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FALL PICNIC - DON'T FORGET...

NEW LOCATION GOLDEN ENDINGS FALL PICNIC 2017

by Connie Walker

It's almost time for our annual fall picnic. The BIG NEWS is we are changing the venue to the John Beltz Retreat Center. The same place where we host the spring picnic every year. Many people love the retreat center and they have asked why we can't have the fall picnic here too? So we booked it. There is an enclosed shelter house with picnic tables. So there are a lot of places to sit. You may want to bring folding chairs if you want to sit outside.



The date is Sunday October 29 from 12p-4p. Hot dogs. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Names ending in A-K bring a dessert, L-R an appetizer and S-Z a side dish. The food is always amazing so I can't wait to see what you will bring!

Since John Beltz is privately owned, the dogs can go off leash. We are far away from the road and there is a lot of room for them to run. It is very safe for our Golden Retrievers. We are scheduled to have a hay ride after we eat and Kay Hirsch has our annual meeting. We will probably eat around 1pm.

I hope you all can make it the address is 4834 Harlem Rd. Galena, Oh. Check the Golden Endings Golden Retriever website for the link to John Beltz Retreat. Please RSVP to Connie Walker 614-459-3659.

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GEGRR UPDATE *by Kay Hirsch*

Pleasing all the people all the time is impossible. Finding new loving homes for Goldens with life's baggage can be challenging. Watching cars drive away with happy adopters and excited new Golden family members is very rewarding.

We continue to have more medical challenges but, as always, we have been able to meet those needs because of the generosity of our members. We need your continued financial support more than ever as we have had several expensive procedures in the last couple of months.

To date we have taken in 43 Goldens and have placed 37 into new homes. We are currently caring for 12 senior Goldens in their forever foster homes. Since 1995, Golden Endings has taken in 2167 Goldens.

My hope with this newsletter is to have adopters share their experiences with Golden Endings and tell you about their furry family members. Each story is unique, like the Goldens and their humans. As we always say, "It's all about the dogs!" I hope you enjoy the articles and that you'll send us an update on your pack.



ABBEY



Abbey making herself at home!

This is a story about Abbey. We think she's around 9 years old. Abbey came into Golden Endings a few weeks ago. We had been in contact with Judy about adopting a senior dog.

We got a call from Judy and went to meet Abbey; was so very sweet, and just wanted to be close to us. We had her meet our other two goldens and they got along great, so we brought Abbey home. Abbey has been perfect!

We wanted to tell you our story about adopting a senior dog, so maybe when you hear about her, you'll consider adopting a senior.

Abbey is going to live out her "golden" years with us; it's the life she deserves.



Abbey's New Family

ANNIE & HOLDEN

So much alike, and yet so different- that's Annie and Holden. Both stayed with us because of severe hip dysplasia, hip surgeries, and two ACL procedures apiece.

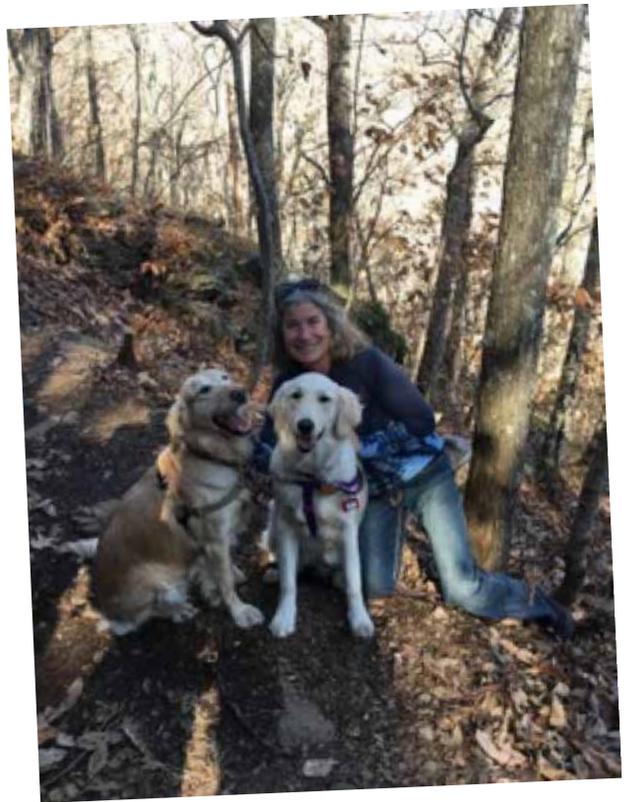
Holden (6 yrs) is an old man in a young body and Annie (9 yrs) is a young puppy in an old body. Annie is the Alpha and rules the house. Holden is a gentle giant who is smarter than we are- the fastest food thief in the county.

They are the best of buddies who allow us to share life with them; we love these two and they sure make life fun!

Kay and Tim Hirsch



*Above: Annie & Holden
To Left: Holden Caldwell Hirsch*



A little over a year later and they are happy, well behaved and loved dogs. I have a small RV and this spring we traveled to California via the southern route and came home through Grand Teton. They swam in rivers, hiked, saw strange and new wildlife, even learned to kayak. I love these girls (Lotus and Laney) and we have much fun together. I thought I was going to adapt an older dog - and I will likely do that again but these two have simply lit my life up. I am so thankful to Golden Endings for the work they do and for finding me these love-filled babies.

Joy Bush

DELANY & LOTUS

Last May, I lost my dear sweet Sadie. I adopted her from Golden Endings after an auto accident and had 3 amazing years with her. I was devastated and contacted Kay at Golden Endings asking what my options were. Within just a couple weeks she contacted me. There were 2 females that were surrendered out of a bad puppy breeding situation and also 2 "older" puppies that were also surrendered because they were too old to sell. I would have to drive to Wheeling to have a look and see. I instantly fell in love with the breeding female that was so shy, sad and skinny. When she saw one of the puppies her whole face lit up. That day I brought home Delaney (the mother) and Lotus (the puppy). Neither had names or were potty trained. The mom had never even eaten out of a bowl. Needless to say we had some work to do.

EMMETT

Hello to everyone at Golden Endings!!!

We have owned 5 Golden Retrievers in our lifetime, so when we lost our 11.5 yr old, there was no question as to what breed dog we would be looking for. We put much time and energy into contacting local shelters, breeders, canine clubs, vet offices and rescue groups in order to locate a dog. And then, the call came from Kay Hirsch @ Golden Endings. They had a year old, male up for adoption and would we be interested???? Oh yes, yes, yes, we were interested.

