

GoldenMoments

June 2011



Beau's Story

By Wyllyn Doherty

It's funny how fate can turn on a dime. Sometimes paths will cross or stars will align and lives are changed in an instant. That's what happened to Beau when a Good Samaritan spotted him in a dirty "dog lot" in a rundown area of Charlotte. The Good Samaritan saw that Beau had a huge wound on his side that was not being properly cared for, and he contacted Charlotte Mecklenburg Animal Control (CMAC) to seek help for Beau. Beau's owner claimed the wound was a "hot spot" and said he was treating it by pouring used motor oil over it, and most of his body. CMAC informed the owner they would confiscate Beau for lack of medical attention if he did not voluntarily surrender him, so he let the animal control officers take him. In addition to the horrible wound on his side, Beau was 25-30 pounds underweight and was heartworm positive. He was a medical nightmare, and he was also very distrustful of people, having had few – if any – positive experiences with humans. Because Beau was in such bad physical shape and was also not very friendly towards people, he was put on the "to be euthanized" list. Fortunately, one of our volunteers saw Beau at CMAC and felt he could be helped. We quickly agreed to take Beau in and set about finding a nurturing foster family that would tend to Beau's physical and emotional needs.

Beau's foster mom tells us about taking Beau into her home:

We met Beau at Mint Hill Animal Clinic and observed an extremely thin, anxious, frightened and nervous Golden Retriever that had a huge open wound on his side. The vet assured us that he was friendly, but cautious around people, and that he was head shy, no doubt the result of being struck repeatedly. She instructed us about the care of the wound, feeding guidelines, and administering the numerous medications to prepare him for heartworm treatment in 5 weeks. With Beau on a leash, we headed out to the car for our hour-long trip home. It was evident that he had never been walked on a leash, as he strained and pulled with amazing strength. He would not get into the car until we patiently placed treats along the length of the seat and cautiously he climbed into the car with much praise and encouragement. The whole process took us about 20 minutes because he was so frightened of everything around him. Once in the backseat of the sedan, he stood up and seemed to calm down, all the while looking outside. He was a perfect gentleman on the ride home.

By the third day, Beau allowed us to pet him (even on his head) without withdrawing or seeming anxious. He even came up and placed his head in our laps, imitating what Missy (his Golden foster sister) did. However, when I collapsed the golf umbrella I had used when walking him that day, he dropped straight to the floor of the garage and started trembling. Beau was on constant alert for and in fear of anything or anyone that could rise up to strike him. Within four days, we allowed Beau free roam of the house and the crate was only used for nighttime. He was being walked on a regular basis and he had no 'accidents' at all in the house. Missy was turning out to be his mentor and led him through the routine of our days and what he was to expect from us. This included feeding time behavior, walking skills, toy appreciation, and grooming time every night.

Sunshine, exercise, good food, and feeling comfortable in his surroundings seemed to increase the healing of the wound and his spirit. Beau was also gaining weight and learning to restrain his natural impulses to pull on the leash and counter-surf. Beau had proven to be a puppy in a 2 year old's body. He was one of the most intelligent dogs I have ever met. Socially, behaviorally, and physically his progress was unlimited and he continued making huge strides every day. He no longer constantly watched us and did not cower when we approached him with an open hand to pet his head and ears. (Continued...)

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Beau was a perfect gentleman in the hour-long car ride and strode into the vet's office with his head held high, wagging his tail -- no fear at all. The employees that were familiar with him from his first visit were shocked at the transformation of this fabulous creature. I hugged him goodbye and told him what I had said to him numerous times every day: "Beau, you are so pretty and so perfect and I really love you". And he really is pretty and perfect now in his forever home -- and I still love him. Thank you, GRRCC, for allowing me to be of service to these dogs.



Here are a few words from Beau's new mom:

My Husband and I had been talking about getting our Golden girl, Maggie Mae, a brother some day, but I didn't want a new puppy. I wanted a dog more Maggie's age so they could play and become best friends. I started doing searches on the internet looking for our new Golden son. We FOUND HIM! I read about Beau on the GRRCC website and fell in love with his picture. I cried seeing the results of his abusive owner. We knew we could give Beau a home full of love, so we went to meet him. Maggie fell head over heels in love with him. He was a fit!!

Ever since we brought Beau home, he and Maggie are inseparable. He is the Amazing Dog. He is fun, sweet, a real cuddle bug, and willing to learn the house rules. Beau is so very smart. I would say Beau is cross between Air Bud and Marley. We have gotten him to walk on a leash without the fear of him dragging me down the street. He loves to practice his basic commands (treats are awesome!). Beau is so funny -- he loves to play ball and tug of war, and chasing the water from the sprinkler has got to be his top favorite "sport." We also have a 4 month old Maltipoo that Beau is so gentle and sweet with. I've learned a lot from Beau. Just because someone treats you wrongly does not mean everyone is not to be trusted. To trust is to have faith in God. I believe Beau is an angel from heaven and he has come into our life to bring love and happiness. I will always be Thankful to GRRCC for giving Beau a chance in life, and giving us the most precious gift. Our home is now complete. We all are happy and content.

