



EVERY ONE SAVED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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Dear "Golden" Friends and supporters of Rescue:

Right now the rescue is in desperate need of your generosity and help. In the past few weeks we have taken in four rescues and two of those had to be treated for heartworms and had other medical issues that had to be addressed. Unfortunately in the past year we have had some serious medical issues that have depleted the rescue's operating funds as well as our emergency "savings" reserve. Roughly about 80% of the dogs that we get in are heartworm positive. The cost to treat this is about \$600.00. If we have to spay/neuter the cost is from \$150.00 to \$250.00. About half of the dogs that come in still need to be altered.

We have minimal monthly expenses but there are some that we do have and we need to have funds to cover these as well.

Writing this letter has been a very difficult one as in the past we have either had sufficient unsolicited donations, or were able to participate in fund-raisers that brought in the necessary funds. This is the first letter that I have had to write of this nature since 1995 and right now the rescue only has a few dollars left in the accounts; not nearly enough to cover the basic vet bills of guys that are due to come in. One of which has severe staph infections and is heartworm positive. I don't know at this time if he will need to be neutered as well. This I will find out when he comes in a week. Please consider making a donation at this time. The Golden and I would be VERY grateful for ANY amount !

Foster homes are also desperately needed. Do you have room in your heart and home (and live in the midlands area of SC) to help one of these wonderful guys? Please think about it.

Below is a list of common expenses related to rescuing a Golden Retriever in need. (most I personally provide at no cost to the rescue itself)

1. Adoption fees from dogs rescued from area shelters.
2. Vet bills – spay/neuter, inoculations, tests, medicines, heartworm treatment
3. Heartworm preventative
4. Flea/tick preventative
5. Grooming supplies
6. Leashes, collars, bedding, towels, toys
7. Crates
8. Gas, travel expenses
9. Telephone, Internet/web
10. Paper, postage, envelopes, ads
11. Training, rehabilitation, tattooing

This is not a complete list, but as you can see, rescue is an expensive undertaking, but trust me, it is well worth it.

Again, I would be very grateful for any assistance. Think about all the love and devotion your guys have given you. This is a way to also tell your guys how much you appreciate them by helping one of their own kind.

Most humbly,

Mary B. Williams,  
Founder

**PS For all of you who have helped and supported Midlands Golden rescue, you have my eternal gratitude and love.**

**All of the Goldens that have been saved have big, sloppy kisses for all of you!!!!**