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From Our President!

Dear Friends,

In each issue of The Barquer we try to keep you, our readers, informed about the life stories of the Golden Retrievers we accept and make available for adoption. And then, thanks to the adopting families that write to us about their Golden, we inform you about the Golden's progress.

What we do for Golden Retrievers from the first moment we learn of them and their need to the minute the Adoption Contract is signed is dependent on resources that we define in two ways. First, there is the human resources – those volunteers who drive, foster, groom, feed, walk, staff information events, write articles, balance books, accompany to veterinarian's office, attend meetings, bathe, and a multitude of other tasks. You could say that it "takes a village"; more precisely, it takes a program.

The second resource is money. What we do for Golden Retrievers costs money. In this regard, that is where our circle – our "village" if you will – expands to include so many of you. In each issue we present the names of the contributors that have helped us since the previous issue and for the Spring issue the list is longer than ever for it reflects the generosity of so many people during the holiday and year end giving period. Isn't that a wonderful list?

Let me assure that the Officers and Members of the Board of Directors take very seriously the stewardship of the money of GRRONY. We know that some donations are large and some smaller; some are made quite easily and some require a greater sacrifice on the part of the giver. But each one is cherished, and each expenditure is carefully watched to obtain the best possible rate, to weigh the necessity, to account to several members. Each contributor deserves no less.

We are pleased to say that in spite of increasing rising veterinary costs – due not only to increased costs in spite of discounts we receive but also to the increasing neglect with which dogs come to us – that the expenses and income for 2007 were very much in line with each other.

We share with you the charts on the next page to show you how important your donations are to the care of the Golden Retrievers we serve.

Donations, as you can see, are the major portion of our income and our success depends on them. We have chosen to minimize merchandise sales for that work is often assigned to the same volunteers that are needed to care for the Golden Retrievers. Additionally, it is difficult to be creative and unique and to compete with the many outlets for Golden-related merchandise. We also have chosen not to raise adoption fees at

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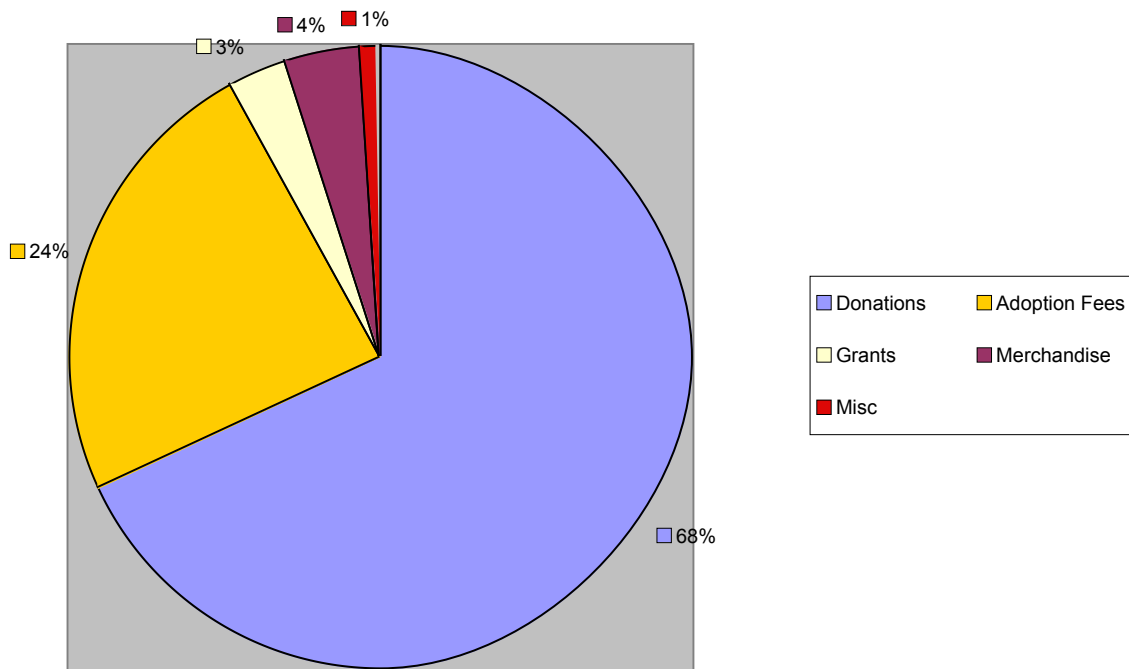
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this time. For these reasons that we believe are valid and good reasons, our reliance on donations is even stronger.

