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President's Message

by Barbara Durham

What a wonderful reunion we had this year!
Many thanks to our team leaders who did
such a great job planning and coordinating:

- Julie Mink – Raffle
- Marcia McGovern – Silent Auction
- Pam Jones – Golden Goods
- Ann & John Fitzpatrick – Welcome Desk

Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped staff the booths and clean up after the event. Without your help, we couldn't have pulled it off.

So, what's "new" in rescue? We're training new volunteers in many areas, and we have a great group of people working with us. One of the areas we wanted to work on this year was recruiting and coordinating our volunteer force. GRRMF receives a lot of inquiries about volunteering, but we didn't have a process in place for following up.

I'm happy to report that in July, we're starting a new process where all volunteer inquiries will be routed to a volunteer coordinator who will mail out a volunteer application to the interested party. When the person

interested in volunteering returns the application, the volunteer coordinator will assess the application and route them to the appropriate area coordinators within GRRMF to get these people started.

Another major initiative we hope to have completed this summer is drafting volunteer position descriptions for every box on our organization chart. As we get more people involved, it's important for us to have a roadmap for each volunteer to follow. This will avoid the confusion of "who does what" and will help our activities and operations flow more smoothly.

Our last initiative is creating a volunteers-only Web site that will contain training information, commonly used forms and other tools. We now have volunteers throughout the state, so we need a convenient way of communicating and sharing information.

So, as you can see, we're very busy at GRRMF, trying to improve our operations so we can continue our mission of saving more precious gold.

*Until next time,
Barbara*



Rocky

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Get Prepared

How to Handle Canine Emergencies

by Julie Mink, GRRMF Volunteer

We all dread the thought of seeing our dogs in pain. Will you know what to do if your dog becomes seriously ill or is injured? Knowing some basic canine first aid will help you be prepared should the situation arise.

First-Aid Kit

A good first-aid kit is critical. In fact, you may already have many of the necessary items. For a container, I use a fishing tackle-type box. On the outside, with permanent marker, label the box "FIRST AID" on all sides. In an emergency, someone else may have to locate and use this kit. You may want to make up several – for your home, cars, etc.

Next, tape a card to the inside of the lid with the following information:

- Your name, address and phone number.
- Emergency contact name and phone number should you be incapacitated.
- The name of your dog(s) and any medications they take, allergies or significant medical conditions.
- Veterinarian's name, address and phone number. Also include the Emergency Clinic, location and phone number.

Items to Include in Your First-Aid Kit:

- Cotton gauze wrap
- Cotton gauze pads
- First-aid tape
- Cotton balls
- Ace bandage
- Benadryl
- Buffered aspirin

- Pepto Bismol
- Oral syringes (for administering liquid oral medications, available at pet supply stores)
- Safety pins in several sizes
- Matches
- Tweezers
- Hemostat (for pulling ticks, thorns, etc.)
- Canine rectal thermometer
- Petroleum jelly
- Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)
- Ear-cleansing solution (1 part rubbing alcohol, 1 part white vinegar, 2 parts water)
- Ear ointment (Otomax or Otibiotic)
- Eye rinse solution such as saline
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Rubbing alcohol
- Hot spot remedy such as hydrocortisone
- Chemical ice pack (does not require refrigeration)
- Chemical heat pack
- Reflective/foil-type blanket
- Splint
- Blunt scissors
- Razor blade (wrapped in protective packaging)
- Needle and thread
- Specific medications your dog may need (for allergies, seizures, etc.)

LABEL all medications and supplies with their name, dosage and expiration date. Replenish and update the kit at least once a year.

Please note: NEVER give Tylenol (acetaminophen) or ibuprofen (Advil, Nuprin, Motrin, etc) to a dog. Tylenol is toxic to the liver. Ibuprofen is fatal to

dogs even at low doses. Only aspirin is safe, and buffered aspirin is preferred to minimize stomach upset.

Please consult your veterinarian about appropriate use and dosage before giving your dog any medications. Also, be familiar with possible side effects and adverse reactions before using.

TIPS FOR HANDLING COMMON EMERGENCIES

First, the golden rule: STAY CALM! You can't help your dog if you lose your head and panic.

RESPIRATION: Before anything else, check to ensure that your dog is breathing normally. If the brain is not receiving oxygen, there can be irreversible damage or death within 4-5 minutes.

If breathing has stopped, immediately administer artificial respiration. Cover his nostrils with your mouth and hold his jaw firmly closed with one hand. Blow steadily (but gently) for 2-3 seconds, then remove your mouth for 2-3 seconds to allow the dog to exhale. The volume of air should be enough to expand the rib cage normally. When the dog resumes normal breathing, stop applying artificial respiration.

If the dog vomits, be sure his air flow is not obstructed. To prevent obstruction, raise the dog's hindquarters so that they are higher than the head. This allows drainage and keeps the dog from inhaling liquid into the lungs. This position can also be attained by hanging the dog's head over the edge of a curb or table.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

... Suzanne Rider: Gone to the Dogs

Suzanne Rider's life has gone to the dogs. And she couldn't be happier.

It all started back in 1998, with a husband-wife compromise and a small twist of fate. "We already had two dogs, and I really wanted golden," Suzanne says. "My husband wasn't convinced we needed a third dog, but he did want a new sport utility vehicle. We decided Tony could get his SUV, and I could get a golden."

Instead of making a permanent commitment to adopt, the Riders opted to foster a dog through GRRMF. Now, several fosters – and a couple of permanent additions – later, Suzanne has taken on the role of West Coast Regional Coordinator, covering the Tampa Bay area down to Sarasota. "I do everything and anything that needs done. I welcome and educate new volunteers, coordinate home visits and adoptions with Betty Wyatt and transport dogs. And we still foster, of course," Suzanne says.

"The most satisfying part is helping the dogs. It's rewarding to take a dog from a bad situation and help it find someone who is going to love and treat it as one of the family," she says. "It's sad at first to lose a foster, but when I see the dog hop in the car and never look back, I remember that I have helped a golden and that now there is space in my house to help another."

Suzanne relates a recent "happy ending" with Cinder – short for Cinderella. "She was severely abused and lived outside. She was about 2 years old when she escaped. She was emaciated, but beautiful. I spent two weeks sitting in a vacant lot trying to entice her to come to me. She would bolt the minute anyone got near."

Eventually, Suzanne stopped seeing Cinder, and the food she left out went uneaten. A few days later, heartbroken and disappointed, Suzanne followed up on a call about a stray golden. She recognized Cinder right away. She was found some 15 miles from the vacant lot.

Cinder's recovery was recorded in small steps over the course of the next several months. Every day, she made a lit-

tle progress – she stopped running from ceiling fans and jumping at her reflection. She started playing with the other dogs. Eventually, the Riders coaxed her into taking short walks and going for car rides. Still, Suzanne figured she would be a permanent foster, because she was so anxious and fearful.

"One day, a family came over to see another foster and saw Cinder hiding in the corner. They asked a lot of questions about her, and she even let them get close to her – quite a feat," Suzanne says. "They left with their new dog, but a few days later they called and said they wanted Cinder, too. They love her to pieces now. She just needed a forever family with lots of patience."

The Riders share their home with mixed-breeds Madison and Bogie, and golden Preston – a foster initially.

Suzanne reminds readers of how they can help: "Rescue is in desperate need of foster homes. Without these fosters, fewer goldens can be saved. As long as I have room, I will always have a foster."



The four amigos: West Coast Coordinator Suzanne Rider with Madison, Bogie and Preston.

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EXTERNAL BLEEDING: Apply pressure directly over the wound with a clean bandage. Kleenex or paper towels will suffice in an emergency. Apply continuous pressure for several minutes. Once the bleeding has slowed, place a clean bandage on the wound and gently but firmly wrap with an ace bandage, mesh gauze, or even old sheets. The wrap should not be tight enough to stop circulation, but should continue to apply pressure to the wound to slow bleeding.

SHOCK: While it may be the result of other injuries, shock itself requires treatment. Symptoms of shock are weakness, physical collapse, subnormal rectal temperature, paleness of the inside of lips and gums, listlessness, fast but weak pulse and rapid, shallow breathing. If your dog shows symptoms of shock, wrap him in a blanket to keep him quiet and warm, and contact your veterinarian immediately.

BURNS: There are three basic causes: hot liquids, chemicals and direct heat or fire. Seriousness depends on the depth, location, and surface area affected.

Hair in the burned area should be clipped clean. Wash the area of a chemical burn generously with water to dilute the irritant. Other burns should be rinsed superficially with cold water once the hair is removed. Apply a protective antibiotic ointment (such as Neosporin) without rubbing the area. Keep the dog from licking by covering the burn with a gauze bandage. Take your dog to the veterinarian as soon as possible.

HEAT STROKE: Symptoms include rapid respiration, total collapse and coma. Vomiting blood and bloody stools also can occur. Take the following measures:

- Immerse the dog in a tub of cool-to-

lukewarm water or wet the dog with a hose.

