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"Our Dogs Are Golden"

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Dear GRRCC Members, Supporters and Friends,

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** You asked for it and it's coming back. The **Annual Tennis Ball Raffle** will be held at our Fall Picnic on Saturday, October 13, 2007, at Park Road Park, on Park Road just south of Fairview Road/Tyvola Road. We need everyone's help to sell raffle tickets. Details on where to obtain tickets, prizes, etc., will follow in e-mails and on our web site.

The following Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, will be our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golfing for Goldens** tournament. Complete information on the tournament is provided in this newsletter and on our website, [www.grrcc.com](http://www.grrcc.com).

We will also be hosting another **Grooming Day** at City Dog USA on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, details will be on the website. Thanks to City Dog, USA, for providing their facility to us free of charge.

YOUR Club continues to be busy raising funds and providing socialization for the Goldens as well as the owners. We welcome your involvement in any and all events.

We have been kept busy with an influx of Goldens this year, with the majority of them being owner-surrenders. Last year, we placed a record 77 dogs in their forever homes and this year, to date, we are on a pace to exceed that record number. Please continue to tell your friends and neighbors about the Club and solicit their assistance in adopting, fostering and/or donating to the Club.

I realize it sounds like repetition, but as long as there is a need to provide permanent homes for our babies, we will continue to ask for volunteers, foster parents, and adoptive parents. We appreciate your past efforts and sincerely thank you for all you have done to promote the Club and this wonderful breed.

**GRRCC** has been operating for 18 years, and while the original goals set by the Club have been slightly altered over time, our focus has not changed. It is still all about these beautiful creatures, our beloved Golden Retrievers. With your support, we have been able to retain that focus, and with continued support from all Golden lovers, we will continue to meet the challenges presented to us.

Thanks to all of you, but in particular to the Board members and their families.

Gene Fitzpatrick  
President, GRRCC

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# Adopted Dogs

5/1/07 to 8/1/07

Name	Age	Adopted Date	Forever Home
Chloe	6 yr	5/12/2007	Dane & Neva Burns
Tigger	6 mo	5/22/2007	Greg & Jen Thomas
Midas	2 1/2 yr	5/23/2007	Steve & Leslie Orville
Alex	2 yr	5/29/2007	Jeremy & Kristen Ickes
Bear	6 mo	6/2/2007	Tim & Karen Huey
Moose (now TD)	21 mo	6/2/2007	Tom Knotts & Karen Lee
Saba (now Lilly)	6 yr	6/4/2007	Sharon Verden
Wendy (now Molly)	15 mo	6/10/2007	Glenn & Kristina Gorga
Roxy & Firefly	3 yr	Roxy-6/16/07 Firefly- 6/21/07	Eddie & Elizabeth Krusch
Chase	5 yr	6/21/2007	Steve & Debby Brady
Kelly (now Calie)	1 1/2 yr	6/25/2007	Wes & Sandy Scarlett
Maddie	3-4 yr	6/28/2007	Art & Judith Allen
Lola (now Ginger)	2 yr	6/28/2007	Bill & Bonnie Ingersoll
Lady	5 yr	6/29/2007	David Grant
Remi	8 yr	7/7/2007	Keane & Monica Matthews
Angel (now Tillie)	3 yr	7/18/2007	John & Joni Juba
Molly	8 yr	7/21/2007	Greg & Ann Meurs
Lacey (now Gracie)	2 yr	7/24/2007	Currie Ballenger



American Cancer Society  
Relay for Life  
DogsWalk Against Cancer  
June 9, 2007



## 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:**

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
- South Ridge Veterinary Clinic
- Union County Sheriff's Office – Animal Services Bureau
- York County Animal Control – Tracy Morgan

