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SIERRA



Sierra. Her name rolls off my tongue. Sweet Sierra. She has been our permanent foster Golden since last October and will spend the rest of her life in our home, in our family. Sierra is nearing 13 years old; her eyesight is dimming, her hips are so very bad and sometimes she stands in a corner staring as if she's wondering why she went there. Moments later she'll come over and stand in front of me staring up with her big round eyes surrounded with the silver fur that dominates her golden face. Then she knows exactly what she came for, LOVE! I'll rub her ears, stroke her head and scratch under her chin as I tell her how beautiful she is and how much we love her. I also ask her if this was how Grace made her feel loved. Grace was Sierra's elderly companion for nearly nine years until she passed away.

Sierra disproves the old adage "You can't teach an old dog new tricks"!

Now the eldest in a family of three dogs after being the only dog most of her life, she immediately fits right in. She

loves our young grandson, has tightly bonded with her canine sister and puts her little canine brother in his place as needed! Sierra is the "therapy dog" at the Gentle Worship Service at our church each month, giving calming comfort to the worshipers and thoroughly enjoying the attention she receives in return. This picture is the day she was blessed by Pastor John.

I could continue on and on celebrating Sierra, but the main point of this article is to bring awareness to the need of permanent foster families for the Golden Retrievers coming into GEGRR who are not considered adoptable due to age or medical issues. (Sierra was originally a GEGRR Golden, adopted at age 3 and returned upon the death of her adopter.) Golden Endings assumes the medical expenses and retains ultimate "ownership" of the fostered Golden; the foster family is responsible for giving the Golden a safe loving home, companionship and lots of love. Please contact Kay Hirsch for more details about becoming a permanent foster family.

Dave and I have taken Sierra into our lives as a way to 'pay it back' to Golden Endings and thank them for our two amazing GEGRR Golden, Molly and Dudley! A home is not a home without a Golden... two years after losing our last Golden Rusty, Sierra has brought back the glow and warmth only a Golden Retriever can bring. (Note-the other 2 dogs mentioned are Wiley & Micah, mixed breed foster failures we dearly love, they're just not Golden.)

Cathy Taylor

QUINN

It's now going on 3 years since we moved to Maine and I wanted to take the time to update you on the Golden we received thru Judy Johnson. "Quinn" turned out to be a great dog. She initially had her issues when meeting other dogs, but that has pretty much gone away. She has made friends with all the neighborhood dogs. She has a wonderful temperament and has been a delight to be around. She initially did not know how to play with toys; now, she is so much better with a kong. She had a hard time riding in the car, now she gets excited when we ask her if she wants to go for a ride. Unfortunately, during the Winter, I noticed her

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urine was tainted red. Although she had a UTI, the vet also noticed some unusual cells.



Turns out she has bladder cancer; that was diagnosed in March. The vet gave her about 6 months. Well, we are at that point but, Quinn is still doing well. We had a few possible warnings of worsening but they were short-lived. So, we are still giving her meds to counter the cancer and an assortment of treats. I have attached a few recent pictures for you. I'll keep you up to date on her progress. Hope all is well in OH.

Eric Ceh

GEGRR UPDATE *by Kay Hirsch*

There are a couple of types of calls that come into Golden Endings. "I want to save a dog- it will make me feel good. And, by the way, the Golden should be 1 to 3 years old, a certain color and size, be housebroken, be obedience trained, love all animals and people, and have a square-shaped head." Another starts out "My last Golden died and our home is so empty...we want to help a Golden in need of a new loving family...we love this breed...any one we can help will be fine." You know which caller is a good adopter.

On the other hand, with a surrender call it may start out "I want to get rid of my Golden; he/she needs too much time and attention and there's hair all over the house." Another caller sobs "we need to find a new home for our wonderful Golden and this breaks my heart..." Such a Golden is easily placed with a new family because he/she was raised with love.

As with all of life, no situation is perfect, and our mission at GEGRR is to do the right thing for the Golden regardless of the situation. I will have to say that it's impossible to not get emotionally involved! I just want everyone to remember that there is more baggage attached to some of these rescue Golden's than you see in their beautiful faces, but love and patience go a long way in making life better.

To date this year, we have brought in 39 Golden's and placed 36 into new homes. Since 1995, we have taken in 2,119. We currently care for 13 foster Golden's. Across the country, Golden Retriever rescue numbers are fewer. We have recently had calls from California and Florida asking about available dogs.

Even though the numbers are fewer, the total medical expenses continue to rise. I am so proud that GEGRR is able to provide the needed care- all because of your generous donations. I wish that you all could see the difference in the intake and the adoption condition of these rescue Golden's. Your support makes it possible. Thank you for all you do for them.



