

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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Vines of Gold



Vines of Gold • Saturday, April 9, 2011

Please join us for the first annual Vines of Gold event as we bring dog lovers together to support NGRR and the Morris Animal Foundation's search for a cure to canine cancer. Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi has opened their barrels for NORCAL. For one day, April 9th, Woodbridge will be transformed to WOOFbridge allowing you and your dog to join in a day of wine, food, entertainment, and fun. We are excited to have the beautiful grounds at the winery opened to NGRR for this event.

WHERE

Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi
5950 East Woodbridge Road,
Acampo, CA 95220

General admission \$35, 1:00 to 4:00 pm;

VIP admission \$55 with early arrival at 11:30 am.

Go to www.ngrr.org to register or contact Shirlee Thomas at 916.727.7068 or shirleet1@yahoo.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

Frank Sinatra, courtesy of Gigmasters – **Steve Swan** is an exciting entertainer and will impress you with his music and impersonation of Frank.

Randall Padilla is an amazing guitarist – Randall holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest guitarist in the world. Can you believe 26.5 musical notes per second?!?! Randall is not just fast, he's fabulous!

Golden Star Photo will be clicking away throughout the day. Look for you and your dog at www.goldenstarphoto.com after the event. A portion of all sales of photos are donated back to NGRR.

Prizes and a silent auction will top off the afternoon – come ready to bid!

WINE & FOOD

Wine: Woodbridge has generously donated the wine for each course. You will have three wine tickets to pair with cheese, pasta, and dessert.

Cheese: Fiscalini Farms is a family-owned dairy that brings to you an exceptional selection of cheeses paired with some amazing wines.

Food: Enjoy spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread to satisfy your taste for Italian cuisine. For dessert the confection team is bringing their best game.



3rd Annual K9 Cancer Walk

Last year our Elk Grove golden retriever team raised \$7,000 for canine cancer research. Our Los Gatos team raised \$6,000. You should all be very proud of your participation and dedication to helping The Morris Animal

Foundation find a cure for canine cancer. We were the #1 team at both walks last year and we were #2 in San Diego in February this year.

On May 7th, we will walk again. Registration is now open.

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NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter **having raised over \$50,000**. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Liz and Dave Berry
Jami Boshoven
The Zoe Fund
Mary Ann Graziano
Melinda Griffin
Mike and Bev Groeniger.
Julie Hood
Jim and Leena Krasno
Jeff and Debbi Lucchesi
Susan Messinger
Frank and Brenda Slotman
Bruce Stiely
Craig Tighe and Ann Coulson
Don and Barbara Tornberg
Jeff and Sio Wilson

Pure Gold: \$500 to \$999

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Alicia and James Goetz
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Robert Kelly
Kent and Emily Kushar
Paul and Aren Lindstrom
Janet Lynch
Carole Mason
Joanne McGrail
Maya and Tim Misner
Holly and Mike O'Brien
Jan Van der Voort

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Heather Murphy
Mike Nellis
Cynthia Oehmichen
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Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

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Shirley Stewart
Nancy and Neil Stipanich
Lori Straley
Anne Sutherland
John Swanberg
Art Takaki and Brita Truggvi
Hiromi Takekuma
William W. Taylor

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RESCUE FUND

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Norm Wallace
Anne and Nicholas Ward
Linda and John Weatherholt
Ryan and Evan Weinswig
Jeff Westmont
Sue Wilson
Alan and Marcia Wright
Adrienne Yarnold
George Young

Cold Noses: Up to \$99

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B.W. and Deborah Bainbridge
Shiela Bammann
Mary Baron
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Michelle and Ray Beazley
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Laurie Benjamin
Jack Beye
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Cheryl Birnie
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Alan and Marcia Wright
Stephen and Margaret Young
Stephen Zavell



Spotlight on Volunteers



This is a story about Jill Morgan and her hard working team in the San Joaquin area.

Two days before Christmas, San Joaquin county acquired four 11 week old puppies. They named them, Donovan, Munson, Hansel and Gretel. They appeared to be healthy. But they later found these beautiful puppies had been exposed to Parvo. Even though the team had great support from their local Lodi Vet, and the Vet Tech's help doing home visits, the goldens had to be hospitalized on December 28. Adding to that problem, all four pups had to be taken home by 5 p.m. on December 30 because the local Veterinarian was closed for the New Year's 3-day holiday. The Lodi team administered IV fluids, medications and monitored four very sick puppies 24/7. Jill described how she had to hang the IV bags from picture hooks on the walls. This was not an easy job.

By Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 9 a.m. Gretel had taken a turn for the worse. She had to be hospitalized. The Emergency Vet was 35 miles one way, and of course very expensive. Gretel was to be picked up on Monday January 3rd by 8a.m. and taken to their local Vet in Lodi. At 7 a.m. on the 3rd,



the Emergency Vet announced Gretel was in such critical condition she couldn't be moved and her situation was "touch and go." After a few more highly critical days, Gretel started to show signs of recovery and was moved to Jill's home in Lodi.

Gretel is still the smallest and weakest of the four, but she is slowly gaining strength and responding to the care and love given to her.

By New Years Eve it became apparent the boys were going to make it. While in the crate Hansel chewed Donovan's IV making the crate look like a bloody CSI crime scene. Sometimes doing rescue becomes difficult and labor intensive. The reward is seeing the right families adopt their next Golden family

member. It is also a joy reuniting all of them at the NGRR events. The three boys have totally recovered from their Parvo. They are still very thin but are bouncing happy puppies! Two of these boys have already found a forever home.

This story hopefully will help the public to understand the importance of giving both the mother and the puppies their shots.

The backyard breeder that had these pups was totally uneducated and unaware of the value of puppy shots and the severity of Parvo. It is a rare occasion that Rescue gets young puppies. Unfortunately Jill's home and yard are contaminated. She will not be able to bring home any dog for two years, which has not been vaccinated. 🐾

My "Max"imum Adoption

Thanks to Kristine Wallace for submitting this.

Until November, I could say that I was the proud Mom of Logan, Zachary and Mackenzie, all of whom I raised since 10 weeks old. Logan and Zachary are both Goldens and each headed into their golden years at 11 and 9 years of age. Mackenzie, the Berner was my newest addition at 15 months old. To say I had my hands full with three dogs was understated!

Fast forward to November, when my dear friend Shirlee Thomas asked me to foster a recently surrendered 17-month-old Golden named Max. Shirlee explained that Max was a dogs' dog. He loves other dogs, loves to play and likes humans but what really makes him light up, is his canine brethren. When Max burst into the backyard, it was game on! Mackenzie and Max were instantly the best of friends and his



playful and respectful approach to play even encouraged Logan and Zachary to join in! It was love at first sight between my dogs and Max.

As the weeks passed, Max began to blossom and I watched the most rewarding transformation of my life as a Dog Mom. As Max grew to know our family, his warmth and love stole my heart. When he first came to me, he was unfamiliar with sleeping in a

human bed and had zero interest in cuddling. I remember the first time he climbed up in my lap while I was sitting on my couch. He leaned into me and placed his head on my chest and my eyes filled with tears and my heart was overwhelmed. You see, after raising all of my kids since puppies, I had resigned myself to thinking that Max and I just might not ever be bonded as closely. Boy, was I wrong.

