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Dear Members, Foster Families, Forever Home Families, Volunteers & Supporters of GRRCC,

The most important thing is to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in all areas of this club. It is because of you and your devotion that we are able to continue the rescue of these Golden Angels and find them their forever homes. I know that we have the most tireless and devoted volunteers ever. However, when you read the stories of where most of these dogs have been and then see their faces after they have finally found their true families, you know that all of that devotion and hard work was not in vain.

I can't think of anything more rewarding than the smile on my face or the glow that I feel in my heart then when I read about these amazing animals and of what they have endured just to finally be able to rest in a home filled with love.

We are about to begin a new club year with additional new board members, new challenges, and lots of fundraisers and events. In 2006 we saw a lot of growth and change in our club both administratively, organizationally, and in our calendar of activities. This is the direction we need to continue and the momentum that we need to sustain going into 2007.

At our annual January Board meeting we voted in four additional board members to help facilitate the ever growing needs of GRRCC. I would like to take the time to welcome all of the following board members for 2007:

Gene Fitzpatrick, Bodee Corby, Brandi Gayle, Wyllyn Doherty, Ellen Langford, Gwyn Fincher, Lynnea Pulver, Lesa Babb, Emily Lucado, Diane Drinan, and Meg Roach

I would also like to thank Gwyn Fincher for picking up the duties of Treasurer for the remainder of 2006-2007. Additionally I would like to thank outgoing board members Elisabeth and Steve Hudson for all of their hard work on the fundraisers, the t-shirts and our great picnic/barbecue at Park Road Park.

As your outgoing club president I am asking you to renew your pledge to GRRCC by making this one of the best years ever for this club by doing the following:

- **Attend at least one GRRCC event/fundraiser in the coming months and year. Bring your friends and family!!!**
- **Consider being a foster family and know that you are helping save a life that is worth saving!!**
- **Volunteer; doesn't matter in what capacity. We can use you everywhere!!!**

Jump on the "GRRCC Golden Bandwagon" this year; it is the best ride in town!!

Sincerely and with heartfelt thanks to all,
BJ Hendrix, GRRCC President

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Adopted Dogs

11/4/06 to 2/1/07

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Adopted Date</u>	<u>Forever Home</u>
Kahlua	2 yr	11/5/2006	Susan Trammel & Jason Huff
Jazz	9 yr	11/7/2006	John & Natalie Armstrong
Runner	10-12 mo	11/11/2006	Terri & Jim Williams
Docker	7 mo	11/14/2006	Scott Sanford & Paula O'Hanlon
Oliver (now Tarkin)	3 1/2 yr	11/18/2006	Vicki Albright
Hunter	5 1/2 yr	12/1/2006	Dana & Laura Dahlgren
Tucker	7 mo	12/9/2006	Kristin & Patrick Hobson
Brandy	8 yr	12/11/2006	Jeanne & Bob Peek
Jake	2 yr	12/19/2006	Marilyn & Larry McGowan
Nick	12-18 mo	12/19/2006	Barb Johnson & Rose Mazzio
Maddux	7 1/2 yr	12/26/2006	Andrew & Kristie Ketchum
Beau	6 yr	12/26/2006	David & Martha Osborne
Hogan	7 yr	1/1/2007	Tom & Carol Kiernan
Shelly	1 1/2 yr	1/2/2007	Melinda & Scott Dressler
Lucky (now Tucker)	2 yr	1/5/2007	Chris & Katie Mapel
Lucy	2 1/2 yr	1/9/2007	Kevin & Vikki Watanabe
Lady	9 yr	1/18/2007	Pat & Linda Brong
Buster (now Max)	3 yr	1/28/2007	Amy & Martin Guberman
Pete	2 yr	1/29/2007	Ed & Judi New



Roxie and her adoptive family, Matt and Melissa Koeman

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 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 Retrievers, 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:**

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P.O. Box 471931
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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:

- A Barking Boutique*
- A Dog's Best Friend*
- Carolina Veterinary Specialists*
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Animal Control*
- Club K-9 of Charlotte*
- Fido & Fifi's Grooming Boutique*
- LakeCross Veterinary Hospital*
- Mint Hill Animal Clinic*
- Pineville Pet Quarters*
- Queen City K-9 – Ted Vande Woude*
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- Top Honors Kennel*
- Union County Sheriff's Office – Animal Services Bureau*

Thanks to Our Volunteers!!!