SPRING PICNIC 2016 *By Connie Walker*

What could be better than a beautiful Sunday in May than spending it with friends and Golden Retrievers running off leash? That's how the day was for our annual spring picnic at John Beltz Overbrook Retreat in Delaware County. The weather was a gorgeous, sunny 85 degrees and it brought 23 people and 28 Goldens to the picnic. It's always nice that members like Jean and Tony Reiner of Cuyahoga Falls and Larry and Kathy Flowers of Huber Heights travel to spend the day with us and all of you that took time out of the holiday weekend to join us.

As always, the food was delicious and Tim Hirsch cooked 50 hot dogs. Needless to say, there was not much left when it was over. It seems every year the food is more amazing and there was so much we barely had room on the tables. Thank you for sharing your awesome dishes.

The dogs also enjoyed the ice from the tubs and some took a dip in the wading pool (I had to change the water 3 times) after chasing tennis balls, Frisbees and each other.

Finally, everyone had a great time. It was nice to see and hear that "This one was the best spring picnic ever!" Thank You to the members who helped set up and clean up and Thank You All for coming. Thank You Tim for cooking the hot dogs and Jerry Troesch and Kay Hirsch for being photographer.

We will be wrapping at Barnes and Noble for the holidays this year. So far we will be at Sawmill Rd. and Rt. 256 in Pickerington. I am still waiting to hear from Polaris. Please consider helping as it is a fun way to volunteer for Golden Endings. Because of your efforts, we raised \$1100.00 last year. You guys are the best!



DOG WASH 2016

By Justine Ramser

On August 28, 2016 we had our second dog wash at the home of Ilene and Phil Smith in Dublin. A huge thank you to Ilene and Phil for their wonderful hospitality of hot dogs, chips and drinks and warm baths for our four legged friends. Through donations \$525.00 was raised. Dogs and one rabbit had one of the best baths ever thanks to the volunteers. Golden Endings volunteers Margo Noreen, Cheryl Suttman, Justine Ramser, Sheila Probasco, Kay Hirsch, Cathy and Dave Taylor, Elaine Troesch and family friends of the Smith family, George and Ashley.

Dogs came in all sizes and breeds. Jenny Kendall brought her puppy Rosie (Newfoundland -if you attended our spring picnic you were able to see a little black fur ball- now Rosie is 6 months old; she is one beautiful big dog.)

Here are the names of the dogs: Chelsie, Rosie, Sammy, Bella (our Bunny) Bailey, Benny, Betsy, Louie, Champ, Archie, Lilly, Madison, Rose, Brandy, Quigley, Waffles, Piper, Minnie, Mez, Regan, Jackson, Molly, Rory, Jakster, Zeus, Harley, Mikey, and Roxie.

Looking forward to next year!

Elaine Troesch



GLEE THANKS



Dear Kay,

In honor of my sweet Glee's 8th birthday, a gift for Golden Endings.

Glee continues to be the light of my life. She takes her job of comfort to college students at the University of Mt Union and residents of Windsorwood Assisted Living quite seriously- and knows to behave differently at each location.

I am forever in your debt for matching us!

With deep gratitude,

Connie

SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT GOLDEN ENDINGS

The event was Family Fun Day at Brookwood Presbyterian Church on July 30, 2016. About 200 people attended. GEGRR member and foster parent, David Fick, along with Goldens Lance and Drake were the ambassadors for Golden Endings.

There was an information table with Golden stories for people to read, some past newsletters, and answers to questions about the breed and our organization and its mission. It was a family affair, so there was face painting, games, story telling, a bouncy house, and health check-ups for the adults.

Of course, the Goldens were the big hit of the day (and well-behaved according to David). Drake is 9 yrs old and goes with the deacons to visit senior church members who are homebound. At Fun Day he tried to borrow a hot dog from a dear lady! Lance is 11 yrs old, and he visits the church's

charter school to help with the students' needs. At Fun Day he laid up by the band playing oldies from the 60's. Such good citizen Goldies!

Thank you, David and your boys!

Kay Hirsch



KATIE: ONE OF THE FACES OF GOLDEN RESCUE

Katie was a breeder in a puppy mill for about seven years and produced litter after litter with no regard for her well being.

When I first saw Katie about five years ago she only weighed 38 lbs, had recently whelped a litter of Golden puppies. I remember thinking, she's such a pitiful girl. I remember how terrible her ears smelled, from a bad infection and her coat was dry and dirty, she had no upper or lower front teeth. When the Vet checked her they had found she had been shot.

Katie had never walked on grass and had to be carried outside when she needed to go "potty". It took a while but

she eventually walked in the grass and she was very easy to house-train.

