

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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Our Best Buddy

by Deborah & Warner

In January 2014, we said goodbye to our Golden girl just before her 15th birthday. She had been our constant companion since she was 8 weeks old, and we were devastated. We were sure that we would need at least a year to mourn her passing before getting another dog. We were wrong.

A few months later, my husband was traveling. When I came home to a completely empty house, the overpowering silence convinced me that we needed another dog to love. We decided to contact NGRR about adopting a senior dog.



We were used to caring for an older dog with slow walks, medications, etc. I also knew that older dogs are often difficult to place, and I liked the idea of giving a displaced senior a second chance to enjoy its golden years. NGRR conducted a home visit. With the help of a Golden we were babysitting, we passed the interview and were approved to adopt.

That summer, we were contacted about Buddy, an overweight 10-year-old in need of a home. On August 9, we drove to Reno to meet our potential adoptee, equipped with a leash and an extra-large collar. The biggest Golden I had ever seen

greeted us with a wagging tail and demanded that we pet him. He looked like a furry barrel with legs. We visited with Buddy's foster parents for a while and learned a little bit about his history. Buddy had been eating people food, had a thyroid condition, and probably hadn't had many walks, all of which resulted in his weight problem. His owner was no longer able to care for him and had posted him on Craigslist. NGRR spotted the listing and contacted the owner, who agreed to surrender him.

After some great conversation, we all decided that it was a match, and we loaded our new boy into the car. Both foster parents took me aside separately

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Cubby, the Tech Boy

Submitted by Cynthia Stevenson

When my original family told my current Mom that I like to watch TV, she had no idea what this was going to involve! I love anything that lights up and I can watch and listen to animals. Those pet commercials are the best! My favorite Animal Planet shows are *Too Cute* and *Big Cat Diary*. I even noticed that one TV in our house had to be moved higher because I was getting too close to the screen. That was okay; I just jumped onto the bed to get a better view! I love watching animal videos on the computer or the iPad. My mom often lets me use the iPad, but I can get frustrated when I accidentally turn it off as I'm flipping the screens with my nose. I keep asking her to sign me up for an Apple workshop! 🐾

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 Golden Retrievers from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter **having raised over \$71,000.** We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

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Golden Retriever Uveitis (GRU)

Thanks, Peg Aten, NGRR foster mom

GRU, also known as Pigmentary Uveitis, is primarily seen in Golden Retrievers. Uveitis is inflammation of the uveal tract, which is composed of the iris, ciliary body, and choroid. The iris is the colored part of the eye, which is brown in most dogs, including Golden Retrievers. The ciliary body is the structure behind the iris that produces fluid in the eye. The choroid is a membrane of blood vessels that lines the back of the eye and nourishes the retina.

GRU is a chronic concern that will require long-term treatment. Sometimes inflammation is mild and easy to control, but many affected dogs eventually develop glaucoma. Glaucoma is painful and blinding. While the disease is presumed to be inherited, the cause remains unknown. It is not associated with any systemic disease or infection. To learn more, visit www.eyecareforanimals.com.

NGRR has had four dogs over the past year with GRU: two males in Santa Clara County who were adopted last year, a female, Lily, who was adopted January 1, 2015, and Bella, who was surrendered by her owner this February. Both Lily and Bella needed to have one eye removed as a result of GRU. NGRR is very grateful for all your donations to be able to afford to do the surgery for them.

I am the foster mom for Bella. I haven't had a dog with this disease before, but with each dog, I always learn so much about their health issues. Bella was blind in her left eye and had glaucoma. Her owner took very good care of her and she is a



very happy, great dog – she will make someone very happy. She came to us needing two kinds of eye drops; the first was a once daily eye drop, and the second eye drop administered three times daily. We had her left eye removed February 12. Bella is doing wonderful and I am sure she is feeling much better. She was ready to play and go for her walks the following day after her surgery. Her future medical needs are unknown, as it is for all GRU dogs, but she will need one daily eye drop and eye checks every three months for the rest of her life. She has vision in her remaining eye. She may or may not need her other eye removed but most likely will develop glaucoma and go blind. We don't know. Although the vets have so little information about their future, they

do know GRU is progressive.

Lily is very loved by her new family and they are so happy with her. Lily is very happy too. Bella is waiting for her perfect family. She is an active girl and loves to go anywhere by car or by walking. She loves kids, but since she is so excited to see them they should be older. We will find her a wonderful home soon. 🐾

Angel's Story Continued

Submitted by Barbara Crespo

Our original story about our Angel girl was published in the Spring 2004 NGRR newsletter. Before we fast forward to March 2015, we will catch you up on her years since.

We adopted our Angel girl, a 19-month-old honey blonde sweetheart, on August 20, 2003. She was and still is a happy, gentle, loving, and, most of all, a typical Golden with a very sweet and loving disposition. Now at age 13, she has slowed down a lot. Her hips and legs don't work as they used to. She wants to go for rides but often will hesitate going up the ramp into the car to go for a walk; once in the car, though, she is ready for the walk. When she was younger, she loved her rides and going for walks in the rain. She loved to swim, too, especially when we would take her out to Tomales Bay. She would chase the shore birds and swim after them. Foul weather didn't bother her at all. With the rain pouring down and the wind howling, she would go wild running through the puddles and any stream she could find. Thankfully, she outgrew the love for mud puddles. Boy, how she loved rolling in them! Her sense of smell definitely has not diminished. On her off-leash walks, which are usually always, she can smell something good to eat a distance away. She's on a mission when the nose kicks in.



