

N O R C A L Golden Retriever R E S C U E



A nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to finding new homes for displaced Golden Retrievers in Northern California

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Run to your checkbook and dig up a check to play **BUY TEN – GET ONE FREE**. Paw and claw your way to the beautiful **Mill Valley Community Center** on **Saturday, November 15th** from **3-6 p.m.**, and you will have a *ball*! Even though you don't have to be there to win, you could be the lucky one and be able to carry the cash home with you! If you didn't get your raffle tickets in the mail, call Jeff Wilson at 510-655-1271. Don't wait!

11th Annual Auction & Wine Tasting

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 15, 2003, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley, California

This year's NGRR Auction & Wine Tasting, our major fundraising event, will take place at the Mill Valley Community Center. Catch up with friends, do some holiday shopping, taste exquisite wines, and bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items. Stephen "Seaweed" Seagrave, 107.7 The Bone DJ, will again emcee the event and encourage bidding in the silent and live auctions.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!
The cost for a fun-filled afternoon is \$20, payable at the door.

We welcome donations of products or services from individuals and businesses. Past items have included art, rare wine lots, sporting event tickets, trips and more.

Contact Liz or Dave Berry regarding donations at (707) 963-8189 or E-mail goldenauction@aol.com



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HONEY BEAR'S STORY

by Lucy Gresham

The story about "Honey Bear" began at 8:30 p.m. on July 18, 2003, when a man found the dog wandering around his neighborhood. Upon seeing the dog's alarming condition, this kind gentleman brought Honey Bear to the Peninsula

Humane Society's after-hours receiving kennels. When the Animal Care Technician checked the kennels and found Honey Bear, he immediately notified Humane Officer Debi DeNardi, who is also an NGRR volunteer.

Here is Debi's description following her first meeting with Honey Bear:
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From the President

A Special Kind of Person

by Marilyn Ormond

One of the most important aspects of giving a dog a second chance is having a foster home available for the dog to go to for a short period of time. Although NGRR has been most fortunate to have kennel available space, available foster homes for our surrendered dogs are always in need.

Fostering is not necessarily a good fit for every individual or family. It requires that the foster have a home with space and that the individual or family have dedication to work with a new dog. Too often we receive surrendered dogs that demand a lot of TLC to put them back on the right track. Some of these dogs come to us not only with physical problems, but also with deep mental scars due to neglect and improper training. Although it is difficult to comprehend, some owners never take the time to teach their dogs manners, house training or even basic commands! When NGRR receives a dog, it falls on the foster to not only provide basic training, but also enough love to give the dog self-confidence.

All too many families get dogs for their children and have no concept of how to train a dog and they do not seek advice. The puppy is cute the first few months, but when he gets bigger the children lose interest and the parents never pursue outside counsel. They just chain the dog in the backyard and provide minimal care. When the family realizes the cost of food has gone up or the dog smells or draws flies and fleas, they call NGRR to take the dog away. While NGRR never turns

down a dog, the organization inherits the behavior problems. This is where a foster family enters the picture and provides hope for the dog's future.

Our foster families are carefully screened before being given a dog. They have to fill out the same questionnaire as an adopting family. The difference is that they take in a dog for a much shorter period of time. They have to work with the dog both physically and mentally. If the dog they receive has been treated poorly, the first thing the foster has to do is work with the dog by building up its self-esteem. Just like a human, if a dog has been shunned or beaten, he will cower and be afraid. This emotion must be reversed before much else can be done. Once the dog comes out of his shell, it is time for the dog to learn basic commands and learn how to walk on a leash without pulling. Perhaps this sounds easy to those of you who automatically train a new dog, but it is not the case when working with a new dog that is a bit older and has never been taught these skills.

After all this has been done, the foster family, who has worked with this dog for weeks or even months, faces the next step in their new relationship. The foster family will give up this rehabilitated dog to a new family. Without a doubt, this is often the hardest part for the fostering family. The bond that develops between the foster family and the dog must be broken so the dog can go to a new home for its life.

Recently, I spoke with Paul Bullard



The Ormond dogs, "Max" and "Beau"

who has had "Chance", an NGRR dog, for ten years. Paul claims that every time Chance's foster family comes to visit, he yelps with joy in a way he does for no other people. Chance has never forgotten the love and care he received from his foster family, even though the stay was only two weeks. They left an indelible spot on Chance's life. This foster family is Laura and Kevin Thompson.

So you see, it does take a special kind of individual and family to foster a dog. They have to be like the two women in the story of King Solomon. There needs to be enough love for the baby, or dog in this case, to give it up. It may not be an easy task, but it is a rewarding one. We thank our many wonderful foster families for the invaluable work they so willingly do. And of course, there are those times that the foster becomes so attached to the dog, they choose to adopt it.

If anyone thinks they might be this special kind of person, please contact your respective NGRR Area Coordinator (listed on the back page of this newsletter). In the meantime, hats off to our foster families! Special indeed, is what you are! 🐾

Amazing GRACIE

by Emily Barnes

"Gracie" Malone here. I'm a female Golden Retriever reporting on my story which begins in November, 2002. I was living the high life outdoors on a ranch in the southern part of my county. I had a Golden playmate named "Henry" who was either my brother or friend. I'm not sure which is the case. Dogs aren't always told these things. Anyway, we must have been pretty popular because just about every tick in the area visited one of us and most came to stay. The mosquitos found us attractive as well. While I got bitten, I did not bite back. After all, we still had that Golden reputation to live up to!

Henry and I spent our time looking for gophers and entertaining the ticks. Our masters led very busy lives. Problems continued, however, and soon we were two sweet Golden retrievers, full of ticks, looking for love in all the wrong places and coming up empty. Then NGRR's Humboldt County Area Coordinator Stasia Walters came to retrieve us and that was not exactly easy to do given our 80 pound weights. But she was so very kind and patient. Although we had never traveled in a car before, our fear lasted only for a brief time before we began to relax and enjoy the ride. We were then treated for the tick problem.

The day after Christmas we went to our new foster mom's home. Upon entering her house, a pony came running to greet us! Wow! We soon realized that it wasn't a pony, but our foster mom's Golden Retriever "Big Basil" who just looked like a pony. As I am six years old, I am quite mellow and cooperative. My three-year-old brother Henry, however, totally embarrassed me. He was in love with Basil. Whether walking or sitting or drinking water . . . he had to be side-by-side with Big Basil! His new love, however, was short-lived, as Henry got adopted within three days and is having the time of his life with his wonderful new family.

So now everyone say. . . "Oh, poor Gracie didn't get adopted!" Yes, that's right. They just wanted Henry and I still had Basil as a companion. Now we get into what you humans call the clinical part. Ready? I started to cough.

Then, I started to limp. Next, I coughed and limped. It was back to the car and off to the vet. The ticks and mosquitos had given me Heartworm and Lyme diseases. The vet said I was in a very advanced stage of Heartworm disease. She also said my heart was very large. There was a lot of serious conversation around me about chances and outcomes. Thank goodness NGRR believed in me. For the next two months, I had treatment for both the diseases. By the

way, Henry had no problems . . . guess the insects just had a passion for the blondie!

I was then on house and yard rest which meant I had to stay very quiet. If my foster family hadn't been so kind and attentive to me, utter boredom would have done me in. How

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Letter to the Editor

Dear NGRR,

I must compliment you on your Spring 2003 newsletter. I loved it and cried all the way through it! We were lucky enough to get Beauregarde through NGRR when he was eight years old and then when Beauregarde died at the age of 15, in October of 2002, we adopted 13-year-old Rocky. Unfortunately, Rocky died several weeks ago. NGRR Alameda Area Coordinator Shannon Aiken is on the trail of a new "friend" for me. My husband of 61 years died on February 9th.

I cannot say enough about your organization and what it does for so many

people. I wish I were younger and could work with you . . . but 87 years of age is getting up there!

Thanks for all you do for ME.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edward R. Ordway

P.S. The letter from Colleen McCormick in your spring 2003 newsletter said it all. Their Golden was 13 years old too. I feel much sympathy.