Katie had never been in a home before; there were so many things at seven years old she didn't know how to do. Katie had never walked steps, had never seen TV, and the list went on. Not to mention she was very afraid of sounds, loud noises, rain, lightning, and thunderstorms.

From the first moment I laid eyes on her, I knew I would never let her go. She was going to be part of my family for the rest of her life.

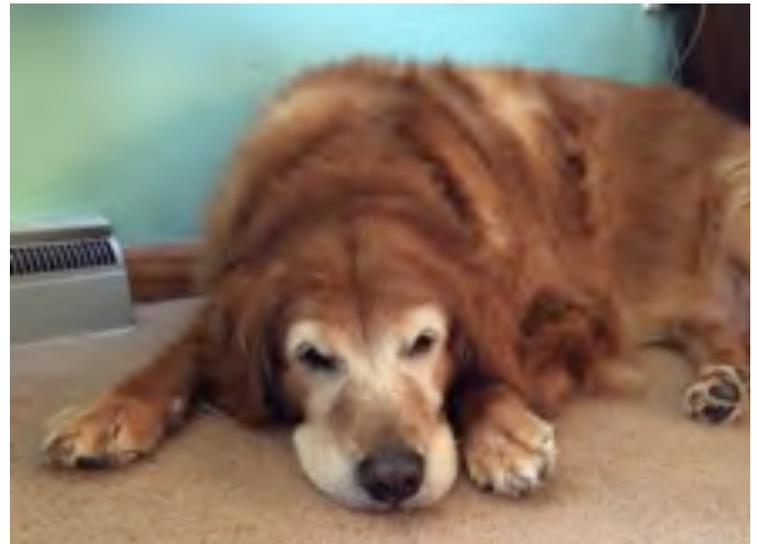
Katie was recently diagnosed with breathing problems, due to the horrible conditions she lived in. The ammonia from the urine smell has "burned" her lungs, so she's on a breathing medicine.

I still look at Katie after five years and I'm amazed at what she's taught me about life and survival.

I'm telling you this because I believe rescue is so important and everyone in Golden Endings has such a strong conviction to continue to rescue these wonderful Golden Retrievers. Whether they come from a puppy mill, owner surrender, stray or a shelter, the need is still great.

We at Golden Endings want to thank you for the support you continue to give us, so we can save dogs like Katie and give them the medical care and support they need.

Judy Johnson



LENA

Kay,

Just letting you know things are going well. We are 3 months on. She is still timid and fearful, but she follows me around in the yard -- until she's had it and then I get a high pitched sigh and she sits down. She most often sits next to me when we are outside. We've tried some walks -- before it got so



hot. Down the short lane -- smelling for rabbits. Once we get the leash on -- she is very fearful of it -- she pops out of the gate and trots down the drive to the lane. She walks reasonably well on the leash considering. If she's not smelling, she's just at my side and looking at me. We've also done a couple of short walks in the local park. Once again, getting the leash on and out of the car is the worst. Otherwise, she seems to be pretty pleased about walking.

She was weighed two weeks ago and is a smidgen over 98 pounds. I've attached some photos and I think she looks like she has lost a bit more. Today she was groomed for the first time -- she laid down both for the bath and the trim (the groomer was really wonderful). As you can see though I think she lost 10lbs of hair. I thought she would be a bit traumatized by this, but she's pretty affectionate this evening.

She also had her teeth cleaned and has excess calcium on her teeth. We now brush teeth -- thank goodness she likes the tooth paste-- brushing, not so much. We've had an ear infection and her left ear was totally plugged with wax. She still hasn't make it totally out of the bedroom. Her food bowl is halfway through the living room, on its way to the kitchen. She'll come out to eat and drink. She'll sit in the hallway and watch

me cook dinner and watch TV. She is afraid of the TV and growls at it -- although that has also gotten better in the last couple of weeks. She sleeps in the bedroom with me and greets me when we wake up.

She loves to carry stuff in her mouth. I was sitting outside eating lunch and had a cloth napkin and, stinker, she walked up and snatched the napkin and took it to her corner at the fence. Apparently glossy junk mail will do in a pinch. She will do most anything for a squeaky toy. It gives her the courage to come through the laundry room, into the garage and out into the yard. She wiggles when I call her in the yard and again, she'll follow me around. I do think she appreciates the air conditioning, even though outside is still her favorite place.

She is still sometimes fearful of me and lots of other stuff. Sometimes she just jumps for no apparent reason. And we do still have accidents in the house, but she is much better and we've a pretty good routine going now. We are a pair, though -- and what a sweet dog she is. It's amazing what she has overcome.

