

Short Form

Form 990-EZ

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

2003

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2003, and ending 20

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization
Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 591806

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Houston, TX 77259-1806

D Employer identification number
76 : 0605942

E Telephone number
(281) 480-4942

F Group Exemption Number . . . ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.gbgr.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

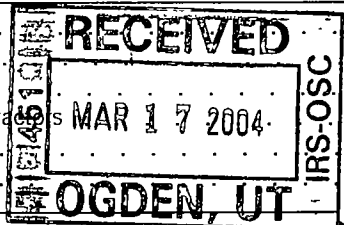
J Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. **Some states require a complete return.**

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. . . ▶ \$ **51,381**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 37 of the instructions.)

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																								51,381		
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																										
	3	Membership dues and assessments																										
	4	Investment income																										
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																										
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																										
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (line 5a less line 5b) (attach schedule)																										
	6	Special events and activities (attach schedule) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>																										
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)																										
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses																										
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (line 6a less line 6b)																											
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																											
7b	Less: cost of goods sold																											
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (line 7a less line 7b)																											
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ Interest Income)																								19			
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)																								51,400			
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)																										
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																										
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																										
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																										
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																								1,300		
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																								1,367		
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Attachment A)																								45,376		
17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)																								48,043			
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (line 9 less line 17)																								3,357		
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																								10,441		
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)																										
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)																								13,798		



Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See page 40 of the instructions)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	10,441	13,798
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25	Total assets	10,441	13,798
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)		
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	10,441	13,798

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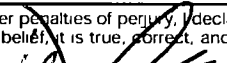
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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 41 of the instructions.)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Attachment B			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title			
28	SEE ATTACHMENT C (2 PAGES)		
	(Grants \$)	28a	48,043
29			
	(Grants \$)	29a	
30			
	(Grants \$)	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule)	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	48,043

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See page 41 of the instructions.)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Ceclie Henson 3903 Oakwood Dr. N., Pearland, TX 77581	President 40 Hrs.	0	0	0
Robin Baker 15422 Bay Cove Court, Houston, TX 77059	Director 25 Hrs.	0	0	0
Denise Hoelscher 5715 Parryville Dr., Houston, TX 77041	Treasurer 25 Hrs.	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		✓
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement.)		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved. 38b		
39	501(c)(7) organizations Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ , section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b	501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation		✓
c	Amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 40c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Texas		
42	The books are in care of ▶ Denise Hoelscher Telephone no ▶ (281) 480-4942 Located at ▶ 5715 Parryville Dr., Houston, TX ZIP + 4 ▶ 77041-6539		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . ▶ 43		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Please  Date 3/15/04

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

OMB No 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

76 : 0605942

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶				

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line 1 of Part VI-B)		✓
Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities		
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	✓
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	✓
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	✓
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	✓
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	✓
3a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments)	3a	✓
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b	✓
4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4	✓

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is. (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6** A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). **Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶**
- 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b** A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12** An organization that normally receives, **(1) more than 33 1/3%** of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions—subject to certain exceptions, and **(2) no more than 33 1/3%** of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in. **(1)** lines 5 through 12 above, or **(2)** section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) (See section 509(a)(3))

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 6 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) *Use cash method of accounting.*

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) . ▶	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants See line 28).	70,772	75,817	50,592	17,558	214,739
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose					
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	20	39	29	4	92
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22.	70,792	75,856	50,621	17,562	214,831
24 Line 23 minus line 17.	70,792	75,856	50,621	17,562	214,831
25 Enter 1% of line 23	708	759	506	176	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24. ▶					26a 4,297
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts ▶					26b 4,793
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test Enter line 24, column (e) ▶					26c 214,831
d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines. 18 <u>92</u> 19 _____					
22 <u>92</u> 26b <u>4,793</u> ▶					26d 4,885
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) ▶					26e 209,946
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator)) ▶					26f 98 %
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person " Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year (2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year. (2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
c Add. Amounts from column (e) for lines. 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ ▶					27c _____
d Add. Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____ ▶					27d _____
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total). ▶					27e _____
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test Enter amount from line 23, column (e). ▶					27f _____
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)). ▶					27g _____ %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)). ▶					27h _____ %
28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.					