Dear Mrs. Ordway,

Thank you for your lovely letter. What a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY it has been for both NGRR and our beloved dogs, that you have come our way. We extend our sympathy regarding your losses. We also know that you will remember the good times with Rocky and realize how blessed

he felt to be in your loving home. And as we try to make certain that every tail has a happy ending, NGRR will be searching for the next perfect match for you.

Sincerely,

NGRR

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters. If you would like to write to the editor send your letter to:

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Attn: Editor NGRR Newsletter
405 El Camino Real, Suite 420
Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

Honey Bear's Story

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"When I saw this Golden Retriever, it took every ounce of me not to cry until later. This sweet, gray-faced gentleman was thin, missing hair on all four of his legs, including feet, fore chest, under his chest and belly, along both sides of his ribcage, tail area, neck and face. His skin looked like that of an elephant. There was a substantial amount of green and white substance oozing from his eyes, which ran down his cheek. His eyes were so cloudy with this substance that I couldn't tell if he could see me. He didn't have rims around his eyes like normal dogs. When I looked inside his ears, the same green and white substance had caused the ear flaps to stick to the sides of his neck area. I will never forget the smell. Where did this dog come from? Did he have an owner or was he a stray dog surviving on the street?

The following morning, one of his THREE owners came to claim him and filled out the lost report for their 12-year-old Golden Retriever, Honey Bear. In the comment section, the owner wrote 'patchy fur.' Honey Bear had been with these owners since he was 8 weeks old. He lived outdoors and was never allowed inside the house. I saw his doghouse at the far end of the yard, and it smelled as bad as the dog did. Honey Bear hasn't been to a veterinarian since he was a puppy. All three owners surrendered Honey Bear and are facing animal cruelty charges."

Debi notified NGRR, as she felt that this poor guy needed a chance to live out the rest of his life being clean, furry, and without infected eyes or ears. Honey Bear first came to my attention a few days after he arrived at Peninsula Humane Society. NGRR San Francisco Area Coordinator Cade Deverell called me and left a message about needing a foster home for a neglected and abused Golden Oldie. Carol Porter gave me some more information about his heartbreaking life, and I then made the decision to offer him a foster home.

On Wednesday, July 23, I made the trip to the Peninsula Humane Society to bring

Honey Bear home. The Director told me they had to make sure that all the neglect and abuse had been well documented, so they would have a good case of animal cruelty against the owners. I therefore was not going to be able to take him until the following day. I asked if I could see him, and was taken to his pen. There I saw a dog whose miserable life was reflected in his sad eyes. I spoke to him, but he couldn't hear me, as his ears were too badly infected. I reached in and gently stroked his side. He sniffed my hand and gave a feeble wag of his tail. I couldn't wait to get this sweet old dog home, and give him a new start. I wanted to see a "doggy smile" on his dear face. The Humane Society had been treating all of his ailments, and had cleaned his ears under anesthesia, so his odor had improved a great deal.

NGRR Northern Santa Clara County Area Coordinator Carla Holmes and I made arrangements to take him to be bathed and seen by a veterinarian follow-

ing his release the following day. When they brought him out to me, I could see a big difference in him already. The medicine had started to take effect, and he was obviously feeling a lot better, wagging his tail, smiling and eager to leave. I brought him home for a while before his appointments at the dog wash and veterinarian. He happily ate the food I set out for him, and laid down on the pallet I had fixed for him on the deck. Honey Bear looked so abused and neglected, that I called the dog wash in Los Altos to warn them of our arrival. I didn't want to startle any of their customers. To say that this dog looked pitiful would be an understatement. Carla and I gave this dog what was probably his first bath. He was so good and sweet for us the whole time. He had a spring in his step and a smile on his face. What a big heart in this Golden Oldie and what spirit! No matter how much he had been abused, he still loved people.

The vet visit showed that besides his
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Honey Bear upon arrival at his new foster mom's home.



obvious skin, ear and eye infections, he was also anemic. We left the vet with an antibiotic, an antifungal, eye drops, ear drops, arthritis medicine and instructions to give him Benadryl and a multivitamin. He was so happy to be inside and have a comfortable bed. I had a soft brush, and I gently brushed what little hair he had on

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his poor skin. It lulled him to sleep. He soon wanted to be inside so much that I actually had to force him to occasionally go outdoors. As soon as he did his business, he headed straight for the door. He followed me around the house and always wanted us to be side-by-side. Everyone soon fell in love with this sweet, good natured dog. The morning after his first night with me, he was smiling and greeted me with a wag of the tail. He found one of my cat's toys, a furry mouse, and grabbed it in his mouth and tossed it up in the air playing with it.

In the meantime, Debi DeNardi had put out the word on Honey Bear to her network of dog lovers, and NGRR received some donations on his behalf for his medical care. She also found a loving woman, Maureen Ariolla, who wanted to adopt Honey Bear, and give him the kind of life he had always deserved. Honey Bear had only been with me a week when Maureen came to see him and take him to his new home, where he is now loved, nurtured and given the opportunity to blossom into the wonderful dog he truly is. Thanks to all our friends at NGRR who generously donate to this organization, enabling us to help sweet and gentle Golden Retrievers such as Honey Bear. We always need your caring and sharing. And thank you NGRR for giving me the opportunity to help Honey Bear! 🐾



**Thank you Norcal GRR!
I love you!**

Honey Bear on his last day with Lucy Gresham, before going to his new home.

Amazing Gracie (continued from page 3)

can a dog who has lived outside looking for gophers suddenly become a little house princess? It was quite an adjustment. I did, however, find some great entertainment inside the house. Television! I especially liked it turned off, as then I could see my lovely Golden reflection in the screen. Then there were the Golden Retriever screen savers on her computer . . . my, what a beautiful breed we Golden Retrievers are! This invalid had pure entertainment at it's best.

While I was quite sick, I never let it get me down. I just knew that I had a mission. And now for the name stuff. My original name was "Sally" but my foster mom said that it simply didn't fit me. Considering my amazing stamina and recovery, she said, "You are amazing grace. Yes, that's it. You are Grace." I never did respond to my old name, so the change was fine with me. Actually, I liked it.

So, this brings us to the present. The

sad sack Sally became the happy girl Gracie. I beat the Lyme disease and am beating the Heartworm condition. I received clearance for adoption after seven weeks of recovery. My foster brother, Basil, played a significant role in helping me get well. He stayed close by me, uplifted my spirits and was quite sad when I left. Yes . . . you heard right! This Retriever was adopted by the greatest family who considers me to be top dog!

When welcomed to my new home, I can best express my feelings by paraphrasing that Academy Award-winning other Sally . . . "This means you love me. You really love me!" And I have returned their love. Some say my story is amazing. I just think it goes to show that you can't keep a good Golden down. I said yes to life and life responded yes to me. Oh, gotta run . . . I think I heard the television. Isn't life grand? 🐾

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Turn your on-line shopping into philanthropy! The following merchants will donate a percentage of each on-line purchase when their web site is accessed from NGRR's web site:

Amazon.com	5%
Dogtoys.com	15%
LandsEnd.com	5%
Pets.com	7%
PETsMART.com	10%

Please add the following link to your favorite places and use it whenever you buy from one of the above retailers:

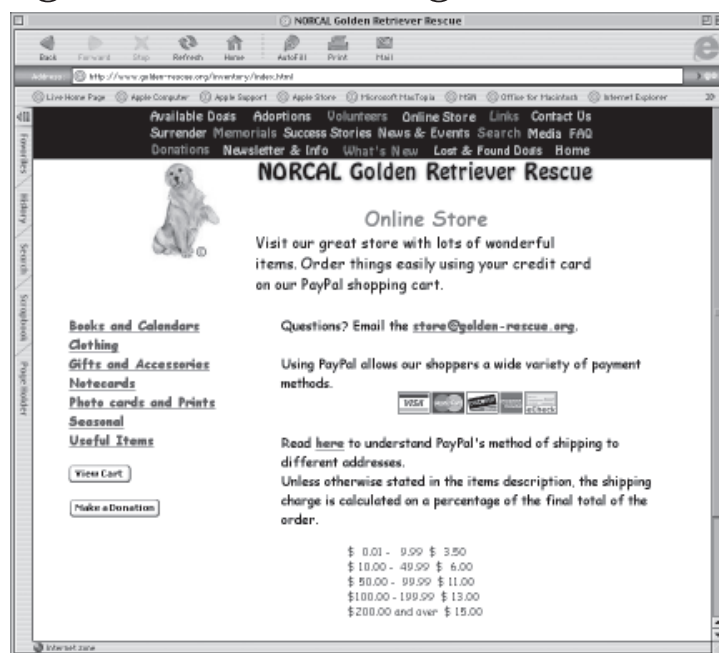
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Remember—we only get these contributions when their site is accessed through NGRR's site.