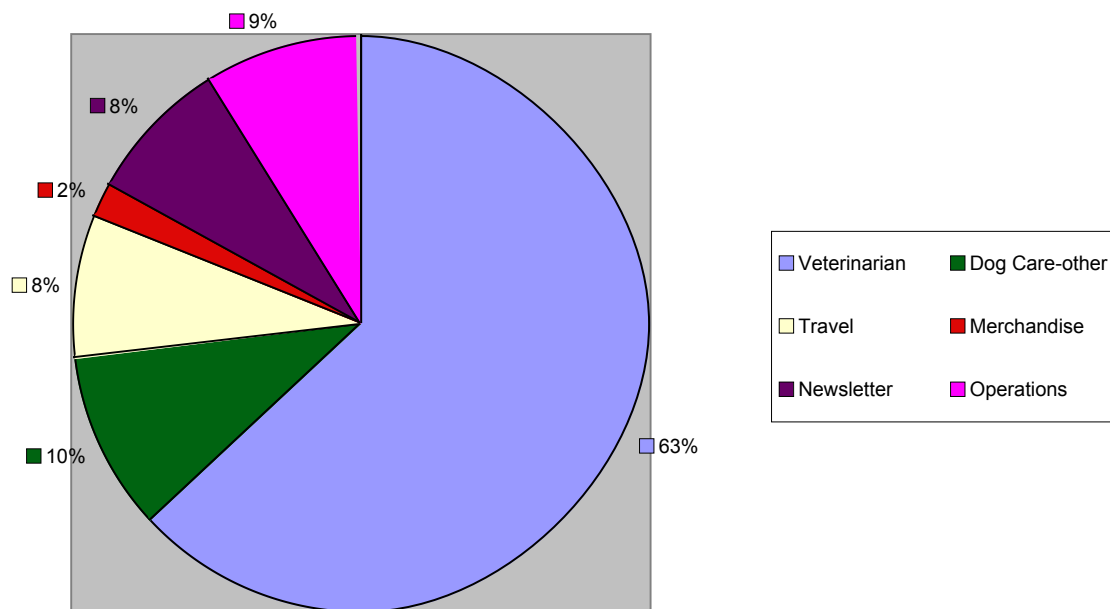
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LOOKING FOR HOMES IN CENTRAL NEW

Contact our Adoption Coordinator for more information. Sallie Lennox is at 315 469-7926. All dogs placed by GRRONY are spayed or neutered (unless medically contraindicated), shots are current, heartworm and fecal testing done.

BAILEY is a beautiful and large neutered male and just celebrated his 3rd birthday. He is active and needs a fenced yard and an energetic adopter who can provide him adequate exercise. A commitment to Obedience Training would be good for Bailey, for the bonding and for the adopter's abilities to integrate Bailey into all family activities. We have mixed experiences with cats. One family has believed their cat was in grave danger; in the foster home, Bailey basically ignores the cat. Because of this, we feel it best to avoid an adopter with cats. We do know that Bailey is excellent with other dogs. Because of Bailey's size and energy level, it would be best to avoid small children – not that intentional harm would occur but he may bump into and knock over a small child. He will require a fenced yard and an active family to provide him the exercise he needs.

MISTICO will soon celebrate his 11th birthday. He is healthy for his age (some lumps and bumps and some vision deterioration but otherwise healthy), active and alert and enjoys a good romp and exploration within a fenced yard. He interacts very well with another dog in the foster home. We have conflicting information about how Mistico interacts with cats (one report is that he chases; another is that he left the cat alone). Because of this uncertainty, we believe a family that does not have a cat should adopt Mistico. Mistico is looking for someone who will appreciate him for the older gentleman he is and who wants a senior to love and cherish.

NORDICA is a lively 6 year old girl with a need for a special person to love and care for her. She has serious allergic reactions to many things in the typical environment and while allergen injections every few weeks help, they do not alleviate the problem well enough for Nordy to be really comfortable. She may need a lifetime of monitoring and medications and a watchful human eye for infections. It helps that she wears an E-Collar much of the time and she has accepted that. Nordy is good with children and other dogs. We do not know about cats and thus we recommend avoiding cats. Nordy needs someone willing and able to go the extra mile. GRRONY will work with the adopter on long-term support with some of the medical expenses. Instruction will be provided on giving the injections. We are doing all possible to stabilize her medical condition. Nordy needs you more probably than you need her but you never know. To be needed is a wonderful reward.

