

# **Member Newsletter**

### September 2025

Goldens 901 is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2023.

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#### Goldens 901

is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

#### Our Mission

Goldens 901's mission is to rescue and find loving homes for the Golden Retrievers throughout the Memphis, TN and surrounding Mid-South area.

#### Donate

Consider a donation to Goldens 901. We rely solely on donations to operate and 100% of the donations received are used to care for the Goldens that we rescue.

#### Website

goldens901.com

## Pet Friendly - Family Friendly - Outdoors - Free



# See You At the Germantown Festival!

## September 6th and 7th

Golden Retrievers have been celebrated at the Germantown Festival for more than 25 years! This year, the 52nd annual Germantown Festival takes place at the Germantown Civic Club Complex, 7745 Poplar Pike. Festivities begin Saturday, September 6, at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, the fun starts at noon and wraps up at 6:00 p.m. Come pet some sweethearts!!

Arts - Food - Music



Meet adopted dogs and dogs in foster care.

Bring along your rescued dogs!



Come meet our volunteers and find out how you can help!!



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#### How to

#### Volunteer

We are an all-volunteer organization and you might be the one who can help us transport a dog or assist with a fundraising campaign. Let us know if you have talents that can help us rescue Goldens!

#### Foster

Can you help love and care for dogs waiting for their forever homes? If so, please complete the foster application and a team member will be in touch with you soon!

https://goldens901.com/ help

### Understanding the 3-3-3 Rule for Rescue Dogs

Adopting a rescue dog is one of the most meaningful experiences a family can have. Opening your home and heart to a dog in need not only changes their life—it transforms yours, too. But while adoption is exciting, it's important to remember that your new companion will need time to adjust to their unfamiliar surroundings. That's where the 3-3-3 Rule comes in: a simple guide to understanding the common stages of adjustment rescue dogs often experience in their first 3 days, 3 weeks, and 3 months in a new home.

#### The First 3 Days:

#### **Feeling Overwhelmed**



# Feeling overwhelmed, scared, unsure

- May not eat, may sleep a lot
- Accidents are common



Imagine being suddenly placed in a completely new world with strange smells, sounds, and people. That's what your dog experiences during their first days in your home. This is a critical period where your dog is simply trying to feel safe. Think of it as giving them time to "catch their breath."

#### What to Expect:

- Nervousness, anxiety, or withdrawal
- Excessive sleeping or hiding in quiet spaces
- Possible accidents indoors
- Refusing food or water
- Barking, whining, or pacing as they process stress

#### How You Can Help:

- Provide a calm, safe space such as a crate or cozy bed
- Keep the environment quiet and predictable
- Stick to simple, consistent routines
- Use their name consistently if you've changed it
- Offer reassurance through patience and gentle affection

#### **After 3 Weeks:**

#### **Settling In**



#### Settling in

- Learning routines
- True personality starts to show.
   May test boundaries



By the three-week mark, most rescue dogs begin to relax and feel more comfortable in their new home. They are learning that this environment is permanent and safe. Clear structure now sets the stage for long-term success.

#### What to Expect:

- Improved eating and sleeping patterns
- Growing curiosity and playfulness
- A glimpse of their true personality
- Possible behavioral issues surfacing (chewing, barking, testing limits



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### How to Help!

### **Adopt**

Do you have the ideal home for a Golden Retriever? We take our mission very seriously and we require applications, phone interviews, and home visits to make sure each dog finds the perfect match and has the best forever home possible!

## Support

Goldens 901 is a member of the Chewy.com Rescue Referral Program!

Shop through our unique page to support our rescue! For each new visitor that uses the link below and completes a qualifying purchase, Chewy.com will donate \$15 to Goldens 901!!

Use the link below to shop or check out the Support Section of our website.

https://www.chewy.com/g/goldens-901\_b116466364

#### After 3 Weeks:

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#### Settling In

#### **How You Can Help:**

- Establish structure with feeding, walking, and training schedules
- Introduce basic training commands using positive reinforcement
- Provide outlets for energy through play and safe exercise
- Reinforce positive behaviors with praise and treats
- Address challenges gently and consistently

#### **After 3 Months:**

#### **Building Trust and Bonding**

3 MONTHS

#### Trust built

- Comfortable in home
- Strong bond with family. Ready for training and adventures



At around three months, your dog has likely settled into routines and truly understands they are home for good. This is when trust blossoms and a strong bond begins a lifelong relationship built on trust, patience, and love.

#### What to Expect:

- Comfort with daily routines
- More affection and trust toward family members
- Improved relationships with other pets
- Responsiveness to training and commands
- A sense of security in their new role as a family member

#### **How You Can Help:**

- Continue consistent training and positive reinforcement
- Provide enrichment through walks, toys, and new experiences
- Introduce fun activities such as dog parks, hikes, or obedience classes
- Strengthen your bond with quality time and shared routine

Every dog's journey is different. Some may adjust more quickly, while others need extra time and support. By approaching adoption with patience, understanding, and commitment, you'll help your rescue dog grow from uncertainty into a confident, beloved family member. Rescuing a dog is not just about giving them a second chance—it's about building a partnership filled with loyalty, joy, and unconditional love.



If you would like to share information on your adopted Golden, please send information to Wendy at wjashcroft@icloud.com. Be sure to mention Goldens 901 NEWSLETTER in the subject line of your email message.



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# We Are Grateful to Our Donors!

Benjamin Chappell
Beth & Earl Christian
Amy Clunan
Aaron James
Caroline Kruczek
June Morse



## Special Thanks to Our Golden Heroes



Beth Broadhurst
Caroline & Brad Evans
Demetra Gordon
Laura Rowland

These recurring donations provide steady, predictable income that Goldens 901 can count on for rescuing Goldens in need!

## In Honor of Lat Lawrence:

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday! May you enjoy your day as you celebrate with your sweet Haven! With love, Linda and Lily McCartney

