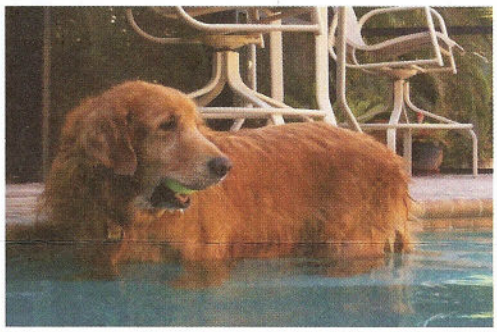
Tales of Gold

Howie's Wish: A Home for the Holidays

Howie was a sad, lonely stray who survived by eating anything he could find: plastic bags, stones, trash (which became obvious as these things worked their way out of his system). Once Howie, also

known as "Mr. Howell", was in a foster home he still scrounged for anything to eat not understanding that his meals were going to be reliable from now on. It's taken a while for him to adjust, but he's doing really well. Every night before bedtime Howie says his bedtime prayers and asks for a forever family in time for Christmas. Will you be the answer to his prayers?

Howie's foster mom calls him her "Sugar Daddy." He just loves attention from people and the more sugar he gets, the happier he is. He pretty much ignores other dogs because he's all about the humans in his life. He just loves to look at you and soak up some love. Howie doesn't jump, pull, counter-surf or dig. He's a quiet dog who doesn't bark. Howie loves so many things... he loves to go to the dog park and chase his ball, walk on the beach, and swim in the pool. Basically, anywhere his people and his tennis balls are, you will find Howie. He loves to go places in the car but is a little stiff when getting out, especially on a longer ride. Longer trips are okay as long as he has space to stand and move around as he has some arthritis in his hips. He does need assistance at times to go up several steps or into a large vehicle, but that doesn't deter him from enjoying the experience.



Howie LOVES balls – tennis balls, Kong balls, rubber balls – especially if they are bright colors. He doesn't pay much attention to soft toys and it would be advisable not to have small things that he can chew and swallow anyway. He loves Kongs with a little peanut butter. He does not get up on furniture. He loves to go for slow, leisurely walks.

We need a special family to adopt this very special dog. Howie has had a history of searching for his own meals so he will need a home that is diligent about keeping items from his reach that he will be tempted to eat: socks – especially white ones (but dress socks will do, if available), toilet paper (though his taste for this seems to be diminishing), trash cans must be kept in cupboards, laundry must be out of sight. Dirt in house plants is also of some interest to him, but this has diminished as well. These seem to be the only items he searches for and he usually looks for them after mealtime. A tidy home and regular meals that he can count on will be the key to his future happiness. He also takes daily medicine for arthritis and seizures (although he has been seizure free in foster care) and has benefited from acupuncture treatments for his mobility.

Howie is a wonderful dog, so if you'd like to adopt him, please go to our website and fill out an application right away!

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2013
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STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE DETAILS
DON'T MISS IT!

GOLDEN ADOPTIONS

Thank you to all our wonderful adoption families who opened their hearts and homes to each of our wonderful goldens! Here are a few of our happy adoption stories.

Chelsea and **Bayleigh** at 12 years old and 9 years old are a mom and daughter pair that came into rescue because their owner was moving to Alaska and a much smaller home. Adopted by Stacy and Mike D. and their beagle Tippy, these girls love their new family! They get to enjoy being around the water and fresh air as their parents are boat captains. It's wonderful that Stacy and Mike were willing to open their hearts to two beautiful senior girls. Definitely two people with hearts of gold!

Betty came into rescue from animal services. She was an 8-year-old girl with a large, infected cyst on her leg. Betty had no future at the shelter, so GRRMF stepped in to save her life. She had surgery on her leg and healed nicely. Betty prayed for a new family, looking up at the heavens each day wondering when someone would adopt her. Well her prayers were answered as Sister Jessica, a nun, and her brother Don adopted Betty. She's in a heavenly household now and is showered with love. Her new name is Trixie and she's fitting in wonderfully. We think the golden angels were looking out for Betty.