### Thanks to Our Volunteers!!!

#### DogsWalk Against Cancer

- Natalie Armstrong
- Lesa Babb
- Kimberly Galofaro
- Brandi Gayle
- Colleen Heptig
- Kathryn Herman
- Ellen Langford
- Shari Martin
- Lindsay Mason
- Brian Mullen
- Adrienne Riley
- Mark & Patti Schulte
- Amanda & Matt Scott
- Michelle & Jason Thibeau
- Andrea Walsler

#### Grooming Day

- Lesa and Kevin Babb
- Paula Barr
- Robin Brown
- Denise Buchanan
- Wylyn Doherty
- Diane Drinan & Doug Vannah
- Gwyn Fincher
- Gene Fitzpatrick
- Colleen and Ken Heptig
- Mandy James
- Ellen Langford
- Valerie Sancibrian
- Brenda Sullivan
- Michelle & Jason Thibeau

#### Foster Homes

- Judith & Art Allen
- Beth Charles
- Laura & Brian Confoy
- Bodee Corby
- Wylyn & Mike Doherty
- Stacy & Bryan Draper
- Diane Drinan & Doug Vannah
- Gwyn & Rick Fincher
- Gene Fitzpatrick
- Joshua & Julie Hastings
- Jackie Levin
- Julie & Ryan Maloney
- Brian & Carolyn Mullen
- Kim Meyers & Chris Cicak
- Carol Myers
- Michelle Nugent
- Jim & Susan Sandberg
- Dee & Don Sutton
- Jen Thomas
- Christy Tomes
- Andrea Walsler & Adrienne Riley
- Pineville Pet Quarters
- Vande Woude Bed & Biscuit

#### Home Visits

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

#### Phone Volunteers

- Wylyn Doherty
- Michele Emmrich
- Michelle Klingenberg
- Emily Lucado
- Linda Nexsen
- Brenda Sullivan
- Tammi Hellman
- Amy Tincher
- Amy Virkler

#### Transportation

- Lesa Babb
- Bodee Corby
- Wylyn Doherty
- Diane Drinan & Doug Vannah
- Brandi Gayle
- Michelle Klingenberg
- Ellen Langford
- Jackie Levin
- Emily Lucado
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## Volunteer Wish List

**Grooming Day:** groomers, handlers, equipment loaders/unloaders, set up, clean up, photographer

**Pet Palooza:** sew bandannas, set up, sell merchandise, clean up

**Tennis Ball Raffle/Fall Picnic:** collect tennis balls, number tennis balls, sell raffle tickets, set up, clean up, photographer

**Golf Tournament:** solicit sponsorships and silent auction items, set up, clean up, photographer

**Borders Gift Wrapping:** gift wrappers

**If you can help, contact meg@grrcc**

## Thank You to Our Donors

Dr. Frank & Margaret Altany	in memory of Archie
Christine Apriceno	
Jamie & Sandy Billings	
Debra Brand	
Jim & Vickie Brockman	
Jim & Denise Buchanan	
Timothy & Patricia Carter	in memory of John Armstrong
Beth Charles	
Laura & Brian Confoy	
Alison Conrad	in memory of Malcolm Smythe
Kim & Britt Crane	
Jerry & Thanna Davis	in honor of Klara & Heidi
Pamela Dunn	
Jessie & Robbie Eichenbaum	in memory of Reina & Mandy
Gwyn Fincher	
Randy Furr	
Michelle Gamble	
Kurt & Sarah Gauger	
George & Jane Gordon	in memory of Duffy & honor of Rusty
Dru & Joe Hall	
BJ Hendrix	in honor of Molly, Audrey & Samantha
	in memory of Annie Corby
Allison Jones	
Michelle Joseph	
Tom & Carol Kiernan	
Mary Kresge	
Elizabeth & Eddie Krusch	in memory of Stitches
Ronald & Patricia Lorenzen	in honor of Jake
Jim & Sue Makarewicz	
Keane & Monica Matthews	
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Donna McClung	in memory of John Armstrong
Marilyn McGowan	
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Ian & Brenda Tyson	in memory of John Armstrong
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GRRCC is saddened to learn of the passing of "Archie" Altany, "Annie" Corby, "Tristan" Corsig, "Reina" & "Mandy" Eichenbaum, "Doogan" Garner, "Duffy" Gordon, "Stitches" Krusch, and "Casey" Nexsen.