Thank you for helping us!

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Goodies

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Come One Come all to the Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Parade 2004!

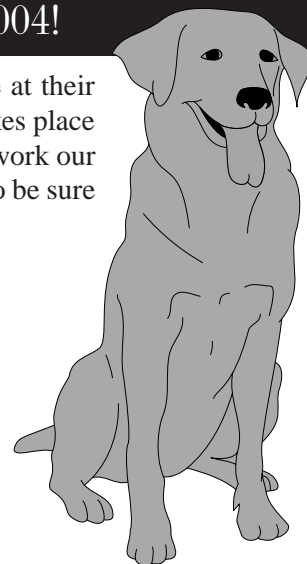
Norcal Golden Retriever Club invites all golden retriever rescue dogs to participate in a parade at their Specialty Dog Show at the Santa Clara Fair Grounds on February 14, 2004. This event, which takes place during the lunch break, has always been a great success as it shows everyone present what great work our adoptive families have done with their dogs. There are a limited amount of spaces for this event so be sure to get your application in early.

Rescue Parade 2004 • February 14, 2004 • Santa Clara Fairground

Deadline for Application: February 4, 2004

We would like to honor our Rescued Golden(s) at Norcal Golden Retriever Club's Specialty Show. Dogs must be at least six months of age. There is a \$10 fee for entering and each entrant will receive a special gift. Please include a brief history of your dog, such as how you acquired him or her and any past history you are aware of, which will be read at the show. To enter, please fill out the form below, enclose a check for \$10 (payable to Norcal GRC) and send by Wednesday Feb. 4, 2004 to:

Marilyn Ormond, Rescue Parade
139 Oak Springs Dr., San Anselmo, CA 94960
415-453-5473 or miscnow@earthlink.net



Registered Name (if known) _____

Call Name _____

Birth date or approximate age _____

Owner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Brief History (use extra paper if necessary) _____

Can My Dog Play With Yours?

by Trish King

We all want our dogs to be able to get along with other dogs. Many people would like to take their dogs to dog parks, and watch them socialize with their own species; some would just like their dogs to be civil with other dogs.

But not all dogs like other dogs, and we, as owners, need to be aware of this and plan for it. We take puppies from their moms at the tender age of 8 weeks for one reason only – to bond with humans and learn to live in our society. Why would we then throw that same dog back into the canine mix, with a bunch of dogs he doesn't know, and who might have some undesirable social qualities? Not necessarily a good idea. On the other hand, dogs should learn how to interact with others – so how do you teach them?

Most puppies tend to want to meet other dogs and play with them. Some dogs – in particular, some breeds of dogs – will continue to love pretty much anyone throughout their lives. However, that's not true of all dogs.

As dogs get older, they become more discriminating about their friends, just as humans do. This begins to happen at social maturity – anytime after two or so. Some adult dogs do not like any strange dogs at all. Dogs are community-oriented animals – as they mature, they usually interact primarily with their social group and they often see other dogs as a potential threat. Many would like a slow introduction, and some don't want any new relationships.

The process of canine greeting is and should be quite complex. Dogs communicate primarily with their bodies. If left with

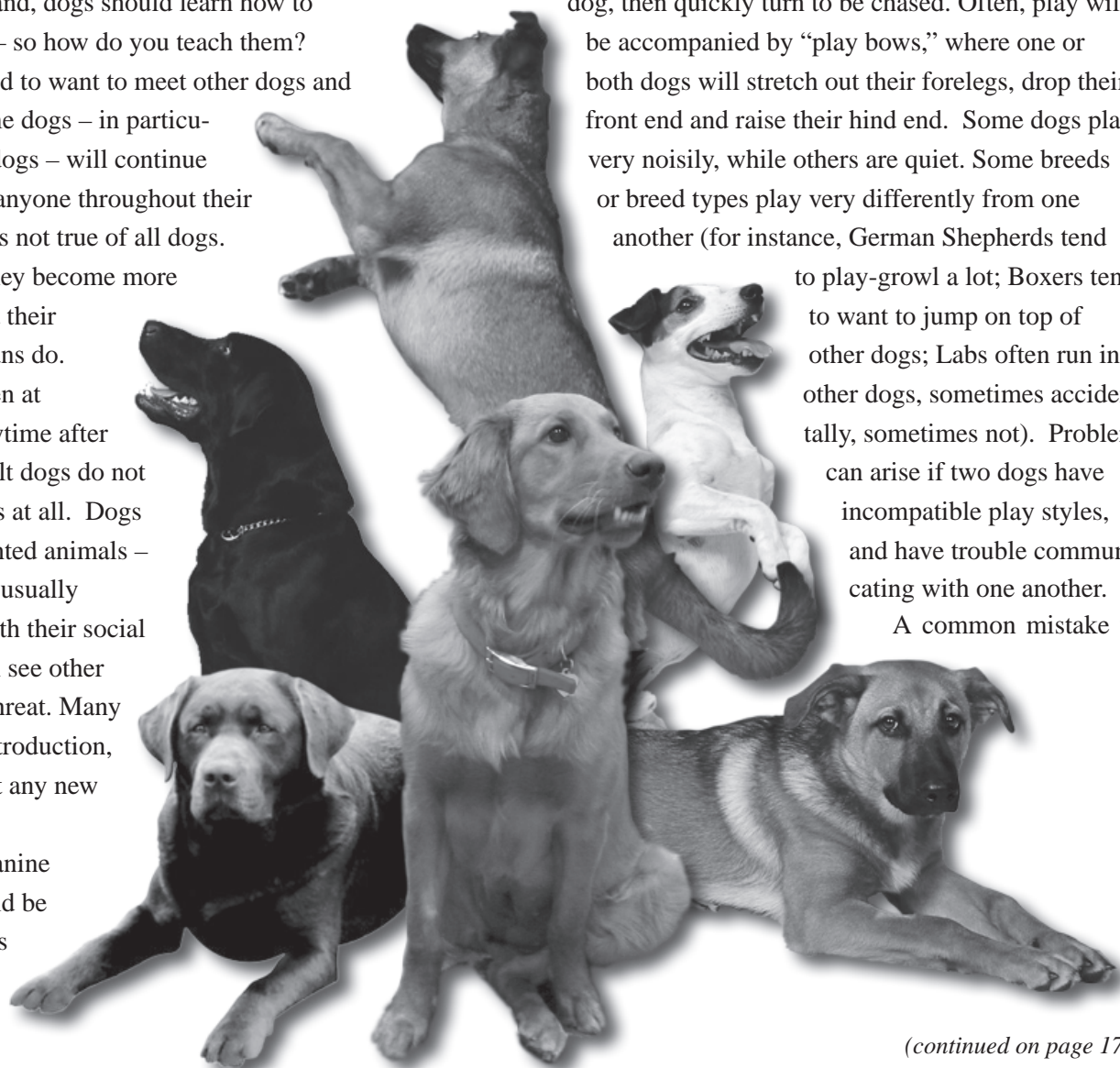
their canine moms, they'd learn how to approach strange dogs with respect. Often our dogs lack those skills because they aren't exposed to knowledgeable adult dogs at the right time. As a result, some dogs greet other dogs by racing towards them pell-mell, possibly leaping all over them; others bark and act afraid. It's our job to protect our dogs from inappropriate play behavior – and to help teach them who is safe and who isn't.

Recognizing play can be difficult at times. Generally speaking, when dogs play, they change their "roles" quite often, and their play is fairly jerky, with short freezes. Thus, one dog might be on top of another, and then suddenly, the second dog is on top. One dog might be chasing another

dog, then quickly turn to be chased. Often, play will be accompanied by "play bows," where one or both dogs will stretch out their forelegs, drop their front end and raise their hind end. Some dogs play very noisily, while others are quiet. Some breeds or breed types play very differently from one another (for instance, German Shepherds tend

to play-growl a lot; Boxers tend to want to jump on top of other dogs; Labs often run into other dogs, sometimes accidentally, sometimes not). Problems can arise if two dogs have incompatible play styles, and have trouble communicating with one another.