Beautiful six year old **Dunkin** was surrendered by a family because he wasn't crazy about life with a toddler. Once in rescue it was discovered that Dunkin was suffering from environmental allergies that resulted in him chewing his paws. GRRMF took him to an allergy specialist for testing, and Dunkin is now on allergy shots and very comfortable. He has a new dad, Bill M. who reports *"Dunkin is such a sweet guy. I think we will have a great life together."* It's so wonderful to know these two will be each other's best buddies!

Heidi landed in a Brevard County shelter through no fault of her own. A sweet 8-year-old girl, she was looking for her perfect match. Luckily Buzz P., an eligible bachelor 90 years young, was looking for a companion to share his life. Buzz lives in a wonderful retirement community full of dogs and people who enjoy them. He and all his friends were so anxious for a new golden to come live with him. Now everyone is happy including Heidi who enjoys strolls, frequent trips to the dog park, and lying at Buzz's feet.

Lexie, 6 years old, was turned into rescue because her owner was moving overseas. Lexie was overweight so we put her on doggie-weightwatchers and a green bean diet. Kristen and Larry C. wanted to adopt an affectionate golden. Lexie is now enjoying belly rubs and plenty of attention. Everyone is happy!

Lois was a lost and wandering stray who was picked up by animal control. Two years old, she was heartworm positive, full of worms, and had infected skin. Her outcome at animal control was bleak. Saved by GRRMF, she was nursed back to health in foster care. Lois quickly became a cute love bug ready for adoption – so cute in fact that she appeared on ABC TV on the west coast for a spot called "Rescue in Action." Well, some family members of the TV anchor who interviewed GRRMF about Lois fell in love with her. They applied to adopt her and now they are thrilled with their new little girl who is now called Brandi.

Maverick is a ten year old handsome male golden who was turned into rescue by a family faced with having to move due to a foreclosure. Heartbroken at having to give him up, they were comforted by the fact that GRRMF was ready to help. Maverick was adopted by Carol and Tony G. who specifically requested an older golden. They knew how wonderful "old gold" can be. Now Maverick enjoys a quiet, secure life with lots of attention from his new parents.

Sandy, a 10-year-old girl, came into rescue with an ACL tear. She required expensive surgery funded by donations to our Woody Fund for special needs dogs. Sandy received a lot of tender loving care in her foster home and ultimately her leg healed well. Adopted by Lisa and Paul C., Sandy is in a wonderful home that has a lot of time to pay attention to her. Sandy enjoys living with two with other doggie siblings and a sweet little girl named Ella.

GO, GOLD!

Dusty was turned into rescue when his owner died and left four dogs behind. Mike and Janice S. had adopted several times from GRRMF before and were ready to accept a new golden into their family. Dusty now enjoys the company of their two other goldens Cubbins and Momma. They all enjoy going to the dog beach together. The sadness Dusty felt at losing his old owner has been replaced with the joy of a new family.

Do You Like Us?

Are you on Facebook? If you are and you haven't "liked" our page, you don't know what you are missing. We have a very active Facebook page which is very entertaining. You can link to it from our website at *www.grrmf.org*. Look for the Facebook logo and click on it. We're currently at about 2300 likes and growing every day.

Volunteer For An Event!!!

GRRMF has a lot of upcoming events and we need volunteers to help out, especially in the Orlando, Brevard, and West Coast areas. If you'd like to help out email us at *volunteers@grrmf.org*. ***Check out our events page on our website. We'll be selling our 2013 Calendars at many of these events this fall. Come visit us!***

Has your GRRMF Golden passed their Canine Good Citizen Test?

If so let us know! We are going to start publishing the names of our adopted dogs that earn their CGC to recognize their accomplishment. Let us know by emailing *grrmfnewsletter@gmail.com*. And don't forget to include their picture!

