhere else because I already have a GRREAT family with him!



“Hey Peeps! I’m Ready to Eat!”
Photograph by: Robert Moore

GN: What is your favorite activity? Toy? Snack?

MARLOWE: I like sticks but not to eat. I eat dog food.

I also love love love doing belly flops in the pool and fetching and swimming.

My stuffies are my best friends besides Eli. He is the dissector while I am the nurturer of baby stuffies.

But I probably love food best of all. I would like to weigh 90 pounds. I think that is the perfect weight for me, don't you? Let's see – that means I have to gain about 14 pounds. Can you put in a good word about that with my peeps so they feed me more, please?

Pops has a great recipe for Frosty Paws that he makes with blueberries and we also go on long, not-so-romantic walks, about 6 miles a day,

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AND when we come back, Eli and I get orange juice ice cubes! Wow! I bring the empty containers to Mom for a refill but I haven't gotten lucky yet, getting seconds. She thinks I'm just bringing her the dirty dishes (but I have cleaned them).

I also help Eli clean his food bowl. It takes about 10 minutes (or should I say, I take 10 minutes doing it). We eat side by side: we are brothers after all.

GN: What do you do when you are home alone? What would you LIKE to do when you are home alone?

MARLOWE: I like to sleep if nothing is going on. Maybe 14 hours. Once, when the peeps came home, they noticed the indoor fig tree (about 6 feet tall) had been de-leafed all over the house. I don't know how it lost its leaves – maybe they fell off. Maybe it was fall (Get it? Yuck, yuck.) Maybe it was our sister-dog that did it. All I know is that now the tree looks beautiful and has regrown a full dress of leafy green. Of course it is a couple of years later. They even gave that fig tree a new name – now it's a Marlowe Fig! (Blush!) We haven't had a Christmas tree since then, but maybe this year. . . .

GN: Tell us about your vet.

MARLOWE: Vets are OK. I got used to them early in life because I had 2 ACLs done when I was less than a year old, before I was Marlowe. Then I got to go to a swim center! They called that rehab but I called it FUN! I got boarded at the vet's once but now the peeps only go places that like dogs, like farms.

GN: Do you like 'riding in cars with boys'?

MARLOWE: Sure, if one of the boys is Pp. I'm a good traveler cuz I like to sleep. I guess I love cars.

GN: What about baths?

MARLOWE: What about 'em? They're OK because I get brushed afterwards and I love being brushed. I have been known to preen!

I like the hairdryer, too, but not the vacuum (can you spell terrified?).

Thunder is OK because I can't see it and when I'm afraid, like of loud noises, I just find my Pops and sit on his feet.

GN: What three adjectives describe you?

MARLOWE: Whimsical (is that like a popsicle?), goofy (I know Goofy!), and proper like a lawyer or businessman. I oscillate between goofy and proper at the drop of a pin.

I wish I had a lampshade to wear on my head! I hear I 'm a real party-fella. I go to the Howliday Parties and the BarkBQues. Will I see you there?

GN: What is your primary job at home?

MARLOWE: Well, I haven't gone to training if that's what you mean – I was home-schooled. I guess I'm photogenic – I was the coverboy for the GRREAT 2011 calendar and I am Mr. July for 2013. That is pretty cool! If you want an autograph, I can find some mud to run in that would make a great pawprint if you bring your calendar.



Beware of Golden Retrievers bearing 'Gifts.'
Photograph by Robert Moore

When I first came home, my job was that of the Yodel-clock. I would wake up my peeps at precisely 6:52 in the a.m. by yodeling (see a previous article in the GN). Yup, yodeling, like Basenjis do.

Then my job morphed into helping Eli out and I do mean, O-U-T. Eli goes to the door and sits quietly when he has to go out so that is my cue to find Pops and bark. When Eli wants to come back in, like if it is raining, I have to bark for Pops again. Maybe that's why I yodel in the morning instead of barking – I get so much barking in, the rest of the day, helping Eli in and out.

And I also make a pretty good comedian, if I do say so myself. Like the picture* shows, I bring gifts to all our guests – pillows and more pillows and even more pillows. Then I put them in a pile and flop down on them.