COSMO is a 3 year old boy with energy to spare. He has wonderful house manners. He is obsessed with balls and while in foster care we are working to reduce that and redirect him to other toys and activities. He is accepting of other dogs but does not often initiate interaction although that is increasing in the foster home. While he lived with cats at one time, we do feel that many cats would find his attempts to "play" annoying. Although he resided previously in a home with "electronic containment system", we prefer a more secure fencing and think that he would do well with the safe and secure exercise that provides him. Obedience training would be necessary – he needs to accept the idea that compliance is not a choice, especially to "Come" while in the yard. Cosmo is a sweet boy and his "rough edges" just needs a little smoothing. Very affectionate, a little stubborn. He is large-framed (100 pound and not overweight at all). Another very sweet boy.

Letters From Our Friends



Denise Baker writes to us soon after adopting **Teddy**: Just a note to say thank you for bringing Teddy into my life, Things are going well and Teddy and Ozzie are becoming buddies and Teddy worked his way into my heart very quickly. Thank you for much for everything you do. Without you, I can't imagine what would happen to these sweet souls. May God continue to grant you the strength, the patience, the compassion and the love to allow you to bring the same joy you have given me to many, many others.

Gaby was adopted in 2004 at age 8 by David and Doris Hoey: We are sorry to tell you that Gaby crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She was a wonderful dog and we surely loved the 2 years and 8 months we had with her. It was a win-win situation right from the start with Gaby – a perfect match! We surely do miss her. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of her life.

Bailey writes to us: My mother and I wanted to thank you again for helping us find each other. My new family really has a lot of love to give me and I have a lot to give them back. My “sister” (THE cat) is OK, too. She doesn't like it when I run at her or try to bother her when she is in her little “bathroom” house. She doesn't yell at me much anymore and we have finally found our comfortable places in the house where we can be alone if we want.

Nancy Law and Karen Anderson say to us: Once again we would like to thank you for thinking of us when you found such a perfect golden boy. **Timmy** is well- mannered, affectionate, obedient and very smart. He is a very happy boy and we love him completely and will take care of him and protect him forever.

Lynne Paulson of California writes to GRRCNY: I can't forget your compassion and efficiency in helping to rescue Jake in 2002. This Golden Retriever lived next door to my aunt in Syracuse. He was tied outside all year except for once when he got loose and hit by a car. My aunt fussed over **Jake** and made sure he had some attention, food and water. She worried so about him being outside in the cold. When, at age 79, she found she had only a month to live, she was relieved to find out that Jake would receive help from GRRCNY. Thank you for all the good work you have done and continue to do. I was amazed at the sweet personality of Jake even after all the years of neglect so I am sure that one day I will want to rescue a Golden.

Marge Bathrick tells us how smart **Mia** is: When she wants to go on a walk, she jumps on the backdoor and then stands behind it as the other dogs go out. Once they are out, she runs and grabs her leash, wanting to go out the front door. I can never say “no” so off we go.

Anne and Bill Long tell us about **Leia**: She runs regularly with Bill, walks with us, and swims at our Lake home. She has lots of canine and feline friends as well as my horse. Leia is generally well behaved and still be willful when called. She passed the Therapy Dog International and Canine Good Citizen tests and we go to nursing homes for visits.

David and Barbara Simon tell us that **APPU** has a tumor on his liver buttruthfully, arthritis is more of an

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This month's issue of the Barquer will be on the web! If you would prefer to download the newsletter (in color!) from the web than receive it via “snail mail” , please let us know and we will send an e-mail out when the newsletter is available for download.

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issue. We still go for daily walks to keep him from getting too stiff and because he knows it's special time together. Everyday he awakens is a gift and everyday we tell him how special he is. Our Appu has been pure joy since the day he entered our home."

Mary Eldridge writes about **Maggie**, who she adopted about 6 months ago: Maggie and I were on a long walk with our friends and she had been very busy off by herself exploring. When she rejoined the group she was covered in mud and she was squeaking in pure delight with happiness and just plain glee. My heart went flip-flop with happiness for her.

Jake has been with Callie and Tom Rogers for 3 years and we hear: Jake is doing great and continues to bring us much joy. He has an awesome personality. He loves to visit our granddaughters in Ohio. They adore him and he's really bummed when we have to leave for home. I think depressed is the right word – fortunately he gets over it in a day or two. We love our boy and thank you once again for making it possible for us to care for such a loving animal

Cindy and John Troy tells us of what **Sandy** has come to mean to their family: She has been a wonderful addition to our family as a loving, affectionate, outgoing and playful dog. We are amazed at how responsive she has been with us. She is enrolled in an obedience class and we will continue indefinitely. Adopting her was a gift to us and we thank you very much. We are supporters of GRRRCNY and all the positive work you do towards education and commitment to help homeless dogs. The benefits received from having Sandy far outweigh the time and effort we initially put in to her adjustment period, and we will continue in our endeavors to be responsible dog owners.

