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## President's Statement:

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE: Sadie's Story



Sadie's Injuries

While all the dogs we bring into GRREAT are special, every once in a while one comes along that is extra-special. This is Sadie's story.

One Friday morning in April, Sadie wandered into a neighbor's yard that had an electric fence. While it kept the neighbor's two dogs in, it did not keep Sadie out. The two dogs brutally attacked Sadie, causing extensive damage. Sadie was able to get away and return home, but part of her jaw and teeth were missing or in places where they weren't supposed to be.

The distraught owner signed Sadie over to the Angels of Assisi Adoption Center because she could not afford the treatment/care that Sadie needed. Regrettably, Sadie's injuries were way beyond what the rescue's vet could do for her, so they contacted GRREAT for help. We agreed to accept Sadie, and she was immediately transported to a vet GRREAT uses in Roanoke. Despite everything, brave Sadie was wagging her tail.

Unfortunately, Sadie's injuries were also too extensive for the GRREAT vet to treat. The vet recommended that she be moved to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. One of the Angels of Assisi volunteers transported Sadie to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Blacksburg, VA, a two-hour round trip. We eagerly awaited an update.

Saturday morning's report was not encouraging. Sadie's jaw was fractured into small pieces and hanging loose, and her tongue had multiple puncture wounds. In addition, the dead tissue in these areas was seriously infected. The vet quickly removed what dead tissue could be found to give the healthy tissue a chance to survive. Sadie was placed on a strong pain killer, an antibiotic, and IV fluids.

We asked the veterinary intern who was caring for her if, at this point, Sadie would still be able to eat and drink normally when healed. She said yes, but Sadie will look a little funny. I say "at this point" because they didn't know how much more of her jaw and tissue would need to be removed. They knew that the jaw was still broken in several places but weren't able to get a good look at it yet. The vet planned to clean away more dead tissue that afternoon.

That evening Sadie seemed to be a little better. There was less dead tissue to remove and the

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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE: Sadie's Story



Sadie after Surgery

infection was coming under control. It was clear that Sadie was still in a good deal of pain (even with the pain medication), but we were told that she had a good attitude through all that she was experiencing.

Sunday Sadie showed some improvement. The infection seemed to be under control. They were able to insert a feeding tube so that they could feed her four times a day. Monday the improvements continued. The vet student again described Sadie as a happy girl even with all of this awful stuff going on with her!

On Tuesday we had cautious good news!!! Sadie had had her surgery. They did have to remove another portion of her left lower jaw, but the right side was fully intact. They also took a little more of her tongue. Sadie would need to be fed through the tube for a few more days while her mouth healed. We were cautioned that she could still face problems if the incisions opened or if more infection cropped up.

Wednesday's report continued the cautious optimism. Sadie's mouth showed no more signs of infection or trouble with the incisions. She had begun to lap up water with her tongue! Throughout, Sadie still showed her wonderfully sweet personality. She even tried getting close enough to another dog to sniff it, indicating that this traumatic experience had not made her afraid of other dogs.

We asked if Sadie would have difficulty with only part of her lower jaw opposite parts of her upper jaw. The folks at VA Tech said that Sadie lost a total of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of her left lower jaw. They said that dogs can actually do very well with up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one side of the lower jaw missing. Most likely Sadie will do what most dogs tend to do...she'll chew mainly on the right side.

By Friday Sadie could eat "meatballs" made of canned food, with meds tucked inside, and did very well with them. The intern believed that Sadie could be discharged over the weekend, but would be monitored the rest of the day. That evening Sadie was still doing very well! She was loving the soft meatballs and could hardly wait to get each one! All indications were that Sadie would be able to "go home" the next day after they removed her feeding tube!

Saturday Sadie's foster home made the long trip (about 8 hours round trip) down to VA Tech to pick up Sadie with a full page of discharge instructions. In addition to follow-up vet care, Sadie would need to have limited exercise, eat soft food "meatballs," and wear an E-collar for ten days. The foster home reported that the trip went well and that Sadie is in much better shape and more active than the foster home expected. Sadie is in an X-pen near her foster mom's desk next to the window where she can watch the birds. Her foster mom says Sadie is the sweetest dog imaginable.