Congratulations to Our Adopted Dogs and Their Forever Families!

Alex	2/15/2011	Frank & Vanessa Grill
Crosby	2/18/2011	Paul & Susie Bruno
Sophie	2/20/2011	Steve & Mary Wicklum
Cassie	3/1/2011	Susan MacDonald
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Lacey (now Grace)	4/20/2011	Joe & Elizabeth Neal
Beau	4/31/2011	John & Darlene Miller
Cooper	5/1/2011	Sara Voight & Peter Reeves
Buddy	5/1/2011	James & Pam Stephens
Molly (now Miley)	5/6/2011	Karen & Richard Murphy
Colleen (now Lacey)	5/6/2011	Larry & Debbie Sandberg
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Erin	5/30/2011	Frank & Colleen Huber
Kingsley	5/30/2011	Eric & Karen Schachner

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hot, Hot, Hot!

Summer may still be a week or two away yet it's been feeling like summer for the past month plus. Whatever happened to spring this year?

Please note the necessary precautions you can find on our website about keeping the dogs as cool and comfortable in this warm weather; give them lots of fresh water, don't overfeed them and keep them in the house and out of the sun. If you do travel with them, make sure you don't leave them in the hot car for more than a minute or two and roll down the windows.

We have had some very successful events at GRRCC since my last note. Another successful Belk Charity Days (thanks, Beth Charles & volunteers), St. Patrick's Day parade with more than 75 dogs and great weather too, Dunk Your Dog Day at Wickersham's K-9 ranch (thanks to Keith and Lisa for their wonderful hospitality once again) and the continuing success of Golfing for Goldens. We have been fortunate to raise much-needed monies for the club and the medical costs for our beauties.

Over the past several years, the average cost per dog seems to be ever-increasing, thus why we continue to look for events and programs to raise funds. There seems to be no let-up in the variety of health problems the incoming Goldens bring with them, yet we will continue to do our best to get them the best of care.

On a serious note, our intake coordinator, Wylyn Doherty, will be leaving that position at the end of June after more than six years and handling the intake of more than 500 Goldens. She will continue to be involved with the rescue side of our operations, just not as overall intake coordinator. We will sorely miss Wylyn in that position, but realize the amount of time and love she put in to save so many of our beautiful Goldens. We thank Wylyn, her husband Mike, and all her family, for all they have done for GRRCC.

We are in the process of recruiting a new intake person/persons to assist the club and are asking if you or anyone you know may be interested to contact Jill Santuccio at Jill@grrcc.com for a complete job description and more details. Jill and the rescue subcommittee have been working over the past year to streamline the process of intake and hope we can find someone who can transition into the position with all of the board's help.

Please consider this vital need of the club. Thanks for all you do for GRRCC and the Goldens.

Gene Fitzpatrick

AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Our condolences to our GRRCC families and friends whose beloved companions live on in our hearts forever

**Cody Kirby
Liberty Truslow
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Lila Belle Frazier
Harley Ealy
Franklin James
Jack Doherty**



Dunk Your Dog Day 2011



Golfing for Goldens 2011



Golfing for Goldens

Another awesome golf tournament to benefit our beautiful Goldens!!

74 golfers came out to enjoy the manicured course at StoneBridge Golf Club located just south of Waxhaw. Although it was a warm day, all appeared to enjoy the day and, in particular, the opportunity to win a car with a hole in one on the 15th hole. We were fortunate this year to have Scott McCorkle's Liberty Buick GMC Trucks sponsor the hole for the chance to win a 2011 GMC Terrain (a beautiful SUV). In addition, they sponsored the other par 3 holes with some smaller gifts, but, alas, nobody won, although they tried their darndest.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the players, the golf course personnel, and the following GRRCC volunteers for their participation and assistance for this 9th Annual "Golfing for Goldens": Dick Griffin, Meg Roach, Shari Martin, Dottie Purnell, Marsha Gross, Bobbie Otto, Golin Kosowitz, Melissa Winter & "Newman", Katie Skaats & "Nugget", and Natalie Armstrong & "Jazz"

We had several new sponsors this year and I wish to acknowledge ALL of the sponsors for their financial support. Without them, we could not have been successful. Thank you to:

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If I missed anyone, my sincere apologies.

For those autumn golfers, our next golf tournament will take place on September 17th at Skybrook Golf Club in Huntersville.

Thanks to all.
Gene Fitzpatrick

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