

SIT, STAY, READ

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VACATIONING WITH YOUR DOG

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ON THE ROAD WITH YOUR DOG

When traveling with dogs, always add extra time. If you think it will take you four hours to reach your destination, play it safe and add an additional hour to your trip. Take breaks every two to three hours; a short walk or jog with your dog will break up the trip and make it more enjoyable. Always make sure that you and your dog have plenty of water on hand.



What Should You Bring for the Car Ride?

- Keep a properly tightened collar with current information and rabies tag on your dog at all times. (Can you be reached at the phone number listed on the tag while on vacation?)
- Bring a list of rest stops, dog parks, veterinary hospitals, your dog's medical records, and any medications.
- Pack a bowl and plenty of water.
- Take treats, favorite toys, a blanket and a dog bed.
- You will need doggie bags to pick up waste.
- First Aid Kit with bandages, surgical tape, and meds for car sickness.



In the Car & On the Road

Make sure your car is well ventilated and cool, and NEVER leave your dog unattended in a parked car. On hot days, even in the shade, cars are like ovens and can reach extreme temperatures very quickly. Your dog does not have sweat glands to help him cool off like humans, they regulate their internal temp by panting. Temps can reach 160 degrees in minutes and will cause heat stroke, brain damage and even death.

BRING YOUR GOLDEN!

Summer Events

May 20th

Beach Blast

Goldens are gathering at Stephanie's home (301.994.0061) for an afternoon of surf, sand and fun on Sunday, May 20th at 1 p.m. Stephanie has a great beach and we are so fortunate to be able to take our pups here for a swim. Please call Stephanie for directions.

May 25th

Rita's Fundraiser

Join us at Rita's located in Solomon's on Friday evening, May 25th from 5-7pm. Rita will donate a portion of sales to the rescue. Last year this was a nice event for goldens and their people to get together and enjoy a frozen treat on a warm evening.

Dog Park Saturday's

St. Mary's County Dog Park

Goldens and their families meet the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary's County at the John G. Lancaster Park. We meet at 10am except June - August when we meet at 9am.

Charles County Dog Park

We will continue to meet the third Saturday of each month at the Turkey Hill Dog Park off Route 301 just past La Plata at 10 am. In May and then 9 a.m. June, July and August. Spread the word to your friends who live in Charles to come out and meet other golden people and help spread the word about the rescue to folks in Charles County.

Calvert County Dog Park

Goldens and their families meet the last Saturday of each month in Calvert County at the Gray's Road Dog Park. We meet at 10am except June - August when we meet at 9am.

Final Date by Pat Johnson

The last few weeks we have offered to take goldens/mixes that are scheduled to be euthanized from out of our area. We started by joining "Friends of Golden Retrievers" Facebook page. When a golden is going to be PTS I have offered to take them if no one else steps up.

It is very stressful as sometimes we learn about the dog the very day or hour it is to be killed. I contacted the shelter literally the last hour for Bree and Ariel. Both of which are young, healthy and fun and will make wonderful family members.

Vetting, boarding and transport must be arranged. We have become partners with a group in South Carolina and actually have a foster family in Tennessee. Believe it or not, it's easier getting dogs from these two states than the closer North Carolina and West Virginia.

Often I have to make decisions on very little info. For example, HEART sends a list of 40 - 50 dogs each week with

nothing more than a postage stamp size photo and a "final date."



Animal ID	15977600
Species	Dog
Breed	Retriever, Golden/Mix
Age	5 months
Sex	Male
Size	Medium
Color	Golden
Declawed	No
Housetrained	Unknown
Site	HEART, Help Every Animal
Intake Date	4/16/2012

While some of the dogs we've taken in during our experiment have been barely golden, each and every one of them has the golden personality.

I think that is why people have worked harder to save these pups. Dog rescuers in the South are inundated with dogs being euthanized. The pups that make it to rescue have stood out because of their looks or personality.

I see comments such as, "I just couldn't let them kill this one." Or, "This dog is SO sweet." They make posters; contact rescues and cross post trying to save lives.