As I write this, sweet, courageous Sadie still has an extended recovery ahead and possible additional surgery, but for now she is on the mend in a loving home with another friendly dog. She owes it all to one veterinary student, two rescue organizations, three transporters, at least four vets, and a foster home. It takes a village!

While Sadie's story appears headed for a happy ending, it has not come without significant cost. We anticipate that this initial stage of her treatment will easily exceed what we typically spend on four, if not five, dogs. This does not include the cost of the chapters yet to be written ... her recuperation and rehabilitation. Rescues like GRREAT are the only safety net for Golden Retrievers like Sadie - otherwise healthy, happy dogs whose owners cannot afford to pay for the treatment of a catastrophic injury. You can be part of Sadie's story. If you were touched by her plight, awed by her stoicism, or moved by her resilience, please consider making a generous contribution to GRREAT so that we can continue to reach out to dogs like Sadie at [www.grreat.org/donate](http://www.grreat.org/donate).



Sadie recovering in foster home

# 2012 GRREAT Annual Meeting

The 2012 GRREAT Annual Board meeting of its membership was held January 26, 2013 at the Chevy Chase Community Library in Chevy Chase, MD. More than thirty members attended.

President Barbara Boyd called the meeting to order and presented the minutes from the 2011 GRREAT Annual Meeting. The members voted to approve the minutes.

Ms. Boyd then briefed several measures taken over the past year to improve GRREAT's financial picture, including our "Lucas, Amber and Pilot" appeal, our introduction of "Golden Memberships," the increase in GRREAT's adoption fees, and our change from cost basis to accrual accounting method, which will enable GRREAT to expand our grant participation. President Boyd also discussed activities planned for the upcoming year. Details of this presentation and those summarized below are posted to: <http://www.grreat.org/bythenumbers/bythenumbers2012.pdf>

Addressing GRREAT's financial position, Treasurer Harry Sethna presented detailed charts of income and expenditures showing a loss during 2012 mainly due to increased veterinary costs, which have increased by an additional fifty percent from \$794 per dog in 2010 to \$1,192 per dog in 2012. He also noted that in the past GRREAT received major donations, ranging from \$10,000 to ~\$500,000. We have not received donations of this magnitude since 2009, and these reserves are quickly being depleted

GRREAT's membership declined by fifteen percent in 2012 although the number of GRREAT volunteers increased, over half of whom are paid members. Several measures were implemented in 2012 to improve accuracy of member information and internal reporting processes.

During 2012 GRREAT conducted 279 intake interviews of which 118 intakes were cancelled for various reasons. Six dogs could not be accepted but were networked to other rescues. Of the 161 taken into GRREAT, 138 dogs had at least one but as many as 15 medical issues. Fortunately, 120 had either found their new family, or were "working on picking out that special family." Twelve are permanently living in their foster home. Unfortunately, six were either too sick or injured to survive, and were euthanized. Forty-six of the 161 dogs accepted into GRREAT were already chipped (sometimes more than once) and 88 were chipped by GRREAT. The remaining, after discounting those who were transferred or euthanized, will be chipped.

Ms. Jessie Pickard, our Adoption Coordinator, reported that GRREAT received 540 adoption applications and noted that the number of applicants has not decreased since GRREAT raised its adoption fees. Of the 176 dogs brought into GRREAT, including new and those returned from prior years, 151 were adopted.

Our Events Coordinator, Carolyn Beyer, reported on 2012 events, noting that GRREAT sponsored three events and participated in approximately ten other events during 2012.

The GRREAT membership re-elected the following officers: Barbara Boyd, President and Harry Sethna, Treasurer.

Following the presentation, a discussion regarding the increase in dog adoption fees ensued. Harry Sethna, GRREAT's Treasurer, presented the rationale for the increase, which were well-received by the attendees. Mr. Sethna closed by emphasizing "Our Golden retrievers clearly cost more, and are worth more, than what we charge for them ... Is our mission to service the adopter or to service to dog?"