A common mistake we



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GOLDEN GALLERIA

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M, L, XL
\$16.00



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S, M, L, XL
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100% cotton – one size fits all

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Golden Retrievers

(light blue background)



Silence is Golden

Knit Golden Retriever Pants

100% cotton

S, M, L, XL

(light blue background)

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CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAYS



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\$22.00

One Golden



Two Golden



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Golden Retriever Socks

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for a peaceful Holiday Season"*



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Thank You!

IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of Judy Guild
Donation by Phelps Guild

In Honor of Jill and Richard Morgan
"Since my husband and I adopted our 'Luke' from NGRR three years ago, our world has been wonderfully changed. Thanks to the Morgans who found us the perfect match."
Donation by Leah Seidl

In Honor of "Ruby" and "Murphie"
"They are two super Golden Retriever girls. They travel with us all over the country. They are still very active at 12 and 13 years of age. At parks, Ruby chases her ball while Murphie greets anyone who will pet her gray Golden head. My husband and I are hooked by the most wonderful dogs in the world."
Donation by Dick & Pat Garland,
"Murphie" & "Ruby"

"Happy Father's Day, Dad!"
(John Ebersole)
"To the Dad of three daughters and two Golden. We love you!"
Deb, Mark & Hannah Kauffman

Sharon McConnell... it's your birthday, again!
"Kim sends her love and wishes you the best; as does NGRR!"
Donation by Kim Daly

Honoring the noble "Chance," formerly "Chase," adopted in 1995, now ten years old, thriving and deeply loved by all who know him.
Donation by Jo Leggett

With Thanks to all the "volunteers" who took care of "Bart"
Donation by Jean Maderis

In Honor of Cindy Ohlson's 40th Birthday for adopting "Truman"
"Truman now has many happy and healthy years ahead of him."
Donation by Tracey & Jay Fanelli

In Honor of my dear "Toby" and "Bear"
Donation by Penny Bliss

With Thanks to Liz Berry
"For all your help the past few months."
Donation by Christy & Jim Hayes

In Honor of "Auggie"
Donation by Erin Gallagher

In Honor of Virginia and Henry Spini's 50th Wedding Anniversary
"... and many more!"
Donation by Allan & Carol Porter

In Honor of the 5th year of the adoption of my darling "Daisy"
"She has been a wonderful companion, especially during the past challenging year."
Donation by Louise Bryan

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Mrs. Olga Edwards
Mother of Lisa Lambert
Donation by your friends and co-workers at SBC

In Memory of Edward Ordway & "Rocky"
Donation from Liz Berry

In Memory of "Ace"
"'The Best Dog in the World' a.k.a. 'Ace, the Wonder Dawg' as seen in hundreds of illustrations made over the years by our students!"
Loved by Marilyn & Robert Folker

In Memory of "Carrie" Macintosh
Donation by Julie Jepsen-Grant, Bill Grant & Kevin Jepsen-Grant

In Loving Memory of "Lacy"
"When I first met Lacy, I was greeted by Barbara Taylor and a gaggle of Golden. There was one big beautiful red lady who held back. I sat down on the deck steps and Lacy came and sat down next to me, with those big brown eyes. It was love at first sight for me. We went to the beach every Sunday morning. She would take her ball, toss it in the air, throw herself down on the sand and make sand angels. One Sunday morning she couldn't get up and I knew it was time. Several Sundays later I tossed a tennis ball into a river right by the ocean and Lacy's ashes were released so she could always play where she loved to be the most."
Loved and missed by Denise Hawley

In Memory of "Hudson" Weintraub
"Extending our sincerest sympathies to Mae and Sol and family on the tragic loss of their gentle friend, Hudson."
Loved by Mae and Sol Weintraub
Donation by Bonnie Speckels & Penny Cavallaro

In Memory of "Toby"
"One in a million Toby. Missed by all who loved him."
Missed by the Dildine Family
Donation by the Hoh Family

In Memory of "Codi"
"I miss you more and more everyday. May you play and shine forever. You were my baby, my best friend and my companion. I will love you always."
Lovingly missed by Kori Levitan

In Memory of "Scotchie"
"Scotchie was a NGRR dog and received new love and devotion from his family."
Loved and dearly missed by Elna and Bert Gericke
Donation by Liz, Dave, Campbell, Grayson, "Yogi" & "Stella" Berry

In Memory of "Sanford"

"Sanford was the beloved Golden and devoted companion of Dennis and Mary."

Loved and cherished by Dennis and Mary Montali

Donation by Peggy Brister & Sam Pullen

In Memory of "Kimo"

"We adopted Kimo when he was six and he proved over and over again what superb friends dogs can be. He died at age 14, and we miss him every day. Thanks to NGRR."

Donation by the Van der Voort Family

In Memory of our Golden Retriever, "Carrie"

"Carrie was the first Golden we were fortunate to have as part of our family for 11 happy years. Carrie was a wonderful puppy and grew to be a wonderful dog and companion. She spent many years making human lives more bearable by being a volunteer therapy dog. Carrie was 'The Gold' in Golden Retriever."

Greatly missed by Mac, Susan and her Golden Retriever companion, "Mattie"

In Memory of "Natasha"

"Natasha was a success story for NGRR. She was loved and cherished by her new family."

Dearly loved and missed by Judy, Howard and "Chelsea" Guild

Donation by Liz, Dave, Campbell, Grayson, "Yogi" and "Stella" Berry

In Memory of "Bud"

"Bud was the best dog ever. He will be truly missed."

Loved by Elmo & Kim Giovannetti & family

Donation by Carol & Dad

"In Memory of "Max"

"Our thoughts are with you. We miss you here in California. Best to you in Chicago."

Loved by Ann, Rick and

"Annie" Schuknecht

Donation by Liz, Dave, Campbell, Grayson, "Yogi" & "Stella" Berry

In Loving Memory of "Callie" Sullivan

"Callie was a special Golden that I had the privilege of dog sitting on three different occasions. For all of the years that I spent in obedience training with my Golden (years ago) she was naturally smart and wonderfully obedient. She truly was the best dog ever. I know all of us who knew her will sorely miss her."

Loved by the Sullivan Family

Donation by Lorraine Lew-White

In Memory of "Natasha"

Born October 5th, 1992 - Adopted June 13th, 1999 - Rainbow Bridge May 2nd, 2003

"We're glad we walked this earth with you. We know we couldn't have loved you more. We only wish we could have loved you longer."

("Natasha" and "Chelsea" are 2003 NGRR calendar girls.)

Donation by "Chelsea," Howard & Judy Guild

In Memory of "Laser"

"Laser was 'Caleb,' my Golden's brother. He was a gentle and kind redhead."

Joyce said that he was the best

dog she has ever had. He will be

greatly missed."

Lovingly missed by Joyce Dinslage

Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Sinbad"

"Sinbad was a neighbor friend's golden boy and was loved by Dr. and Mrs. Ziyad Hannon and their three daughters. Sinbad will be missed by his family."

Missed and loved by the Hannon Family

In Loving Memory of "Molly"

"Molly was my favorite Rescue gal. The one I always thought I should have adopted myself. Thank you, Linda for providing her such a wonderful home and letting us dog sit for her often."

Loved by Linda Davis

Loved by Tracy, Kathy and

Jeffrey Williams

Donation by the Williams Family

In Loving Memory of "Auggie"

"Auggie was my beautiful Golden Retriever girl, who passed away one year ago today."

Loved and missed by Zoe Dunning

In Memory of "Cheyenne Sioux"

"Cheyenne was 13+ years old and passed on Easter Sunday. My aunt loved her dearly. I know that my aunt would prefer a donation which would help other Golden retrievers rather than flowers or a gift for herself."

Cherished and loved by Arlene Scott

Donation by Lee Barnes

In Memory of Robert Manseau

Donation from Diane Howell's co-workers at Pricewaterhouse Coopers

In Memory of "Grata" and "Lucy"

"For all the love and joy they brought into my life."

