

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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It's Calendar Time

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the 2009 NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue Calendar. If you would like your rescued Golden to appear in next year's calendar, please submit a photo and short (3-4 sentences) story about your pup. The story should include current age and life before and after rescue. The photo preferably should be digital but hard copy film will also be considered. The digital camera needs to be Hi Res so the picture will be 300dpi at 8" x 10" Please consult your camera manual for high res print setting. Send all photos and stories to BOTH:

patswally@comcast.net
and
cathy@etypeworks.com
The deadline is July 1, 2008

Thanks,
Pat Lynch

Save the Date:

September 13, 2008
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WAG 'N WALK

Don't miss this year's Wag 'n Walk at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton – Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you would like to be part of the volunteer team for this year's Wag 'n Walk, please contact the chairperson, Lynn Parapar at (925) 935-2846 or wagnwalk08@sbcglobal.net. Wag 'n Walk is one of our largest fund-raisers and an event that many consider a reunion among friends – both human and canine. And this year, it's even more special as the annual raffle drawing (previously held at the auction) will be part of the event.

In years past, we have seen as many as 400 walkers and 300 dogs of every breed, age, size, and shape. The full day includes Wag 'n Walk mini raffle, silent auction, demonstrations, an alumni parade, a walk around the reservoir, and of course a canine swim!

*New at Wag 'n Walk
this year –*

Drawing for the Annual Raffle!

Your 16th annual raffle tickets will be arriving in your mailboxes in August. Buy 10 and get 1 free! Mail your donations and completed ticket stubs to NORCAL for more chances than ever to win a cash prize:

**1 lucky winner
will get \$5,000**

**5 lucky winners
will each win \$1,000**

**Drawing to be held
AT THE RAFFLE.**



**Mark your calendars now for this
exciting event you won't want to miss!!**

NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose of the letter is to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter having raised over \$44,000. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Dave and Liz Berry
Valerie and Paul Erickson
Beverly Groeniger
Judy and Howard Guild
Steven and Martha Johnson
Holly and Mike O'Brien
Shirley Sword

Pure Gold: \$500 to \$999

Mary Lou Atkins
Scott Dowd
Mary Ekrom
Karen and Rick Hargrove
Kelly Hollinghead
Takeshi and Cathy Inouye
Iain Johnston
Kent and Emily Kushar
Susan Messinger
Maya and Tim Misner
David Roseman
Jim and Doris Thompson
Lisa Webster
Jeff and Sio Wilson

Wet Kisses: \$250 to \$499

Emanuel and Lucy Aron
Deborah Bevilaqua
Jim Bonwell
Donald and Jeanne Dana
Kathy Essick
Ann Fairbands
Bruce and Kathleen FitzGerald
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James and Nicole Healy
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Meigs Matheson
Joseph and Robin McPeak
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Wayne and Janelle Monahan

Heather Murphy
Mike Nellis
Greg and Candace Osborn
Rick Partridge and Jack Black
Robert Poindexter
Eric Vittinghoff
Pamela Ware
James and Claire Williams
George Young

Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

Jason and Julia Allen
Rosanne Assay
Kathy Axelsson
Ruth Baily
B.W. and Deborah Bainbridge
Patricia and Victor Barkas
George and Debby Behrman
Linda Benedetti
Robert and Wendy Bergman
Charles Betlach
Stephanie Bigelow
Thomas Bouman
Margaret Brooks
Ann and Ken Brown
Deborah and John Buehler
Jann and John Capone
Marchelle Carleton
April and Jon Carlson
Pam Catlett
Mark and Amy Chauvin
Ian Colson
Barbara Crespo
Michael and Julie Darling
Ann and Steven Deggelman
Monika Dohse
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Leslie Earl
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Phil and Joan Fisher
Vandy Foutz
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Patricia Freddie
Elna Gericke
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Rick Gold
Marilyn Gray-Raine
Ellie Green
Susan and Robert Greenberg
Firmin and Jan Gyrp
Daria Hallowitz
Bill and Jo Haraf
Jean Harrell

Mark and Kristine Harri
Elizabeth Hart
Silvia Head
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Elaine Hujambohoie
Terry and Leslie Hurdy
Grace Hyde M.D.
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Howard and Sandra Janotta
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Suzanne and Bruce Luther
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Barbara Maher
Charles and Barbara Marcenaro
Susan Marchant
John and Colleen McCormick
Joanne McGrail
Christine McInerney
Kathryn McIntyre
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Neil Parrish
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L.T. Portwood
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Sig and Louise Richardson
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Meg Schiffman

