

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS



dog walk raises \$15,000 for special needs dogs

by Kim Kreimann, Dog Walk Coordinator

GRRoW's Annual Tails on Trails dog walk was held at the Lapham Peak Unit of Southern Kettle Moraine on Oct. 20, 2007. The Walk is GRRoW's largest fundraising event and this year, we topped all past totals, raising \$15,000 for our special needs dogs!

Thanks to all who collected pledges; top pledge collectors were: Cary and Jack Hock \$4,080, Kim Kreimann \$1,035, Jeanne Rufflo \$905, Betsy Sande \$660 and Deb Lukasik \$340.61.

It was a beautiful fall day and those participating in the main walk, took a two-mile stroll through hardwood forest and prairie. A shorter route was available for senior and special needs dogs. All Walk participants start together and travel at their own pace, which works out nice so you get to see all the dogs together at the beginning but still have a chance to spread out and chat with other walkers along the route. It is



a good time to meet current and past GRRoW foster dogs and see how successful all of you make this group!

The Walk is not limited to Goldens or GRRoW members, but is open to the general public and all breeds of dogs. Demonstrations were provided by WISRT-A (Wisconsin Search and Recovery Team A), Badger Golden Retriever Club and Amy Ammen. Raffle baskets were once again a popular attraction, along with GRRoW merchandise.

It takes several people to help with The Walk, from planning the event to staffing the walk. Big thanks to the following who helped make the event a big success: Lisa and Brad Chapiewsky, Kim Diloreto, Barb Egan, Dianne Fitting, Mary Helinski, Denise Konkol, Todd Kreimann,

Cheryl Krueger, Deb and Fred Lukasik, Colleen Marlewski, Scott and Nancy Miller, Jeanne Rufflo, Betsy Sande, Larry and Diane Stevens, Shayla Willmarth, Erin Zander and Heidi Zich.

Special thanks to Kim Kreimann for chairing the event and working countless hours to make sure everything went smoothly.

Great thanks to Miller Charitable Trust for matching up to \$5,000 of our donations, to Cary and Jack Hock (and Bailey) for donating Green

Bay Packers tickets as the top prize for most pledges collected and to Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Care in Madison for sponsoring the food area.

If you have not attended the walk in the past, be sure to join us for this year's walk on Oct. 18 at the Lapham Peak Unit of Southern Kettle Moraine. Planning is underway and we are seeking volunteers for the following areas:

- Food – Obtain sponsorship of the food, purchase food, get volunteers to cook, serve and take payment, set up the food area the day of the walk, etc.
- Demos – Find groups and/or individuals willing to do a demo pertaining to a dog activity

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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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- Signage – Make and post signs for the event, post route signs along the walk to direct walkers
- Raffle Baskets/Silent Auction – Obtain items to use in raffle baskets, make the baskets yourself or find help in assembling them, set up and run the area the day of the walk
- Brochure/flyer design and printing – Find a printer willing to donate printing or give us a reduced cost for printing the walk brochures, create informational flyers and distribute them prior to the walk date, organize distribution of flyers so they are available at meet and greets/farmers markets across the state, organize a stamping party to stamp and mail brochures
- T-shirt design and printing – Select a design for the shirts, find a reasonably priced printer who does quality work, etc.
- Vendors – Find dog related businesses to buy vendor spaces and sell their items at the walk
- Goodie bags – Collect donated items and assemble bags to hand out to each walker
- Prizes – Find prizes for most pledges collected



- Set up and clean up – Organize volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks before and after the dog walk
- Mailing list – Keep our email and regular mailing lists up to date for the walk area
- Publicity – Contact area radio and TV stations, newspapers, community calendars, etc. to get the word out about the walk

If you are interested in helping with the 2008 event, please contact Kim Kreimann at k9house1@juno.com.

collection canisters raise \$1,300 for special needs dogs *by Kim Kreimann*

Last year, seven GRRoW volunteers raised slightly more than \$1,300 for our special needs dogs simply by placing collection canisters at local companies. Two years ago, Kim Kreimann collected more than \$1,000 for her special needs foster, Emmy!

In 2008, GRRoW would love to top last year's donations and we need your help. It's very easy! Canisters are empty tennis ball containers that are decorated with a picture and short story about a special needs dog. Canisters are emptied every

2-3 months. At that time, pictures and stories can be changed. GRRoW volunteer Kim Kreimann will send the new material.

Just ask permission to set up a canister at a business you frequent (your vet's office, pet supply store, doctor's office, supermarket, bank, boarding kennel, etc.).

Money collected is submitted to GRRoW's Treasurer and deposited in the special needs account for dogs needing more than basic vet care.



