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DOGS RESCUED IN 2008

Each year the number of goldens and mixes in need of being rescued continue to rise. In 2008 there was no exception, with 130 dogs processed, of which 88 were purebred and 42 were mixes. Their stories varied from puppies and owner surrenders, to shelter pulls, some heartworm positive, others needing spay/neutering and vaccines. Never the less they are alive and fortunate enough to make it into the GRRR program and find loving homes.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers at GRRR, Inc. and those who made their rescue possible.

2009 is already a busy year, and we will continue to rescue, provide all vet care, as foster homes you provide food, and as a foster home provider TLC. They all deserve a second chance at life.

GRRR, Inc. is a 501C3 nonprofit organization dedicated to re-homing abandoned, stray, unwanted golden retrievers and mixes in the Northwest Ohio, Northeast Indiana, and Southwest Michigan areas. **GRRR, Inc.** is an affiliate of the Golden Retriever Club of America: www.grca.org

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GRRR, Inc. North Joining Forces

GRRR North is joining forces with other local rescues and shelters to become The Calhoun County Animal Coalition in hopes to become a "no-kill county". In participation in this coalition, these groups are working with Maddie's Fund to help rescue more wonderful Goldens! The coalition is at its starting point, but hopefully, as information is provided to Maddie's Fund each group will receive funding to help with spay/neuter programs and other needs of the rescue. Maddie was a beloved Miniature Schnauzer whose unconditional love, loyalty and spirit inspired her caregivers to start a charitable foundation, Maddie's Fund, in her name. The mission and purpose is to help the nation's most needy dogs and cats. Please visit our website at www.gr-rescue.org and click "About GRRR" to see more information on Maddie's Fund.

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2nd Annual Golfing for Goldens

After the great success of last year's fund raiser we will be holding our 2nd Annual Golfing for Goldens. Everyone who golfed last year had so much fun! It will be held June 6, 2009 at Fallen Timbers Fairways. Last year we had 21 four-somes for golf and this year we would love to expand that. Last year someone won a trip to Las Vegas. We will be having our putting contest again this year to give away another trip. Don't worry if you are not a golfer, all you have to do is putt! You can now register and pay online. If you prefer you can still register by mail or you can obtain the registration form from our web site. We are in need of volunteers for that day, if you can help please call Jennifer Roth at (419) 215-7684 or email her at jw.roth@sbcglobal.net We are also in need of items for our silent auction, if you have something that you would like to donate please call Jennifer. We have had several very ill dogs that have completely depleted our funds. If you don't golf or do not care to golf but would still like to help, consider sponsoring a hole (\$500.00 which includes 4 golfers); a half a hole (\$250.00) or be a puppy sponsor for just (\$50.00). We would of course, accept any donations!

Come out this year and join the fun and help raise much needed funds so we can continue to help Goldens.

Registration Noon	SCRAMBLE	
	3 Divisions— Men's, Women's, Mixed	
Shot Gun Start 1pm	Golf and Steak/Chicken Dinner-includes golf cart, lunch and dinner-just \$75.00 Dinner only just \$25.00 at 6:30	
Fallen Timbers Fairways	Name: _____	Phone: _____
	Company: _____	
Win a car! Win a Cruise! Get all the details at the event!	# Golf & Dinner _____	# Dinner Only _____
	Players: _____	Chicken or Steak _____
50/50 Raffle	_____	Chicken or Steak _____
Silent Auction	_____	Chicken or Steak _____
Beverage Cart	_____	Chicken or Steak _____

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FUN FOR ALL!

I would like to: Sponsor a hole (500.00 which includes 4 golfers)

Sponsor a half a hole (\$250.00)

Puppy sponsor

Be a \$50.00 cart sponsor

Donate a silent auction item



(If you do not have a foursome, one will be arranged for you).
 Please contact Jennifer Roth at 419-215-7684 for more information.
 Return this with your check made payable to Golden Retriever Rescue Resource
 to: GRRR Golf Outing, c/o Jennifer Roth, 7414 Royal Timber Lane, Waterville,
 Ohio 43566
 Make your Reservations by May 31, 2009

*Additional Cost Day of Event

2010 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Your dog could be one of the 2010 Calendar Dogs!

Send in your photos now! All entries must be received by May 31st. You must be a member of GRRR or adopted from GRRR to enter. Photos will be judged by fellow golden lovers. Voting will take place online between June 1st and June 30th. One vote per email address per day.

Submit entries online at www.gr-rescue.org or mail printed photo or CD to GRRR c/o Cathy Musch, 9370 Geiser Rd., Holland, OH 43528. Entry fees must be submitted when entering.

