

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS

a closer look at GRRoW: events and fundraising

What, When, Where, Why & Who?

WHAT: Fundraising and Events are vital to GRRoW. If you think of GRRoW as a car, the different areas of GRRoW would constitute the hard parts of the vehicle, the engine the transmission, wheels, tires, steering wheel, etc. Fundraising is the fuel that keeps these other pieces moving. Like your car, each of these components is essential in getting the job done well, but just like your car – no matter how good all of the components are and no matter how shiny and beautiful it may be to look at – without fuel it goes nowhere.

Think of fundraising as relationship building. It's not begging or asking for money without cause... rather it is the act of describing our needs and thereby inspiring people to provide monetary support to cover those needs.

WHEN: Always! Remember your ABC's - Always Be Courting. Every person you talk to has potential to be a Volunteer, Adopter or Donor.

WHERE: Everywhere you interact with someone and end up talking about GRRoW – like during leisure times at the dog park, walking your dog around the neighborhood or when you happen to be wearing a GRRoW shirt at the grocery store and someone asks "What's GRRoW"? These are just a few examples of your daily meet and greet opportunities.

Events, Expos, and Meet & Greets are a great way to educate the public about GRRoW and rescue in general. They are a great opportunity to talk about our wonderful volunteer opportunities such

as fostering, assessments, home visits, transport, fundraising, etc. and possibly peaks someone's interest and inspire someone to become a volunteer or donor. Events of all sorts are always fundraisers – even events that you don't immediately see donations from. Awareness inspires donors to contribute to a great cause. We need lots of fundraising events and your participation is essential – whether it is volunteering for an existing event or starting an event of your own like brat stands, garage sales, coupon book sales, etc. The sky is the limit. No fundraising effort is too small. All the funds add together and the community contact is priceless.

WHY: To pay for the medical expenses of the dogs that continue to come in. This is GRRoW's

number one expense. Explaining these costs and supporting this conversation with the actual statistics can often encourage people to donate. People understand that these are vital expenses that need funding. Remember as an all volunteer 501(c)(3) our funds go to saving the dogs.

WHO: The who is YOU. While the areas of GRRoW represent the parts of the car, collectively the volunteers represent the driver. As we all know, you cannot drive your car without occasionally stopping to add fuel. I encourage every volunteer to get out at the next stop and add some fuel.

A huge THANK YOU to all volunteers who help out with fundraising and events! Your dedication is very much appreciated! Without you GRRoW would be stalled in the road!



GRRoW Celebrating 10 Years! 2000-2010

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Mission Statement

To encourage and promote responsible dog ownership and to reduce the abuse and neglect of all Golden Retrievers through rehabilitation and adoption.

To do all in our power to assure the humane treatment of Golden Retrievers and to accept unwanted Golden Retrievers, care for them medically, spay/neuter and rehabilitate them and place them in caring homes.

To educate the public in responsible dog ownership to include proper health, spay/neutering, nutrition, training and good canine citizenship.

To discourage unwanted or careless breeding practices and promote care for all dogs.

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2010 annual "tails on trails" dog walk by Kelly White, 2010 Dog Walk Coordinator



Date: October 23, 2010

**Place: Lapham Peak State Park
(Just 5 minutes south of I-94 & HWY C)**

Time: 10 am to 3pm

Dog Walk Details

GRRoW's annual "Tails on Trails" fundraising walk will take place October 23rd at Lapham Peak State Park. The "Tails on Trails" walk is one of GRRoW's largest events. The hard work and donations go to help the Golden Retrievers we take in enter a new life. We invite all GRRoW volunteers, parents of a GRRoW dog and the public to join us for a day of doggie fun.

The day begins with registration at 10am and the walk begins at 11am. The main trail is a 2 mile

walk through the park. Enjoy the fall colors and terrific Wisconsin scenery with your best friend right beside you. (We will also have a shorter route available.) Once the walk is completed, lunch will be available at the food tent. GRRoW will also have vendors onsite for a little bit of shopping for both the four legged consumer and two legged alike. There will be demonstrations of various types of activities to do with your dog. We will also have GRRoW merchandise available for sale. A raffle will take place after the walk. We have some really great raffle items this year, so try your luck!

We welcome all dog breeds to participate in the walk and encourage you to bring your neighbor, co-worker, family and friends to join us.