If you are interested in putting up a canister, contact Kim Kreimann at k9house1@juno.com and she will get you started.

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if something happens to you: providing for your golden

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In this day and age, we need to prepare for eventualities that could impact the care of our beloved Golden Retrievers. What if you were in an automobile accident en route home from shopping and the accident was fatal? Have you made emergency or long-term provisions for the care of your Golden? Your Golden deserves your careful thought and planning.

There are both short-term and long-term provisions to be considered. The following is a quality care checklist of steps to be taken to care for those four-footed furry love bugs with which you share your home.

Short-term Emergency Care

- Put a notice on your door alerting emergency personnel that you have dog(s) in the house so that firemen or other emergency personnel will be alerted to look for an animal cowering under the bed or somewhere else out of sight.
- Put a Pet Alert Card in your wallet, adjacent to the "Emergency Information Card" in most wallets, alerting emergency personnel to the fact that you have dogs at home that need care. Include at least two phone numbers of family, friends or neighbors who can be called to provide short-term care for your pets should you be unconscious or so injured you are unable to address this need. Alert these temporary care-givers to the fact that you are doing this and instruct them where your pets are to be boarded should you be hospitalized and they are unable to provide daily care. Alert your boarding kennel to the fact that you are doing this and assure them that you have made appropriate financial provisions to cover boarding costs.
- Alert your executor to your pet provision concerns and include financial provisions in your will for temporary boarding of your pets. In the event of your demise, your family's primary concern will be your funeral arrangements, not pet care.



You may also wish to make use of a Letter of Instruction or a trust (see below.) Make it easy for everyone by reviewing your wishes with those concerned and making the proper provisions.

- In the event of your death leave specific instructions as to the ultimate care of your Golden. A Letter of Instruction is not a legal document, but if it includes your wishes for your funeral arrangements, it will, most likely be read! In this document you can specify how you wish the care of your pet(s) to be handled. BUT, as a letter of instruction is not legally binding, you might include the phrase, "As I have indicated in my will, I wish the following provisions to be carried out on behalf of my pets." This alerts people to the fact that there is also a LEGAL document addressing the subject! Then spell them out exactly as you have it in your will. This is especially important if you are leaving money to someone. To be absolutely certain your wishes will be followed, you need to include provisions in your will and let all concerned – family, friends and executor – know that you are very serious about this! Designate a person you can trust to be sure your wishes are carried out in this regard. Unfortunately, pets sometimes get disposed of before anyone bothers to read the will! In other instances, interim care may be required until the will has been admitted to probate and the executor receives the authority to proceed. By the way, it is not necessary to rewrite a will every time you lose a pet or add another one if the will simply states that the provisions you are making apply to "my dog or dog(s) at the time of my death or incapacity." In some states, pet trusts are permissible, but caveat emptor, they are subject to change and sometimes unenforceable.
- Be specific about the placement of your Golden. Leave nothing to chance. You may have a relative or friend who has indicated they would take your dog, but suppose at the time of your demise (and you're not going to rewrite your will every year) you have more than one dog and your relative or friend doesn't want two new charges. Or perhaps, the party's circumstances have changed, a spouse doesn't want

a pet, the landlord won't permit a pet, etc. Spell out a sequence of scenarios in your will, i.e. your pet(s) are to go to Person A, but if this party is unable to care for them, then to Person B or to your local Golden Retriever Rescue organization. If you signed a contract with the dog's breeder specifying that the dog is to be returned to him or her, be certain to make note



of this. Then talk to your breeder about this – should there be a family member who might be close to the dog and really want to care for it.

- Including your pet in your Power of Attorney may be advisable if you have designated someone to act in your behalf while you are still alive, but incapacitated. Provisions for pet care can be spelled out in a Power of Attorney statement. You may also draw up a separate Power of Attorney form for your chosen pet care provider. Copies of this form should be given to your pet care provider, your veterinarian, your boarding kennel and your executor.
- Write out important information about your dog and instruct someone where this document may be found. A file folder should include medical records, licensing information, special food needs, etc. But perhaps even more important, write a personality profile of your pet – its likes and dislikes, its good and its bad habits, its favorite playtime activity, the fact that it loves to chew ice cubes! Give the new owner all the information possible to facilitate your pet's transition to a new home.
- Euthanasia is usually not a legal option. You may think that your pet cannot survive without

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you or that you have no family or Rescue group to which your Golden can be left, but do not leave instructions that the dog is to be euthanized in the event of your death because most courts have invalidated such instructions. Deal with it! Make provisions! Don't leave your Golden's fate hanging in the air. There are always viable options. Be advised, however, that if you leave your Golden to a friend or relative, that person becomes the legal owner and that person has the right to euthanize your pet.

