

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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NGRR 9th Wag 'n Walk – Another Great Success Story!

The 9th NGRR Wag 'n Walk has come and gone, and once again, we were blessed with continued great success of raising funds for Rescue! Wag 'n Walk has become one of NGRR's largest fund raisers of the year, as well as an event that many would consider a "reunion" among friends, both human and canine.

The 9th Wag 'n Walk event was attended by over 250 walkers and 165 dogs at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton. Canine participants proudly wore their Encina Veterinary Hospital bandanas while their owners modeled their colorful T-shirts, designed by artist Gene Guevera of Walnut Creek.

Hallie, our 2008 Wag'n' Walk Mascot, owned (and much-loved) by Maureen Drotleff and Bob Knickerbocker, lead the walk around the reservoir. Following the walk, dogs and their families had a chance to rest and watch three exciting demonstrations by Bay Area Diving Dogs, Rev It Up Flyball Team and Paws with a Cause, therapy dogs. Each club displayed the talents of their canine and human members along with the obvious pleasures of being able to work closely with their best friends!

Attendees also had the opportunity to win their chance at NGRR's annual \$10,000 raffle, along with exciting prizes from the Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffle.

Many thanks to our 2008 sponsors, who, because of their generosity, have allowed all the proceeds from this walk to go directly to our rescue dogs in need and to the 2008 Wag 'n Walk team who worked endless hours to put this event together: Lynn Parapar, Laurel Stanley, Ellen Beritzhoff, Maureen Drotleff, Kathy Quiroz, Bob Breakstone, Bill Hoban, Deborah Bevilaqua, Beth Lewis, Thera Papaand Linda Knowles.

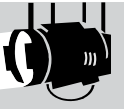


RAFFLE RESULTS

The 2008 NGRR Raffle was a big success – netting almost \$13,000 for the Goldens! Thanks to all that contributed! And congratulations to the winners: \$5,000 to Neil Parrish of Homewood and \$1,000 each to Cynthia Swainbank of Concord, Deborah Mullan of Danville, Jim & Doris Thompson of San Jose, Birgitta Parseh of Pleasanton, and Terry Leach of Orinda.



Spotlight on ADOPTERS



Joey

Thanks to Mike and Victoria who adopted Joey!

Some of our NGRR dogs have special needs. Those needs come in a variety of forms not just for their health needs. Separation anxiety is a tough one to manage. With both adults working outside the home in many families today – having a dog that can't handle being alone can be a challenge to place. Joey was one of those dogs.

Joey's family could no longer handle his anxiety level as the kids became more involved in after school activities and Joey was spending more and more time alone. The last straw was when he broke through the window and went looking for something to do.

Fortunately, along came Mike & Victoria of Mike's Auto Repair in Orangevale. Joey is one lucky boy. He spends his days making sure that all deliveries include a biscuit or treat of some kind and is never short on pats and belly rubs. He has a fan club and they make sure he will never want for love and attention again. The parts delivery guys even stop by when they don't have any parts to deliver! Just to pet Joey! The shop is plastered with pictures of Joey and his new family, and his picture is on their flyers and business cards. He is truly loved and adored and never alone. In appreciation for bringing Joey into their lives, Mike's Auto Repair offers a 10% discount on labor if you mention Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. You'll find them at 9446-A Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 (916) 990-9431.

Shams

Thanks to Hal Arnest who adopted Shams!

Shams is fantastic dog! He draws such attention everywhere for his sheer beauty, stays at my side perfectly (no need for leash ever!), plays twice daily at our local "social" dog park, and is the BEST buddy ever!!! I'll see you in 12 years! 🐾



Elliott

Thanks to Ann Troy, MD in San Rafael for submitting this article.

Elliott was, to put it simply, the world's most wonderful dog. He was evaluated as a puppy by Canine Companions for Independence who wanted to use him as a breeder. Somehow, he got neutered by mistake and they were devastated.

Their loss was my gain and Elliott began a new career as a Physician's Assistant in my pediatrics office. He was there to welcome and reassure patients and their parents, to distract and comfort a frightened child, to cuddle up with while having a treatment, and to make us all laugh and smile. There were even occasional "emergencies" when a doctor would run from the exam room to get the camera and take a picture of a patient with Elliott! At the next visit, the patient was given the photo to treasure forever.

Elliott was so gentle that I could trust him with a two-week old baby and somehow, their mothers knew it too.

Once, he was standing in my waiting room with his mouth open and a little boy, who had just learned how to walk, waddled up to him and stuck his hand and a biscuit into Elliott's mouth. Much to our stunned amazement, Elliott just stood there – perfectly still! Many people overcame their fear of dogs with Elliott. Fear turned into love.

There were patients who would come to my office because of Elliott. And there were patients who would pretend to be sick so that they could see Elliott. He was the most wonderful dog anyone could have. He died peacefully just one year ago after almost 13 years of living and loving life fully. He is sorely missed and loved forever. 🐾

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Jill Morgan: "Ordinary People ...Extraordinary Heroes"

Congratulations to Jill Morgan for being selected by the American Red Cross as a San Joaquin Hero for saving animals and relocating them. The San Joaquin County Chapter held its Heroes Breakfast in April to honor "Ordinary People...Extraordinary Heroes." Jill has been involved with NGRR for more than 8 years. During this time, she has rescued more than 100 golden

retrievers each year.

