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President's Statement:

My very first Golden was a 13 week-old puppy. Shannon (originally named Rocky which actually suited him better) grew into a beautiful big boy with light blonde fur, a broad chest, and huge paws. My father called him Moose! While it was fun to watch him grow up, I quickly decided that potty training, chewed telephones, and bruises from being mouthed were not for me. When Shannon was a year old, we adopted a three-year-old named Bailey that we got from another patient at my dentist's office. She said that Bailey was the perfect dog.

"Right," I thought, "She just wants to get rid of him."

Well it turns out that Bailey was the perfect dog. He got along with everyone...human and other dogs. He loved to swim, ride in the car, and play soccer with tennis balls...he was a Golden....what did you expect? He was



so good that I had neighbors who wanted to clone him. Bailey was with me for over 10 years. Thus began my love affair with "grey Golden." Since then my GRREAT dogs have been eight, elevenish, and nine when adopted. My fosters have been six (2), three (my wild child), eight, and nine.

I'm often asked how I can adopt an older dog that may not live very long. It's then that I tell them about my puppy, Shannon. When he was three, we noticed a lump on his hip. Our vet removed it thinking it was a lipoma. Unfortunately, the biopsy showed that it was a mast cell tumor; but he thought he had removed it all. He said that if it did not come back in a year, it was probably fine. Almost a year to a day after the first surgery, we found the lump again.

We were referred to a canine oncology specialist who did more surgery, recommended radiation and chemotherapy. After six weeks of radiation at the NCState Veterinary Hospital and several sessions of chemo, Shannon lived another year. At just a bit over five, Shannon went to the Rainbow Bridge.

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GRREAT'S Bark-B-Que

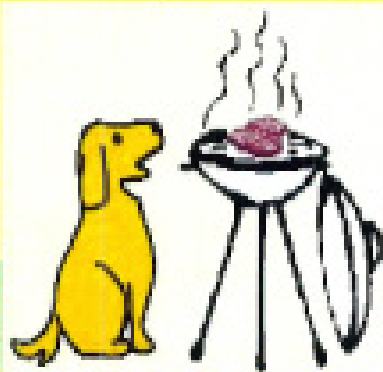
**Join us for our
annual bbq
party!**

April 27, 2013

11am-3pm

**Quiet Waters Park
Red Maple Pavilion**

Annapolis MD



Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Gracie	04-096	9	F	Liberty	12-153	9	F
Bosley	12-055	5	M	Ivy	12-154	5	F
Puller	12-096	7	M	Cinnamon	13-003	6	F
Joey	12-097	8	M	Waffles	13-004	9 mo	F
Goldie	12-117	10	F	Buddy	13-008	5	M
Queenie	12-120	3	F	Alice	13-010	2	F
Layla	12-121	4	F	Putter	12-105	7	M
Brady	12-127	5	M	Rusty	12-122	4	M
Molly	12-141	11	F	Baby	12-133	5	F
Sasha	13-001	5	F	Rusty	12-508	7 mo	M
Marcy	12-148	8	F	Casey	13-002	1	F

Thank You for Your Donations: Through February 19th

*denotes total contribution of \$100-\$499
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In Memory Of...

Tonia Heffner and Jay Goodwin*

Our sweet Jake - such a void in our life. Too short of time for such a great dog. -- Martha and Thomas Palmer*

Sheila Ramsey*

Patricia Slaski

Jenny (non GRREAT Golden), Brandy 98-206, Jordan 02-275, Shadow 05-057. -- Patrick Neiler

John and Heidi Rhodes*

Kathryn B.T. Taylor of Norfolk VA. -- Ridgely Nash

William Buklad*

Kathryn T. Taylor. -- Rebecca Griffin

Christine Waters

Kitty Taylor. -- Edith Drake

Kathryn T. Taylor - Chuck and Sharon Taylor

Jeffrey H. Brougher & and his dog Holly. - Jeff and Lucinda Twining**

Joshua and all goldens past and present - Jerry Cann*

Nicholas and Geebers - Jane Kunze

Kitty Taylor -- James and Dossie Shea

George - 07-035 --Jeff and Lucinda Twining**

Marian Ludwig, Lynne Glennon's mother. -- Beth Bise, Ronnie & Tom

Charlie, my King of Cuddles, and Cookie Monster and Sabrina, two special-needs Goldens who will live forever in my heart. -- Lucille Nowell*

