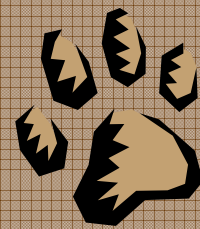


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Terrific Ten: One Year Later

Last January, 77 golden retrievers and a number of horses were found living in deplorable conditions in Southeastern Virginia. Rescues along the east coast mobilized. Volunteers from Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland caravanned to Zuni, Va. and brought back ten very dirty, very sick and very frightened golden retrievers.

When the dog's arrived in Southern Maryland all ten were so ill or so frightened they had to be carried out of the vehicles. Volunteers were in tears to see the effects of inhumanity on these pups.

Progress towards a normal life was slow for most, and since our rescue group had only been in existence for two years, we relied on other more experienced rescue groups for advice and information. But we also relied on our developing relationship with our foster dog. Fortunately, each dog went to a family with at least one "resident" dog who showed the new pup how to live their new life. Six of the pups were adopted by their foster family.

Here's an update on "The Terrific Ten" one year later from their new families. We did not hear back from one

of the ten, Gracie, but the last time we heard from them, she was making good progress.

ALEX

We had come to a point in our lives where we decided that it was time to expand our furry family. Having two cats and one dog we planned to even the numbers.

Our first barking daughter, Gracie, is a golden who we rescued when she was 4 months old. Both her mother and father along with her 4 siblings were found running the streets of Columbia, SC and taken in by Project Pet.

We had done our research and had narrowed down what type of dogs would fit best with our life style and a golden retriever was one of our top choices. When we picked up Gracie at the one of Project Pets adoption days we did not put her down until she was home.

She was my first dog and Tim still says she is the best dog he has ever had. Having Gracie as a role model we knew that we just had to have another golden.

We decided long ago that when our boys were a little older we would again like to rescue another golden girl.

Last October we had been

in our new home in Maryland about 3 months and decided our new home was feeling a bit empty. Our boys then 5 and 3 and their furry siblings had plenty of room in the new house but something was missing.

It was time to start looking for another golden to rescue.

We had our in-home interview with The Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland and were approved. So we waited patiently for the next girl golden who needed a home to show up on the rescue adoption list.

In the meantime we were asked by Pat if we might be interested in fostering to adopt. GRRSM was going to a puppy mill and thought there were a few girls in the group they were going to rescue.

We had done a lot of research on the internet and knew of the terrible conditions and treatment most dogs endure at puppy mills.

Looking at Gracie we wondered how anyone could treat these beautiful dogs so badly.

We knew it would be hard work, but with my work at a veterinarian hospital and

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our advanced obedience classes with Gracie we were up for the challenge.

What a challenge it would be...

We loaded up the family on Saturday to go meet the 10 dogs rescued from the mill with high hopes of getting one of the females. When we got there both females were already spoken for but there were 8 males who needed foster families.

We looked around and most were running around not sure of what to make of all of these people. Then Tim pulled me over to two dogs just lying on the grass that looked just pathetic. One of the foster moms said she

would like to take one of them and Tim asked me if we should take the other. With some hesitation I said yes.

I knew this dog was very sick and thought I at least had a basic knowledge of how to keep him alive until we could get him to the vet on Monday. He was so sick, weak and scared we had to carry him to the car. On the way home we decided to name him Alex.

Once we got home and carried him upstairs to the bath I was very shocked by several things. One, for the amount of dirt on him I was surprised that this dog had no signs of fleas or ticks. I had bathed, de-ticked and de-fleaed a ton of dogs in

my days working at a vet. I expected the worst and was very glad this was one issue we were not going to have to deal with.

The second, Alex appeared to be full grown, but very skinny and underweight.

I also noticed he had frost bite scars on his paws and a few patches on his stomach. It leads me to believe he had spent at least part of his life exposed to extreme weather.

Poor Alex had not had a good life so far and we promised him then and there that as long as he was with us he would never have to experience that again.

I am pretty sure we spent that first weekend with Alex

carrying him outside to use the potty and then back to his bed. He was just too weak to do anything else and had never walked on anything other than his crate, grass or mud. He had no idea how to walk on linoleum without falling and carpet seemed to scare him too. We were all in for a lot of work to get Alex acclimated to life in a house with a family.