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



## Kelly's Little Miracle

Kelly's story began on the streets of a nearby town, where she literally collapsed from exhaustion and starvation. Who knows how long this little girl had been wandering as a stray with no food or shelter? As bad as things were for her, there was hope, and on this hot summer night, it came in the form of a french fry, offered to her by some teenagers out enjoying a meal of fast food. Kelly gratefully accepted the treat, then collapsed on the road, dehydrated and exhausted.

As the teenagers tried to help her up, another Good Samaritan intervened, and drove Kelly to the Cleveland County Humane Society, where a friend of his worked. Kelly was seen by a vet there, who diagnosed her as severely anemic (from the 100 plus ticks found attached to her thin body) and malnourished. It was a true "little miracle" that Kelly did not test positive for heartworm disease. Kelly was so weak that she could hardly stand, but her Golden spirit shone through in spite of her weakened condition, and she found the will to live.

The good people at the Humane Society began to care for Kelly by providing her with shelter, TLC, and LOTS of food, then called GRRCC for help. We agreed to take Kelly in and continue to provide her with medical care, shelter, and of course -- love. She quickly won the hearts of all the GRRCC volunteers who met her, and she adapted very quickly to being an inside dog. Her coat was thin and dry, most likely having been "blown" as a result of having a litter of puppies in her recent past. She certainly didn't look like the typical happy-go-lucky Golden on the *outside*, but she soon showed us that she was pure gold on the *inside*.

Once Kelly had gained enough weight to be truly out of danger and well on her way to recovery, she was spayed. She amazed all of us by being the perfect little lady in her foster dad's home, having no accidents and seeming to understand that disturbing things was not good manners. She didn't really understand the concept of "dog toys" at first, but as she relaxed and gained more confidence, she began to play more. From the beginning, she was willing to trust people and show her affectionate nature, gently jumping up and placing her paws on you as she gazed lovingly into your eyes. Soon, it was time for Kelly to begin her search for her forever home.



Enter Wes and Sandy Scarlett, proud dad and mom to "Miss Mak," their older GRRCC matriarch. Wes and Sandy felt that it was time to add another Golden to their family, knowing that Miss Mak would be a great teacher and friend to a younger dog. The Scarletts (along with Miss Mak, of course) arranged to meet Kelly, and it was obvious that Kelly was meant to be part of their family.

Wes and Sandy describe their first meeting with Kelly: "Once we met her and saw how she loved people and our other dog, we fell in love with her in return. Our older dog, Miss Mak, seemed to like this youngster as they wagged tails and took a walk together." Once Kelly was fully recovered from her spay surgery, she went home with Wes and Sandy to begin her new life.

The Scarletts decided to give Kelly a new name to go with her new life. Although she is affectionately known as "Calie," her official name is Caleo, which is Latin for "to glow." Wes and Sandy confided that Calie has told them that she intends to spread lots of warmth and light wherever she goes to show her thanks for all that GRRCC made possible for her. Calie, the pleasure is all ours.



Calie and Miss Mak with Wes and Sandy (far left)

Calie and Miss Mak with their grandkids (left)

Calie with Miss Mak (right)



## Fall Events Calendar

Grooming Day	Saturday, September 15th	City Dog USA
HSC Pet Palooza	Saturday, September 29th	Freedom Park
Fall Picnic/Tennis Ball Raffle	Saturday, October 13th	Park Road Park
Golfing for Goldens	Saturday, October 20th	Stonebridge Golf Club
Gift-Wrap Fundraiser	November- December	Borders Stonecrest

Check [www.grrcc.com](http://www.grrcc.com) for more details!