On Good Friday, we picked up Emmett, in Columbus at a vet's hospital. He had just been neutered and was sporting his wonderful "collar" to keep him from licking his incision. The crate that came with him, was too big for



our SUV, so he sat on my hubby's lap for the ride home to Aurora, OH. Emmett quickly settled in and slept most of the way home. Our 2nd dog, Abby, a lab-golden mix, around the same age, was at the sitters house, so that we could devote a full weekend just to transitioning Emmett to his new home.

Emmett came with a profile, from his prior owners, and it was true to form. He is a happy and friendly dog. He absolutely loves water and enjoys swimming and diving into our friends pond to retrieve tennis balls. We have also learned to close the bathroom door when we bathe or shower, so as not to have a canine partner!! He is very loyal, especially to my hubby, and will sit patiently by the front window until he returns from doing errands. He and our Abby have become the best of friends. Days are filled with endless playing and running with dog spit flying everywhere!! After they are exhausted, they can be found cuddled up together sleeping.

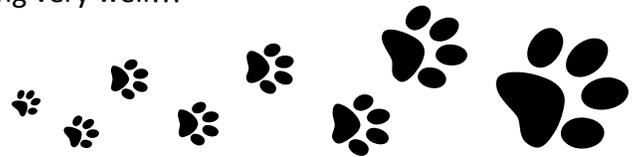
Emmett has true Golden traits and sometimes does not use good judgment, especially when it comes to eating things other than dog food. Anything and everything that is at his dog nose level is considered a treat for him. We have learned to make our house "Emmett proof"

Emmett has become a wonderful addition to our family and stole our hearts from day one. We are still working on obedience training and the do's and don'ts of our household.

I can't thank Golden Endings enough for allowing us to have the opportunity to adopt such a great dog. When we picked up Emmett, he had been neutered, updated with shots and a food & crate were included & he was very clean!! A profile sheet from his prior owner listed his personality traits and what to expect. Kay Hirsch has kept in touch with us via phone calls, making sure that things are going well.....and they are going very well!!!

Thanks again!!!

Thom, Dolly, Abby & Emmett Caldwell



FRYE

This is Frye, our beautiful and sweet Golden that we adopted in 2010. He is a wonderful dog and we love him very much. We can't imagine what our lives would have been without him.

Dan and Jane Stone



FINN

Last September we unexpectedly lost our dog, Todd, to cancer. His passing was very hard on our remaining dog, a golden retriever named Cooper. We quickly realized adding another dog to our family would benefit Cooper and help heal our hearts. We became familiar with Golden Endings rescue at a Pet Expo we attended many years ago. We kept the rescue in the back of our minds for when we wanted another golden.

Approximately two weeks after losing Todd, we decided to complete and submit an adoption application. We were excited to be contacted about a possible match almost immediately after submitting our application. We were told about a golden named Captain who fit the description of what we were looking for in a new dog. Our adoption process went smoothly and we were quickly united with our new golden who we decided to call Finn.

Finn has been the perfect addition to our family! He instantly bonded with Cooper and they have become very close "brothers." Finn came to us in good health and we could tell he was well cared for at Golden Endings. He has the best personality and he loves to cuddle with us on the couch when he isn't romping and playing with Cooper. We could not be happier to have him. He's a very sweet and kind pup and he's completed our family. We will definitely work with Golden Endings again in the future as they are a wonderful organization who cares about the dogs in their care. Thank you for bringing Finn into our lives!



FINSTER

The Golden formerly known as Theo!

Hello! My name used to be Theo, but when I started my new life, I decided it was best to also have a new name... Finster!

Who knew that life could be so great? I went from spending quite a bit of time alone in a crate kept in the garage to being an active member of a busy family! My life went from dull to FUN!

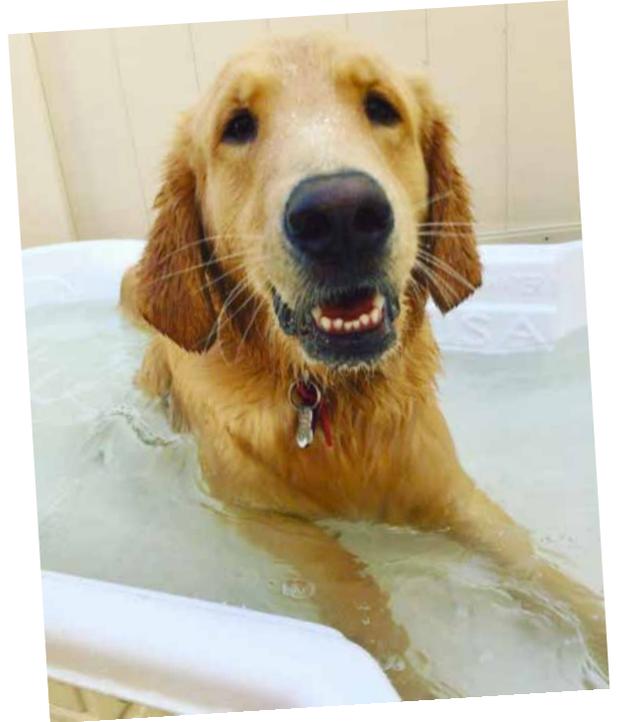
My new family brought me a mom and dad who absolutely love Golden Retrievers, a 3-legged Weimaraner-mix sister who spends most of her time keeping the backyard free from squirrels, and a feline brother who is constantly mimicking me.

If I were writing my Tinder or Match.com profile it would read something like this:

Cute Blonde Guy who Loves to play! Anything water related would be best, as I cannot walk by any body of water (no matter how big or small) without getting into it. Would love to hang out with you at one of the local dog parks or dog

festivals, especially if they have an ice castle where I will lay for hours until the humans drag me out. Likes: King-sized beds, stuffed turtles, cow bones, doggie daycare, kids and cuddling. Dislikes: Well... none!

Seriously, I couldn't be happier. I thank Golden Endings for being there and taking such great care to match me with the right family. Kay and Tim really know what they are doing! I love my family and they love me...even when I bring mud into the house! I hope I get to meet you at one of the picnics! Be sure to say "Hi"!



WOUNDED WARRIOR EVENT

In spring 2017 GEGRR was a partner in an amazing art exhibit at the Ohio Craft Museum. Wounded Warriors and Faithful Companions work by central Ohio artist James Mellick was on display for a month and included two beautiful sculptures of GEGRR dogs Bingo Star (#1838) and Harley (#1888.)