She used to be our official watch dog but recently has shown some signs of hearing loss. The aging process has been hard on her; however, it hasn't changed her sweet personality at all.

At 11 months of age, Angel had her first litter of pups, only to have another litter at 16 months. I guess she was so busy those first 16 months of her life with her pups that she didn't have much chance to play with toys. She caught on pretty fast, though. She still has her favorite stuffed elephant she received in those earlier years. When we started fostering Golden retrievers, we would put "Elfie" on the shelf until the foster was gone. Angel was always the gracious and social hostess to all of our fosters but preferred to have the house to herself! Of the almost 12 Golden retrievers we have fostered, there were probably only 3 she really played with and would have liked for us to adopt. Even to this day she ignores our Taiwan Golden, aka Bonjour,

now Trooper, whom we adopted in July 2013. He doesn't seem to mind though, as he really thinks he is the Special One! Of course, he is always the first one in line for treats and she just politely lets him butt in. She knows Dad will sneak her treats here and there. They actually have both ended up in the dog bed together a couple times, which really surprised us. Trooper LOVES any ball he can get a hold of and loves it when we play tug-of-war with him. Angel watches him with wonder, and we're sure she thinks he's goofy. He's just an overgrown pup at heart!!

Angel is and always has been truly an 'angel' to us. A little spoiled maybe, but for all the love she gives, there couldn't be a more fitting name for her – and to think when we adopted her we thought of changing her name. We gave Trooper his name because of all he had been through; he is a true trooper! Angel and Trooper: two beautiful Golden retrievers with such different personalities and loved equally the same. What's not to love? 🐾



Callie

Submitted by Kathy and Ray Schilling

We lost our beloved Riley a year ago and weren't ready to get another dog. All of a sudden, our house felt incomplete without a Golden. I contacted NGRR for another dog and Wendy Jones contacted us to say she had a Golden coming in who had lost 2 different owners due to death.

Dolly (now Callie) is 6 years old and has wonderful manners and crazy teeth! Wendy brought her over on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and she has been with us ever since. Callie weighed about 125 pounds and was completely round. She was very uncomfortable sitting, lying down, or walking too much. Her bottom teeth stuck straight out and one of her canines protruded out of her mouth to the right, but her smile is priceless!

She was so scared of everything that her tail was between her legs for the first 3 days.

Today, Callie weighs 99 pounds, walks at least 35 minutes a day, runs, and plays. She is the most loving, happy dog. She understands everything we say to her, knows all of her commands, and will answer to our nicknames for her – Fluff and Puff! One day, she left our side to go outside by herself where she sits on a hill to watch the horses that live on our property. It is now part of her daily routine. We call it doggie TV and have named the hill "Horse Hill."

She has a ways to go with her weight but is losing a pound a week. She is the sweetest dog we have ever had – and we have had a few – and has brought a lot of joy to our home. 🐾



Our Best Buddy

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and asked me to promise that if it didn't work out, we would return him to NGRR. I promised, but I knew already that we were going to be Buddy's forever home.

Although we were experienced dog owners, we learned a lot in our first few weeks with Buddy. First, he is a lot taller than our petite girl was. After losing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pizza, 2 donuts, and a whole loaf of bread, we learned to be more diligent about putting food away. Second, we learned to take shorter, more frequent walks after Buddy had to lie down three times on his first walk. Third, my arm muscles let me know that walking a 123-pound dog is much different than walking a 58-pounder.

Buddy came to us extremely well

trained. Over time, we have discovered many of the commands that he knows. One day, I asked him if he knew how to shake, and up came his paw. Another day, he was begging while I was eating dinner. Out of habit, I said, "Go lie down" and off he went.

We have been Buddy's "parents" for five months. With thyroid medication, a controlled diet, and two walks a day, he has dropped over 30 pounds and now has a waist. He also has a lot more energy. On Christmas Day, he went for a 1.5-mile run with us!

Buddy will be spending his golden years taking walks, chasing tennis balls, and protecting our yard from squirrels. We are very grateful to NGRR for connecting us with Buddy. We are also grateful to



his former owner for making the difficult decision to surrender him. Buddy was obviously well loved and trained, and it took a lot of courage to do what was right for this wonderful dog. 🐾

In Memory of Our Volunteers

Alan Porter, November 14, 1937 – February 4, 2015

Alan recently passed away at home. Alan helped establish NGRR, was Treasurer, on the Board of Directors, and a loving foster.