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions)
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
32 Does the organization maintain the following		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b Admissions policies?	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e Educational policies?	33e	
f Use of facilities?	33f	
g Athletic programs?	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
36 Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36		
37 Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37		
38 Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38		
39 Other exempt purpose expenditures	39		
40 Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39).	40		
41 Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table—			
If the amount on line 40 is— The lobbying nontaxable amount is—			
Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40	}		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000			
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000			
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000			
Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000			
42 Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42		
43 Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43		
44 Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44		

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount.					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e)).					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

- a** Volunteers
- b** Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines **c** through **h**.)
- c** Media advertisements
- d** Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e** Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f** Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g** Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
- h** Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i** Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines **c** through **h**.)

Yes	No	Amount

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

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FEIN #76-0605942**FORM 990EZ – Page 1****Part I – Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances****Line 16 – Other Expenses**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Veterinary Expenses	\$ 41,380
General and Administrative Expenses	1,879
Fundraising Expenses	646
Insurance	<u>1,471</u>
TOTAL Line 16 – Other Expenses	<u>\$ 45,376</u>

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Part III – Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Question – What is the Organization’s primary exempt purpose?

Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc is a voluntary group of individuals dedicated to the rescue of displaced, abused and neglected Golden Retrievers. The organization provides any needed veterinary treatment and care, shelter, behavioral evaluations, foster homes, and ultimately locates permanent adoptive homes. The organization strives to do the following

- 1 To provide shelter, veterinary care, and comprehensive evaluations for homeless, unwanted, stray, abandoned, abused, neglected or displaced Golden Retrievers regardless of age or health condition
 - In accepting dogs into the Rescue program, preference is given to those Golden Retrievers facing euthanasia, to those living in shelters and to those in untenable living situations. The organization also attempts to accommodate owner turn-ins, to keep these Goldens from facing such fates and to allow them to go from one home to another with less disruption
 - Goldens brought into the program are generally identified through referrals, shelter contacts and other neighboring rescue groups
 - After initial temperament and medical evaluations, the Goldens are placed in volunteer foster homes. While in these foster homes, they are further evaluated for socialization skills and receive any additional necessary medical treatments, including spay or neuter.
 - Through adoption, the Rescue strives to find permanent loving homes for the Goldens, regardless of age or health status. The Rescue finds adoptive homes through referrals, organizational and community advertising and awareness, the Internet, organizational website and an application process. All adoptions are contingent upon application answers, personal interviews, home visits, reference checks and agreement to adoption contract terms
 - All Goldens adopted or placed in permanent homes have been spayed or neutered.

- 2 The Organization seeks to reduce the numbers of unwanted, abused and neglected Golden Retrievers through
 - Rehabilitation – including spaying and neutering of all Goldens in the Rescue program
 - Education – of pet owners and the general public about responsible pet ownership including spaying and neutering, training and humane care of Golden Retrievers and other pets.
 - By cooperating with state and local authorities in the enforcement of laws related to the welfare of dogs
 - By protecting the Golden Retriever from careless breeding in order to preserve the excellent qualities of the breed for future generations

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Part III – Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (continued)

Line 28 – Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization’s exempt purpose.

For the calendar year 2003, the Rescue took into its program 108 displaced Golden Retrievers. All 108 Golden Retrievers received necessary veterinary care, including spays and neuters, heartworm treatments and other surgeries and medical care costing \$41,380.

A total of 117 of these displaced Golden Retrievers were adopted and placed into screened adoptive homes. The Rescue did receive adoption donations totaling \$22,475 and donations from owners who surrendered Golden Retrievers to the Rescue of \$2,321 to help defray any necessary medical treatments and costs.