Max is now the first one in bed, laying his head on my pillow and always sleeping with a paw touching my chest. For Logan and Zachary's birthday this

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Shape Up With Shadow!!

NGRR is no stranger to caring for obese Golden Retrievers. Several years ago we took in what to-date is our most severe case. Ginger, 10, arrived to rescue weighing 175 lbs – She was about 22-23 inches tall. A loving family took her into their lives and because of their dedication and love got Ginger down to a sleek and beautiful 76 lbs. No dog should have to suffer the ailments of obesity. They can't open the refrigerator door – we do this to our dogs – and we shouldn't.

Shadow arrived 4 weeks ago. His family surrendered him, in part, because he could no longer fit through the doggy door. They felt bad that he was out in the elements and not able to get into the garage. At 23 inches tall (short for a male) Shadow arrived at 136 lbs. The doctor said he should weigh 65-70 lbs. He needs to lose half of himself. We measured across his back – it is 16 inches across.



NGRR would like to invite you to join us and **Shape Up With Shadow!**

JT Clough (www.sitk9sit.com) & Dr. Liz Devitt from Fit For Dogs (www.fitfordogs.com) are on board with us to make sure that Shadow's weight loss is done with his health in mind. Go to our website www.ngr.org and you can get a copy of the fitness program that was designed for Shadow. A new workout will be posted each week. We will have information for you on how to take your dogs' heart rate so that you don't overdo their workout.

A DogTread doggy treadmill, from www.dogtread.com, has been provided at a very generous discount to NGRR. This will enable us to help Shadow and many more of our dogs that need to lose weight and rehabilitate from injury or surgery. We extend our deepest gratitude for their generosity.

Shadow will be eating a very healthy high quality food from Champion Pet Foods (www.championpetfoods.com). They have offered to supply Shadow with his food for the duration of his

weight loss program. Orijen Adult has won pet food of the year two years in a row. It uses quality human grade meat, no fillers, no corn, no wheat, no hormones, no antibiotics. It is a very well balanced food. It is not a diet food – Shadow's intake will be managed based on calories needed. You don't always have to use a special food for weight loss, but you should discuss it with your veterinarian before you get started. Weight loss should be targeted at 1-2% per week. Slow and healthy is the way to go. We want Shadow and all his friends to lose the fat and become healthy and fit. Go to our website (www.ngr.org) to learn more about how we adjust the food for Shadow as he loses the pounds.

If you would like to support Shadow on his journey you can **Pledge for Pounds**. Look for the pledge button on our web page story about Shadow. Can you give \$1.00 per pound? \$.50 cents

per pound? Shadow's weight loss goal is 65 lbs. Your pledge will help NGRR continue to make a difference for our most needy Golden Retrievers.

Do you have a fat dog? Maybe a pudgy dog? Could it be an obese dog? If yes, then please join Shadow and bring a new life of fitness and health and give your dog a longer, healthier life. We want to know your dogs' story. Send in your information and we will add you to our team. Be sure to include a picture and all your dogs' stats so that we can track your dog's progress.

Look for updates on Shadow's progress on our webpage, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, www.DogTreadmillTraining.com, www.FitForDogs.com, www.DogTread.com. Also see this link on Good Morning America, who featured a segment on this subject, as did the Wall Street Journal on February 22 – <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/fat-pets-products-obese-dogs-cats-lose-weight/story?id=12976175> 🐾

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December, we went to Carmel State Beach to play in the ocean. Max lit up at the sight of the beach and water. He ran and played and stayed with his family and I was so proud of him.

Today, my sweet Max still loves his canine compadres but I can proudly say, Max also loves his Mom. There is something about his eyes, in those quiet moments that say "Thank you, I have found my home" and I reply "Thank you Max, you have taught me that unconditional love is not reserved for those lucky dogs who have loving owners since birth. You have taught me that the love of a rescue is a unique and unbreakable bond and I am the luckiest Mom in the world." 🐾

3rd Annual K9 Cancer Walk

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Team Golden Retrievers To The Rescue is ready! Two of our Golden alumni have benefited and are survivors today because of the research and treatment realized from one of the studies funded by Morris. Together we can make a difference and find prevention, treatment, and ultimately a cure to canine cancer.

Logon today and join the team at www.k9cancerwalk.org. Don't delay! Sign-up and get your friends and family to support you at the walk. And, if you live out of the area but want to help, you can sign-up as a virtual member of the team or you can make a donation in the name of your Golden or in memoriam if you have lost a Golden to this disease. 🐾

IN TRIBUTE

In Thanks to Margaret & Clay Stringer who generously donated back to NGRR their winnings from the Wag n' Walk raffle. They wrote: *"We have come to the conclusion that the funds will be of much better used in the hands of Norcal, and so, please accept our gratitude for your service to our 'Golden' friends."*

In Thanks to Jeanne Hanlon
"We would like to express our appreciation for Jeanne's efforts and the wonderful service provided by NGRR."
Donation by Jim & Mary Kleinbach

"In honor of John's 70th birthday. He has a heart as big as a Golden. Many, many Golden wishes for continued happiness and good health. "Duffy," "Daisy," and "Clancy," their Golden, are still remembered with love by John and Irene and their family."
Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Honor of "Cookie"
"Although "Cookie" wasn't one of your rescue dogs, thank you for helping me find her. She is such a good friend and joy."
Donation by Gordon J. Del Faro

"Many thanks for all of your hard work!"
Donation by Bruce C. Reeves

"Thank you for our sweet puppy!"
Donation by Helga & Dennis McLaughlin

"...to help our brothers and sisters in need."
Donation by "Tazzy" & "Shelby" and their parents, Mary & Gerard Marquez

In Honor of "Daisy" as she celebrates her 13th birthday
"Her muzzle is grayer, her steps are slower, but her spirit is still young. The joy she brings is overwhelming."
Loved by Louise Korn

In Honor and In Remembrance to our Golden... "Tucker," "Rubie," and "Angel Goldie"

"Thank you for helping these GREAT dogs!"
Donation by Leona & John McCabe

In Honor of Jeff Lucchesi
Donation by Inge Lehmann

In Thanks of Canine Wines of San Ramon
"Drink Good Wine, Save Good Animals"

In Celebration of the adoption of "Tanner"
Loved by Nancy & Ken Nittler

In Honor of Deborah and Tom
"To a wonderful woman and her new husband; we wish you a lifetime filled with love and laughter. Congratulations, Deb and Tom!"

Donation by Lorraine, Leslie & Melanie of Summit Veterinary Advisors

Honoring Sandy Olson & Frank Castro
Donation by Carol & Robert Riddell

In Honor and In Memory of our many Golden
"For our beloved Golden we miss every day, for our time with them is far too short: 'Renner,' 'Maddi,' 'Murphy,' and 'Hayden.' For the two who take care of us every day: Dusty and Indiana. Our lives are enriched for having all of them."