Including Your Pet in Your Will

Dogs have a different status in different states. If a dog is considered "property" in your state, you cannot leave money for its care nor can you establish a trust for its care. Property cannot inherit property. In many states, if you leave money to an individual or organization for the care of your pet, that money will be subject to inheritance taxes. Talk to your lawyer about your state laws before you write provisions for pet care into your will. Always specify that the cost of food, veterinary care, transportation or temporary boarding care for your pet, while permanent arrangements are being made, will be taken from your estate funds.

- Providing funds for pet care through cash or a trust must be done in accordance with state law. Most states do not permit any part of an estate to be left directly to an animal. Money can be left to a caretaker for your pet's care, but the caretaker is under no legal obligation to use the money for that purpose. If a large amount of money is left to someone for this purpose, others may challenge the will unless an in terrorem clause is included in the will. Such a clause insures that if someone unsuccessfully challenges the will, said person cannot then receive property under any provision of the will.
- Pet Trusts or Honorary Trusts can be another vehicle of care. However, they are expensive to administer. A trust that is separate from a will has certain advantages. It can be written to exclude the probate process and to provide for your pet in the event of your long-term illness. A Revocable Living Trust can be cancelled or changed while you are still alive. But you will have to pay a trustee to administer it. And, once again, you must ascertain if your state will recognize the validity of such a document when

an animal is the beneficiary. As of January, 2005, there are State Pet Trust Statutes of one form or another on the books in 26 states: (AK, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, IA, KS, ME, MI, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OR, TN, UT, WA, WI, WY.) When writing your legal documents, you will need to verify these statutes to determine if they have been amended or repealed, or if they are classified as "unenforceable." In May, 2001 an effort was made by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) to create federal legislation (HR 1796) that would permit pets to be named as income recipients of charitable remainder trusts. It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, however, as of March, 2005, no action had been taken on this bill.

Designating a Rescue Organization to Care for Your Golden

- A Rescue Organization can provide the best care for your Golden if you do not have a close relative or family member who truly cares for your dog. There are nearly 100 such organizations in the United States and a full roster of these Rescue groups can be found on the website of the National Rescue Committee. But not all Rescue groups are equal. Some are new and some have long track records. Research your local Rescue group thoroughly. Ask questions. Ask to see their financial statements. Ask for references from their participating veterinarians. You want to feel reasonably certain that the group is going to be around when you need it! You may find that you need to go out of state to find a Rescue organization with which you are comfortable. Talk to the group's officers in advance, let them know of your wishes, and plan ahead as to how your dog will be transported to them when the time comes. And once again, remember to provide the finances for this transportation. There are many advantages to stipulating that your Golden go to a Rescue group because most Rescue groups do home visits to carefully screen would-be adopters. Ask about their adoption procedures. Ask about their placement record for senior Golden as your dog may be a senior when the need for placement arises. Rescue groups are run by volunteers who truly care about the breed and about securing "forever homes" for their charges. A Golden is not just any dog to a Rescue volunteer – it is a unique animal to which they are

committing many volunteer hours in an effort to find loving homes for Golden in need.

- You should provide a bequest in your will if you elect to specify that your Golden go to a Rescue organization. Be sure that the organization you elect has 501(c)(3) charitable organization

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car trips and car safety *by Robin Tierney, dog care writer and Partnership For Animal Welfare Volunteer, reprinted with permission*

- Be sure to keep the dog's leash firmly in hand when loading and unloading the dog from the car.
- Always keep a current i.d. tag on the pet in case the pet manages to escape. Make sure the collar cannot slip off. Especially when traveling, it's important that the i.d. tag include an easily accessible number, such as your cell phone number.
- For safety, do not allow pets to ride in the front seat, no matter how much the pet enjoys it. Pets riding in the front seat can be thrown into the windshield if you have to make a sudden stop. Also, the pet can climb on the driver's lap, interfere with driving or fall down by the gas and brake pedals, causing an accident.

Another reason to keep pets in the back seat or in a crate is that airbags can pose hazards to smaller people and pets. Air bags can launch out of the dashboard at a great enough force to severely injure a pet or small human. Some cars come with on/off switches for the bags. Visit www.NHTSA.gov for details about switches as well as a list of dealers and repair businesses that install them. FYI, air bags can be deactivated by a car dealer, but this could affect a vehicle warranty or insurance.