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Jackie Suen
Patricia Thebo
Connie Thompson
Sally Thompson
Rolf Thorson
Steve and Terri Toler
Ann Troy
Richard Volberg
Katherine Weir
Jeff Westmont
Lois Wilco-Owens
Stanley Woerner
Allan and Marcia Wright

Cold Noses: up to \$99

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Sue and Jim Almlie
Wayne and Judy Anderson
Mary and Larry Anderson
Jaime Arbona
Virginia Atwood
Peggy Auders
Rick Baggelaar
Larry and Margy Banfield
James Bartlett
Mark and Laurie Berman
Bradley Bettencourt
Liz and Vince Black
Barbara Bloom
David Bonk
Larry Bowman
Shirley Bray
R.H. and M.A. Bube
Douglas and Ana Buckmaster
Karen Burlingame
Candice Caicedo
Clarke and Barbara Carey
Rosemarie Cassity
Joe and Jill Chouinard
Nancy and Roger Clark
Patricia and Michael Collum
Sara Connolly
Claudia Cooper
Dennis Coyne
Kimberly and William Daly
Jim Drake
Carol and Jon Daseking
Darly and Alice Davis
Janet Dorr

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John and Susan Downey	W.L. Keplinger	Terry O'Connell	Fredie Sobel
John and Mary Jane dullea	Doris and Dick Kessell	Astrid Olson	Dave St. Pierre
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Theresa Jones	Sallie McKinley	Terry Sechirt	Richard and Maureen Yamadera
Gene Jovich	Diane Midloch	Larry Shapiro	Bob and Kimberly Young
Joseph Kanter	Milton Mozen	Constance Sharg	Kevin Zaney
Colleen Kaul	Thomas and Julie Murphy	Janet Sherman	
Jack Kellner	Laurel Nakashima	Tom and Adrienne Silvester	

Rescue to the Rescue!!

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this!

At NORCAL, we are often asked where our dogs come from and how do we find them? This is one story we wanted to share with you in our effort to educate the public about puppy mills and backyard breeders.

NORCAL received a call from the Yolo County SPCA. The Yolo County Sheriff had just been issued a warrant in an animal neglect case in which 19 dogs were taken into custody, including 4 adult Goldens and 4 two-week-old puppies. Three of the adults went to the kennel for vet evaluation but the Sheriff needed someone to take the mama and her pups while they investigated and possibly tried the case in court.

The mama and her babies arrived in our care and UC Davis vets tended to medical issues. The babies, three boys and one girl – oh my goodness how cute they were at just under two weeks old with their eyes still closed and unable to walk. We were then notified by

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A Tribute to Tina

Thank you to Val Anderson for submitting this tribute about a wonderful Golden that was part of Justine Eller's life – a long time volunteer with NORCAL.

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." ~Roger Caras

In 1999, Justine Eller and her husband-to-be, Jim, were planning their wedding. Although they were somewhat hesitant about adopting a dog at this point in their lives, they met several NGRR Golden Retrievers that were being fostered. When they met Tina, a 3-to-4-year-old Golden, she connected with them in a way the others had not. Justine and Jim quickly fell in love with her. Evidently, Tina had been placed with other families but didn't find her real home until she met Justine and Jim. As the new family got acquainted with Tina, they discovered she was a very special dog with an unwavering spirit, a regal demeanor, and a charming disposition. As the trust between them developed so did Tina's devotion. How fortunate they found each other!

Tina started attending dog classes with Justine upon her adoption to help build her confidence as well as meet new

friends. With Jim and Justine's love and understanding, Tina made great progress. Eventually, the training transitioned into a new role for Tina, as she became a "helper" in a puppy class and assisted newly adopted dogs to build trust and develop family bonding.

Justine, Jim, and Tina loved to take long walks and did so religiously, twice a day. They became a familiar sight in and around Belmont. She loved spending time in her backyard, which overlooked a canyon where she held court. Here Tina would preside over her domain by chasing errant squirrels and crows and barking at neighboring dogs. True to her breed, Tina was an excellent swimmer. When Justine and Jim took her to Pine Crest, the lake was her playground. Running and leaping at full force, she would hit the water, creating a huge wake, soon to surface with her head below the water. She was a sight to behold!