We were so proud to share our commissioned art work with GEGRR and have an evening of art and fund raising which brought in over \$500 for GEGRR.

GEGRR night on March 2 was the second highest attendance night following opening night.

Everyone had a great time with lots of foods, raffle prizes and Bingo Star and Harley in attendance.

It is truly an honor to support GEGRR and to share our love of art and Golden with GEGRR members. Thanks to everyone who came and shared Golden stories and Golden memories.

By the way, when we brought our sculptures home it was a bit difficult to decide where to place the life size dog sculptures. We decided to put Harley on the dining room table. He looks great up there! Don't do this with your dog. HA.

Rebecca and John Jeffries



Rebecca, Bingo, Harley, artist Jim Mellick, and John

GLEE

I want to use the 8th anniversary of Glee's adoption to thank GEGRR for the perfect match! Glee came to me through Judy Johnson and the Belmont Corrections program. I didn't know at the time but Glee was a "wild child" in need of basic training.

Due to the excellent training Judy and the inmate provided, Glee came to me with more manners than any dog I have ever owned-she goes to her bed when I sit down for dinner! From the very beginning she proved to be a real ham and happy model. Friends expect Glee photo cards for all occasions and a special few receive a Glee calendar.

In recent years she has become a daily visitor to my mom's assisted living facility. She is loved by residents and staff alike whom she has trained to know where to find her treats.



Guarding toys from those squirrels



Classic Model

Her other job is mascot to the University of Mt. Union organization, Oasis, which was formed as a weekly opportunity for students to relax and de-stress. She gallops to the door to meet each new arrival. Students often slump to the floor to shower her with hugs, pets and scratches. They even honored her with a paw print as part of their logo.

Thanks again and again and again for my sweet Glee

Connie



Oasis Mascot

HARLEY

Harley had my heart at hello. A big thank you to the two other families that gave Harley up so many years ago. Harley was just 10 months old. On the third try to adopt a Golden; I just happened to be at work when I received two other calls from Kay to meet her at the vet office only



to be told twice that the families had decided to keep their Golden; so I want to thank them also for keeping their special pets.

Harley as you can see is aging gracefully, grey is so becoming, still is playful caring his orange ball prancing in the yard playing with his two year old Winston the Rottweiler brother. Harley is loving and makes me laugh, will certainly let you know it is time to eat, wake up, go outside or if you say say let's go to work he goes downstairs to the back room with Winston in tow to wait for us to return..

Thank you Golden Endings for bringing this handsome, loving Harley into our lives...

Elaine Troesch



JACKSON



After losing our precious Golden from Golden Endings, we tried to like smaller dogs because we are getting older and didn't know if we could handle a big dog. We were not successful in liking smaller dogs. We've had two previous Golden retrievers and that is what we wanted. I made the mistake of calling Kay and telling her to be on the watch for a dog in a couple months as we had several trips planned and were not ready quite yet. But Kay had a dog for us to see. "We had to" she said. The dog was friendly with people and other dogs. Even though he was skinny from starvation it appeared his disposition was wonderful. He

weighed 54 lbs when we got him and he should weigh 74. My husband was mad because I was looking before our agreed upon time but Kay said we had to come look. So my husband and I looked and Jackson came over and put his head on my husband's lap. Good move I thought. We've had Jackson about a year and the whole neighborhood knows him. He's the biggest dog we've had. He sleeps on the couch and likes cats. In fact he likes everything. Watching him grow from 54 pounds to 74 pounds has been amazing. Our neighbor friend, 3 year old Ella, loves Jackson and handles him like a pro. Lesson learned - Never call Kay unless you really are ready to have a wonderful rescue dog sometimes sooner than you expect.

CHILI

My husband Mike and I have been members of Golden Endings since August of 2001 when we adopted a beautiful senior girl named Tali. We enjoyed 5 great years with her, always knowing that we would return to Golden Endings for adoption. The December 2015 Golden Endings newsletter came out and I was feeling the Christmas spirit, and I asked Mike if we could adopt an 8 year old special needs dog, Roamy, who was featured on the cover. After a couple of weeks, I called and found out that this dog was in permanent foster and I had asked Kay to keep me in mind. We live on 5 acres and have 2 senior golden girls at home.

Just to show you how fast things can change in the rescue, and every story is different, the very next day I got a call from

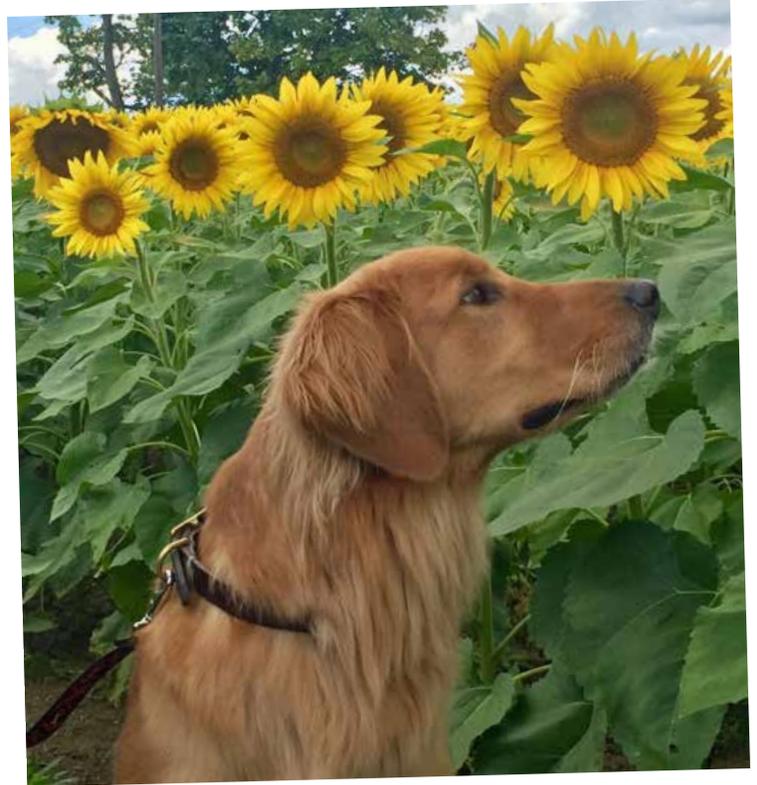
Kay telling me about a 1.5 year old male who was entering the rescue. He had been promised to another family, but they had a family member who developed a health problem and they decided that it would not have been a good time to bring a new dog into their environment. So, we went up to meet him and took him home to Xenia. He fell asleep with his head in my lap and I fell in love and bonded with him instantly. I knew in my heart he belonged here and I had already bought him a new collar and had a name tag engraved with his new name - we changed it from Chief to Chili.