Donation by Alan Johnson & Mary Demby

Thank you for the donation in the name of John Musgrave
Donation Anonymous

Honoring "Hank" and "Hannah" (two senior siblings)
"I follow your website regularly and notice that the siblings have been available for a while. They were listed as a pair before and I note that they are now listed as individual dogs. While I understand that it's not easy for people to adopt two dogs together, I feel extremely sad that the siblings may have to be separated. If memory serves me right, the previous listing description indicated that Hank and Hannah have lived together almost for their entire lives and get along well with each other."

I am very fond of senior rescue dogs. In 2005, I adopted a senior retriever mix from Santa Clara SPCA. She and her brother were surrendered by their owner. Unfortunately, SPCA did not place them together (the brother was adopted sooner). Many a time, I could feel her loneliness while being at home without her brother. Though I made lots of effort to establish contact with the new owner of her brother, my calls were not returned. Therefore, my girl was not able to see her sibling ever again. She passed away last year. I truly do not want this situation to repeat for other dogs, especially well-bonded pairs that have been each other's soulmate for life."

Donation by Mary Cheng & Shawn Ledbetter

In Tribute to Dale Root
"In honor of Dale's incredible generosity and contribution to the sport of dogs as well as Golden."

Donation by Suzi Bluford

In Honor of "Beamer" and Ron Davidian...a success story!

In Honor of "Noah"
"We are grateful every day for him!"
Donation by Gunther Dieckmann & Linda Slider

In Honor of "Tazzy" and "Shelby"
Donation by Mary & Gerard Marquez

In Honor of "Maya"
"We are in love with our new rescue Golden, Maya!"
Donation by Vicki L. Coe

In Honor of Dr. Perry Hefflefinger, Koa & Nai'a
"Shenah Tovah!"
Donation by Marc Benioff

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Leslie
Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary!
Donation by Joan & Garry Deuel

In Honor of "Charley"
"A Golden alum 2007"
Lovingly donated by Stacey & Brett Layton

In Honor of "Dewey"
"A wonderful friend and companion."
Cherished by Sloan McDonald

In Honor of "Louie" and "Oggie"
Donated with love by Sara Michelena

In Honor of my "Pack of dogs"
Loved by Tracy Gallauger

In Honor of "Wilson"
"Wilson is a very special boy who deserves the very best!"
Donation by Rebecca Williams

In Honor of "Tucker" and the Comes family who are creating Tucker's forever home.

In Honor of Kim & Bob Young
"Thank you for telling me about NGRR, which resulted in the adoption of my precious Bella."
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of "Louise"
Lovingly donated by Pamela White

In Honor of Mrs. Anne Belisle
Donation by Diane & Gordon Head

In Honor of Janine and Don Matheson & Family

In Thanks to Thomas Wong and Family for their donation via Clean Solar

Donation by Diane & Gordon Head

In Honor of our great Golden - "*Frisco*" & "*Hillary*"
"We love them dearly! Keep up the great work."
 Donation by Holly & Mike O'Brien

In Thanks to ALL who have chosen Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue as their charity of choice! Wiggle wags to all of you!

In Thanks to the Robert & Patricia Dahl Foundation for their continued generosity and love of the breed. Our Golden's thank you!

In Honor of "*Toby*" In Memory of "*Angel*"
"Merry Christmas and Happy 2011!" We have adopted two dogs and we love them so much. My 'Angel' passed away, at 10 years, burying her head in the crook of my arm to say good-bye. Toby is turning 10 and is our special boy who greets us each morning with a smile and a wag of his tail. We are blessed!"
 Donation by Kris Flowers and family

"Dear Golden Retriever Rescue Association: We had 2 lemonade and cookie stands. We made \$36 total. All three of us had Golden Retrievers and 2 of us rescued them." With Love – Hannah Gross, Sarah Maruyama and Natalie Maruyama
 Note from NGRR: Hannah, Sarah and Natalie – Thank you for your BIG hearts. The Golden's at NGRR could not have better friends and supporters than the three of you!

In Thanks to NGRR
 Donation by "*Cassie*," "*Chief*," Ron & Alexis Helm

In Honor of "*Sky*"
 Donation by Richard Dunckel & Paula Tokugawa

In Honor of "*Cookie*"
"Although Cookie was not one of your dogs, your organization did help me find her. I will always appreciate your help and the good you are doing."
 Donation by Gordon Del Faro

In Honor of "*Sherman*." In Memory of "*Spencer*"
 Donated with love by Artemis & Doug Furman

"My fellow classmates and I have put on bake sales and set up donation boxes around the San Jose State University campus to raise money for your program. I hope what we have enclosed can help some loving Golden Retrievers. I, personally, have adopted two wonderful Golden's from NGRR."
 Donation by Jennifer Siergal & Friends

In Honor of "*Gabriel*"
 Loved by Molly & Steve McArthur
 Donation by Doug Bergman/Bergman Investments

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
 Donation by Virginia Atwood

In Honor of Lorrie Finkel
 Donation by Valerie Peck

In Honor of "*Ruger*"
"Ruger is doing great. He is now 11."
 Donation by John Rutkowski

In Honor of MaryAnn Graziano and her Golden's
 Donation by Theresa McTague

In Honor of "*Riley*"
 Donation by Gina Rieger

In Honor of "*Yankee*" & "*Krissy*"
 Donation by Suzanne Karakover-Nickel

In Honor of Charles Kenney and his Golden's, "*Piper*," "*Chloe*," "*Cider*," "*Christy*," "*Sophia*," and "*Olivia*"

In Honor of my daughter-in-law, Shannon Aiken
 Donation by Laura Gann

In Honor of Myra Kelley, NGRR Volunteer
 Donation by Virginia Van Kuran

In Honor of John Savage
"Merry Christmas to our brother-in-law, who has been an adopter 'dad' for many Golden's."
 Donation by Linda & John Dudas

In Honor of Nancy Corbin
"Nancy is a great lover of Golden's and has lovingly raised, trained and shown some wonderful dogs. She is active in the NGRR community and greatly enjoys what she does."
 Donation by Geff Rapp

In Tribute to "*Wilcox*"
"... a wonderful, joyful dog!"
 Donation by Valerie Peck

In Honor of Jean Connors
 Donation by Terry Sechrist

In Honor of Pam Lavin's 80th Birthday
 Donation by "Las Mujeres" (a group of Pam's friends)

In Honor of Sharon Brechtel
"Thank you for finding me the perfect Golden, Bella!"
 Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

"We thank you and 'Riley' thanks you, too! Merry Christmas."
 Donation by Diane & John Swanberg

In Honor of my Golden, "*Beau*"
"Thank you and keep up the great work."
 Donation by Margaret Noonan

In Honor of Kim & Bob Young
"Thank you for telling me about NGRR, which resulted in the adoption of my precious, 'Bella.'"
 Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of Carolyn Curry
 Donation by Rich Lang

In Honor of Carolyn Curry
"...for all the love you give the critters of this world."
 Donation by Christy Lang

"Merry Christmas wishes to Elaine Erickson"
 Donation by Sara Steffen

In Honor of Carole Frank
"Happy Hanukkah to the best friend a Golden Retriever ever had...and to the best mom and grandmom, ever!"
 Donated with loved Debbi, George & Brandon Behrman

In Honor of Aunt Pat, the Great
"Thank you for sharing your love of doggies with your nieces and nephews."
 Donated by Ann Rosenthal

In Honor of the Gordon Family
"Thank you for being so great! Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We love you."
 Donation by Mike, Jen, Skye & Liam Gordon

In Honor of Lee Rusconi
"Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!"
 Donation by James Keltner

In Honor of Tana Lingvall
"Merry Christmas! This donation has been made in your name for Christmas."
 Donation by Audrey Down

In Honor of Andrea & Tom Spink
"Andrea and Tom have given love, affection and a wonderful home to many lucky NGRR dogs."
 Donation by Karla Robson

In Honor of Janis Musante
"Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!"
 Donation by Linda Peltz

In Thanks to everyone who donates to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue through United Way and employee/company matching programs!