- Apply a cold pack to the dog's head.
- Transport the dog to a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

SNAKEBITE: Nonpoisonous snakebites require little or no attention. The dog will show no more serious symptoms than mild, localized swelling, a few hours of listlessness, lack of appetite and lameness.

Poisonous snakebites are a medical emergency. These rapidly develop a hot swelling, which is extremely tender and painful. If a bite is suspected, take the following actions:

- If the wound is on a limb, apply a tourniquet between the wound and the heart. This will slow the spread of venom. The tourniquet is properly adjusted if a finger can be inserted under it easily. It should be left intact until treatment is provided, but no longer than 2 hours.
- Apply an ice pack to the wound to minimize local tissue reaction. In addition to the swelling, there will be discoloration and tissue death. The toxin may also produce serious shock.
- Consult a veterinarian immediately.

POISONING: Poisoning usually is caused by consumption of toxic plants or chemicals. Effects vary and depend upon how much was consumed, type of poison and the individual animal. Rodenticides (rat poison), snail bait and ornamental plants are the most common, but other household items (matches, cleaners, chocolate, etc.) can be fatal.

Follow this basic approach to any poisoning:

- Prevent further absorption of the poison.
- Treat the poison specifically to aid its

removal from the body.

- Consult a veterinarian immediately.

To induce vomiting: Force your dog to swallow 1-2 teaspoons of hydrogen peroxide. It should work within 3-10 minutes. Hydrogen peroxide can only be used once. It burns the throat and should only be used after consulting your vet. (CAUTION: DO NOT induce vomiting in the case of corrosive poisons such as kerosene, strong acids or lye.) When the dog has vomited, protect the stomach and intestines with 1 teaspoon of Pepto Bismol per 5 lbs of body weight. Do not use Kaopectate as this slows the intestinal tract.

Irritated skin: Inflamed skin from a corrosive material such as kerosene, gasoline, excessive use of flea baths, etc., should be rinsed with large amounts of water to dilute the irritant. Afterward, gently lather the dog with a mild soap and rinse. Do not scrub. Call your veterinarian about any poisoning. If treatment is necessary, take the container, if possible, or the dog's vomit with you.

Plant poisoning: Symptoms will depend on what and how much was consumed. The most common signs are excessive salivation, vomiting and diarrhea. Those affecting the central nervous system may cause hyper-excitability, convulsions, paralysis, shock and, in some cases, death. Your safest option as a dog owner is to remove all poisonous plants from your home – including the yard. For treatment, induce vomiting and immediately call your veterinarian.

Insect bites: Insect bites usually cause localized or generalized swelling that subsides within 24 hours. The best treatment is a cold pack and Benadryl.

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This is also true for spider bites and scorpion stings. Death is usually due to acute allergic reactions. If a dog shows signs of weakness, difficulty breathing and pale mucous membranes in the mouth, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Source: Golden Retriever Club of America's first-aid brochure.



GRRMF First-Aid Kits Now Available

GRRMF can help you be prepared for an emergency. We now have first-aid kits available through our Golden Goods store.

Kits include a 144-page book on first-aid plus first-aid supplies, all in a handy carrying case. Cost is only \$28.99 plus \$2.05 tax and \$5.15 shipping for a total of \$36.17.

Send checks to: GRRMF Golden Goods, PO Box 621852, Oviedo, FL 32762. Or order through the Web site and pay by credit card using our secure PayPal system.

Did You Remember? 2001 Membership Dues

Keep your Hearts of Gold newsletter coming by making sure your 2001 membership dues are paid in full. The \$25 annual fee is tax deductible, and all dues and contributions go directly toward the care of goldens in need.

To check on the status of your membership, e-mail us: info@grrmf.org, or call the GRRMF Hotline: (407) 332-2840, Mailbox 4.

To pay your dues, simply complete and mail the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Special thanks to all who joined at the Sponsorship Level this year! Our goldens truly appreciate your commitment to rescue!

Don't Kill Your Golden with Love!

by Carol McKee

Obesity in dogs is a serious medical problem. And just like their waistlines, the problem is growing. It is estimated that 25 percent to 50 percent of all American dogs are overweight.

If you think a little tummy bulge is "no big deal," we urge you to think again. Just like humans, fat dogs are more at risk for developing diabetes, heart disease, joint and hip problems, digestive disorders and liver and kidney disease. Obesity also complicates health care such as surgery, drug therapy and recovery from illness and injury.

Dogs who are overweight have less endurance and stamina. Their immune systems are weaker, leaving them at risk for contracting viral and bacterial infections. They also may develop heat intolerance including difficulty breathing – not a good thing in Florida!

The bottom line: If you overfeed your dog, you are shortening his already-too-short life span. By giving in to those pleading looks and sorrowful eyes, you are putting him at risk. It's time for some "tough love."

A dog is an opportunistic scavenger. He'll eat himself into oblivion if given half the chance. YOU can control his weight by realizing that food is not a substitute for love or attention. Your golden will love you just as much if you give him a massage, let him lay his head on your lap, throw the tennis ball a few times or take him for a walk.

Assess Your Dog

How can you tell if it's time to put your best friend on a diet? Perform a hands-on test: First, with your dog standing, you should be able to feel her ribs without prodding. If you can't feel the ribs, or if you have to apply pressure to feel them, your dog needs to lose weight.

Second, with her still standing, look at her abdomen from the side – there should be a modest "tuck-up" area between her rib cage and hind legs – not as pronounced as a greyhound, for example, but still there.

Third: Stand directly above your dog and look down at her. Can you see a waist – does her body have an indent between the rib cage and hips? It should make an hourglass figure. Too much of an indent, and she's too thin. If it's not there, or if it bulges out, it's time to put her on a diet.

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Memories of a Reunion ...

***I**t was certainly a day to remember. GRRMF's Ninth Annual Rescue Reunion March 25 in Kissimmee, Fla. was the largest ever, with more than 200 goldens and their humans in attendance.*

This is truly a must-see for golden lovers everywhere. With a country setting under large oak trees, a pond and a picture-perfect sunny-but-not-too-hot day, our former rescue goldens had the time of their lives.

To those of us involved in rescue, this is one of the high points of the year. Adoption Coordinator Betty Wyatt said she did nothing all day but greet her former rescues and talk with their new forever humans – “and I loved every minute of it!” she says.

Many thanks to the volunteer organizers who “made it all happen.” We could not have done it without you! The silent auction was a great success, raising more than \$2,700. The raffle also brought in \$1,600 and it was a record-breaking day for our Golden Goods Booth as well. All proceeds will go directly toward the care and placement of golden retrievers in need.

Special thanks to:

- Marcia McGovern, for organizing and staffing the silent auction booth.
- Julie Mink for an incredible job of gathering items for the raffle. Julie and her “pack” traveled all the way from Clearwater – four dogs, and a truck full of raffle items – and miraculously, all arrived intact.
- Barbara Durham and GRRMF board members for all the hard work of putting the reunion together.
- Sue Wood, who leased the wonderful reunion property to us.
- Richard Raymond, the DJ who kept tunes playing and provided a nice PA system for announcements.
- Special thanks to all who donated items for the raffle and auction.

See Pages 18-19
for Rescue Reunion Photos!

A Taste of Heaven

The annual golden retriever rescue reunion
at a ranch in Kissimmee
Goldens, goldens, goldens as far as the eye can see
I got a taste of what heaven must be
The day I brought my goldens to that picnic
under a big shady tree
As I sat in awe, my heart filled with glee
At this wonderful vision bestowed upon me
Goldens of every shape, size, and color
From blonde, gold and red from smaller to taller
Some were petite, some a bit chunky
Some were relaxed, and some a bit spunky
Young fuzzy pups to seniors with white faces
They came from close by and far away places
Too many to count, yet no two alike
Some took a swim, some took a hike
Each of the goldens had a story to share
But the best part is knowing they're with people who care
I just can't imagine how it could be
That any golden could go homeless, unwanted
or chained to a tree
They are smart, gentle, loyal and have hearts filled with love
These beautiful creatures are gifts from above

Poem by Anne Marie Weiss, permanent parent of rescue golden, Trevor, and current foster parent of Chevy.



Trevor

Wish List . . .

1. Lightweight folding aluminum camping tables in good condition.
2. Long distance calling cards.
3. Postage, all denominations.
4. Gift certificates to PetsMart or Pet Supermarket.
5. Working fax machine with instructions.

Obesity, from page 5**Weight Control Strategies**

1. Watch the fat content in the food you buy. Fat content of dry food should be between 12 percent and 16 percent.
2. Measure how much you're feeding her and reduce the ration slightly. Try this for a week or so, and see if it makes a difference. If not, consult your veterinarian about a quality reduced-fat food.
3. Adding a half-can of no-salt-added french-style green beans to each meal will help your golden feel full without adding on the calories. Green beans are high in fiber so they add bulk to your dog's diet.
4. Pick up the bowl in 15 minutes, even if she hasn't eaten all the food. This will get your dog used to a feeding routine. She'll fill up at each feeding, instead of feeling like she needs to eat all the time.
5. Watch the treats. Traditional dog snacks are high in fat. Instead, buy lower-fat biscuits and dole them out carefully. Even better, try these low-fat alternatives: baby carrots, rice cakes, unbuttered popcorn, apple slices, pretzels, bananas or seedless grapes.
6. Lay off table scraps. To improve your dog's health, it is well worth it to just throw leftovers away rather than using your dog as a garbage disposal.
7. Establish a daily exercise routine. Walks, play sessions or even training will help tone muscles and improve body function. Sniffing around the backyard isn't enough. For the most part, dogs are as lazy as us – don't expect your dog to run around just for the sake of exercise.