Monday's vet visit came and we learned just how bad off he really was. The doctor immediately said that Alex had a bad case of intestinal parasites (he ended up with two rounds of anti-parasitic medicine to clear up all the intestinal parasites). Then we got good news he was free of Lyme disease. We were so relieved, but only briefly because the next thing the vet said was Alex had tested very positive for heart worms and our hearts just sank.

We were told to go home and place him on a weight gain diet. As soon as he was free of the intestinal parasites Alex was going to go through the painful two step process of treating the heart worms. That's when we decided that Alex's middle name would be Gabriel. He was an angel to us and was going to need God's help to get well.

For the next few weeks we babied Alex by making all of his meals homemade. This would help him gain weight and help get his digestive track back to normal.

Terrific 10 continued...

Tim teased me that Alex ate much better than us for the first few weeks he was with us and I think he was right.

Alex was not sure what to think about his new family and was very wary of everything. He liked the fact that we fed him and gave him plenty of attention, but any little noise would send him running back to his crate.

Every evening when the kids went to bed Tim and I would sit on the living room floor and slowly Alex would come out for minutes at a time to get attention then run back into his crate.

Eventually he decided that Gracie was his buddy and he started taking cues from her. So whenever we wanted him to do anything we would ask Gracie to help. She would lead him out the door to go potty or to the car to go to the vet.

She is a great big sister to Alex.

When he was finally strong enough to start his heartworm treatment the vet said that they would go ahead and neuter him at the same time. First they x-rayed his heart and lungs to see the extent of the heartworm disease. Then the plan was to neuter him and give him his first heartworm treatment. I had dropped him off at the vet before work and made the vet promise to call me the minute he was out of surgery so I knew he was ok. Around lunchtime I received a call from the vet and things had not gone as

planned.

Alex was under sedation for the X-rays and was getting ready to go into surgery to be neutered when he crashed. The doctor realized Alex was in distress and not breathing. They quickly bagged him and took him off sedation while he regained normal respiratory function.

Thankfully Alex was ok, but would only be able to have his heart worm treatment not his neuter today.

When I picked Alex up later that day he was as glad to see me as I was to see him.

The vet and I looked over his X-rays and saw how bad the heart worms had infiltrated both his heart and lungs. Alex was definitely going to need two round of heart worm treatment and would not be able to get neutered until he was healthier.

Alex continued to rest and get a lot healthier. By April he finished his heartworm treatments.

Every day he grew leaps and bounds and learned what it was like to be in a family. He had no idea what a ball was or what to do with it. After watching Gracie play catch his real golden instincts quickly kicked in.

He is now seldom seen walking around without a ball or a doll (stuffed animal) in his mouth. He has conquered most all his fears including walking on the linoleum, going up and down stairs,

kids, cats and furniture. Although he still is not happy with us when we decided to rearrange furniture to make room for a Christmas tree.

He is a big Velcro dog and loves to sit on laps and give big kisses. Fetch is his favorite game along with running, we are pretty sure he would have made a good greyhound.

He still doesn't know what to think about the car rides, because it usually means a trip to the vet. The last car ride was, guess where, the vet to have him neutered. He did great and has fully recovered from the latest vet episode. Hopefully the next car trip will be to meet some fellow golden friends.

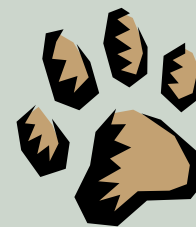
This Christmas we were very surprised when family came over and he greeted everyone and sat on Grandma's lap (she thinks he is the most handsome dog in the world).

This year we can honestly say the best thing we did was adopt Alex. I would strongly encourage anyone who is hesitant in adopting a mill rescue dog to do it. Be patient, they all have their quirks, but don't we all. The love you give these dogs will come back to you a hundred fold.

At night Alex sleeps right next to our bed on one side and Gracie on the other. And we are not sure what we would do without either one of them.

- The Corley Family

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Why do Golden Retrievers Stick their Nose in People's Crotches?

Dogs stick their noses in our crotches for the same reason they sniff one another's rear ends – to establish identity. Every dog has a unique “scent signature” that distinguishes it from other dogs, tells whether it's male or female and probably conveys other information as well.

Also, the muzzle of most Golden Retrievers and the crotch of the average person, happen to be at about the same level!



Pet Insurancedo you need it?