Chili did not have a lot of formal training. He was a diamond in the rough, but his willingness to please and ability to learn quickly made him an absolute joy to be around. In one day, he learned "drop it" and "give it". He was immediately accepted by my old golden girls, Dolly and Abby, now 12 and 11. He worships Dolly, and copies everything she does. He still howls at sirens and we get such a laugh out of it, but living in the country this does not bother any of the neighbors. We had to do a bit of problem solving. Leash pulling? No problem, we put him in a harness. Trash picking? We bought a locking Simple Human kitchen trash can. He had taught himself to step on the lever and open the lid of the old one. Mischievous Chili would take his trash treasures to our bed and could never understand how he got busted. Counter surfing? Now we leave our counters free of clutter. Unspooling yards and yards of toilet paper and carrying it throughout the house without tearing it off the roll? This is a talent! We just put it up high on a shelf. After a month he started sneaking out of his crate (I kept it in our bedroom but left his door open at night) and sleeping with us on the bed. All he wanted was to be with the pack. In the morning he stares at me, and as soon as I begin stirring he starts licking me to wake up. I get to up to his goofy smile and enjoy every second I have with the dogs before I have to go work.

We totally love, love, love our Chili. He is a silly goofball who would be the one wearing the lampshade at a party. He spends his day making us laugh with his antics, chasing balls, butterflies, birds, anything that flies through the air - really even the leaf blower and snow blower. He catches frisbees out of the air, chews sticks, carries multitudes of toys around, retrieves socks that we might have been missing. I have seen him pluck them out of the laundry basket. He runs after squirrels, and follows Mike around as he does his farm chores. He is long, thin and athletic and has a perfect jogging pace, too. When he gets excited and starts doing "zoomers". Yet he somehow knows not to ram himself into Dolly or Abby. He can tell they are older and more frail than he is, and he won't hurt them.

I have said it before and will say it again. My husband and I feel like the luckiest people in the world to call him ours. Chili absolutely loves people, is so good natured and affectionate that he is an instant hit with whomever he meets. Even people who say they don't like dogs love him. **Who doesn't love a Chili dog?**

Jo-Lynn Harmon



KATIE



You might remember Katie, I had an article about her in the last newsletter. I wanted you to see a recent photo of her, Katie fractured her left rear leg and we have a soft cast on it.

At 13 years old, she still remains a strong, beautiful girl and it amazes me how good she has tolerated her fractured leg.

I appreciate every day with her! Thank you Golden Endings!

Judy

LUCY

We lost our heart and soul about 2 months ago. Cody was our 11 year old rescue we had gotten from Golden Endings 9 short years before. After a bit, we were ready for a YOUNG male to be back in our lives. Problem, there was no young male, only an 8 year old male. Age was a scary thing for us, having just lost our 11 year old, but we decided to forgo our fears and get Winston. He would come with a lot of issues, his eye had to be removed after Kay got him; he also had major stomach surgery, but all that was ok, we were getting a dog! After a few of weeks, we were allowed to visit Winston. While waiting to see him, Kay introduced us to Lucy, a new surrender that morning. It was Love at first sight! She was a Big Beautiful Girl, coming in at 116lbs., a few too many treats and meals had come her way. She had lived with a family whose lives had become complicated and we were about to be the lucky new pack for their turn-in.

That day we did meet Winston who was very sweet, but because of his extended stay at the hospital, had become attached to David Fick at the animal hospital.

Kay explained that David had just lost his golden and was also attached to Winston. Winston had several more weeks of rehab ahead, but Lucy could come right home with us.

So, just when you are sure of what you want in life, surprise!! There arrives the sweetest, most gentle, beautiful OLDER GIRL in the world! A door closed, but a window opened, and there, to our surprise, was Lucy!! Lucy has lost 3 lbs since she came home with us. Our exercise program and reduced treat plan, have things (weight) going in the right direction. At a time when we needed a dog, Lucy needed us and things turned out perfectly!

Winston went home with David and spends many of his days at Village Gate with David, and goes home every night to be with his new family.

So, just when you think you are very sure about something, think again! Good things happen!

Rita Pickard



Story note: Lucy had been taken to a vet out of town to be put down because the family couldn't deal with accident issues (she had an infection that was corrected with medications). The vet called Golden Endings and the owner agreed to meet me for a surrender. Thankfully, that wonderful vet had heard good things about GEGRR and took the time to get involved. Rita is right...Good things do happen!...Kay

MAJOR MARLEY AND MAGGIE

We have adopted two goldens from Golden Endings. Maggie was adopted about 7 years ago, and she's still queen of the house, she joined Marly (who we had already).

We want to tell you about our new addition, his name is Major and he's about four months old. Major is doing great, learning quickly and following the big dogs!

Here's a photo of them sitting for treats.



Thank you Golden Endings.

Major, Marley and Maggie's family

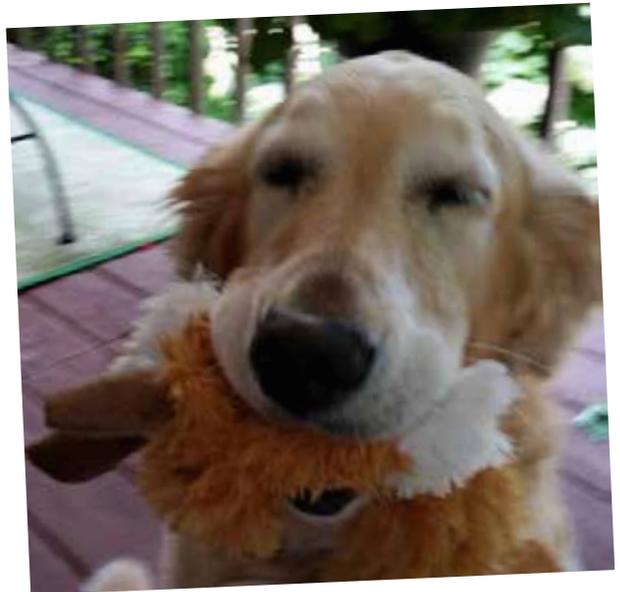
MAGGIE

Attached please find a picture of Maggie, 5 months after we brought her home with heart worm and severe fear/anxiety issues. The heartworm has been successfully treated and she has gone from 0% to about 80% normal on the anxiety issues. She continues to improve on the anxiety front, walking well on the leash a little bit farther every day. Thanks so much to you and Golden Endings for all of the support throughout her "rehab". She's a beautiful girl and we look forward to the day when she is fully settled in and walking comfortably around the whole neighborhood!