Cody Bear: "Killer Love?"

Cody Bear, a recent rescue, weighed in at 150 pounds – almost twice the

weight he should be! At 7 years old, this once drop-dead gorgeous cream-coat golden looked and acted like a much older dog. Thanks to GRRMF volunteers John and Gail Pföhler, Cody is on his way to a younger, slimmer self. After only two weeks with his fosters, Cody became more energetic and playful.



Young Cody



Cody at 150 lbs.

"We got a call about a dog who was 'a little overweight.' We weren't prepared for what we saw when we met Cody. It just makes you sick to see such a beautiful animal abused in this way," John says. On the plus side, John says Cody is "one of the gentlest goldens I've ever seen. He has a typical golden personality – easygoing, happy all the time and a real lover."

Cody's new foster mom, Linda,

reports he's currently weighing in at 135 – an impressive loss, but he still has a long way to go to regain that handsome physique shown in the glamour shot at left.

Precious Cody Bear is ready for adoption. But he requires a forever home who will be strict with his diet and take him for daily walks. He is sweet as they come, gets along well with cats and dogs and loves nothing more than a little attention. He's truly a golden boy who got a dose of "killer love." Can you help?

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Mutt Strut

By the looks of the handsome face below, Clearwater-area volunteers enjoyed participating in the recent Mutt Strutt, which raised more than \$65,000 for the Humane Society of North Pinellas County. GRRMF volunteers walked in the event and also set up a booth for rescue. Special thanks to Julie Mink for sending this lovely photo of a very happy Ben.



Hearts of Gold

by Betty Wyatt, GRRMF Adoption Coordinator

Our yearly rescue reunion is one day I look forward to all year long. All of us who have fostered goldens get to see our former “kids” again with their new families – happy faces, shiny coats, wagging tails and all.

Some of my former charges remember me and take great pride in jumping all over, giving me big, sloppy kisses. I truly love it! Others are more sedate, obviously couldn’t care less to see me again and seem content in their present home. That’s wonderful, too! I have seen them again on our special day (yours, theirs and mine), and that’s what I love so much. I can speak for all our volunteers by thanking owners who take the time once a year to join us for our special day of fun with our canine family members and “graduates” of our rescue program.

Recently, we’ve taken in a lot of goldens with hip and arthritis problems. I wanted to tell you about an over-the-counter drug that my veterinarian recommended. Flexamin is a combination of glucosamine, chondroitin and MSM. We’ve had good results with several recent fosters. Ask your veterinarian about it if your dog shows signs of hip problems or arthritis, especially as it grows older.

The Dog Days of Summer

This is the time of year when many of us travel. In my travels, I have rarely had a problem finding lodging for my dogs and me. They always travel in crates for safety and comfort, and most have been obedience trained. I look in my AAA travel book for pet-friendly motels, and make reservations if possible. Some motels charge an extra fee if you bring your dog, but it could be well worth it to relax in a comfortable room with your dogs by your side. In the past, I’ve just informed the desk clerk that my dogs would stay in crates

if I left the room and have always been assigned a room. A friend told me that one time when she was turned away, she showed her dog’s Canine Good Citizen certificate, and they allowed them to stay.

For the trip, I bring a tote bag for my dogs that contains grooming supplies, an extra collar and leash, food and water dishes, toys, treats and health records – including vaccination certificates. I also pack a gallon jug of water, dog food, plastic bags to pick up after the dogs and a first-aid kit. You can now purchase one from our Golden Goods store (see Page 5). Once I check into my room, I put out the “Do Not Disturb” sign for safety reasons. During the trip, I exercise my dogs on leash whenever I stop. They have fun, and I usually meet some interesting people.

Now, about the heat. During the summer, if you have your dog with you and must visit a convenience store or fill up with gasoline, don’t forget to crack the windows, but not enough for the dog to poke its head through. And be sure you are only gone for a few minutes! Last week, after grocery shopping at Publix, I came out to find a dog locked in a car next to mine, with the windows open only a small crack. He was panting heavily. I stayed beside the car while someone went in and asked the manager to page the owner. Both the dog and the owner lucked out that day – the dog was saved from heat exhaustion, and only the Publix manager got involved – I could have called the police!

Another thing to remember about the hot summer months ahead: Be sure to exercise your dog only on grass – not on asphalt or concrete. Remember, they don’t wear shoes, and their pads can become badly burned in a short period of time from hot road surfaces. Also, if you are going on a walk, be sure to take along some extra water, even if it’s in

the morning or evening. It’s just plain hot out there!

And for you night walkers: consider reflective gear, both for you AND your pooch.

During the summer months, whether my trip is short or long, I leave my dogs in the air-conditioned comfort of our home, with plenty to keep them occupied if they choose not to sleep.

Finally, I want to thank a very special friend and rescue volunteer. Over the years, Cyndy Coulombe has helped me in many ways, including coming to my house every week to help bathe and groom the foster dogs staying with me. She brought them treats and always was ready with lots of hugs and kisses for them. She and her husband, Jim Carpenter, who also helped our rescue group, moved north. We will miss you, Cyndy and Jim! I hope you will be happy in your new home and wish you the very best.

Alumni

Even though we have rescued some 900 dogs so far, we are still very interested in keeping track of our former rescues. Remember, there may have been many volunteers involved in rescuing your precious gold. And if he or she was featured in our newsletter, many others may be interested. Please write or e-mail us with updates – photos are welcome! I just joined the 21st century a few months ago and now have a computer. Also, you may have seen the new Alumni section on our Web site and our “Wags and Brags” section of this newsletter. We’re happy to publish updates in both locations. You can e-mail me: goldensunbird@aol.com.

To all our rescue families: Please remember that obedience training can save lives!

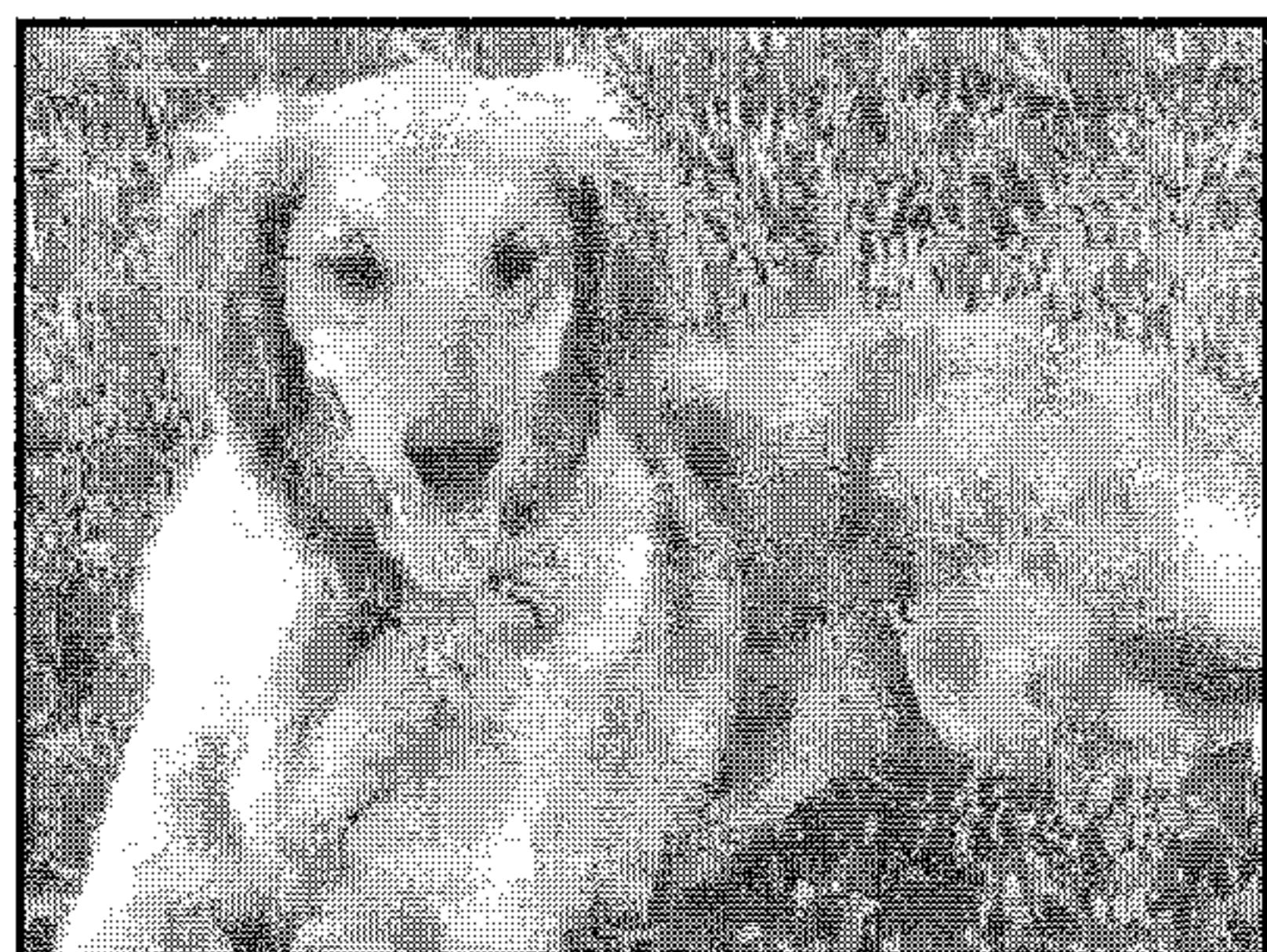
– Betty

r e c e n t a d o p t i o n s . . .