Buddy (08-137) and our other GRREAT dogs who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. -- Kathy and Wayne Hunter

My Casey, I miss you every day. -- Greg and Cindy Guest*

Andy Bandy Man 05-261 and In Honor of Sara 07-238, Ginger 06-049, and Barron 11-080. -- Fran and Phil Karsner*

Jeffrey H. Brougher. -- A group named "L.O.S.T. Ladies"

Jeff Brougher. -- Heidi & Jim Albrecht

Kitty Brooks Taylor: She was a devoted supporter of your organization and I understand had Sadie and Katie from you. -- James Deuber and Carolyn Austin

Daisy, our beloved Golden. Daisy was killed this past June while we were in Seattle. The dog-sitter failed to secure her, she got outside, and she was killed by a car. Please use this money as you see fit to help other Goldens...Keep up the amazing work. -- Jennifer Gallagher**

My dear cousin, Kathryn Brooks Taylor (Kitty Brooks), who died November 19, 2012 in Norfolk VA.

Kitty Brooks loved animals and was very involved with rescuing, fostering and adopting Golden Retrievers over the years. We always enjoyed visiting her and her much loved dogs when we traveled to Virginia. -- Sharon and Bart Bartholomew; Tres, Melinda, Alex and Ashley Gorman; The Healey Family*

oo-080 Barkley. -- Dennis and Joyce Boykin*

TY (Twilight) & Mickey. -- Robin Forster and Jennifer Utz

Gracie. -- Arleen Dinneen

Chelsea. -- Douglass Gray and Patricia France

Rusty. -- Kevin Stephens and Sarrin Shelley

Tyler and in gratitude of Murphy. -- Mary Barrick and John Brocato*

Wookie (2001-2012). He will be sorely missed by Debbie, Maury, and Aunt Julie. And with many thanks to GRREAT for helping Wookie find his forever home. -- Julianne Nelson

My Sweet Brandy. -- Gloria Garcia

My friend, Jeff Brougher, who passed away last month. His family requested donations be made to your organization. -- Shana Potash

Jeffrey H. Brougher. -- Victoria Beyer

Barbara O'Brien (mom), her sister, Dorothea Felber, and the 3 beautiful goldens who left us in 2012 - Bingo, Dennis and Shana. We include GRREAT golden Shai, who found Nicky Parisi and Richard Wakeling in her last 2 years. -- Phil and Janet Hauck*

Copper 00-278, who amazed Alzheimer's patients, homes "visited", and everyone he met. -- Andrew and Barbara Becker*

Rocky and Bucky. -- Frederick S Beckner*

Jason Kincaid, a wonderful Golden. -- Blair Semple and Jean Mansavage

Katherine T. Taylor. -- Donald Falls

Kathryn "Kitty" Taylor: We are all friends of Jacque Anthony, Kitty's daughter. -- Deanne Puryear, Brenda Kulp, Marybeth Winstead, Tracey Stowers, Brenda Lambert, Susan Gialenios, Beth Shore, and Lori Jones*

Dandi. -- Diane Lanigan

Stonehill's Sweet Baby Ray. "Cosby". He was the most exasperating, stubborn, hard-headed, hilariously mischievous golden retriever we've ever had during the past 28 years. -- Barbara and Ace Oestreich*

Allie. -- Cathy and Rick Loyd

Honor of...