When Justine became a volunteer with NGRR she conducted home visits to potential adoptive families and was accompanied by Tina. Tina contributed to helping to find more than 80 forever homes for displaced dogs that were fortunate to find their way to NGRR. My family was fortunate to be the first home visit by Justine and Tina. When Justine introduced me to her beautiful girl, I was immediately impressed by her gentle and

sweet personality and graceful appearance. It was clearly apparent that she and Justine had already developed a strong bond. Tina was a wonderful Golden ambassador and together they were a terrific team. After more than 8 years of home visits, Tina has left a legacy by helping to promote NGRR's important goal of providing safe, secure, and loving homes for Golden Retrievers. 🐾



NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue's Bow-Wow Beach Pawty

Join us for a fun-filled morning at the park with fido. Get your morning walk in as we take the 1+ mile trail through lovely C-Bar-C Park. After your refreshing trek, relax and enjoy an agility show from Performance Dogs in Action. Following the show, give the agility program a try – the excellent agility trainers will be standing by to help you and your dog maneuver through the equipment. Be sure to take some time to visit our vendors then stop by and talk with a variety of rescue groups – maybe make a forever match with a perfect new dog pal.

Lots of fun is planned throughout the morning:

- Meet our special needs mascot Clarabelle
- Enter fido in a contest to be chosen Moondoggie, Gidget, or the Big Kahuna
- Have fido's picture taken in our beach-inspired photo booth – hang ten!
- Take your doggie pal for a refreshing dip in one of many wading pools in "Splash Cove"



- Grab a hoagie from Beach Hut Deli in our picnic pavilion

The \$10 entry includes a beach bag for you, a bandana for fido, biscuits from Bowwowlicious, and goodies galore

(additional dog is \$2). \$1 of each entry will be donated to P.O.O.C.H. to help maintain and improve the C-Bar-C dog park located just inside the gates.

Sign up in advance and get an extra goodie in your bag! Just go to www.golden-rescue.org and register today! For more information call Marcy Hutchinson at 916-725-3804 or Shirlee Thomas at 916-727-7068.

Biodegradable waste bags will be provided. 🐾

**June 8th, 2008
8:00 am – Noon
C-Bar-C Park
8275 Oak Avenue
Citrus Heights**

Shasta's Story and the Joy of Fostering

Thank you to Eve Nyren for submitting this article.

When we picked Shasta up at the Placer Country Animal Shelter (she was a stray), she immediately impressed us as an especially lovely dog. She is blonde, fluffy, intelligent, and feminine – although she had a lot of fleas. After a short stay with us, Mary Durantini adopted her. This is a letter I received from Mary updating us on Shasta's life. It makes us so happy to hear back from adopters.

"She is a very special, wonderful dog. She is very smart and attentive—a little willful but quick to learn. She is calm and protective around my elderly mother. When I'm home she is my shadow in the house and when I work in the garden she observes and supervises. You can sense her joy when she races around the grassy fields and rolls on the lawns. She gets along fine with most dogs and has quickly figured out her place in the pack (at a park). In June, we adopted two kittens. They all get along fine now. The kitties tease her and play around her and the female, who took the longest to come around to the dog, even washes Shasta's ears. When Shasta was adopted, we thought she was a youngish, healthy dog who should face no big problems in the near future but it turned out she had a 'functional' thyroid tumor, unlike the more common thyroid tumor. This rarer type (though apparently common in Golden Retrievers) is ultimately curable. In October, we finally went



ahead and did the surgery—contrary to all expectations they were able to remove the entire tumor. In November, I took her to Southern California where I had to leave her for two weeks for treatment—a single dose of radioactive isotope. Every time she comes to cuddle and looks up with those dark eyes or rolls over and asks for a belly rub, I feel that our adopting her was meant to be. She was lucky to get us, willing and able to extend her life, and we were lucky to get a dog with such a gentle, loving spirit." 🐾

"Golden Girl"

Remembrances of Karen Lindstrom

Thanks to Marilyn Ormond for submitting this and Karen's mom, Barbara Dana for writing such a lovely tribute. Barbara advises that she is writing a book called "Golden Girl" as a tribute to Karen, a long-time supporter of NGRR – stay tuned to this newsletter for future updates on its status.