Jill keeps the dogs she rescues at her home and runs an adoption center almost every weekend to approve potential adopters. "These are my children; once you get started, you can't stop. Which dog with big brown eyes do you say no to?" Congratulations Jill for this award!

What's in a Name?

Thanks to Sylvia Falcon for submitting this article.

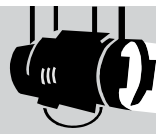
I was getting daily calls from Jim keeping me updated on the illness of Rex, the Golden Retriever I had helped him adopt two years earlier. Within a week, Rex went over the rainbow bridge sending Jim into deep grief. It brought back the same depression he felt upon losing his wife a few years back.

Since adopting Rex, Jim had moved from his large home with a fenced yard to a townhouse with a small yard. Finding a calm, senior Golden that would fit into Jim's new lifestyle would be a challenge. NGRR volunteers were alerted and before long, an owner-surrender arrived needing a home, so we went to meet Riley. The foster presented Riley to Jim and everything went smoothly until she handed him the leash and Jim almost went flying.

I spent a sleepless night wondering how I was going to tell Jim that Riley was too big and strong from him. I called Trish King, a dog behaviorist at Marin Humane for advice who told me about a cocker spaniel named Pip available for adoption. When I called Jim to ask if he noticed how difficult it was for him to control big Riley on the leash, he replied, "Are you trying to tell me I do not qualify for the dog?" He then said he had the same opinion and did not know how to tell me! That made it easy. When I told him about the cocker spaniel, he was unusually happy and ready to meet him.

You may have guessed the ending, but there is more you should know. Jim names all his dogs Rex, a fitting name for big Goldens, but this small cocker? While waiting for the paperwork to be completed, we visited the store to have an ID tag engraved. When asked what name he wished to engrave Jim replied, "Snuffles." I was pleased Pip would not become Rex, but Snuffles? I looked at Jim puzzled, but he just stood there smiling.

He told me in a very emotional voice that Pip's former owners who surrendered him had the same name as his late wife's maiden name and when he met his wife, she owned a cocker spaniel that looked exactly like Pip – and, you guessed it, named Snuffles! 🐾



Spotlight on SENIORS



Frodo

Thanks to Virginia Holmes, Carla Holmes' mom, for submitting this article!

NGRR's Oct. 5th 2004 Available Dogs List pictured "Fudo," an 8-year-old reclining on a couch waiting to be adopted. The listing said he was BIG and easy going, a BIG blonde boy, and a real sweetie. He was tall with a BIG blocky head, huge paws and some extra pounds...126 of them! He was a giant Teddy Bear who was well-mannered, calm, quiet and a gentle soul...and he was BIG!

It was the "Teddy Bear" that caught my attention. Our first golden love was named Teddy Bear, and I was intrigued by the possibility that "Fudo" really might be another Teddy. I consulted my daughter Carla and soon she, my grandson John, my Max (an NGRR rescue), and I headed for Benicia where Fudo was being fostered by Elaine Boehme. Fudo, we soon realized, was not another Teddy, but he was nonetheless a wonderful guy. It was clear that Elaine and her mother thought he was very special...a great big love who needed a forever home. So, the following week we brought Fudo home and changed his name to Frodo, which seemed more dignified for

this large senior golden who had moved in with us. With a special diet, daily walks and romps with Max, Frodo began to shed those extra pounds. His coat was becoming so curly and luxurious that I was once accused of walking a large sheep! Frodo became a favorite with the neighborhood children and he was even invited to a birthday party!

Frodo was a cherished member of our family for almost four years. My grandchildren could crawl all over him and our cat sometimes used him as a rubbing post. We took Frodo to doggie Easter Egg hunts in Los Altos Hills, and he sauntered down Main Street wearing a special lei and sun bonnet in the May Day parade.

Frodo was always happy to meet new friends, especially if they administered pats and good back and tummy rubs...or had doggie treats. His favorite places to recline were sofas and as he grew older and less active he passed the days snoozing, drooling, and looking out the windows watching the squirrels run around the yard. Frodo's charming nature and sense of humor (he was always smiling) were with him to the end. He had loving care at Adobe Animal Hospital in Los Altos, but in July we lost him. Frodo was the doggie love of my life...a very, very special Golden Oldie who lived up to his billing as an easy going gentle soul who was BIG! 🐾

GOLDENS IN THE PARK



Thank you Jan Dreyer for submitting this article!

Imagine 100 Golden Retrievers in one place at one time!! A San Luis Obispo (SLO) local real estate agent and Golden owner/lover, Lenny Jones, thought it would be good to start a network of Golden owners in the county. With a goal of assembling 100 Golden Retrievers in one place, he developed an event called GOLDENS IN THE PARK. With the help of Jan Dreyer, NGRS SLO County Coordinator, plus a donation for NGRS, the event blossomed into a fundraiser for Woods, the no-kill animal shelter in the county. Not knowing if there really would be interest, when the registered attendees reached 30, Lenny and

Jan looked at each other and said "WOW, at least we won't be alone in the park."

