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Members, Foster Families and Supporters of GRRCC,

I wish to extend Holiday Greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors of YOUR club to each and every one of you and your families. At this particular time of the year, we concentrate on giving thanks to one and all. I am grateful year-round for the role that each one of you plays in the Club.

We have had a fantastic (and frantic at times) year, starting off with our record-breaking participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in uptown Charlotte. This year we had over 90 of our beautiful Goldens strutting their stuff with their adult chaperones (numbering more than 120). We then had our second silent auction, which was well-attended and enjoyed by all. We had three grooming days, two picnics, our 5th annual golf tournament and we brought back (with the enthusiastic help of Brandi Gayle, Meg Roach and others) our annual Tennis Ball raffle. We will finish up the year by again wrapping books and gifts at Borders Stonecrest. We participated the past two years and enjoyed the event and obtained much needed donations and recognition for the Club with this endeavor.

We are headed for another record Intake year of Goldens to the Club. At last check, it appears we are 10 dogs ahead of last year's record of 81 for the full year. Our intake volunteers, foster families, home visit volunteers and anyone who has been involved in this ongoing process are to be commended for their selfless dedication to this wonderful breed we know and love.

While we have had a fairly successful fund-raising year, we are still in need of operational funds and continue to be in need of foster families. We have been placed in situations this year on several occasions where we were unable to take in a Golden because we had no place to foster them. I am asking you to consider being a foster family, or ask a trusted friend or family member who may be interested in doing so. I would also ask that if you can make any year-end donations to the Club, it would be appreciated. And, by the way, check if your employer will match the contribution or you can make the contribution to GRRCC through United Way.

Last, but not least, I wish to recognize and thank Ellen Langford (and husband, Mike) for their tireless assistance in so many ways. They will be moving to Virginia on a job relocation for Mike and they will be missed. Ellen has been the Vice President of the board for the past year and has been our newsletter editor for more than a year. We love you both and wish you Godspeed.

Gene Fitzpatrick
President, GRRCC

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Adopted Dogs

8/1/07 to 11/4/07

Name	Age	Adopted Date	Forever Home
Penny	4 yr	8/4/2007	Terry & David Sanborn
Ebby	9 yr	8/11/2007	Ron Ferrell & Jane Cannon
Nikki	6 yr	8/24/2007	David & Cheryl Gilreath
Buddy (now K.C.)	1 yr	8/28/2007	Mike & Theresa Torres
Billy (now Gunnar)	22 mo	8/28/2007	Anthony & Meghan Twisdale
Barclay	4 1/2 yr	9/5/2007	Stuart Williams & John Hopkins
Bernie	5 yr	9/8/2007	Bobbie Otto & Larry Marraccini
Cinnamon (now Cosmo)	4 yr	9/15/2007	Kenny & Debby Taylor
Shadow	4 yr	9/15/2007	Paul & Laurie Kovolew
Gracie	6 yr	9/21/2007	Allan & Cindie Moses
Roman (now Brecky)	1 1/2 yr	9/23/2007	Tom & Laurie Bithell
Hayden	6 1/2 yr	9/24/2007	Mark & Susan Howard
Benji	8 yr	9/27/2007	Katie Kirk
Lucky (now Barney)	14 mo	10/1/2007	Susan Lurie & Vicky Harrell
Faith	4 yr	10/2/2007	DuLane Crandall
Killian	4-5 yr	10/6/2007	Bryan Utter & Allison Parker
Sunny	7 mo	10/6/2007	Paul & Katrina Durkin
Baxter	11 mo	10/14/2007	Cornelis & Monica Hoekstra
Barclay (now Sam)	16 mo	10/19/2007	Stephanie Marcello & Nick Gregware
Honey (now Maggie)	17 mo	10/24/2007	John & Bonnie Layton
Beau	4-5 yr	10/31/2007	Larry & Sharon Maples
Cooper	11 mo	11/4/2007	Frank & Dana Iannelli



Grooming Day
September 15, 2007 at City Dog USA

HELP WANTED: Holiday Foster Homes

Many of our regular foster families travel during the holiday season, and we always have a shortage of foster homes at this time of the year. If you can foster during the holidays, even if you don't foster at any other time of the year, you will make a tremendous difference in the life of a deserving Golden and keep us from having to turn away dogs who desperately need our help.

Volunteer and Membership Forms

Mail-In-Membership Form

New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

I have adopted a GRRCC dog(s) yes no

GRRCC Dogs' name(s) _____

Other dogs' names _____

I am enclosing \$20.00 for my individual or \$35 for my family membership dues.
Please notify us if this is a new address.

