

## HONORABLE MENTIONS



**LOLA KOWALCZYK**  
Owned by Liza Kowalczyk

**Rescued by: Golden Retriever Rescue of  
Wisconsin**

When she was one year old, **LOLA** was surrendered to the Humane Society by a family that had won her as a raffle prize when she was a puppy. The HS turned her over to **Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin (GRRW)**. **Lola** was underweight, anxious to the point of whining and drooling, fearful of strangers and growled defensively at other dogs. Adopted by Liza Kowalczyk, a registered nurse, **Lola** gained weight, built confidence and developed trust. Under Liza's guidance, **Lola** earned her Pet Therapist certification. She assisted in the development of a local Hospice Therapy Dog program, which now boasts 3 Goldens and their hospice-trained humans. **Lola** provides comfort and dignity to dying patients and their grieving loved ones, has given Alzheimer's patients a sense of purpose and acceptance, and her gentleness has brought smiles to many lonely seniors.