By Valerie Mackrell

The decision to purchase medical insurance for your Golden (and other furry kids) will depend on your situation, but for me the choice was simple. I found an excellent plan with Petplan

Just over a year ago, my beloved 4 year old Golden, Snoopy, became suddenly ill and had to undergo emergency surgery at MASH to positively diagnose what was thought to be an intestinal blockage.

The surgery and emergency care cost us over \$3,000.

As with any responsible pet owner, we were always fully able to provide for our pets' best quality medical care, including dental surgeries and cleanings, occasional illnesses and medications, excellent quality food, and the likes. But I had never planned for such a daunting expense so early in Snoopy's life.

We opened a Care Credit account (line of credit designed for veterinary care) to pay for the surgery.

Had we known the outcome – a diagnosis of advanced lympho-sarcoma in the intestines with a probable life expectancy, without chemo, of just a few weeks – our decision on the surgery would have been different.

We tried the chemo, but as it turned out, Snoopy did not respond and died a short 30 days following his surgery. And we were left with over \$4,500 of debt, which is now a struggle financially.

When we rescued Bumble Puppy this year, obtaining pet insurance was a given.

I had seen the brochures in vet offices before, but they all covered the basic expenses of annual appointments, vaccines, and routine care. This is not what I was looking for; I needed major medical coverage similar to what we have (hopefully) as people.

The website <http://petinsurancereview.com> is an excellent resource for unbiased overviews, with coverage and cost comparisons, and basic comprehensive information regarding pet insurance.

Read the reviews by hundreds of users. The consumer reviews may reveal a company history of dishonest practices, mislead-



Pet insurance may be an option for you.

ing claims, and slow reimbursement.

As you look for insurance, beware that policies vary widely. Some policies won't cover older pets or certain breeds. Pre-existing conditions are normally excluded. Some cover accidents only and not illness.

Most insurers exclude hereditary disorders, which is one of the primary reasons I want insurance.

The big four hereditary disorders in Golden Retrievers are hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, heart conditions, and eye disorders. Also common are the blood disorders hemophilia and von Willebrand disease, hypothyroidism, and swallowing problems (dysphagia).

Many exclude cancer coverage. According to research done by the Golden Retriever Club of America's Health & Genetics Committee, cancer is the leading cause of death in Golden Retrievers.

I narrowed down my choices to the 2 highest rated plans: Pet Plan (<http://www.gopetplan.com>) and Embrace (<http://www.embracepetinsurance.com>). Both offer far superior major medical coverage than any of the others.

I chose Petplan because it covers:

- Hereditary conditions for the life of the pet
- Cancer treatment regardless of the type of cancer
- All accidents, injuries and illnesses
- Diagnostic testing such as MRIs, x-rays, endoscopy

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- Prescription medicine
- Non-routine dental treatment such as tooth extraction
- Alternative treatment including acupuncture, hydrotherapy, and chiropractic care.
- Long-term or lifetime health problems are reimbursed to the full maximum coverage for each year. (For example, if I chose the \$12,000 per year coverage, I am reimbursed for a total of \$12,000 for any and all conditions combined. Embrace, on the other hand, only pays 25% of this policy maximum for long term conditions that last for more than one year. Furthermore, some companies put a cap on the lifetime benefits. Petplan does not.)
- Petplan reimbursement is for the full amount, not a “usual and customary fee”.
- You may use any veterinarian, including specialists and referrals.
- Petplan offers a unique flexible choice of policies. You can choose your level of deductible (\$50, \$100, or \$200), your reimbursement level (80%, 90%, or 100%), and your annual amount of coverage (\$8,000, \$12,000, or \$20,000). It must be stated that unlike many other plans, Petplan’s deductible is per incident or illness, not

per year. An illness or accident may result in many years of coverage, but there is just one deductible.

So what does this all cost? For Bumble Puppy, who is a year old, we elected the Silver Plan with \$12,000 of annual coverage, and we chose the \$200 deductible with 100% coverage (no copay at all). With a discount for being micro-chipped and a 5% discount for purchasing online, our monthly premium is \$25.57.

For comparison, the Bronze Plan with \$8,000 of coverage, a \$200 deductible and 80% coverage has a monthly premium of \$18.83. This same coverage for a 7 year old Golden would cost \$30.52.

You can get online quotes within minutes. Multi-pet discounts are offered.

Although this must sound like a paid endorsement for Petplan, my enthusiasm is simply because I am so pleased with the plan. And yes, we have already had to use it for an emergency visit to MASH.

