



SPOTLIGHT ON RESCUE

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2003 Rescue Program Survey Results

For the third time, the National Rescue Committee collected data from the local Golden Retriever Rescue Programs. For 2003, we list 98 programs. Sixty-seven responded to our request for information; three are "referral only" and the survey content does not relate to those programs; three were formed in 2003 or 2004; 26 were non-responsive. We believe the 26 programs not reporting are not the larger programs, implying that the data we do have, while

short of the actual numbers of Golden Retrievers rescued by programs, is not 25 percent shy of the actual numbers.

We present below only part of the data. As in previous years, other information gathered will be presented topically in subsequent "Spotlight on Rescue" columns. Noteworthy is the fact that Golden Retriever rescue is now nearly a \$3 million activity. Certainly all programs are appreciative of funding support from the Golden Retriever

Foundation and The Goldstock Fund, but it is clear that programs are doing significant fund raising of their own. It is understood that adoption fees would not cover even veterinary expenses, much less the other expenses of managing a rescue program.

The members of the National Rescue Committee salute the 4,000 volunteers who work tirelessly for the discarded Golden Retrievers.

2003 RESCUE PROGRAM SURVEY

		Intake	Total Expenses	Veterinary Expenses	Incorp? 501©(3)?	Prog. Spay/Neut	No. of Volunteers
EAST REGION/NORTH							
ME	GRR-ME.	13	Information Not Provided		Y/Y	4	4
	GR-LifeLine	46		\$7,234	Y/N	10	30
MA	Yankee	229		\$149,000	Y/Y	122	950
	NEARR	Information Not Provided					
NJ	GRRiNJ	101		\$18,915	Y/Y	24	80
	Shorehearts	14		\$1,578	Y/Y	7	
NY	Autumn Valley	23		\$5,135	Y/Y	12	27
	GRR-Central NY	36		\$9,415	Y/Y	10	30
	GRROWLS	53		\$9,558	Y/Y	7	100
	Long Island	82	Information Not Provided		Y/Y	28	50
	Peppertree	61		10,593	Y/Y	22	50
PA	Delaware Valley	140		\$49,578	Y/Y		200
	GRAPE	Information Not Provided					
	GRR-Cent. PA	Information Not Provided					
	Keystone	83		\$14,809	Y/Y	57	22