But as it turned out, on the day of the event, there were well over 100 dogs! Because of the overwhelming success of the event, Lenny Jones donated \$400 to NGRS! Several information booths joined the group and donated items including frisbees and bandanas. In addition to contests for frisbee catching, dancing and singing, and of course "most balls in the mouth," there were demonstrations by the Red Cross on dog first-aid and Help Dogs. The best part for everyone was meeting other Golden Retrievers and Golden owners. It will be no surprise to anyone that there was not a growl all day. 🐾



Gift Wrapping at Borders Books

Thank you Shirlee Thomas for submitting this article!

Yes – it's that time of year again – already! According to retailers, Christmas is right around the corner and we need to be getting ready to shop till we drop. With the economy and the price of gas, it could be a banner year for people to curl up with a good book and stay home with family and friends.

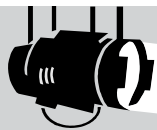
Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue volunteers will be at Borders Books again this year ready to gift wrap that excellent and appreciated gift of books. If you are in the Roseville (Sacramento) area we would welcome your volunteer time to assist us in meeting all the dates and times that Borders so generously offers NGRS. The more volunteers we get, the more days we can cover and the more opportunities to share with the public our wonderful Golden kids. Last year we raised over \$1,200 in donations for NGRS and have an opportunity this year to earn even more!

Say you can only help out for an hour or two? No problem, we welcome your participation no matter how much time you can spare. This gives you a chance to bring in your Golden to the bookstore, wrap some books, and share your rescue story. Keep in mind this is a great way for your teens to earn their school community service hours.

Please call Shirlee Thomas at (916) 727-7068 and get your name on the list with dates and times that are convenient for you. If you are not in the Roseville area, don't be shy – contact your local Borders Books and ask how you can get on their store schedule to wrap books for NGRS. 🐾

Taking a Stand Against Puppy Mills

NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue is committed to helping the victims of puppy mills who are sold to pet stores or brokers advertising "their" litters. The puppies usually escape the deplorable conditions but their parents are forced to endure inhumane treatment until their breeding days are over and they are euthanized. Take action to put the puppy mills and brokers out of business by purchasing puppies only from reputable breeders – not from pet stores or from anyone you suspect does not own the mother of the puppies. Better yet, adopt a dog from NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. Visit www.golden-rescue.org, where you can get in touch with your area's coordinator and see some of the wonderful Golden Retrievers looking for forever homes. NGRS will continue to provide information, links, and success stories on our "anti-puppy mill" effort. Please contact NGRS if you would like to get involved. 🐾



Spotlight on VOLUNTEERS

Sam

We wanted to share Sam's story with you because he, and the thousands of others like him that have been (or will be) helped by NGRR, are why we volunteer. But for us, it's not just helping the dogs – it's the dogs enriching our lives. Thank you Sam for sharing your life with us. We'll miss you terribly.

Terry, Tracy, and Bunny Ricketts

Sam was an owner surrender at 10½ years of age. When Terry picked him up in March 2007 it was clear he was one neglected old guy. He was overweight, covered in mats, and had a horrible cough, which his owner explained was “from the dust under the house where he sleeps.” He was also blind in one eye – the result of a dog fight. Terry smiled, had them sign the paperwork, and got him out of there quickly! When he got him home, we cleaned him up and then took him into the vet the next day where he weighed in at 118 pounds! But it was that cough that had us worried the most and sure enough he tested positive for heartworms – the worst case our vet had ever seen. His heart was doubled in size and his lungs showed pneumonia.

We debated whether heartworm treatment would be effective, or if he could survive the shots. We decided that we needed to treat an extremely low thyroid condition first, which combined with a

little exercise and a strict diet showed a slight improvement but he still showed pneumonia. Sam's savior – Dr. Liz – spent hours on the phone with her peers in Florida (the Mecca of heartworm) and we decided it was worth the chance to try treatment, but we would alter the approach some.

In May he received his first dose of Immiticide. While the conventional treatment calls for two doses 24 hours apart, Sam was too sick for that. So we gave him one dose, which went well, and then waited eight weeks and in July we decided to try the next step with two more doses. The first of those doses went fine, but the next day he spiked a fever and his vet recommended we not go through with the last dose. Instead, after 4 weeks we started him on monthly Heartguard and hoped for the best. During this time he continued to drop weight and became healthier with the cough almost non-existent by September.

In January, Sam tested negative for heartworms! His new X-rays showed clear lungs and a heart that was looking far more normal. During this ordeal, it was clear that Sam had also been emotionally neglected. He didn't play, and really didn't know anything about love. At first he kept to himself and wasn't really social at all. As time went on, the true Golden appeared. He took pure joy in getting his first stuffed toy

that was all his. He started to come ask for a good scratch and I'll never forget the first time he gave me a kiss.

Four weeks ago an ultra sound revealed a large tumor attached to his liver. We are definitely sad that Sam has left us, but at the same time we are happy that he had more than a year where he was loved everyday. Happy that for at least the last year he was able to be a happy dog. Happy that he was able to experience the simple pleasures of his own toy, a roll in the grass, a car ride, a run on the beach, the taste of fresh snow, a romp at the dog park, and a good game of ball.