If you would like to send a donation to GRRCC, please see the choices below. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

A donation to GRRCC for _____

Casey's Miracle Fund _____

Denver's Senior Fund _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To Thank _____

Volunteer Form

If you would like to volunteer your time to the rescue of these special Golden's, please let us know by choosing one or more of the following:

Foster Home Fundraising

Transportation

Other specify _____

All checks should be made **payable to GRRCC** and **mailed to:**

GRRCC
P.O. Box 471931
Charlotte, NC 28247-1931

GRRCC – Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte is a volunteer-staffed, non-profit organization that rescues and places for adoption, unwanted, abused, neglected or abandoned Golden Retrievers. The "orphans" we receive are given necessary veterinary care, and boarding or a foster home, until a good permanent home can be found.

Each prospective member agrees to abide by GRRCC's Constitution and By-Laws.

The **Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte** would like to thank the following very special businesses for the care and support they have given to our organization:

- Carolina Veterinary Specialists
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Animal Control
- City Dog USA – Robin Brown
- Club K-9 of Charlotte
- LakeCross Veterinary Hospital
- Mint Hill Animal Clinic
- Pineville Pet Quarters
- Queen City K-9 – Ted Vande Woude
- Spa4Paws
- Special T's Pet Services – Tonya McDaniel
- Stonebridge Golf Course
- Three Men & A Smoker
- Union County Sheriff's Office – Animal Services Bureau
- York County Animal Control – Tracy Morgan

Thanks to Our Volunteers!!!

Calendar

Lesa Babb
Susan Boyer
Wanda Burton
Kate Cameron
Bodee Corby
Gwyn Fincher
Michelle Nugent

Foster Homes

Nicole & Jason Ashton
Tina Cataldo
Beth Charles
Bodee Corby
Jack & Carol DeMumbrum
Wylyn & Mike Doherty

Home Visits

Lesa & Kevin Babb
Bodee Corby
Wylyn Doherty
Stacy Draper
Diane Drinan
Gene Fitzpatrick
Ellen Langford
Jackie Levin
Amy Tincher

Phone Volunteers

Wylyn Doherty
Michele Emmrich
Michelle Klingenberg
Emily Lucado
Linda Nexsen
Brenda Sullivan
Tammi Hellman

General GRRCC

Administration
Michelle Middleton

Golfing For Golden's

Lesa Babb & Hailey
Bodee Corby & Finnegan
Gwyn Fincher
Gene Fitzpatrick
Sarah Gauger
Dick & Ellie Griffin & Bud

Heidi Kraus
Ellen Langford
Chris Lucado
Patricia & David Manzi
Bobbi Otto & Bernie
Dottie Purnell
Meg Roach
Diane Drinan & Doug Vannah & Buttercup
Stonebridge Golf Course
Three Men & A Smoker

Picnic/Tennis Ball Raffle

Wylyn Doherty
Diane Drinan & Doug Vannah
Gene Fitzpatrick
Brandi Gayle
Mandy James
Thad Reece
Meg Roach

Transportation

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Bodee Corby
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Holiday Pet Safety Tips

We've all heard the basics... poinsettias and chocolate are poisonous to our pets. However, at holiday time, please take a look around the house from your pet's point of view.

There are so many new and attractive items out and on display that they aren't exposed to year round. Keep watch that your pets don't ingest **packing peanuts**, because they are a choking hazard. **Ribbons** and shiny **tinsel** are also attractive, yet dangerous to your pets; if ingested, they can cause choking or internal damage (possibly requiring surgery). Remember, kitties are avid climbers, so even tinsel high up on your tree is dangerous. Methylene chloride, a highly toxic chemical, may be in some older bubbling lights. **Ornament hooks, ornaments, and party favors** may look like toys to your pets, but if ingested, they too can cause blockage or trauma to the gastrointestinal tract. The flickering light of a candle (or fireplace) might be interesting to your pets, too. Keep your burning **candles** up high to prevent burns and from being knocked over by an errant tail wag.

In addition to the **poinsettia**, plants such as the **Christmas rose, holly, lily, and mistletoe** are toxic to pets (and people) if eaten. Keep your pets from eating your Christmas tree needles and drinking the water at the base of your tree – water additives used to preserve the life of your tree are dangerous, as are the oils in pine needles.

Thank You to Our Donors

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Sarah Welch	
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GRRCC is saddened to learn of the passing of "Tristan" Corsig, "Sara" Demas, "Cherokee" Meyers-Cicak, "Libby" Swanick, and "Pancho" Williams.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of these wonderful gifts to us.