Molly was turned in to GRRMF when her busy owner realized it wasn't fair for her to spend all her time in a crate. She was adopted by Bob and Donna W., who adopted GRRMF rescue **Colt** last year. Molly and Colt keep each other plenty busy, and Molly no longer needs to spend time in a crate, as her new human dad works from home.

There is only one way to describe **Sweetie**. Sweet, she is! After spending more than a month at a humane society, she was rescued and fostered by Matt and Ann Marie Wise. Sweetie was adopted by Iris N.

Mercedes is the top of the line. She was rescued by Suzanne and Tony Rider and fostered by Mary Beth Liermann. She is a great ball player and will have plenty of room to play with her new family, Harvey and Denise D.



Minnie

Minnie, now called **Lucy** because of her red hair, was turned in to GRRMF after her owner could no longer afford her. When her fosters called Paula C. and told her they had the perfect dog for her, Paula rushed right over ... and fell in love. She arranged for Lucy to be brought home on her daughter's birthday. It was a

great surprise, but there was an even bigger one in store. Paula returned to the foster home and also adopted **Cinder** (for Cinderella). Cinder and Lucy, along with their canine sister, **Hannah**, go to work with Paula three times a week. They have their own "office" and enough toys to fill the bed of a pickup truck! Cinder has gotten better at approaching new people – as long as the other two say it's o.k. She is relearning her social skills with regular trips to the dog park. Like the "fairy princess" that she is, Cinder even has her own monogrammed bed. She deserves to be spoiled! Read more about Cinder's story in our "Volunteer Spotlight" on Page 3.

Elizabeth/Honey is just what the doctor ordered for Mike and Kathy S. Their frequent e-mails tell GRRMF volunteers that she is a delight, apparently does nothing wrong and will be with them forever.



Elizabeth

Lily was turned in to rescue because her ill owner could no longer care for her. A beautiful young female, Lily was adopted by Gary and Mayra H.

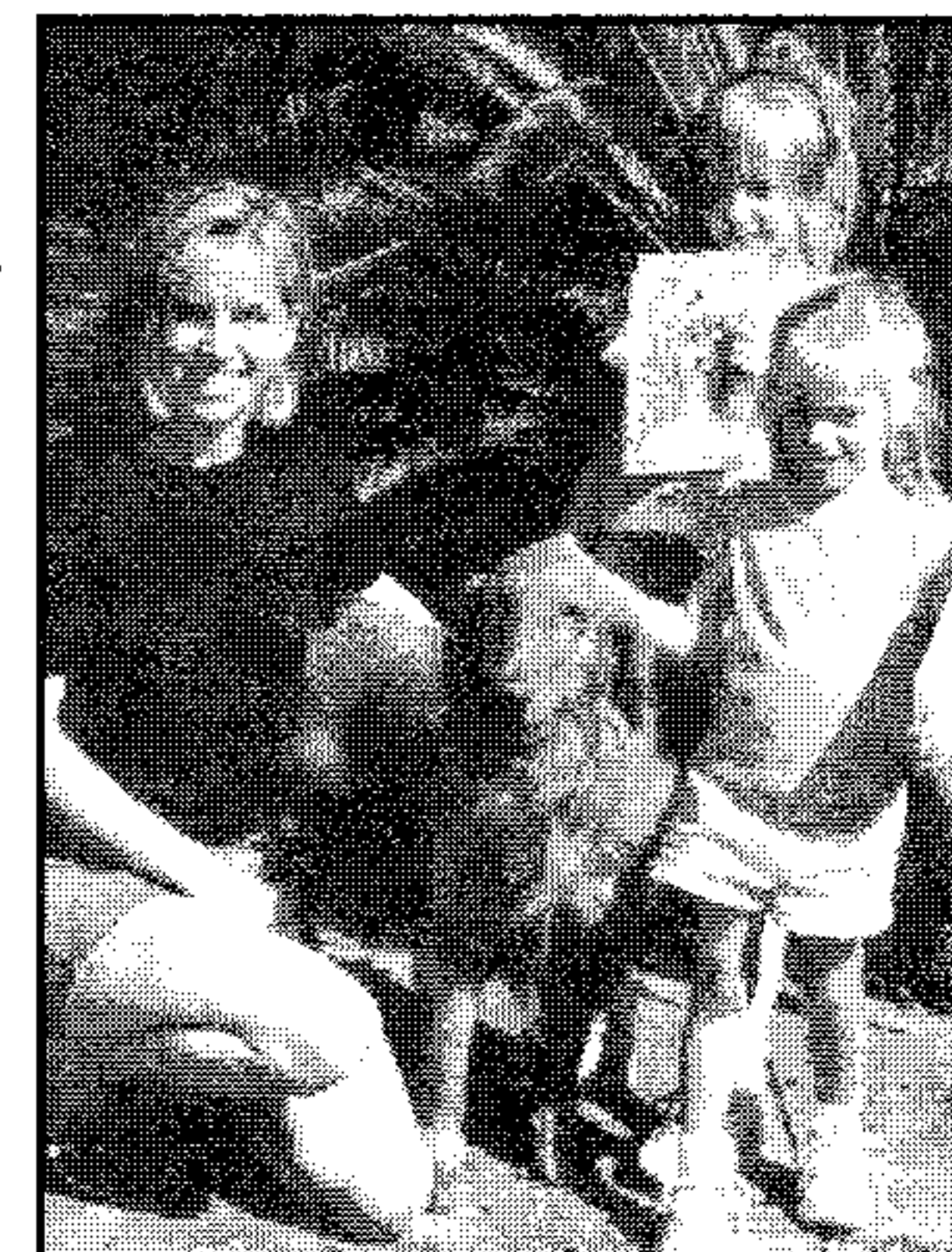
Hollyberry lived in a very active household, with her human mom expecting her third child. She had no time for Holly and called rescue. Holly was adopted by Carol G.

Meg came to us when her owner decided to move to Hawaii. Fostered by Ellen Schnabel, she quickly became a member of the household. Meg was adopted by Kathy R., whose daughter, April, adopted **Charlie** through us.



Meg (l.) and Charlie (r.)

Fancy was turned in by a breeder who decided to go out of business. Perhaps you saw her picture on our Web site wearing her Easter bonnet. This little cutie bonds with whomever she is with, and she loves nothing more than to cuddle. Adopted by the Rev. Frank and Fran D., her cuddling skills are useful in her new "job" as a pet therapy dog.



Fancy with her foster family

Lilu was turned in with her brother **Corbin** simply because they were no longer wanted. We can't figure out why, because Lilu is just about perfect to us. And her new owners agree. She was adopted by Sister Jessica and her brother Don Z. Lilu is currently in obedience training at Best Paw Forward.

Ten-month-old **Ben** was turned in because of a divorce. **Indy**, another puppy, was turned in when her family decided to move to Japan. Both were fostered and then adopted by Gary and Julie M. They tell us Ben's favorite thing to do is lay his head on the swimming pool and look adoringly at dad. Indy's favorite hobby is playing with Ben.



Lilu

Recent adoptions, from page 9

Frosty, 8 months, was turned in with his sister, **Tera**. Both were no longer wanted by their owner. Handsome and already partially obedience trained, Frosty was adopted by Dr. Sam & Diane F.