GN: Well, Marlowe, that is more than we have time for so now I must thank you and say, So Long!

MARLOWE: Bye, Skye!

****If you are a great GRREAT and photogenic dog and would like to talk with Skye, have your peeps email skyebird48@hotmail.com to set up a time to "Speak!"***

Frosty Paws Recipe

by Robert Moore aka Marlowe & Eli's Daddy

Quite simple and given to endless improvisation.

In Blender:

1. 4 large T fat-free, plain yogurt
2. core, peel, chunk 2 apples
3. blend till smooth
4. chunk and add 2 ripe bananas
5. blend till smooth
6. add couple T creamy peanut butter (preferably organic, w/o additives)
7. blend till smooth
8. add yogurt until blender is full

Well, since I can't very easily hold those measuring implements I just dump in sufficient (just learned that word!) yogurt from a 32 oz container, maybe half of it, to blend the apples & bananas (which I have bitten into chunks), peanut butter, honey and whatever other fruit me'n Eli can find to dump in. Since we usually eat some of the ingredients first it takes awhile to fill the blender you see. When it's all blended I dump in enough additional yogurt to fill the blender container, making about 9 or 10, 3 oz cups. Usually there isn't a whole lot of yogurt left and I eat it.

I hope this answers your question. I find myself getting hungry discussing this and so, if you will excuse me, I'll go find something to chew on.

Should make 9 - 10 4 oz plastic Glad containers. (Sold in 8-packs at Mkt)

Freeze individual Frosty Paws' containers for use.

Making your own Frosty Paws allows you to control ingredients - healthy, no chemicals, etc. You can slightly reduce evening meal to compensate for caloric intake, or fill cups less full.

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.

Bladder Stones in Dogs by Susanne Lazanov

Is your golden licking its genitals more than usual or passing only small amounts of urine at a time? Is she/he straining while holding the urinating posture longer than usual? Do you see blood in her/his urine? All of these may be signs of bladder stones, a painful and possibly life-threatening condition that requires immediate professional help.

The condition of having bladder stones (urinary calculi) is known as urolithiasis. Stones, which are made up of mineral deposits, may form anywhere in the dog's urinary tract: the kidneys, the ureters (tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder), the bladder or urethra (the tube that carries urine from the bladder to the outside). Most of the time, urinary calculi occur within the bladder. They may be one large stone that takes up most of the bladder or sand-like particles that the dog passes during urination. Some dogs show no signs of bladder stones at all. Your veterinarian may discover them during a routine physical exam.

The most common types of bladder stone are struvite, urate and oxalate. The presence of blood means the stones are rubbing along the bladder wall. Straining is a reaction to bladder and urethra irritation, or from small stones or sand that pass during urination. If bladder stones get stuck in the urethra, your dog will experience tremendous pain. Without immediate treatment, bladder rupture, a life-threatening situation, is likely to occur.

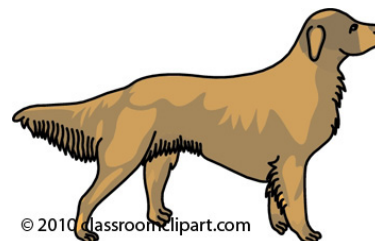
Crystals can form in the urine when the mineral content of your dog's food is too high. Bacterial infection is another factor. If the urine is too alkaline, bacteria and crystals can multiply, which leads to stone formation.

Your veterinarian may be able to feel large stones through your dog's abdominal wall. Smaller stones can be detected by X-ray (occasionally aided by a dye) or ultrasound.

Sometimes feeding your dog a special diet will dissolve the stone(s). Another method, which can be used only on small stones, involves placing a catheter in the bladder to flush them out. The most reliable, but most invasive, method is to remove them surgically.

In many cases, preventing bladder stones is as easy as always providing your dog with lots of fresh water and frequent opportunities to urinate. Also, a urinalysis can help detect bladder stones while they are small enough to respond to conservative treatment.