Foster Homes

Laura & Brian Confoy
Bodee Corby
Wylyn & Mike Doherty
Stacy & Bryan Draper
Katrina Durkin
Gwyn & Rick Fincher
Gene Fitzpatrick
Joshua & Julie Hastings
Julie & Scott Jackson
Tom & Carol Kiernan
Julie & Ryan Maloney
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Pineville Pet Quarters
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Grooming Day

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Home Visits

Bodee Corby
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Diane Drinan
Ellen Langford
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Elizabeth Cobb (& Katie)
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Cindy Dillon (& Ozzy)
Diane Drinan (& Buttercup)
Gene Fitzpatrick
Danielle Hebdon
Tammi Hellman & niece Riley
Julie Jackson (& Salem)
Karen Kavanagh (& Boomer)
Mike & Ellen Langford (& Zephyr)
Susan Layman
Chris & Emily Lucado
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Patricia Manzi (& Gracie)
Sharon Murr
Bobbie Otto & Larry Marraccini
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Transportation

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GRRCC is saddened to learn of the passing of "Moses" and "Mattie" Allen, "Copper" Barclay, "Derby" Bing, "Molly" Doherty, "Kaya" Fitzpatrick, "Beau" Gislason, "Nick" Hamby, "Hank" Hearn, "Morgan" Hitt, "Ellie Mae" Huber, "Sandi" Juba, "Toby" Munday, "Casey" Nexsen, "Buffy" Otto-Marraccini, "Summer" Page, "Maggie" Smith, "Sebastian" Thorp, "Diego" Williams, and "Sir" and "Reina" Zampieri.

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

Thank You to Our Donors

GRRCC is deeply grateful to all of those who have recently made donations to help us rescue Golden Retrievers.

Art & Judith Allen	In memory of Moses
Les Babb	In memory of Dylan and Molly Doherty
Paula Barr	
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Kathy & Michael Byrne	
Susan & Brad Boyer	
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Blake & Joan Lewis	
Rosemary & Charles Moon	In honor of Lisa Oehler's birthday
Joe Neal	
Howard & Robyn Nicholson	Lily (Lucy) returned
Kevin & Melissa Mayeu	
Bobbief & Steven Misenheimer	In honor of Lisa Oehler's birthday
Lisa & Larry Wayne Oehler	In honor of Lisa Oehler's birthday
Greg & Ann Page	In memory of Summer
Gary Rhinesmith	In honor of the Dohertys
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Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.
Roger Caras

A Diamond in the Rough: Roxie's Journey

by Wylyn Doherty

I would like to share with all of you a "Cinderella story." The leading lady in this story is a four-legged redhead named Roxie.

Roxie's plight was first brought to our attention by a long-time member of GRRCC. Roxie, a female Golden only about a year old, was being kept by her owners in an outdoor pen alone. She was thin and scared, and had not received the love and attention all dogs yearn for and deserve. Roxie's owners finally decided that they wanted to give her up, since "she pooped too much" in the pen in which she was kept. They contacted the GRRCC member, who then called us for help.

When I first saw Roxie, I saw a frightened, under-socialized dog whose response to almost everything was to flatten herself on the ground. It literally took two adults to "scoop" Roxie off the ground and get her into my car for the first leg of her journey. Roxie was taken to our vet, where it was discovered that she had demodex, the non-contagious form of mange often seen in young dogs living under stressful conditions or in unclean environments. She was brought up to date on all of her shots, and her spay surgery was scheduled.

A wonderful GRRCC member, Tammy Moran, volunteered to foster Roxie, though she knew that Roxie would be a long term project. In addition to the demodex, both of Roxie's ears were infected badly, and she also had lots of drainage from her eyes. She was underweight and very stressed, but the tip of her tail had begun to wag slowly by the end of her first few days in foster care. Roxie must have found her cool, air-conditioned foster home a welcome respite from the North Carolina summer heat. In addition, she shared this home with a kind, four-legged foster "sister" (Rosie), who began to teach Roxie what it was like to be a happy dog. The cats in her foster home were a source of wonder and amusement, though they quickly convinced Roxie that they were "royalty" and not to be disturbed.