Jenny

THANK YOU, TOWN AND COUNTRY ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Dr James Radcliffe

It's been almost 20 years since Golden Endings took their first Golden to Town and Country Animal Hospital in Wheeling, West Virginia.

We want to say "Thank you" for so many years of helping our Goldens.

Everyone from the office staff, Vet techs, kennel staff and Veterinarians play an integral part in caring for each golden.

We feel blessed that our relationship still continues with this great, caring group of people. We feel like they treat each golden as their own.

Thank you again for taking such good care of our Goldens.

Judy



Marlana, Penny, and Lisa

TRAVELING GOLDENS

I doubt that it is possible to be a neighbor of Tim and Kay Hirsch and NOT welcome at least one rescued Golden Retriever into your home. We've been lucky enough to have two.

At the end of 2005, Kay wandered into our back yard with the most wonderful Golden Retriever. Kay was certain he would be a perfect addition to our English Setter, Bandit and our Golden Retriever, Clancy. Buddy was a stray, so we knew nothing about him, except that he was gentle, and loved to be around people. But Buddy also had heart worms. Kay and Golden Endings worked with a vet to successfully treat Buddy's worms. Part of the treatment was that Buddy had to remain quiet for six weeks, so Buddy spent time with a prisoner in Orient prison. Kay took me down to prison to spend time with Buddy. Finally, in January 2006, Buddy came home to live with us. Along the way, we rescued another mixed breed dog from a shelter in South Carolina. We named her Lucy, and she and Buddy were best friends.

Buddy loved everybody and everything. Mostly, he loved to eat. Buddy could tell time. He knew when it was 6 AM for breakfast, and 5 PM for dinner. He was never more than a few feet from my husband, Rich. They were true "buddies." One of Buddy's favorite places was our house in Maine. We live on a lake in the woods of the Belgrade Lakes Region. (If you've ever seen the movie "On Golden Pond," that is our lake - we actually get our mail by boat.) Although Buddy didn't swim in the lake, he loved riding in our boat. Buddy would stretch out on the back seat while we puttered around the lake.

Last Spring, we lost Buddy to cancer. None of you need me to tell you how devastating it is to lose a buddy. But for Lucy, this was especially hard. She spent the summer in Maine looking for Buddy, moping in her bed, excited when any dog showed up to play with her. We knew we wanted another Golden.

The day before we were leaving Maine to return to Columbus, Kay called to say she was getting in a five year old male the next day, were we interested? You betcha! The day after we got home, we met Kay at Village Gate and were introduced to Bailey. It was love at first sight. We didn't get much background on Bailey's "before" life, but we did know he liked to ride in cars. When we got to our car, Bailey hopped right into the front passenger seat, excited to be on the road. He was so happy to watch out the window, we couldn't get him to budge to the back seat. Rich had to ride home in the back seat, while Buddy sat contentedly in the front. Now, when we take Bailey for walks, he tries to jump into any parked car on our route.

Bailey is a wonderful addition to our family, and Lucy is thrilled to have another buddy. We can't wait to see how Bailey likes Maine this summer!

UPDATE: Thought I'd check in with you guys and give you an update on "Mr. Bailey." We've been at our house in Maine since the week before Memorial Day. Bailey and Lucy love it here. Bailey has looked longingly at the lake, but so far he hasn't been in. It's still too cold for us, but I'm pretty sure the minute we go in, he'll be paddling behind us.

He loved the car ride to Maine. He just loves riding in a car. He jumped in the truck of our plumber. Tried to ride with our garbage man. He's shed a few pounds - much to his dismay, as a result of lots of long walks in the woods. We had twin yearling moose in our woods two weeks ago. They were here for two days, munching on leaves and ferns. Lucy thought they were the biggest damn squirrels she'd ever seen. Bailey had no interest in them.

Rich has to sneak into his bedroom at night, close the door, get into bed and yell "ready" so I can open the door and let Bailey in. Otherwise, Rich gets NO room on the bed. The new king-sized bed we ordered can't get here soon enough.