Susanne Lazanov lives in Stafford, Va., and is a freelance writer/editor with a special interest in human and canine health. Her work has been published in The Washington Post, Allergy & Asthma Health, Journal of Oncology Practice and The Bark. Susanne has been a home visit volunteer with GRREAT since 2004. She and her husband, Rich, adopted Crystal (10-099) in July 2010 and immediately gave her the middle name Joy.





GRREAT Howliday Party



December 2, 2012

At

Frederick County Fairgrounds

797 E. Patrick St.

Frederick MD

11am—2:30pm

A silent auction will be held throughout the party to benefit GRREAT! We are looking for any items such as toys and/or general dog products as well as gift baskets, gift certificates or cards, and handcrafted items from talented artists. No item is too small so please keep an eye out as you shop this fall season.

More D'Tails on the event to come.



Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex
Dakota	11-231	1	M
Rocco	12-075	1	M
Rocket	12-078	8	M
Chloe	12-085	8	F
Lilly	12-086	8	F
Reese	12-089	2	F
Butters	12-091	5	M
Bear	12-095	8	M
Cody	12-098	8 months	F
Leesa/Leisel	12-104	3	F
Harmony	11-093	10	F

Name	#	Age	Sex
Prince	12-063	5	M
Chance	12-071	3	M
Molly	12-082	5	F
Lexie	12-083	8	F
Sasha	12-093	7	F
Annie	12-094	1	F
Max	12-101	6	M
Crystal	12-106	7	F
Levi	12-110	4	M
Shadow	12-114	5	M

Donations: Through October 1st

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In Memory Of...

Gracie, to celebrate the day I met and adopted her - 8/25/2008. Thank you for bringing her into my life. She was the very

best girl. -- Arleen Dinneen

Jim Williams, who recently passed away. -- John and Lisa Thomas*

Jack Daniels, GRREAT dog 02-010, who died just before his 17th birthday. -- Jonathan Tarlin and Vanessa Mitchell**

Marion Ludwig, Lynne Ludwig Glennon's mom. -- Janet Mardfin

Marian Ludwig. Thank you for the wonderful work you do. -- Barbara Kesler

Marian Ludwig. Her daughter, Lynne Glennon, has been an active member of GRREAT for many years. -- Sandy & Ed Evans

Marian Ludwig. -- Susan Roberts

Our dear friend, Ruth Chase, who died of cancer earlier this year. Her family requested we donate to GRREAT. Some of us donated when she passed, but we wanted to continue to honor her at our annual fundraising raffle at K9 Nosework Training Camp. She had been a camper the first year and her smile, quick wit and wisdom has been missed. Please use the money as you see fit and where it will do the most good. -- Dog of Course, Dana Crevling, Virginia Huxley, Beth Bishop, River Poodles Pet Sitting & Training***

My friend's golden "Carlson" Sandberg. -- Carol Crew

"Slipper" Sutton. She was a great dog and also a rescue. -- Lisa Arrowsmith

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In Honor of...

John Hein's 60th Birthday - and to thank him for all he does for rescue!! -- Phil and Janet Hauck

John Hein's birthday. -- Curtis and Becky Bishop

Rufus 03-199. I have followed him since 2004. This donation is to honor and celebrate his foster mom and the vets who donated care for this indomitable golden. R.I.P, Rufus, you were a GRREAT success! -- Phil and Janet Hauck*

Mrs. Joanne Leibowitz...a donation to your wonderful organization in honor of my friend on her wonderful birthday. I now own my 2nd Golden Retriever and life is a joy living with a GR. Pup. -- Bruce and Carin Cooper

Butters 12-091. -- Alexandra Dunn

Cody 12-098. -- Jeffery and Maryanne Ludy

To Help With Costs...

To help cover medical expenses for Winston 12-067. -- Jennifer and Craig Phillippe*

For Cooper 12-092, in memory of Roxy. -- Shawne Lampert***

Donation goes toward Cooper 12-092 surgery. -- Milan and Jean Shepherd***

For Cooper 12-092 Surgery. -- Barbara Shepherd

For Brandy 12-087 vet bills. -- Nicolette Parisi and Richard Wakeling*

For Cooper's surgery. :(-- Jackie & Bob Silvay

Cooper 12-092 Surgery - Hey Coop, best of luck to you!!! Your friends at the dog park, Zeke and Zack. -- Cheryl Black*

Cooper 12-092 Surgery. Pamela Rader**

For Other Reasons...