How to Help Golden Retrievers in Need

We at GRRoW understand that the economic times are hard this year and we appreciate any help you can provide. No amount of help or donation is too small for a Golden in need. You can help by asking friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you for the walk. The walk pledge sheet can be found on the GRRoW website www.GRRoW.org. If you are unable to attend the walk, please feel free to collect pledges and submit them on the "Tails on Trails" donation link on the website.

We at GRRoW would like to give a special thank you to a very generous sponsor, the Miller Charitable Fund. They will match donations up to \$10,000, so please help us reach the match amount goal by collecting donations.

Other Ways to Contribute and Pay Tribute to Your Best Friend

Once again this year we are creating "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" posters to post along the dog walk route. For \$25 we will make an 8" x 10" poster with your pet's photo and name to place along the walk route for everyone to see. Please send photos by email to Hiedi Zilch at hldldwg1@yahoo.com and mail a \$25.00 check payable to GRRoW to Heidi Zilch, 4133 N. Trailway Lane, Appleton, WI 54913.

NOTE: Online registration will NOT be available this year. Please register by mail or at the registration table on the day of the walk. Registration forms can be found at www.GRRoW.org.

Thank you to all the volunteers and adopters that have helped give these wonderful animals a second chance.

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training the fearful dog by Sarah Kalnajs B.A., CDBC, CPDT-KA, Blue Dog Training & Behavior

Power of Positive Relationships in Training Fearful Dogs

Good relationships are the foundation of a happy life. Those of us who consider our dogs friends, and perhaps even family, know the immense value that comes from just having them around. Coming home to their bright eyes and wagging bodies can make even the toughest of days brighter. Thousands of years of domestication gave us an animal that has a longer socialization period than its forbearers and that forms strong bonds with humans with very little exposure. Dogs basically come pre-programmed to adore us, seeing us as virtual superheroes with very little effort on our part.

As a trainer and behaviorist, my job is very much about developing good relationships with my canine clients and teaching their human caretakers to do the same. If I do not develop a solid base of trust with a fearful or possibly aggressive dog, he cannot learn from me, and may attempt to flee or do me harm. Scientists call this relationship-building with a dog desensitization and counter-conditioning. What I call trust, they call a conditioned emotional response. Whatever you call it, it is an absolute necessity that the dog you are working with have a positive association with you, especially if he is fearful of people.

The process of building a relationship is gradual; it strengthens with time and with each positive interaction the dog has with you. While there are a number of ways to encourage a fearful or aggressive dog to accept us, food is usually our most effective tool and the one we'll try first. It is important during the early stages of training for the dog to learn that when he is around the trainer (you or



his owner), there's a very good chance that he will receive some exceptionally good treats. This is the easiest way to gain the trust of most dogs.

In any interaction with the dog, including training sessions, it is essential that he remain comfortable so that trust is established and learning occurs. Keep him comfortable by constantly adjusting the intensity of your interaction with him so that he stays calm and receptive to learning. In technical terms, his internal emotional state needs to stay sub-threshold. The two most-useful indicators of internal emotional state are: 1) Will he eat?, and 2) Will he respond to simple cues that he knows, such as Sit or Down? Test him frequently. If he stops doing either one of these things, he has probably gone over-threshold – he is too aroused, stressed, and anxious to learn and trust will actually begin to erode.

If your dog goes over-threshold during a training session the only thing you can do is stop the session immediately and try again the next day because it takes at least that long for stress hormones to subside to levels close to normal (it can actually take a week or longer for a complete return to normal). Think about how hard it is to focus on a project at work, read a book, or have an important conversation when you are stressed and anxious. What about a day when everything seems to be going wrong and you are quicker to snap at those around you? This is no different for the fearful or aroused dog than it is for us. The last thing we want to do is keep pushing him when he is not relaxed and in a receptive state of mind.

As we work towards building trust in the fearful dog we need to think about what he wants and find ways to give it to him. We want him to associate our presence with good things, but some dogs are so stressed, aroused, and fearful in the presence of humans that they will refuse to eat. When this happens there is another tool in our bag of tricks that will get a positive response, and that is to BACK OFF! Scientifically stated, this is the use of negative reinforcement – we take something away from the dog (our presence) to reinforce the desired behavior (staying put).

[Note: When we give something to the dog (such as food) to reinforce a desired behavior, we call this positive reinforcement.]