Beware of Slick Marketing – Pretty Dog Food Bags Can Be Misleading

By Barbara Durham, President, GRRMF

How often have you stared at the bags of dog food in the store and wondered which to purchase? Felt a little lost? There are few things more important than feeding your golden a high quality food. At GRRMF we often counsel adoption applicants on the benefits of a good food and have lots of good information about dog food on our website.

It's disheartening, though, when we have a prior adopter wanting to adopt again and they list a low quality food on their adoption application. So we go through the education process again and hope that they'll make a change. We know most people want to do the right thing in selecting a food for the goldens they love, but they often don't understand the various ingredients. Many times owners rely on the expert advice of a well-intended veterinary professional, when in reality those professionals may not be experts in dog food ingredients.

GRRMF volunteers have many years of ownership experience and accumulated knowledge and we are firmly rooted in our conviction that a good food will avoid many health problems. We've been very lucky to work with Dr. DiNatale of Veterinary Acupuncture and Complimentary Therapy in Winter Park who is a very experienced holistic vet. She has taught us an awful lot about good food ingredients over the dozen years she's helped our goldens.

I always feel really bad for someone staring at those piles of dog food bags trying to make a good decision. Some look so wonderful – veggies all over the bag – touting how "healthy" they are. We encourage you to not be swayed by slick packaging and marketing. Read the ingredients. They tend to speak for themselves.

Let's look at one popular brand that a lot of people use and examine some of the ingredients: Ground yellow corn, chicken by-product meal, corn gluten meal, whole wheat flour, animal fat preserved with mixed-tocopherols (form of Vitamin E), rice flour, beef, soy flour, sugar, propylene

glycol, meat and bone meal, tricalcium phosphate, phosphoric acid, salt, water, animal digest, sorbic acid (a preservative), potassium chloride, dried carrots, dried peas, calcium propionate (a preservative), L-Lysine monohydrochloride, choline chloride, added color (Red 40, Yellow 5 & 6, Blue 2),

Now let's talk about some of these ingredients. Here are some observations:

- The first ingredient is corn, not meat. Corn is a known allergen for many goldens and is an inexpensive grain. A dog eating this food is eating mostly ground up ears of corn. In addition, it's a high glycemic grain, which is not good.
- Chicken by-product meal. This is what is left of the chicken after all the meat is removed – things like beaks and feet. In other words, not fit for human consumption.
- Corn Gluten Meal, a residue of processing corn, is often added to boost protein content.
- Whole Wheat Flour and Rice Flour are cheap fillers.
- Animal fat is fat from any type of animal and could even contain restaurant grease or be from slaughterhouse waste or diseased animals. It can come from any type of animal and from any source – and dead animals can come from some pretty bad places. Google "rendering plants" and you'll get a pretty good idea what this ingredient involves.
- Beef is listed, but due to its high water content it doesn't add much protein to the food especially since it is way down on the ingredient list.
- Sugar – need we say any more? Would you feed your dog spoonfuls of sugar?
- Propylene glycol is a preservative. Reports in the veterinary literature of scientifically sound studies have shown that propylene glycol reduces the red blood cell survival time, renders red blood cells more susceptible to oxidative damage, and has other adverse effects in cats consuming the substance at levels found in soft-moist food.

In light of these new data, the FDA amended regulations to expressly prohibit the use of propylene glycol in cat foods. So, it's okay to feed it to dogs? Who wants to take the chance?

- Meat and bone meal – again what type of meat and from what source and in what condition is it prior to processing?
- Animal digest. According to: www.dogfoodadvisor.com this is: "A cooked-down broth made from specified or unspecified parts of animals (depending on the type of digest used)." If the source is unspecified (e.g. "Animal" or "Poultry") the animals used can be obtained from any source, so there is no control over quality or contamination. Any kind of animal can be included: "4-D animals" (dead, diseased, disabled, or dying prior to slaughter), goats, pigs, horses, restaurant and supermarket refuse."
- Red 40, Yellow 5, etc. Why would I need to feed my dog colored dog food? What difference does it make to them? Yikes!