IN MEMORIAM

Merry Christmas wishes to my brother and his wife, Mike and Mivala Marcy
"They have taken in several Golden and loved them."

Donation by Bill & Margaret Marcy

In Gratitude to "Zoe's Fund"

In Honor of my daughter-in-law, Carole Gray Weihman

Donation by Elaine Weihman

In Honor of "Abbie"

Donation by Helen & Tim Gladden

In Thanks to Canine Wines who donate a percentage of their sales to NGRR when mentioned at checkout!

In Honor of "Max"

Donation by Susan Wilson

In Honor of Frank Castro and Sandy Olson

Donation by George Harter & Nancy Griffin

In Honor of "Tierra"

"We received the most beautiful Golden retriever last March. We look at her and are so grateful that she has come into our lives. It is a perfect match!"

Lovingly donated by Leena & Jim Krasno

"In Thanks to Debee & Bob Armstrong for taking care of Julie!"

Donation by Orna & Ratson Morad

In Honor of "Buddy," "Sunny," & "Bella"

Donated with love by Beverly & Michael Groeniger

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald

Donation by Mildred FitzGerald

In Honor of Karen & Megan Schussman

"Merry Christmas!"

Donation by Carla Gilbert

In Thanks (ALWAYS) to those who donate through their company donation programs!

In Thanks to the family of Katherine Keane

In Honor of "Rusty"

"Thanks for our Rusty!"

Donation by Joy & Arthur Sacco

In Thanks for our wonderful "Mia!"

Donation by Uta Landy & Philip Darney

"In thanks for the wonderful work you do. So many happy Golden bless you."

Donation by Pat & Dick Garland

In Honor of "Beau"

"Thanks for all you do! My husband, who has since passed away, had a stroke on September 17th. It was Beau, our sweetheart Golden, who alerted the neighbors with hysterical non-stop barking. Now that my husband is gone, it is Beau who saves me by washing my face with kisses when I cry and insisting that we go out and walk. Beau is our third Golden through NGRR. When you rescue a Golden, you rescue yourself as well. God bless you."

Donation lovingly given by Rosella Bathurst

In Honor of "Duke"

"Our Duke, who we got from you a few years ago is really enjoying, 'The Good Life!' At eight years old, he is finally starting to gray."

Donation by Steve Jones

"Happy Birthday, Arthur! The Golden send their love!"

Donation by Christine Romano

In Honor of "Millie"

"NGRR brought Millie to us in July 2010, and she has become a sweet soft spot at the center of our family."

Lovingly donated by Harold Freiman and Family

In Tribute to Pai-Yi Gwo & Pi-Yun Chu

"The best parents in the world!"

With love, Tai Gwo

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Ashley"

"Ashley was a spunky, feisty, wonderful, affectionate, amazing, sweet part of my life that will be dearly missed. She was always there to meet me at the door, be loving, and was a great listener and was never judgmental. She helped me through a lot of rough times, and helped share some very special and funny moments and gave me a lot of great memories to cherish. Ash, you've been gone over a year, but you'll be in my heart always."

Lovingly donated by John Langer

In Memory of "Boo" and "Bailey"

"In memory of Boo and Bailey, who were Myke Judd's beautiful dogs and the life they shared."

Missed by Myke Judd

Donation by Robert Fusaro

In Memory of "Slyder"

"He was a great dog."

Donation by Chuck McCarthy

In Memory of "Chase" and In Thanks to Dr. Sara Skiwski from The Western Dragon

"Chase, we'll always love you and you will be missed tremendously. Sara, you have our never-ending gratitude and love. When our NGRR boy, Chase, developed ailments and challenges that proved too much for traditional medicine, we turned to Dr. Sara Skiwski of The Western Dragon. Her holistic practice and acupuncture treatments gave us an additional 2½ years with the sweetest boy we've ever known. She always made herself available to answer questions or offer guidance, even when she was supposed to be on vacation. Her treatment and care allowed us to spend more time with our boy, who brought us more joy than we ever imagined. He arrived with the charm of a movie star and a love of squeaky toys that lasted up until just a few weeks before he passed."

Lovingly donated by Chase's parents, Anne & Mike Ernst

In Memory of Shirley Anne Bray

Donation by Annie & Georgia Podesto

In Memory of Charles "Chuck" Dorr

Donation by Tracy Budge

In Memory of Victor Todd Miller

Donation by Margaret Azevedo & Charles Franklin

In Memory of Charles Dorr

Donation by Devcon Construction

In Memory of Gene Harper

"Gene was a devoted father to Debbie Claussen, a friend to all dogs and an American WWII Hero. He was much loved and is very sadly missed by Debbie and Mike Claussen."

Donation by Jan Teichman and the dogs at Maui

In Memory of Shirley Anne Bray

Donation by Tabitha Lapka

In Memory of Mrs. Shan Bray – Shirley Anne

Donation by Dorothy & Arthur Shaw

In Memory of "Belle"

"NGRR matched us up with Belle 10½ years ago...she lived to be 15 years and 5 months! Her sweet, beautiful smile will forever live in our hearts and memories."

Lovingly donated by Patty Cimlov-Zahares

In Memory of "Sneakers" and In Honor of "Freddie"

"Sneakers was wonderful beyond words, and Freddie makes me laugh every day. Thank you for bringing us together."

Donated with love by Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of Charles Dorr

Donation by Elizabeth Karren

In Memory of "Knight"

"Knight was a beloved senior Golden Retriever gentleman. To know Knight was to love him."

Loved and missed by Julie Choi Adams, Sam Adams and Jean Choi
 Donation by Molly Kenefick of Doggy Lama Pet Care in Oakland

In Memory of "Mighty Midas"

"Midas was an ideal fit to our family from the time we pick him up at age 6 from Norcal Rescue. He loved his daily walks, especially the morning one when he got to check out ground squirrel holes. Midas was extremely bright and he knew exactly where his morning walk fit into our daily routine. We sorely miss our Golden buddy boy. Thanks NGRR for 5 wonderful years that we shared with Midas."