## **SUMMARY OF THE GRREAT BOARD MEETINGS HELD JAN 26, 2013 AND APR 13, 2013**

### **January 2013 Board Meeting**

Immediately following the 2012 GRREAT Annual Board on Saturday, January 26, 2013, the Board of Directors met. Barbara Boyd, President, introduced Dianne Blackwell, GRREAT's Volunteer Coordinator, who presented capabilities of a product being considered for the GRREAT website redesign. This presentation was well-received and plans were developed to further assess product capabilities to support our mission. President Boyd also addressed current job vacancies including Fundraising and Merchandise Coordinator positions. Finally, she noted that the GRREAT anti-discrimination clause is now on the website, in the SOP, and in outgoing bulk emails.

Vice President, Jennifer Phillippe, addressed other issues related to our current efforts to implement a new website.

Mr. Harry Sethna, GRREAT Treasurer, asked for and received Board approval for the Q4 Financials and re-appointment of Yount, Hyde and Barbour as auditor. Both were approved unanimously. Mr. Sethna also reported that GRREAT raised approximately \$2,000 through our Christmas appeal to participating veterinarians.

The Board agreed to decouple quarterly Board meetings from Adoption Days to allow sufficient time for our meetings. The Board agreed to meet on the third Saturday of the month of every third month unless it falls on a holiday or conflicts with another event. At the end of the meeting, all Board members executed the Code of Conduct, which are retained by the Secretary.

## **April 2013 Board Meeting**

The April Board of Directors meeting was held April 13th in Springfield, VA. The following three Board members were unanimously reappointed (per GRREAT's Bylaws, Article IV Sec 3) to serve as Coordinators for two years: Mary Collings (Intake and Foster Home), Jessie Pickard (Adoptions), and Lucinda Twining (Medical).

Discussions again centered on fundraising opportunities. Several ideas were presented and agreed upon, which will be forwarded to our new Fundraising Coordinator, Dawn Edgerton-Cameron, to pursue. Fundraising suggestions related to the publication of the 2014 GRREAT calendar will be coordinated by Harry Sethna, who was responsible for the 2013 calendar.

The Board discussed the assessment of the website implementation capability, which was presented at the January 2013 Board meeting, and concluded that the product did not provide all the functionality needed, particularly in tracking dogs. The Board agreed to research other capabilities and delegated this task to a team to do a preliminary assessment and to report back to the Board.

Jessie Pickard, Adoption Coordinator, presented a year-to-date analysis of adoptions, which indicates we're on target. To date GRREAT's ratio of adoptions to intakes increased five percent compared to 2012.

The Board voted to endorse legislation outlawing gas chambers sponsored by Rep. Moran (D-VA). The Treasurer will file the requisite Form 990 Schedule C, reporting time and dollars spent on GRREAT's consideration of this and other lobbying issues. Mr. Sethna also asked the Board to approve GRREAT's monthly financial statements for Jan and Feb 2013, and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements. All were approved unanimously by the Board.

## **ANOTHER GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE CLOSES IT'S DOORS**

**As many of you know, *Almost Heaven Golden Retriever Rescue* in West Virginia had to shut down at the end of last year. We are sorry to report that on May 1, another Golden Retriever rescue, *Golden Recovery Retrieving Retrievers Rescue - Midwest (GRRRR-Midwest)*, closed its doors after almost 15 years in operation.**

Times like this remind us how lucky we are. Behind every successful rescue there is an unseen network of supporters and sponsors. GRREAT is fortunate to have extraordinarily loyal and generous supporters. We would like to use this sobering moment to thank all of you who have contributed to our success in the past; and we ask that you help us continue our mission and build even greater momentum for the years ahead.