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		Intake	Expenses	Expenses	501©(3)?	Spay/Neut	Volunteers
	WAGS	36		\$4,508	Y/Y		
	GR/BMD Res.	Formed 2003					
VT	Rag Tag	Information Not Provided					
EAST REGION/NORTH TOTALS		917	\$604,377	\$280,323		303	1543
EAST REGION/SOUTH							
FL	Emerald Coast	122		\$17,885	Y/Y	68	37
	Everglades	68		\$14,400	Y/Y	60	20
	GREAT	27		\$1,524	Y/Y	0	9
	GRR-Naples	4		\$2,787		2	
	Mid-Fla. GRR	180		\$47,000	Y/Y	64	150
	Tropical Dawg	Information Not Provided					
GA	Adopt-A-Golden	27		\$4,186	Y/Y	20	38
	Dixie	154	Information Not Provided		Y/N	82	10
	GRR-Atlanta	161		\$6,500	Y/Y	85	93
MD	Goldheart	43		\$10,750	Y/Y	16	37
NC	Cape Fear	19		\$3,853	Y/Y	5	10
	GRRC-Charlotte	60		\$25,093	Y/Y	28	20
	Neuse River	222		\$66,163	Y/Y		
	Triad	48	Information Not Provided				
SC	Foothills	156		\$21,351	Y/Y	122	50
	Low Country	71		\$27,098	Y/Y	38	20
	Midlands	Information Not Provided					
	Grateful	Formed 2004					
VA	GRREAT	305		\$116,605	Y/Y	122	
	SEVA-GRREAT	49		\$22,468	Y/Y	25	75
WV	Almost Heaven	124	Information Not Provided		Y/Y	100	30
EAST REGION/SOUTH TOTALS		1840	\$695,407	\$387,663		837	599
CENTRAL REGION/NORTH							
IA	Iowa GRR	27		\$2,471	N/N	6	10
IL	As-Good-As-Gold	75		\$11,731	Y/Y	30	83
IN	GRRACE	133		\$32,530	Y/Y	63	42
	S. Ind. GRR	Referral only					
MI	GRR of Mich.	161		\$40,000	Y/Y	50	100
	Great Lakes	27	Information Not Provided		Y/Y	14	37
MN	Rag. of Minn.	416		\$82,300	Y/Y	187	270
NE	GRRIN	58		\$8,636	Y/Y	17	
OH	GRIN	170		\$71,400	Y/Y	85	50
	GRRR	20		\$2,535	Y/N	7	30
	Golden Endings	Information Not Provided					
	GRR – NW Ohio	Information Not Provided					
	GRC – Toledo	Referral only					
WI	GRROW	296		\$103,559	Y/Y		150
CENTRAL REGION/NORTH TOTALS		1383	\$509,667	\$355,162		459	772
CENTRAL REGION/SOUTH							
AL	J & L	110		\$5,805	N/N	106	
KS	Homeward Bound	Information Not Provided					
KY	GRR & Adopt.	Information Not Provided					
LA	Gulf South	21		\$1,000	Y/Y	11	20
MO	GRR-Midwest	53		\$9,055	Y/Y	30	20
	Love A Golden	68		\$34,000	Y/Y	34	25
	Gateway	60		\$15,675	Y/Y	10	27
OK	Sooner	129		\$30,864	Y/Y	61	44
TN	Heartland	50		\$16,620	Y/Y	29	17
	Memphis Area	125		\$28,901	Y/Y	98	60
	Mid-Tenn.	Information Not Provided					
	Tenn. Valley	151		\$31,594	Y/Y	60	100
CENTRAL REGION/SOUTH TOTALS		767	\$293,905	\$173,514		439	313

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WEST REGION/NORTH							
AK	GRR-Fairbanks	Information Not Provided					
MT	Mont. GRR	8	Information Not Provided				
OR	Gold Bond	141	\$46,644	Y/Y	43		
WA	Evergreen	104	Information Not Provided		N/N	15	21
	Inland	Information Not Provided					
		N/N					
WY	Brown	1			35		
WEST REGION/NORTH TOTALS		254	\$70,431	\$46,679		58	21
WEST REGION/SOUTH							
AZ	AZ GR Connection	138	\$41,900	Y/Y	49		
	RAG of AZ	229	\$96,818	Y/Y	80	150	
CA	ARF	Information Not Provided					
	Friends of Pets	Information Not Provided					
	Gold Haven	Information Not Provided					
	GRC – Gr. LA	Information Not Provided					
	GRC – San Diego	21	\$600	Y/N	2	6	
	GRR – Leona Valley	Information Not Provided					
	Homeward Bound	Information Not Provided					
	NORCAL	261	\$112,000	Y/Y	55	500	
	Retrievers and Friends	114		Y/Y	29	11	
CO	GR Freedom	97		Y/Y	38	25	
	GRR – Rockies	234	\$35,135	Y/Y	56	112	
NV	GRR -S. Nevada	32	\$2,476	Y/Y	20	25	
	Las Vegas	Information Not Provided					
	Companion	Information Not Provided					
	Silver Springs	Information Not Provided					
NM	GRR – N. Mexico	125	\$7,600	Y/Y	80	12	
	Rio Grande	48		N/N	7	4	
TX	Brazos Valley	47	\$5,941	Y/Y	47	15	
	Dallas-Ft. Worth	Information Not Provided					
	Gold Ribbon	138	\$32,615	Y/Y	37		
	Golden Beginnings	108	\$26,366	Y/Y	79	50	
	GRC – Houston	Referral Only					
	GRR – N. Texas	Information Not Provided					
UT	Companion – North	Information Not Provided					
	Companion – South	Information Not Provided					
WEST REGION/SOUTH TOTALS		1592	\$653,354	\$361,451		579	910
NATIONAL TOTALS, 2003		6753	\$2,827,141	\$1,604,792		2675	4158