"I first met Alan when he was Treasurer and I was President in 1995. Alan was always kind and pleasant. He seemed very gentle and never got upset, even in moments of controversy. Alan always addressed me as "Madame President" with a big smile on his face. He will be greatly missed by anyone who ever knew him. The



world would be a better place if there were more people like Alan." (Pat Lynch)

"When I first joined Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue over 20 years ago, I lived in Menlo Park and Carol Porter was the Area Coordinator for San Mateo County. Almost immediately I fostered my first Golden, Sunny, a large underweight(!) 100-pound male who had been kept in the garage his first two years and beaten with a curtain rod. Carol and Alan Porter worked with me in getting help from a behaviorist and matching Sunny with an ideal, very dog-experienced gentleman. Alan was ALWAYS at Carol's side and ready to help do anything for the dogs (and Carol). His quiet demeanor was calming for often scared and anxious rescues. The Porter household always had 4-5 Golden Retrievers around...most of them belonging to Carol and Alan. At NGRR events like the Art and Wine Auctions, Alan was a tireless worker and the person to go to for direction. Alan was successful in business, a lifelong Giants fan, had three wonderful daughters, and was a dedicated friend to NGRR and Golden Retrievers." (Rolf Thorson)

Paul Flynn, October 17, 1963 – August 15, 2014

One of Paul's greatest pleasures was volunteering for NGRR. The day of the week or time of day was no deterrent for Paul when a Rescue was in need. Surrendered Golden Retrievers instantly felt safe and secure upon meeting him. His voice and mannerisms invited trust.

Fostering many Rescues and exposing them to his country home in Arnold, along with his own beloved Golden Retrievers, was a rare and welcomed experience for a Rescue. Paul gained notoriety with home visits when his Golden Retrievers, Sammy and Andy, accompanied him, offering immeasurable insight, favorably or unfavorably, about the comfort level and eligibility of prospective adopters. When a successful adoption became a reality, Paul's infamous response was "We hit another one out of the park!" San Mateo County has lost a strong and loving Advocate for our Rescues.



Kevin O'Grady, January 14, 1953 – November 16, 2014

Longtime Norcal volunteer Kevin O'Grady passed away suddenly at his home in Gardnerville, NV. Kevin first came to Norcal more than 10 years ago when he adopted Lucy in the Lake Tahoe area. That began over a decade of friendship and volunteering with NGRR. He was always there to help, whether we needed a dog picked up from the shelter, a surrendered dog picked up, a home visit for an applicant, or a transport. He clearly had a place in his heart for his Golden Retrievers – past and present – and his life revolved around them. Kevin worked as a Private Investigator, but he always had time and love for his dogs. He adopted two shelter dogs through Norcal, Brandon and Lilly, and adopted another Golden girl named Meygan. He left behind these three beautiful, social, and well-adjusted Golden Retrievers who are a testament to his love and caring. Kevin, you are missed and remembered.



(Teresa Colucci, former Lake Tahoe Area Coordinator and Kris Williams, Lake Tahoe Area Coordinator)

IN TRIBUTE

In Thanks to Rick Van Mell

"Appreciation for you generosity of time and energy!"

Donation by Anna Miller

In Honor of Marilyn & Bob Ormond

Donation by Sue & Dave Martinson

In Honor of Kim Young

Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of Sharon Brechtel

Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of all the "Rescued Love from Taiwan" Golden

Donation by Susan Brady Alfaro

In Honor of Mary Ann Graziano

"Happy Birthday"

Donation by Mary Ellen Najarian

In Honor of Carolyn Curry

"Carolyn is a beautiful woman with a beautiful and loving heart. Thank you for the warmth and caring you add to this world, especially for critters."

Lovingly donated by Christy Lang

"Merry Christmas! This year we wanted to give to a cause we know you feel strongly about so we chose Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. We're so proud of your work with rescues and all you do for dogs in need. This tribute is to recognize all your love and dedication for this organization."

Love, Jennifer, Ed & Kenji Kawakami

In Honor of Marcia & Jeremy Wire

"In tribute to Marcia and Jeremy, who have provided a warm and loving home for several rescued Golden Retrievers."

Donation by Mary Roberts

In Honor of Hitomi Ezumi

"Merry Christmas! Congratulations on your graduation from college!"

Donation by Christopher Weber

In Honor of Janet Peacock

Donation by Laura Best

In Honor of the Three Marcy Norcals

Donation by Lin Tarn

"Happy Hanukkah, Carole & Barry Frank!"

Donation by Joyce & Stanley Davies

In Thanks to All of our Clients

"We, at VCA Madera Pet Hospital, make this donation in honor of all of our amazing and dedicated clients who take such great care of their beloved pets."

In Honor of Carole Frank

Donation by Jennifer Frank

Thank you from Niu Niu

Donation by Julie & Robin Rice and Niu Niu

In Honor of Diane Head

Donation by Sylvia & Paul Kehoe

In Honor of my lovely "Maggie"

"Maggie has gone to live with my son, who has a Lab. My husband, Jim, walked Maggie every day until he passed. She was a sweet dog who always tried to be good so she could stay with me. I miss her a lot but am unable to care for her now. Thank you for having brought that sweet dog to us."

Donation by Dorothy Connelly

In Honor of Dad and Nancy

"In Tribute of Pammmy, Montana, Berkeley, Katie, and many more..."

Donation by Katherine Howell

In Honor of Carolyn Curry

"Merry Christmas, Carolyn!"

Lovingly donated by Rich Lang

In Honor of Lee Rusconi

Donation by Jane & Jim Keltner

In Honor of "Connor"

Loved by Molly & Stephen McArthur

Donation by Douglas E. Bergman

In Honor of Kelly Takemoto & Gordon Durand

"I've made a gift in your honor to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. I hope you have a wonderful holiday."

Donation by Karra Canum

In Honor of Janet Peacock

"Merry Christmas, Janet!"

Donation by the Sinsheimers

In Honor of Nancy & Bob Wilson

"Seamus will have a Merry Christmas because of you two!"