Devotedly loved by Jim & Louise Morris

In Memory of Charles Dorr

Donation by Barbara Hoage

In Memory of "Libby"

"We adopted Libby from NGRR when she was 2½ years old, and she was a wonderful addition to our family. We lost her in February 2010 at the age of 13. She was my walking companion to the very end, and we miss her every day."

Cherished and loved by Stacy, Bruce, Brian & Michael Hassold

In Memory of "Rusty"

Donation by Michael & Mary-Nona Hudson
 Loved by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Memory of "Minnie"

"Minnie was our NGRR hospice Golden who lost her fight to lymphoma in May 2010 at the age of 13."

Missed and loved by Bobbie LaPorte & Larry Belardi

In Memory of Jody Stiely and her faithful Golden, "Sunny"

"Till we meet in heaven..."

Love, Pops – Bruce Stiely

In Memory of "Rovetta" aka "Betty"

"Betty was a very special redhead whose time in this world was far too short. Rescued by Kris Williams, who loved and cared for her, she will be forever missed."

Cherished and missed by Kris Williams
 Donation by Teresa Colucci

In Memory of "Rusty"

"Rusty was a special boy who came to my friend, Suzanne, through NGRR. He had a special way with people and other dogs, and he had a huge heart. He was very best friends with my special Golden, Rocky, who was stolen from me by osteosarcoma at the tender age of nine."

Loved by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel
 Donation by Wendy Stevens

In Memory of "Zach"

"Zach was a loving family member of Michael, Brad and Scout."
 Missed and cherished by Michael Mahoney, Brad Rolfe & "Scout"
 Donation by Anonymous

In Loving Memory of "Rusty"

"Rusty was the most joyous, happy dog who ever lived. His constant ear-to-ear grin endeared him to everyone. He loved to take walks, run free, swim and play. He joined Wuffy, Dusty, and Charlie at the Rainbow Bridge and is survived by Krissy who he taught to play and his mom, Suzanne, who misses him enormously."

Lovingly donated by his Mom, Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Memory of "Aaron"

Donation by Jennifer Tonsberg

In Loving Memory of "Piper" Tighe

"Piper was a faithful companion and beloved member of the Tighe Family."

Loved, cherished and missed by the Tighe's
 Donation by Jennifer Yu

In Memory of "Zach" Mahoney-Rolfe

"Best Dog Ever (BDE)"
 Loved and missed by Brad Rolfe
 Michael Mahoney
 Donation by Scott Sansone

In Memory of "Osa" Merritt

"So sorry about your loss of Osa."
 Loved and cherished by Nikki & Daryl Merritt
 Donation by Brendan McGuigan

In Memory of "Will"

"Remembering a beloved companion who, as one veterinarian affectionately said, 'If Will were a car, he'd be a lemon!'"
 Treasured and loved by Ania & Brian Rademacher
 Donation by Al Mueller

In Loving Memory of "Scout"

"Scout was the loving Golden of Tootie. We will miss her dearly."
 Beloved and missed by Tootie Hagan
 Donation by Donna Ribeiro-Pope

In Memory of Shirley Bray

Donation by San Joaquin Elementary School Sunshine Committee

In Memory of "Hallie"

Donation by Ellen Stevens

In Memory of "Apollo" Tosti

"I am so sorry to hear of Apollo's passing. I believe that Golden Retrievers are Angels on Earth."

Cherished and missed by the Tosti Family
 Donation by Gregory Koll

In Memory of "Sierra Star"

"We lost our Sierra to cancer on August 9th and we miss her greatly. She gave us great joy in having her as part of our family and we will remember her always. She grew up with our boy, Ryan, and accepted Ginger her rescued sister with a gleeful heart, and then had to leave us far too soon. We will remember you always."

Lovingly missed by the Feldman Family

In Memory of "Dreyfus"

"Our best friends are never with us long enough."
 Loved by Sue & Steve Salnick
 Donation by Peggy Andrews

In Fond Memory of "Aspen"

"Aspen was a wonderful Golden Girl."
 Missed and loved by Joanne McGrail
 Donation by Patricia Hartney

In Memory of "Casey Ann 'Trierer Girl' "

"Casey Ann was the best dog ever! She brought nothing but joy and happiness to all who knew her. She will never be forgotten and always loved. Your mom and dad will miss you and carry you in their hearts forever."

Achingly loved and missed by Marilyn & Roy Parks

In Memory of "Sunny" Breimhorst

"Forever in our hearts, this most glorious Golden."
 Loved by Sharon & Heinz Breimhorst
 Donation by Ruth Dunne

In Memory of "Hailey"

"In memory of our special loving friend, Hailey. Hailey will remain forever in our hearts."
 Cherished by the Hughes Family

In Memory of "Sunny"

"Our beautiful boy gave us the best 13.5 years of joy we have ever known. Run with Roxie, now, my sweet King of Dogs. I love you."
 Lovingly donated by Sharon Breimhorst

IN MEMORIAM

In Honor and In Memory of "Aspen"
Mirrabooka's Aspen Gold, CDX, RAE4,
CGC, Therapy Dog
"Aspen was a beautiful Golden girl who loved to pounce on dancing sunlight."
Donation by Jackie Peterson, Cathy Bones, Sheila Kolby, Sue Mitchell, Sharon Hall, Reena Walton, Toni & Pete Ramos, Sarah Berrend, Rachel Berrend, Ann Ghiorso, Lyn Belengeri, & Pat Rhode

In Memory of Todd Miller
"Todd was a leader, an exceptional person, always had a wry comment about someone or something and was most generous."
Donation by Caroline Scofield

In Honor and In Memory of "Nugget"
"Nugget was a beloved family member and best friend to John, his wife and children. Nugget was a delightful volunteer customer of mine who bravely allowed me to practice my grooming skills on him and always greeted me (and everyone) with a wagging tail, even when I had the scissors in hand. He was devoted to John and brought him much joy and companionship in true Golden Retriever style. He is so missed."
Loved by the Pollard Family
Donation by Lisa & Steve Newton

In Loving Memory of Kathryn Spratt
"Our dear niece and cousin..."
Lovingly donated by Joan & Al Simmons, Sandra & Gary Cabral and Family, and Katherine & Charlie Collura and Family

In Memory of "Thea"
"I lost my Thea much too soon. You folks do a great job."
Lovingly donated by Tom Mulcahy

In Remembrance of "Cody"
"My son and his family recently lost Cody. Cody was my Granddog! He became so much a part of my life and appreciated our walks and cuddle time. He loved to climb on my lap. He is so missed."
Cherished and missed by John & Jenine Akre and Family
Donation by Elaine Akre

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Pam McDonald

In Memory of Kathryn Spratt
Donations by Gayle & Dennis Miller, Allen Lee Trueman, Shona Wards UE, Helen Baumann, Lee & Leo Duncan, Helen & Joe Crane, Kathie & Ladon Bader, Betty & Jim Hugel, Betty Oswald, and Dell Primasing

In Memory of "Sydney"
Loved by Leslie & Mike Curtis
Donation by Linda & Jim Hannah