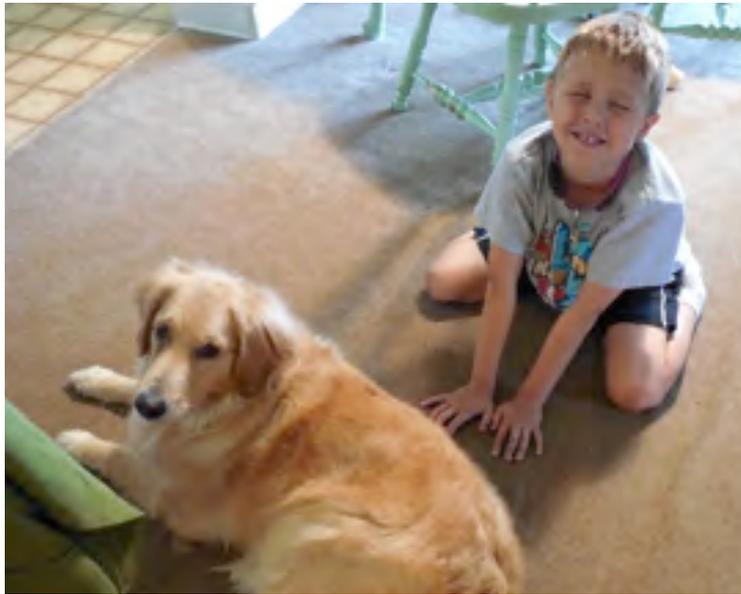
Anyway, Bailey's fit right in. He and Lucy are best of pals. He's just a big lug!

Hope all is well in Columbus. We'll be back around October 1.

Lynda



WHITNEY'S STORY CONTINUES



Wanted to update you on the wonderful news that Whitney is going to be tested for therapy registration with Pet Partners with Delta Society. We are so excited to be able to share this exciting update with all of you, as she has been an inspiration to all that she touches. Saved by Judy Johnson and Golden Endings, and cared for by wonderful handlers at the Belmont Correctional Institute she has overcome a nasty fungal infection of Blastomycosis that has left her permanently blind, but not down for the count. Whitney loves to interact with our grandchildren on the carpeting with her, and wowed her obedience class with a second place out of 8, of whom only 2 knew she was even blind. Now even is that AMAZING!!!! She truly is a miracle girl, with such a sweet temperament. I'm sure you will all agree that much is in store for this wonderful golden as she moves ahead towards her therapy career with maybe working with children in the schools, listening to them read their assignments, or with the residents at a local nursing home. We will be sure to keep you updated as we move closer to her evaluation and testing date of March 20.

Nancy & Paul Orth and Whitney.

P.S. Update for Whitney: GREAT NEWS TODAY!!!! Whitney is negative for Blastomycosis still, that makes is 2 years in the running. Praise the Lord. We are on the path now for her Delta Society Therapy Pet Training Class. What an awesome gift for this wonderful golden to give to society. Her Evaluation Class is scheduled for March 20th, so wish us luck. We plan on formally adopting Whitney now also - WHIPEE!!!! Thank you Golden Endings for all that you have done to make this possible. Nancy, Paul and Whitney Orth

HARMONY

This is an article about a foster home experience, and it shows how important we feel the foster program has become. Harmony's story was written by Rita, who has been fostering Golden Retrievers for several years. We are grateful to have our foster homes and our supporters who make it possible for Golden Endings to take in Golden Retrievers that have long term medical issues, or have been dumped because of old age, or a variety of other issues. GEGRR provides 100% of the medical care for each fostered Golden. Thank you for your generous support that makes it possible.

Judy Johnson

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My first Golden Ending foster dog, Chloe, passed over to the Rainbow Bridge on New Year's Eve of 2013. She had congestive heart failure and was very sick. My husband and I were devastated. Judy consoled me and told me that there would be another that needed me but I didn't believe her.

In early August of 2014 Judy called me one night when I had been thinking that I hadn't talked to her for months. She said she had a dog she would "just" like us to meet. She told me the dog's history of being an Amish puppy mill Mom and having who knows how many litters of puppies, her health problems and that she had so many fears. She said that at the prison they had to carry her outside to go to the bathroom because she wouldn't walk on the grass. She had never felt grass and was afraid.

She said that as soon as she met this dog she thought of me. I believe that it was Judy who named her "Harmony" for all of the right reasons.

We decided that we would meet Judy and Harmony that weekend. For some reason, I had to go the pet store the night before and I found this really pretty collar so I bought it just in case we might need it!

Needless to say, as soon as Judy opened the door of her van and we laid eyes on her, we were in love. She looked so shy and cute and she had a cowlick on the top of her head! We put her new collar on her and took the dog named "Harmony" home that day and our house felt complete again.

She just joined right in with our other dogs going down the stairs and past the pool to get to the yard and sniffing around out there. She laid down in the grass and put her face towards the sun like it was the best day ever! We were very happy for her. Her and our other Golden, Nicholas, seemed to know they were kind of the same color and hung out together. He looked out for her and she followed him around. She slept on her bed on the floor of our bedroom like she had been there for years.

I would lay on the floor and look into her face and talk to her and she would look back like she knew exactly what I was saying. My grand kids would use her belly for a pillow and she would never move. She was the most gentle dog. I hated the fact that someone was mean to her for even a second but I was glad that we gave her peace and security and more love than you could possibly imagine.