Attached is a list of statistical data for 1999-2003 that further details the number of intakes, adoptions and medical needs of the displaced Golden Retrievers taken into the Rescue program.

Adoptive homes are required to sign an adoption contract stipulating proper care of the adoptive Golden as well as remedies should an adoption not work out. Adoptive families are encouraged to participate in obedience classes. This class not only helps to create a bond between the new adoptive family and the Golden, but also helps establish good control and behavior of the Golden. Trainers are available on an “as-needed” basis to help adoptive home with any issues that arise from transition and behavior.

The Rescue maintains an informative website, www.gbgr.org, that includes pictures and brief histories of the Golden Retrievers available for adoption as well as organizational information; links to informative articles and other websites, and pictures and letters from adoptive families. The Rescue also maintains a training website for volunteers on fostering, health and behavior issues, organizational operations and procedures.

The Rescue produces and distributes a semiannual newsletter that features Golden Retrievers available for adoption, adoption success stories, informative pieces on training, behavior issues, grooming and the like, volunteer pictures and articles, organizational information and upcoming events.

The Rescue attends events targeted for animal rescue organizations to increase awareness and support of the Rescue.

The Rescue holds an annual “Rescue Picnic” in October or November. Every member, volunteer, adoptive family, contributor, friend or family that shares a love of Golden Retrievers is invited to attend along with their Golden Retrievers.

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Statistical Recap – 2000 through 2003

	<u>2003</u>		<u>2002</u>		<u>2001</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>INTAKES:</u>								
YTD Intakes	108		155		238		180	
<u>SOURCES OF INTAKE:</u>								
Shelters	66	61.1%	83	53.5%	104	43.7%	80	44.4%
Strays	15	13.9%	20	12.9%	41	17.2%	35	19.4%
Owner Turn-ins	23	21.3%	44	28.4%	60	25.2%	59	32.8%
Other	4	3.7%	8	5.2%	33	13.9%	6	3.3%
<u>MEDICAL NEEDS:</u>								
Spay/Neuter	79	73.1%	93	60.0%	159	66.8%	134	74.4%
Heartworm Positive	32	29.6%	63	40.6%	64	26.9%	45	25.0%
Special Needs	49	45.4%	88	56.8%	137	57.6%	104	57.8%
Other Surgeries	10	9.3%	23	14.8%	22	9.2%	23	12.8%
<u>AGE AND SEX:</u>								
Under 1 year old	33	30.6%	33	21.3%	53	22.3%	56	31.1%
Seniors	6	5.6%	19	12.3%	18	7.6%	14	7.8%
# of Females	53	49.1%	69	44.5%	100	42.0%	64	35.6%
# of Males	55	50.9%	86	55.5%	138	58.0%	116	64.4%
<u>COSTS PER INTAKE:</u>								
Total Veterinary Costs	<u>\$ 41,380</u>		<u>\$ 56,384</u>		<u>\$ 70,371</u>		<u>\$ 39,102</u>	
Average Cost								
Per Intake	<u>\$ 383</u>		<u>\$ 364</u>		<u>\$ 296</u>		<u>\$ 217</u>	
Highest Cost Intake								
To Date	<u>\$ 1,618</u>		<u>\$ 1,584</u>		<u>\$ 9,005</u>		<u>\$ 3,100</u>	
<u>ADOPTIONS:</u>								
YTD Adoptions	<u>117</u>		<u>164</u>		<u>231</u>		<u>167</u>	
YTD Adoption Fees	<u>\$ 22,475</u>		<u>\$ 27,550</u>		<u>\$ 31,410</u>		<u>\$ 18,891</u>	
Average Adoption								
Fee	<u>\$ 192</u>		<u>\$ 168</u>		<u>\$ 136</u>		<u>\$ 113</u>	