When Karen passed away on April 13, 2002, I didn't think I would ever smile again. She was just forty-two the previous month. Now, almost six years later, life goes on. Oh...I have a teary moment once in awhile, but most of my thoughts about Karen are happy. When Karen was 4, we thought it was time to get Karen a puppy. I must admit that I wanted one too. We saw an ad in the paper for a German Shepherd puppy and promptly bought it. She was a black and brown female who just several years later ran out of the yard and was struck by a car. Karen lost her first pet and we all were so sad. She told me years later that she

had never forgotten her first dog.

By the time Karen was nine, we had moved to a rural area in Saratoga County, New York. We purchased a small house with several acres of land plus a small barn. I was convinced that having animals and becoming 4-H kids would be a good way to raise our girls. Well, we wound up with a horse and a couple of ponies. Karen wanted another dog, so one of her Christmas presents was another female German Shepherd puppy and her sister adopted a Husky-Retriever mix – another soft, affectionate dog. We also had at least one cat, sometimes two, and I remember a white rabbit. Karen became enamored with horses. By her thirteenth birthday she was taking formal riding lessons and learning to jump. As it turned out, the 'farm life' was good for the girls.

After graduating college as an Electrical Engineer, Karen moved to California where she met her future husband, Paul Lindstrom. After they married and bought a home in Aptos, Paul made it possible for Karen to pursue her dream of owning and breeding

Golden Retrievers. I have a photo of her sitting amidst 11 little Golden puppies and their exhausted mother "Rosie." She eventually went back to school to get a "Vet-Tech" degree so she could become more knowledgeable about animals in general, but specifically Golden Retrievers. Paul built a kennel that any dog owner would love to have.

When Karen decided to create an online magazine just for Golden Retriever fanciers, Paul was there to lend his expertise with computers and website design. This publication continues today, due to his persistence and is a wonderful memorial to Karen. If you haven't looked at it, please do so at www.GRWeekly.com.

It wasn't until Karen passed away that I learned how involved she was with NGRR and the rescue of Goldens. I knew she had fostered several Golden Retrievers over the years. She had kept one of them, "Thumper," who I fell madly in love with. Needless to say, I am very proud of my daughter's accomplishments and blessed that she was part of my life. 🐾

FROM KISSES TO CORN

Thank you to Jeanne Hanlon for submitting this and to Bob Poindexter for writing it! Jeanne picked up Kisses (now Maizey) 6 ½ weeks after giving birth to 11 pups; she had a skin condition and still had milk, but Bob followed the vet's instructions and when Jeanne saw her 2 weeks later, she couldn't believe how happy Maizey was!

My wife Barbara is not a dog person. Where she grew up in Mexico, dogs were often unsupervised scavengers and rabies was a serious problem. We probably would never have ever owned a dog were it not for the intervention of my mother who, after babysitting our three daughters for a few days, returned the children along with Whiskers, a mature lab they had adopted from the humane society. Ever try to tell a child that the dog has to go back to the pound? Well, Whiskers was an old guy set in his ways but he was great with kids and so he became a much-loved member of the family.

After Whiskers died, Barbara continued to maintain that she didn't much care for dogs though Whiskers had been the single notable exception. The prospects for getting another dog seemed slim as the years passed and the children grew up. But our attitudes did change. Maybe it was our exposure to daughter Juliana's boyfriend's dog Maggie, an energetic Golden with a very friendly disposition. Maybe it was the realization that those pants that used to fit so well are now a little tight around the waist. Getting enough exercise recently? Probably the final push came from a tennis friend, Ron, who had a great experience adopting a young Golden through NGRR. You have heard of life changing events? Well adopting Beamer was a life-changing event for Ron. Every time I saw him on the tennis court he had another story to tell me about his new best friend.

I can't say I didn't have some qualms about adopting a dog through NGRR. What if the local coordinator introduced me to a dog available for adoption and somehow we didn't hit it off? Will the coordinator think I am not sincere? Not a true dog person? What about the poor dog? How is it going to feel getting uprooted from familiar

surroundings and then rejected? I will say that I was comforted by the fact that I had never encountered a Golden Retriever that I didn't like. It seemed that they had all been friendly, pleasant dogs that were mainly interested in a hello, a pet, or an opportunity to retrieve a tennis ball.