MAYA

First of all I want to say " Thank You, Thank You, Thank You" for sending this little Angel in a fur coat into my arms. Maya is the sweetest dog you can ever meet and from day one it felt as if she had always lived in my home and I think it felt the same for her, at least I sensed that she was totally comfortable with Rosie and me. She loves to eat and always finishes up Rosie's missed kibbles. I have a "dog walker" come in several times a week to walk her while I am at work and Maya loves her "walkies". She picked up our daily routine in my home from day one, she is so very smart; loves riding in the car where she lays on the backseat, head on her pillow and she does not stand up or look out the window; she calmly lies on the seat and snoozes. I took her down to the lake and waded into the water with her, but she did not want any of it, was not interested in swimming or getting wet... unusual for a Retriever! She loves her soft "babies" and carries them throughout the house and takes at least one of them along when we visit friends. Everyone that has met her just falls in love with her after spending just a short time in her presence. She is so sweet and loves everyone and when greeting someone she squints her eyes, baby in mouth and that is how she smiles.....just the sweetest expression on her face.



I must say that she has been very well trained in her previous life and her patches of raw skin have totally healed up and new fur is growing in. She is done with all medication and has her Vet appointment on Wednesday.

I love her and could not have found a better match if I tried, so again, Kay, I thank you for being the match-maker for my perfect match, my sweet Maya!

Gesine Beebe

MOLLY & DAISY

Having a foster dog was something new for us four years ago. We have now had four, with Molly and Daisy being our current fosters. All of the fosters have gotten along with whatever golden was living with us. The fosters move in and quickly adapt to our routines. It seems to help by having another golden already in the house, so that the new foster has someone to follow. The vet appointments and medications that the fosters require can sometimes be overwhelming, but worth the effort. Here is the story of our current fosters, Molly and Daisy.

Molly is one of our foster dogs. She is fourteen years old. She came to live with us at the age of ten and with arthritis. She is being treated by a local veterinarian and is on pain medication for the arthritis and medication for urinary issues. Even with her arthritis, we try to take her on a slow, daily walk. She loves it.

Daisy has been our foster dog for three months. She is seven years old and arrived with an ear condition. After a couple rounds of medication from the local veterinarian showed no improvement in her ear condition, she was referred to MedVet, (a medical center for pets). Daisy had surgery on one of her ear canals. It was scraped and cleaned and then the ear canal was stitched closed. Her recovery required no scratching of the stitches and many pills at required times. Her other ear is being watched. The food she was eating has been changed due to a possible food allergy. Daisy also enjoys her daily walks.

*Ray & Kathy,
(Molly & Daisy's foster family)*



REAGAN



Two months after our golden of 11 years passed away, Reagan (Logan) was dropped off at our house by Kay Hirsch and Golden Endings. Although we didn't know if we were ready for a new dog so soon after losing our dog Buckeye, Reagan melted our hearts. He is a very sweet boy who loves playing ball with our 5 children. He especially likes when the ball goes into the pool. He loves the water. We call him pool dog. We are so grateful to Kay and Golden Endings for bringing Reagan into our lives. He helped heal our hearts. We couldn't imagine life without him.



*Ann and Jim Lachey
Paige, Emily, Ali, James and Luke*

PIPER



Wanted to let you know Piper is doing well. Had her at the Vet last week. Got her stitches out, booster shot and she checked out good. Still spends lots of time in the crate, but is venturing out more and more. Piper loves running around the backyard and loves her walks. Had a big break through Sunday, she wagged her tail!

Joyce

OH MARGOT!

One of our favorite friends to share dog stories with recently suggested we change Margot's name to "Oh Margot!" We aren't sure that's quite dramatic enough.

Our latest family addition, Margot, is a gorgeous, now 9-month old girl. She's actually named after a character from the movie, "The Royal Tenenbaums," as a tribute to the fabulous boy we lost last March (Royal). If you've ever seen the movie, you might say we've gotten what we asked for... as Royal (the dog) was quite like Royal (the character) equal parts LOVEABLE and scoundrel! So it seems that Margot was cut from the same cloth!

Life with our Margot is an adventure. Lucky for Margot, she is so beautiful, sweet and affectionate – and I'd say brilliant for a dog (is there an IQ test for a dog? Margot made me wonder that). Lucky, that is, because she is also so naughty! Her favorite hobbies are escaping the crate, hurdling (over baby gates), and foreign object eating contests. It's not so much her ability to swallow an entire washcloth whole, or to catch a mouse – rather, it's her ability to ingest the prize within seconds flat. She's too smart for her own good, our little Margot, and clearly doesn't mind the trips to MedVet to purge whatever it is she has eaten – it's all worthwhile to our little Margot!

Margot's full time job is keeping her brother Flynn (also a Golden Endings dog, 4-years old now, we adopted him at 9 months) on his toes. They are our 4th and 5th Golden. We've never had 2 so close in age, and so we find ourselves hunkering down when they run toward us, always wrestling – tons of energy. Occasionally, they snuggle, and Margot has taken to licking Flynn's ears, which he seems to love, as he lays there purring... When we lost Royal in March, Flynn really took it hard. He really wasn't the same until this Summer, but now he's playful and happy again. He spends his days fending off Margot (who thinks she rules), but he wouldn't have it any other way. They are great together – perfect puppy siblings.

More so even than Margot, our family is extraordinarily lucky. Margot was only 3 months old when we adopted her from Golden Endings. I don't know this for certain, but imagine it's fairly rare to get a dog that young from Golden Endings. So Margot is our daughter Olivia's first very small pup. We were very lucky also to get Margot so soon after we lost our Royal – she really raised our spirits and brought a lot of love and energy into the house!

So, while Margot causes excessive trouble (we even wrote a song about it – she's trouble, with a capital "T..."). she's so worth it all – now that she's with us, she's family, we love her dearly forever and we couldn't imagine life without her!

Thank you to everyone at Golden Endings who brings these wonderful dogs to all of us!