So you get the idea. And what is this food that you've seen at your local store? It's "Beneful." We also know many owners feed their goldens "Pedigree" and the ingredients are nearly the same, with the addition of brewer's rice, a byproduct left over after milling whole rice, that has little nutritional value.

Be aware that it IS important to read those ingredients. Ask yourself – do they sound like ingredients I would like to eat? If not, some further investigation is warranted.

Your Golden trusts you to make all their care decisions, so don't let them down when it comes to this very important choice!

Rainbow Bridge

We extend our hearts and sympathy to all our GRRMF families that have lost a loving companion this past year. We thank you for opening your hearts and doors, giving a second chance to those who needed you to come into their lives just when you did.

Agnes and Dave Balas – Cagney ("Cash" – one of Sarasota 23)
Kathy and Anthony Prosser – Tiqua Debra Johannson – Sidney Janice Whitmire – Bella
Tom and Kathy Calhoun – Rusty Shae Anderson – Sasha John and Carole Green – Daisy
Donna and Jim Taylor – Davis Tammy Sabourin – Zeus Joyce Jones – Fonzie
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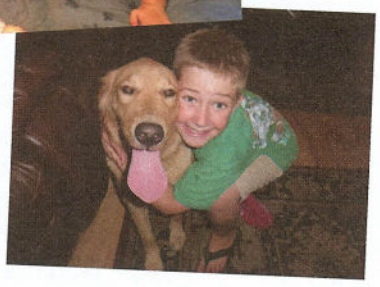
Convicted Felon is now a Pampered Princess

Spicey, a one-year-old female, was turned into rescue accused of killing chickens and ducks. Her prior owner turned her in because she sent 13 chickens to the hereafter in a period of three days. Their vet told them that once a chicken killer, always a chicken killer. Well, did it ever dawn on them not to let her run loose where the chickens were? Spicey's former family didn't see a need to safeguard their fowl. Given that she was fed chicken and rice dog food, it just wasn't the greatest idea. Spicey was pronounced guilty as charged and soon the owner was anxious to get rid of her.



Since GRRMF doesn't have any chickens in our program, we felt it was safe to take in this pretty girl with a felony history. Luckily one of our star vets, Dr. Julie W., was looking for a family member to play with their children and dog Malibu. Spicey, now called "Goose", has turned out to be a fantastic fit. She enjoys her new family of two canine, two feline, and three human siblings. She adores children and is happiest when there are several draped all over her. She and Malibu play constantly.

Spicey is a very happy girl. The funny thing is, Spicey prefers being a "city girl" and prefers to be treated like a pampered princess. It turns out the farm life just wasn't for her after all. It appears the chickens in our state can rest easier now that Spicey has been rehabilitated in a loving home!

Five Star Foster Team

By Renee Ferguson, GRRMF Foster Coordinator

Each foster family brings to rescue a unique set of expectations and experience. These experiences not only help the adoption team place rescues but present ways for us to grow as an organization.

GRRMF has been so fortunate in being able to put together a premium foster team. We have so many wonderful fosters that we would like to honor a few in each newsletter. Below is just a small example of the dedicated group that represents us.

TEAM VALLIN – What insight and experience this team has brought to the program. Cyndi and Rick are permanent fosters and also foster to adopt. The Vallins are communicative, dedicated, and always ready to help. Keep those suggestions coming Elaine we value them all.

TEAM BERTRAND – We call their fosters our Old Golds – seniors that still have so much love in their hearts. Danny and Keith are always ready to open up their homes to these cherished pups. We cannot thank them enough. I am sure the dryer is always running since their pups like to swim.

TEAM TRADELIUS – It doesn't matter how much nursing they need, Marianne and Paul are there to administer love and attention. Keep those booties handy – we may be sending you another in need. Marianne is our dietician. She is big on green beans.