- Secure the pet in the car. An unrestrained pet can interfere with driving and become a hazardous projectile in the event of an accident or sudden stop, hitting the windshield, injuring a passenger or knocking the driver over (or out) resulting in loss of control of the car.
- Crates or sturdy pet carriers are an ideal way to restrain pets in cars. Stressed pets need a



nice quiet place to rest and be alone at times. Secure the crate so it does not fly forward or flip in case of a sudden stop or accident.

- If your car does not allow room to set up a crate, obtain a dog seat belt, which doubles as a harness, from many pet supply stores and mail order/web merchants.
- Or install a pet barrier to keep dogs in the back seat.
- If you don't have a crate, travel harness or partition between front and back seats, Patti Thorne-Smaridge suggests this tip using a short leash with a loop on the end. Adjust the back seat's middle seatbelt as tight as it will go. Slip the leash through the seatbelt and resecure it. If the leash is short enough to limit the dog to sitting up, lying down and turning around, it will probably be short enough to keep the dog from being thrown to the floor in the event of a sudden stop.

If using a loose leash in the back seat, allow enough slack so that the dog won't strangle if the driver brakes and the dog falls into the floor area. Fasten the leash to something inside the car, such as an arm rest. If you have to extend the loop outside the car window, use extreme caution. You do not want the leash loop to get caught on anything, get pulled by someone outside, or get entangled with the wheels of the car.

- Look behind you frequently. Tell a dog behaving well that she is good. Reassure a nervous dog that everything is OK.
- To curtail barking in the car, Katherine Houpt, VMD, recommends using a citronella collar, which discourages barking by emitting a spray of unpleasantly scented citronella each time the dog barks.
- Bring a dish and some water since dogs often get thirsty during car rides.

- Pack ice chips or cubes. This makes a tasty treat for your dog, plus it melts down into water along the way. For long trips, bring sufficient bottled water for you and your dog.
- Carry a first aid kit in your car, keeping it within reach from the driver's seat. Include items for both human and pet injuries. Also carry a couple of terry towels, which can be used for a variety of first aid needs from stabilizing a hurt limb to stemming bleeding to creating a temporary muzzle. A roll of gauze and gauze tape come in handy too. For a list of items to include in your first aid kit, see below.

- Rescue Remedy, a Bach flower essence available in most health food stores, is a natural stress reliever that many folks keep on hand at home and in travel kits. It can often help both people and animals recover from injury, fright, illness, travel fatigue, chocolate ingestion and irritation. Put a few drops in the dog's water bowl or portable water container. For stressed or injured animals, rub a drop on their ear or put a drop on the towel in their crate or carrier. Flower essences are free of harmful effects and can be used along with conventional medicines. Another safe, nontoxic Rescue Remedy-like product is Animal Emergency Trauma Solution, available from www.greenhopeessences.com, where you can also get Flee Free to combat fleas nontoxically. Other flower essence sources include anaflora.com and perelandra-ltd.com.



- Keep the windows rolled up high enough so that the dog cannot squeeze out. Dogs can make themselves very skinny in order to escape through a window, even in a moving vehicle.
- Secure the dog so that he cannot hit buttons for electric windows, adjustable mirrors, etc. Dogs have gotten their heads stuck in electric windows after activating them. Securing the dog will also help in case you stop at tollbooths or need to roll down the window to ask for directions. Another tip: have money at hand so you won't have to fumble at tollbooths and parking lots.
- When stopping the car, have things organized before opening the door, including stops at gas

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saved by the seatbelt harness *by GRRoW Web Site Coordinator Erin Zander*

My Golden, Callie and I were recently in a car accident. We were rear-ended by another vehicle. The impact was so great that the trunk was pushed into the back seat. Callie, who was belted into the back seat by her harness, cried out on impact and suffered an abrasion in the corner of her eye. My veterinarian and I truly believe the seatbelt either saved her life or at the very least prevented a lot of damage. She could have gone through the windshield and suffered a more severe injury if she hadn't been buckled in.

When I brought Callie to the clinic, my vet told me a sad, but good example of a dog that was recently in an accident and not wearing a seatbelt. It was an accident similar to mine, and the dog

was ejected from the vehicle and suffered a lot of road rash. My vet was surprised at Callie's minimal injuries and planned to purchase a seatbelt harness for her dog.

The police department and the person who hit my car probably thought I was a little crazy because I was so worried about Callie. I, too, have always felt a little crazy for how much I treat Callie like a person with regard to her traveling, but she will never go in a car again without being buckled in with her seatbelt harness.

There are many types of dog seatbelt harnesses. The Four Paws brand (available at PetCo and shown at right) is a vest rather than a chest strap.