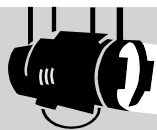
What They Did For Love

Thanks to Jan Dryer for submitting this.

We often focus on the dogs we rescue from bad situations and place in wonderful new homes, giving the dogs the life they deserve. They are the dogs that people got as puppies and then decided they were “too much trouble to train” or they chewed the woodwork and were placed in the backyard for hours at a time. They are the dogs that were found wandering the streets by Animal Services and no one bothered to claim at the Shelter.

However, there is another segment of surrender/adoptions that we thankfully don't see as often, which touches my heart. It is the dogs that are surrendered as an act of love. They are the Golden Retrievers that are in wonderful

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Spotlight on ADOPTERS

Sundance, Cassie, and Sundance #2

Thanks to Chris Beere for submitting this article and photos!

My wife Cindy and I have had the pleasure of adopting three Golden Retrievers from NGRR and what a pleasure and gift it has been. Our first was Sundance 8 years old. He wasn't happy, he wasn't fixed, and he was an escape artist. We loved him at first sight! He loved his romps on the ranch, never met a dog he didn't like, had a blast at the beach, swam in surf, pond, or river, and was adored. We had him a year and a half.

Next came Cassie. Rescued from a backyard of boredom, she craved attention and love. Her furrowed brow, of sad anxiety and hope, took all of one hour to hit pay dirt the day she came to stay with us. She got 265 acres of ranch instead of a back yard and all was

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www.Meetup.com

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for contributing this article and the great photos!!

Do you enjoy walking with your dog? Do you turn your head when you see a Golden walk by? Does your Golden need to have some Golden buddies to play with?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then MeetUp.com might be for you. In the Sacramento area there is a Golden Retriever MeetUp group. Once a month, a group of us “meetup” at a designated place and go for a walk (or swim) with our dogs. It’s a great time to exchange information, tips, and tricks, plus socialize and get some exercise. Sometimes, we break

into groups that like to walk faster/slower/farther/shorter – it doesn’t really matter. We usually find someone in the group that matches our style.

August was hot as usual in Sacramento so we decided to “meetup” at a member’s house for a swim day and a BBQ potluck. We had 12 dogs and lots of people! The dogs all got along and enjoyed a nice swim and play date. A big thank you to Golden Star Photos



Thomas a call at (916) 727-7068. It has been fun, rewarding, and a great way to make golden friends. 🐾

In October, we will be having a Harvest Romp to be held at the facilities of Performance Dogs in Action. It is 10 acres of fenced fun, a pond, a dock to jump from, agility equipment to try out, and just a nice place to spend a morning with other golden types.

Logon to www.meetup.com and do a search for golden retriever. You just might find a group in your area! If you don’t have one and would like one, it’s easy to startup a group.

If you have any questions about starting a golden “meetup” in your area, give Shirlee



What They Did For Love

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homes and their owners find themselves in a situation where they are no longer able to take care of their beloved friend any longer. The owners know that it is not fair to the dog to keep them so they surrender them to NGRR because they know the dog will be better off in a new home.

This summer in San Luis Obispo we had two Goldens in this type of situation. The first was a family where the Mom was pregnant and the husband was diagnosed with a severe medical condition that would involve extensive treatment out of town on a regular basis. The family knew they would not be able to take care of the dog and he was surrendered to NGRR. This lovely 7-year-old was adopted by a family that was looking for a companion to run with, and be

loved by an 11-year old girl and a 1-year-old pup. It’s a pleasure to see the two dogs curled up together on their new bed.

The other was an equally difficult surrender. A widow needed to surrender her beloved 6-year-old Golden because she was facing medical problems and was told she had to get rid of her dog. It was a tearful event that broke my heart. Thankfully on the other side of the equation was a couple who had lost their Golden several months ago and had been waiting a long time for a Golden that was gentle and well trained. When they came to meet Maggie, the woman had on her Golden Retriever shirt and Golden Retriever hat and I couldn’t help but smile. I knew this lady had enough love in her heart to transition Maggie

to her new home.

These are Goldens that were surrendered because they were loved enough to be let go. NGRR was there to help them. 🐾



IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of Wendy La Rocca
"Happy Retirement!"
Donation by Danny Roach

In Honor of Sharon McConnell
"Happy Birthday!"
Lovingly donated by Kimberly Daly

In Thanks to the Adam J. Richter Charitable
Trust for their generous donation.

In Honor of "Daisy"
Adopted in May 1998 and in celebration of
her 11th birthday.
"Daisy is still such a sweet girl and a terrific
walking companion."
Loved by Louise Korn

In Honor and in thanks to Volunteers of
NGRRRescue
"Thanks for all your hard work!"
Donation by Janet Malan & "Chase" the dog

In Honor of Sr. Sharon Hasler &
Sr. Violetta Gelmi
"This gift is to honor Brendan's two first
grade teachers. They are big Golden
Retriever fans and Brendan thought this
would be a good end-of-year teacher's gift."
Donation by Brendan Callagy

In Honor of Carolyn Curry
Donation by Ann Curry

In Honor of "Jackson Brown"
"He gives us so much joy!"
Loved by Mary & David Kemnitz

In Honor of "Murphy"
"We adopted Murphy in January. He is a
wonderful dog and we greatly appreciate
your good work."
Lovingly donated by Richard & Carole Swan

In Thanks to NGRRescue for "Einstein"
Donation by Millie Day

In Honor of "Britney (Britty)"
"We are madly in love with our rescue dog
named Britney!!!"
Donation by Bonnie Goodman & Rob Negrin

In Thanks for the Loving Gift from the estate
of Penny Bliss

In Honor of the Memory of "Hoover"
In Thanks to Cade Deverell

"We adopted Hoover through NGRRescue
(thanks, Cade Deverell) in 1997. She passed
away in 2001 but I still think of her always
and am grateful.
Donation by Peg Stevenson

In heartfelt thanks to those who donate to
NGRRRescue through your employer and
various organizations!

