

GoldenMoments

November 2010



Lucas Gets A Budd

Although they were almost exactly the same age, it would be hard to imagine two more different Golden Retrievers. Lucas had spent his life in a townhome, with minimal exercise and stimulation, and craved stretching his legs and experiencing the great out-of-doors. Budd has spent his entire life as an outside dog and all he wanted was to be inside and joined at the hip with people to adore him. Judy and Dan, self-professed 'Lab people' saw Lucas on the GRRCC web site and just knew he had to join their family, soon to be followed by Budd, the "Wild Man". These two wonderful dogs, no matter how different in looks and personality, now share the adoptive Mom and Dad's home and hearts. It is not surprising that we get so many repeat customers at GRRCC. If one is good, two are 'GR'eat! As with two legged children, our Golden companions are each unique and it is our privilege to enjoy and nurture them as individuals. As the French would say, "Vive la difference".

From Dan & Judy:

We had been "Lab Lovers" for the past 26 years and always thought we'd have more of the same. After the loss of our last 2 labs, Judy found GRRCC while just surfing the internet. The idea of rescuing a dog overcame breed loyalty when we learned about Lucas, his story and then the whole foster family concept. It was love at first sight!

The concept of a home visit intrigued us since one of our close friends performs that same function for adoptive parents of the "human breed". Showing that level of care really demonstrated the loving heart of "Golden people". I guess it's fate; Judy and I have now done two of those home visits for other potential adoptive families. It's exciting to think someone else is going to have the fun and love we have now.



Lucas, with his long fur, feathery tail and nervous, puppy attitude was a real departure from our previous pets. He got all the attention, training and love that had been given to our two previous dogs. We held out for almost 9 months, but then realized it just wasn't fair - we NEEDED two dogs again!

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When we saw the page of available Golden Retrievers and recognized the yard he was in, we were pretty sure Budd was coming home with us. Fred and Carol Thorp had fostered Lucas and now had his future brother. We went and visited, taking Lucas with us to see how they would get along, and any remaining doubts just evaporated. It was meant to be. Budd had to undergo heartworm treatment and the 30 day wait seemed an eternity. Finally he got to come home.

You couldn't have two more opposite dogs! We initially wondered if they were the same breed! Lucas was long-haired, long nosed and with a pretty long attention span. We had pretty much formed our opinion of Golden Retrievers based on him and when we got a short-haired, short-nosed pup with A.D.D., we were stumped.



Lucas found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

Lucas had grown up totally inside and only got out infrequently – now he wants out all the time. Budd grew up outside and was apparently abused – he couldn't care less about going out for over 30 seconds. One wants out and one wants in; one wants to play and one wants to sleep; one chases our cats and the other sleeps with them. Funny thing is, the non-cat-chasing Lucas watches and chases the squirrels outside all day long and Budd doesn't have the slightest interest in squirrels, but he loves to chase our cats.

We still have lots of obedience and leash training to get “the boys” on an equal footing. It's such fun to go to the mailbox with Lucas and have him heel and mind as if somebody who actually knew what they were doing trained him! When we get Budd to that point - who knows – maybe then we will be looking for a third golden???

Call for Photos for the 2012 Calendar!

Would you like to see your beloved Golden Retrievers featured in next year's calendar? We are already accepting submissions for the 2012 calendar. All photos must be horizontal, high resolution, in color and of dogs only - no people. While the calendar features GRRCC rescue dogs, for a donation of \$20 any pet's picture can be included in the sponsor page. Send your photos to Christy@grrcc.com.

Want Your Dog to Live a Long and Healthy Life? Less Food is Better

In 1987, Purina began a 14-year research project to determine the effects of feeding on canine health. The study used 48 Labrador Retrievers, divided into two groups, that were followed from the age of 8 weeks throughout their lives. The control group was free-fed until age 3.25 years, and then fed an amount that prevented obesity, and the restricted food group was fed 75% of those amounts.

The results were dramatic. Not only did the food-restricted group of dogs live **22 months longer**, but they also had lower rates and older age of onset of cancer, osteoarthritis and liver disease than the control group. The control group also had 5 times the level of arthritic lesions in their hip joints, compared to the dogs whose food was restricted.

For more information, go to <http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/PreventiveCare.pdf>

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Congratulations to Our Adopted Dogs and Their Forever Families!