*She is Trouble, with a capital "T"
She is mischief, and unpredictability
She is a great big bundle of puppy energy
And she is trying to hear Mom's voice
And she is trying, to make the right choice
But she's a great big bundle of Margot energy
She can escape any crate, she can run like the wind
She can snuggle up sweet, she can wrestle with Flynn
She can give you sweet looks, while she causes a fuss
She's a tiny little stinker, but she's perfect for us*

The Malloys

*Right: Flynn & Margot
Below: Flynn Yoga*



ROXY & ROSIE

These dogs have really been through a lot. Roxy is advancing but we know it will be a slower process for Rosey as she seems to have suffered so much more emotional abuse. But we are hopeful and will take it one day at a time.

We will keep in touch. Thank you so much as these girls bring fulfillment to our lives.

Mark and Tish Donalson



Roxy



Rosie

THE LIFE OF RILEY

The “Life of Riley” is the life every senior dog deserves in their golden years and YOU can provide it by opening your heart and home to one of the senior Golden Retrievers who are returned to GEGRR each year.



Meet Riley--that really is his name! He's a big goofy Golden Boy; a lanky 80 pound lap dog and “velcro-pup” who has devoted himself to Dave. Riley became our permanent foster in January of this year and immediately fit into our crazy household with 2 other dogs and visiting young grandchildren. His resilience is amazing! We're his 3rd family within the last 3 years through no fault of his

own. Riley's first wonderful 7 years were spent with an older couple (imagine purchasing a Golden puppy when you're 73!) until for health reasons they surrendered him to GEGRR. He was immediately adopted by a single gentleman who unfortunately passed away within a year; Riley lived with the adopter's daughter for nearly a year, but with 3 dogs of her own, a toddler and another baby on the way she called Kay for help. Lucky us! Riley turned 9 years old on Valentine's Day and has a couple medical issues so it was decided he deserved one family for the rest of his life, We feel blessed that we are that Forever Foster Family!

Cathy & Dave Taylor



TUCSON STRAUSBAUGH

FORMERLY KNOWN AS RUDDER!

My husband and I had been aware of the great work of Golden Endings rescue for a number of years. After losing the love of our life, a 13 year old golden named Dakota, we swore we would never parent a golden again. Within a year, the loneliness in the house was too much. We talked about rescuing an older dog, but were concerned about the level of care having spent the last few years of Dakota's life going to multiple specialists and carrying him everywhere due to paralysis. We ruled out a puppy from a breeder. We decided it was time to explore the rescue group we had contributed to over the years. We were open to whatever golden Kay had a need to place. When we called, Kay let us know about a 6 month old golden that had been surrendered. Oh no, not a puppy! But, we had made a commitment in our hearts and went to visit the puppy. We were expecting a big furball full of love and licks. What we found was an aloof, lanky pup who wanted nothing to do with us. Kay told us to go home and think it through. But, we knew we weren't going home to leave this little guy who obviously needed some love. The first

6 months were tough. Rudder, as he'd been named, didn't respond to his name or to any type of affection – unlike any golden we'd had before. And, he was in that gawky, defiant teenage stage. Kay assured us he would come around. Slowly, Tucson; as we'd renamed him, began to lay next to us, talk to us, and play dog with us. Tucson is now 2 yrs old, and he's a loving, almost behaved :) dog. He gets way too much attention, and we spend our free time taking him to his favorite parks and ponds. Thanks to Golden Endings for all the work you do to rescue and place goldens in need. Tucson has added joy and laughter into our home, and for that we are so appreciative.



toy to carry in her mouth when she greets us when we come home from work.

She has brought such joy and life into our house again. Thank you Kay and Golden Endings for this opportunity.

Cathy Lothes

CALLIE & SIMON

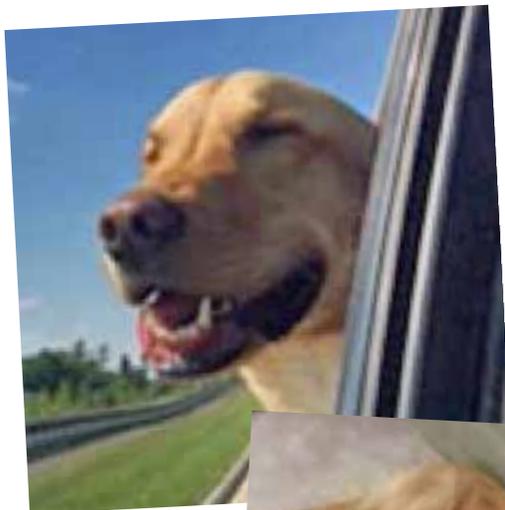
Even though Callie and Simon came from different places, they have become so attached to each other.

Callie had a not so good beginning to her life and I think Simon knew that; he's taken her "under his wing" and become her companion and protector.

Jill and Brent have adopted both of them and we could not have been more thrilled to keep them together.

Thank you both so much for opening your heart and home to them!

Judy



TILLIE

Who could say no to this face? Certainly not us – so that is how we found our Tillie! Our two elderly rescue goldens had passed away last year and we were so fortunate to be matched this past spring with Tillie. From the moment we met her, she was friendly and loving. We have found that she is a bit skittish when meeting new people, but she warms up quickly and loves to snuggle.

Tillie likes to go on walks although she still needs a little work with barking at people and dogs. We have taken her to the local dog park and she loves to socialize with new pals. And, as a typical golden, she always searches for a

We are so happy that we kept them together! I think they are loving their new home, Callie still needs a lot of work but each day she gets a little better!

We are so happy to help these two special dogs!

Brent and Jill



Callie



Simon

BREAKING: LOCAL FAMILY ADOPTS WORLD'S BEST DOG

Worthington: The Sheridan's, a local family residing in Worthington, Ohio, recently adopted what is believed to be (by them anyway) the world's best dog. Walter Payton, a seven-year-old Golden Retriever, came to the family as a Golden Endings rescue and quickly acclimated to a rambunctious household, which includes Linworth Animal Hospital veterinarian Kathy Sheridan, husband John and two boys, Owen and Whit, ages 10 and 8.

"He follows mom around like a baby bird," said Whit.

"Mom thinks she's his favorite, but I know better," said Owen, who cited Walter Payton's devotion to him in the backyard as proof.

Of course, there have been some grumblings that Walter Payton's presence hasn't been appreciated by all. "I personally don't see what the big deal is," said Bruce, the five-year-old cat. "I mean, he's a big fluffy red thing. Seen one, seen 'em all."