As the days went by, Tammy continued to administer to Roxie the page-long list of medications that she needed: ear drops, eye drops, oral ivermectin for the mange, antibiotics for the secondary skin infection, antihistamines for her itchy skin, and vitamin supplements to get Roxie back on the road to health. Finally, Roxie began to heal. After multiple trips to the vet for skin scrapings, Roxie was declared "on the road to recovery" and she was ready to begin her search for her new home. She would continue her treatment of oral ivermectin for several more weeks to make sure that the mange mites did not rear their ugly heads again.

Since Roxie had now become a healthy, active young Golden Retriever, she made the move to my home for the remainder of her foster care. She quickly adjusted to my multi-dog, multi-cat home, and she proved herself to be a willing and able playmate for my dogs. There were times when it was difficult for me to tell where Roxie ended and my young male Golden, Clancy, began -- I sometimes called them my "two-headed red dog" as they tumbled and played in my backyard.

Roxie's photos and bio attracted the attention of Melissa Koeman, and she called me to find out more about Roxie. After a long conversation and lots of questions, Melissa and her husband, Matt, decided that they wanted to meet Roxie. Roxie and I made the trip to the Koeman's home, and it was pretty much "love at first sight." Roxie was still on the shy side, but she seemed to understand that she could trust Melissa and Matt, and that she would be safe with them. Melissa and Matt decided that Roxie was meant to be their dog, and they were ready to have her join their family. They agreed to continue to administer Roxie's medication to treat her mange, unconcerned that Roxie was not yet "perfection on four paws."

It was discovered that Roxie had one more obstacle to overcome. Her eyes continued to drain almost constantly despite the eye drops, so Roxie made a trip to Carolina Veterinary Specialists, where she was diagnosed with entropion, a fairly common eye condition in which the lid rolls inward, causing the eyelashes to irritate the cornea. Roxie's surgery was scheduled and completed, and she made her recovery in Melissa and Matt's care. She also was finally declared "mange free," and Roxie was truly ready to start her new life.

Without this support, Roxie's journey, and the journeys of hundreds of other Goldens, would not be possible.

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Report from GRRCC Annual Meeting

On January 22, 2007, the membership of GRRCC convened at the Morrison Branch Library for the club's annual meeting. Following are highlights of the meeting.

- Bodee Corby, Adoption Coordinator, reported that GRRCC took in 81 dogs in 2006. Of those 81 dogs, 76 were adopted, one was returned to his owner and four were euthanized for either medical or behavioral reasons.
- Gwyn Fincher, Treasurer, reported that GRRCC incurred \$39,825 in expenses in 2006, of which \$30,821 was directly related to the care of the dogs in our program.
- Brandi Gayle, Secretary, presented the 2007 Events Calendar (see below).
- Four new board members were elected: Lesa Babb, Diane Drinan, Emily Lucado and Meg Roach. All eight of the current board members remain, bringing the total board membership to twelve.
- The members voted to raise club dues in 2008. Dues for 2008 will be \$20 for an individual and \$35 per family. All members receive a subscription to the club newsletter. Individual members are entitled to one vote at the annual meeting, and families who join GRRCC are entitled to two votes at the annual meeting.

Thanks to those who participated in the meeting and especially to those who signed up to volunteer in 2007!

GRRCC 2007 Events Calendar

<i>Have - a - Heart Dinner</i>	<i>February 10</i>	<i>Beverly Crest subdivision clubhouse</i>
<i>St. Patrick's Day Parade</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>Stonewall & Tryon Streets</i>
<i>Golden Gala Auction</i>	<i>March 22</i>	<i>Hampton Inn, South Park</i>
<i>Grooming Day</i>	<i>April 14</i>	<i>Mint Hill Animal Hospital</i>
<i>Bark in the Park</i>	<i>April 28</i>	<i>William R. Davie Park</i>
<i>Spring Picnic</i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>Park Road Park Shelter #1</i>
<i>Grooming Day</i>	<i>June 16</i>	<i>City Dog USA</i>
<i>Golf Tournament</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Fall Picnic</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>HSC Pet Parade</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>Freedom Park</i>
<i>Grooming Day</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>City Dog USA</i>
<i>Borders Gift Wrapping</i>	<i>Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Borders Stonecrest</i>