In Memory of "Amber"
"We miss our big Golden girl that my wife and I rescued from our local SPCA. We had her wonderful presence and love for almost 20 years and then cancer struck. She was so much fun, so beautiful, so loving and soft. When I put treats on her nose she would on command, gobble it down but when I put the treat in my mouth, she would gently retrieve it. God, I miss that Golden girl! I wish my donation to be used in order for someone to experience the wonder and joy of sharing life with a Golden – especially someone who needs financial help to pay the fees required."
Lovingly missed by Dorothy and Donald Hensing

In Memory of "Sophie"
"My beautiful Golden girl...she loved to swim in the Stanislaus River and hunt moles out at the reservoir."
Cherished by Vicki Thayer

In Memory of "Hallie"
Lovingly donated by Ellen Stevens

In Memory of "Duke"
"Dogs are healers. They are enlightened. They seem to have figured out how to live beautifully so much better than we humans have. While we struggle to figure out why we were put here on Earth, all a dog wants is to love and be loved. A powerful lesson for us all." Quoted from Bernard S. Siegel M.D.
"You did your job perfectly, Duke. Now run happily on the other side of the bridge."
Deeply loved and greatly missed by Chuck, Nancy & Winston Fedders

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Marnie Terhune

In Memory of "Molly" Glass
"After 11 years in our family's life we will miss Molly and her wonderful personality."
Missed and loved by Tina Glass
Donation by Caitlin Honeywell

In Memory of "Lai Fu"
"He was the best Golden I ever had."
Loved and cherished by Tai Gwo

In Memory of "Sunny"
2-12-98 to 10-20-10
"Sunny went over the Rainbow Bridge after numerous fights with cancer and other ailments. She was a big goof and was loved by everyone whose lives she touched."
Lovingly donated by Richard Stoyko

In Memory of John R. Lehto
Donation by Nancy Bloomfield

In Memory of Don Terry
"Our friend, Don, was a Golden Retriever owner and lover of the breed."
Donation by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sies

In Memory of Barbara Culin
"We know Barbara is now with John and all their beloved Goldens at the Rainbow Bridge. We will miss her. She was a very strong woman with a wicked sense of humor."
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of Ruthie Wolff
Donation by Lawrence & Barbara Margolis

In Memory of Todd Stewart and his "Dolly" and "Teddy"
Lovingly donated by Shirley Stewart

In Memory of Suzy Ambuhl
Loved by Elizabeth Ambuhl

In Memory of "Our Golden Girl"
"We lost our 16 year old Golden a few weeks ago – a beautiful, extraordinary, wonderful dog. She was a very special lady. I talk to her every day and most days she talks back to me and I frequently feel her presence. We have had 4 great Goldens in our lives. We are grateful."
Lovingly donated by Margaret & Stephen

In Memory of "Peaches"
In Honor of "Gracie"
Loved by Sally & Scott Evans

In Memory of our good friend, Barbara Culin
Donation by Wendy & Jim Johnston

"To commemorate the memory of our devoted and loving friend, "Regis," the best dog ever!"
Donated and loved by Marcia & Allan Wright

In Loving Memory of our beloved Goldens: "Rascal," "Kimo," & "Cody"
"Always forever in our hearts."
Missed and loved by Teresa Chinn & Paul Miyashiro

In Memory of Teri Jakob
"Teri was an outstanding competitor in the obedience ring, at hunt tests and at field trials and an outstanding breeder. Our sympathy to her father, Charles Jakob, of Houston."
Donation by Elisabeth & Nelson Lampert

In Memory of "Breeze"
Can GMH Coppertop Wind in the Taiga MH, WCX **
"Our sympathy to Judy Myers."
Loved by Judy Myers
Donation by Elisabeth & Nelson Lampert

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Zinger"
SR Coarsegold's Flaming Red Zinger MH
CD WCX
"Our sympathy to Jean Mott"
Loved by Jean Mott
Donation by Elisabeth & Nelson Lampert

In Memory of "Blue"
Porjay's Out of the Blue CDX MH WCX OS

"Our sympathy to Ann"
Loved by Ann Pauls
Donation by Elisabeth & Nelson Lampert

In Memory of Maverick's Nemesis CDX RE
MH WCX VCX **
"Our sympathy to Wendy & Jim Johnston"
Loved by the Johnston's
Donation by Elisabeth & Jim Johnston

In Memory of "Libby"
In Honor of "Daisy"
Lovingly donated by Stacy & Bruce Hassold

In Memory of "Savannah"
*"My Golden girl passed away a year ago.
She will always be missed and I will forever
be grateful that you brought her to me."*
Donation by Tracey Robin Carrasco

In Memory of Barbara & John Culin
*"John and Barbara Culin were widely known
and respected in the Northern California
community. They contributed a lot to those
of us in our beginning experiences with
our dogs. We will miss their hospitality,
generosity and assistance."*
Donation by Lucy & Bill Bradford

In Memory of "Kodiak" and "Seth"
Missed and loved by Karen Eckman-Rippy

In Memory of "Cassidy"
Lovingly donated by Jan & Henry Van der Voort

In Memory of "Cody"
*"Memories of Cody will always bring a smile
to my face. Despite his battle with cancer, he
never failed to hobble over and greet us (my
Cody and I), tail a-wagging and grinning ear
to ear as if to say, 'Hey, so glad you're here...
come on in and join us.' Garrett Park has lost
a truly wonderful ambassador. Cody will be
missed by all who knew him."*
Loved by Karen & Patrick McNenny
Donation by Dr. Annie Walker & "Cody"

In Memory of "Emma"
*"We miss Emma walking with us. What a
beautiful girl she was."*
Missed and loved by Teresa Colucci &
Steve Maccia
Donated with love by Rosie, "Watson" &
"Acacia" Mann

In Memory of "Piper"
Donation by Craig Tighe

In Memory of "Betty"
*"Miss Betty fought her battle to the very end.
We miss her."*
Loved by Kris Williams
Donation by "Acacia," "Watson" and
Rosie Mann

In Memory of "Kate"
*"Kate was a wonderful lady. She will be
greatly missed by her family."*
Loved by Dawn Mellon
Donation by Mary Beth Lamb

In Memory of Jody Stiely and her rescued
Golden, "Sunny"
Lovingly donated by Bruce Stiely

In Memory of Kenneth Gibbons
*"In memory of my dad, Kenneth, and all the
dogs he loved."*
Loved and missed by Tracy Gibbons

In Memory of "Kerry Aguilar Delaney"
*"You gave our family 13 years of peace, joy,
fun, and more love than we thought possible.
Kerry, you will live in our hearts, always."*
Missed and loved by the Delaney Family

In Memory of "Murphy" Hayes
*"You hid your pain to spare us ours...we miss
you, Murphy!"*
Achingly loved and missed by the Hayes'

In Memory of Phil Joanou
Donation by Carole & Barry Frank

In Memory of our Golden girl, "Molly"
Donated with love by Connie & Neil Bell

In Memory of "Marty"
*"Marty came to us from NGRR in 2000. He
immediately became a member of our family.
He was fun loving and always had a ball in
his mouth ready for a walk or a run. Marty
passed surrounded by the family who adored
him. Thank you, thank you, thank you NGRR
for giving us this amazing dog."*
Loved and missed by Debbie & Jeff Lucchesi
and Family