Bruce's opinion is definitely in the minority. "He is just the best dog," said Kathy. "We've only had him a few months, but we can't imagine life without him!"

Sentiments others in the family echoed, except for Bruce, of course.

WINSTON

Winston was surrendered to GEGRR in early August of 2017. He was eight but looked much older, was 30 pounds overweight, could not walk far, had severe glaucoma, and x-rays showed a foreign object in his belly.

Doctors Jamie Watts, Kristin Caudy, and the staff at Village Gate Animal Hospital had quite a project on their hands. We trimmed him up, gave him a bath, and prepped him for immediate surgery. Unfortunately, the eye had to be removed. We were amazed to find a small billiard ball in his stomach. It was removed, and he was stitched up. His eye healed very quickly, but his weight and immobility were slow to improve.

He stayed at Village Gate where I work. Slowly we were able to get him to eat some rice and boneless chicken, and to get him to walk a bit farther each day. Of course, I fell for him and knew he'd make a great addition to my already-large furry family. I got to take him home after about three weeks in the hospital, and he really started to improve immediately.

Winston is walking more than I imagined and has lost 20 pounds of the 30 called for. He can go up and down the steps to the back yard and walks up to the corner and

back. He eats dry mixed with canned prescription food with a little chicken and rice on the side. He is well accepted by the pack- four other dogs, four cats and a bird. He looks like an eight year old again.

Winston wanted me to let everyone involved with Golden Endings how thankful he is to have been rescued by such a wonderful group, and a very special Thank You to Kay Hirsch and Dr. Jamie Watts and her staff.



David Fick

*From Left: Winston After Surgery,
The Billiard Ball, Annie Visits Winston*

WYLIE AND BUBS AND BO JOIN THE PACK

Our golden adventure started back in 2002 when Deebo joined our family. He was a big red beauty about 2 years old. We saw his photo at the golden gathering and thought he would be the perfect companion for our black lab Foofer. Judy arranged the meeting on neutral ground in St Clairsville. We arrived with one dog and left with two! Deebo and Foof were the best of buds for 11 years. We lost Foof in April of 2013, at the age of 16. Deebo was a little lost and had become a bit of a couch potato so something had to give.

In December, I contact Judy to see if she had any boys who needed a home. She told us about Wylie. He was a 5 month old who had been starved and only had half a tail. Deebo and I were off to meet Wylie. They did a quick sniff and ignored each other. A perfect meeting! Because he was malnourished and needed some additional care we didn't bring him home right away, he stayed at Town and Country until the end of January 2014. Once we had him home, he kept Deebie on his toes and active. Deebie was, after all, going on 13 years old but he kept up pretty well. As the first year passed, we decided it might be good to add another, younger pup so Wylie would have someone to rough house with and Deebie could lounge and supervise.

Enter Bubs in March of 2015. He was about a year old, very timid, and a big red like Deebo. Judy told us the folks who had him had purchased him from the Amish to be used for breeding but they had another male who was biting him and the folks who had him no longer wanted him. We loaded Wylie and Deebie into the SUV and headed to meet Bubs. Another successful meeting went down in the books and Bubs was on his way home with us! Three Amigos (pic included). Deebie was able to play when he wanted and lounge and supervise the youngsters when he was done playing. A perfect crew.



In February of 2016, our family lost a piece of their hearts when Deebie passed at 15 1/2 years old. He truly was the best pup ever and we still miss him. It was good to have Wylie and Bubs romping around to help with the loss.

I contacted Judy in December, as I usually do, to see what she may need for the pups not yet adopted. We picked up some treats, toys, food and a bed and headed up to Town and Country to meet Judy.



While we were there we got to meet a few of the pups. Braydan was about 4 months old, he had been severely malnourished, had a severe respiratory infection and poor muscle development in his back legs. Golden Endings rescued him just in time. He was adorable! I told Judy when he was ready to be placed to call me. Just like Wylie, he needed some extra care before he would be ready to be adopted.

In February of 2017, we got a call from Judy asking if we would be interested in taking him. We were back in the SUV with Wylie and Bubs on our way to see him. Another perfect meeting! We call him Bo now (since he is bow-legged). Due to his respiratory issues he tends to make a lot of snoring and moaning noises. For us, that just adds to his cuteness!

Bo has grown and is doing great. His legs continue to get stronger and he keeps up just fine with our other two.

My husband calls it "the house of misfit dogs". Our Amish shy guy, our half tail, and our bow-legged snorer! Each one is special in their own way and we love them dearly. (pic included)

Thank you Judy and Golden Endings for saving our boys, Deesie, Wylie, Bubs and Bo,

Maggie, Gordon, Paige, Hunter and Gage Pyles

KROGER REWARDS



Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program anytime during the year!

What you may not know about the Kroger Community Rewards.

- 1.) Golden Endings receives \$4000 to \$5000 each year from this program!
- 2.) You must link your Kroger Plus card to GEGRR in April EVERY year.

We extend a HUGE Thank You to our many members who have supported our Golden Retrievers throughout the years by just buying groceries! Remember when we purchased the Kroger gift cards and reloaded them time after time? So

much work. The Community Rewards program is much easier; **the only thing we must do is remember to link our Kroger Plus card to GEGRR in APRIL EVERY year!** Please mark your calendar today with a reminder for this coming April!

To link your plus card to Golden Endings, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com follow all the prompts and search for us by name or the number 80431.

CHLOE

Chloe is a young and active 12 years of age. She has a lot of energy, as evidenced by our daily run-walks. Her current mission is to capture the chipmunk living under the front porch. Second to that are the many squirrels in the neighborhood. Deer are everywhere, but she seems to view them with a jaded eye, and has no desire to chase them. As the dog greeter ambassador, it hasn't taken Chloe long to make sure that she has a passing acquaintance with all of our canine neighbors. And being a creature of habit, Chloe has taken it upon herself to remind me that 8:00 p.m. is bedtime around here. She gets a boost up onto the bed, makes the standard 3 turns, lays down, and goes to sleep. Another day ended, a new chance to chase Mr. Chipmunk on the morrow!



DRAKE & LANCE

Great Ambassadors for Golden Endings Golden Retriever Rescue

For the past three summers Drake and Lance have represented Golden Endings at Brookwood Presbyterian Church on the East side of Columbus during its annual Family Fun Day. Drake and Lance are forever foster Golden Retrievers of member David Fick, a Deacon at the Church. The event is held every summer on a Saturday in July where there are crafts of all kinds for the kids, a bouncy house, live music, health screenings, a free lunch and many more events for the entire community to enjoy. David thought it would be a good idea to set up a display

table with membership applications, stories and pictures of past Golden Endings rescue dogs, and extensive information about GEGRR.