If you choose not to seatbelt your dog, crating is another good option. GRRoW President, Deb Lukasik told me a story about a dog whose life was saved because it was in a crate during a car accident. We all love our pets



and would be devastated if anything happened to them, so please consider seatbelting or crating your pet when traveling.

bequests and fundraising programs

If you have shared your life with a Golden Retriever, you have been blessed! If you would like to help others enjoy that same privilege, while helping Golden Retrievers in need of new adoptive homes, consider a bequest to Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin. Following are programs in which GRRoW participates to raise funds for the Golden Retrievers in its care.

Pick 'n Save We Care Program

Stop at the service desk, sign up for the "We Care" program, and choose GRRoW (280700) as your charity. GRRoW receives 1% of your tape total every time you use your Pick 'n Save Advantage Card.

iGive.com

Check out the online mall at www.igive.com. You can shop at more than 680 stores such as Land's End, Barnes & Noble, Doctors Foster & Smith, Target and many other popular stores. Up to 25% of the cost of your online purchase is donated to GRRoW. Membership is free, and periodically, iGive offers great specials.

Cash for Critters

Save your empty inkjet cartridges (from printers, fax machines, etc.) because GRRoW can redeem them for cash! For more information, contact fundraising@grrrow.org.

Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Dog & Cat Food

GRRoW receives a rebate from every redeemed Natural Balance UPC code and receipt. Mail UPC codes and receipts to:

GRRoW
c/o Jeanne Rufflo
4108 N. Morris Blvd.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Purina Weight Circles

GRRoW receives free dog food and merchandise from every weight circle (not UPC symbol) from Purina Pro Plan dog products.

Mail weight circles to:

Carol Gibbons
Purina Project Coordinator, WI
10090 Jacobsen Road
Camp Douglas, WI 54618

Goodsearch.com

Use www.goodsearch.com as your search engine (like Google or Yahoo), select Golden Retriever Rescue of WI as your charity recipient and every time you search Web sites via Goodsearch, GRRoW receives a profit!

GRRoW's Wish List

Copy paper • Stainless-steel dog bowls • Baby gates and/or dog gates • Crates • Grooming

supplies • Printing services • New leashes/collars • Premium dog food • Raffle basket items • Business envelopes • Stamps • File folders • Dog toys, Kongs, Nylabones etc.

Do you have a service or item you wish to donate? If so, email GRRoW at contact@grrrow.org.

In-kind donations help lower administrative expenses. Therefore, monetary contributions can be directed towards medical needs of the Golden Retrievers in GRRoW's care.



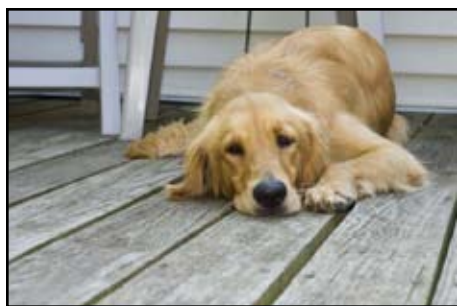
golden stories

Reggie *by Brian T.*



Over a year ago now my wife Ann and I decided we'd like to get another dog. We already had an 8-year-old Golden named Kona we had gotten as a pup. She's wonderful and the very personification of the breed. We weren't in a position where we could get a puppy again because we both worked far from home so we started investigating other options. I'd heard of breed rescue so I searched for Golden rescue groups and found GRRoW. We originally applied to be adopters two summers ago. We had our home visit and considered a couple of opportunities to adopt a Golden. However, time commitments at work changed and wouldn't allow us to bring a new dog into the house at that point. We re-applied last winter, went through the home visit again and shortly thereafter got a call about Reggie. We set up a meeting and looked forward to that date.

When Reggie arrived I have to say he wasn't what we were anticipating. He had been through a lot as he was a stray, had been flea infested, left in a shelter for quite a long time and had a systemic infection. At



one point he had been shaved from the shoulders back and his hair was sparse and wiry. In fact, I wasn't convinced that he was a purebred Golden (although he is). But that face! He had such an adorable face, full of expression. He was very excitable and as we learned after reading his assessment had "absolutely no manners." Part of his lack of manners included stealing toys from other dogs – a practice that our Kona doesn't take to at all. This led to a bit of a growling match during this first meeting between

the two but nothing serious. My wife Ann and I agreed that it wasn't anything that was a show stopper, which was good because in the short hour or so Reggie and his foster mom Anna M. were there, he worked his charm and we had become quite smitten with him.

After a few discussions with Ann and many emails with Anna we all decided Reggie had found a home! Ann and I couldn't wait for the day we'd pick him up – March 16, 2007. He was very calm on the long ride home – staring out the window and leaving nose prints everywhere.