In Memory of my cousin, Kathryn Marie Spratt
Donation by Lynette Springford

In Memory of "Marty" Lucchesi
*"We miss Marty. He had a happy life with
LOTS of love."*
Achingly missed by Debbie & Jeff Lucchesi
Donation by Carole Lucchesi

In Memory of "Maggie"
Missed by Susan Marchant & Stephanie
Sanders

In Memory of "Gayla"
*"Gayla was the Esther Williams of the
Golden Retriever world! She was beautiful
and boy did she love to swim! Given the
opportunity...SPLASH...she was in the water
and like a 4 year old child she didn't like to
leave it. Now she is at the Rainbow Bridge
and probably swimming under it."*
Loved by Janet Wood and missed by the
Berman's, too
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Bodhi"
*"Bodhi was our dear boy who we received
from NGRR in May 1998."*
Cherished and loved by Melinda Griffith &
Arnor Sawyer

In Loving Memory of "Samantha" & "Jan-Jan"
Donation by Connie Thompson

In Memory of "Dreyfus"
*"Dreyfus was our first NGRR and my best
buddy. He will always have a Golden place
in our hearts."*
Achingly missed by Sue & Steve Salnick

In Memory of "Molly"
Loved and missed by Mark Jacobs

In Memory of "Noellabella"
Lovingly donated by Paula McGinnis

In Memory of our Beloved "Bear" Clausing
*"We are so grateful for the time we had
though it was too short. Bear will always
be in our hearts! We hope our donation can
help another Golden find their forever home
and for that family to experience the joy and
happiness we had with our BearBear."*
Lovingly donated by Any & Paul Clausing

In Memory of "Britta"
"...whom I adopted from NGRR in 1996."
Loved by Deborah Sanborn

In Memory of "Wiley"
*"Wiley was a very friendly, happy dog, that
loved to work in the field. He was fun to watch
as he went about his retrieving duties of which
he was an excellent working retriever. He will
be missed by all that knew him."*
Missed by Wendy & Jim Johnston
Donation by Trig & Angie Birkeland

In Memory of Bridget
*"We adopted our sweet Bridgie girl from
NGRR in May 2000 when she was 5 years old,
and just lost her in December 2010. We were
so grateful that she was able to live a long
and healthy 15 years, yet it didn't make saying
goodbye any easier. She was the sweetest and
most loving companion we could have ever
asked for and we miss her terribly."*
Forever loved by the Broccoli Family

Healing Walks with Max

Thank you Kristine Mietzner for this and to Stephanie Getzler for letting us know about it. And thanks to the Benicia Herald who published it on 12/24/10.

Max must know he's good-looking. Whenever we walk along Benicia's First Street someone inevitably says, "What a beautiful dog." Max gives admirers his goofy grin and wags his enormous tail. He didn't look so handsome when he came to me as a foster dog last year through NGRR.

I had completed a lengthy questionnaire about my extensive history of dog ownership and my views – compassionate – on everything canine. I moved to the next step. Elaine, a Benicia NGRR volunteer inspected my home to see if it was suitable for a large dog. "Yes, the large patio has a gate to the open space. Yes, it looks just fine." Elaine assured me I would advance to the list of potential adoptive guardians for a golden. "I would be happy to take an older dog," I said hoping to increase my chances.

The first call came, "Would you be willing to take a twelve year old named Charlie? He was found wandering around Pacifica." I felt for poor old Charlie but I knew I wouldn't be able to take on the veterinary bills for a dog that old. "Oh dear. Do you think there might be a dog a little

younger?" When the second call came, I heard, "We have a two-year-old male. He's injured. Would you be willing to take him as a foster dog?"

"Yes," I answered quickly. I was directed to Shirlee Thomas in Citrus Heights who had two acres and a large home. She kept four Golden Retrievers of her own and had Max until a foster home was found. A blizzard of furry, yappy dogs with flowing golden locks greeted me. Shirlee said, "I've got Max in the back by himself. He's a little frightened." I waited on a cement bench like an adoptive mother waiting to meet a much-wanted child. After a long time, she said, "Come on Max. Be brave." Finally Max crept forward, his body and all four legs as close to the ground as possible. Shaking, he slowly moved toward me. He was scared.

Water dripped from Max's dark red locks. Shirlee explained, "He was afraid of everything except the swimming pool. Initially Max was supposed to live with me only until he was ready for a forever home – the rescue society's term for a permanent placement. But this was a clear case of love at first lick. "May I keep him?" I asked. "Yes," came the reply. What joy! I can adopt him!

In a few months Max's fur grew back from his injuries and all but one wound healed despite my many efforts. We took long walks and when we reached the water I always marveled at the sign that included



the phrase, "Dogs allowed off leash." – every dog's Holy Grail. What a great town!

Almost a year after Max came into my home his injury had disappeared. The wound had healed silently and completely. The passage of time, walks around Benicia, and frolics in the Carquinez Strait had worked wonders. 🐾

Kristine leads dog-friendly writing groups in Benicia and Martinez. Visit her website at www.kristinemietzner.net.

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.

Golden Galleria Update

You may have noticed that the merchandise section of the newsletter is missing, as is the link on the web site. After many years of tireless dedication to the merchandise and distribution of the merchandise; Denise Faleschini has left this post. We want to thank Denise for her dedication to this task and wish her well.

At the time of this press release we have not decided what to do about future merchandise. We will always have the calendar and when the 2012 calendar is available it will be on our web site.

We are liquidating the merchandise that we still hold and it will be sold at upcoming events including the Vines of Gold on April 9th, Twaine Hart Playday and the Wine & Art Auction this fall.

Please join us at any of these events and take advantage of our sale. 🐾

Wrapping for Rescue!!

What a wonderful holiday season we had. NGRR volunteers raised \$4,473.00 for rescue. Borders Books and Barnes & Noble opened their stores to allow us to wrap books for donations. It was a great time had by all and a wonderful opportunity to tell people about our fabulous dogs.

Without the help of the following people it would not have been possible. NGRR thanks you from the bottom of our paws for the hours and efforts you dedicated.

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What's New?

Norcal Nuggets E-News!

Periodically we will be sending out an E-Newsletter called Norcal Nuggets. It's a great way to get reminders of upcoming events, health and training tips, coupons, and to welcome our newest members to the Norcal family.

If you would like to be added to the list and receive our E-Newsletter, you can go online at www.ngrr.org and click on the Golden Nugget to register your email address. You can also send an email to shirleet1@yahoo.com or give a call to 916-727-7068 and we will be happy to sign you up. 🐾

There's No Such Thing as Too Many Golden Retrievers

Thanks to Kimberly Young for writing this article.

It all started in the summer of 1995. Our golden retriever Chloe, who we had raised from puppyhood died at the young age of 7 from cancer. We were devastated, shocked and griefstricken. A good friend and fellow golden retriever lover said the best cure for our broken hearts was another golden. But in the 7 years that we had Chloe, we had gone from one child to three, and my husband and I were both working full time, so we were reluctant to take on a new puppy. That was the day we learned about Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. With all the dogs of various ages, shapes and temperaments that they had available, we knew that we could find one that would be a good fit for our family.