Cynde and Arthur Baird tell us that "we are really enjoying life with **Tupper** who has blossomed in to a wonderful dog. Our goal for the summer is to teach him to be as steady in the canoe as our older dog. For now, we're having fun in the snow.

Shane makes his home now with Jim Schermerhorn and Dianne Fair on Cape Cod. "Shane was a handful at first and we wondered if we would ever get him to settle down. Well, you will be happy to know that he has turned into the most wonderful family dog. He goes everywhere with us. He keeps his 17 year old terrier brother in shape and is very protective of him. We could not be happier or prouder of our wonderful new boy. It just took a little time, love, patience for him to trust that this would be his forever home. Thank you so much for giving him to us and supporting us along the way."

Write To Us !

Do you have a story or letter to share with us about your adopted Golden? We love to hear from you and about how they are doing! Send your letters to GRRRCNY, PO Box 735, Jamesville NY 13078.

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wonderful re-design of the
GRRRCNY website!
www.grrrcny.org



A Foster Mom's Lament

by Marge Hoyt



Note: Marge and Dave Hoyt lovingly fostered Samuel for several months while he was undergoing treatment for heartworms. And then it came time for "Sam" to go to his forever home.

The next day Marge shared what is below.

My buddy and friend left my home, but not my heart, on Friday morning.

I miss:

his gentle little nudge at 6am telling me his day has started
 he coming to find me whenever I get out of sight
 he waiting at the top of the basement stairs to see what I am bringing up
 his patience waiting while I pour my morning tea before he gets let out
 he jumping in anticipation when he sees his brush
 his shining eyes when he sees me put peanut butter in his Kong toy
 he waiting next to my bed for his 2 small treats before calling it a night
 he lying next to my computer chair, asking when is it my turn for attention
 his unbelievable obedience when given a command
 his help getting the mail which he gets to smell just in case there's a dog in it
 he being a showoff and beating me to the trash can out back each day
 he running in great big circles in the yard, while I watch and cheer him on
 he being so very patient being confined during the heart worm treatments
 his joy when he went to the Vets because he always got soo much attention

As you can tell, I am missing my friend, but he has gone onto his

"Forever Home" but he will always be in my heart.

My advice? Love them like they were going to stay.

NEW FOSTER HOMES

Melissa Bullard



More Foster Homes Are Needed!

Our need for foster homes able to care for males of all ages is a particular and desperate need, but new homes to care for both genders of all ages are necessary. For information on becoming a foster home, please contact Wendy Jefferis (315) 652-7883.

The dogs in our lives, the dogs we come to love and who (we fervently believe) love us in return, offer more than fidelity, consolation, and companionship. They offer comedy, irony, wit, and a wealth of anecdotes, the "shaggy dog stories" and "stupid pet tricks" that are commonplace pleasures of life. They offer, if we are wise enough or simple enough to take it, a model for what it means to give your heart with little thought of return.

Both powerfully imaginary and comfortingly real, dogs act as mirrors for our own beliefs about what would constitute a truly humane society. Perhaps it is not too late for them to teach us some new tricks.

Marjorie Garber

Ask the Barquer

with Carol Allen



Question: Chloe is fine with others dogs most of the time. But when we enter our obedience building or are on a walk and another dog comes up to her, she raises her lip, growls and has snapped a few times. This usually gets a response of “your dog is aggressive or nasty”. How can I change this? She is so unlike this at home with my other dogs and I want to be able to do therapy work with her.

Answer: First of all, let me take issue with those people who say that Chloe is “aggressive or nasty” for expressing herself in the only good way a dog has to communicate displeasure. “Step back, Buddy, or I’ll call the police” or “Mommy, that dog looked at me and he scares me” just isn’t in a dog’s repertoire of responses.

Dogs vary – as humans do – in their desire to have a minimum amount of social distance from other dogs they do not know well. For some dogs, it might be 5 feet, for other 3 ft, or more or less. A dog may be wonderfully accepting at home among dogs she knows but there is no reason to think that this will transfer to strange dogs.

Dogs look to us, as their pack leader, for protection. For those of us who have chosen a life shared with Golden Retrievers, we learn it’s our job to protect them and not the other way around. “Please shorten your leash and keep your dog from being that close to my dog” is a very common direction I give to others. Veterinarians’ offices are common place for this problem to occur and we are often called on to accept our responsibility of looking out for and speaking up to protect our dogs from intrusions they may find undesirable and/or fear-producing. I’d like to think that in an obedience training setting that people either know this or are learning the concept of respect for social distance.