Thank you, particularly to Shirley, Mary, Jessie, Lucinda, Barb Peters, Kay and Teresa -- You are the heart and soul of GRREAT. Your love and care of Golden Retrievers extends to GRREAT members as well. We are forever grateful to you, especially for your support this summer. -- Diana and Doug Hellinger***

For Dakota. -- Edward and Susan Glynn*

To assist in your work with Golden Retrievers. -- Marshall and Edith Schy

For Brandy 12-087. -- Richard Wakeling and Nicolette Parisi*

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Justgive.org -- Elaine Zacheis, Joe Hawaka

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Baxter Zwibel -- Susan Diamond

Olivia Streett, Great ID# 02-180 -- Allyson Hope

Memorials can be seen at:

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

Sponsor Me...

For Stevie and Charlie. -- Trish Collier*

For Beeker. -- Balaji Subramanian

For Charlie. -- Jeffrey and Helene Casper*

For all the special needs dogs. -- Karen and Andy Kromulis*



Donations: Through October 1st (Cont. from pg.10)

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

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

In Memory of "Maggie" - Magnolia Carlson. Beloved companion of Phil & Carol Carlson. -- Paul and Chris Umberger

Leo's Angels (\$100-499)

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

Megan Moore

Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

Chief's Fund

Sarah and Paul Geroulo

Simile-Finale Fund

In memory of Kali. -- Heather, Jaque, Jessica and Julie

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

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Golden Angels by Dave Carter



Golden Angels is a book about Golden Retrievers in all their forms but is especially about our two Golden Angels. Rio who passed away in 2008 after a short but fierce battle with cancer was our first GRREAT rescue in 2000. Boston is our current love who came to us from GRREAT in 2008. Boston graces the front cover of the book and Rio graces the back cover. The book is dedicated to all the volunteers that staff the 5,000 plus shelters in the United States and specifically

to GRREAT and its super volunteers. I have pledged 25% of the book's net proceeds to GRREAT.

We became aware of GRREAT in 2000 after our loss of my wife's soul mate Casey. She was a sleek 110 pound Chesapeake Bay/Labrador Retriever mix who we raised from a puppy. We were lost, forlorn, and deep into our grieving process when our veterinarian suggested that we should consider adopting our next family member. He also suggested we might look into a Golden Retriever from GRREAT. One trip to GRREAT's web page gave us an image of Rio. It was love at first sight and the rest was history. He came to us as a bounding head strong 22 month old young man and none of us ever looked back. Thus we became GRREAT people. Rio was not the social type so we declined the many yearly fund raising gatherings.

When Rio went across the rainbow bridge in 2008 it only took us two weeks to be back on the web page and found Boston. He is Rio's polar opposite. Boston is outgoing, gentle, patient, and a loving Golden through and through.

We knew from the start that Boston needed a job. He has taken on two jobs: one being a therapy dog for sick children. Watching him is one of the greatest experiences my wife and I have ever witnessed. There is an amazing electric atmosphere that occurs when a sensory impaired child touches any part of Boston. Their eyes light up and a smile come over their entire being. Boston smiles back at them and the room explodes with joy.

Boston is also a GRREAT home visitor extraordinaire. We have conducted over 40 GRREAT home visits. It was our recollections of many of these home visits that inspired the book. I have tried to relate some of the good, the bad, and the ugly visits. No matter what the category of the visit each was special. Each visit taught Boston, my wife, and me a lesson in life not to be forgotten. We have gone to the edge of the Maryland border with West Virginia to visit a lovely couple with a new home and lots of land but no fence. We have gone literally down the street and around the corner to visit a home with two children and a cat that knew Boston. The adoptive family thought a Golden was for them until he entered and began throwing Golden dust all over a maliciously clean abode. They now have a Havanese which is much more

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GRREAT Membership Renewal

Don't miss a thing! Renew your GRREAT membership for 2013!