Loved by Alice Bullard

In Memory of Bob Manseau

Donation by Mark Brunner

In Memory of Robert A. Manseau

Donation by Ken & Geri Lovette

In Memory of "Peter"

"A very sweet-natured and gentle Golden. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by his family."

Lovingly missed by Peggy Kleikamp, Don Killam & "Bugs"

Donation by Doug & Ruby Miller

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Monty"

"A beautiful boy who gave us our beautiful 'Nicholas' – his legacy lives on."

Loved by Karen Rice

Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory of "Sally"

Loved by the Fernandezes

Donation by Town and Country Dog

Training Club

In Memory of "Reggie"

"My heart goes out to you with the loss of beautiful Reggie. He had the most beautiful sparkling red coat I have ever seen. God Bless."

Loved by Gerri Monohan

In Memory of Bob Manseau

"This donation is made in memory of our friend Bob Manseau and in honor of his wife, Lisa, who have always been such great lovers of animals."

Donation by Francesca Brunner-Kennedy, Veronica Flanagan & Victoria Agnost

In Memory of Robert Manseau

"Guardian Angel of Goldens in Rescue"

Donation by Kathleen Moore

In Memory of Kathleen Clelland

Donation by Cheryl and Joel Prell

In Memory of Bob Manseau

"Bob was a very special man with a heart of gold for his (and all other) Goldens. It was a pleasure to know Bob. His dedication to NGR and Wag 'n Walk will always be remembered. Condolences to Lisa Manseau."

Donation by the Knowles Family

In Memory of Robert Alan Manseau

Donation by Marthella Brown

In Memory of Kathleen Clelland

Donation by Concorde Consulting, Inc.

In Memory of Robert Alan Manseau

Donation by Richard & Nancy Schenone

In Memory of "Terry," my beloved Golden

"Terry was the dearest and most special companion for ten years. He was Momma's best boy!"

Loved and missed by Carol Weldin

In Memory of Floyd Byman

Father of Phyllis Spivey

Donation by all the Corbins

In Memory of "Carrie" MacIntosh

"Carrie was a wonderful dog!"

Loved by the MacIntosh Family

Donation by Grandma & Lady

In Memory of William K. (Kit) Donnell and his dog "Chewy"

"Chewy was Kit's pal to the end."

Donation by Ann Marie & Averill Mix

In Memory of "Pal"

"Thank you for making the last years of Pal's life the best. He was such a lucky boy to have you. God bless."

Loved by Ann Brown

Donation by Nancy & Ed Mendell

In Memory of "Teddy"

Much loved companion of Chris Johansen, Brent Reidberger and "Buddy"

Donation by Jack Black & Rick Partridge

In Memory of "Hudson"

"I know your loss is heavy on you. Keep all those memories close at heart. My heart goes out to you."

Loved, trained and cherished by Mae and Sol Weintraub

Donation by Nancy & Ed Mendell

In Memory of "Remy"

"Sweet, sweet Remy. You gave so much love and joy to your family and to all the Goldens you helped to foster."

Cherished and missed by Tia, Mark & Logan Pierce

Donation by Cade Deverell & Kirby

In Memory of "Sunny" aka Sun Dazzler

"He was our best friend. He gave us love, joy and laughter. There is nothing better a friend can do. He had a smile and a greeting for everyone. We miss him and will love and remember him in our hearts forever."

Donation by Joan & Phil Fisher

In Memory of "Jazzie"

"Beautiful Ms. Jazz. We will miss your gentle spirit and eager, smiling face."

Adored and missed by Teri &

Andy Goodman

Donation by Cade Deverell & Kirby

In Memory of "Katie" Hutchinson

"Katie was a very sweet dog."

Loved by Mr. & Mrs. George Hutchinson

Donation by Dolores "Ditty" Smith

In Memory of "Lana"

"This donation is for Lana who was a 15-year-old Golden Retriever and beloved pet of Lylia and Lee."

Lovingly missed and cherished by Lylia Needham and Lee Litzler

Donation by Lylia's and Lee's friends & co-workers

In Memory of "K.T." Hutchinson

"K.T. was a Golden lady who was loved and gave love to all the family including the seven grandchildren."

Cherished by the Hutchinsons and their family

Donation by Charles & Emily Dorr

In Memory of "Brandon"

"We miss you so very much. We think of you often and especially on our walks we miss your 'Clydesdale steps'. We were lucky and grateful to have had you join our family for a year. You have given us fond and fun memories and you will always hold a special place in our hearts. We love you, Brandon."

Treasured and loved by Cynthia & Rick Holden, Casey & Baxter

In Memory of "Midas"

"Midas was an NGRR dog who gave more than wet kisses to all the Allari family."

Cherished and loved by the Allari Family
Lovingly donated by Emily & Charlie Dorr

In Memory of "Brandon"

In Honor of Cynthia Holden

"Your work is appreciated!"

Donation by Scott Stevenson

In Memory of "Sneakers"

"If we come back as a dog, can we be yours? Watching you bring Sneakers back to jubilant life and assure him the world was a safe place, made the world a happier place for us. We love him and you, and will always remember his warm and welcoming ways, his courage, his resilience, and his inimitable smile."

Adored and loved and Marla Miyashiro

Donation by Barbara & Bob Lewis

In Memory of "Maggie"

Loved by Pat Lynch

Donation by Town and Country DTC

In Memory of Pat Theard

Donation by Catherine Der

In Memory of "Buddy"

Loved and missed by Fred and Susan Kraushar

Donation by Bonnie & William Gallagher

In Memory of "Zia"

"Zia was a Golden Rescue and was such a lucky girl to have spent the happiest years of her life with Bea, 'Ember' and 'Journey.' God bless."

Lovingly cherished by Bea Moore

Donation by Nancy & Ed Mendell

In Memory of "Sneakers"

"Sneakers will always be in our hearts."

Loved by Marla Miyashiro and

Bryan Hastings

Donation by Mike, Rynie & Bounder

In Memory of "Rosie"

"Rosie was the heart of the Heart litter. She was much loved and is greatly missed by Paul, Pillsbury, Josh and Riot and Terry, Leslie, Cooper, and Tara Hurdy."

Donation by the Hurdys

In Memory of "Natasha"

"Adopted and loved by Judy and Howard Guild."

Donation by Terry & Leslie Hurdy

In Memory of "Kate" and "Roz"

"Loved and missed by Carol, Allan, and Lisa Porter."

Donation by Terry & Leslie Hurdy

In Memory of "Daisy" and "Chelsea"

"Loved and missed by Doug and Ruby Miller."

Donation by Terry & Leslie Hurdy

In Memory of "Zia"

"Zia was an oldie who was adopted by Bea Moore at 13 years of age. For three years, she was truly loved and ruled the homestead with her wagging tail. Zia will be missed by Bea and her playmates, 'Ember' and 'Journey.'"

Loved by Bea Moore, Ember & Journey

Donation by Mary Ann Graziano

Memorial & Tribute Donations

Donations may be made to memorialize or pay tribute to a special person, Golden or pet of any kind. Send your donation and information (for whom the donation is being made and their address, your name, address and phone number, plus words of personalization) to:

NGRR

405 El Camino Real, Suite 420

Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

A handwritten letter will be sent shortly thereafter acknowledging that a donation was made to NGRR. Give us a call if you have any questions.

NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

Purpose: NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. (NGRR) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and placement of displaced Golden Retrievers in Northern California.

Volunteers: NGRR has a large network of volunteers in communities throughout Northern California. Among these are a board of directors and numerous area coordinators and foster families who care for and place over 400 Golden Retrievers a year into new homes. Our volunteers do not receive any form of compensation for their time and effort.

Articles: Articles and news items of general informational, educational, or human interest are welcome. We especially like to

hear and see (send photos) how our rescued Golden Retrievers are doing with their new owners. If submitting a reprint of an article from another publication, please obtain prior permission from the publisher. Permission to reprint any material in this newsletter should be obtained from the author, crediting NGRR.

Mailing List: This newsletter is mailed to all persons and businesses who have adopted a dog or donated money, time, services, or auction items to NGRR within the past two years. It is also mailed to members of the NORCAL Golden Retriever Breed Club, officers of the Golden Retriever Club of America, and other animal rescue groups. We do not share our mailing list with other organizations.