In this scenario the dog learns that he will be rewarded if he remains calm and does not aggress or flee. Each time we venture closer, we reward



him if he stays calm by immediately backing away again. The worst thing we could do is move too fast and force an interaction that he is not ready for (a technique called flooding that usually does far more harm than good). Knowing how fast to go is more challenging with dogs that are this fearful because we can't use our usual method of gauging internal emotional state (seeing if he will eat or respond to simple cues). Instead, we have to watch his body language carefully and note any early signs of arousal or fear. This technique is simple and effective because it offers the dog a choice. Every time we approach it is his choice to stay calm, so it gives him an opportunity to practice the desired response over and over again.

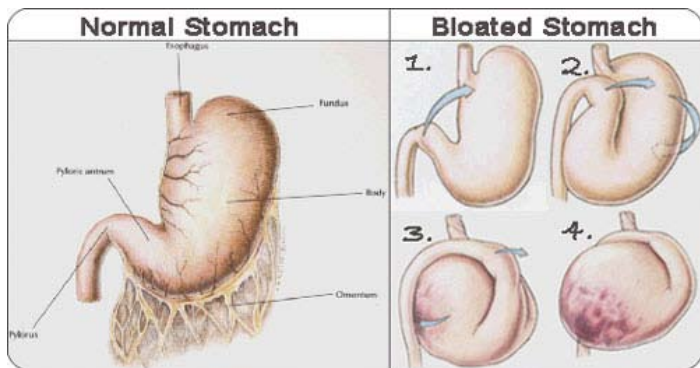
Building trust also requires that we not place the dog in situations that make him feel anxious. Give him the choice to control his environment as much as possible, and don't force any interaction that makes him anxious. Having the freedom to back away from anxiety-producing situations is an essential ingredient for building trust and maintaining his overall wellbeing.

While these are great tools for helping a dog overcome fear, it is worth noting that your ability to read his body language is one of the most useful. Not only can it give you clues about his internal

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gastric dilatation volvulus

GDV is the acronym used to describe canine bloat or abdominal distension. Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV) in the veterinary world refers to a specific type of bloat where not only is the stomach gas and/or food distended, but where it has also twisted on its axis. This twisting obstructs the inlet (esophagus) and outlet (duodenum) of the stomach like a balloon that has been twisted.



Typical signs of GDV include unproductive attempts at vomiting, abdominal distention, pain and anxiety. In severe cases outright collapse because of shock is seen. GDV can quickly become life threatening because the expanding stomach impedes blood flowing back to the heart resulting in shock. A greatly expanded stomach can even cut off its own blood supply resulting in death of that vital organ. It can also obstruct blood flow to the spleen leading to vascular compromise of that organ as well.

A more benign form of bloat is "food bloat" where a dog simply overeats and drinks a lot of water. It can look like GDV initially because dogs will have a distended abdomen, however is very different in that the stomach is not twisted. Dogs with food

bloat typically need time and possibly IV fluids to allow the food to pass. Prognosis with food bloat is good, though repeated bouts of food bloat can be a prelude to GDV because gastric (stomach) ligaments are stretched during these events.

Differentiating between the two types of bloat is often simple with an abdominal x-ray, evaluation of vital signs and some basic blood work. Dogs with GDV show compartmentalization (double


bubble effect) of the stomach on x-rays because of it being twisted and are often in the early stages of shock. In contrast, food bloat patients have distended, but not twisted stomachs and are cardiovascularly stable.

Treatment of GDV is initially centered on treating shock with large doses of IV fluids to enhance cardiovascular stability (catheters must be placed in the forelimbs only). Patients are often painful so narcotics are typically administered to relieve discomfort and anxiety. Reduction of stomach distention is often attempted by passing a needle through the skin into the stomach allowing gas to escape. A more productive procedure is passing an oral to stomach tube allowing escape of gas and partially digested food as well. Tube passage however is not always possible because the twisted stomach inlet can be pinched off. The final goal is to rotate the stomach back into a normal position during surgery and to permanently suture it to the body wall (gastropexy) to prevent recurrence.

There is a wide range in prognosis based on the severity of the GDV and timing of treatment. Some negative pre-operative prognostic indicators include: EKG heart arrhythmias (they are common post-op and have no effect on prognosis) and elevated serum lactate > 8 (blood test). Negative indicators that can be found during surgery include partial stomach necrosis (tissue death) and loss of spleen blood supply and/or significant splenic vessel hemorrhage.