Summer 08-109 and In Memory of Hamlet 00-183. -- Terry Santos*

Karol & Bob Hickman, dedicated foster parents. -- Joel Langert*

Jake, Max, and Jack. Merry Christmas! -- Daniel Witsil

Cook Barrett (GRREAT 03-237) and his best friend Mosby Thomas. -- Catherine and Matt Barrett*

Cindy and Michael Stevens. -- David Klepinger*

Jessie and Dan Pickard's wedding: Donation of one PT session for Riley 11-172. -- Jason Strahin

Our dog, Chance Hardie, and in memory of Nuggett Hardie (both GRREAT alums). -- Kara Hardie

Patricia Meehan who has taken such care of the Golden Retrievers in her life. -- John Morrell*

James Krist. -- Joan Eschner

The Rudolph Family. Merry Christmas! -- Miranda McClain

Martha Van Landingham, a true friend and lover of Golden Retrievers. -- Linda Eggbeer*

Aunt Lynette in dedication of all the work she has done with Golden Retrievers. She has improved countless dogs' lives through her work. We hope she continues the work and all the wonderful things she does. -- Shane and Christine Zavala*

Judson Moore and Grady Moore. -- Robert and Lucy Moore

Cindy L. Speas. -- Maureen and Phil Balderston

Mary C. and all of her hard work to find foster homes for all of the wonderful Golden Retrievers that are in local shelters. She does a wonderful job of giving these needy dogs a home and a new life. Please know just how much we appreciate having GRREAT as one of our rescues at MCHS. This is also in memory of our special boy Sunny that we lost to cancer. He was the "Sunshine of our Life". We miss our boy every day. Thanks for being there when we need you! PS. We love our new addition - Sienna! -- Geri Bellman

Henry, my GRREAT Golden. -- John Ganoe

Jack Daniels Mitchell Tarlin. -- Margaret Cain and Patrick O'keefe*

My good friend Kate Kirkpatrick, who helped save my own dog's life. -- Katie Ingraml*

Our newest fun and active GRREAT family member, Murphy 12-100 and in memory of our "best dog in the world" and so dearly missed Brady (02-169). 2012 brought sad changes to our family with the heartbreaking loss of our beloved 13 year-old Brady, who can never be replaced, but also happy changes with the addition to our family of two year old Murphy, who is now filling our lives with his boundless energy and love of each new day of his new life. -- Joe and Judy Niebauer*

Our beloved three golden girls - Lucy, Josie & Brandy. -- Olivia and Tom McDonough*

Jessie and Dan's wedding. -- Mildred Fink

Comet (11-010). -- Elizabeth Crane



To Help With Costs...

For care of Maggie Mae 08-211. -- Denise Malczewski*

To assist with vet bill for Leah 11-090. -- Lisa Swanson*

For Friday and Chef vet care after eating a ton of raisins. -- Jeff and Carolyn Eckhaus***

For Other Reasons...

Thank you for taking care of these wonderful dogs! -- Betty Van Dyke**

To thank GRREAT for the privilege of giving Grady a home. In honor of Grady (ex Teddy) 06-007. -- Joseph Lenczycki*

Once again, in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, we are sending a donation to GRREAT to help with all the wonderful work you do on behalf of Golden Retrievers. Thank you so much! -- Dawn and Ed Lowe*

My dear friend Ann Baker has asked, for her holiday present this year, that this donation be made on her behalf. Thank you for all the work you do! -- Dan Jewusiak

From Team Blankenship: Tucker & Cookie. -- Amanda and Dean Blankenship*

Thank you again for our golden, rescued in 2010, and for your continued efforts. -- Chris and Jessie Hoffman

My dog Zack - adopted 7 years ago is doing well and is the love of my life. Thank you for all of your time, energy and \$ spent to save his life. -- Karen Renaud

Thank you for all you do for the Goldens -- Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid*

In celebration of the life of Wookie, who left us December 26, 2012. -- Coralyn Colladay

Thank you for Maverick. -- Dierdre MacNeil and Ray McCann

Sending love to Bozo, Cooper, JoJo, and Coby on the Rainbow Bridge and so thankful for our time now with sweet Maddie. -- Alison Silvers

For our GRREAT goldies: for Maddie and Barnaby, pals forever; and Teddy who is waiting for all of us over the rainbow bridge. -- John Clewett and Cindy Speas