BULLETIN BOARD



Volunteer Coordinator Needed

NGRR needs a new Volunteer Coordinator for the Sacramento and Yolo County areas! The more volunteers, the smaller the territory of responsibility. A wonderful opportunity to assist with the relinquishments and placements of Golden Retrievers.

Contact: Carol Porter (650) 593-6433 or email aporter751@aol.com

NGRR 2002 Statistics

Total number of Goldens accepted into NGRR: 286

Age	0 to 2:	113
	2 to 5:	75
	5 to 9:	70
	Over 9:	28

Sex	Male:	173
	Female:	113

Source	Shelter:	65
	Surrenders:	205
	Stray:	13
	Other Rescues:	3

Annual Auction & Wine Tasting Fundraiser Needs Volunteers!

Key positions available for November Auction & Wine Tasting Event
Registration/Cashier Coordinator – person to be in charge of attendee check-in, managing cashiers and processing check-out of successful bidders

Setup/Display Coordinator – person with a creative eye to be in charge of auction item layout and display

Contact Dave or Liz at
(707) 963-8189

or E-mail goldenauction@aol.com.

NOTICE TO ALL READERS

The NGRR mailing list has grown substantially over the years. People have been added to it through various connections, but few mechanisms exist to drop anyone from the list. As a result, the total number of entries has burgeoned to over 4,000 individuals.

The costs of printing and mailing newsletters to all these people has also grown and become a significant expense. Any unnecessary costs reduce NGRR's resources available to directly benefit Goldens. While we recognize that the newsletter is our primary mode of outreach and communication with our supporters, we also suspect that there are many on the list who no longer have an interest in receiving it.

We ask that if you wish to no longer continue receiving the NGRR newsletter, simply let us know. Please either cut out this section with your mailing label on the back and mail it to NGRR, 405 El Camino Real, Suite 420, Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240 or email Laura James at bovinize@yahoo.com. This message will be repeated over the next few issues, to give everyone ample opportunity to remain on our mailing list.

Thank you for your help in this important effort.



"Golden Dreams Can Come True", the NGRR 2004 calendar, is now available for purchase. Every picture is one to adore and their "tails" range from sad to funny. An excellent holiday gift! The calendars can be ordered on-line from the web

site store www.golden-rescue.org or purchased at our Annual Auction & Wine Tasting fundraiser on November 15.

The price is \$10.00 for one calendar and when purchasing three or more, \$8.50 each, plus the cost of mailing.

Can My Dog Play with Yours? (continued from page 7)

humans often make is thinking that a dog who growls or snaps is always the aggressor. Though that can be the case, it often isn't! Imagine a complete stranger walking up to you and giving you a hug – would you laugh and tell him he's wonderful? Of course not – you'd ask him to leave you alone, perhaps emphatically. We humans have greeting rituals, like quick eye contact, shaking hands, or just saying hello. We give each other space before initiating an intimate involvement. So too with dogs, who should approach one another politely and slowly, and then ask to play.

Another strange myth that has popped up lately is that dogs are always trying to dominate each other. If dogs know each other – even for a few minutes – they may attempt to figure out who's stronger and smarter. However, body slamming (running into another dog) and mounting (self-explanatory!) are actions of adolescent dogs and are usually just plain rude! The dogs are experimenting with their power; they're not actually trying to figure out who's boss.

Dominating behavior actually requires some sort of incipient or established relationship. Imagine yourself at a cocktail party where there are a variety of people you don't know. Some will be more forceful than others will. Some might actually be rude. Their actions, how-

ever, don't mean that they're establishing a relationship. That's just their way of communicating, crass as that may be. However, in a more formal relationship, such as a family or work group, someone

“Not all dogs like other dogs, and we, as owners, need to be aware of this and plan for it.”

usually is the acknowledged leader. And that “boss” may NOT be the boss in another situation.

Until social maturity, we recommend that you socialize your dog with other dogs, but very carefully. One traumatic experience can shape his attitude towards other dogs forever. If he's being bullied at a dog park, you should leave immediately. If he begins to BE a bully, jumping on top of other dogs or chasing them, he should only play with dogs who can handle that. If you think your dog is uncomfortable, frightened, or acting inappropriately, you should take action. Think of yourself as a parent rather than an onlooker, and manage the environment as much as you can.

Socializing at Dog Training Classes

During puppy classes, we encourage socialization, with a great deal of owner interaction. This is because the class is primarily to help your dog bond to you, and for you to develop communication skills with your puppy. Puppy classes are not really playgroups, though compatible puppies can develop great relationships with each other. As the pups are playing, we as “parents” should be watching and intervening if necessary. Puppies who hide under chairs or their owners' legs are not happy, and shouldn't be forced to play. Pups who crash into other puppies have to be calmed down fairly often to avoid over-excitement.

Classes for adolescent and adult dogs tend to have little or no canine socialization time. As dogs get older, dog-play and socialization can be very tricky to organize – as we indicated, some of the dogs in class are not interested in other dogs, and their feelings should be respected. In addition, classes are aimed at having your dog obey and respect you. In real life, you should be able to control whether your dog meets and plays with another dog. In many classes, we actually teach ways to get past other dogs without socializing!

Of course, we encourage you to make friends with other people and their dogs in class, and to set aside time for socialization. 🐾

A Friend as Good as Gold

Martina Contreras, a long time friend of NGRR, has provided countless hours working with our beloved Golden Retrievers as a Dog Training/Behavior Specialist.

She has always been an avid animal lover and spent most of her summers on a farm in her native Germany with numerous four-legged friends. She walked her neighbors' dogs and cared for other people's cats. When she moved to the United States in 1989, Martina immediately became interested in animal rescue organizations and soon thereafter adopted her first dog from the Peninsula Humane Society.

She also started fostering puppies and kittens before they were ready for adoption. And, as many of our NGRR readers know, if you're involved in rescue work, your house is soon full of animals! Martina and her husband have four dogs and two cats, all from various animal shelters and rescue groups.

Martina started her own training business in 1997 and has worked full-time as a dog trainer and behaviorist since then. To learn more about Martina and her good work, log on to www.martinasdogs.com. 🐾

Dog Defensive

Predicting and Preventing Problematic Dog Behavior

by Trish King

Most drivers are responsible individuals who obey the rules of the road, and are courteous to other drivers. Still, it's best to "drive defensively" – to keep on the lookout for either an irresponsible or inattentive driver. We need to do this to keep ourselves safe.

Like drivers, most dogs are civilized and most dog owners are responsible. Still, it's wise to be aware of what you can do to avoid potential problems.

Dogs have been our companions for thousands of years, but they still have the instincts that insured the survival of their ancestors before they started sharing our houses. Some of these instincts are close to ours – the tendency to protect the home and loved ones, for instance. And some of these instincts, if left unmanaged, can be threatening or even dangerous, if you don't know what kind of action to take.

Defensive Aggression

Most dogs don't want to bite. The problem often lies in communication. We're saying one thing – they're "hearing" something else entirely. Take eye contact, for example. Unlike humans, most dogs are not comfortable with direct eye contact from strangers, though they often seek it from their guardians and friends. In dog language, direct eye contact is either a threat or a challenge. If the dog is threatened, he may avoid you, turn his head away, or growl, while backing up. If the dog feels challenged, he may move towards you, as he threatens you back. If the direct eye contact continues, or the person continues to move towards the dog, or begins scolding the dog, the problem will escalate. If the dog feels cornered, he may take action.

Another misunderstood signal is petting on the head or hugging. Dogs have to learn to like petting on the head – in their language it's quite threatening. Hugging is even more threaten-

ing, and can panic a dog, who feels restrained and confined rather than loved. If you pet a dog on the head, and he ducks to get out of the way, or looks uncomfortable, stop petting him. Same thing with hugging. Children love to hug dogs, and that can cause problems with some dogs.

Other human actions that can cause a dog to become hostile include leaning over the dog – another threat – or putting your hand in his face so he can sniff you (it's better to hold your hand loosely by your side).