Entry fee is \$5 for up to 4 photos. Along with your entries, please submit a brief paragraph about your pet... If your pet's photo is selected, his/her photo and story will be featured in the 2010 calendar. Winners will be announced after the final votes are tallied.

Full details are on the website. Hope to see your smiling goldens faces!

2010 CALENDAR SPONSORS

GRRR is looking for 2010 calendar sponsors/advertisers. Sponsor participation makes the calendar a profitable project for our organization. If you or someone you know is interested in advertising in the 2010 calendar, the full color ad prices are as follows:

2x3 (business card sized) ads - \$25, 2x6 or 3x4 ads - \$50, 4x6 ads - \$100. Most ads are placed on our sponsor pages, but can be placed on a particular calendar month page if specified. The space may include a business card, discount offer or coupon, whatever you like! Calendar sponsors will receive a complimentary calendar. We request that ads be received by May 1, 2009. Space can also be purchased for any appropriate reason.

For information, visit the website @ www.gr-rescue.org or call Cathy Musch at 419-865-9259.



Check out our new
web site at :

www.gr-rescue.org

It's BEAUTIFUL!

Kirby & Sully Takats playing in the snow.

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 miss someone very special to them, who had to be 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 begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him 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 caress the beloved head and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together...

Author Unknown

Rainbow Bridge Memorials

Honoring the following dogs that have passed onto a better place where they will wait for us.

Rucker Rander

Barney Plew

Molly Sheckler

Pineapple Webster

Remembering Rucker

I'm very sad to tell you that we had to put Rucker down on Friday. The cancer in her mouth had spread extensively and she started to go down hill last Sunday. All this past week she just wasn't herself and was only eating human food and had lost all of her energy, she just looked "empty" when we looked at her. She was down to 55lbs and at her heaviest she was 88 lbs. That night after the kids went to bed, Mark and I talked about how energetic she was when we first got her at the age of 10 and how quick she was to give "five", shake, and lay down for treats. She was so loyal and dedicated to the family. She let the kids climb all over her and pull on her ears and never once even made the smallest growl towards them. When the kids asked where Rucker was we told them that she was very sick and the Angels were taking care of her up in heaven. The kids wanted to see her and we told them we could send her a balloon with a note attached and the wind would take it up to heaven, they seemed to accept this. We made a stepping stone with her paw print on it to help us remember her. We will always take it with us wherever we move to. She is a very special dog that we have been very blessed to know and will always be in our hearts.

Mark & Kerri Rander

Barney Gave Us So Much

My husband and I are devastated over the loss of our sweet Barney. We adopted from Golden Retriever Rescue Resource, Inc. on May 30, 2006. He died on October 29, 2008 from hemangiocarcinoma, a type of cancer that I now know plagues Golden Retrievers.

Our vet estimated Barney to be about eight years old when he came to live with us in 2006. We wondered about adopting a dog that had already lived so much of his life ... Would he adapt to us and the Golden we already had? Would he have bad habits? How would we figure out his likes and dislikes? But adopting a senior dog turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences of our life, really because of Barney's eight years of life before us. He came to us full of manners and skills that were a surprise and a joy.

For instance, Barney was an expert with *all* basic commands plus he was polite in a way that we had never been able to achieve with a dog. Barney always waited to cross a threshold until we had gone, and he never jumped on furniture until he was invited. He also never entered our bedroom or bathroom without permission. Our other Golden Retrievers have always wanted front row seat when we are in the bathroom! Also, Barney spent the first night we had him in a crate, and he was never in a crate again: he was trustworthy from the beginning. Barney was so well-trained that we called him the "turn-key dog"!

There were other traits that Barney brought with him when he became part of our family. Like his athleticism. Barney was faster than any dog at the dog park, and he looked so powerful and beautiful as he ran down tennis balls. And he could swim like no beast we've ever seen! We took him to my parents home on the lake frequently, but always worried he would swim away- he was that strong in the water. Finally we learned to tie him to a ski rope at the end of the dock and he would swim at the end of it for as long as we would let him. Barney was also quite a hunter, very interested in all the wildlife in our yard and on walks. It was evident that at one time Barney had been taught to hunt.

Though someone else taught Barney his impeccable manners and athletic prowess, we were lucky enough to adopt him with all his talents. Barney showed us how worthwhile and wonderful it is to adopt a senior dog with life experience and tons of personality.