TEAM OWENS – When we called to tell them we had a little girl in really bad shape they said, "We're ready." Patience is one of our dogs on the Path to Recovery because of this team's wonderful care. Patience has found her voice being with the Owens.

TEAM WOOD – Romeo and Beth have been more than a team they have been bonded together – with love. We cannot thank Beth enough for all the time she has spent getting Romeo ready for his forever home. Romeo will be in love with her forever.

In each newsletter we are going to feature other foster families that have gone above and beyond for their pups. GRRMF cannot thank all of you enough. We hope that you will continue to correspond with us, send pictures and give us updates. Without this valuable information we cannot continue to do the amazing job of placing these wonderful goldens in loving forever homes.

"Golden retrievers are not bred to be guard dogs, and considering the size of their hearts and their irrepressible joy in life, they are less likely to bite than to bark, less likely to bark than to lick a hand in greeting. In spite of their size, they think they are lap dogs, and in spite of being dogs, they think they are also human, and nearly every human they meet is judged to have the potential to be a boon companion who might, at many moment, cry, "Let's go!" and lead them on a great adventure."

Dean Koontz

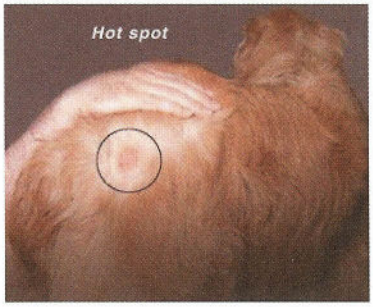
The Dreaded Hot Spot

By Marcia McGovern

Anyone who has dogs has probably run across this medical issue at least once. It is a good idea to consult your veterinarian before treating your dog at home as hair loss and hot spots sometimes indicate other medical issues.

What is a hot spot?

A hot spot is an inflammation of the skin in a specific area. It is also known as moist dermatitis. It can be red and seeping and sometimes infected. Hot spots are very painful for your dog and can grow very quickly from the size of a quarter to the size of your palm in a matter of hours. It's important to catch them early to keep them from getting worse.



What causes hot spots?

The list is long, but here are a few of the causes: insect stings, fleas, mites, allergies to food or environment, a scratch, excessive itching and scratching. Sometimes they can start if a dog is stressed or bored. Most dogs tend to make them worse in no time by scratching and biting at them.

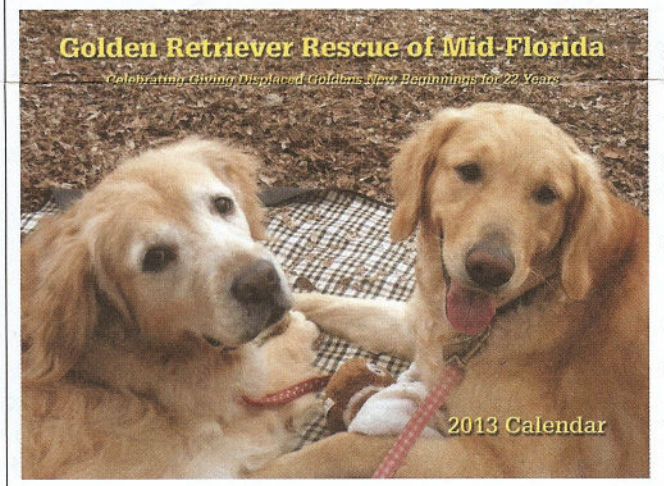
What are some treatments?

Almost anyone you talk to will have their own tried and true remedy for hot spots. Unfortunately, what works for one dog may not work on another; it depends on the cause. The regular hot spot (not caused by allergies) is the one being addressed here. First, you need to clip or shave the fur around the hot spot so you can clean and dry it. Be careful, as these are painful lesions and your dog can be very sensitive. Carefully clean the affected area with Betadine, Chlorhexi-Derm or similar anti-bacterial wash. The key to treating the hot spot is to keep it clean and dry. Your dog will be compelled to fuss with the hot spot. Using a form of scratch prevention like an e-collar, t-shirt or child's boxer shorts (depending on where the spot is located) can help put the healing process in high gear.