There is some good news regarding GDV in that it can be prevented by having young large and giant breed (especially deep-chested) dogs undergo a prophylactic gastropexy (suturing the stomach to the body wall) at the time of neuter. Dogs can still develop food bloat, but their stomachs cannot twist after gastropexy sparing them from the potentially life threatening condition.


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emotional state, but it can also help you figure out what he values most at that moment, whether it is a little extra personal space, a treat, or a tennis ball. You may find that this shifts often during a training session, so pay attention to what he's gravitating towards – you'll get the best results if you reward desired behavior with whatever he values most at that moment.

It is absolutely essential to keep your project dog sub-threshold while you work with him. Once he becomes too aroused or anxious, you need to call it quits for the day so that he has time to recover – he cannot learn when his stress hormones have kicked into overdrive. Keeping a fearful dog sub-threshold puts him in a frame of mind to more readily make the correct choice (to stay near you) and avoids any unintentional association between the training session and negative emotions, such as anxiety or fear.

None of us should be surprised by the confidence a dog gains from not being forced into situations that make him feel threatened. As always, when we think of situations that make us anxious or nervous, we know how grateful we were when someone understands and respects our needs. People who show us empathy and care are people we feel we can trust. This is no different for the dog that may be lying by your feet this very moment.

So, to recap, there are several very important things you should be doing to build a good relationship with a fearful, anxious dog:

- 1) Watch his internal emotional state, see if he will eat or respond to simple cues. If he's too fearful to eat or respond to cues, watch his body language instead. Keep him below threshold.
- 2) Pay attention to what he seems to want most at any given moment, and use it as a reinforcer: a tasty treat, a squeaky ball, or perhaps, a little more personal space.

3) Don't force any interaction upon him; give him the freedom to back away if he feels anxious.

One last bit of advice ... you can't socialize a dog that has fear issues if he has passed his primary socialization period (roughly 16 weeks of age). Once the socialization window has closed you need to use the relationship-building techniques described above, instead. Proper socialization during the first few months of life is absolutely essential for producing a dog that is comfortable around people, other dogs, and novel situations, and is also essential throughout his life for *maintaining* his trusting outlook, but it will not improve or cure fear issues once they have already developed.

Treat your dog with empathy and compassion and work hard to give him what he wants, including the freedom to go at his own pace, and you will be rewarded with a dog that not only trusts you, but learns to trust the rest of the world as well.



dangers of pet toys by Pat Smith, Badger Golden Retriever Club

Following is an article recently printed in the Badger Golden Retriever Club Newsletter. It is a warning that should be heeded for the safety of our pets. It originated with the Australian Terrier club.

As follows: "Last night at agility class, a vet, who is a fellow agility student, was telling us about a case she had this week. The dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dog's intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die; no surgery can fix him up; there was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.

This was not an obstruction so she called the manufacturer of the teddy bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children's toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to become a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys.....hmmmm

that seems a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So, do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals. Some people get them at Goodwill, etc. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe than sorry. Meanwhile, make sure all your toys are for dogs. Please pass this on. It is a horrible death



she described and one that can be avoided."

On that note, let me say that I am very guilty of doing just what was mentioned above. This past Christmas I stopped at the Goodwill store in Waukesha and found a whole bin of used but good stuffed toys. I carefully picked out the ones that I wanted my three Golden Retrievers to have. They were only about \$1.00 apiece and I could stock up on a nice supply. Why spend the \$5 – \$10 each on new toys when they will just be shaken, chewed and tugged on. Right ? After reading the article above it makes me sick that I might have had an incident occur as described. All for the sake of saving some money.

Have a great summer with your special friends and remember to throw those new yellow tennis balls into the washer to get the dye out before giving them to your Golden.

For more information, visit our clubs website at www.bgrc-wi.org or call me anytime at 262-495-3443.



golden starfish award

Golden Starfish Awarded to Jane Babcock of GRRoW

It is with great honor and pleasure to announce that a GRRoW foster home has won one of the individual categories of the “Starfish Award” presented by the Golden Retriever Club of America – National Rescue Committee. Jane Babcock was selected out of many entries for her constant dedication to the fostering of the oldest, sickest, most frail, and hospice Golden Retrievers that come into our care. Below is an excerpt from the award announcement.