On July 20, GRRCC presented the 2007 Guardian Angel Award to Dr. Rick Beldegreen, D.V.M. of Stoney Creek for his life-saving efforts on behalf of Max, a Golden Retriever in emergency need. Thanks to his swift and compassionate action, one more furry-faced companion is enjoying a new leash on life.

The Guardian Angel Award is awarded by the Board of Directors, upon nomination of an individual by a GRRCC member, to recognize and honor a random and exemplary act of kindness to or on behalf of a needy Golden retriever, a Golden owner or the Club. It is our way of recognizing the everyday heroes among us, who have given extraordinarily of themselves for love of a Golden.

Without the support of our friends in the veterinary community, GRRCC's continuing mission would not be possible!



## It's Back !!

GRRCC has officially resurrected the ever popular **tennis ball raffle!** We will have a picnic just prior to picking out the winning numbers on Saturday, October 13, 2007. The picnic will be held at Park Road Park Shelter #1, and directions will be posted on the website. We're planning on starting around 1:00 p.m. and wrapping things up by 3:00 p.m..

Our biggest need is for you, our members, to spread the word and, more importantly, **HELP US SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!** Please contact Brandi Gayle at 704-598-3928 or Gene Fitzpatrick at 704-541-7122 if you are interested in helping us sell tickets.

First prize will take home \$1000, second wins \$500 and third wins \$250. Food will cost \$7 per plate, so please bring friends and family, and of course, your Goldens!

Stay tuned to the website, [www.grrcc.com](http://www.grrcc.com), for more information!

Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte, Inc.

## "Golfing for Goldens"

5th Annual Charity Tournament



We will be hosting our 5th Annual Golf Tournament, **Golfing for Goldens**, on **Saturday, October 20, 2007**, at Stonebridge Golf Club, located just south of Waxhaw. Golf begins at 2:00 p.m. and this is a Captain's Choice tournament. Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3 Gross teams and Top 3 Net teams (handicaps must be provided).

We are seeking Sponsors (Tournament Sponsor, Platinum and Diamond Sponsors, and Hole Sponsors) and donations of door prizes and ask your assistance in obtaining these items. Sponsorships begin at only \$100 (we have several different opportunities for sponsorship) and the cost to play is **\$75 per golfer**. Dinner after golfing is included in the cost to play. We will also have many items for door prizes and silent auction items.

With your continued help, we will have a successful tournament. If you can help in any of the above ways or can volunteer to assist at the tournament, please contact any of the golf committee members as soon as possible. We will provide sponsor sheets and player sign-up sheets to anyone who wishes them.

All Goldens (as well as their owners) will be welcome at the Golf Tournament, whether you are playing, sponsoring, donating or just wish to visit with us. Stonebridge has been most gracious to us and will allow the dogs on the course as we have done in the past at previous tournaments.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Your Golf Committee:

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Meg Roach	<a href="mailto:meg@grrcc.com">meg@grrcc.com</a>
Patricia Manzi, Thad Reece, Heidi Kraus, Chris Lucado	

## GRRCC RESCUE CALENDAR Call for photos!

Does your Golden have the sweetest smile? The purtiest pout? Show us, don't tell! Send your best photos of your GRRCC Golden mugging it up, napping or just bein' plain adorable to [lesa@grrcc.com](mailto:lesa@grrcc.com).



Please include your dog's name, his GRRCC name, if different, and a brief description of how he or she came to be a part of your family. All Goldens featured must be GRRCC alumni. No people or other pets in the picture.

Twelve photos will be featured, one for each month, along with a brief description of each dog's journey. GRRCC families with Goldens and other pets who are not GRRCC alumni, but would like to be included, are welcome to participate, via a small sponsorship donation. If you do not have a good quality photo, but would like your Golden to be included, please let us know.

**Deadline for photo submissions is September 15th!**