When we got him home he immediately made himself comfortable! As you can imagine the first couple days were interesting to say the least. Reggie insisted on trying to sleep in Kona's bed, steal her toys, be the first out the door – all the things you'd expect a dog with no manners to do! There was some growling but we made sure that everyone had their own toys, bones, bed, water and food dishes.

We've taken Kona to play care weekly for years so of course we'd now take both! The first day there together the staff told us that Kona and Reggie had "gotten in to it" but it was nothing serious. While we never regretted our decision we were both concerned about what we'd done to Kona! Things quickly improved and by the next

week when picking up the dogs the folks told us that they'd been let outside in different groups – Reggie waited by the door and whimpered until Kona came out! Things have improved tremendously since then and they

are great pals now – plenty of playing, chasing, taking turns ripping stuffing out of toys and barking at the cat!

We enrolled Reggie in obedience class and he excelled. Prior to his going stray someone must have spent some time working with him. He learned quick picking up new things on the first try and was fast in becoming proficient with them. He loves the lake, swimming, going for boat rides, staring at the birds and generally

being a doofus. He's moved quite far from having "absolutely no manners" to the point where he's a very good boy now. It's been interesting to see how much Kona has helped just through her good example. He is still full of energy and has a lot of puppy in him though, which is part of his charm. He does everything with an enthusiasm that makes you smile or shake your head in disbelief. He plays, loves, eats, sleeps, snores and cuddles with passion!

As with most things, they happen for a reason. It was a difficult choice to take our names off the list after our first application, but I see now that it was because Reggie was out there waiting for us. We couldn't be happier to have him with us, greeting us every day by nosing his way past the curtain when he hears us walking up to the house, tail banging off the walls and closet doors as he eagerly welcomes us back home then barking at us to be let out so he can chase the squirrels he been staring at all day. We're very thankful for him and for an organization like GRRoW who does such excellent work for these wonderful dogs.

Ben and Bailey *by Bob and Lynn F.*



Ben rejoined his sweetheart, Bailey, in February 2007, following separation since July 2006. He was on medical hold for heartworm and had to be cleared before he could be released from GRRoW. But, we were certain that a couple who had produced two really big litters (one was 15 pups!) certainly should and could be reunited. Our thanks to GRRoW and especially to Ben and Bailey's foster family Scott P. and Shayla W. for taking such good care of them. Ben started out at 127 pounds when he came to GRRoW. He's now down to 95 and it's stable. Ben and

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Bailey romp and run with the wind and are, by all accounts, a happy couple again. We're very happy to have them both... well, there are occasional bouts of mischief, but it's a pleasure to have them underfoot. "Hey Lynn, what color did the carpet used to be?"

Brutus by Randy and Corrina P.



Brutus is such a joy and comfort to us, and we couldn't be more happy about having him in our lives. We took him to the vet a month or so ago, and he weighed in at a healthy 79 pounds – and that is with two square meals a day and all the treats he cares to beg for! I'm sure our two walks around the nearby park every day have been the key. Thank you GRRoW and foster mom Denise K. for sending him our way, we hope he likes it here as much as we like having him.

Buster by Bill and Joy M.



We adopted Buster in September 2007 and he has really brought excitement to our home! He is very energetic and loving. He enjoys playing outside with the girls and chasing them around the yard. We live behind one of the local high schools which has a tennis court. Needless to say, Buster has his own endless supply of tennis balls! He loves to go on his daily walks and is currently attending a puppy class. Buster is the loudest in the class and just wants to play when it's learning time! He loves our family cat too.

They love to play and chase each other around the house.

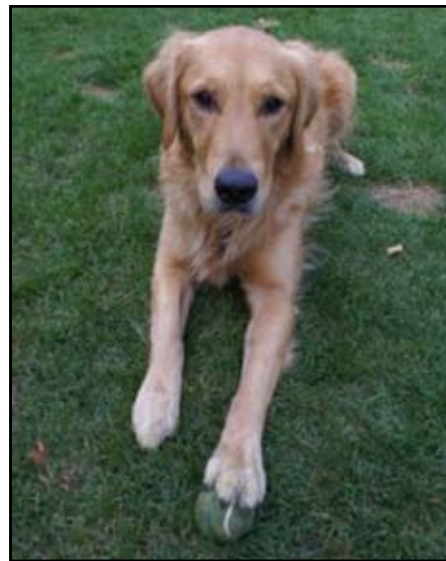
Buster has picked up quite a few nicknames as the weeks have gone on, such as "Bust-o-matic," "Busto," "Busty" and "Bust-on-thru-to-the-other-side!"

His foster mom, Anna M., submitted candid photos of Buster and her two Golden Retrievers to our local newspaper and they were displayed in one of the recent Sunday publications. Buster is a star!