Jane can be relied on to foster the senior, medically fragile Golden Retrievers. Some have moved on to adoptive homes to live out their usually short remaining life and some have remained with Jane to the end. Jane says that caring for these Golden Retrievers has become her “personal ministry.” Jane is impressed that GRRoW accepts these seniors and she is grateful to GRRoW for the “honor and the privilege to be in the presence of these old dogs, as they have much to teach us about aging gracefully and accepting the limitations life places on us all, while maintaining a gentleness and depth of spirit.” She thanks each Golden for “making our lives, richer and all of us better people by knowing you.”

Thank you and congratulations Jane, for your dedication to our senior fosters and to GRRoW. A sincere thank you also goes out to Bob Falconer who put her story together for us and submitted

it to the National Rescue Committee on behalf of GRRoW.

Another huge thank you goes all to the wonderful team of GRRoW volunteers that make golden



miracles happen on a daily basis, as well as all the other thousands of volunteers and golden rescues involved in rescuing Golden Retrievers across the United States.

What is the Golden Starfish Award?

Purpose: To recognize individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to Golden Retriever rescue efforts, either in their own local rescue program, through the assistance of another rescue organization, or through individual effort.

Recipients: Awarded annually to a maximum of two groups, and a maximum of two individuals.

Individual winners will receive a specially designed certificate as noted above. In addition, they will receive a starfish pin with a ribbon that bears the initials of the GRCA-NRC on it.

Both group winners and individual winners will have their accomplishments recognized in an article to be printed in the GR News, and on the GRCA-NRC website at www.grca-nrc.org

The Starfish Story

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean. “Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?” he asks.

“Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don’t throw them further in they will die.”

“But, old man, don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can’t possibly save them all, you can’t even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won’t make any difference at all.”

The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and throw it into the sea. “It made a difference to that one.”

member bio



Hello my name is Kelly White and I live with my husband Matt, 2 cats (Magic and Izzy), and 2 Russian Torti (Pokey and Piggy) and our final addition Lucy, a two-year-old Golden Retriever. Lucy is our GRRoW foster/adoption dog. My love for dogs goes from caring for them to training. I trained as a dog trainer and continue to both train Lucy and in group classes. I also help with CGC (Canine Good Citizen) testing as an evaluator for both my kennel club and later this summer at “Bark in the Park.”

Lucy has become an integral part of our lives. She goes to softball games with my husband and I, hikes, camps and the dog park to chase the tennis ball or run with her friends.

I have been involved with GRRoW for about a year; Lucy was my reason for becoming involved. She required some extra care while in foster. I experienced first-hand the level of care and devotion the volunteers will go to for these wonderful animals. Because of this experience, I wanted to become part of this unique and fantastic group. Lucy and I began with Meet and Greets and we went to the Dog Walk last year to just enjoy a day out. This year I wanted to become involved in the process to help with this amazing event. You will see me with Lucy the day of the walk with the other dedicated volunteers walking the trail and enjoying the hike.

See you there! Kelly and Lucy

success stories



Lady (09-003)

Lady was just the dog I was hoping for. She is up-to-date on all her shots and healthy as can be. I like to spend lots of time in the woods hiking and camping, and Lady goes with me everywhere. She has lost almost 8 pounds and the vet says she could still lose a little more, but overall she looks great. I like to juice fruits and vegetables and I always give her a cup, which she just loves it. Her favorite treats are carrots which is great because they are cheap and good for her. She gets along great with all my friends' dogs and my family. She runs like the wind and every day I walk her at least a mile or more. Your organization found me a dog that I love and care for with all my heart. She is my best friend. Thank you.

Lucy

Hello, my husband and I adopted a golden retriever from GRRoW about a year ago; her name is Lucy. Lucy was introduced to us and it was love at first sight. She was very affectionate and loving with everyone from the minute she walked into our home. The decision to foster her, and then adopt her was an easy one to make.

When Lucy came to our home she was seeing a behaviorist for collar sensitivity issues and some self confidence concerns. We also found out after she was with us for a few days that the list of her "issues" grew by a few more. She is also a resource guarder, had some issues with being physically restrained and she was a sock thief. We knew that Lucy would require extra training and this confirmed it. Even though Lucy

had some issues she also wants to please. She is absolutely wonderful with children, is a breeze to train (food and a tennis ball is all it takes), has patience with our testy cats and just lovable in general. She is our baby girl!

Since Lucy has been in our home she has conquered her collar issues, where I can now lead her around by the collar without her fighting to get away, she even allows strangers to touch and hold her collar. She is allowing us to hug and hold her without the original anxiety she came to us with, she even leans into the hug. She has learned "drop" and her resource guarding has decreased dramatically. She still steals socks, but now she prances around the house with the sock hanging out of her mouth and her tail up high with a "look at me" look on her face, instead of eating them.