Lovingly donated by Nancy Lampe & "Summer"

"Merry Christmas to Jean Connors"

Donation by Terry Sechrist

In Honor of "Moose" & "Charlie"

Loved by Marcia & John Gretz

"Merry Christmas to Sophie & Nico, my two rescues!"

Loved by Rosanne Asay

In Honor of "Shadow"

"Shadow was adopted in October 2011."

Deeply loved by Rachel & Loren Kertz

In Honor of "Henry"

Loved by Midge Dobbins

In Honor of "Niko"

"My husband and I got our Niko several years ago through your organization as a rescue from Taiwan. She has been a real joy to us! My husband died last year so it's just Niko and I. We have moved out of the mountains and she is a city girl now. We are adjusting together. I don't know what I would do without her. She is my constant companion, always with the Golden smile and raised paw, ready to love or be loved!!! Again, thanks to your wonderful organization!"

Loved by Jean Kanady

In Honor of "Tessa"

Loved by Danielle Hale

In Honor of Aunt Sharon McConnell

"Sha Sha is a loyal friend to all Golden's! Merry Christmas."

Donation by Kimberly Daly

In Honor of "Mikey"

"Over the last several years we have adopted three Golden's from Norcal and have treasured each one."

Loved by Peggy & John Andrews

In Honor of "Bodhi"

"I am dreaming of a Golden Christmas. Bodhi is on my business card. She was rescued through NGRR five years ago. 'Ain't life grand!"

Loved with fun by Suzanne Joy Stout

In Honor of Margaret McNamara

"Mollie is doing fine. She's been with us for almost 4 years and is 80 pounds. After 3 other families, we are now her forever family. We love her and spoil her and she returns the love many times. Hope you have happy holidays."

Donation by Sharon & Herman Alcalde & "Mollie"

In Honor of "Charlie"

"Charlie is being well loved and cared for."

Donation by Pat Lynch

In Honor of "Francie"

"In gratitude for our beloved Francie, now 10 1/2 years old - thriving and precious to us."

Treasured by Candace & Greg Osborn

In Honor of "Brodie"

"When Brodie got off the plane March 22, some people wondered if we didn't have too much of a handful with that wild and crazy guy. Jill even suggested we might want to exchange him for an older, less exuberant girl. He does have lots of energy, but settled down nicely. He is a sweet, loving, cuddly boy who loves to learn. Every day with him is a joy. Thanks to everyone from Taiwan to Lodi, to the Bay Area, and Sacramento!"

Happy Holidays from Bev & Don Eddy & "Brodie"

In Honor of "Cassie"

Cherished by Angela Guenther

In Honor of Stella Frank

"Stella asked me to donate her Chanukah present money to NGRR. The youngest of our grandchildren, Stella, at 17, has the true spirit of giving back."

Donated proudly by Carole & Barry Frank

In Honor of "Jenny"

In Memory and In Honor of all our Sweet Angels
"Merry Christmas to Judy, Howard & Jenny!"

Donation by Claudia Guild, Jay Kallos & their Golden, "Peyton"

In Honor of "Dixie"

"Dixie is such a wonderful dog and we are very blessed that she is part of our family."
 Treasured by John Rutkowski

In Honor of Pat & Chuck McCarthy

"Our Aunt and Uncle"
 Donation by Michelle & Brian Hughes

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

"Buddy is 12 now, brings in the newspaper every morning, and likes his walks. Sunny is getting white in the face but is full of energy. Bella recently had knee surgery and is doing fine. They all walk to Starbucks with Mike where they share and enjoy a breakfast roll. They heel on his left, stopping at every corner with a nice sit...always in the same order... Sunny on the inside, Bella in the middle, and Buddy on the outside...what a sight!"
 Loved by Bev & Mike Groeniger

In Honor of "Tierra"

"Our loving and loyal Tierra continues to thrive. I hug her and ask, 'Where did you come from?' We know so little about her past, but she came to us, and she is safe and has learned to play and has a best friend, our friend's black poodle. She dreams about cornering the perfect gopher and will snuggle 24 hours a day if I let her. There are no words to describe the joy she brings to our lives each day and we hope she feels the same way. We are very grateful for her and to NGRR."
 Enjoyed and loved by Leena & James Krasno

In Honor of "Abbie"

Loved by Helen & Tim Gladden

In Honor of "Barney"

Devotedly loved by Christine McInerney

"Happy Chanukah to Carole Frank. She is a wonderful mom and grandma, who takes great care of her family, including the granddog. We love you."

Donation by Debbi & George Behrman

In Honor of "Oliver"

"Thank you for letting us bring Oliver into our family (adopted 12/20/2014). He is a wonderful dog and very loved!"

Donation by Lydia Delaney-Sathy

"Happy Birthday, Albert Satterla! We are honoring your wish to make a donation instead of gifts, as it will be a gift to those who need it more than us."

Donated with love by Dagmar & Scott Satterla

In Honor of "Maddie" and "Michi"

Loved by MaryAnn Graziano
 Donation by Theresa McTague

In Thanks for "Toby"

Donation by Mildred Okerkotter

In Honor of Lynn Backlund

Donation by Robert Backlund

In Tribute to Barbara Blanke

"Barbara is a very special lady with a huge, kind heart."
 Donation by Cynthia Stevenson, "Ryder," and "Cubby"

In Honor of "Bonnie"

"Bonnie is the sweetest girl! Our Taiwan Bonnie, whom we got in May, is a little Golden ray of sunshine. She has become an expert excavator if a gopher is in residence. She is spellbound by the wildlife around our house, particularly the jackrabbits and squirrels that she is not allowed to chase. She had one unfortunate encounter with a nest of yellow jackets. If she sees one now, she is very wary of it."