Frosty



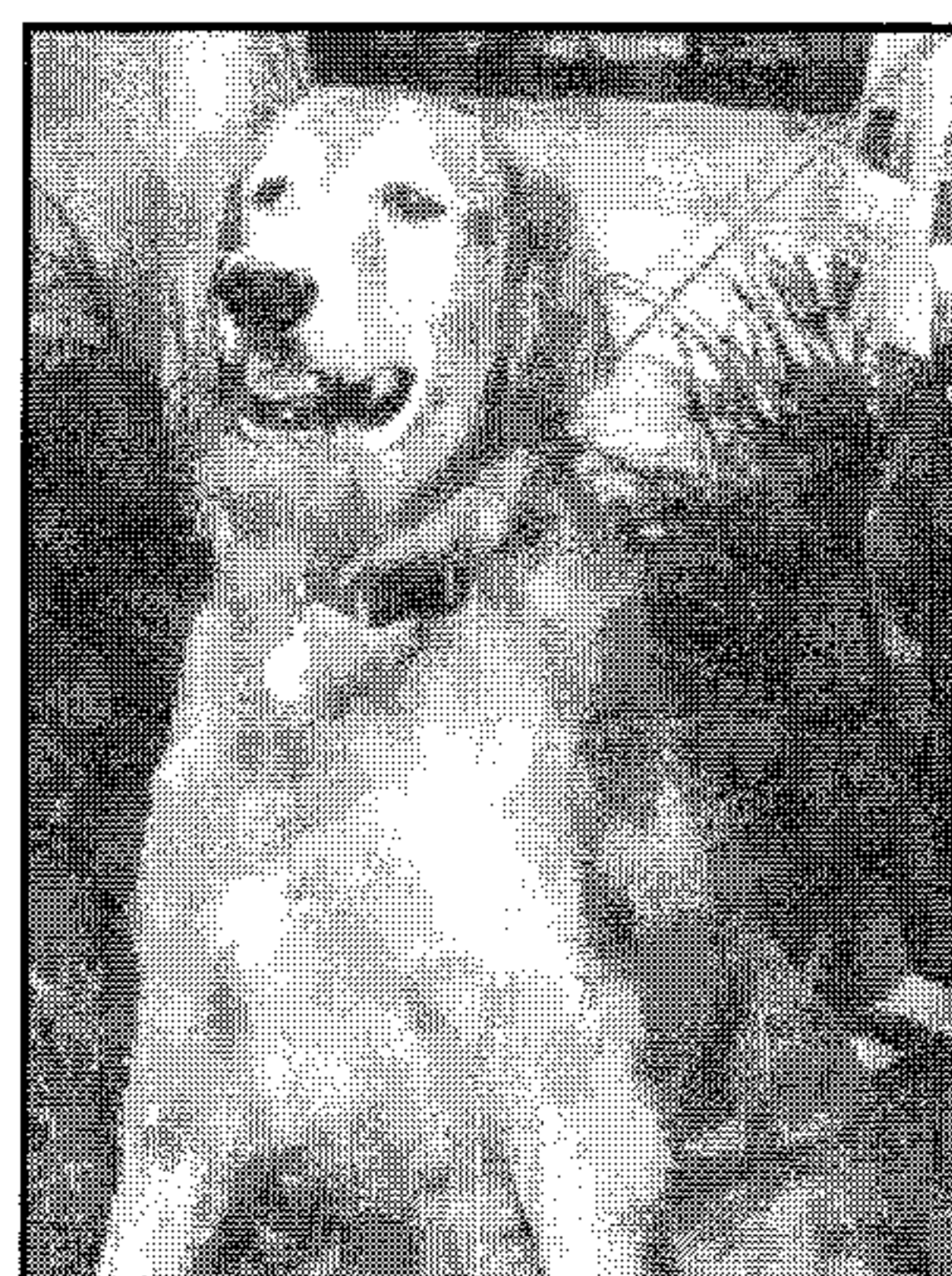
Holly

Holly, a young, red female with an engaging personality, came from an animal shelter. She was adopted by Seth H. Holly enjoys playing in the doggie park with her new cousin, **Buddy**, a golden owned by Seth's sister. When it's time to go home, they call out, "Buddy Holly!"

Travis was given up when his family had no time for him. He was adopted by Bill and Lorraine F.

Dallas I, a very active boy, is very much a clown. His foster family loved him so much they decided to adopt him.

Tanner, a middle-aged male, was given up by someone who no longer wanted him. We don't know why, because Tanner never stops smiling and wagging his tail. Pam A. recognized his true golden personality and decided to take him home. Tanner goes to choir practice with Pam, where he enjoys lying at her feet all through practice.



Tanner

Buster was given up by a person who decided he had too many dogs to care for. He now enjoys his two walks a day and easily walks a mile at a time. He was adopted by J. and K. B., who say that, so far, they haven't found his first fault.

Sandy was rescued by Kathy Spilker, then fostered and adopted by Patricia & Otto F. Now called **Molly**, she moved in and became one of the family like she had always been there. She quickly became a neighborhood treasure.

Madison was rescued by Kathy Spilker and adopted by Will & Betsy B.

Mickey came back into rescue due to illness in the family. This 12-year-old (going on 7!) is fun to be around and sweet as can be. He was adopted by retiree Jim D., who takes him lots of places and greatly enjoys his company.

Hogan came from the animal shelter in Melbourne. When he wasn't claimed, he was rescued by Kathy Spilker and later adopted by Michael & Christine J. They tell us he is a wonderful addition to their family.

Cleo, a senior golden just beaming with charisma and pizzazz, was adopted by her foster mom, Linda F.

Jake was turned in by a family who had no time for him. He was adopted by L.S. for her dog, **Abbey**, who was grieving the recent loss of her canine playmate. Linda says Jake fit right in like he's always been there.

Shalom/Shallie, a young female, was turned in by a young man who said he is very religious. Her name means peace and love. Shallie has a lot of love to give, but there isn't a lot of peace when this active little one is around! She was adopted by Diane M.S., who has started her in obedience classes. They think she's a real cutie.



Shalom

Clifford/Jake was a frequent stray who wasn't claimed by his owner this time. He was turned in to a veterinary clinic. He was adopted by his foster, Jeffrey K.

Jazzie was given up by a family who couldn't afford to keep her. She was adopted by Valerie D., who hopes to enter Jazzie into obedience classes soon.

Tessa was given up by a woman after a divorce. Fostered by Ron & Darlene Krause, she learned leash manners and to wait for treats. She was adopted by Susan M., who says she's a real hit with the neighborhood kids.

Timber, an outside dog with a family who had no time for him, was fostered by Marianne K. and Elizabeth H., both dog trainers. Lucky Timber was adopted by his fosters, who tell us he is having the time of his life boating, playing and riding in the car.

Recent adoptions, from page 10

Rush was given up because his owner worked long hours. He is a gentle giant – tall and strong. He was adopted by Anitra R. and her family.

Parker came back in to rescue because his owner was away from home too much. He was adopted by Jeff W. and family, who previously adopted **Brittany** from us.

Phoenix was displaced when his owner moved into a new home. Fostered by Jeanne & Steve Z., they knew right away that he had found his forever home ... with them.

Matthew showed up in somebody's back yard and didn't leave. He happily accompanied his new "owners" on jogs and made himself right at home. When they left for vacation, rescue was called. He was fostered by Gary & Julie Mink, who loved him dearly and had a difficult time giving him up. Matthew found a very special home, however, with Conrad & Rosalyn R., who promise to bring him by his former foster home frequently for visits.



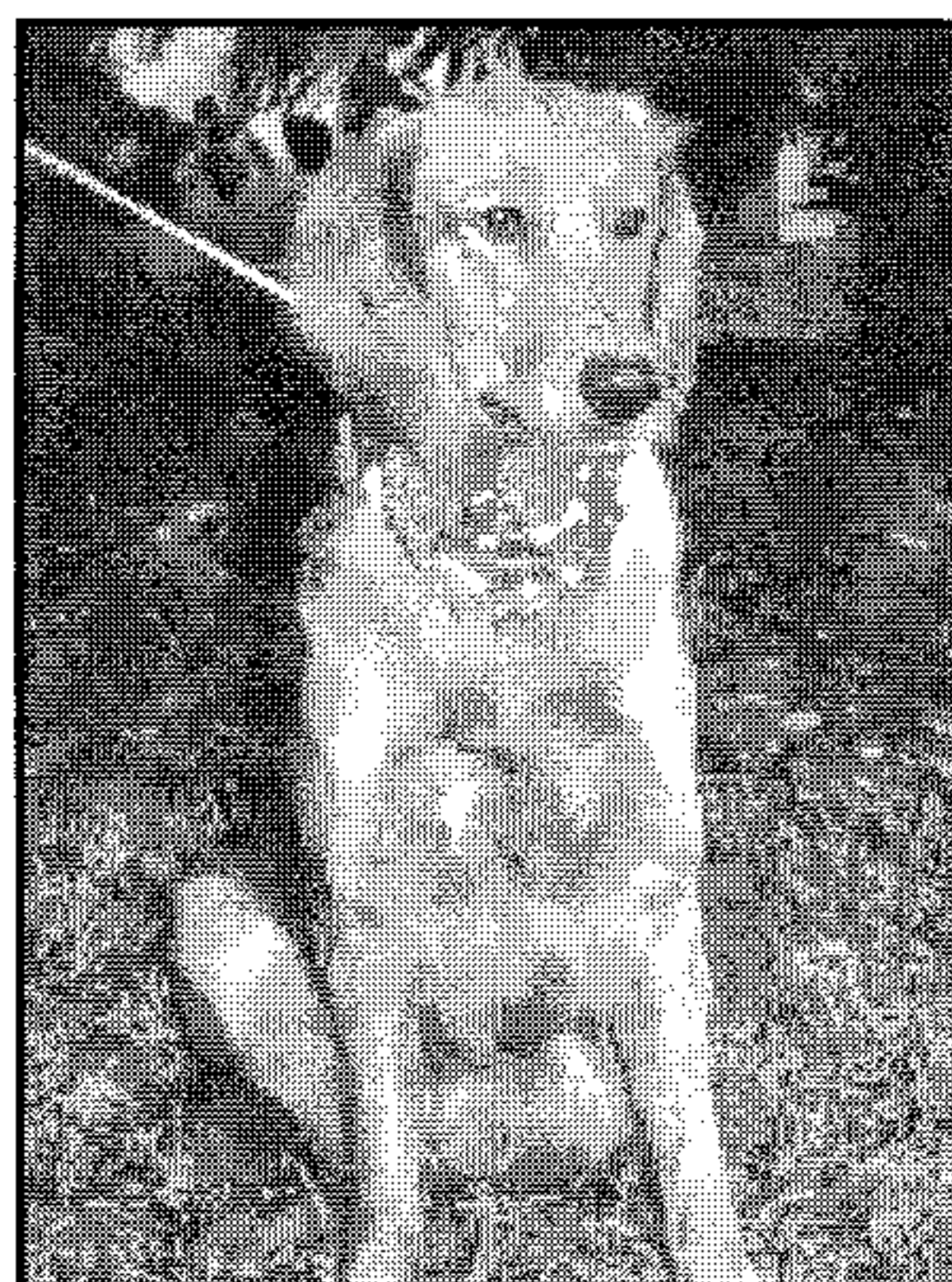
Peter, a senior dog, was rescued by Kathy Spilker and adopted by Douglas & Sheila C. as a companion for their dog. He fit right in and reportedly is happy and content in his new home.