# Adoption Report

Name	#	Age	Sex	Name	#	Age	Sex
Gracie	04-096	9	F	Bella	13-006	2	F
Daisy	12-112	8	F	Kelly	13-011	4	M
Butter	12-149	2	M	Katie	13-016	6	F
Bongo	12-155	8	M	Luther	13-021	8	M
Rudy	12-157	3	M	Buddah	13-027	4	M
Sunny	13-007	9	M	Buddy	13-030	3	M
Ovie	13-017	1	M	Perry	12-088	2	M
Coach	05-251	9	M	Briscoe	12-152	7	M
Sadie	12-145	10	F	Jake	13-022	7	M

## Thank You for Your Donations: Through May 1st

\*denotes total contribution of \$100-\$499  
 \*\*denotes total contribution of \$500-\$999  
 \*\*\*denotes total contribution of \$1000 or more

Tom and Jean Klinger\*  
 Evan and Emil DeRenzo\*  
 Ethel and Haddon Carryer\*  
 Terri Voitik  
 Sheryle and Jeanne Robinson  
 Kristine Guess  
 Allen and Kathy Shapiro  
 William Wright  
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 Bruce and Sue Gross\*  
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 Michael Thompson\*  
 Kevin and Diane Duvall\*\*  
 Sherry McCarter  
 Duane StClair  
 Laurie Parker\*  
 Richard Van de Walle  
 Richard and Peggy Fowler  
 Stella and Rick Rineer

### In Memory of...

Mason, Jenny & Goldie. -- Diane and Lon Warfield  
 Steven Engler. Steven loved golden retrievers. -- Ira and Sharon Silverman  
 Arlene Wicks. -- Jeff and Lucinda Twining\*  
 Max Weber who taught us what is it to love Golden Retrievers. We love and miss you so much man! Always and Forever

sweet boy! Love, Mom, Gram, Christine; canine siblings, Cooper, Chester, Bob and Frazier the bird. -- Mary Weber\*

Gracie 3-13-2003 to 5-26-2012. -- Arleen Dinneen

Gracie on her 10th birthday. -- Kathleen Loetz & Jerry Niedentohl

Al Glaser. -- Robert and Margaret Knitzer\*, Elizabeth Gay, Michael Shulkin, Diane Martindale

Charles L. Wilmot Jr. Colonel USAF (Ret.). -- Allen Urban\*, Donald and Patricia Paslowski

Alan Glaser, a dog lover without equal. -- Ellen Meyerson

A wonderful Golden Retriever named Woodrow. -- The staff of Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.

Chuck Wilmot. -- Quinton Barker, Patrick Barker, Adam Switzer\*, Lisa Lapp, Sylvia Bender, Marlin and Jean Hummel, Edythe Inhoffer, Diane Kearns

Debra R. Laudenslager -- Arthur Laudenslager\*\*\*

### In Honor of...

My GRREAT Murphy's 5th B-day: Murphy Silverman, AKA Digby. -- Robert and Jennifer Silverman

Arleen Dineen's Birthday. -- Geraldine Musser, CC Cirezz & Steve Mazeo, Sue Patterson, Barry & Evelyn Brown, Steve & Melissa Goodman, Keith and June Harriger, Brent and Amy Kvech\*, Jeffrey E Dannis

Quartz and Tanya. -- Janis Foshay

Arleen Dineen to celebrate her 70th birthday. -- Doris and Richard Ives

# Thank You for Your Donations: Through May 1st

## In Honor of...

My owner, Brad. He takes such good care of me and loves me so much. In fact, he loves me so much, he brought me to England to live on a sheep farm! -- Kathryn Frey\*

Martha VanLandingham. -- David & Cherrie Van Landingham

Arleen Dinneen's dog Gracie and her newly adopted dog Ginger. -- Maureen Wienecke

My friend, Arleen Dinneen on the occasion of her birthday. -- Barbara Gumpert

All the wonderful Golden Retrievers we have known and loved. -- Neal and Judy McKinley\*

## To Help With Costs...

For foster dog Ginger 12-12. -- Dagmar and Stuart Sachs\*\*\*

For chemotherapy treatments for foster dog Scout (12-047). -- Barbara Boyd\*\*

## For Other Reasons...

To thank the GRREAT staff for all the love and time they give to Golden Retrievers. -- James and Sharon Qualls\*

Happy birthday, Arleen. -- Dorothy Sinh

## Corporate Giving...

CFC of the National Capital Area – Anonymous donors\*\*  
AXA Foundation -- Donor: Brenda Pascal\*  
Freddie Mac Employee Giving -- Anonymous donor\*\*  
ECHO -- Donor: Stanley Smith and Sheri Ulrich  
First Data Foundation -- Donor: Barbara Dunnington  
Schwab Charitable Gift Fund. – Donor: Brian Donovan\*  
United Way\*