Loved by Nadean & Paul Bissiri

In Thanks to Joan Green

"Thank you for doing such a remarkable job finding Bailey a special home. You cared for Bailey with so much love, and we are forever grateful."

Donation by the DeLuca Family

In Honor of "Chiara" Zaney

Loved forever by Barbara Zaney

I N M E M O R I U M

In Memory of Irma Perotti

"Irma loved our Molly so much. Molly is still going strong at nine years young!"

Donation by Janis & Fidel Mendoza

In Memory of John A. Coulter, Jr.

Donation by Carol & Jack Quinn

In Memory of "Savannah"

"Savannah embraced the legacy of all Goldens and was loving, gentle, playful, and reached into your very soul with her eyes. Her final role was that of family caretaker and she has passed the torch to Hudson. Rest in peace, sweet girl."

Loved by the Tornberg Family
 Donation by Nana & Papa Tornberg

In Memory of Ward Sterling

Donation by Dan & Cindy Kirchner and Mark & Lynn Kirchner

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

"Our beloved Jerry passed away May 15, 2014, after a valiant battle with lung cancer. His infectious laugh and love of life brought constant joy to others. Jerry was a selfless man who always strove to put the needs of his family and friends before his own – a trait he carried with him until the end. Always offering unconditional friendship and love, he will be missed by everyone. He enjoyed golfing, planning vacations for his family, and cheering on his favorite team, the San Francisco 49ers. Jerry was always surrounded with love of a beautiful wife, six amazing children, and his Golden Retriever, Halen."
 Donation by those who loved Jerry!

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Lindsay O'Connell

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Jerred O'Connell

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Tyeler Johnson

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Codie O'Connell

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Andrew Von Pinnon

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by William Von Pinnon

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Britney Deacon

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Bailey Deacon

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Karen & Marvin Anderson

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Bill & Kathy Day

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Shante Pappas

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Marvin Anderson

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Brian Realmonte

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Tony Perrucci

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Kaela Chang

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Alec Perrucci

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Brandon Realmonte

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

Donation by Jill Martig

In Memory of "Charley" and "Mikey"

"We will always love our two Goldens we had from NGRR and SoCal!"

Loved by Stacey & Brett Layton

In Memory of "Hunter"

"Our first Golden Retriever from NGRR and one of the sweetest dogs."

Lovingly remembered by Barbara & Austin Kilburn

In Memory of Bill Hall

"Bill was a kind and thoughtful person in the lives of many, including the lives of a few lucky Golden Retrievers. Charlie and his future Charlies were loved until the very end of a happy life...all seniors when they went to God. Bill will always be remembered as a special friend. We were honored to know him. He is in heaven now with his precious gang of Charlies."

Donation by Pam & Greg Wheelock

IN MEMORIUM

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by M.J. & Lloyd Needham

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Vivian Borden

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"We will always remember your kindness, generosity of spirit, and warm smiles. Our thoughts and prayers go to Mary. You will be greatly missed. Thinking of the both of you."
Donation by the Jameles - Leon, Susan, and Ted

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"WARD - You will be missed!"
Donation by Sandee & Rick Robbiano

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"Ward worked for a Humane Society and rescued animals who were in need of help."
Donation by Sheila Stout

In Memory of "Kevin"
"We adopted Kevin from NGRR when he was six. Turns out, he adopted us. He was the perfect fit for our family. He came into our home and settled right into our hearts. We'll miss his joyful dinner dance, his squirmy reunion at the door, his big smile, all the walks, hours of FETCH, that wagging tail, our best friend. We love you, Kevin, and we'll miss you forever!"
Achingly missed by the Henry Family

In Memory of "Petie Glew"
"We will always have very fond memories of Petie. He was such a sweet dog with a big personality."
Donation by Catherine & Dave Greenberg
Loved by Martha Glew

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"Sympathy to all the family."
Donation by Sandy & Corbett Porter, Rita Cox & Jennifer Satre

In Memory of "Krissy"
"Simply the best, most beautiful and loving Golden Retriever in the world, the last of seven adopted Golden."
Loved and missed enormously by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel and little Golden mix "Sweet Pea"

In Loving Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Carol & Gary McIlwain

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Joyce Anderson

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Maggie and Steve Saporita

In Memory of Dale Anderson
In Memory of "Maggie" and "Rain"
"Maggie and Rain were Dale's loving Golden Girls."
Forever loved by Valerie and Victoria Anderson

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Jane & Richard Daffner

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Fardad Yamin

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Bee Hill

In Memory of Ed Santa
Donation by Barbara & Don Tornberg

In Memory of Todd, "Dolly" and "Teddy"
Loved by Shirley Stewart

In Memory of Ward Sterling
Donation by Susan & Randy Jones

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"Ward served as a state Humane Society officer for several years. His compassion for all animals carried through his entire life. Animals sensed that he was their advocate."
Donation by Shari Hutchison & Chuck Boyd

In Memory of "Peaches"
In Honor of "Gracie"
Loved to the moon and back by Sally & Scott Evans