Thank you for all you do for Goldens in need. I would also like to honor Robin, your merchandise coordinator, for her special attention to my recent online order. Her service was outstanding! Please use my donation where it is needed most. -- Susan Kaplan*

For Ruby McBride, Mark Treadaway, and Bob Kenney - our thoughts are with you. Love Stefan and Todd. -- Stefan Ulrich

I want to thank you for rescuing 14 year old Clyde who was left at a shelter after his people could no longer feed him. Thank you for your compassion. -- Lin Coghlan

On Christmas Eve, our golden retriever "Angel" (03-101) escaped from our backyard, leaving us frantic and worried. We were able to call the GRREAT voice mail system, which gave us numbers to call re: lost dogs. We were able to talk with a staff volunteer at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, and get Angel's information to them. It was such a relief to be able to speak with someone and get the search started. Fortunately, our neighbor had taken Angel in overnight, after they discovered her on their front porch, and we were able to be reunited Christmas Day. Thank you for all the good work you do. -- Patricia and Bill Keilholtz

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

We recommend GRREAT to anyone. Our Abby (07-057) has been a joy! She has gone from the foot of our bed at night to somewhere not far from nose to nose - spoiled yes! -- Robert and Bernadette McDonald

In celebration of Arleen Dinneen's 70th birthday. -- Margaret Fitzpatrick

Happy Birthday Arleen Dineen. So glad you and Ginger found each other. -- Jane Kearns

Corporate Giving...

IBM Employee Services Center – Anonymous donors

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

Susan Davis International LTD -- Per Joelle Herman for a picture taken of Darby at Howliday Party.

Oriole Dog Training Club -- In lieu of a partial judging fee for the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, October 2012 agility trial.

Canine Sports Production -- Proceeds from photos I took at the PVGRC WC/WCX test.

PVGRC -- From the GRREAT gift tree we had at our Holiday Party where people would clip money to the tree for GRREAT.*

Critter Gift Shop -- Order made during the month of Dec 2012 designating GRREAT to receive 25% of the total sale.

Legg Mason Investment Counsel -- Gift made anonymously by one of our clients to your organization.***

Chesapeake Community Advisor**

Network for Good – For Jasper and Marlene -- Liz McMillen and Bob Lalasz*

PETCO Foundation -- Represents the funds collected at local Petco stores during our 2012 Breeds in Need fundraiser.*

Freddie Mac Employee Giving -- Anonymous donor

Mt. Airy Mattress -- In honor of Brian and Patricia Boyd. Mt. Airy Mattress makes a contribution on behalf of each mattress purchaser to the organization of their choice.

America's Charities -- Linda and Craig Wensley*

America's Charities - Donor: David Ramirez*

Forever Friends...

Memorials can be seen at:

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

Bailey Edmonson -- Jim and Terry Edmonson*

Barkley Boykin -- Dennis and Joyce Boykin

Bailey Palais-Stevens (beloved therapy dog) and sister to GRREAT dogs Sundance (95-085), Sassy (02-042) and Buddy (06-177). -- -- Rick Stevens and Julie Palais

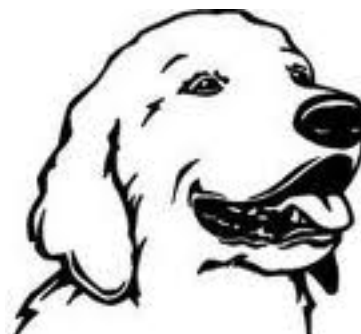
Sponsor Me...