What we gave Barney was simple: food, shelter, and all the love in our hearts. But what Barney gave to us was so much more: huge, soft, dark brown eyes that looked at us with adoration, a tail that wagged every time we spoke to him, a soft body to cuddle with in good times and in bad, and unwavering love and devotion. We did not raise Barney from the tender age of eight weeks old, instead meeting him when he was a worldly eight years old. And though Barney was only with us for two and a half years, we could not have loved him more if we had known him his entire life. We miss Barney more than words can say, but are so grateful that he came into our life.

Matt & Kristin Plew

MOLLY WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS

Today is a little better day but the pain and loss is still there and always will be. When we took Molly into foster she was matched perfectly to our needs and we kept her. She had brought such love and joy into our lives for the past seven years, never asking or demanding anything except a scratch on the butt or on the chin. She has touched so many lives with love. You might say she became a retiree as she was here in the spring and Florida in the winter chasing chameleons and cranes. When company came it was to see Molly not us. She will be greatly missed by all and can only hope that when my time is near she will be there to meet me wagging her tail. She will always be in our hearts and in our dreams.

Linda & Jerry Sheckler

A Golden Tale

Some months ago, Laurie Fellers of Orland Park, IL, felt her life spiraling downward. Her mother had passed away after a four-and-a-half-year battle with Alzheimer's, during which Laurie had cared for her. Laurie's dog, Luke had been by her side during the ordeal, making a bad situation more bearable. But then he developed severe spinal disease and could no longer walk. Laurie had to make the difficult decision to euthanize him to spare him further pain. She was devastated by her loss and sank into a deep depression. She vowed she would never go through such pain again.

Six weeks later, though, she found herself on Petfinder, the online database of nearly 300,000 pets in animal adoption groups around the country. There, she saw Harley, listed by Golden Retriever Rescue Resource, Inc. (G.R.R.R.). She applied to adopt the dog. After she was approved, pending a home visit, a representative of the group traveled from Battle Creek, Michigan, to Illinois, did a home inspection at that time, approved the adoption and left Harley in his new home.

Harley had come into rescue after his original family gave the young dog up as too hyper to be around their baby. Laurie is the first to admit he can be a handful and is full of boundless energy. Still, she says, "it is beyond my comprehension how people can give up their animals."

If I ever had financial problems, Laurie says, I would do without things before my dog ever would. He saved my life and I owe him everything.



2008 Financial Report

Income:	
Fundraising	9224.00
Calendars	624.18
Donations	12395.06
Grants (Spay/Neuter)	1474.81
Membership Dues	1055.00
Misc. inc.	847.65
Leashes	8.00
Total Income	\$59,276.30

Expenses:	
Advertising	1966.15
Foster Charges	470.40
Auto Expense	107.00
Bank Services Charges	45.00
Boarding	20,717.90
Cremation	664.46
Dog Food	129.55
Training	390.00
Fundraising Expense	327.16
Groceries	160.48
Grooming	298.15
Insurance	1677.80
Legal	25.00
Misc.	410.00
Office Supplies	1214.54
Picnic	363.49
Postage	361.13
Printing	773.00
Consultation	255.00
Spay/Neuter	268.50
Pull Fees	917.00
Transport Fees	2739.04
Travel	111.75
Vet Fees	21,205.12
Total Expense	\$55332.16
Net Income	\$3,765.24

Please note that these are preliminary numbers and have not been reviewed by our accountant. Also please recognize that while on paper it may seem like we have made a profit, we have not. On January 1, 2009, all the bills for December were paid and quickly depleted any funds remaining. As you can see our Vet and boarding bills continue to be our largest expenses. Since we have had a couple of very ill dogs we have accrued a rather substantial bill with a local vet. We anticipate that it will take approximately one year to pay off the bill in its entirety while we continue to try and help all the dogs who still need vet care.

We will be holding our first Bow Wow Walk on April 26th and our 2nd Golfing For Golden on June 6th. We would really appreciate your support at these events as all the funds will go to our outstanding bills and allow us to continue to place golden in new loving homes.

Jennifer Roth, Treasurer

Golden Retriever Rescue Resource Membership

In order for Golden Retriever Rescue Resource, GRRR, Inc. to maintain communication and offset the cost of our Golden Paws Press newsletter and the mailings of other special events, we are asking a voluntary membership fee. You will receive our newsletter and any other mailings. Become a member now of Golden Retriever Rescue Resource. Fill out the form below and mail check to... GRRR, Inc. 7414 Royal Timbers Lane, Waterville, OH 43566.

Price is \$20.00 per year for an Individual Membership or \$30.00 for a Family Membership per year.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Individual _____ or Family _____