



GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF MICHIGAN

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*"Dogs have a way of finding
the people who need them ...
filling an emptiness we may
not have even know we had."*

- Thorn Jones

Dear Friend of GRRoM,

We are certain you will agree... the gifts our Golden Retrievers give us are immeasurable and priceless. We often find it difficult to express the depth of our appreciation for the ways they enrich our lives. Perhaps this quote from Betty White helps begin to put our feelings into words: **"Once someone has had the good fortune to share a true love affair with a Golden Retriever, one's life and one's outlook is never quite the same."**

When we hear of a Golden in need, we are truly grateful for GRRoM! We are proud to be a part of an organization that believes we owe it to each Golden we bring into our rescue to heal them, show them kindness and affection, and find a devoted family who will love and treat them with the dignity they deserve for the rest of their lives. For these reasons, our commitment to supporting GRRoM remains strong.

In the past 12 months, GRRoM has taken in **38** Golden Retrievers and found loving homes for **30** of them. In addition, GRRoM continues to support 8 dogs in retirement/hospice care whose medical conditions and/or advanced ages are such that placement on the adoption list would not be in their best interests. GRRoM remains committed to helping *all* of the Golden Retrievers that we possibly can... the adoptable ones, the sick and old ones, the misbehaving ones and those needing extensive medical care. Increasing costs of rehabilitation, heartworm treatment and behavior intervention have not deterred us in our efforts. Here are 3 of this year's Golden stories:



OLIVER came into GRRoM in April, 2016 with a spine injury that had compromised two of his discs, causing him tremendous pain. Upon examination, it was determined that in order to remove the debris that was causing his pain, the top of his spine would need to be lifted away. The injury resulted in loss of feeling in Oliver's hind end and loss of control over his potty habits. His tail just hung low. Thankfully, the surgery was successful and relieved him of his pain. But this was just the beginning of a long recovery. Oliver was treated with steroids to lessen the swelling and nerve damage. He was also put on a strict and expensive prescription diet. It was felt that the discs would heal on their own and hopefully he would not require further surgery.



"We picked Oliver up 2 days after his surgery. He came to us with dozens of staples on his naked back. Fortunately, we live in a ranch with only 2 steps off the deck. We had to walk him out to do his business (he was unable to squat) and immediately bring him back in. Oliver was not allowed to play with our other dogs and was kept on strict rest. This proved to be very hard for this young, energetic guy. As he began to feel better, he wanted to run and play, but we had to keep him quiet for many months. He was also put on an expensive prescription diet. After 3 months, Oliver was able to begin rehabilitation. We started slowly with only acupuncture and laser therapy. After 2 months of this, he was allowed to use the underwater treadmill to build up his strength. We are happy to say that Oliver was adopted exactly 6 months after he came to us. He now lives in a ranch home (a must for him) and has an older furry sibling. He will never be able to engage in rough play. He is going to obedience classes and enjoys daily walks in his new neighborhood. His adopter is committed to keeping him on his strict diet and carefully monitoring his daily activities." *(Story condensed from original by Pat Dolowy, Oliver's foster)*



Goggles protected Oliver's eyes during laser therapy.



CODY

CODY was born without a hip socket and was surrendered to GRRoM because his family could not afford his care or pain medications. Initially, it appeared that Cody would need surgery to implant a new hip socket and he was taken to MSU Vet Clinic for evaluation. There, it was determined that Cody was not a candidate for surgery due to two factors: at his young age, he would likely benefit more from rehabilitation than surgery and, if the surgery didn't work, he would be in pain for the rest of his life. It was recommended that Cody be allowed to do the normal things young dogs do, that he continue on his pain medications and a special diet and go through rehab, all of which GRRoM whole-heartedly supported.