A Diamond in the Rough: Roxie's Journey (continued from page 3)

The following are some words from Matt, Roxie's new Dad:

"Roxie over the first few months went from a dog that was not quite sure who she was, and if our home was her home, to a dog that loves every day and can't wait for our weekly trips to the dog park, our daily walks, and playing in the backyard. This dog has gone from flattening herself on the floor around new people to wagging her tail and saying hello to everyone she meets. She literally smiles at everyone!"

Cinderella stories like this one are what keep all of us on the GRRCC board motivated and strong. We thank every one of you -- our members and volunteers -- for your continued support, whether that support is financial, physical, or spiritual. Some final words from Roxie's parents:

"We both love Roxie and her ever growing personality. Neither of us could imagine a life with a dog before we adopted her, but now we couldn't possibly imagine a life without her. Melissa happening upon Roxie's picture and bio on the GRRCC website was quite a blessing, and we're so glad we could give her a new life and loving home."

GRRCC Will March in 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cead Mile Failte! (100,000 welcomes!)

We will again be "marching" (easy for us, but perhaps not so easy for our beloved Golden Retrievers who want to stop and smell the Shamrocks) in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in uptown Charlotte. This year, the parade will be held on St. Patrick's Day, **Saturday, March 17, 2007**. We had over 60 Golden Retrievers in the parade last year and would like to get up to 75 or more, if possible. Because we are the Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte, we prefer only Golden Retrievers or Golden mixes to march with our group. A Field of Golden Retrievers would be delightful for all to see.



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2006

If you wish to walk in the parade, but your Golden is unable to, that will be fine. We realize some dogs may have physical limitations and could not walk several blocks. Also, there are many multiple Golden owners that would surely be happy to 'lend' you a walking companion for the event. Let us know if you are in need of a Golden escort. The distance is no more than a mile and takes about 30 minutes to complete the parade route. As in the past, we will group together near **Tryon Street and Stonewall Street** (near the Observer building). The exact location will be on our website as soon as we are made aware of our marching position. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and we will begin to group up at **10:00 a.m.** to hand out shirts and socialize with old and new friends.

This year, we are ordering **long-sleeve tee shirts** for all who wish them. They will be white with green graphics, and available in adult sizes from Small to XXL and in children's sizes (not toddler size, unfortunately). The price of the shirts is only **\$13.00**. Please email me (genefitzusmc@aol.com) or call me (704-541-7122) with the amount and sizes of shirts you wish so we can have our order ready in time. We will be **accepting orders up until March 1, 2007**, and no later.

You can send your check, made payable to GRRCC, to P.O. Box 471931, Charlotte, NC 28247-1931 or you can bring cash or checks to the parade. If you are unable to attend the parade but would still wish to order tee shirts, that is fine. We can mail the shirts to you or you can pick them up at a later time. However, if you wish them mailed we will have to add \$2.00 to the cost of each shirt for postage.

The festival hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and it will feature Irish music, Irish dancers, bagpipers, food, vendors and plenty of beverages. You can bring your Golden home after the parade and come back and enjoy the party. There is no admission charge for the events. The location of the festival is at Tryon and 3rd Street.

Remember: **EVERYONE IS IRISH ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!!!!**

Gene Fitzpatrick

Second Annual GRRCC Auction on March 22nd

- ◆ This year the GRRCC auction will be on **Thursday, March 22**, at the **Hampton Inn at Phillips Place** from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** For those of you who couldn't attend the auction last year, I think everyone would agree that it was a great time and there were **MANY** great items up for auction. We had suite passes to the Panthers and Bobcats, regular tickets for games as well as NASCAR races, week long vacations at the beach, massages, jewelry, dog training and many other items, all of which were auctioned off well below their values. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this year! We are also looking for donations of items to be auctioned off. If you have items, please let us know.
- ◆ Contact either Elisabeth Hudson at 704-517-4753, or Brandi Gayle at 704-598-3928. We are serving hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. Entry is \$10 per person...feel free to bring your friends!