In February of this year she became ill and passed over the bridge on March 2 during surgery . I didn't expect it. I wasn't prepared for it. We were never sure how old she was but probably over 10 but she had so much longer to live. I had so much more love to give her. I miss her every day. I think about her every single day. She was my best friend, the Golden girl they called "Harmony".

Harmony's Mom



BROOKLYN UPDATE

I want to give everyone an update on Brooklyn:

Brooklyn was the puppy that was very sick when we got her. After many tests and taking her to a few special veterinarians, we were able to help her thrive, grow and survive.

Brooklyn will always be blind in one eye, but it doesn't seem to stop her from being a typical puppy!

Your donations to the Crawford Fund helped us get Brooklyn the medical treatment she desperately needed.

I wanted to Thank all of you, for your continued support of

Golden Endings. Because of the support we are able to care for Goldens like Brooklyn.



ANOTHER SUCCESS

Here's a success story from last year...e-mail offer and acceptance. The beginnings of another match that seems easy in hindsight, but required extraordinary participants. Thank you, Peter and Debbie Stephens, for being such compassionate supporters of our mission and being responsible for bringing a couple of "projects" back from the brink.

--- Tim Hirsch <thirsch@columbus.rr.com> wrote:

We're snowed in and are envious of you. We have been very slow with intakes for over a year, but we do get Goldens that are in need of extra medical or behavioral attention. I have one now that you would consider, I think.

Please give me a call and I'll fill you in on Teddy. He was diagnosed with heartworm and has begun his treatment which requires that he be kept in "mozy" mode, only allowed to go out for P&P then right back to crate. This course will be run by the time you come back up. I would not propose him if I found him to be anything other than a sweet and loving boy. He likes other dogs, and when I visit he loves to plop down next to me for ear rubs.

I think he would be a good companion for Toby.

Hi Kay & Tim,

What a winter you are having! ...

Teddy sounds like a sweet boy, like Toby.

We certainly would be interested. How old is Teddy and does he have any other health issues?

Toby is fine but misses Honey. We really think he has changed and needs a companion. Toby is just a bit quieter and subdued. He remains very close to me (Peter) and never lets me out of his sight. We have a dog beach here, so we have been taking Toby there to keep him comfortable with other dogs.

I'll give you a call later today and we can talk about Teddy.

Thanks for thinking of us! I hope this works as we feel it would be good for Toby to have a playmate!

Peter

UPDATE - Kay

Teddy joined Toby, Peter and Debbie. Talk about a project dog...Teddy went from wanting to attack cars (he had been hit by one and was left with an injured leg that self-healed), to enjoying rides in cars, golf carts, and especially a boat. The change only came about because of very loving, patient adopters and the help of a wonderful trainer and friend of GEGRR. The picture below is of Teddy and Toby with their mom and brother, and another GEGRR rescue, Sadie, and her mom, on a beach in Florida- You never know when or where you'll meet another Golden Endings friend!



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Even if you've been a part of this fund raiser for years you must re-enroll for the remainder of 2016 to keep your account active (every April). The steps are simple. All you need is a Kroger Plus Card, a valid e-mail address and an on-line Kroger account! Go directly to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the prompts here you may update your current account or create a new account. The GEGRR account number is 80431.

Please note this rewards program in no way affects your

personal rewards, it is an additional perk for non-profit organizations. Through our members' generous support Golden Endings receives a quarterly donation of \$750 to \$900. Amazing! We currently have only 80 households enrolled... imagine how much greater our rewards could be with more members participating.

Oh no—you missed the April open enrollment? No problem. Any month is a great time to enroll or re-enroll. For more detailed information or any questions you may have, please contact Cathy Taylor at dtaylor9@columbus.rr.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

I can just about reprint last November's Treasurer's report. Except we did spend more than our revenue due to some heavy medical expenses. We had a few more visits to MedVet in Columbus and a case that went to Veterinary Specialists in Pittsburgh. We are fortunate to have access to the very best veterinary expertise when our Golden retrievers are in critical condition, and we have used these two clinics for advanced diagnosis and treatment protocols when necessary.

Our operating results are always driven by the expense side of the equation, with Pet Care being the focus. The cost of veterinary care, food and kenneling (\$69,973) was, again, 88% of our total spending (\$79,807). But it was almost 3,000 more this year. The next highest expense was Printing (newsletters) at \$3,626. The operating deficit emphasizes the need to appeal for your donations.