So far, our golden mixes are being adopted. Moose was in rescue for a week. Macy, now Jill, was fostered to adopt by her new mom. Happy is also being fostered to possibly adopt.

I'm interested in your thoughts about taking dogs from the South. Feel free to call me 855.477.3728 and leave a message on the "Give Up Your Golden" line which is the one I monitor or send an email to contact@goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org.

Rescue Pups by Pat Johnson

We have made commitments or have rescued 17 pups so far this year. Three are not yet here in Maryland. Most are pups or young adults. All are posted on the rescue's blog www.goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org/blog prior to being posted to the general public on www.petfinder.com.

The good news is that pups are healthier this year. Only 7 month old Holly and little Miss Sandy have been heartworm positive. Macy had a trip to the emergency vet as she has so many internal parasites that she got really sick and dehydrated.

Finances are holding steady thanks to your generous contributions. If we had a few more foster homes we could save more dogs.

If you have ever considered fostering and would like to try it out without a big commitment, offer to care for dogs already in foster care this summer when our foster families go away for a weekend or a longer vacation.

Contact me at johnsonpat@verizon.net if vacation coverage is something you can do.

Transport Team

We are off to a great start this year with our first transport. Thanks to Janell Stringer and her girls for going to Elkton MD to pick up Tanner and take him to his new foster home. Thanks to Carolyn Sweeney for offering to do that transport also. The Rescue's goal for the year is Out Reach which means we will be asking for help with transports that are farther away. Hope you will be available to help. I don't mention all the transports that Pat and Joe make, but trust me they do one almost every week. It's hard to get them to give one up because they like to meet every dog that comes through the rescue but I will keep trying.

If you would like to help transport dogs contact Barb or Bob at 301.475.7022.

How YOU Can Help

Summer is usually a busy time for rescue. We need YOU. If you can transport dogs, staff tables at educational events, foster a dog, do home visits or make a financial donation it will help save lives. YOU can make a difference. Pick up the phone and call 855.477.3728 or email us www.goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org.

A Few of Our Favorite Things

FUNDRAISER

Yard Sale

"My favorite vet is Dr. Leslie Meadows who saved Foster's life and worried right along with me." - Barb Davis

"My favorite groomer is Kendall at Island Pet Salon in Solomon's, MD because she does not take on too many dogs at the same time. She is a dog lover and it shows when she welcomes your pups to the salon. The prices are reasonable, and my two guys are ready in a few hours and look great. They are happy when I arrive to take them home, which has not been in the case from other grooming experiences in our area." - Kim Adams

"My favorite time of the day is when I come home from work; all three dogs meet me with unbridled, unconditional love and happiness. No matter how long or challenging my day was, I always feel really great when they greet me." - Peggy Dziewit

We want to thank everyone who donated or came to help with the annual yard sale.

Thank you for donations and hard work:

- Kim Adams and family
- Steph Waikart
- Barb and Tony Baratta
- Maria Ceballos
- Jillan Rocchio
- Peggy and Paul Dziewit
- Jean and Al Huey,
- Pat and Joe Johnson
- Norm and Gail Bleakly
- Barb Saylor
- Glenda and Tom Spragg
- Susan Casarez

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

It really is a small world, Tonya Smith lives near Nashville, Tennessee, and has helped us rescue four dogs this year...Macy, Frisky, Ramona and one dog so new that it doesn't have a name yet. Tonya pulls them from certain death at a shelter or pound, takes them to the vet and our rescue pays the bill and arranges transport to a second foster home or a foster to adopt family here in Maryland.



1. How did you get involved with Golden Retriever Rescue of SO MD?

I was looking at pictures on a page of death row animals on Facebook and I saw two dogs who needed foster till they could get to rescue. I realized I did not live too far away so I sent a reply to get the dogs brought to me. That is when I was put in touch with Pat Johnson and Golden Retriever Rescue.

2. How many dogs/cats do you have?

I have 5 dogs; Luna, Nevaeh, Nahla, Padmay, and Bam Bam.