There is a “West Coast Dog Celebrity”, now a millionaire, who advocates “having dogs face their worst fears”. How dangerous! How wrong! The window of opportunity for exposure to new social experiences and the development of social skills closes at the latest at 20 weeks (some behavioral experts believe it is sooner than that but no one suggests it is longer). After that, disagreeable experiences only reinforce the dog’s thinking that there is a reason to be fearful after all.

To force a dog into situations that cause stress and tension and sets off a response that could be labeled “aggressive” is to diminish your role as pack leader and to be unfair to your dog. And the human at the end of the leash may actually increase the conflict for the dog as she may feel she has to defer to the human when what she really wants to do is to handle the matter as she wants to (and that likely is not acceptable to you).

But that is not to say that nothing can be done to change – or minimize – your dog’s reactions. Desensitization is possible to accomplish and in the absence of learning what that entails and how to do it, you are left with management and protection of Chloe as your options.

Briefly, and entire volumes are written on this, desensitization means lowering the tension level to practically nothing – in your case, a strange dog at considerable distance – only you can know for Chloe what that distance is. This is the point just below that which she becomes tense, responsive and/or reactive. This is called “working sub-threshold”. At that point, feed high value treats – very small but very delicious – no milk bone now. When seriously training you need to seriously “up the ante” regarding treat value. Gradually, a little this day and over the course of lots of other days, shorten the distance between Chloe and other dogs. Slowly she will come to associate the close presence of other dogs with something as positive as your high-value treats. Of course, this implies that none of the other dogs entering her social space give her real reason to be fearful or reactive. (That’s where the continued need for management comes in).

But understand that exposure alone will not address the issue. Desensitization will; management helps. I’d put your goal of doing therapy work with her on hold for now but still keep it as a goal. One of my own dogs, an accomplished and acknowledged therapy Golden, does not like strange dogs in her face and her social distance is quite short (2-3 feet). Other owners of therapy dogs on the “team” know that, respect that and all is well. But it takes communication – human-to-human, human to dog, dog to dog.



Lilly-Bell
with Handler Julie Padelford-Jansen
of the City of Miami Fire & Rescue
Lilly-Bell was rescued by GRRRCNY and
placed with the National Disaster
Search Dog Foundation



WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

GRRRCNY joined with GRROWLS and marched as one in the March 15th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Huge crowds applauded our volunteers and Golden Retrievers as some of our numbers greeted parade goers along the route, and others handed out literature on both programs. Over and over again, people let us know that "Goldens are the greatest" As we were well-received and the parade was enjoyable for marchers, too, we'll likely go forward and plan for next year. Let's have as many Goldens as we can, both those rescued and those obtained by other means.

How You Can Help!!!

We are grateful to all of our contributors, through whose generous donations, we are able to provide medical care to all of our foster dogs. But this year, possibly because our economy is sluggish, donations are down, and we fear a day when we might have to forego a necessary operation because it might mean another foster dog wouldn't get care he or she needs. Won't you help? All contributions are tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged. As a supporter of GRRRCNY, you'll also receive quarterly issues of *The Barquer!* All contributions help fund our Rescue efforts and also help with medical costs for our foster Goldens!

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AND THE LIST GETS LONGER AND LONGER.....

It seems like several times a year we learn that another common food or plant in our homes and environment is toxic (poisonous to include deadly) to our dogs

Alcohol	Garlic	Raisins
Avocados	Grapes	Rhubarb
Castor Beans	Lilies	Tea
Chocolate	Macadamia Nuts	Tomato – leaves
Coffee	Onions	and stems

And this list does not include the lawn fertilizers and pesticides that are so understood to be dangerous to our dogs. When you consider that they have four feet on that lawn, and then also do things like lick those feet, you can readily see how simple exposure quickly turns into ingesting the material. A warning also exists for Cocoa Mulch, sold in the larger chain home and garden stores as a decorative material around plants.

LYME DISEASE – TIS THE SEASON

By Carol Allen

Actually, there is apparently no season that is without the risk of contacting Lyme Disease. Research is showing us that the Deer Tick (the most usual carrier of Lyme Disease in this region) survives even frigid temperatures. In other parts of the country, other types of Ticks are the culprits.

Lyme Disease is to avoided – equally so for us humans as for our beloved dogs. Fortunately for us who are 2-legged, the tick can be fairly visible on our body and especially on light-colored clothing. But our 4-legged friends, that hair-covered skin hides the tick too well. For them, prevention is the best idea: such brand names as Frontline Plus and Advantix work well to repel or kill ticks (while at the same time doing the same for fleas).