We are usually very excited to see our friends and family during the holiday season. Opening doors repeatedly to greet your guests increases the likelihood of your pet running out. Keep a close eye on him, or if he's a "flight risk," keep him on a leash as your guests arrive or consider keeping him in a closed room until everyone has arrived.

While your pet may beg for its share of your tasty holiday meal, resist those sad, pleading eyes. **Ham** and **turkey** can cause severe gastrointestinal problems such as pancreatitis. **Raisins**, which are often found in many baked goodies, are linked to kidney failure, while **onions** and **garlic** can cause anemia and kidney damage. A sweetener called **Xylitol**, which is found in candy and gum, is also toxic to your pets. Please keep in mind that ALL FORMS OF **CHOCOLATE** can be harmful to your pet.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Fausto – Our "Extreme Makeover" Dog

The "before" and "after" photos speak for themselves, but there is more to Fausto's story than meets the eye. This sweet Golden was literally on the brink of starvation when he was picked up by animal control in a neighboring county. One of GRRCC's long time club members and supporters got a call from a concerned animal lover that there was a Golden at the shelter, and that he was due to be euthanized in three days. She went herself to meet the dog, and fell in love with his sweet disposition. She then contacted GRRCC and asked us to take the dog in. Unfortunately, we had no existing foster space (a constant problem for us!), and we literally had nowhere to put the dog. So, she took matters into her own hands and asked her personal veterinarian to board the dog until GRRCC could find foster space for him.

Fausto got his name from his foster mom, Tina; "Fausto" is Italian for "lucky." At first glance, Fausto certainly didn't appear to be lucky, but after entering our rescue program, his luck really did begin to change. Fausto was extremely thin and had every intestinal worm known to the dog world. Miraculously, he was heartworm negative. Fausto was also covered in fleas, ticks, and sores, and the vet decided it would be best to shave him (the most embarrassing thing possible for a Golden!). Because his intestinal system was so stressed by the presence of all the worms, Fausto had to be put on a special diet. He ate at least six cups of dog food a day for several weeks, and his rib cage and spine began to disappear slowly, even as his coat began to grow in.



From the beginning, Fausto was great with other dogs. He adored his foster sister, Kimba, a 13 year old Golden lady. He wasn't so great with toys, however, and seemed to get great pleasure from "de-stuffing" anything he could get his teeth on. His foster mom began to teach him that toys were not to be destroyed, and now his very favorite toy is a green stuffed ball that he happily carries everywhere. After just a couple of false starts, Fausto got the hang of being an inside dog, and quickly decided that he didn't really want to be out in the yard unless Tina, his "mom," was with him. No doubt that this boy underwent an incredible change in lifestyle – from starving, stray dog to pampered pooch in a very short time!



The only thing missing in Fausto's life now is the one thing that every Golden longs for – a home of his own. Although Fausto's coat is still not as thick and luxurious as it will one day be, please don't judge this book by its cover. Fausto is beautiful on the inside, with a happy, loving spirit and a great outlook on life! His energy is boundless, as is his capacity to love. He adores long walks, or just hanging out while he and Kimba watch Tina cook or do housework. (He hates the vacuum cleaner though, and will head for the hills when it comes out!) He has been very friendly to every person and dog that he has met, and impressed everyone at our GRRCC Fall Picnic when he "retrieved" one of the winning balls in our Tennis Ball Raffle.

Tina has this to say about Fausto:

"Everyone who meets Fausto falls in love with him – instantly! He craves human touch and will put his paw on you until you reach out and touch him. I've said it from the beginning of our relationship – he seems like a puppy to me! One thing that makes me smile every time is when Fausto isn't the center of attention, he does this little howling thing that sounds like 'a-whoooo' but never really makes it to a bark. Sometimes I'll even do it back to him just to hear the noise again. Our latest 'fun time' is putting blankets over him and pretending that we can't find him."

Clearly, Fausto is no longer the pitiful creature that GRRCC took in back in August. An "extreme makeover" success story that is still waiting for the perfect happy ending! Please help Fausto find that perfect forever home that he so richly deserves.



Fausto, soon after being rescued



Fausto is beautiful on the inside, with a happy, loving spirit and a great outlook on life

Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte, Inc.

"Golfing for Goldens"

5th Annual Charity Tournament



Many thanks to Dick Griffin for again chairing our annual Golf tournament. Dick chaired the 1st ever tournament and his Golden tongue helped us to obtain some wonderful prizes and sponsors for this 5th annual event. We had a very successful tournament and raised over \$ 5,000 for our Club thanks to our wonderful sponsors, prize donors, volunteers (they are listed on our volunteer page), and a beautiful sky blue day at StoneBridge Golf Club located just south of Waxhaw. We wish to recognize our Sponsors and donors for their contributions. Please patronize them and tell them "Thanks" for supporting GRRCC. They are:



Bodee Corby with Finnegan

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All of our wonderful Goldens thank you one and all!