Our first NGRR dog was a sweet 1-1/2 year old named Charlie, who had been found wandering the streets of Sacramento. He was emaciated, had a threadbare coat and bite marks on his face and neck. It was obvious that he had been fending for himself for quite a while before NGRR rescued him. But we soon found out that Charlie had a

behavioral issue – namely other dogs, but we resolved that by always having him on a leash whenever we took him out.

We had Charlie for 2 years when I received a call from NGRR. Would we be interested in adopting a golden oldie who had been recently rescued from a puppy mill? They had a 12-year old girl named Molly who had recently had a litter of puppies AND had been diagnosed with cancer. We went to meet her and instantly fell in love with this sweet old girl. She and Charlie got along great but she was only with us for 9 months. After Molly died we couldn't wait to adopt another senior. Chelsea (aka Grandma) was next. Chelsea was 8 when we brought her home. At this point we still had Charlie, who had gotten used to having a "grandma" around. She lived to be 14.

One Saturday morning when Charlie was 10, we noticed that he seemed to be having trouble getting up. He was still active and as enthusiastic as ever, so we figured he may have had some arthritis flaring up or that he pulled a muscle jumping up on the bed or romping at the park, so we took him right down to the vet to have him checked out. It turned out to be far worse than we had ever

imagined. He died very quickly. Losing Charlie left a huge void in all of our lives – especially Chelsea who spent the next few days wandering around the house looking for her friend.

Without hesitation we contacted NGRR again. It didn't take long for the phone call we anxiously awaited. There was a 5 year old boy available in Fremont and he weighed 122 pounds. As soon as we saw Gus, it was love at first sight. Chelsea and Gus were together for about a year before Chelsea finally succumbed to cancer. After she died we spent a few years as a one dog family. When Gus was 9 we decided it was time to adopt another golden. We contacted NGRR and met Coordinator Sharon Bechtel and Jill Morgan. They introduced us to the saddest dog we ever met: 9 year old Starbuck who apparently spent the first several years of his life as a stud at a puppy mill. Starbuck taught us a lot about patience.

When Gus turned 10, we felt lucky that he was still with us. Then a few days before Christmas, out of the blue, Gus started limping. The xray confirmed our biggest fear: Cancer. One month later, he was gone.

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So here we were with another huge void in our lives and an aching sadness in our hearts whenever we thought about Gus. Time for another NGRR rescue. Once again, we called NGRR. Starbuck was now 10. Next up was Harley, NGRR rescue number 6. There was one problem: Harley had entropion and mild aortic stenosis.

By the summer of 2010, 11½ year old Starbuck, who had been with us for over 2 years, died. Perhaps more than any other dog we've ever had, Starbuck made us feel good about ourselves and our affiliation with Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. It didn't take long to contact NGRR for our 7th rescue - a 1-year-old male named Griffin, now called Boomer.

NGRR is such a wonderful organization and we share our experience with anyone who will listen. Our friend Barbara Digorgio, who had advised us to get another golden after Chloe died recently got her fourth golden and her first NGRR rescue. Barb was unaware how many wonderful Golden Retrievers are in need of homes, and like us, has now become a Norcal convert. Sharon Bechtel and Jill Morgan have been wonderful to work with. The number of dogs Jill has saved is phenomenal and we're happy to be a small part that. If you're ever in Danville, keep your eyes peeled. You might just spot me, Barb and Sharon with our 6 dogs in our very own Golden parade!



Chloe



Charlie



Molly



Chelsea



Gus



Starbuck



Harley



Boomer

Raising Money at PetExpo, San Jose

What a great day! We raised \$845.00 that will help us keep helping our wonderful dogs.

Thousands of people, hundreds of vendors, dozens of rescues and I don't want to leave out the agility and Splash Dogs! NGRR had a corner booth right in the thick of things and we all had a great time. Kathy Quiroz and her boy Christopher Robin were a big hit in the agility ring. Volunteer Serena Saris and her girl Reeses made it to the finals in Splash Dog competition and came in with a third place win!

We handed out dozens of brochures to potential adopters and volunteers, we sold merchandise and had an opportunity to show off our beautiful Golden Retrievers. Our outreach even

touched a woman that needs to surrender her Golden. If this one golden gets saved – it was a day well spent.

This was a really fun way to meet many of the volunteers that we only email or talk to on the phone. I want to send a special thank you to Kathy Quiroz for coordinating all the volunteers, Rachel Botsford for helping with the set up the day before and for doing such a nice job displaying the merchandise and for coming back the day of the event, and Nick Ward for his handy dandy tool box that saved the day during the set up and also for coming back to help at the event.

Our event volunteers, thank you for the time you dedicated to help out, we could not have done it without each of you. I know



your time is valuable: Andrea Burling, Hal Taylor, Margaret McNamara, Justine Eller, Pat Lynch, Daniela Boer, Marilyn Ormond, Jeanne Hanlon, and Jill Thomas.

Shirlee Thomas

Donating to NGRR

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.

Gifts by Check or Credit Card

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 human

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.

Special Needs 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.ngrr.org.

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.ngrr.org.)

HANDS-ON DOG WORK

- Area Coordinator
- Area Assistant
 - Foster Care
 - Home Visits
 - Vet Appointments
 - Shelter Checks
 - Phone Calls
 - Grooming
 - Transportation
- Senior Golden Retrievers Program

FUNDRAISING

- Grant/Letter Writing
- Event Coordinator/Worker
- Auction & Wine Tasting
- Wag 'n' Walk
- Calendar
- Merchandise Sales
 - Event Coordinator/Worker
 - Order Fulfillment
 - Catalog

OPERATIONS

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Transportation Coordinator
- Weekly Dog List
- Mailing List
- Inventory Tracking

PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Event Coordinator/Worker
- Newsletter (and other literature)
- Web Programming (experienced)
- Education Program Coordinator
- Fight Against Puppy Mills

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Behavior
- Dog Law
- Non-Profit Corporate/ Tax Law
- Non-Profit Accounting
- Education
- Fundraising
- Public/Media Relations
- Publishing

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2011 Calendar of Events

April 9 Vines of Gold, Lodi
April 16 Spring Fling, Roseville
May 7 K9 Cancer Walk, Elk Grove
May 15 Playday, Twain Harte
June 4 Doggy Dash, Sacramento
Nov 5 Art & Wine auction,
Mill Valley Community Center

A Happy Ending – Times Two

Just in case you forget why we do this, let me tell you about the adoption of Nelson and Riley. With tears in the VERY ill owner's eyes and mine as well, 7-year old Nelson and Riley (bonded pair) were surrendered a couple of weeks ago. A family in Humboldt county (10 hours away) saw the pair on the website and said, "we can make a difference" and drove down to San Luis Obispo to make this a happy ending for the dogs.

Jan Dryer

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Don't forget to check out our new and improved web site!!!

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