In Memory of Buddy, Bella & Minnie
"For all the special Golden Seniors in the past and to come, who have been such a special part of our lives."
Donation by Bobbie LaPorte

In Memory of Ward Sterling
"The love of all things 4-footed was exemplified by Ward. What a great 'Dad' he was to Bella Marie. She and we will miss him forever. He will wait for her at the Rainbow Bridge so they can cross together. (They'll wait for Mary, too!)"
Donation by Phyllis & Robert Frank

In Memory of "Watson"
"Watson gave us 13 years of joy. He will always be in our hearts known as 'The Mayor' who never met a stranger."
Loved by Rosie & Mark Mann

In Memory of "Shanni"
"Shanni was blessed to have a fantastic mom, Tara, and a fantastic grandma, Vicki. He had a life full of adventure and chasing balls. This wonderful little boy will be desperately missed. He is now playing ball on the Rainbow Bridge until he sees his mom and grandma again."
Loved by Tara & Vicki Wight

In Memory of Ward P. Sterling
Donation by Alison Plemons

In Memory of our Golden, "Hank"
"Hank recently passed at the age of fifteen. He was a great 'trooper' and lost one leg at the age of 10 to cancer, but that didn't slow him down one bit! A great companion dog, and we will miss him greatly."
Loved by Jeremy Wire

In Memory of Bill Washburn & "Jasmine"
"To my darlings - Bill and Jasmine, I miss you both every day. Jazzy, such Golden days you brought to your daddy and me. Bill, I couldn't have asked for a sweeter husband. I love you both and feel you taking care of each other."
All love, your Anna

In Memory of "Bodhi"
Loved daily by Melinda Griffith

In Memory of our "Brandy"
"Thanks for all you do for our beloved four-legged friends. We adored our Brandy and think of him every day."
Donation by Cherie Garcia-Day

In Memory of "Cotton"
"Our most loyal and loved Cotton, age 12, came to us as a foster at 4. He was placed in three homes and kept coming back to us. We are the lucky ones; he was a hoot. Cotton was my most loyal friend. He will be so missed. Sweet Cotton!"
Missed and loved by Christine Beard

In Memory of "Katie"
"Thank you for a wonderful Thanksgiving and for your hospitality. With this donation, I want to honor the memory of Katie."
Loved always by the Johnson Family
Donated with love, Anita Stahl

In Memory of "Reilly"
"Thank you, Reilly, for opening a world of acceptance and love - you were so kind and so willing to investigate agility and obedience with me, even though your greatest passion, along with people, was food. You softened and strengthened me. A teacher of my heart always."
Loved by Meigs Matheson

In Tribute and In Memory of Gerry Lonergan
Donation by Gregory Lindahl

In Memory of "Sandy"
"Sandy was a special, sweet girl. The best 15-year-old birthday party we ever attended. You will be missed by all, especially by Kathy and Peg. 'Til we meet again."
Donation by Marianne Golden

In Memory of "Jake"
Loved by Carol & Lloyd Mason
Donation by Judy Scholz

In Loving Memory of "Lukey"
Cherished and loved by Iain Johnston

In Memory of "Junior"
"Junior was a loving, loyal companion. A friend! As he got older, he was given the task of mentoring a Golden Retriever puppy named Gracie. They were great friends. They ate, played, and slept together. They completed the family of loving pets, including two cats, Jenny and Binki. You will always be in our hearts."
Loved by Nonnie & Granpa, Mom & Dad (Pat & Frank Robin)

In Memory of "Siena"
"Bless you, sweet girl."
 Devotedly loved by Rachele Orsi
 Donation by Sandra Orsi

In Memory of "Woody"
 Loved by Jo & Bill Haraf

In Memory of "Chloe" and "Lucy"
 Loved by Tracy Gibbons

In Memory of "Mary"
"Mary loved everybody and everybody loved her. She exemplified all the best qualities of the breed and brought happiness to all who knew her. She lived more than 14 years with the Wellhouses."
 Loved by Dr. & Mrs. James Wellhouse
 Donation by Patricia Ford

In Memory of my beloved "Kelsey"
"Even though years have passed, I still miss you. You were the best friend I could have ever wished for to share my life with. I wish you were with me now."
 Missed and loved by Melody Compton

In Memory of "Jake"
 Cared for and loved by Carol & Lloyd Mason
 Donation by Judy Scholz

In Memory of "Dorado"
"My buddy left me two years ago but it seems like yesterday! Always in my heart."
 Missed & loved by Marta Moreno

In Memory of Jody Stiely and her Golden Retriever, "Sunny"
 Forever loved and missed by her dad, Bruce Stiely

In Memory of "Shannon Marie"
 Loved by Harvey Veon

In Memory of "Mosley"
"Mosley...our first NGRR adoption!"
 Cherished by Lorin & Glenn Mills

In Memory of "Maggie"
"Maggie will be in our hearts forever."
 Treasured by Susan Marchant & Stephanie Sanders-Badt

In Memory of "Star"
 Treasured by Kathy Gavigan

In Memory of "Hannah"
"For Hannah, the sweetest dog that we got to share 14 years with!"
 Cherished by Larry Patten

In Memory of "Shana"
"My darling Shana, we shall love you to the end of our days. You were such a good girl all the eleven years we had you. Why you got sick is beyond us and Dr. Reedy as well, but I guess God needed another angel. Thank you for the joy you brought into our lives."
 Loved and missed by Janis Musante