"So, twice a week for 5 weeks, we drove to Cedar Springs where Cody would swim, balance on a ball, walk in and out between cones, etc... At the end of rehab, Cody was much improved! At the vet's recommendation, he was weaned off his pain meds. We now walk 2 miles a day and people wave as this beautiful Golden walks by. At the doggy day care where Cody goes once a week, his caregivers tell me that he, "runs and runs, likes to steal toys from other dogs and wrestles!" Cody is an amazing dog with a wonderful sense of humor who now, thanks to GRRoM, has another chance to live the good life he deserves." (Story condensed from original by Susan LaBatt, Cody's foster)



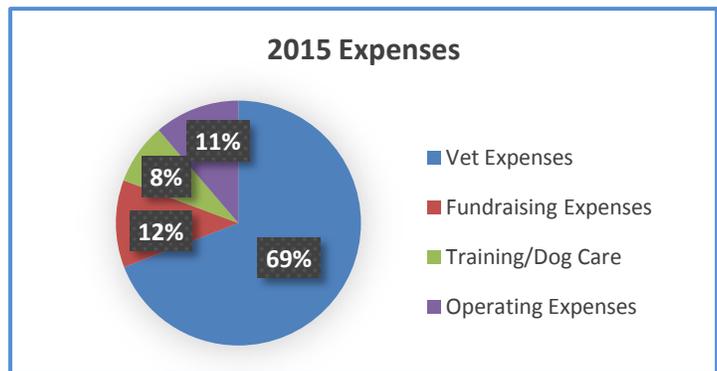
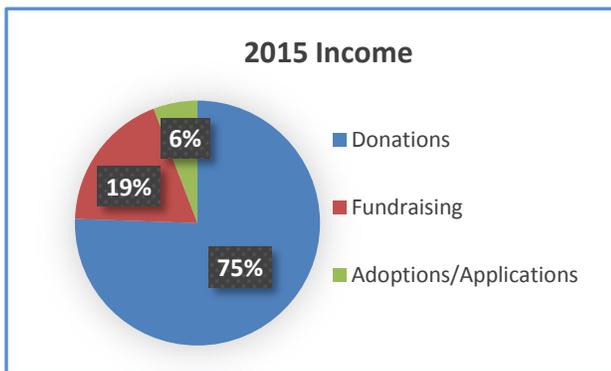
SCOOTER

SCOOTER was surrendered to GRRoM because he had heartworm and his family could not afford treatment. After his foster nursed him through a long and difficult, but successful heartworm treatment and recovery, it was discovered that he was in need of 2 "TPLO" (dog ACL) surgeries to repair torn ligaments in both his rear legs. The surgeries were performed one at a time; the first one being the most difficult because he didn't have a strong rear leg to support him. After Scooter's rehabilitation and long recovery from the first surgery, he underwent the second TPLO surgery and rehab. Today Scooter is a happy, healthy boy who



loves to run, loves to play and loves his life with his new adoptive family.

Taking in, caring for and adopting out these Golden is all done by volunteers – we have no salaries or facilities. As you can see below, donations are a major source of income for us and vet expenses are where most of the money goes. That is why your help is so critical - your donations directly impact the number of dogs we can help.



So, we hope you will join us again this year in our mission to care for every Golden that comes to us needing care and a new home. With your help, we won't have to turn away Golden in need due to lack of funding. If you can make a gift today, we would sincerely appreciate your support. Your gift buys so much more than veterinary care, food or training; **it's really a gift of a second chance and for some... a gift of life!**

On behalf of our Golden, we sincerely thank you for your generous support.

Gail Kellox, Betty Curran, Al Lengeman, Pat Dolowy, Cheryl French & Lyn Baumann

2 WAYS TO GIVE GOLDENS IN MICHIGAN A SECOND CHANCE!

1. Mail your check, made payable to "GRRoM" to: **PO Box 214576, Auburn Hills MI 48321**
2. Donate by credit card through our website: Go to www.grrom.com and click on **DONATE**.



Any size donation is welcome and appreciated. The average healthy Golden coming into GRRoM requires about \$250 for an examination by one of our partner vets and needed vaccinations and medications. A special needs Golden requires anywhere from \$400 to thousands of dollars for diagnosis, surgery and follow-up care.