We are dependent on membership dues, donations, and fundraising to operate. Your \$40 membership dues keep this newsletter coming every two months and will help save more Golden in 2013. If you elect to "opt-out" of receiving the newsletter by mail, the \$40 is fully tax deductible. If you choose to receive the printed newsletter, \$30 is tax deductible (\$10 is the value of goods and services received). Membership also confers one vote in GRREAT elections.

Please support GRREAT by becoming a member. Clip and complete the membership renewal form on Page 15 of this newsletter. Be sure to include your current mailing and email addresses. Mail the form along with a check for \$40 payable to GRREAT to: GRREAT, PO Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116.

If you would like to renew your membership on-line, please visit: http://www.grreat.org/membership/mbr_center.htm

NEW Golden Membership Category

About a year ago, Max (11-069), who wrote this issue's President's column, was appointed to the Board of Directors as Treats Coordinator. ;-). However, he is not a member of GRREAT, a requirement for serving on the Board. This situation led us to create a new membership category allowing any Golden to join our organization! For just \$10 your Golden can become a Golden Member of GRREAT!

Just clip and complete the membership form on Page 15 of this newsletter. Be sure to include your Golden's name(s) along with your name and current mailing and email addresses. Mail the form along with a check for \$10 payable to GRREAT to: GRREAT, PO Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116.

If your Golden is tech savvy, Golden Membership can be established on-line. Please visit: http://www.grreat.org/membership/mbr_center.htm

Golden Angels by Dave Carter

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suited to their life style. One visit ended with such a great response:

"I just wanted to let you know that I feel like the most fortunate person in the world...I was approved as a GRREAT adoptive home, and I now have two beautiful six year old Golden sisters (they just arrived yesterday from their foster home). They are amazingly mellow and absolute sweethearts...The foster Mom put a lot of weight on the home-visit report, so I have you to thank for this wonderful turn of events."

This is why we do what we do with love and pleasure.

We were asked to take over the GRREAT Home Visit Coordinators job this past June. We accepted and what did we do? The very first home visit request we received; we assigned ourselves and performed the visit. We have processed 52 other home visit requests since then and have assigned all of those to our volunteers who have come through in every instance. We have seen reports that have made our volunteer's cry over both the terrible conditions in the applicant's home and then cry with the applicants over the loss of a sweet Golden Angel. We have read reports that have made our volunteers smile all the way home. It is a wonderful privilege to be a member of GRREAT. It is even a greater privilege to serve GRREAT.

If you have the chance give this short book a quick read, I believe that you will smile, produce a few tears, and just generally feel good at the end. As I wrote in the book, and is now true; Boston has brought me one of his most favorite toys and is now sound asleep at my feet. His contentment is truly infectious.

The book is available from Amazon http://www.amazon.com/Golden-Angels-Dave-Carter/dp/1457513501/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1348065446&sr=1-1&keywords=golden+angels+dave+carter.

Barnes and Noble <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/golden-angels-dave-carter/1112669276?ean=9781457513503>.

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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 2013 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 enclosing \$10 (each) for a 2013 Golden
Membership(s) Please write name of dog(s)

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.

December

1 12pm until 2pm
Adoption Day
Petco 4167 Chelshire
Station Plaza, Dale City,
Virginia 22193

Parade begins at 11 am
SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK
Wilkes St/South St, Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia

2 11am until 2:30 pm
GRREAT HOWLIDAY PARTY Frederick County
Fairgrounds, Bldg.12
Frederick, Maryland

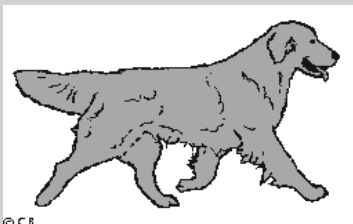
January

5 12pm until 2pm
Adoption Day
Petco 10060 Baltimore
National Park, Ellicott City,
Maryland

February

2 12pm until 2pm
Adoption Day
Petco 225 Maple Ave
Vienna, Virginia

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



SAVE THE DATE!!

GRREAT HOWLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 2, 2012

at the

Frederick County Fairgrounds

Frederick, MD

11:00am-2:30pm