In Loving Memory of Mr. Werner Strup
"Beloved father of Linda Orloff."
 Donation by Joann & Neville Golden

In Memory of "Tina" and "Buster"
"Thank you NGRR for all the great ways that you are making great lives for so many Golden and their forever families. Tina and Buster brought so much joy to our family and everyone, both two- and four-legged, they touched."
 Lovingly cherished by Justine Eller

In Memory of "Riley"
 Loved by Ellen & Robert Tollen
 Donation by Laura Tollen

In Memory of "Duke," "Tipper," and "Miracle"
 Loved by David Roseman

In Memory of "Bud," "Sally," "Teddy," and "Lucky"
"We will never forget you..."
 Loved forever by Catherine & Randall Miller

In Memory of "Andie" Carson
"You forever etched our hearts."
 Missed and loved by Karen & Flynn Carson

In Memory of "Yogi"
"Adopted from NGRR on March 12, 2006; he passed July 8, 2014. He reached the age of 15! He was a member of our family for 8 years. We loved him very much and miss him along with Barley, Dima, Chamois, Rufus, and Rokin - all our past Golden."
 Remembered and loved by Barbara & Kent Johnson

In Memory of "Thelma"
"Thelma was age 16 when we lost her on October 9, 2014."
 Loved by Deloris Osborn

In Memory of "Rascal," "Kimo," "Cody," "Dusty," and "Lulu"
"Lulu joined Dusty in June 2014. Dusty loved being with his sister, Lulu, when they were together. We know Lulu's brothers are watching her. Abbie misses Lulu and Dusty, but we think about them and the other Golden boys every single day. All the pups are very special to us."
 Devotedly loved by Teresa Chinn & Paul Miyashiro

In Memory of "Ellie"
"Ellie gave us so much pleasure over the years. Thanks to NGRR."
 Treasured by Linda & Russell Hayes

In Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy"
 Loved by Louise Korn

In Loving Memory of "Sky"
 Missed by Paula Tokugawa & Richard Dunckel

In Memory of "Linda Lou"
 Loved by Linda Alexander

In Honor of "Sammy"
 December 1999 – November 2014
"We adopted Sammy in March 2004. He blessed this world and our lives. Rest in peace."
 Missed by Alexandra & Hanson Gifford

In Memory of "Chardonny"
"Chardonny was a beautiful and loving Golden Retriever."
 Loved by Maxine & Jay Jacobs
 Donation by the Carneros Lunch Ladies

In Memory of "Bodie"
 Cherished by Karen & Richard Crawford

In Memory of "Goofy"
"Goofy was a rescued from Taiwan's Rescued Love."
 Loved by Brad Childs & Roger McBerty
 Donation by Jill Moyer

In Memory of "Casey Meister"
 In Memory of "Hamish McDuff"
 Loved by Dorothy Hilinski-Lyon & Peter Lyon

In Memory of "Melanie"
"She started my love affair with Golden."
 Cherished by Sallie Hodges

In Memory of "Bailey" Kabaker
 Missed and loved by Marcia & Sheldon Kabaker

In Memory of "Cody"
 Loved by Linda and Doug Norvelle
 Donation by Valerie and Steve Marchand

In Memory of "Tyler"
"A wonderful Golden."
 Loved by Rosita & Jim Anthony
 Donation by Susan West

In Memory of our sweet "Abby"
 Cherished by Bonnie Braga

In Memory of V.T. Miller
"A gift from an old friend."
 Donation by Luella Hugdahl

In Memory of "Flyte"
 5-9-2005 to 5-2-2014
 Loved by Jocelyn & Tom Lewis

In Memory of "Casey" Fisher
 Loved by Joan Fisher
 Donation by Jan Vandervoort

In Loving Memory of "Casey" Fisher
 Cherished and missed by Joan & Phil Fisher
 Donation by Sylvia & Paul, Bruce & Pat

In Memory of Allan Porter
 Donation by Carol Purdy

In Memory of "Andi the Ar"
"Andi was a loving and faithful friend. Thank you for so many wonderful years, you will be missed."
 Adored and loved by Patti & Peter Gould
 Donation by Cheryl Bower

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Cosmo"

"We are truly sorry for your loss. Cosmo was a lucky Golden to have such an amazing family love him so much. He will join Dave in heaven and they will play together forever!"

Missed and loved by Rhoda, Parker & Conner English

Donation by Debbie & Jeff Lucchesi

In Memory of "Casey"

"How blessed you were to have had your beloved Casey for almost 15 years. We will always remember his loving spirit and all the special times we shared. Casey was such a beautiful boy inside and out. Up to the end, he wanted to be a part of family activities, even though his health was failing. His unconditional love and team spirit never wavered. Casey will remain in our hearts forever."

Devotedly loved by Joan & Phil Fisher
Donation by Cherie & Larry Day

In Memory of Allan Porter

Donation by Judy, Howard & "Jenny" Guild

In Memory of Allan Porter

"Never was there a more gentle, kind, devoted man than Allan. His devotion to Carol, his daughters, and his dogs was unwavering. The one thing he asked is that he not be separated from his dogs...Carol kept that promise. It was difficult, but she did it. Their love and caring for one another will forever be remembered."

Donation by Stephanie, David & Laura Getzler

In Memory of "Sophia"

"My darling dog. She came from Rescued Love, Taiwan."