Buster has brought so much love to our family and we really enjoy having him as our "first son/brother." He loves to cuddle on the floor and once in awhile in the girls beds when they are getting ready to go to sleep. He knows the rules though and gets down and lays on the floor. He is learning new tricks and commands every day and loves treats.

We appreciate all that GRRoW does for Golden Retrievers and the adoptive families.

Nash by David and Pat D.



In the fall of 2006, Nash (aka Sonny) was found in the great, northern woods of Wisconsin. He was fostered by Anna and Matt M. Nash was Anna and Matt's first foster dog for GRRoW and they took such great care of him for the few months that he lived there. While in foster care, Nash was diagnosed with Lyme disease and was on medical hold until it was cleared. Nash was finally adopted in January 2007 and now lives with another Golden, three cats and two horses. He loves to run, play ball, take long walks on our 26 acres, play with kitties and go to our

farm near the Mississippi River to swim. We just love Nash and think he's handsome, loving, fun, smart and very energetic. Sometimes we think we should have named him Busy Boy instead of Nash because he wants to play all the time! Thanks so much to GRRoW for finding Nash and placing him in a good loving home. Keep up the good work!

paws for applause!

Brady Owned by Steve and Heidi Z.

Brady passed his AKC Canine Good Citizen test in November.



Madison (Maddie) Owned by Ralph K.



Madison (Maddie) was one of three dogs to be selected for the PAL program at the University of Wisconsin's Children's Hospital. After a rigorous three-hour testing, she was selected. We are very proud of her and our daughter Danielle, who took the initiative to have her apply. In most cases, when you rescue a dog, you have no idea what you are getting in to. We are now hoping to get her Delta Certificate so she can go to nursing homes in the Madison area.

Dazzle Owned by Dani S.

I got Dazzle in September 2007 and she weighed almost 95 pounds. Through proper diet, gentle

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golden gifts!

You can purchase many GRRoW items through our Web site. Select "Golden Gifts" from the list on the left side of your screen and you'll be directed to our online store where you'll find many items to choose from. Clothing with our new GRRoW logo is comfy to wear and shows your support for our beloved Golden Retrievers. We also have a clearance area! **For secure online ordering, visit our web site at www.grrow.org.**



- Be prepared in case the dog gets queasy in the car. Cover the seats, bring towels, paper towels and baggies. Give a back seat dog plenty of air, play soothing music. Do not play music too loudly.
- If your pet is unaccustomed to car trips, take her on several short rides before attempting a long one. Make sure that the first few car trips are to pleasant places, so that the dog will associate drives with positive experiences.
- For long road trips, give yourself and your pet a rest stop and take a walk every two or three hours.
- Avoid letting dogs stick their heads out the car window, which can lead to eye, ear and other injuries.
- Dogs are at risk in convertibles with the tops down and in the open bed of a pick-up truck.
- Avoid leaving a dog in a car alone to avoid the risk of theft, accidental death and heat stroke even when it does not seem that warm outside.
- If you must leave the animal in the car for a short period, take the leash off the dog. The leash can get caught on objects such as the parking brake to the adjustment handles beneath the seats. If this happens, the dog can panic and injure himself. Be extremely careful not to let the dog escape out the car when you open the door.

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status to avoid the payment of inheritance taxes. Don't leave money to the organization "for the care of Rusty" because it creates problems the organization cannot manage. They can't adopt out a dog "with a dowry" because they would have no means of monitoring expenditures. The new owners can't be expected to go to the Rescue organization for payment of every vet bill – nor should they. Here is where faith and good will have to come into play. Leave your bequest to the rescue organization for the care of Golden Retrievers in need. If YOUR Golden subsequently requires major medical care, you have to trust that the organization will provide it if the new owners are unable to do so. Your bequest is a statement of faith that you trust the organization to do right by your dog, if needed, and if not, to help other Golden Retrievers in need.

Your dog has given you its full trust and unconditional love. You must reward that faith by taking the necessary steps to provide for its well-being should you be unable to do so.

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stations and rest areas. Make sure the dog is still secured. And when taking the dog out of the car, have the leash attached to the dog and in your hand so that the dog cannot escape.

