

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3, 2009

Place: Quail Run Assisted Living
9900 Walther Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21234

Officers Present:

David Beaver (President)
Barb Schaefer (Vice-President)
Melissa Bageant (Secretary)
Donna Blake (Treasurer)
Lisa Hecker (Board Member at Large/Adoption Applications Coordinator)
Edie Galpin (Intake/Foster Home Coordinator)
Dana Cubbage (Board Member at Large)

Lunch was served first.

24 members (including board members) were present.

At 1:02 pm David Beaver called the meeting to order.

Current Board members were introduced.

Operational reports were given.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Donna Blake - Treasurer's report:

For the calendar year ending 12/31/08 –

Total income \$56,445.49 (adoption income, adoption application income, Clay Fund, donations, fundraising, grants, dog give-up donations, membership dues, merchandise sales, microchipping, obedience training deposits, interest)

Total expense \$52,482.82 (adoption, bank fees, boarding, dog food, fundraising, grooming, insurances, merchandise, microchips, postage, newsletter, office supplies, picnic, supplies, cell phone, obedience training deposit refunds, vet care, website hosting)

On 12/31/2008 we had a net income left of \$3,962.67

Lisa Hecker – Adoption Applications:

Due to computer problems, only numbers from the last quarter of the year were available at the meeting. Later Lisa was able to provide a full view of 2008 –

368 applications from the following states:

CA - 1
DE - 21
MD - 249
NJ - 4
PA - 105
VA - 9
WVA - 1

1 applicant applied 4x
2 applicants each applied 2x

Foster – 5 were to be foster homes
Paper - 44 were mailed in on paper
Electronic - 328 were submitted via the GH website

Approved - 181

Rejected - 18
Dog Outside - 3
Out of Area - 13
Bad HV - 1
Other - 1

IA - 110
Adopted Elsewhere - 40
Bought a puppy - 8
Bad vet Check - 14
Per applicant - 25
Unresponsive ... - 19
Other - 4

49 Applications moving forward into 2009

Edie Galpin – Intake/Foster Home:

Intake inquiries/requests –

36 out of state/out of service area
12 non-Golden Retrievers
11 non-responsive (not returning call after initial contact)
4 pending/on hold

3 intake requests for documented biters

During 2008, GoldHeart took in 78 new Golden Retrievers. The first was #457 Buddy Lee. The last was #534 Lacy. One of the Golden Retrievers was Maggie (GH-491), a pregnant young lady who later gave birth to 11 beautiful Golden puppies.

In addition to the 78 new dogs that came in, there were 3 returns:

GH-461 Remington
GH-477 Jake
GH-228 Talley

Remington has found his forever home and we are getting good reports on him by his new family. Jake found his forever home and is doing well.

Talley was in renal failure due to an advanced case of severe Lyme disease. She was later euthanized.

This same day as the annual meeting GoldHeart's first intake for 2009 was scheduled – Ally (GH-535) is just over 2 years old and diagnosed with hip dysplasia, and will probably need hip replacement surgery on both hips.

GoldHeart took in its 500th Golden, Shelby (GH-500)!

The state of the economy has caused an increased number of Golden Retrievers being given up due to:

Divorce
Loss of or foreclosure of home
Loss of employment/lay offs/decreased wages
Dog's unacceptable behavior
Dog's unaffordable health issues

Edie Galpin thanked David Beaver, Donna Blake, Barb & Bill Schaefer for helping with intakes during her extended stay in Germany to take care of her mother.

Sarge (GH-393), a previous GoldHeart Golden, had been returned in 2007 due to behavior problems. Barb Schaefer and Melissa Bageant made contact with the HOPE (Hounds of Prison Education) program in Camp Hill, PA and Sarge was accepted into their program. After successful completion of the program, Sarge was adopted and is doing wonderfully in his forever home!

Three Golden Retrievers, plus Maggie's 11 puppies, are all currently in the Foster-to-Adopt program. Maggie's puppies are now at the age where they are getting neutered/spayed. After that, they will be formally adopted by their families.

Three Golden Retrievers are in foster care.

Five Golden Retrievers are long term foster dogs due to health issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were 24 GoldHeart members present that were eligible to vote.

ACTION: Vote was taken to elect Donna Blake for the position of Treasurer for a 2 year term and approved by all 24 members present.

ACTION: Vote was taken to elect Barb Schaefer for the position of Vice-President for a two year term and approved by all 24 members present.

ACTION: Vote was taken to elect Dana Cabbage for the position of Board Member at Large for a two year term and approved by all 24 members present.

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Trish Thomas, who with Donna Blake helps with fundraising, talked about the Vera Bradley bingo coming up in February. Volunteers are needed. People to spread the word about the bingo are needed.

Melissa Bageant noted that the World of Pets Expo is coming up Jan. 23, 24, 25 in Timonium, MD (fairgrounds), and the PawsAbilities event in Harrisburg, PA is coming up in March. GoldHeart will have a booth at these events.

President David Beaver talked about GoldHeart's outdated by-laws needing review and revamping! Several GH members with experience in this area have volunteered to help.

At 1:50 David Beaver declared the annual meeting adjourned.

At 2:10 the Board held a board meeting, which President David Beaver called to order.

Lisa Hecker talked about needing a new home visit coordinator for Maryland. New GH member Katrina Van Dopp volunteered to take this on.

There was discussion about ways to store GoldHeart's electronic data. New GH member Rich Gorsky offered to have the data stored on a server he has at home.

General chit-chat continued.

At 4:00 pm David Beaver declared the meeting adjourned.