In Thanks to Canine Wines and those who
purchased wine from them! By selecting
NGRRRescue in the comments field they
ensured that a donation from Canine Wines
would go to our Golden.

In Celebration and In Honor of our special
friends, Dulcie and Lee
"In honor of your 50 happy years together!"
Affectionately donated by Nicholas and Al-
lan and Carol Porter...Sunny, too

"Happy Birthday to my daughter,
Lori Bonwell.
Lori is the proud owner of 'Bailey' and
'Emma.'"
Lovingly donated by Connie Shanabarger

"In Honor of my father, Doug Hurd, on his
70th birthday! He loves his Golden and has
his own Golden Oldie named 'Casey!'"

In Honor of Jeff Lucchesi
Donation by Inge Lehmann

In Honor of "Kelly"
"We are still enjoying life with our older
Golden rescue, 'Kelly.' Thanks so much!"
Donation by Suzanne Geary

In Honor of "Bonnie"
Donation by Margie Einberger

In Honor of Tom Portwood's retirement from
Stanford University
Donation by Amelia Alverson

In Honor of "Clifford"
Donation by Kimberly & Michael Britten

In Honor of Dan Blakeley
Donation by Beth Hiseler

In Thanks to the "Golden in the Park" event
held in San Luis Obispo
"San Luis Obispo County held its first annual
'Golden in the Park' event to raise money
for Woods Humane Society, a no-kill animal
shelter...over 100 Golden's attended. Jan
Dreyer, a SLO NGRRescue coordinator was
one of the key workers of the event. Because
of the overwhelming success, a donation of
\$400 has been made to NGRRescue."

In Honor and in Thanks for our "Riley"
Donation by Carol Burke Clements

In Honor of "Copper"
"Copper, owner of humans, Rick Partridge
and Jack Black...you are welcome here any
time!!!"
Donation by Robert Diestel

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Caylee"
Cherished and lovingly missed by
Janet Peacock
Donation by Pat & Steve Klim

In Memory of "Yankee"
Loved, cherished and missed by Nancy Corbin
Donation by Steve & Pat Klim

In Memory of "Hayden"
"Hayden was a true joy every day of our lives
together. He was our third rescue dog (second
through NGRR) and the center of our family
- people and animals alike. Hayden loved
everything and everyone he ever met. He did
however love treats and green tennis balls
best. Nothing made him happier than going
to the park every day to chase his tennis ball.
We will never forget his happy demeanor and
loving nature. We will however always miss
him. We love you Hayden."
Loved by his family - Alan, Mary, Jennifer,
Amanda, Alexandra (your buddy who is
heartbroken) and Zillie (your cat who will
miss chasing your tail) Johnson

In Memory of "Summit"
"Summit was a great Golden. Pam and Paul
miss their sweet companion."
Loved by Pam & Paul Single
Donation by Perry Heffelfinger

In Memory of "Casey"
"Casey...you were the best!"
Loved by Chris Harrison & Kirsten Witesman
Donation by Betty Harrison

In Memory of Clark Cain
"Clark was very special and we appreciate
his love for dogs."
Donation by Steve & Linda Rapaport

In Memory of Clark Cain
"Clark Cain was a dear adopter who truly
believed in Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue.
He requested no flowers and asked instead
that friends and family make donations to
NGRRRescue. Clark - May you be greeted
by wagging tails, wiggly bottoms, and soft
brown eyes filled with love!"
Donation by Jill & Richard Morgan

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by R.C. & N.L. Holmes

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Hank Klor

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Mrs. Patricia Smith

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Carol Vlaovich

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Laurie Crisp

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Al & Meri Umino

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Charlotte West

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Bonnie & Charles Forbes

In Loving Memory of Clark Gordon Cain
Donation by Ted & Suellen Yoneda

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Donna Nelson

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Frances Cederblom

In Memory of Clark Cain
"He loved his Goldens!"
Donation by Gwen & Greg Cain

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Mary Millar

In Memory of Clark Cain
Donation by Alberta & Don Churchill

In Honor of "Regis"
"Dear Regis, we love and miss you to this day. You were our Golden Joy! Rest in Peace."
Lovingly donated by Marcia & Allan Wright

In Memory of "C.J."
"In remembrance of C.J. whose joyful spirit was always present! Let the many memories she's placed in your heart comfort you through this sad time. Lots of love to you."
Achingly missed and loved by the Groh-Sanchez Family
Donation by the Lowrimore Family...two legged and four legged