When a dog is placed in a stressful situation, he virtually always goes through a predictable series of behaviors. He first gets anxious, then tries to avoid the problem. If that doesn't work, he'll usually try to escape. If that doesn't work, he may freeze or he may resort to aggression. The progression is as follows: anxiety, then avoidance, escape, freeze, and aggression.

Some of the signs of anxiety include widely dilated pupils, yawning, stretching, whining, looking in many directions, and a number of others. To prevent problems, you should not try to approach or comfort a strange dog that is showing these signs.

If a dog has reached the end of the progression, he goes through another fairly predictable series of behaviors aimed at avoiding a fight. First, he might growl, then snarl – lift his lips

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to show his teeth. If those don't work to drive off the threat he will probably air snap. He hasn't just "missed," this is communication. He wants you to move away. If he does bite, it's likely to be very light, leaving a bruise if anything. If the threat keeps coming, he'll escalate the behavior: from growling to snarling, air snap, snapping at clothing, the inhibited bite, then the hard bite.

Think about this: If an intimidating stranger approaches you, the first thing you want to do is to keep him away from you. If he were to keep approaching, you might verbally warn him. If he kept coming, and you couldn't get away, you'd have to try to take some action, and it might be aggressive.

A growl is a warning that the dog is uncomfortable. The vast majority of the time, you should stop what you're doing, look neutral, and wait for things to quiet down. Many people say that their dog growls all the time, and nothing has ever happened.

This may be true, but just because he hasn't followed through doesn't mean that he won't.

Territorial Aggression

Virtually all dogs have a sense of territory. The territory might be your (the dog's) apartment, your (the dog's) house, or the yard. This is quite natural (we have it too!), and stems from controlling enough land and resources to have enough to eat. Just as you might dislike a stranger walking into your house – and perhaps might confront him to ascertain his business – a dog might also. Of course, dogs do it in an entirely different way. Most of the time the dog will bark to try to warn the stranger off. If the stranger leaves, the dog will stop barking. This constitutes successful behavior (the dog barked and the stranger fled). Without management and training from the owner, the barking could easily escalate into lunging.

It's important to realize that dogs who show territorial aggression may well be sweet, gentle and compliant when away from their territory. This is a NATURAL tendency; it is not aberrant behavior. However, it does have to be controlled, as it can lead to aggression.

Some breeds are more likely to show extreme territorial aggression than others. Northern breeds (Huskies, Samoyeds) show little territoriality. Protection dogs (Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Mastiffs, etc.) can and will defend their territory very efficiently.

Predatory Behavior

A different kind of aggression comes from the fact that dogs used to hunt prey – and some still do. This is called predatory behavior, and it doesn't have much to do with emotions – chasing is an instinct. Again, this behavior goes through a predictable series: from eyeing to stalking, chasing, biting, then eating.

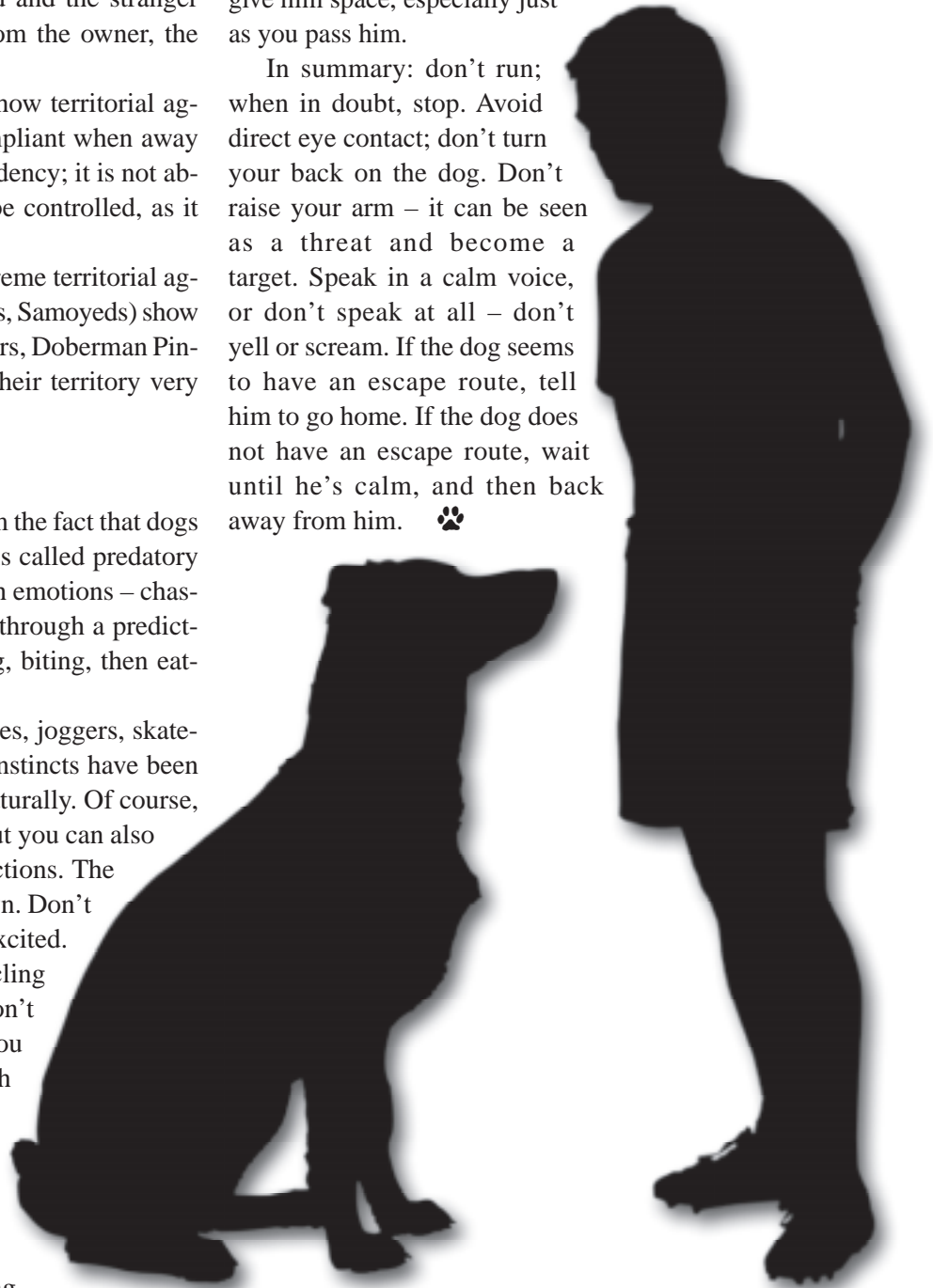
This is the reason why dogs chase bicycles, joggers, skateboarders, cars, and children playing. Their instincts have been "activated" and they're doing what comes naturally. Of course, they can be trained out of these behaviors, but you can also learn to defuse the behavior through your actions. The first thing to do is stop, or radically slow down. Don't look directly at the dog, who may be pretty excited. Don't turn your back on the dog. If he's circling you, stay still. Don't scream, don't yell, and don't wave your hands about – just stand still. If you talk, make it in a conversational tone – a high voice can make him even more excited. And wait. If you're boring enough, he'll move on to more exciting fare.

Preventive Measures

You can minimize your chances of having

a dog chase you by being aware and taking pre-emptive steps. If you're jogging, for instance, and you see a person and an unleashed (or even leashed) dog ahead, tell them you're coming. You can use the time-honored phrase of bicyclists, "On your left!" (or right). Then slow down and curve away from the dog/human pair. Though you may not want to slow down, it's still a good idea. Yes, you have the right to jog. The dog owner also has the right to walk his or her dog. It's courtesy to stay in your own lane. If you're bicycling and a dog starts to chase you, the best action is to slow down, get off your bike, and put it between you and the dog. There's a human tendency to move faster, away from the threat – but no one can outrun a healthy dog, and it's best not to try. If you are walking or jogging towards the dog, give him space, especially just as you pass him.

In summary: don't run; when in doubt, stop. Avoid direct eye contact; don't turn your back on the dog. Don't raise your arm – it can be seen as a threat and become a target. Speak in a calm voice, or don't speak at all – don't yell or scream. If the dog seems to have an escape route, tell him to go home. If the dog does not have an escape route, wait until he's calm, and then back away from him. 🐾



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 18, 2003 The Mongrel Mash & Dash

William Land Park, Sacramento, CA – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – FREE admission. Contests, vendors, food, games. For more info visit www.happytails.org or call 916-978-3109.