Further, Lyme Disease is now being tested for by most veterinarians in tandem with the Heartworm test and we highly recommend it. Vaccine is also available and your veterinarian is the best source of advice about that.

Deer are everywhere as we destroy more and more of their natural habitat. The Deer Tick has been found on the most manicured of suburban lawns and even lying in wait in chain link fences. Do not think that because you and your dog do not go into the deep woods that you both are not a risk. Research is being conducted to learn if the Horse Fly and Adirondack Black Fly may also be carriers, like the Deer Tick, of the disease – and early results seem to indicate that it is.

Fatigue, joint swelling and pain, lethargy, fever, poor appetite, lameness – these all point to a need to rule out the disease both in humans and in dogs. Any of these symptoms that do not resolve in a few days should be reason to get medical attention.

BRANDY ELVIS LUCY MORGAN
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New Adopters

#07-32	Karen Anderson and Nancy Law	12/1/07
#07-25	Dawn Paulsen and Daniel Fuller	12/12/07
#07-20	John and Judy Sheets	12/28/07
#07-29	Amy Crowley-Keppler	1/12/08
#07-30	Rick and Elaine Cohen	1/12/08
#07-38	Phil and Wendy Jefferis	1/17/08
#07-36	Larry and Sandra Britton	2/1/08



The Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone who was left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into those trusting eyes, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together. - *Author Unknown*

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Goldilocks Coleman	1985	Tucker Stoker	2001	Luke Siegert	2004	Blue Monroe	2005
Robbie Forbes	1990	Bear Scott	2001	Parker Moran	2004	Sophie Baer/Brooks	2005
Charlie Wood/Chagoll	1991	Binkley Dowd	2001	Babe Gray	2004	Teddy Baritell	2005
Daisy Martin	1991	Sam Mehlenbacher	2001	Lucky Dodd	2004	Kricket Birch	2005
Oliver Wood	1991	Sacha Grace	2001	Casey Gardner	2004	Lady Marquis	2005
Teddy Marquis	1992	Baxter Henderson	2001	Max	2004	Darby O'Reilly	2005
Brandy I Eberley	1992	Roscoe Wood/Chagoll	2001	Charlie Wirshing	2004	Tucker O'Reilly	2005
Dasher Birch	1993	Hank Snow Benlevi	2001	Cedar Shavaliar	2004	George Kannus	2005
Tassie Birch	1993	Molly De Vito	2001	Lucas Gray	2004	Boggs Wallace	2005
Phoebe Wood/Chagoll	1993	Tanner Gover	2001	Candy Clark	2004	Ben Allen/Lennox	2006
Shamus Shelmidine	1993	Shawnee Mellinger	2002	Chelsea Donovan	2004	Libby Allen/Lennox	2006
Caesar Shelmidine	1994	Casey Clark	2002	Truman Kukowski	2004	Ginger Eaton	2006
Sandy Burton	1994	Baggins Smith-Hansen	2002	Tanner Budis	2004	Casey Ryan	2006
Sunshine Birch	1995	Jesse Simon	2002	Bert Birch	2004	Abby Abdo	2006
Beau Mooney	1995	Sammy Reynolds	2002	Rocket Drake	2004	Haley Durand	2006
Rubens Henderson	1995	Wooleybear Herlihy	2002	Mulligan Comerford	2004	Allie Scopelliti	2006
Sox Forbes	1996	Bucky Questel	2002	Cody Stoker	2004	Tanner Shelmidine	2006
Ariel Tice	1997	Joshua Allen/Lennox	2002	George Getman	2004	Breeze Wilson	2006
Gus Marquis	1997	Sara Moran	2002	Mac Worth	2004	Friar Tuck Wilson	2006
Mellow Wood/Chagoll	1997	Sox Stoker	2002	Smash Coleman	2004	Noah Beardsley	2006
Amber Carter	1997	Bruce Felch	2002	Murray Case	2004	Chiquita Clark	2006
Sandy Dodd	1997	Missy Larkin/Parker	2002	Nelson Summers	2004	KC MacBain	2006
Quaid Smith	1998	Alexandra Moshier	2002	Jack Ingalls	2004	Clancey Monroe	2006
Barney Underwood	1998	Sutter Rundle	2002	Quincey Andrews	2005	Jake Johnson/Moynihan	2006
Golda Gover	1998	Sundaze Massaro	2002	Shadow MacHarris	2005	Lance Smith	2006
Barney Worth	1998	Heidi Wood	2002	Molly Liebling	2005	Mufasa Cohen	2006
Ginger Ashmeade	1999	Cato Donovan	2002	Bailey Shaw	2005	Bogey Miller	2006
Buffy Maroney	1999	Chelsea Sternlicht	2002	Jesse Goodrich	2005	Cooper Zariello	2006
Beau Voorhest	1999	Suki Coleman	2002	George Brown	2005	Kelsea Wilson	2006
April Carter	1999	Alexandria Moshier	2002	Mitchell Brown	2005	Molson Long	2006
Aynde Carter	1999	Obie Brown	2003	Missy Overton	2005	Seamus Ingalls	2007
Toby Wattles	1999	Lancer Mitchell	2003	Annie Zicari	2005	Oliver Brown	2007
Reina Coleman	1999	Ben Wood/Chagoll	2003	AJ Birch	2005	James Coon Brown	2007
Alexandria Moshier	1999	Baxter Wood/Chagoll	2003	Lady Clark	2005	Howie Howard	2007
Toby Brown	2000	Jake Bathrick	2003	Minnie Clark	2005	Casey Buckley.Lembke	2007
Corky Lyman	2000	Riley Adams	2003	Molly Ingalls	2005	Zebulon Smith	2007
Bear Nickol	2000	Brandy II Eberley	2003	Tobey Ingalls	2005	Spice Norton/Phykitt	2007
Cinnamon Scott	2000	Scarlet Knapp	2003	Sadie Jo Kelsey	2005	Andy Warren	2007
Ashley Carson	2000	Chloe McFarlane	2003	Molly Mead	2005	Bumper Warren	2007
Shana Thor	2000	Iris Clickner	2003	Louie Mitchell	2005	Goldie Zimmerman	2007
Barney Bathrick	2000	Chaco Freeman	2003	Darby Salce	2005	Blue Howard	2007
Scout Wood	2000	Nemo Sessler	2003	Jake Rubinrott	2005	Delilah Drake	2007
Ben Beaux II Tice	2000	Hoosier Cleveland	2003	Aruba Monroe	2005	Buddy Leahy	2007
Sam Forbes	2000	Tacey Tice	2003	Skipper Langford	2005	Duffy Gray	2008
Sebastian Tice	2001	Sara Puzon	2003	Cassie Phykitt/Norton	2005	Randall Elrod	2008
Hunter Carter	2001	Teddy Wattles	2003	Cody Weber	2005	Lady Monroe	2008
Shadow Allen/Lennox	2001	Nikki Williams	2003	Buddy Case	2005		
Sydney Wood/Chagoll	2001	Ben Norton	2003	Sadie Britton	2005		
Arrow Birch	2001	Sam Biviano	2003	Max Anderson	2005		
Molly Brown	2001	Mickey Turczyn	2003	Gatsby Lebo	2005		
Cassie Wink	2001	Brandy Greenwood	2003	Casey Tice	2005		
Zac Beam	2001	Cody Allen/Lennox	2004				
Gordie Jewell	2001	Topper Pelose	2004				
Moxie Martin	2001						