As an added reason to like Petplan, for anyone who enrolls in the plan and refers to my policy number, I will be sent a \$25 AMEX gift card. All gift cards will be donated to the rescue. E-mail me for the policy number if you are interested, valerielm@yahoo.com.

Dental Care

*Brush your little teeth.
Brush your little teeth.
Keep them clean and bright every day.
Brush them up and down.
Brush them all around.
Keep tooth decay away.*



This is the song I sing to my dogs every day as I brush their teeth, including my foster dog’s, every evening. It takes about 20 seconds, but I’ve never had to pay \$200+ to have my dogs’ teeth cleaned.

Vets often say the two most important things dog owners can do to keep their dogs healthy is to prevent their dog from becoming overweight and to brush their dog’s teeth. I’m not sure why folks are hesitant to brush their dog’s teeth. It’s pretty easy and my pups LIKE it.

I use poultry or beef flavored toothpaste and a regular toothbrush. You can find the toothpaste at PETCO or order it online <http://www.carealotpets.com/item-detail/?itemID=1773B>.

You only have to brush the outside of the teeth to prevent plaque buildup according to my vet.

When I introduce a foster dog to teeth brushing, I brush my dogs’ teeth first and then let the new dog lick the tooth paste off the tooth brush. The next day I do the same thing or just brush a canine tooth and gradually, day by day, work my way to brush all of their teeth. Usually, after a couple of days my new dog comes running when they hear the song!

- Pat Johnson

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Callie Ann (right) with big sister Josie have had enough fun in the snow for one day.

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CALLIE ANN

Callie Ann and Josie have become very close. They share everything with no trouble at all, and they love to play together.

It's very endearing to see how much Callie relies on Josie as a type of security blanket. And Josie likes playing the "Big Sister" role. Callie fits in extremely well with the whole family. She

loves our three sons (and they just adore her), but I'd still say she is closest to me and Alicia. She is our little sweetheart, for sure.

Although she loves to rough house and play with Josie, I would describe her mostly as sweet, cuddly, and calm. She may always be a little on the nervous side, and she still hesitates briefly when going through doors. But she really is doing great, and we love her more than words can say.

We are so grateful to GRRSM for allowing us to

adopt this sweet, special girl into our family.

- Barry and Alicia Barefoot

CEASAR

As for Ceasar, he has come a long, long way. He has developed into a couch potato. He has his favorite couch and can be found there most anytime.

He likes playing dress up with his sister, Bella. He loves playing outside with her, running around the yard and wrestling with each other.

He goes crazy, and runs around in circles when it is "time to eat."

He is extremely affectionate and a wonderful companion. One of his special quali-

ties is that when we walk, he takes the leash into his mouth and will walk himself. He has been the talk of the neighborhood and people will slow down just to watch him walk by.

He has his own dog bed and he sleeps next to my bed on the floor and is always there in the morning.

It is wonderful watching him grow up.

Ok, ok I know you said a sentence or two-it is that proud parent thing again. I will stop now.

Oh, just one more thing, before he eats he has to sit and give me his paw. Oh, and I just thought of another thing, when he gets back from his walk he will sit at the top of the steps in the garage and wait for some-



Ceasar poses for this mug shot.

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one to wipe his feet off before going into the house.

Ok, I will stop now.

Oh, another thing is.....

Ok, the greatest challenge for me and Caesar was the house training. I probably did it all wrong, but somehow we got it worked out and he has been perfect about it.

The greatest satisfaction is Caesar himself. He deserves all of the credit. He has come such a long way in a year. From a dog that had to be carried up steps and thru doorways to a dog that skips steps and bursts thru doorways (after he gets his feet wiped).

There are endless other accomplishments that he has made. To sum it up, it is the whole package, from a scared, emaciated, dejected dog to a loving and lovable companion and friend. One of the nicest things is that he is a great companion for Bella.

As for the ongoing challenges, probably one of the most difficult ones to understand is that he is still skittish, still freaks out sometimes and is reluctant on changes. He wouldn't even go past the living room after we put up the Christmas tree.

- Tony & Shelby Iagnemmo

DEXTER

Dexter (formerly Rex) is doing wonderfully. It seems as if he has always known how to watch TV on the sofa or sit in your lap while



Dexter doesn't lack for affection.

you're watching TV, and sleep on a nice warm bed. He did that with us right away without any coaxing.