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Lovingly donated by Paul Lindstrom

In Memory of "Teddy"
"Remembering Teddy on his birthday."
Missed and loved by Caitlin Horgan
Donation by Adam and Kathleen Riendeau

In Memory of "Laser"
Donation by Joyce Dinslage
In Memory of Dick Brinck
"Dick had a great love and respect of Golden Retrievers – especially Sunny and Molly."
Donation by Marc, Diane & Nekka Butler

In Memory of "Clancy"
"Thank you, Clancy, for all those smiley faces on Singing Beach. Whenever we see a smiley face, we will think of you."
Loved by Judy & Bill Shipman
Donation by Lucy, Peter & Nicholas Robbins

In Memory of "Kelsey"
Loved by Danielle & Chuck Knowlton
Donation by T. Mitchell

In Loving Memory of "Buddy"
"The Budmeister"
"We thank God for bringing Buddy into our lives for almost 14 years and dearly miss his sweet, gentle and loving nature. Buddy taught us more than we taught him and is proof that there truly are angels on Earth."
Achingly missed and loved by Bill & Laurie Hoban

In Memory of "Dannie"
"Dannie passed away unexpectedly at age 11. Her sister, Jessie, and I miss her very much."
Donation by Eric Vittinghoff

In Loving Memory of "Buddy"
"Buddy was our dear Golden Lab. He was our perfect boy and we will always love him."
Treasured, missed, and loved by Suzan & Craig Wedegaertner, "Peaches" & "Thunderpaws"

In Memory of "Pearl"
"Pearl was Nacina's wonderful girl, who is the grandmother of our wonderful Amber."
Loved by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Dianne Thomas

In Honor of the Memory of "Shelby"
"Shelby was the beloved Golden Retriever of Linda, Stan and Samantha."
Treasured and missed by Linda, Stan & Samantha Chin
Donation by Uncle Andy & Auntie Shelly Tom

In Memory of Earl F. Prosek
Donation by Michelle Schromm

In Memory of "Sneakers"
In Honor of "Freddie"
"I was lucky to have Sneakers for five wonderful years before losing him at age 13. It's hard to believe he's been gone for almost five years. Now I have another Norcal senior, Freddie, to love, but I still miss Sneakers every day."
Lovingly donated by Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of "Hadab"
"Hadab was the beloved companion of our members and friends, Rosalie and Pat."
Missed and loved by Rosalie & Pat Alvarez
Donation by the Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club

In Memory of Sandy Hudson and "Fletcher"
Donation by Susan West, D.C.

In Memory of "Duncan" Gabrielson
"In memory of your sweet Duncan. We will miss seeing him on his strolls through the neighborhood."
Loved by Barbara & Brooke Gabrielson
Donation by Ranger, Casey and their parents, Michael & Judy Taback

In Memory of "Randy"
June 10, 1994 - June 21, 2008
"Randy was the most loving and wonderful dog. Even people who did not like dogs would fall in love with Randy. He made us so happy throughout his life. We feel so fortunate he came into our lives on a warm summer day in 1994 when he was only seven weeks old. He was always obedient, kind, and loving and made everyone smile. How would we have ever made it through all of those bad times without you, Randy? We will forever keep you close in spirit and hope to see you again one day. We love you and miss you more than words can say."
Lovingly and achingly missed by Aydan, Erin, John, & Ali Kutay

In Memory of "Donner"
"Strut Your Stuff at Rainbow Bridge. We have '4' girls waiting to meet you. You were perfect in every way! The perfect boy, who had an incredible loving spirit to go with it. We are so glad to have known and loved you, too. Your Mom, Dad, Twinkie, Phoebe and all who had the privilege of your gentle nature will miss you now and forever. You are loved by many."
Loved by Ted & Linda Gomoll
Donation by Uncle Don & Aunt Barbara Tomberg

In Loving Memory of "Donner"
"Donner was loved by Linda and Ted and all who knew him. He was the embodiment of the true Golden spirit. He loved life and all it offered. We miss you, Donner."
Lovingly missed by Linda & Ted Gomoll
Donation by Jo, Aspen & Willow McGrail

In Memory of Wyndstar's Faire Phoebe JH, WC
"She lived a full life and added joy to ours. I could tell you of the many hunting trips and pictures of her and her catch...the picture of her at the coast sitting by a tree looking like a lady, or the one where during the winter our cat was sleeping on her back to keep warm. These are awfully big paws to fill."
Loved by Cliff and Bev Brown and their family
Lovingly donated by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In Memory of "Aspen"
"I know that Aspen will always be in your memories."
Loved by Sue and Sue
Donation by Joni Anderson

In Memory of "Fletcher" and "Farley"
Loved and missed by Suzanne Stout

In Memory of "Henry"
"In honor of your beloved Golden, Henry!"
Loved by the Rivello/McBrian Family
Donation by Jana Rubin & Jesse Zimmer

In Memory of Betty Knight
Donation by the Norcal Golden Retriever Club Members

In Memory of "Cash"
Lovingly missed by Sio & Jeff Wilson
Donation by Marilyn & Bob Ormond