Peanut Butter (now Franklin)	2 yr	8/9/10	Chris Hunt & Julie Davidson
Buddy	6 ½ yr	8/15/10	Aris & Christie Chaconas
Clovis (now Scout)	10 - 12 mo	8/18/10	Parker Burke
Molly	12 wk	8/18/10	Blake & Melanie Illston
Riley	4 yr	9/7/10	Wes & Lee Rundquist
Bailey	14 mo	9/17/10	Cassandra Sarantis
Lilly	5 - 6 yr	9/18/10	Doug & Laura Bollerman
Maggie	5 yr	9/25/10	Mark West & Nancy Northcott
Sydney (now Abbey)	2 yr	9/25/10	Larry & Sue Breckenridge
Meghan (now Molly)	3 yr	10/17/10	John Fisher & Kathy Curran
Duncan (now Murphy)	18 mo	10/20/10	Alan & Janis Alsop
McLean (now Charlie)	2 yr	10/25/10	Adam DiCaprio
Ben	2 yr	10/25/10	Cathy Jordan
J.J.	6 yr	10/29/10	Jane Cannon
Ali	4 ½ yr	11/3/2010	Dave & Sara DuMond

HELP WANTED

Must love dogs (and no, this is not a dating movie).

GRRCC is at a crucial crossroads. We have been fortunate enough to have some fantastic volunteers over the past years but I need to single out the two MVPs who have kept the Golden babies coming in and going out over the past 5 years. Wylyn Doherty has been our Intake Coordinator and Bodee Corby the Adoption Coordinator for that time. While Bodee is no longer on the board, she continues to coordinate adoptions. Wylyn has notified the Board that she will be stepping down from her position as Intake Coordinator, effective December 31st. We also will be losing Ellen Langford, who has served on the board and edited the quarterly newsletter for 5 years. Ellen relocated to SW Virginia 3 years ago, but commuted to Charlotte for GRRCC events and meetings. She will be working with a rescue group closer to her home and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

While we expect and hope that Wylyn will still be an active member of the Club, she has earned a well-deserved rest from her arduous duties. She and Bodee have probably averaged 30 hours or more each per week in these volunteer, unpaid positions. Their dedication to the breed and GRRCC are outstanding and I am sincerely grateful for their years of sacrifice and support.

We are in a quandary now with Wylyn resigning her position as Intake Coordinator. Without a replacement, our ability to rescue and place even a small percentage of the Golden retrievers who become unwanted will suffer drastically. I am calling on each of you to search inside your heart and consider assisting us in the intake and adoption process. A committee of the Board has been meeting for months to seek alternatives to this dilemma. If you are interested in assisting or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Jill Santuccio, the Club Vice President, at Jill@grrcc.com.

With the holidays quickly approaching, I would be remiss if I did not offer the Club's best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's to all of you. We appreciate your continued support of GRRCC. May you and your family have the best year ever in 2011.

Sincerely,
Gene Fitzpatrick

2010 Tennis Ball Raffle & Fall Picnic

We had perfect weather and TONS of fun on Saturday, October 9th at our Tennis Ball Raffle and Fall Picnic. After expenses and prizes, the raffle netted \$2,500 for the Golden Retrievers. We thank each one of you for participating and buying raffle tickets!

Winners were:

\$1,000 - Jim Breeding (sold by Howard Jacobs)

\$500 - Karen Arnold (sold by Gene Fitzpatrick)

\$250 - Wendy Rollick (sold online the night before the event - and she donated half of her prize to GRRCC)

Many thanks to Continental Boarding, Q2U Barbecue and all of our volunteers!



Scenes from the Fall Picnic & Tennis Ball Raffle

Time to Update Your Dog's Microchip Information

With the holidays fast approaching, now is a great time to check your dog's microchip registration information. Many of us travel with our dogs during the holiday season, and dogs can be a bit confused in new surroundings. A door, accidentally left open, can mean a quick escape. Even if you stay at home, house guests may not be as diligent about keeping doors closed and gates shut as your own immediate family members are. And stories abound of pets escaping from pet sitters, or even from boarding facilities.

Have you changed your cell number or moved since you adopted your GRRCC dog? If so, did you update your contact information with the microchip company? It only takes a few minutes to call and gain some peace of mind. Don't let your holidays be ruined by the loss of your beloved dog – call and check your dog's microchip information today!