He has formed a tight bond with his mommy, and won't allow me to be in a room without him.

He is the most laid back dog we've ever had. He gets along very well with his sister Coco, and seems to be a rock star wherever he goes. The ladies all love this handsome man, and he knows it.

He loves to be held like an infant and get his belly rubbed at night, and he has so many toys that our home looks like a day care center.

Actually, having Dexter is like living with a toddler. We never know what he'll get into next.

We love Dexter so much and we couldn't imagine life without him now. He truly

completes our family, and makes us laugh every day we spend together.

The greatest challenge with Dex has been his fear of anything unknown or any kind of change. He doesn't cope well and will hide under our bed even if it's just the furniture that's rearranged.

He also has a fear of his Dad being near him when he eats dinner or when he wears his Marine uniform. Kevin is gracious enough to stay out of the kitchen while the doggies eat.

Loud noises terrify him as well, which is bad because I'm always dropping things. Sometimes we can coax him back to us and make him feel secure, and other times he retreats to be alone. And he's always looking up as if something is going to fall

from the sky and hurt him. It's the strangest thing.

We are beyond blessed with this wonderful, loving, handsome and funny dog. Here is a picture from his first Christmas with us. This is our favorite one with Bethany holding him in her arms (he loves that!).

- Beth Daly

CODY

Cody has made a lot of progress. He is still skittish around people, but he knows how important it is for him to have that affection.

He has been getting closer to the neighbors he sees everyday. But when a stranger comes he still growls and barks. He really has no trust of people.

He is very intelligent and he and Abbey are best friends. He continues to thrive and maybe some day he will trust others.

- Jo-Dee Paras



Cody and Abbey relax after a long day.

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Foster (right) with one of his new sisters, Morgan.

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FOSTER

When we agreed to take in Foster, one of the Zuni puppy mill rescues, we had no idea what we were facing.

Foster was a challenge from day one in every area, from house breaking to simply going through a door. Foster was fearful of everything, and his 'new world' was a lot to handle.

In the beginning he needed to be carried in and out of the house and the van. He wouldn't eat or drink if we were in the room.

Foster had no way to tell us that he needed to go out, so he didn't and there were many 'accidents'.

Most of the credit for where Foster is today is due to our two other dogs – Honey and Morgan. They have been wonderful role models.

What helped Foster the most was just watching and imitating their behavior. He learned about treats, raw-hide chews, squeaky toys, rides to the dog park, playing and the routines of life with a family. They taught him how to be a dog.

Foster continues on this journey with setbacks along the way. Some days it feels like two steps forward, then one step back.

Recently we learned that he is not a fan of Christmas trees or decorations which caused him to regress back to refusing to come in or go out again.

Foster was only to stay with us until we found the right family for him. Along the way we found the right family was ours. We felt Foster became so attached to us and his foster sisters that it was best for him to stay with us.

He has brought us great trials, but also great love.

He has taught us to be patient and take things slowly and carefully. We have watched him be joyful and be terrified. Foster continues to be a work in progress as we all are on life's journey.

- Barb and Bob Davis

SKIP

We adopted Skip on May 14, 2009. He has been an awesome addition to our family.

We had never adopted a puppy mill dog before and were a little nervous about what to expect. But, we also knew that we had so much love to give this sweet boy and knew we would do whatever it took to make this work.

From the first time we saw his picture, we knew he was the one.

The first day we met Skip we could not even touch him, he was just so afraid. Now, he stays on the couch right next to you. He is also a total bed hog and quite the snuggler.

We still need to be patient as he continues to improve. He still occasionally runs to his "safe spot" on the couch when you approach him.

Skip is also still nervous around the neighbors we see on our walks, but this is getting better all the time. A couple of our neighbors have actually been able to pet him.

He LOVES his walks, riding in the car, the dog park, the snow and the beach. And, he truly loves his sister Cheyenne, a huskey-golden mix.

He just started going around the house with a stuff animal in his mouth. He is greeting us at the door with one too.

Our current hope is that over time Skip will be less afraid of other people. That seems to be our biggest challenge.

Adopting a puppy mill dog has been such a rewarding experience. It is so wonderful to watch as Skip grows more confident and learns to do the things normal dogs do. We are forever grateful for he has filled our hearts

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Skip and Cheyenne are both bed hogs.