Contact Carol Allen to Establish a Memorial

OLD GOLD

By Carol Allen

People who have adopted a Senior Golden unanimously agree that to do so was one of the very best decisions they have made. The unconditional and unabashed gratitude the seniors bring to our lives and to our hearts – for however long or short a time they are with us – more than compensates for the certainty that time together may end sooner rather than later. Each day is a gift to be cherished.

Sassy, age 10 when she was adopted two years ago, wants to say what is below.
Thanks to Judy Smith for capturing what is in the hearts of so many Senior Golden.

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN

No one wanted the older dog
But you brought me home
Thankful for the time we'll share
And I will be grateful to you for as long as I can.

My face is whiter now and I'm not so limber
But you are patient
Taking it easy and slow
And I will walk with you for as long as I can.

You'll never know about my world "before"
But that's okay because the rest of my life
Will be spent at your side
And I will stay with you for as long as I can.

My eyes tell the story
Of love lost and found
Safe at last, I lay happily at your feet
And I will be your friend for as long as I can.

Time knows no reason
But hearts know no bounds
We were meant to be together
And I will love you for as long as I can



Carol and her "old gold" Sassy

RABIES VACCINE – CHANGES ONE DAY?

State Law in New York says that Rabies Vaccinations will be given every three years (after the initial first vaccine and a booster a year later). In some states (Florida, for example), the law is that rabies Vaccine will be given each year.

But there is considerable concern that Rabies vaccine and the debilitating adverse effects many dogs experience as a result is over-used and the coverage provided by one injection may actually be as long as seven years. A grass-roots movement raised the necessary funds for a study to begin and this is called The Rabies Challenge. Visit www.RabiesChallengeFund.org to learn more about this effort and resulting studies. We all await the conclusion and the eventual impact they may have on state laws and the health of our dogs.