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

In honor of my GRREAT dog, Bear, we would like to sponsor Beeker, Stevie and Trooper. With gratitude for all that you do. -- Melissa and Bear Neal**

For the "Special Needs Goldens listed on the GRREAT website including those listed as "Coming Soon." I would like you to apply these funds to the dog/dogs that have not received support and need it the most. Thank you for all the wonderful work that GRREAT does on behalf of needy Goldens in our area. -- Kathleen and Kerry Skeen***

For Bailey (04-092, Beeker (09-026), Charlie (08-150), Comet (11-010), and Faeden (12-077). -- Anonymous***



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

Leo's Corner

Leo's Pals (up to \$99)

Leslie Thornton

In memory of Cooper Bray, also known as C C Bear and Mr. C, a golden with a huge heart who charmed everyone he met. -- Sarah Peck

To honor Lucy and Becky our goldies, who have given us so much. -- Jeanie Pakenas

Jo and Yvonne Kinkaid

Tim White and Anna Alt-White

Dedicated to our GRREAT Golden "Happy" adopted 6-06. -- Sherry and Michael Abramson

In loving memory of Wilma Drews Portnow. -- Marcie Baer

Leo's Angels (\$100-499)

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

In memory of Pete, Oliver, Betsy Girl, Rocky, and Belle. -- Bill and Deb Haegele

Daniel and Sandra Shewbridge

Pat Sell

Linda and Ron Igou

Ray and Kathy Schmid

For our Goldens with special needs, -- Beverly and Steven Kreisberg

Harvey and Lenora Pascal

He was an endearing character when we fostered him, full of puppyhood and whimsy! He personified all the wonderful qualities of a Golden Retriever, yet marched to his own drummer. His name was MAX (03-198) and he passed away on January 18, 2013. We remember him as a fun loving, happy puppy, and are glad that he got to spend so many happy years with his forever folks, Pat and Paul Warner. We were fortunate to be Max's foster home for a few weeks, and will always be grateful to Pat and Paul for opening up their hearts and loving home to him in his time of need; for allowing us to watch Max grow into adulthood through the Christmas pictures they sent; and, for making sure that his end was peaceful. Pat and Paul, when you are ready to fill the void, there will always be another golden bundle with floppy ears, brown eyes, a wet nose, and bushy tail for you to love and care for. -- Sarah Navia and Harry Sethna

Stuart Walman

Leo's Corner

Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

In honor of our devoted, supportive and loving 14yr old Sassy. -- Jim and Ginny Hayes

From Team Blankenship: Tucker & Cookie. -- Amanda and Dean Blankenship

In memory of Amber. -- Kim Rogers

In loving memory of Fergie, First Lady, and Dickens. We still miss you. -- Harry Sethna and Sarah Navia

In loving memory of Sandi, Gracie (10-075), Princess (12-052), and Lucky (11-222), who all crossed the Rainbow Bridge during the past year. We miss them dearly but they will always have a special place in our hearts. We have been blessed to have been "owned" by them. Please use the donation to help older and special needs dogs find their forever home. -- Tim and Linda Daniel

Chief's Fund

From Team Blankenship: Tucker & Cookie. -- Amanda and Dean Blankenship*

Dedicated to Chief who will always be part of us and Buzz, who joined Chief and is hopefully playing with him, Lani (boy and girl), Sunny, Dusty and Thumper. -- Chuck and Sandra Johnson***

Simile-Finale Fund

From Team Blankenship: Tucker & Cookie. -- Amanda and Dean Blankenship*

Memorial to our GRREAT Golden "Hope" passed 04-06. -- Sherry and Michael Abramson

In memory of Finley Mead...a much loved member of the Mead family. Safe journey, sweet pup. -- Sean Frazier

In loving memory of my beloved GRREAT dog Buddy and from my current crazy wonderful amazing loving GRREAT dog Duke :-). -- Heather Kourcklas and Charles Olsick**

In Memoriam

My Cady from Debbie and Cady Buchanan

Dear Friends,

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I share the very sad news of my Cady's passing this week.

With the help of one of the most compassionate in home care Vets, her last morning was peaceful and she slipped away, in her sleep, gently and with a great deal of love.

In Memoriam

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I know many of you loved Cady and knew what an absolutely special dog she was. Always happy to see everyone, always running up to greet everyone with her tail wagging, and expecting the requisite amount of petting and attention that she so always deserved.