Achingly missed by Sharon Breimhorst

In Memory of Allan Porter

"Allan was a best friend to all needy Golden Retrievers and a wonderful human being."

Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of "Sophia"

"Beautiful Sophia...she gave back all the love she got."

Loved by Sharon & Heinz Breimhorst

In Memory of Jerry O'Connell

In Honor of his sister, Erin

"This donation to the NGRR Jerry O'Connell Memorial Fund is in memory of Jerry, a great friend, and in honor of Erin, his loving sister, who is keeping Jerry's legacy alive!"

Donation by Jill Martig

In Memory of "Rita"

"I know how much you loved Rita!"

Cherished and loved by Christopher Esposito
Donation by Phyllis E. Van Reeth

In Memory of "Willow"

"Willow and her best buddy, Cali, grew up together in the loving home of Jill and Jason André. Willow was Golden in every way, from the time she joined the family in July 2006 until cancer of the spleen ended her life much too soon on February 21, 2015. She will be missed by so many who enjoyed her company in person and seeing her in all her wavy haired glory on Facebook."

Loved by Jason & Jill Kopacz

Donation by Mariana Kopacz

Liam

by Brad Wagenknecht; submitted by Ken Raith, Napa Area Coordinator

We lost our dog Charlie last August and have missed him so much. We perused the Internet and found the Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue and gave them a call. Ken contacted us and made an appointment to come by for a house visit. Ken is where our



relationship with the Rescue really started. Very soon thereafter, we got a message about dogs coming in from Taiwan, and one dog in particular with our name potentially on him. We saw a

photo of Liam, read his bio, and said yes. And down to the airport we went.

We know Liam has not had an easy life. He has three things he is so anxious for that he can't see straight; he is starved for attention, food, and exercise. Kat and I were not sure what to do. We were contacted by our dog whisperer, Janet, after we let Ken know we were so overwhelmed. Janet was wonderful; she came over to work with us several times and each time, progress was made. Soon we were walking, feeding, and loving Liam with no casualties. We are now over a month into the process and are enjoying Liam more each and every day. There are ups and downs, like in any relationship, but we know Liam is here to stay. 🐾

Jessie

by Theresa Ochs; submitted by Ken Raith, Napa County Area Coordinator

Goldens are love magnets and that is why we have had three puppies in the past. It is a cold-hearted person who could pick one up and not take it home. However, they never lose their puppy cuteness, which is why this time we decided to check out adoption.

We were very happy to find Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. After filling out an application, we were blessed to hear from our wonderful sponsor Ken Raith. He explained everything in detail and listened to exactly what we were looking for to ensure a perfect fit.

In no time at all, he called to tell us Eve, now

Jessie, (aka The Beast) was on the way. She came to us a tiny, timid 47-pound orphan. She has gained ten pounds and has taken over the house since then. She is very bossy and tells us when she is hungry and thinks every toy is hers. When she isn't playfully attacking her sister Cooper, she is lying right on top of her and following her all over. If you met her today, you would never guess she was not raised with us since a puppy. I believe she is happy in her forever home and we love her.

The folks at NGRR are selfless, kind, and caring people that can go to bed at night knowing they have made a huge difference in many dogs' and peoples' lives. A special shout out and huge "Thank You" to the folks that I have had the pleasure to meet, Ken Raith and Jill Morgan. 🐾

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 4th: Easter Play Day, Lodi, CA

For more info, email rhmorgan95240@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 19th: Join the NGRR "Team Golden" K9 Cancer Walk

Vasona Lake Park, 333 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos

Sign up at <http://support.morrisanimalfoundation.org/goto/TeamGolden>

Saturday, May 9th: NGRR Booth, Union City

Police Department Animal Services Event

Kennedy Park, Union City

Sunday, May 17th: NGRR 11th Annual Twain Harte Play Day

Eproson Park, Twain Harte

For information, email rhmorgan95240@yahoo.com

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
 - Shelter Checks
 - Transportation
- Senior Golden Retrievers Program

FUNDRAISING

- Grant/Letter Writing
- Event Coordinator/Assistant/Helpers
- Wag 'n' Walk
- Order Fulfillment
- Catalog

OPERATIONS

- Volunteer Coordinator
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- Newsletter (and other literature)
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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.

Time to Think About the 2016 Calendar!

It's time to send in your Golden's photo for the 2016 calendar. If you would like your Golden considered for the calendar, please follow the instructions below:

- Your photo needs to be a hi-res jpeg.
- No iPhone or iPad photos because the photos do not enlarge well. If you were to use the iPhone or iPad, the photos would need to be in the small picture areas of the calendar.
- Please make sure that your story and photos are labeled with your dog's name when you send your email. (So, instead of attaching a photo where your camera named the file IMG00098.jpeg, please rename each photo with your dog's name. For example, Goldie.jpg.) When the files aren't named, it is very difficult to identify them and to organize the calendar.
- Your story, just 3 or 4 sentences, should tell what your dog's life was like prior to rescue and what your dog's life is like after adoption.
- Please include your dog's approximate age.
- Please email to cathy@etypeworks.com and patswally@comcast.net.
- Action photos are best. Please NO humans in the photos, though we love photos with your cat or other breed dogs.



Thank you in advance for your 2016 calendar submissions.

The deadline is June 30, 2015. Contact Pat Lynch: 1-510-471-9777 if you have questions.

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