3. What do you find most satisfying about rescuing dogs?

The most satisfying thing about rescuing dogs is knowing that they will be loved and all has been done to find them the best home ever. At night when I go to sleep I rest knowing I saved a life and I helped find not only a loving home for a dog but find a loving dog for a family.

4. If you had a magic wand and could do one thing to help animals what would it be?

I would place every dog into a home that's filled with laughter, joy, patience, care but most of all LOVE.

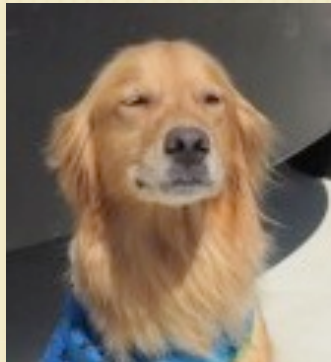
And, last but not least our golden representative "Honey," who had probably the most fun of all, by representing the rescue and getting petted.

The yard sale was a successful fundraiser again this year netting almost \$850.

Next year Kim Adams has offered to host it at her home in Lusby.

Our Favorite Foster Dogs

"Rumble has been my favorite foster so far for three reasons. First of all, it was such a rewarding experience. He was just skin and bones when he came to us and was heartworm positive. We witnessed a total physical transformation during the three months he was with us as he fattened up and went through heartworm treatment. Secondly, he had a wonderful personality. Despite all he had been through, he was such a calm, friendly, trusting dog. Finally, his story had such a happy ending, as he was reunited with his sister, Lannie when he went to his forever home on Cape May." - **Susan Casarez**



RUMBLE

"Tom and I both agreed that it was tie for favorite between Max and Addie. Addie (who we called Lily) was the smallest of the "super seven" puppies but she was fearless and she had personality plus. Max was a handsome and lovable rascal." - **Glenda Spragg**



ADDIE

"Danny Boy is our favorite foster .. Even though he's a 'failed foster'. When we picked him up from Tri-county he was a smelly mess, but you could tell that he was such a sweet heart. Since he didn't have a collar or tag we didn't know what to call him, so we picked Danny Boy... and he seemed to like it fine. We took him home and gave him a bath; he was very patient even when we started cutting of the dreadlocks and poking at his numerous lumps and bumps. We took him to the vet and saw him through surgery to remove some of the more suspicious lumps. Throughout all of the poking and pain Danny Boy was always gentle and sweet. He stole our hearts. If you are looking for something more concise ... Danny Boy is our favorite because we were with him from the beginning: nameless pup in a shelter to perfect prince in our family." - **Peggy & Paul Dzewit**



DANNY BOY

"One of our favorite foster dogs was Ross. His parents might be mortified to know that we still refer to him as "Rossie-pie", yet it captures our fondness for him perfectly. Ross arrived at our home looking so profoundly...defeated and withdrawn. Luckily, he emerged as a light-hearted and endearing dog with a delightful spring in his step. One of our fondest recollections of Ross...when he greeted you in the morning or when he realized that it was time for his evening walk...he

proceeded to circle the kitchen table in a counter clockwise direction. He never varied his routine on this and this was his habitual response to the anticipation of something impending. Counter clockwise circle around the table in a rapid beat. Oh what a charming boy he is!" - **The Cochran Family**



ROSS

"I would have to say Foster. Seeing his progress from when we picked up the Zuni dogs until now, even though he is still a work-in progress, it has been very satisfying. Watching him become a real dog. His learning to trust, making big and small steps of progress, like retrieving, swimming, doing the tunnel, starting to growl at his humpers, etc. He was a dog I feel we truly rescued from a horrible life with little hope. He needed us to save him, and I glad we fostered and kept him." - **Bob Davis**



FOSTER

Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.



Check for breathing and pulse

Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

Look for other warning signs

- Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.



If not breathing, give breath to animal

Cats and small dogs

Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

Medium-large dogs

Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.



Heimlich maneuver

If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

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Start compressions if no pulse

Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

Repeat procedure

- Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.

- Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.

- Stop CPR after 20 minutes.