And what better way to show off the program than to have two success stories in attendance. Drake and Lance have both visited nursing homes and schools in the past and are great with children and adults. They have even attended Deacons meetings at the church and Drake is affectionately known as Deacon Drake. They both have helped bring attention and interest to our group and proudly represent Golden Endings. When David watches them at work in these events it makes him very proud of being a member, a past owner, and a current forever foster parent of the Golden Retrievers from Golden Endings.



KULTAINEN

He is doing much better - fabulous really when I compare him to the day we brought him home. I think he will probably always have some quirks and fear issues, but he gets better every day. Judy, let Barb know how he is doing too please.

After talking with our vet and Sheila Ferguson, we did start him on some anti anxiety meds for when we leave for the day. We couldn't get past the hump of him peeing and pooping in the crate. That was quite the month to five weeks this summer - a bath every night and cleaning and sanitizing the crate once he started doing that.

However, he's been on the meds a little over a week now. He's had just one day where he peed a little bit, but didn't need a bath and we could just wash the towel that was in the crate. His houstraining is much better as well. We have maybe one accident a week if that now. We're all getting used to each other and our schedules now I think. We just still have to be very aware of what he's doing and bring him out frequently.

I don't believe long term we will have the worries with him that we did with Slalom (St. Slalom as Jeff teases me) which was running off - boy did he love to run for the joy

of running and if he got out, the game began! Kultainen on the other hand has Jonathan in his sights. I think their early game of Jonathan running to have Kultainen chase him with Mogul chasing Kultainen paid off because he follows around very closely on his heel. He's started to put the leash or long line on the ground and just run around with him and he is all about keeping close to Jonathan. We were eating outside on the back porch over the weekend and I felt a dog dart through as I was bringing food out - I thought it was Mogul and didn't worry. It was Kultainen and he made it through - I was worried for half a second but Jonathan was already sitting at the table and he just ran up and sat next to him, looking at us as if - you are going to let me stay out here while you eat aren't you? So the dogs joined us on the patio. He is actually looking happy sitting out there now. He still isn't quite comfy when I have him come out on our front porch while I drink tea and read on a weekend morning - I think it's because cars are driving by on the front porch but it's a bit more secluded on the back porch. I believe that will be one of his ongoing quirks - a dislike of motor vehicles of any sort. He does not like car rides.

He is going on walks - happier if Jonathan and Mogul are with us but he'll go with the two of us too sometimes as I push him a bit to become more confident. He enjoys meeting new people in the neighborhood, especially if they are walking a dog. There's much less of the hesitancy to go up to someone that he initially had. Kay - Cathy Taylor was the first person other than one of the three of us from whom he'd take a treat out on a walk. We stopped by their house on one of our walks. He is starting to become food motivated and will take treats a lot more readily now. I can tell when he's really afraid - that's when he won't eat a treat or lick the peanut butter. If he does, he could still be a bit fearful, but he's responding to me.

We brought him to try to swim a couple of weekends ago - try being the operative word. We might try one of the pooch pools this weekend. He was not at all afraid of the water and went wading, but he won't chase balls or sticks outside so we couldn't get him deeper in the water and Mogul definitely is not a swimmer. I think he needs someone to show him how. We might also try to get him out to Antrim. We were at a quieter spot without other dogs to see how he'd do. We brought him to the Godown dog park for the first time on Sunday and he had a lot of fun. He clearly was keeping one of us



in sight at all times but was social with people and dogs both with none of the fear signs of tail tucked etc. It was really good to see.

On one of our walks with me, Kultainen and Mogul, we walked across a street lawn that was already filled with dead leaves off a huge Sycamore tree. I didn't think anything of it, nor did Mogul. Kulta did - he levitated - all four off the floor! I had to burst out laughing, but it really is very sad. The sound of the crackling dry leaves just scared the bejeezers out of him. He did go back two more times for me without too much encouragement however. The poor guy had obviously never seen fall leaves before. It's very sad when I think of his environment before you guys took him in. His birthday should have had him see leaves last fall.

We finally got the giardia cleared so that is good too.

Wendy

BAILEY

This is Bailey. See Bailey tug on his leash. See Bailey tug hard on his leash. See Bailey tug hard on his leash ALL the time. In the years ahead, Rich may suffer from a rotator cuff injury as a result of Bailey tugging him halfway down the street.

Bailey spent his second summer with us at our summer home in Maine. He and our other dog Lucy, enjoy their summers on the lake. There are lots of great smells of wild critters in the woods, and squirrels to chase up the trees.

Bailey is a bit quirky. He is the loudest snorer we've ever had. It takes TWO sleep sound machines to cover up that noise! Like all Golden Retrievers, he is very food motivated. Bailey will sit stoically next to anyone eating anything, waiting for a treat or a bit that falls to the floor, all the while adding a steady stream of drool to the floor. Bailey LOVES to ride in the car. During a recent walk, Bailey tried to get into a car of people we don't even know!

Bailey is a wonderful boy, adding much love to our home.

Rich and Lynda Murray



TREASURER'S REPORT



Above: Holden with Tim

Kay mentioned our medical challenges in the GEGRR Update. We have paid \$61,360 for veterinary fees through Sept. 26, 2017. That's a full 95% of our total expenditures to date. Our next largest expenses were for insurance and the landline for the Hotline, about \$2,000 for both. We operate with very little overhead, and no paid staff. The challenge is actually fund-raising.

We can't budget our veterinary expense; we fund the procedures as they arise, and we have never denied care to any Golden for financial reasons. But this year we had six surgical cases that amounted to over \$15,000. They put a severe dent in the checkbook. One day you're fine, the next day- not so good. Thus, the need for fund-raising.

The stories in this issue highlight the good works done by the organization and the adopting families. There have been so many great examples of Golden Retrievers making complete turn-arounds, not only medically, but also socially. We can pay for the expertise of the surgeons at MedVet and our other veterinary providers, but so very much of the credit belongs to the families that provide the continuing care, training, and especially the love that our rescues deserve.

We continue our efforts with faith in the mission that has led us to rescue 2167 Golden Retrievers since 1995. Can we ask for your continued support? We can make a difference only if you help fund GEGRR. Please sign up for Kroger Cares, visit the online store, and don't forget us as your favorite charity this tax season.

Thanks to all, Tim

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