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with such joy. We love him so very much.

- Peggy and Craig Rabuck

RIP

Rip is very well, wonderful in fact. He has continued to put on weight and has a full body now, so much so that we are now cutting a bit back on his food. I cannot identify any real challenge we have faced. I think the loving care he received from Pat and Joe Johnson during his first eight months prepared him for a successful life. In meeting new people, he is still quite leery, takes time for him to get over his initial fear. Aside from that, he is perfectly mannered, completely house trained, friendly (with those he knows), funny, playful, loves children (and thinks their toys are his toys). He is my baby, truly devoted to me. He loves Rob, loves to play with him, but he is truly a woman's dog. He has ac-

cepted his new house as his, and is the first one out barking at any car that pulls in the driveway. Oh, and he loves the snow! The storm of 2 weeks ago was heaven for him! Thank you again for this most perfect friend!

- Michelle Cox

PRINCESS

I thought you'd like to see a picture of Princess in her element. This was taken during a walk last week. She flushed some quail and chased a deer and was having an overall great day.

Thank you for all you did in rescuing her and bringing her to our family.

- John and Mardi Boddie



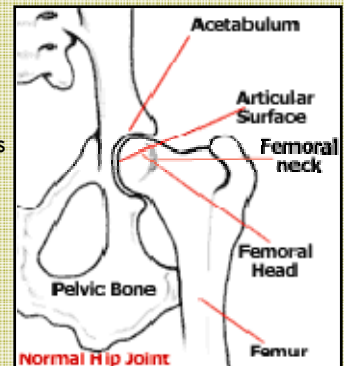
Princess enjoys walks and flushing out quail.



Rip and Jane snuggle in the

Hip Dysplasia

We've all heard about hip dysplasia. It is one of the diseases that could almost totally be eradicated in golden retrievers if breeders would only breed dogs whose hips are rated "good" or "excellent" by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals <http://www.offa.org/hipinfo.html>.



Most dogs are born with normal hips but due to their genetic make-up (and possibly other factors) the soft tissues that surround the joint develop abnormally causing the subluxation.

It is this subluxation and the remodeling of the hip that leads to the symptoms of dysplasia.

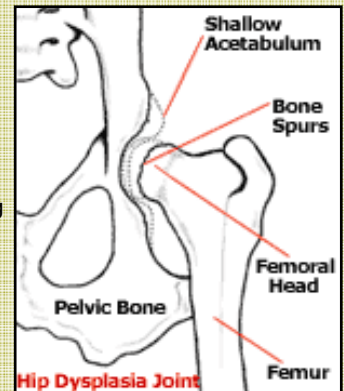
Hip dysplasia may or may not be bilateral; affecting both the right and/or left hip.

There are a number of treatment options including:

- Weight management.
- Anti-inflammatory drugs such as Rymadil.
- Surgery.
- Injectable Disease-Modifying Agents such as Adequan.
- Oral supplements such as Glucosamine and Chondroitin.
- Environmental management (warm sleeping areas, ramp, house temperature.)
- Appropriate exercise such as swimming.
- Massage and physical therapy.

To learn more go to this easy to read article by Drs. Foster and Smith:

<http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+2084&aid=444>.





Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland's mission is to find homes for golden retrievers in need in St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for our annual meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 20th at the Charlotte Hall Library. We'll celebrate our first three years of rescuing goldens in Southern Maryland and elect officers to serve on the board for the next two years. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Pat Johnson at 301.994.0132.

BLOG

If you haven't visited the new Golden Rescue blog, you're missing out on some wonderful pictures of goldens, informative articles and upcoming events of interest. YOU can also post pix of you pups, ask dog care questions and get responses from other golden lovers and share items of interest. The blog will reduce the number of emails you receive from the rescue. The blog is updated at least a couple of times a week so make it a favorite and visit often www.goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org/blog.

THANK YOU

Membership renewals and donations are still coming in. Thank you on behalf of the 35 golden retrievers rescued in 2009. Feel good that you made it possible for dogs like the Zuni pups to find wonderful, loving families.

FAMILY PHOTOS

Photographer Tina McKnight will donate the \$50 sitting fee to the rescue when you have a family portrait taken (dogs too!). She'll come to your home, the beach or a site of your choosing. Go to www.chesapeakebaybies.com for more information.