As you know she was almost always by my side and went with me everywhere. Words cannot express the feeling of loss that I have for my Cady.

As she passed, I recited a poem/prayer, that I felt was fitting for her, and I would like to share it with you as well..

My Cady



*She is the moon, she is the stars,
She is all things sweet and loving.
Come, gentle night, come, loving, night
Give me my Cady; and, when she shall die,
Take her St. Francis, in your arms,
And make her into little stars,
And she will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night -
She is the moon, she is the stars,
She is all things sweet and loving.*

*I have attached one of my favorite pictures of her. Even though this was taken just a few months ago, at age 14, she still looked like a puppy at play.

Murray 08-069 from Joseph and Linda Napoli



Murray joined our family on June 10, 2008 after having been rescued and lovingly cared for by his "foster mother," Connie Trivits, a volunteer for GRREAT. He came to our family and filled a void in our hearts and home. He quickly became the gentle giant of our neighborhood kids and was even welcomed into our childrens' elementary school to participate in a unit on volunteerism and animal rescue. He was so gentle that our rabbit (Mojo) and guinea pig (Yum Yum) found comfort nestling in Murray's coat. Murray loved these little guys dearly and they loved him back. We lost our wonderful companion of four years on October 27, 2012. Please accept this donation in his memory and our thanks for all you do to rescue and provide homes for these wonderful creatures.

President's Statement:

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Getting a puppy had not guaranteed an extended happy life with our dog. I tell this story not to make anyone sad, but to point out that we never know how long our furry friends will be with us.

There are many things I have come to appreciate about the senior pups. They are usually completely house-broken, they no longer chew things they shouldn't (at least not anything important), they know how to chill in the house while still enjoying a romp outside, and they are often well trained. They also seem so very appreciative of having a forever home.

We often joke that all adopters want a three-year-old blonde female with perfect manners. Even my "clonable" Bailey boy would not fit that description! Right now (mid-February), GRREAT has 13 dogs between eight and fourteen. Why not give an older Golden a chance for a wonderful life, no matter how long that may be. Your life will be richer and you will receive more love than you can imagine!

An Awesome Adoption*

STORM by Tilda, Storm and Luke Varine

As I'm sitting watching Animal Planet and a dog rescue show, I just felt I had to report back on how wonderful our own adoption from GRREAT has been. Back in October 2007, we adopted STORM from your organization. She is a delight and a true joy for our family. She has been awesome with our kids, she doesn't get up on furniture, only chews on stuffed animals we give her, and always leaves the kid's toys and others things alone. Boy does she loves to chew on her stuffed toys...she shreds them to pieces with the filling flying everywhere...a true dog mess. She is a little grumpy with other dogs however, but has one best buddy, Labrador friend she stays with when we go on vacations. At age 12, she still enjoys rolling around in the snow and playing with our kids. Until last year she still went running with me for 30-40 minutes at a time. These days we are both just enjoying taking long walks together. Storm is amazing and doing well. We are forever grateful to her foster mom Susan Bottomley for choosing us as Storm's forever home.



* This is a new column. Please contribute stories of your "Awesome Adoption" We would love to publish them. If you don't like to write just e-mail me the information and I will write it for you. Thanks - I hope to see lots of "Awesome Adoprions" in our future!

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!

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.

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 Retrievers 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 e-mail 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) 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 e-mail addresses. Mail the form along with a check for \$10 payable to GRREAT to: GRREAT, PO Box 190, Merrifield, VA 22116.

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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 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 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.

April

27 11am until 3pm
Annual GRREAT Bark-B-Que
Quiet Waters Park
Red Maple Pavilion
Annapolis, MD

May

4 12pm until 2pm
ADOPTION DAY
Petco
12960 Middlebrook Rd.
Germantown, MD 20874

June

1 12pm until 2pm
ADOPTION DAY
Petco
7434 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

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

MORE ARTICLES NEEDED

Thank you to all members that have donated articles. It's been a year since I have requested them. It is a tribute to you that I am

only now running short. More of your wonderful contributions will be greatly appreciated.