There are various home treatments for hotspots including brewing black or green tea bags (non-herbal variety) and placing them, lukewarm, on the spot 4-6 times a day. The tannins in the tea help to dry up the area and combat the itch. A popular remedy is to dust the spot with Gold Bond Powder; another is apple cider vinegar compresses several times a day. Applying witch hazel can give a cooling sensation to the spot. Yet another remedy is aloe vera from the leaf of that plant applied directly to the spot 4-6 times a day. More home remedies can be found on the Internet.

If the spot is really red, it could be infected in which case you need to go to the vet for an antibiotic. A veterinarian will likely also prescribe a spray to help dry up the spot. There are different sprays – one is Vetericyn which is a cooling gel spray that puts a coating on the spot. Betagen is used if the spot is itchier, such as with a bug bite; it helps keep the itching down. Hydrocortisone cream can also be useful in treatment. Your vet will have their own protocol for this.

Remember, if you are in doubt on anything you want to try, please consult your veterinarian first.



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This professionally produced, full color calendar features GRRMF adoptive dogs that have found loving homes. It's time to place your calendar order now – we offer terrific discounts for quantity purchases. Each calendar is $12.00 each, but as you buy more the cost goes down and is GUARANTEED to put a smile on your face. Who couldn't use a little happiness right now?

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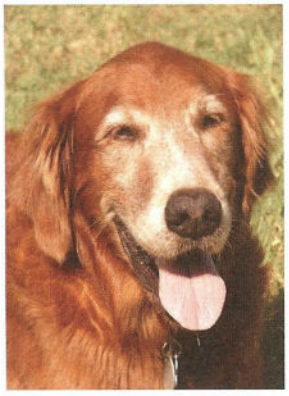

Alumnus Junior
By Jan Glock

We adopted Junior in 2004. He is 11 years old now and passed the AKC Canine Good Citizenship test this past April when we joined the Caring Canines Therapy Dogs organization (*www.cctd.org*).

Junior was highlighted in the newsletter a few years ago when he and several other GRRMF alumni were participating in visiting nursing homes with the Canine Crusaders of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando. Now retired and living in Lake County, Junior and I are is still going strong as part of a group called Caring Canines. We continue to visit hospitals and nursing homes spreading as much joy as we can.

Alumnus Connor
By Sandra Bennett

Connor is approximately 11 years old but still as peppy as ever. He is my sweet-natured walking buddy. After neighbors pet him, on subsequent walks, he looks for each person at each house. He also appreciates my backyard-grown ripe pineapples. Connor is a blessing and I will adopt from GRRMF again.

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Goldens Go to Summer Camp

Having survived the deluge of Tropical Storm Debby, Ruth Eckerd Hall was awash in smiles this past June. It was Animal Planet Week at the summer camp of The Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall. GRRMF was invited to bring some of our golden ambassadors to help teach kids proper behavior with animals and to give them a chance to pet and cuddle our dogs.

Our event coordinator Debbie McGhehey swung into action and organized a group of GRRMF volunteers and their dogs. Kathleen Hanley was assisted by Tucker in giving a fun, interesting and informative presentation to three groups of kids before they were invited to greet the dogs.

The "campers" all enjoyed hugging and petting the dogs, politely asked for permission as instructed, asked questions, shared information about their pets (some had golden's), and clearly were pleased to have the opportunity to interact with our "fur kids." Several staff members also took advantage of the chance to meet the dogs.

All in all, it was a very successful event. Two-and four-legged creatures all appeared to be having a grand time. The Hoffman Institute Instruction Manager was very appreciative. Ruth Eckerd Hall is always thrilled to have our dogs visit. We have also participated in a number of pre-show events prior to children's theater productions at the Hall.

Special thanks to Debbie and her fantastic volunteers, who always seem ready to help when golden ambassadors are needed. We can be very proud of both our dogs and our volunteers!

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