Lucy has also made some amazing strides in other areas of her life with us. We were told that there was a very slim chance she would be able to go to the Dog Park or doggie daycare, because of her confidence issues. Through hard work and the wonderful help of the daycare workers she now goes to the park 4-5 times a week and doggie daycare 1-2 days a week. Lucy has completed several classes in both family obedience and AKC companion sports. Lucy is both an AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and a testing dog for the CGC exam. She also competes in Rally Obedience and will compete later this summer in agility trials.

I am writing this letter to thank GRRoW with our whole hearts; Lucy has become a major part of our lives. She was worth the work and she will continue to be worth the work in the future. I also want to encourage those of you out there who are considering a rescue dog and are unsure if

the end result will be worth the initial work, IT ABSOLUTELY IS! Rescue dogs only need to know that you will be patient with them and that this is their forever home. Show them that you love them and they will be your best friend forever.

Little Miss Maizee

Maizee came to my home, called Golden Acres, at the end of February. This petite little girl weighed 43 pounds or about 12-15 pounds under her ideal weight. She had bilateral ear infections. Maizee's teeth were black, green and brown. She also had a significant cut on the back of her front leg behind the paw joint. Maizee's physical problems were easy to diagnose and treat. The emotional scars from her life were not.

Maizee had been born three years earlier to a back yard breeder. She was kept, one assumes, to be used for the next generation of puppies from this breeder. Maizee was kept with her mom Lily until the owners decided they no longer wanted Maizee or Lily. Fortunately they called GRRoW and surrendered both Maizee and her mom.

Maizee had never been socialized and was virtually afraid of anything that she did not understand or was not familiar with. Since she was kept in a kennel with just her mom for company, she was afraid of the entire outside world. Maizee



spent her first three days at our house under the kitchen table. She was too terrified to eat, sleep, play or even go out to relieve herself.

But, with a lot of patience and the help of the other resident Golden's, Maizee gradually came out of her shell and learned to experience life and not be afraid. After two months of confidence

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boosting and reassurance, Maizee blossomed into a wonderful and happy little girl. It was time for a new life for her.

We began the search for her forever home. None of the applicants quite matched what Maizee needed. Then a phone call came from friends in GRRoW who had done a home visit for a couple they thought may be a good match. I continued to look at applications and even met a potential family. The families just didn't feel quite right. Then Placement sent me the application and I knew immediately this was Maizee's home. This was her forever family. After calling and speaking with Pat and hearing her excitement at meeting Maizee, we set up a meeting for that very evening.

Maizee walked into the house, jumped up on the couch and proceeded to fall asleep in her new mom's lap. Pat and Ray were both petting her, hugging her, kissing her and just loving her up right from the start. We all knew Maizee was home.

Rosie and Roy

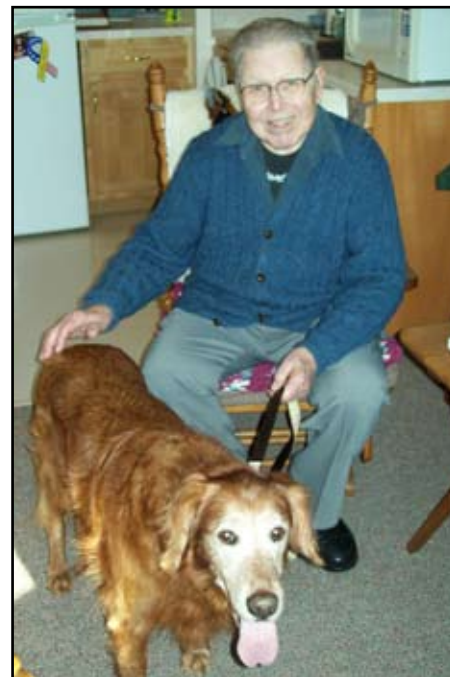
GRRoW had a 10-year-old Golden that needed to come in right away. The owner had to go to a

nursing home and Rosie had to come into foster care ASAP. I took Rosie to the vet with my fingers crossed hoping that she had no health issues. Although I was willing to be her forever home I knew my home wasn't the quiet place she was used to. The vet tech took Rosie for blood tests so I went through her previous records that were faxed to the clinic that day. Yikes! Rosie was almost 14! After a thorough vet check-up we knew she was a healthy senior Golden.