Prissy was turned in by a breeder who was going out of business. Lucky Prissy! She is sweet, laid back and just happy to be alive. She was adopted by Gil P. after he lost his beloved golden. Prissy keeps Gil's mom company while he is at work.

Prissy

As her name suggests, **Christmas Carol** came to us over the holidays from an animal shelter. This engaging little redhead was adopted by James & Carol O., who call her C.C.

Rusty/Rugby was rescued by Joe Antonucci. He was given up when a young couple broke up. The girlfriend gave us one day to get her out of the house. He was adopted by Jeff & April T., who love him dearly. He has already completed obedience class and greatly enjoys his new life.



Christmas Carol

Jack, #751, came to rescue because his owner could no longer afford him. Jack is doing well in obedience classes with his new owners, John & Victoria R. He absolutely adores Mr. R.

Buddy is from the Jacksonville area. He was turned in when his 14-year-old owner refused to take care of him. Adopted by Dr. Sam & Diane F., he is a joy to have around. Buddy has attended obedience classes, so he now has some manners.

Four-month-old **Rock** was turned in when his owner decided he no longer wanted any dogs. No big loss – Rock lived the first months of his life tied in the yard. He was adopted by F.S., who recently lost her beloved golden, **Polo**, whom she adopted from us. Rock has filled a massive void in F.'s life and is helping his new family learn to love again.

Maylee/Katie was fostered by Mary Nelman. This little charmer stole the hearts of Mary and her family before being adopted by Audrey A.

Joey was turned in to Animal Control in Jacksonville after he ate a chicken on the owner's ranch. Adopted by Shannon F., he is very much loved and doesn't miss those pesky chickens at all!



Joey

Billy was nearing his last hours at Animal Services when he was rescued from "doggie death row" by Randi Shoemaker. He fit right in with her family and was adopted by Kathy and Edgar A., who recently had to say good-bye to their golden, **Romeo**.

Ten-month-old **Burt**, now called **Kumar**, was adopted by Merilu D. He is a perfect companion for her flat-coat retriever, **Tarby**. They have a ball every afternoon retrieving toys in the swimming pool.

George and Peggy came into rescue together. This sweet twosome was adopted by Jim B., who tells us that they own him and he lives in their house. Both have done well in obedience classes. Not surprising, George was the class clown!



Burt, now Kumar



Golden Goods

Check out our new selection of merchandise on the Web. We have many exciting new items:

- Embroidered polo shirts in new colors – butter, watermelon and California blue
- Wild Bryde golden retriever earrings in two beautiful styles
- First-Aid kits for dogs
- GRRMF t-shirts with our logo, Web address and phone number
- Buttons and cards
- Missing Link natural supplements for your golden's optimal health and longevity

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help at the following upcoming events. Plan to spend the day, and sign up to help us for a 1-2 hour block of time. To volunteer or for more information, e-mail us at: info@grrmf.org or call the Hotline: (407) 332-2840.

Sunday, September 2

DOCOF Obedience Competition
Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando
• Golden Goods Booth Volunteers

Saturday & Sunday, October 13-14

Independent Specialty Dog Show
Sanford, Fla.
• Golden Goods Booth and Parade of Rescue Volunteers

Saturday, October 20

Agility Fun Match to benefit GRRMF
Courteous Canine, Inc., Tampa, Fla.
Canine Good Citizen testing will be available! Contact Suzanne Rider:
bogiemad@tampabay.rr.com.

Saturday October 13th

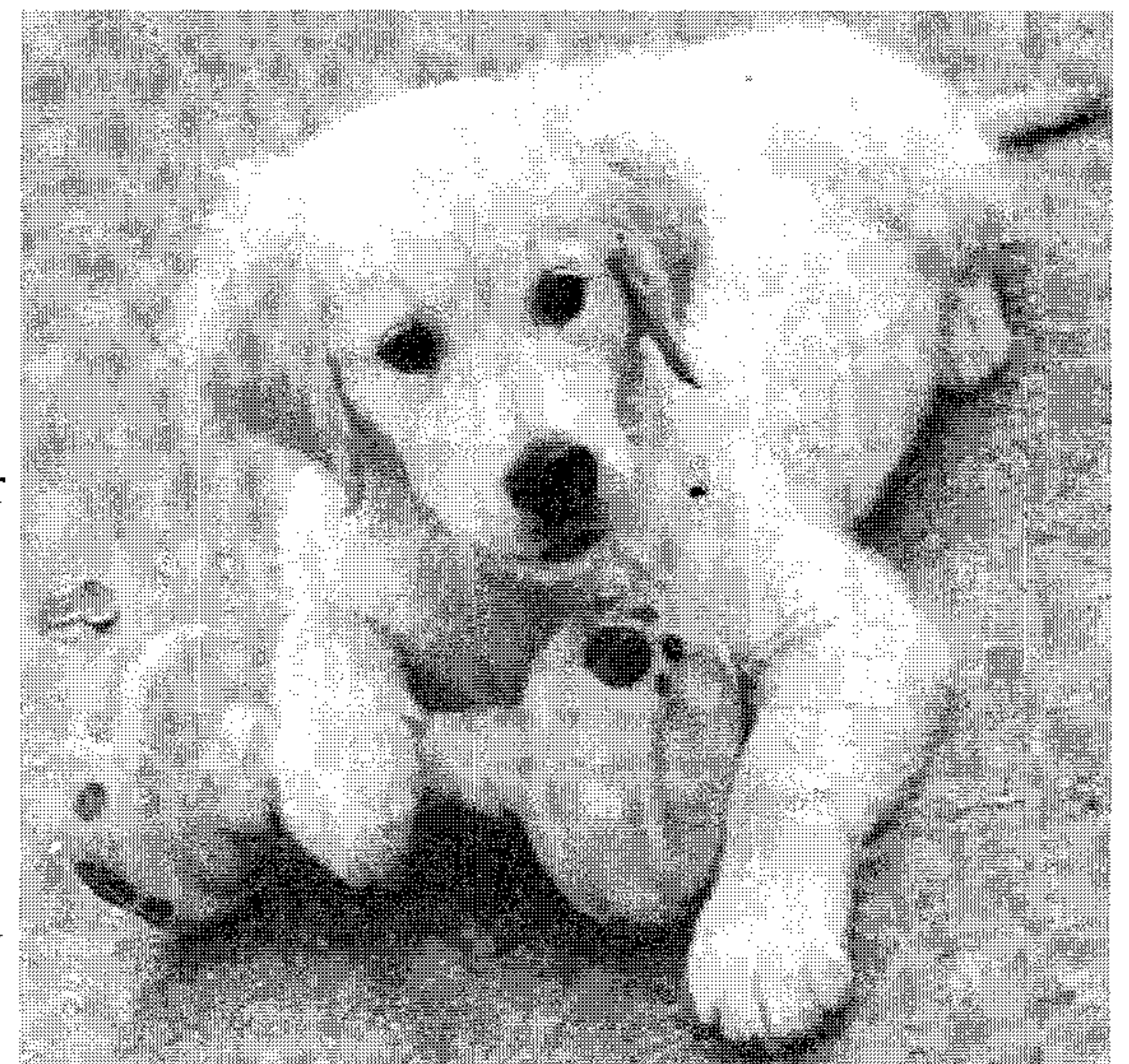
Sanford Florida
Parade of Rescues at Independent
Specialty Dog Show
Stay tuned to our website for details!

