

Suffield Veterinary Hospital June 2013 Patient of the Month

Meet Wilbur, a beautiful 4-year-old Golden Retriever who enjoys life with his family and friends in Suffield, CT. Scott and Christie Rheault got Wilbur as a 9-week-old puppy in Hancock, MA from breeders Jim & Debbie Southard, but he was actually conceived in the office of Suffield Veterinary Hospital (they don't always do things the old fashioned way anymore...!) with the help of Dr Huntington. This handsome photograph of Wilbur was taken by Lori Radke of Enfield.

Shortly after Wilbur and his nine littermates were born, their mother developed an infection and was unable to nurse them, making it necessary for the Southards to bottle-feed all ten puppies throughout the day and night! So from the very beginning of his life Wilbur has received an abundance of love and attention which he happily gives back tenfold to everyone he meets.

Wilbur has become a mini celebrity in his own right on Instagram (#wilbur) and is the official mascot for the band "Mercies." He has not yet gone on tour with them but hopes to someday. You will always find Wilbur on the arms, laps or feet of those who visit the "Barn" where the band practices (merciesmusic.com).

Wilbur also works as a therapy dog at a nursing home, and has become friends with some very special ladies at Grayson House Cottages at Keystone Woods in Springfield, who shower him with all the love and attention he is so accustomed to receiving. All that his owner Christie needs to say is "We are going to see the ladies today," and he is at the door. In return he brings them all much joy and happiness.

The Rheault's say that Wilbur is the most special Golden Retriever they have ever owned and loved. He is well-known by all the neighbors and is greeted by name by all who pass by. He is loving, funny, and very needy at the same time — Pure Golden Love!

For his outstanding work as a therapy dog, making such a big difference in the lives of hospitalized people, Suffield Veterinary Hospital is delighted to choose Wilbur as our June 2013 Patient of the Month.



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