In Memory of "Cash"
"Loved, adored, cared for and missed by Sio & Jeff Wilson and his Granny."
Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Loving Memory of "Patrick"
"Patrick passed on July 13, 2008. Patrick had multiple obedience, rally obedience, tracking, and therapy-dog titles. He was Pat's heart and soul. He will be missed by my dogs and all of us. He is now an angel, along with her Wally."
Achingly missed by Pat Lynch
Donation by her sister, Constance Koehler

In Memory of my great big, beautiful "Frodo"
"He was a love!"
Lovingly donated by Ginny Holmes and brothers, "Max" & "Emiliano"

In Loving Memory of "Jenny"
"Jenny came to us through NGR and gladdened our lives for the twelve years she lived with us. She was a beauty, had a quirky personality, and lavished us with unconditional love. Jenny will be forever in our hearts."
Donated with love by Pat & Eric Millar

In Memory of "Drake"
Loved and missed by Karyn & Andrew Moore

In Memory of "Treasurer" Miller
"Treasurer" Miller will be forever in our hearts. We will miss you laying at our feet and stealing the napkins off our laps. Rest in peace, dear friend."
Loved by Bob, Julie, Hannah & Matt Miller
Donation by Don, Susan, Cameron, Griffin & "Lando" Wong

In Memory of "Bo"
"In memory of your beautiful Bo, faithful and loving companion and loved by all who knew him."
Cherished and loved by Ann Marie Mix
Donation by your friend, Gene Donnell

"Remembering the five Golden I have had in my life!"
Donation by Fran Grabau

In Memory of Janey Bess
"We are here for you."
Donation by Omni San Francisco

In Memory of "Nittany"
"Nittany was a truly sweet and wonderful dog who remained in excellent spirits and enjoyed life to its fullest throughout her year-long battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed."
Cared for and loved by Martha & Rick Kessler
Donation by Holly, Summer, Heather & Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of "Phoebe"
"Phoebe loved her toys and would carry them around in her mouth to show them off. She loved to chase the soccer ball with my boys, go for walks in the park, find squirrels, and ride in the car. She loved kisses on the top of her head and on her soft ears. She left us much too soon and we all miss her terribly. She was my constant companion and my furry girl. Our home just isn't the same without her."
Achingly missed by Vera, Robert, Zachary & Griffin Burns

In Memory of "Rusty"
U-UD, OTCH Nealcrest's Happy Highlander, UDX, MH, RAE4, WCX
"Rusty was a grand gentleman and gentle warrior, who will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but most by Noelene and David, his most beloved fans."
Loved by Noelene & David Byars
Donation by Penny Hurley

In Memory of "Sierra"
"Sierra was the sweetest girl that touched our hearts in so many ways."
Loved and missed by Delfina & Sheila Lancaster

In Honor of Jill Morgan
"Jill is an angel and savior to Golden!"
Thank you, Jill."
Donation by Barrett Cohn

Dear Morgan, Thaddea and Leigh
"In great honor of your wedding and great sadness on the loss of one of the sweetest beings to inhabit this planet...your sweet 'Ambaji.'"
Donation by Sarah Schafer

In Memory of "Abby"
"Abby was adopted through Jill Morgan in Lodi. Abby was a beautiful little girl and my friend. My short time with her was not enough."
Loved and missed by Peggy Andrews

In Memory of Betty Behrman
"We're sad to hear about the loss of Mom, and shall miss her too."
Lovingly donated by Barry & Carole Frank

In Memory of "Kaylee"
Wynwood Spectacular Ceilidh UD, JH
"Kaylee was a bright little star that shone her light on so many hearts, especially on those of Pat and Steve, but went out too soon. Kaylee, you will always be remembered. Thanks to Steve and Pat for giving her so much love."
Missed and loved by Pat & Steve Klim
Donation by Penny, Sam & Libby Hurley

In Memory of "Frodo"
"Frodo was a wonderful Golden Oldie."
Loved by my Mom, Virginia Holmes and Max & Emiliano
Donation by Pete, Carla, John, Catherine, Zinfandel, Custer & Daniel Holmes

In Memory of "Gabe" and "Abby"
"Gabe was your sweet senior boy and Abby was your special rescue girl."
Cherished by Peggy & John Andrews
Donation by Sue & Steve Salnick

In Memory of "Kaylee"
Wynwood's Spektacular Ceilidh CDX, JH, WC
"We will be forever grateful to Penny and Bonnie for allowing us to adopt this 'most joyous' (quote from Penny) dog two years ago. These past years with her have truly been joyous. We never had a dog that was so consistently willing to please!!! We honestly cannot remember one time that she did not respond immediately when her name was called (however softly, and even when she was dozing)!!! She was truly a great communicator, that is, she was always able to let us know what she wanted, and she always understood what we wanted. Kaylee truly loved people and constantly would walk up to strangers and demand a pet. We will miss this 'most joyous' little girl very much!"
Loved by Pat & Steve Klim

In Memory of "Simon"
"Simon was the kindest Golden ever! I was his groomer for about 5 years. He would go on the table and hold up his paw for me to groom. He will be missed."
Lovingly missed by Leo Swanson
Donation by Nataliya Averyanova

Thank You

NGRR would like to thank Don and Barbara Tornberg for their generous donations over the years as a "Best Friend" and constant and lasting help with this organization.