2007 GRRCC Fall Picnic and Tennis Ball Raffle
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets! Thank you, too, to the 80+ people who came out to Park Rd. Park for the festivities! We were delighted to be joined by 60+ Goldens who came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and fellowship with their peers!

The Club was able to make a net profit of over \$4000. This is much needed considering the many high cost Goldens we've taken in this year. We also signed up a number of people for our pre-sale of the first ever GRRCC calendar. The winners of the raffle were:

- Grand prize \$1000 – Lisa Hilse, Davidson, NC
- 2nd prize \$500 – Kincy Day, Stallings, NC
- 3rd prize \$250 – Tom Keirman, Mint Hill, NC



We hope you will all make plans to join us next year for the picnic and hopefully to help us sell raffle tickets as well. GRRCC would like to send a special thanks to Chris at Joe Mamma's for catering the event...the food was delicious! Another thanks to JD Vey for the use of his truck to hold the ~2000 tennis balls!

Planned Giving: Using e-Bay to Help GRRCC



If it sounds a bit far fetched to use the most popular Internet auction site to benefit **Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte**, you'll want to read on a bit further to understand the true potential. Consider this for starters: eBay has raised \$300,000 for non-profits so far.

eBay, the online auction company, now allows its 69 million individual and corporate customers to assign all or part of their online proceeds to **Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte**. It's really quite simple. If you are a regular buyer or a seller on eBay and already have an eBay user name and password, you'll want to take just a minute to register with MissionFish, eBay's charity solution provider at <http://www.missionfish.org>

If you've never shopped or sold items on eBay, it takes less than a minute to register and set up your account using the same MissionFish link above. Once registered with MissionFish, you can search for items currently on auction that are scheduled to benefit **Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte** and bid on these items yourself. You can also list items to sell, designating **Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte** to receive anywhere from 10% to 100% of the proceeds from each item auctioned.

If you've been contemplating a garage sale or have items of value you feel would do particularly well on eBay, please consider helping out GRRCC as you shop and sell. On eBay, you can sell or buy just about anything from a high school yearbook to real estate.

eBay may be the largest online charitable retailer, but it is not the only one. If you shop online, you can also designate GRRCC as a recipient of up to 35% of the cost of items purchased at buyforcharity.com and up to 15% of items purchased at www.greatergood.com. When you make a gift of this type or any other to GRRCC, you will promptly receive a thank you acknowledgement letter with the charitable amount of your gift to use for tax purposes.

Borders Gift Wrapping

Contact Meg@grrcc



Friday, November 23rd	11 am to 6 pm
Saturday, November 24th	11 am to 7 pm
Saturday, December 1st	10 am to 8 pm
Thursday, December 6th	4 pm to 8 pm
Friday, December 7th	4 pm to 9 pm
Sunday, December 9th	11:30 am to 7:30 pm
Monday, December 10th	4 pm to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 12th	4 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 15th	9 am to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, December 19th	9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, December 22nd	8:30 am to 9 pm

Announcing GRRCC's 2008 Rescue Calendar!



The 2008 GRRCC Rescue calendar has been years in the making. With so many beautiful photos and heartwarming stories of our rescued Goldens, we've wanted to do a calendar for a long time. Thanks to Susan Boyer and Graphic artist Wanda Burton (www.wildbluedesign.com), our first-ever GRRCC wall calendar is now a reality!

GRRCC extends a hearty thanks to everyone who submitted photos and stories, and to our sponsors.

Each month features full color 12 x 12 photos and rescue stories, plus doggie tips, event reminders and more. Calendars will begin shipping in November, just in time for holiday giving. See order form to order by mail or log on to the website at www.grrcc.com.

It's the perfect one-of-a-kind gift for the Golden Retriever enthusiast on your list!

GRRCC Calendar Order Form

To pay by check, please print this form, fill in the requested information and mail it, along with your check payable to GRRCC Calendar, in the appropriate amount, to:

GRRCC Calendar
c/o Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte
P.O. Box 471931
Charlotte, NC 28247-1931

Please write "Calendar" on your envelope

The 2008 calendar price is **\$13.00 per calendar** plus **\$3.00** shipping and handling for the first calendar and **\$2.00** shipping and handling for each additional calendar sent to the same address. Thank you.

Please send me ___ 2008 calendars.

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