Rosie stayed with me for the 2 weeks and I put her placement request in. The placement team had an older gentleman that was very anxious to get a dog. Rosie and I took the 5 hour drive to meet Roy. We drove past the town where Rosie was surrendered from and my heart ached thinking of the older gentleman that had cared for Rosie for years. It had to break his heart to surrender this sweet girl and go to a nursing home without her by his side. When we arrived at the senior living home where Roy lives Rosie walked in like she had always been there. Roy was so excited to meet her and everyone knew that this would be Roy's new companion. He is 88 and Rosie is 14 and they are doing very well. I receive letters from Roy about once a month telling me

what a blessing she is to his life but I think Rosie was extremely fortunate to find Roy. They enjoy their naps in the afternoon, short walks by the river and have a very peaceful life together.

Rescue is about saving the dogs but we also touch the lives of many people.



help dogs live longer *by Carol Allen, GRCA/NRC*

GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION TO HELP DOGS LIVE LONGER HEALTHIER LIVES.

June 2, 2010/Denver/Overland Park, Kansas

The Golden Retriever Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation have teamed up to announce a new major canine cancer study titled Discovery and Characterization of Heritable and Somatic Cancer Mutations in Golden Retrievers, or the MADGiC Project (Making Advanced Discoveries in Golden Cancers). This is a three-year, \$1 million project slated to start in the summer of 2010. This jointly funded project is part of Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign, a worldwide effort to prevent, treat and, ultimately, cure this disease in dogs. Learn more at CureCanineCancer.org.

The study will be led by premier canine cancer researchers Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, at the University of Minnesota; Matthew Breen, PhD,

at North Carolina State University; and Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, PhD, at the Broad Institute of MIT and Uppsala University, Sweden. They will work together to investigate mutations that are involved in risk and progression of the two most common cancers affecting Golden Retrievers, hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma. This research will be of interest to all dog owners because these cancers affect every breed and cause the deaths of tens of thousands of dogs each year.

It is expected that this research may directly benefit humans too, because the genes involved in cancer are sometimes the same in dogs as in people, although these mutations can be more difficult to discover in people. Therefore, identifying these genes may also advance scientists' understanding of common human cancers such as lymphoma. In addition, researchers will seek to identify genes that predispose some dogs to cancer so that breeders may someday be able

to reduce cancer risk through breeding selection. DNA tests may also be used for diagnosis and possibly to guide treatment choices in the future. The scientists will also investigate mutations that occur in the tumors themselves and will profile the susceptibility of specific tumor types to various chemotherapy compounds, which may lead to improved therapy options.

Owners of Golden Retrievers diagnosed with lymphoma or hemangiosarcoma can support this research by donating a small tumor and/or blood sample; blood samples from healthy Golden Retrievers over 12 years of age are also needed.

More information about sample donation can be found at the following websites:

www.breenlab.org
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in loving memory...

Butch

Hello. My name is Cyndi F. and our family adopted Butch through your organization on May 9, 2001. I'm writing this letter to you with a broken heart as after a valiant struggle with cancer, we had to let Butch go on Wednesday, May 5th.



Butch was the best dog ever and I am not just saying that because he was our dog. Everyone who met him fell in love with him. He was sweet and gentle. He loved his balls and toys! He never had an accident in the house. He always came when called, although he was never far from our side. He loved life. But most of all, he loved us. And as imperfect pet parents as we were, he always gave us the benefit of the doubt.

He always had a sparkle in his eye, a doggy grin and a non-stop wagging tail.

Butch came to us with extreme separation anxiety. He had several homes before he found us and I know he was afraid we, too, would leave him. Needless to say, after a year of coming home to dug up flowerbeds and scattered garbage, Butch finally realized he had found his forever home.

He loved spending time with his sisters, Charm and Gizmo, and his brother, Dewey, but his true love was balls. Any color, shape or size would do. And the few times he didn't have a ball in his mouth, you'd just have to ask, "Where's the ball?" and off he'd go to retrieve one (or several). In fact, it may have been his love of balls and ball chasing that caused his ACL tear in June of 2005.



Butch had to have surgery to repair the tear. We had a vacation planned that month so we made the best of a "bad leg" situation. We cancelled our plane tickets and rented a motorhome. We took all the dogs to South Dakota to visit the Badlands and Mount Rushmore. Butch even found out "where the heck" wall drug was. That vacation was the best vacation my husband and I ever took. We loved watching the dogs enjoying themselves and we made some incredible lasting memories!