Wiggly-Giggly Update

You may have heard about problems associated with this popular dog toy that “giggles” when it is thrown or nudged by your dog. It comes in various shapes and sizes and is bright green in color. The problem was that the noisemaking whistles inside the ball could potentially provide a lethal dose of zinc if ingested.

We recently received an update saying that the zinc discs have now been replaced by crushable stones that pose no danger if eaten by a dog. However, if your dog tends to chew his toys, we advise against purchasing this toy. At the very least, your dog should be supervised when playing with this toy.

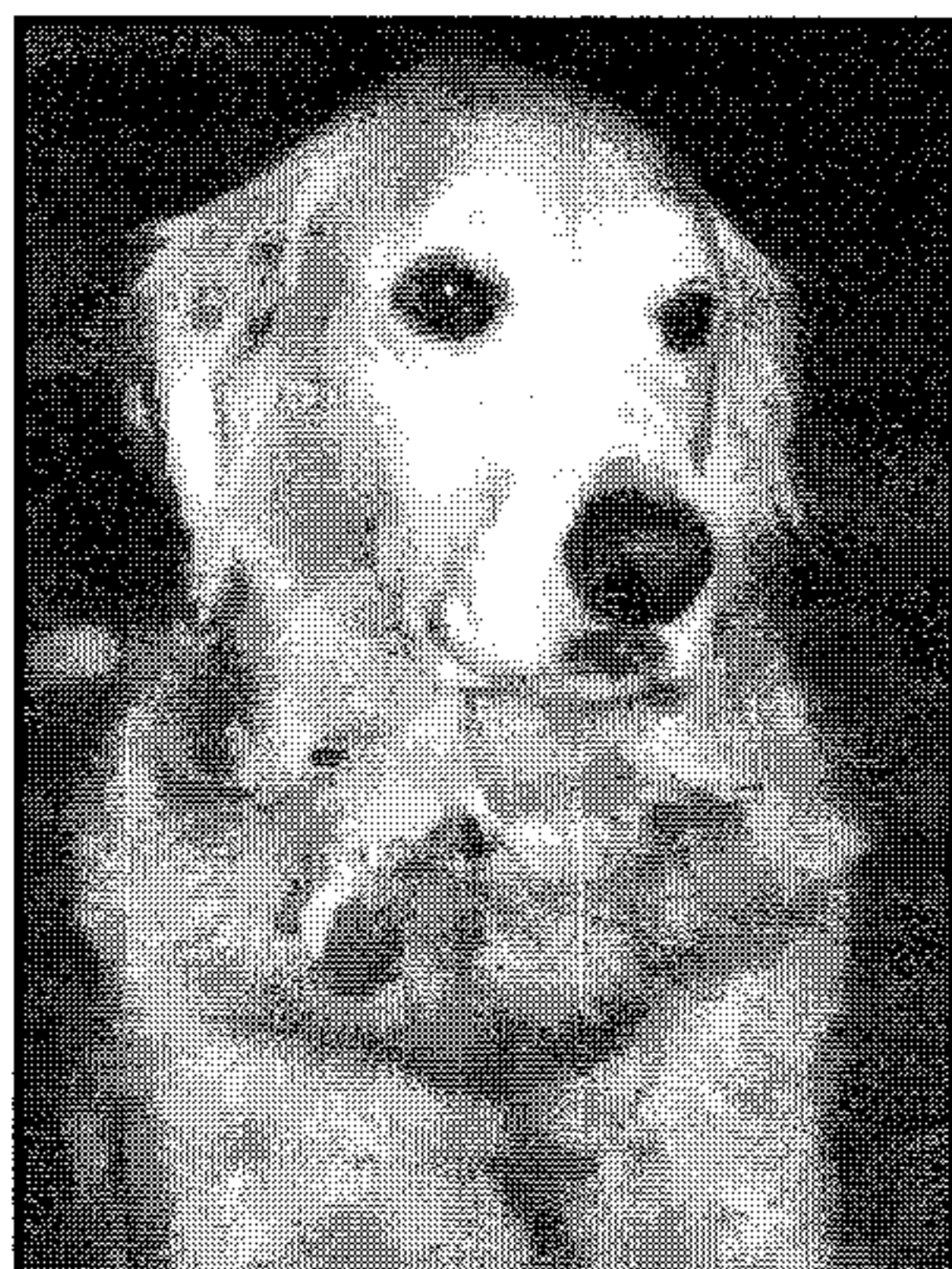
As always, if your dog chews any toy open, the toy should be taken away immediately. Contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog ingests pieces of the Wiggly-Giggly ball or any other toy.



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Alumni News

Pretty **Jenny** recently graduated third in her obedience class, and her humans, the Veschios, couldn't be more proud of her. Not bad for a dog rescued at the last possible minute from "doggie death row" in Sarasota! Jane says her parrots have learned Jenny's obedience commands and are helping with her training.



Jenny



Sandra and Bobby

Sandra and her new buddy, **Bobby Piel**, not only graduated from a K-9 obedience course, but also won first place at the Top Dog Training School in Sarasota. Sandra is a terrific swimmer and loves spending play time in the pool with Bobby. She has become a beloved member of the Piel family.

Amber and her human, **Barbara**, are proud to announce that Amber has a new name: **Lady Amber CD**. She earned her third and final leg for the title during a recent dog show in Ft. Myers. Barbara loves Amber like nothing else in the world, and the feeling is mutual. Amber, who took more than 8 months to get adopted because of her "out of control" behavior, has turned into a real "mommy's dog." We couldn't be more proud! Special thanks to John & Gail Pfohler, who fostered Amber and helped with training.

Robert Turnage reports that **Ben**, whom he adopted more than a year ago, now visits a retirement community in Longwood on a regular basis. Ben greatly enjoys his visits with the residents and has made many new friends. Robert also is a board member for a car club, which recently raised some \$650 for GRRMF during the Sunshine Bimmer

MWCCA Winterfest event at the Sebring race track. You GO, Robert & Ben! Many thanks from all of us at GRRMF!

Looks like **Vivey** was a good sport when it came to wearing her Easter bonnet this year. Thanks to Mary Hanley for sending this lovely photo.



Vivey

Handsome **Freeman** sent Betty Wyatt a note recently, saying he's turning into a "very mannerly young man." Freeman has been attending classes at Best Paw Forward for a year now, and just recently received a Canine Good Citizen certificate. "As I look back, I want you to know I might not have realized how important you were in looking out for my well being, but I do now and want you to know how grateful I am," Freeman wrote. Included was a tea bag, with the added note: "Sit, rest, and have a cup of tea on me – you earned it!"

It seems **Paddington O'Bear**, formerly **Teddy**, is enjoying the good life with Nancy & Barry Cushing. He is now 18 months old, but still very playful and spirited. His favorite pastimes are laying on his human's lap, chasing Frisbees, balls and sticks and playing with the newest canine member of the family, a 2-year-old golden named Muffin, who was dumped over the fence at the school where Nancy works. Paddy and Muffin play constantly and are very bonded.



Paddington O'Bear and friend



the rainbow bridge



Tyler

Tyler, 3 years old, will always be in our hearts and on our minds. Life is not the same without his morning kisses and tail thumps. The past year has been one of the happiest and saddest in our lives. We all miss him and think of him every day.
The Riders – Suzanne, Tony, Madison, Bogie and Preston

Marshall was the sweetest of all souls with a true golden heart who suffered a life of neglect and abuse. Alas, with heavy hearts, GRRMF decided to let him go to the Bridge where he could at last find some peace and comfort. Marshall's body couldn't be healed, but his spirit was never broken. While he was with us, he knew only loving caresses, a warm and safe bed, good meals, quality veterinary care and the tender, loving devotion of his foster families ... perhaps for the first time in his life. Special thanks to Suzanne Rider for his rescue and Randi Shoemaker and family for all the care they provided during his last days. Special thanks also to Dr. Bill Ehlers for taking such good care of Marshall and for helping us make one of the most difficult decisions we've ever had to make in rescue. Betty Wyatt and Barbara Durham donated the funds to have Marshall cremated, so his spirit will live on in our new facility. Marshall will be laid to rest there and a special plaque displayed honoring him and all the other wonderful goldens we were unable to save. Marshall, may you know only joy as you romp through fields of sweet grass, waiting for all of us at the Bridge. Please remember to look for Marshall, as he belongs to all of us.



Marshall

In Memory Of Cody Golisch 1992-2000

I believe God has a special place in Heaven for all the golden rescues because they have been through so much in their



Cody

lives – a special place where there is only love. There is no pain, no suffering and no loneliness. There are plenty of treats, hugs and other goldens to play with. That is where my Cody has gone. Goodbye, my wonderful Cody. You gave me so much love in the short time you shared my life. You were the most gentle, loving dog I believe I will ever know. I think of you every day and keep you close to my heart. Until we are together again, please wait for me at the Bridge, and always remember that I love you more than words can say. *- from Cathy Golisch*

Neisha, #77, was one of our first rescues. She was a pretty, little red girl adopted by Janet Blair as a Christmas gift for her husband. Neisha became a couch potato of the first order and was much loved by her humans. She was a pampered pup and is very much missed by the Blairs.

