

## ARCHMX DVGRR's BRIDGET MARIE ROSE CD, RA, CGC, CD-CHH, RL1X5, RL2X4, RL3X3, RLVX3, TD Inc.

## BRIDGET (11/04/02 – 06/11/14)

Bridget entered the Mid Florida Golden Retriever Rescue program in the Fall of 2004. At the time, Mid Florida was overwhelmed due to the hurricanes that pummeled both coasts that summer. DVGRR with the aid of the Last Chance Horse Rescue drove to Florida and brought 20 plus Goldens back to Pennsylvania in a horse trailer. Bridget was lucky enough to be one of them. Emery & I adopted shy, little Bridget in December of that year. Shy does not even begin to describe

her. Her intake papers from Florida stated that she was kept as an outside dog. That became obvious as all household noises were very strange to her and it took a good month for her to come out from under the kitchen table and finally learn how to do stairs. When we first took her to obedience class, she would curl herself in a ball with her back to all people and the other dogs in the class.

With a lot of patience and training Bridget evolved into a great companion who did anything we asked of her from participating in the Old York Road DTC Blood Drive (Gallon + member), driving out to QVC at all hours of the day and night for her Furminator gigs for the rescue, working countless Community Events for the rescue, representing DVGRR at three National Specialties in three states (PA, RI & GA) in Obedience and Rescue Parades, competing in AKC, CDSP for traditional obedience and AKC and APDT/WCR Rally obedience earning 30 titles in the combined venues in her day and was a working Therapy Dog for 7 years visiting nursing homes and schools for the Reading-to-Rover program.

Our lives have been so much richer because of her and all of the wonderful people we met through her. We miss her terribly but we are happy that she is finally free of all pain. Bridget had bi-lateral hip dysplasia with severe arthritis in both of her hips, her spine and front legs. It was getting harder and harder for her to get up. She also suffered from chronic anemia and her liver values off the charts. And while she did recuperate from her vestibular event that occurred shortly before she died, old age won out and her body failed her in the end.

What more can I say, we loved our Bridget Marie to the moon and back! Run free beautiful girl! You blessed us in more ways than I can count!