In the interim, we need to obey the law and heed the advice of our veterinarians. Rabies is a serious disease, does exist in wildlife and is fatal to all species. But the study to consider the vaccine protocol is very good news.

**No Golden Reunion this Year
BUT, there are
these other fun Golden Events!
and we need volunteers (plus goldens!)**

Cornell Vet School Open House

**Saturday, April 12 10am - 4 pm
e-mail Janice Brown (jmb14@cornell.edu)**

Finger Lakes SPCA Pet Walk and Festival

**Skaneateles, Saturday May 4th from 12-4pm
Contact Phil Jeffferis PHILT00@aol.com or (315) 652-7883.**

Ithaca Festival Parade

**Thursday, May 29th, 5 pm
contact Janet Gray: jsg4@cornell.edu**

The Empty-Nested Retiree

by Stan Gutelius

You say you've just retired and the new career you have started is taking twenty hours per month instead of the twenty hours a week you had anticipated. And your wife is still working. And you've finished all the "big projects" on the Honey Do List. And the "little projects" are just annoying. And you've seen "The Thin Man" and all the sequels 25 times. And you're feeling lonely. Is that what's bothering you, Bunky? Well, just ignore that little voice in the back of your head that says "You need a companion,"

You say you lost ten pounds while moving all the junk out of your old office building, but you know it will come roaring back if you don't do something to keep it off. But the thought of going out for a walk is something that goes away if you sit long enough in your recliner mid stare out at the lake-especially if it is cold, or raining, or windy, Or. ... Pay no attention to that little voice in your head that says, "You need a reason to go walking."

You say your family and friends ate sick of Christmas letters that complain about birds, bees, bats, skunks, and other assorted wildlife. And you don't have any new stories about wild creatures anyhow. Don't listen to that little voice that says, "How about domestic animals?"

You say you're tired of your dark wardrobe with all the navy blues, blacks, and dark reds. And you long to replace those colors with various shades of tan. And the green rug in front of the fireplace has been there forever and really should be replaced with something lighter, but you can't come up with a good excuse. That voice isn't so little any more. "You need a BLONDE domestic animal that sheds!"

You say your neighbors stand in the middle of their lawn each spring with hands on hips and glare at your lovely crop of dandelions that is just beginning to go to seed. And the wind is blowing their way. And you think to yourself that you might like to add a few brown spots to make your lawn even more attractive. And, what's more, you might export a few into their lawn along with the dandelion seeds. The voice is fairly screaming: "You need a dog!"

You say, "Noooooo!" We just got to the point where we can turn down the heat, lock the door, and leave for a day or a week or a month without a care in the world. Why in Heaven's name would we want to take on a dog? The voice is more conciliatory:

"You could RENT a dog."

You say there's no way you can rent a dog, but then you see an article about Golden Retriever Rescue of CNY and they say you can be a Foster Home for a dog on his/her way to a permanent home. And if you want to go away somewhere, you don't have to take on another dog until you have completed your travels. The voice: "See how easy?"

You say, "Easy indeed. So how come the dog we took on in July is still here?"

The little voice in the back of your head says, "It's all your wife's fault. A week after the dog arrived she said, 'We're not giving the dog back to GRR are we? And you said, 'No.''"

So you say you go for walks at all hours and in all weather and have lost five more pounds. And your clothing is all light colors or dark colors with a tannish cast. And you leave brown spots and the occasional land mine on your snooty neighbor's lawn. And you have an excuse for leaving those boring meetings that never seem to end: "I have to go and let the dog out."

What's Happening???



Looking Ahead

Upcoming Meetings for 2008 - Grace Church, 13 Court St., Cortland NY
We meet six times a year. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Next Meetings:

- April 5, (Sat.) 10AM Regular Meeting
- June 19 (Thurs) 7PM Regular Meeting
- Aug. 21 (Thurs) 7PM Regular Meeting
- Oct. 26 (Sun.) Annual Meeting
- Dec. 13, (Sat.), 10AM Regular Meeting

This is your chance to help rescue beyond fostering and financial help. Be a part of rescue and participate in these fun events with your golden!!

Cornell Vet School Open House	April 12, 2008
Finger Lakes SPCA Skaneateles Pet Festival	May 5, 2008
Ithaca Festival Parade	May 29, 2008
Dog Daze Bakery	June 2008
Good Dog Park Festival	July 2008
AKC Responsible Pet Ownership	Sept. 2008
CNY SPCA Pet Walk at Longbranch Park	Sept. 2008
Wanders Rest Dog Walk & Festival	Sept 2008
Pictures with Santa at PETCO	Dec. 2008



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