We rely on contributions to subsidize dues and fees collected by operations. You can see how important our fundraising efforts are by considering the sources of our income:

Application Fees	610
Dues	8940
Crawford Medical Fund	16325
Donations (undirected)	34877
Adoption Fees	9740
Store Sales, notecard, dog wash, Kroger Cares, Macy's, bookwrap	7647.....total \$78,139

The forecast is what could be reprinted from year to year. We know that veterinary care costs will continue to rise. And, if trends continue, we will see more senior Golden retrievers coming in that have more chronic medical conditions. We must sustain our efforts to raise funds through solicitations, merchandise sales, and volunteer efforts such as bookwrapping, dog washes, and the note card sales.

Our annual dues letter will be sent in December. You can donate and contribute to the Crawford Fund while paying

your dues, and you can opt for the electronic version of the newsletter (color pictures!). Please add your e-mail address and note any changes to your contact info.

The Kroger Cares program is a painless way for you to help us. Thanks to Cathy Taylor, we have received quarterly contributions for years, amounting to thousands of dollars...at no cost to the shoppers. For GEGRR to benefit, you must have a Kroger Plus card, and when you use it when checking out at Kroger, your purchases accumulate as points that are used to determine Kroger's contribution to Golden Endings. Please take a very few minutes to sign up. The program may not be available in all areas of the country, but we are seeing significant income so far, with the potential of increasing it a lot. You can do it all from your keyboard...then go shop. If you normally shop somewhere else, it's interesting to compare prices and quality of what you use the most by visiting Kroger to keep 'em honest.

Tim Hirsch

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF...

Golden Girl Holly

Lisa Samblanet

Marlee

Kathy Fickes

Charlie Kendall

Kathleen Rosati

Helen Tippet

Donald & Maryann Robison

Robert & Marlene Lundbeck

Betsy Lines

Janice Yarrington

Molly Burkhart**Becky Eich****Fritzie****Sarah Benish****Kodi****Nugget Kincaid****Ollie Fenner****Mike Eich****Darla Steadman****Murphy Burkhart**

Louann Mishic

Cooper

John & Peggy Schilling

Colton

Tim & Kay Hirsch

Jim Plummer**Logan****Quincy**

Vivi & Roger Yost

Faith

Kathy & Ray Peck

Sallie Shaw

Carol Blum

Louis & Ellen Shaw

Lloyd & Judy Van Horn

Diana and Fred Hicks

Sadie

Joy Bush

Irina Stayianos

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Donna Niggemyer

Virginia Reed

Joyce Wetzel

Karen Biles

Brenda Bell

Teri Swarner

Jack McVey

Robert & Rita Pickard

Lucy Rosan**Sophie Rosan**

Larry & Diane Scott

Don Eliot

Grandview Hts Art Council

Tim and Kay Hirsch

Golden Danielle

Janice Stayianos

Huck Fick

Helen Huntley

Harold Snyder

Jane and Craig Begley

Colton Hirsch

Betsy O'Brochta

Travis

Linda Smith

IN HONOR OF...

Elaine Troesch

Robert Scanlon & others at work

Thank You for Molly

Gloria Heine

Sydney

Susan Blake

Eli

Virginia White

Glee's Adoption

Connie Hoffman

Glee's 8th Birthday

Connie Hoffman

Karen Reed

Mary Beth & Greg Busch

Betsy O'Brochta

Jay & Elizabeth Pomeroy

Connie Hoffman's Birthday and Glee

Coralee Cox

Rennie Langman

John & Nancy Lacher

Rescued Shepherd

Jess Judy Warren

KROGER CARES SIGN-UP

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SUPPORTERS:

All supporters must have a registered Kroger Plus card account online to be able to link their card to an organization.

- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain a digital Kroger Plus Card when creating an account online or at any Kroger store.

Link your card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com.

- If you have an existing account, click on “Sign In”, otherwise click on “Create an Account”.
- If you are a new online customer:
 - You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions. ○ Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the e-mail that was sent to activate your Kroger account.
- Already have a Kroger.com account?
 - Enter your email address and password and click on “Sign In”. ○ Click on Community then on Community Rewards” then click on enroll now, complete personal information, click on save.
 - Enter your organization’s number or name and then click on “Search”. ○ Select your organization and click on “Save”.
 - To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organizations name on the right side of your account settings page. ○ Once you are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting. (Note: The message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

View your Rewards Details

- Sign in to your Kroger account
- Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- Click on “View Your Rewards Details”
- See how much you have earned for your organization! (Note: This information will only be available and updated at the end of each cycle.)

Remember, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use your Alt ID when shopping for each eligible purchase to count.

You must link your card every year, starting August 1st, to support the organization of your choice.

Thank you for participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program!

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PARTICIPANTES DEL PROGRAMA KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Todos los participantes deben tener una tarjeta Kroger Plus registrada en línea para poder enlazar su tarjeta a una organización.