## Forever Friend...

Memorials can be seen at:

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

Dutch Dehmlow (03-266). -- Jay Dehmlow

## Sponsor Me...

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

For Arleen Dinneen's birthday to go towards the Special Needs dogs. -- Laura Murphy

For Stevie and Dodger. Charlie whom I sponsored for years, finally crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. I never met him but felt quite a deep caring for the valiant old guy: my condolences to his long term fosterers. -- Patricia Collier

## A TOAST TO ZOE A VERY SPECIAL FOSTER: 2007-2013

We can shed tears that you are gone  
or we can smile because you lived.  
We can close our eyes and pray that you'll come back  
or we can open our eyes and see the love you left behind.  
Our hearts can be empty because we can't see you  
or can be full because of the love you shared.  
We can turn our back on tomorrow and live in yesterday  
or we can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
We can remember only that you are gone  
or we can cherish your memory and let it live on.  
We can cry and close our minds,  
be empty and turn our backs  
or we can do what you'd want.  
Smile. Open our eyes, love and go on.

Go with God, little one. -- Sarah Navia, Harry Sethna, and Bronte



Zoe

# Thank you for your Donations: Through May 1st

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](http://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)

Donation made in lieu of gifts for Arleen Dinnen's birthday. -- Krista Davis

In honor of our rescue angel, Buddy, who truly rescued us and turned out to be the best therapy money could never buy!  
-- Sharon and Bill Coale

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

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

Gloria Todd

In memory of Al Glaser, Love, Bailey Willmann. -- Vicki Willmann

### Leo's Heroes (\$500 and Over)

In Honor of our beloved 14 year old Sassy. -- Jim and Ginny Hayes

## Simile-Finale Fund

Life time memories of Chuck Wilmot and his beloved Goldens Alex and Jakie. -- Joy Pooler\*

## ARLINGTON TO ALLOW DECK DINING WITH DOGS

from the Two Dog Tales Blog Site written by Gwyn Donohue; April 4, 2013

According to the ARLNow blog, Arlington County's (Virginia) Health Department has decided to allow restaurants to let patrons bring their dogs into outdoor dining areas!



Read Health Dept. to Allow 'Dog Friendly' Outdoor Dining.

That's great news for dog owners who have limited opportunities to enjoy outdoor dining with their dogs. Even Shirlington Village, with its bountiful cafe seating, was not easy. You had to hold out for one of the few tables adjacent to the sidewalk so you could tie Fido on the outside of the barrier. And on a sunny warm evening? Forgetaboutit.

Over Easter weekend, I went to a darling restaurant in West Chester, Pa., called the Four Dogs Tavern. Awesome food, but even better atmosphere, because just about every table on the expansive patio had a dog (or two, or in our case, three!) attached to it.

Speaking of dog-friendly Shirlington, a new restaurant is going into the space previously occupied by Bistro Bistro, named Copperwood Tavern.

Dogs are now able to eat outdoors with their owners at many Arlington restaurants.

Not only will they offer small-batch whiskeys and moonshine to go along with locally-sourced hearty dishes, but the best part is they tout their dog-friendliness right on their website:

## ARLINGTON TO ALLOW DECK DINING WITH DOGS

"And since a woody retreat wouldn't be complete without a loyal hunting companion, we encourage you to bring Fido along too. Copperwood Tavern features a 56-person, dog-friendly patio with custom copper dog bowls and house-baked dog treats."

<http://twodogtales.wordpress.com/2013/04/04/arlington-to-allow-deck-dining-with-dogs/>

### BARK-B-QUE MEMORIES

Photographs and Captions by Harry Sethna



The face is familiar, but I don't remember your name...



Dogs will be able to dine outdoors.



Foster Home Finder, Shirley Coelho, working the crowd.



Hi! I'm Max.



Look at all the stuff that I found playing the Scavenger Hunt!



Hi! I'm Max too!