Easy Ways to Support GRRCC



Shop online through iGive. Register at www.iGive.com

Selling on eBay? Register at www.missionfish.org



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Join us for the Have a Heart Party

Saturday, February 5, 2011
7:00 pm.
Beverly Crest Clubhouse

The Have a Heart dinner party is given by the club membership to honor the preceding year's adoptive families. The club supplies entrees and members bring side dishes and desserts. Hope to see you there!



For As Long As I Can

by Judy Smith

No one wanted the older dog
But you brought me home.
Thankful for the time we'll share
And I will be grateful to you for as long as I can.

My face is whiter now, and I'm not so limber
But you are patient
Taking it easy and slow
And I will walk with you for as long as I can.

You'll never know about my world "before"
But that's okay because the rest of my life
Will be spent at your side.
And I will stay with you for as long as I can.

My eyes tell the story
Of love lost and found
Safe at last, I lay happily at your feet
And I will be your friend for as long as I can.

Time knows no reason
But hearts know no bounds
We were meant to be together
And I will love you for as long as I can.

Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Once again we will be wrapping gifts at Borders Stonecrest from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Shifts are usually two hours or less and you will be able to select from the dates and time slots that are available.

Please **contact Meg@grrcc.com** if you can help wrap gifts this holiday season.

Annual Club Members Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2011
Morrison Regional Library Auditorium
(7015 Morrison Blvd - near SouthPark Mall)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Every January, GRRCC members meet to elect the 2011 Board of Directors and review details of rescue activities and club finances for the past year. We also discuss plans for the coming year. Please mark your calendar and come to the annual meeting - without you there is no Club!

Membership Renewals are Due on January 1st

Now is the time to pay your dues for 2011! In addition to supporting our rescue Golden Retrievers, membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, to participate in the Annual Club Meeting in January and to attend the Have a Heart dinner party in February. Adoptive families receive a free membership for the current year, and for those who adopt after October 1st, your complimentary membership extends through the following year.

Please use the membership form on page 7, or use the online application at www.grrcc.com.

2010 GRRCC Board

President	Gene Fitzpatrick	Gene@grrcc.com
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GRRCC Calendar Order Form

Fill in the requested information and mail, 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 2011 calendar price is **\$13.00 for one calendar** or **\$12.50 per calendar** for two or more calendars. Shipping and handling is **\$2.00** for the first calendar and **\$1.00** per calendar for each additional calendar sent to the same address. Thank you.

Please send me __ 2011 calendar(s).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email Address _____

__ calendar @13.00 each\$ _____

__ calendars @12.50 each (2/25.00)... \$ _____

Shipping:.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

Calendars may be purchased online at www.grrcc.com

Thank You to Our Donors!

- Dr. Franklin Altany
- Jean Anderson In memory of Baxter and honor of Maddie
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- Whitney Pelton
- Wendy Rollek
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- Michelle Schultze
- Mark & Justine Scruggs In memory of Biscuit Wiggins
- Paige Sheehan
- James & Christine Weaving

At the Rainbow Bridge

Condolences to our GRRCC families and friends, whose beloved companions live on in our hearts.

Melbourne Alsop, Penny Washburn

Volunteer and Membership Form

New Member Renewal Address Change

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Alt Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Alt Email Address _____

I have adopted a GRRCC dog(s) yes no
 GRRCC Dogs name(s) _____
 Other dogs name(s) _____

I am enclosing
 _____ \$20 for my individual or
 _____ \$35 for my family
 membership dues.

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 _____
 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

Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Charlotte (GRRCC) 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 the GRRCC 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:

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Get Your GRRCC 2011 Calendar!



The GRRCC 2011 Rescue Calendar is available for purchase! Our 8 ½ by 11 inch, 2011 calendar features twelve beautiful, full-page color photos and heartwarming stories of each Golden's journey from hopeless to happy. Lots of health and safety tips and information about GRRCC make our calendar a great buy for you or as a gift. Large boxes allow lots of room for noting appointments, birthdays, etc.

For questions regarding shipping, etc., please contact Susan Boyer at skboyer@windstream.net

Order online at www.grrcc.com or use the order form on page 6 of the newsletter.

GRRCC Events

Nov - Dec	Various times	Holiday Gift Wrapping	Borders Stonecrest
January 10	6:30 p.m.	Annual Club Meeting	Morrison Library
February 5	7:00 p.m.	Have a Heart Dinner Party	Beverly Crest Clubhouse
March 19	11:00 a.m.	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Tryon & 9th