In the summer of 2008 I opened a doggy daycare in Gurnee and I was lucky to be able to spend almost every day of Butch's last years with him. Butch was my ambassador and since he was so easy-going and enjoyed other dogs, I used him for new dog assessments. It was the perfect job for him! He loved the pool in the summer and enjoyed playing with the other dogs during playtime. He would sneak around the playgroup gathering balls and deposit them one by one on an elevated dog bed. Then he'd climb on top of them. He reminded me of a mother bird waiting for her eggs to hatch! And even after he was diagnosed with cancer and began chemotherapy, he still



came to work with me. He didn't spend as much time in the back playing as he did before he was sick, but he played with the other dogs in the mornings and would usually sleep in the afternoons. Not too bad for an old guy.

Butch's tumor (hemangiosarcoma of the heart) finally got the best of him. He began bleeding internally and there wasn't anything left to do but let him slip away before he began feeling any pain. We were fortunate enough to have a vet

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prescription for healing – a pet Source: Julia Havey, RN, Loyola University Health System (LUHS)

Our friendly neighborhood Golden Retriever, JoJo, has a new job. He and his owner are a pet therapy team at the local hospital, making rounds a few times a week seeing patients staying overnight or longer. I thought that was a nice thing for them to do and I'm even more impressed that I've seen research affirming that JoJo's work really makes a difference, so much so, that I think doctors ought to write prescriptions for it. In one trial, people who spent time with dogs while recovering from surgery needed significantly less pain medication than those who did not.

Who Let the Dogs In?

At Edward Hospital in Naperville, Illinois, investigators measured the impact of dog visits on how much pain medication patients required after total joint replacement surgery, collecting data on 87 patients who received 5-15-minute dog visits and an equal number of patients

who chose not to receive the visits.

Factoring in a range of variables, including age, gender and length of hospital stay, researchers found the following:

- Patients who received dog visits required half as much pain medication as those who didn't.
- The timing of visits (morning, afternoon or evening) didn't matter.
- The largest difference between the groups was on the first and second post-op day.

Julia Havey, RN, of Loyola University Health System, presented these results at the 18th Annual Conference of the International Society of Anthrozoology and the First Human Animal Interaction Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in November 2009.

It won't come as a surprise to any pet owner that "animal-assisted therapy has a positive effect on patients' psychosocial, emotional and physical

well-being," Havey explains. She told me that previous research has demonstrated that friendly animal interactions can lower stress and blood pressure, improve immune system function, distract you from your pain and illness, increase your sense of well-being and decrease loneliness. Also important—this medical intervention is inexpensive and very safe.

"Sometimes a simple touch is what's missing in modern technological settings," muses Havey. Petting a dog or cat can fill this void, so it is good to hear that more and more hospitals, nursing homes and other types of health-care facilities are instituting pet therapy for patients who are open to giving it a try. Pet therapy is not just sweet, it's also healing in its own right.

Julia Havey, RN, is a researcher and senior systems analyst, department of medical center information systems, Loyola University Health System (LUHS), Maywood, Illinois.

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come to our home for his passing. He was surrounded by his family as he took his last breath. He spent his last night at home and the next morning, I took him for his final car ride. He was cremated and his ashes sit on my nightstand, close to me, as I know he would want to be if he was still here.

I cannot bear to think of my life without him. Even though we have other dogs, the house is quiet. Butch was my shadow and wherever I went, he followed. The first night I went to bed without

him, I laid awake listening for his snores or his grunts of contentment. It was so silent and so final. My sweet Butch was truly gone.

Your adoption paperwork states, "It has been said that if you want to look into the heart of God, look into the eyes of a Golden!" Nothing is truer than that statement. Butch was love, joy, contentment, fun and a million other wonderful attributes rolled into one and covered with beautiful, red, wavy, shiny fur. He was a special dog. a "one in a million dog" and our family was so blessed to be

able to share our lives with him.

Thank you for allowing our family to adopt Butch. Our lives, especially mine, will never be the same without him. As much as it hurts to have lost him, I can't imagine my life without ever knowing or loving him. Butch passed away on Cinco de Mayo and from now on, we will celebrate every Cinco de Mayo as a celebration and remembrance of his life.

I hope another family finds as much love, devotion and companionship as we did with Butch.



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