**fetch**

Bribery, borrowing, bartering and stealing encouraged.  
Please DO NOT allow dogs to retrieve or carry any item which could be harmful such as: small or sharp pieces, glass, toxic/poisonous plants or lotions, plastic bags, etc.

1. crayon	29. paperback
2. One "DOO-TY" bag per 4-legged team member	30. rock n' roll
3. dog towel	31. dog brush or comb
4. multi-colored leash	32. eyeglass case
5. water bowl	33. ends in "Y" (Italy)
6. water bottle larger than 2 quarts	34. red solo cup
7. ball that is not yellow	35. shake
8. dandelion	36. magazine
9. map	
10. carryout menu	
11. newspaper	
12. hair ball	
13. rattle	
14. brochure	
15. bloom or flower	

This list is a piece of cake for a retriever!



Tallying up the Scavenger Hunt.

## **BARK-B-QUE MEMORIES**

Photographs and Captions by Harry Sethna



Got any treats in there, Mom?



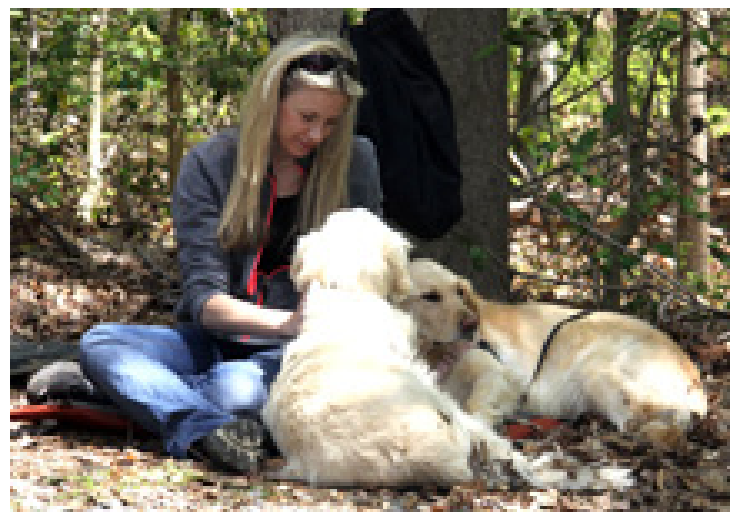
We know it's a Bark-B-Que but no one said we couldn't dance!



My Bow Tie is available at GRREAT Events!



GRREAT President, Barbara Boyd, conferring with a senior advisor.



Yes, We're enjoying the Bark-B-Que but when does the Ice Cream Truck get here?

## 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:  
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This form can be filled out online at  
[www.grreat.org/vol\\_form.htm](http://www.grreat.org/vol_form.htm)

## GRREAT Calendar of Events

There is a rescue for Golden Retrievers? This is a commonly asked question at the numerous events that **GRREAT** participates in. When people find out that GRREAT takes in about 250 dogs every year, you can see the shock and amazement on their faces and you can hear it in their voices. People know that Golden Retrievers are such good dogs, so they can't help but wonder "Why would anyone give up a Golden?" It is because of comments such as these that **GRREAT** attends events to help educate the public on the need for rescue and 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](http://www.grreat.org/calendar.htm). For more information on any event, please e-mail [events@grreat.org](mailto:events@grreat.org) and if you wish to volunteer at any event, please e-mail [volunteer@grreat.org](mailto:volunteer@grreat.org).

### June

1 12pm until 2pm

#### **ADOPTION DAY**

Petco  
7434 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA 22003

15 1pm until 3pm

#### **Crosspointe AH Open House**

8975 Village Shops Drive  
Fairfax Station, VA

### July

13 12pm until 2pm

#### **ADOPTION DAY**

Petco  
10600 Baltimore National Pk.  
Ellicott City, MD

### August

3 12pm until 2pm

#### **ADOPTION DAY**

Weber's Pet Supermarket  
2599 John Milton Drive  
Herndon, VA

### October

26 9:30am until 12:30pm

#### **GRREAT's 3K Walk**

Weber's Pet Supermarket  
11021 Lee Highway  
(Rear parking lot)  
Fairfax, VA  
More D'Tails to come

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