To prevent car-sickness

- Avoid feeding the pet within three hours before a ride. Give the pet a good opportunity to relieve himself before the trip. A hardy walk has the added benefits of tiring and calming a dog before the road trip. Some vets suggest limiting water consumption just before the ride, too.
- Many pet owners have successfully used ginger as a natural way to prevent travel sickness. You can use grated raw ginger or powdered ginger root capsules. Ginger has worked for many humans, too.
- Some folks report success using mild natural remedies such as Rescue Remedy, available at health food stores. A common Rescue Remedy dosage is four drops in the mouth about ten hours before the trip, repeating every four hours or as needed. Some people prefer to drop Rescue Remedy into the pet's ears or water bowl.
- We've heard reports about other potentially helpful carsickness preventives such as B complex vitamins, Pet Calm (available from pet supply stores) and cooled peppermint tea (which also can be used to calm tummies after a trip).
- Some folks bring newspapers for their dog to sit on because the smell of newspapers has a calming effect on some dogs.
- Some give their dogs Dramamine before a trip. But discuss drug options with your veterinarian before you consider using them.

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06-119SN	Mabel	07-076	Luke
07-004SN	Maddie	07-077	Abby
07-063	Reggie #2	07-078SN	Cheyenne
07-065	Missy	07-079	Kenny
07-066	Shelby	07-081R	Jasmine
07-067	Buddy #2	07-082SN	Duke
07-068	Lady	07-083	Tanner
07-069	Simba	07-084	Gracie
07-071	Buster	07-085	Buddie
07-073	Buddy #4	07-094	Kramer
07-074	Copper		

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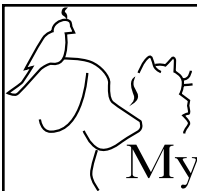
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exercise and managing her arthritis pain, I'm happy to report that as of Dec. 12, 2007, she weighs 82 pounds! Dazzle has become more active and DEFINITELY more sassy! I like to call her my "active senior." She comes to work with me everyday and gets upset when we don't go in on the weekends! In April, I'm planning to have her tested for AKC's Canine Good Citizen and to do therapy work. I would never think twice about adopting a senior – my Dazzle has given me nothing but joy and proud accomplishment. At work, the vet frequently points out to clients that Dazzle has dropped nearly 15 pounds and it was all done through a diet and several short walks a day. She snacks on carrots and broccoli during the day and gets very excited about her meals.





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Great Lakes Pet Expo

Meet over 150 companion animals available for adoption and shop for the newest pet products and services. Also view demonstrations and attend pet-related seminars.

DATE: Feb. 2, 2008

TIME: 10am – 7pm

COST: \$5, \$3 for children under 8

LOCATION: Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park

ADDRESS: 8200 W. Greenfield Avenue

EVENT CONTACT: Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

Meet & Greet

DATE: Feb. 2, 2008 and Mar. 1, 2008

TIME: 11am – 1pm

LOCATION: Bad Dog Frida

ADDRESS: 2094 Atwood Ave., Madison

EVENT CONTACT: Mary Ann Francis, maryannfrancis@charter.net

Badger Golden Retriever Specialty Dog Show

DATE: Feb. 29 – March 1, 2008

TIME: 7am – 4pm

LOCATION: Milwaukee County Sports Complex

ADDRESS: 60th and Ryan Rd., Franklin WI

EVENT CONTACT: Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

GRRoW Annual Meeting

DATE: March 2, 2008

LOCATION: Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club

ADDRESS: W1314 Cedar Dr., Ixonia, WI

EVENT CONTACT: Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

Family Pet Expo – Oshkosh

Dozens of exhibitors will showcase the latest in pet gear, horse tack, clothing, art, photography, training, boarding and much more. Live entertainment, educational programs and local experts will present information on everything that flies, crawls, gallops, barks, swims or meows!

DATE: March 15-16, 2008

TIME: 9am – 5 pm, Saturday and 10am – 4pm, Sunday

COST: \$7/adult, 12 and under are free / \$10/person for weekend pass / \$25 a day for family pass / \$40 for weekend family pass / free parking

LOCATION: Sunnyview Expo Center

ADDRESS: 500 East Sunnyview Rd., Oshkosh

EVENT CONTACT: Heidi Zich, hldldwg1@yahoo.com

WBAY Pet Expo

Shop for yourself or for your favorite pet or animal-loving person. Enjoy countless activities that will keep animal-loving families busy for hours. Gather information from area shelters, rescues, clinics and vets.

DATE: March 28-30, 2008

TIME: Friday 12pm – 7pm, Saturday 10am – 6pm,

Sunday 10am – 4pm

COST: \$6/adult, \$5/senior (62+), \$1/child (ages 6-12),

free for children 5 and under, weekend pass \$10/adult

LOCATION: Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena and Shopko Hall, Green Bay

ADDRESS: Corner of Oneida St. and Lombardi Ave.

EVENT CONTACT: Heidi Zich, hldldwg1@yahoo.com

Creature Comforts Wellness Fair

DATE: April 12, 2008

LOCATION: Burlington High School

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