

**In memory of Rusty, loving family member of Eve and Koichi
who passed the Rainbow Bridge on September 13, 2009**

He will be forever in our hearts



Toby (left) and Rusty (right)



Eve and Koichi with Toby, Baba Rhum and Rusty,



Toby, Rusty, and Baba Rhum

In May 2002, Rusty was found abandoned, covered in feces and seizing in the night receptacle at the Yolo County Shelter. The next morning, their notes show, he was up and wagging his tail. For the rest of his life, he was often visited by violent seizures and always he woke up with an angelic sweetness and trust. He was the gentlest dog in the world.

In September 2002, estimated five years old, Rusty was entrusted to us by Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. We had requested a special needs dog and our location near many excellent veterinarian resources made us good candidates for one. He lived with us until September 2009, when his seizures became uncontrollable. He would snuggle up with us on the sofa like a puppy, try to prop me up when I did a head stand, and make such soulful eyes it was a treat for us to feed him treats he would take delicately. No matter what indignity was visited upon him—including surgery to take foreign bodies out of his tummy and the cone collar—he never protested or in any way rebelled against his people—except that he would park his bottom and suddenly seem to gain weight when

aimed at the shower. He loved car rides and walkies, but often we had to keep him inside because heat could trigger seizures.

We fostered goldens for Norcal and Toby and Baba Rhum came to stay after Rusty. Toby was an owner surrender. He was a dignified, stand-up boy (smiling at the right in the picture), immensely brave and loyal. Baba Rhum was a victim of neglect who determined he would just love us until we had to keep him, so we did. Both of them died of cancer, preceding Rusty to the rainbow bridge.

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