Missy was an animal shelter dog and was quite old when she came into rescue. She was adopted by Mary and Todd Randinelli as a companion for their senior cocker spaniel, who was grieving the recent loss of his canine pal. We thank the Randinellis for giving Missy a wonderful home and a well-deserved dose of happiness for the last two years of her life.

Marley was a precious dog who lived her last years in the country with her owners Ernie Rhamstine and Beth McNulty and their canine family. Marley had previously been adopted from the humane society. When her owner passed away, his family turned Marley and his other dog, Rocket, over to us. We are delighted that these two lucky

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Rainbow Bridge, from page 14

dogs had the opportunity to live the rest of their lives with Beth and Ernie.

Cooma, 2 years old, lived in a rundown mobile home. This attractive small girl was fostered and then adopted by Dr. Kristine Sands of the Apopka Veterinary Clinic. Her time with Dr. Sands and her husband was treasured by all but was cut tragically short due to a fast-growing cancer. Cooma loved life and playing with Dr. Sands' other small dog. She is very much missed by all.

Alex was unadoptable due to a neurological condition, so he stayed in permanent foster care with Betty Wyatt. He had the perfect golden temperament and insisted on being petted any time and every time he could. We miss him very much.

Robin was a stray who was rescued from a busy street. Fostered and then adopted by Betty Wyatt, he was a devil in his early years, but matured into the most wonderful and mellow dog. We think of you and Alex every day, Robin, especially at mealtimes and bedtime. Nobody else sleeps in Robin's special spot beside Betty's bed.

Rufus was adopted by John Foss in December. John had just lost his beloved golden, and came to rescue saying he just couldn't bear the thought of spending Christmas without a golden. Upon meeting several available dogs, he felt strongly that "there is just something about Rufus," and took him home. Sadly, Rufus died suddenly at home on May 26. "I've had several dogs in my life, but Rufus was one of the most loving souls I've ever encountered. One of my nicknames for him was 'Love Bug,'" John writes. We are all greatly saddened by the passing of Rufus. He was truly a very special boy.

Brewster was adopted in 1995 by Ann Bernick and her mother. In April, he developed pneumonia and passed away. He was 7. He was a great friend to Ann and for her mother, who passed away in 1998, and he will be greatly missed. Brewster enjoyed car rides, crew races and watching the world go by from his "observation deck" – a twin bed in a front bedroom window. Now Brewster gets to watch a new world go by, as he waits for Ann at the Rainbow Bridge.

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To anyone we may have inadvertently left out, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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2000 Hearts of Gold Award winners Gail and John Pfohler, with Bernie, their latest recruit.

Hearts of Gold Award

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2000 **Hearts of Gold Award** for volunteer service were **John and Gail Pfohler**. John and Gail received their award at our recent rescue reunion. This great couple has been instrumental in growing our organization in the Sarasota and west coast area. They do everything – fostering, home visits, education, admissions, you name it, they've done it! What makes this couple especially wonderful is their willingness to foster dogs that require “boot camp” – they have taken several of our wild rescues, trained them, and turned them into model citizens. They take on challenges that most of us would be hesitant to tackle, and it is proof of their love for our golden retrievers.

Thanks, John and Gail, for all you do for GRRMF!

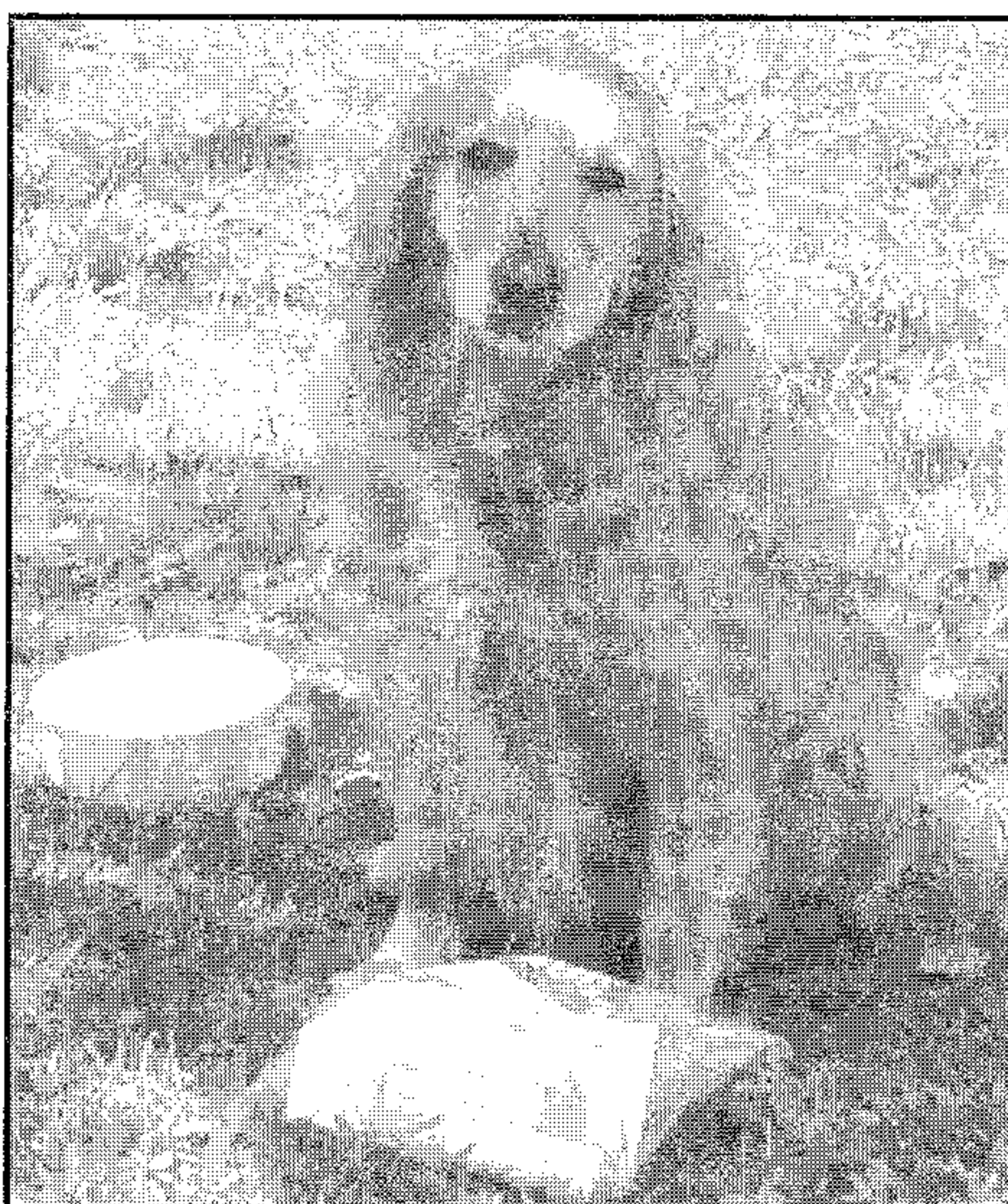
Rescue Reunion – March 25, 2001



Worthy cause: Volunteer and silent auction coordinator Marcia McGovern answers questions about items up for bid. The silent auction raised more than \$2,700 for GRRME, thanks in no small part to Marcia and several other volunteers, who were instrumental in stocking the auction with everything from a year's worth of heartworm/flea preventive to a charter fishing trip.



Happy helper: Handsome Buddy greets visitors with a smile while helping his human staff the silent auction booth.



Pretty girl: This rescue cutie enjoys a bit of shade with her goodie bag close at hand.



Cool dog: This happy rescue knows he's got it made in the shade as he gives the 2001 reunion a "high-five!"



On display: Adoption Coordinator Betty Wyatt greets many old and new friends – canine and human alike – during reunion activities. Betty's "booth" had a long reception line throughout the day ... everyone wanted to show "Aunt Betty" how well their rescues are doing and give her updates on their progress.



Common ground: The reunion provides a wonderful atmosphere for meeting new friends all with a common interest ... our golden retrievers! It's amazing how more than 200 goldens can get along so well – aside from a few minor "power plays," our former rescues got along like the true champs they are.



A new friend: *The smile on Sabrina's new-found friend's face pretty much says it all. Sabrina and her humans, Christopher & Linda Gulya, traveled all the way from Boynton Beach – south of West Palm Beach – to attend our reunion. Now 2 years old, pretty Sabrina is very much loved in her new home – and it shows! She completed obedience training and is “quite the well-behaved little angel,” according to the Gulyas. “We don't mind bragging about her at all!” they say. We're sure their sentiments were echoed among the hundreds of reunion attendees over their own precious goldens.*



Young and old: *Senior golden Milly watches over her young friend – and she is showing an impressive amount of self-control by not licking the goo of her human's face! Special thanks to Tom McNamara for sending this and other reunion photos on these pages for use in the newsletter.*



Goldens galore: *Reunion attendees pause for a photo with their “packs,” providing hard evidence that it really is tough to own “just one golden” ...*

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