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.



Yappy Hour

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this article!

Over the summer people in Sacramento have had the opportunity to enjoy Wednesday and Friday nights out with their dogs. They have enjoyed the company of other dog lovers that enjoy a cold beer and a nice meal without having to leave their companions home alone. NGRR would like to especially thank Sacramento Brewing Company Oasis, Beermann's, and Trends & Treats for their support this summer.

Sacramento Brewing Company Oasis

in Citrus Heights opened their patio to people and their dogs. Water bowls are always provided, excellent service by dog loving staff, great food, cold microbrew, and an atmosphere that is warm and welcoming. We met great new friends over the summer and will continue to enjoy the patio as weather permits. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello to George and his staff and remember to say thanks for having a dog friendly place to dine and have a beer.

Trends & Treats was a joy to work with. What a wonderful store! They are located across the street from SacBrew and joined in the festivities by providing some great items that we were able to raffle and share with all of our Yappy Hour attendees. Please stop by and give a big thanks and while you are there stock up on some great toys, food, and treats for your pet!

Beermann's in Roseville allowed us to bring our dogs and enjoy Friday evening sharing great microbrews with friends and family. It was an opportunity to tell our rescue stories and let people know about NGRR. Several people bring their dogs on

a regular basis and it was nice to connect and share with them some of the other places in the area that would welcome their dogs. Beermann's is open to the public on Thursday and Friday nights only and offers a tasting of their brews. Stop by with your dog and let them know you appreciate their dog-friendly ways – oh yeah, have a great microbrew while you are there!

If you know of a restaurant or brewery that is dog-friendly in your area, work with them to put on a Yappy Hour. Wine bars too! We look forward to next year and hope more folks will join us at our Yappy Hour events. Keep a lookout in the spring newsletter and on the NGRR website for dates, times, and locations. 🐾



Cassie and Sundance #2

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well in the world. She loves to run on the beach or ranch with Cindy, especially if Cindy is riding her horse, go for walks on the river, and wants to be within three feet of Cindy at all times.

Sundance #2, Sunny Bunny, was bred to be a show dog but due to a 'misplaced' testicle wound up in a small backyard and often in a 10'x16' cage. He became aggressive with other dogs and needed a new home. From day one at the ranch he knew he was home. His newly found love of swimming draws him to any body of water – a pond, the ocean, or a large puddle. He loves to chase balls, chew them up, and tear them to pieces. He loves to sit next to our chinchilla cages and commune with our little furry friends. His absolutely most favorite thing to do is go to the beach. I can't help but smile. Our dear friend, Stasia Waters, who brought us together with all three Golden Retrievers, said about Sunny #2, "He's not a good dog, he's a great dog!" 🐾



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 Goldens 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 Goldens

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

Zack's Fund

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

For More Information

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

Volunteer Interest

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

HANDS-ON DOG WORK

- ☐ Area Coordinator
- ☐ Area Assistant
 - ☐ Foster Care
 - ☐ Home Visits
 - ☐ Vet Appointments
 - ☐ Shelter Checks
 - ☐ Phone Calls
 - ☐ Grooming
 - ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Senior Goldens 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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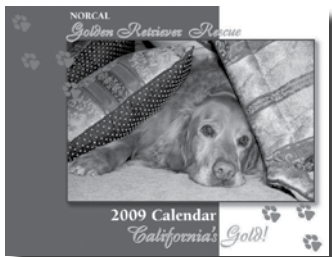
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The 2009 NGRR Calendar "California's Gold" has arrived!!

Thanks to Pat Lynch, Area Coordinator for Alameda County, and graphic designer Cathy Stashuk for making this happen. The new calendar spans 15 months beginning with September 2008, so there's no reason to wait – buy now and start using this fabulous calendar filled with gorgeous photos and heart-warming stories selected from over 100 submissions. And remember, the calendar makes a great holiday gift item!

For ordering information and pricing, please go to www.golden-rescue.org. 🐾



Harte Play Day Raises \$3,000!

Thanks to Justine Eller for submitting this article!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and coordinated the 4th annual Twain Harte Golden Play Day on May 18th, 2008. This event started four years ago, by eight adoptive families who decided to meet at the Park and to have a simple play day...hence, our now Twain Harte Play Day.

This year many past and potential adopters drove up to 90 miles (one way) to join us. Everyone brought their brown bag lunches, sun coverings, and the dogs, and had another fun day. We raised over \$3000 in just 2½ hours. Many gifts were made by the community including items for our silent and live auction as well as cash donations. Two local newspapers covered the event as well as advertisements from the local radio stations.

It was quite a site to see 130 dogs (24 non-goldens) romp and play. All displayed excellent manners, wanting to play well beyond our dedicated time to be out of the park. In a controlled and secure environment, all were able to run, play, and splash in and out of 5 different pools. We had alternating 15 minutes on leash and 15 minutes off leash segments.

Please mark your calendar for the 5th annual Twain Harte Play Day now set for May 17th, 2009 (the Sunday after Mother's Day). Any questions, contact Jill Morgan at rhmorgan95240@yahoo.com. There are a number of dog-friendly hotels that we will also be able to direct you to. 🐾

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