Oct. 19, 2003 Animal October Fest

Featuring the Blessing of the Animals – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Animal Blessing begins at 2:00 p.m. Other activities throughout the day include dog & cat costume contests, pumpkin patch, hay rides, and more. For more info visit www.petgazette.org or call the Pet Gazette at 916-663-2841

Nov. 15, 2003 11th Annual Auction & Wine Tasting

Major fundraising event at the Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley, CA; 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$20 payable at the door. Catch up with friends, do some holiday shopping, taste exquisite wines, bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items. Contact Liz or Dave Berry regarding donations for auction at (707) 963-8189 or email goldenauktion@aol.com

Feb. 14, 2004 Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Parade

Participate in a parade at the Specialty Dog Show at the Santa Clara Fair Grounds, Santa Clara, CA; see page 6 in this newsletter for entry application; \$10; deadline to enter is Feb. 4, 2004

Charitable Giving

by Jeff Wilson, Treasurer

When developing your estate plan, you can do well by doing good. Leaving money to charity rewards you in many ways. It gives you a sense of personal satisfaction, and it can save you money in estate taxes. Whether you are subject to federal estate taxes depends on the size of your estate and the year you die. Recent changes only increase the need for careful planning, and charitable giving can play an important role in many estate plans. By leaving money to charity when you die, the full amount of your charitable gift may be deducted from the value of your taxable estate.

The easiest and most direct way to make a charitable gift is by an outright bequest of cash in your will. Making an outright bequest requires only a short paragraph in your will that names the charitable beneficiary and states the amount of your gift. The outright bequest is especially appropriate when the amount of your gift is relatively small, or when you want the funds to go to the charity without strings attached.

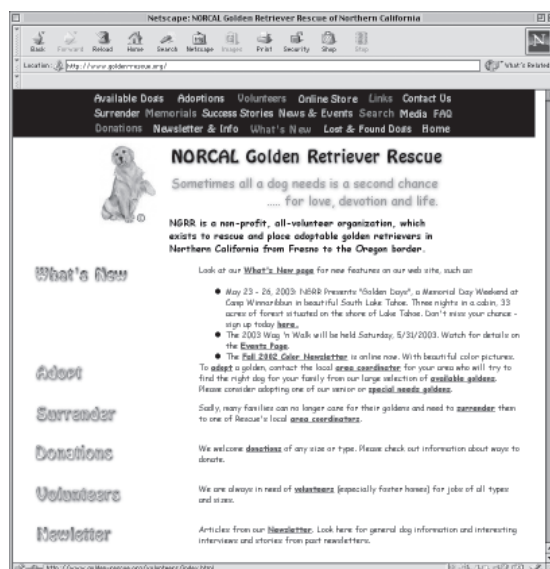
If you have funds in an IRA or employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can name your favorite charity as a beneficiary. Naming a charity as beneficiary can provide double tax savings. First, the charitable gift will be deductible for estate tax purposes. Second, the charity will not have to pay any income tax on the funds it receives. This double benefit can save combined taxes that otherwise could eat up a substantial

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Visit the
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Web
Site

www.golden-rescue.org



We Goldens LOVE A Parade!

by Carla Holmes

In May, NGRR adopters, volunteers and their Golden companions participated in the Los Altos Pet Parade. The Pet Parade is an annual community event sponsored by the Los Altos Kiwanis Club. Approximately 15 people and nearly 20 Rescues, many of them in costume, proudly pranced in the parade. All had a fun time as we helped to create greater awareness about NGRR.



Charitable Giving

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portion of your retirement account.

Another way for you to make charitable gifts is to create a charitable trust. There are many types of charitable trusts, the most common of which include the charitable lead trust and the charitable remainder trust. A charitable lead trust pays income to your chosen charity for a certain period of years after your death. Once that period is up, the trust principal passes to your family members or other heirs. The trust is known as a charitable lead trust because the charity gets the first – or lead – interest.

A charitable remainder trust is the mirror image of the charitable lead trust.

There are two types of beneficiaries in a charitable remainder trust. First, income beneficiaries receive a set percentage of income for the lifetime of the trust and are usually the trustees themselves. The second set of beneficiaries are the charities named. They receive the remaining principal of the trust after the income beneficiaries have deceased. The trust is known as a charitable remainder trust because the charity gets the remainder interest. Depending on which type of trust you use, the dollar value of the lead (income) interest or the remainder interest produces the estate tax charitable deduction.

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Volunteer Interest

I would like to learn more about volunteering for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted below. (Note: This form may also be submitted through our web site at www.golden-rescue.org.)

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Since our organization is staffed entirely by volunteers, every penny of your contribution will help pay for veterinary care, food and other direct expenses required in our work to rescue and find loving homes for hundreds of Golden Retrievers each year.

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A gift by check or credit card may be made outright or as a pledge to be fulfilled over a period of up to five years. If you itemize tax deductions, your contribution is fully deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income; any excess can be carried forward for up to five additional years. To make a gift by check, simply fill out the donation slip, write your check, and mail to NGRR. To make a gift by credit card, please also tell us the type of credit card, card number, expiration date, and name as it appears on the card.

Payroll Deduction

The simplest (and most painless) way for many of us to manage our gift giving is with an easy payroll deduction. Each year United Way, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other charitable campaigns give working people the opportunity to allocate payroll deductions or make a one-time contribution at work. Ask your employer for a Donor Option Card to direct your United Way contribution to NGRR.

Matching Gift

Over 6,000 companies encourage their employees' philanthropy through a matching gift program whereby your employer will match your individual donations. This generous program doubles – and sometimes triples – your donation. Ask your hu-

man resources department if your employer has such a program. If so, you will be given a matching gift form to send to NGRR with your donation, and we'll do the rest!

Appreciated Securities

Your outright gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds and bonds) is exempt from capital gains taxes and, in most cases, enables you to obtain a charitable income tax deduction equal to the market value of the securities at the time of transfer, for up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

Gifts Through Your Estate

For many of us, making a gift through our estate is the most realistic way to make a substantial contribution to NGRR. At the same time, a carefully planned estate gift can reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes, depending upon the size of your estate.

Life Income Gifts

You may be able to make a gift and receive direct financial benefits. Some financial vehicles, such as charitable trusts, can provide you and/or your spouse with an income for life and a charitable income tax deduction as well. These vehicles often pay a rate of return that exceeds money market and CD rates. In addition, they typically help avoid capital gains taxes and reduce estate taxes. Gifts can also be made through your estate while preserving assets for your current needs.

Gifts of Real Estate

You can make a gift of commercial or residential real estate and receive substantial financial benefits. If you give the property outright, you can qualify for a charitable income tax deduction based on the appraised value of the property.

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

There are several ways you can direct NGRR to allocate your contribution. You may choose to spread your donation across all funds, or you may tell us to apply all of it to a specific cause.

General Fund

Contributions to this fund will pay for ordinary veterinary care, food and other expenses directly related to our Golden Retrievers in foster care. Any excess monies in this fund are allocated to NGRR's emergency reserve to help cover catastrophic events, such as earthquakes and puppy mill raids, in communities throughout Northern California.

Senior Golden Retrievers

Contributions to this fund will be used exclusively to support the extra veterinary and foster care usually required for dogs eight years and older – our well-deserving Golden Oldies.

Zack's Fund

Inspired by "Zack," a severely dysplastic Golden taken in and treated by NGRR, this fund was established to provide extensive veterinary care, surgery and rehabilitation to young and deserving Golden Retrievers who are critically ill, deformed and/or injured. These dogs need immediate access to funds to restore their quality of life – and, in extreme cases, to save their lives – without financially burdening their adoptive families.

For More Information

For further information, please consult with your financial planner or tax advisor. More information about donating to NGRR can be found on our web site at www.golden-rescue.org.

Donation (& change of address)

I would like to make a donation to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue to help provide shelter, food, and veterinary care for homeless Golden Retrievers. I would like my contribution allocated as follows:

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Senior Golden Retrievers	\$ _____
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Total	\$ _____

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