- Si no tiene una tarjeta Kroger Plus, puede obtener una en línea, al crear una cuenta, o en cualquier tienda Kroger.

Enlace su tarjeta en www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com.

- Si ya tiene una cuenta en línea, de clic a “Sign In”, si no, de clic a “Create an Account”.
- Si es su primera vez en nuestra página:
 - Tendrá que poner su dirección de correo electrónico, crear una contraseña, poner su código postal, seleccionar una tienda y aceptar los términos y condiciones de uso. ○ Cuando termine de poner su información verá un mensaje que le pedirá que revise su buzón de correo electrónico para después dar clic al enlace que estará en el mensaje que se le envió. Esto activará su cuenta de Kroger.
- ¿Ya tiene una cuenta en Kroger.com?
 - Introduzca su correo electrónico y contraseña y de clic a “Sign In”.
 - Haga clic en la opción “Community” y después a “Community Rewards”. Seleccione “enroll now”, complete su información personal, y para guardar, de clic a la opción “save”.
 - Introduzca el número o nombre de su organización y haga clic en “Search”. ○ Seleccione su organización y haga clic en “Save”. ○ Para verificar que ha enlazado su tarjeta, verá el nombre de su organización al lado derecho de su página de configuración (account settings).
 - Al tener su tarjeta enlazada, puede empezar a recaudar fondos inmediatamente hacia la organización que está apoyando. (Nota: El mensaje diciendo que está apoyando a una organización por medio del programa Kroger Community Rewards empezará a imprimirse en su recibo aproximadamente 10 días de trabajo después de haber enlazado su tarjeta.)

Vea los Detalles de Cuanto ha Recaudado

- Entre a su cuenta de Kroger
- Vaya a la página www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- De clic a “View Your Rewards Details”
- ¡Vea cuanto ha recaudado para su organización! (Nota: Esta información solo estará disponible y actualizada al final de cada ciclo.)

Recuerde que debe usar su tarjeta Kroger Plus o ID Alternativo (número telefónico) cada vez que visite Kroger para que cada compra que califique cuente.

Debe enlazar su tarjeta cada año, empezando el 1 de agosto, para apoyar a la organización de su preferencia.

¡Gracias por participar en nuestro programa Kroger Community Rewards!

HOLIDAY CARDS – 100% OF SALES HELP GEGRR!

The holiday season is upon us and with that comes holiday cards! Don't wait until the last minute, run to Hallmark and spend \$30 on cards – instead, help your favorite “Golden” charity and purchase our “Golden Endings” holidays cards!

These 5 x 7” professionally printed cards are available in “Let it Snow!”, “Golden Lights” or “Star of Wonder”.



“Let it Snow!” card can come WITH a holiday message inside that reads:

**Let it snow!
Let it snow!
Let it snow!**



“Golden Lights” card can come WITH a holiday message inside that reads:

May Your Days Be Merry & Bright



“Star of Wonder” card only remains with no inside message (blank)

Or, if you prefer, you can order all cards WITHOUT a message inside – perfect for sending thank you notes or other general greetings.

The back of all cards include the GEGRR logo and a short message that reads: “The sender of this card supports Golden Endings Golden Retriever Rescue” and includes the GEGRR website address.

Best of all, thanks to a donation of the cost of printing, 100% of the money collected from card sales will go directly to GEGRR!

Don't delay – order your GEGRR cards TODAY!
You can order online at GoldenEndingsRescue.com using PayPal, or clip and mail the below order form to:

Justine Ramser, 5443 Godown Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235

Cards are sold in sets of 10 for \$15 per set (includes shipping).



“Let it Snow!” cards

_____ # of Holiday message card sets @ \$15 per set
(10 cards per set, incl. S&H)

_____ # of Blank card sets @ \$15 per set
(10 cards per set, incl. S&H)

Total sets _____ x \$15 = \$_____ Total Cost (Includes S&H)



“Golden Lights” cards (limited quantity available)

_____ # of Holiday message card sets @ \$15 per set
(10 cards per set, incl. S&H)

_____ # of Blank card sets @ \$15 per set
(10 cards per set, incl. S&H)

Total sets _____ x \$15 = \$_____ Total Cost (Includes S&H)



“Star of Wonder” cards (limited quantity available)

_____ # of Blank card sets @ \$15 per set
(10 cards per set, incl. S&H)

Total sets _____ x \$15 = \$_____ Total Cost (Includes S&H)

Shipping address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Make checks payable to Golden Endings Golden Retriever Rescue

Golden Endings: Golden Retriever Rescue
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Columbus, Ohio 43212

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Change of Address
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Columbus, OH 43212

Please go to our website at:
Goldenendingsrescue.com for up to date
schedule of events.

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