After filling out the application it didn't take long to get the call: a fourteen-month-old female had just weaned her pups and was surrendered in Sacramento. I was a bit concerned by the fact that this child bride was also not housebroken, having lived her entire existence out in the backyard. "Don't worry. She will do fine" was the sage advice I got from my local coordinator. That afternoon I met Kisses in the exam room at the Country Vet. Despite having just given up her pups, leaving her home in Sacramento, spending well over an hour traveling in a crate in the back of an SUV and being examined by an unknown vet, she seemed pleased to meet me. I was attached to her immediately and thrilled at the thought that I was going to take this fine animal home.

For a dog that had spent her entire life living in an igloo in the backyard, Kisses seemed to adjust very quickly to being an "indoor dog." She took about twenty minutes to explore the rooms of the house and then made herself comfortable. The "not housebroken" concern was soon forgotten. With ready access to a backyard and regular walks she never had an incident. I have to wonder if her prior owners took her to school as she was very quick to learn to come, sit, down and stay. She will even heel without a leash as long as the distractions are not too great and the treats keep coming. The real pleasure she brings to the home is her total enjoyment of simple pleasures. She will rediscover an old dog toy and prance around the house acting as though the newfound goody in her mouth is something everyone was looking for. Her tail wagging becomes dangerous when she knows she is about to go for a walk. I continue to wonder why anyone would give up such a fine friend.

I did have to change her name. "Kisses" would be OK for a Pomeranian lap dog



or a lhasa apso, but not for a dog that was bred to be the ultimate hunter's companion. After much discussion and debate, we finally agreed on "Maizey." As for my wife Barbara, it is getting more difficult for her to maintain that she is not a dog person. All one has to do is witness the mutual joy exhibited by Barbara and her dog when either returns from a trip, or to hear her extol the virtues of the Golden Retriever breed. Her anti-dog position has become riddled with exceptions.

We have had Maizey for about three months and I wonder if she ever thinks back about her prior life. She will often roll onto her back with her paws up to ask for a chest scratch. When we oblige, we will sometimes tell her how lucky she is to now be living in such comparative luxury, though we know that we are the lucky ones. 🐾



Jeanne Hanlon (l) and Linda Gomoll (r) at the Best of Breed Dog Show in San Francisco, January 2008.



Another SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

The 2007 Art and Wine Auction held on November 3, 2007 was a complete success thanks to the efforts of many volunteers under the direction of chairperson, and past president, Jeff Wilson. We also want to thank the many donors for contributing their arts, crafts, travel packages, wine, and other valuable items to the auction. These donors are the key to a successful auction.

Several hundred people registered to join in the fun and help us raise money for Golden Retrievers. The NGRR wine goblet,

presented to each visitor as a souvenir, proved to be a big hit, as well as very useful for wine tasting. Once the crowd sampled the great wine and tried the tasty food, it was time for the silent auction. The action started slowly but built up to a fevered pitch just before each table closed. The serious bidders kept a keen eye on their targets, as well as the clock, and pounced immediately when other bids came in, trying to slip in the last bid just under the wire. A very spirited live auction followed the silent auction. Steve Seagrave, our auctioneer and past

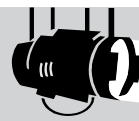


NGRR president, did his usual fantastic job at the microphone. The winner of the \$10,000 raffle was Donna Harbacek of La Grange, IL. 🐾

TEN YEARS AGO my aunt called about a Golden Retriever that she was fostering. He was about 16 months old – skinny, missing a toe and suffering from kennel cough, but friendly and sweet. We had many “conditions” that had to be met by a prospective pet. Our reservations melted away when our then 15-year-old cat met



Toby at the door, gave him the visual once-over, and signaled approval. Toby responded by raising his front paw and smiling politely, asking to be admitted. The cat casually walked away, which we all understood to be an invitation. Toby politely averted his eyes and entered our home – and our hearts.



Spotlight on ADOPTERS

We had many happy times with this lovely boy. We cannot imagine a more perfect match with our family. His sweet nature, sense of humor and gentle intelligence were a constant delight. He became a dear companion to each member of our family. On October 22, he died peacefully and we are grateful to have known him and loved him. Thank you for rescuing Toby all those years ago and for making it possible for our family to enjoy his company. He'll be in our hearts forever. Please accept this gift in hopes that other dogs and families may be matched so successfully. 🐾

The Hilty Family, Orinda

IN TRIBUTE

In Thanks to the Robert K. & Patricia A. Dahl Foundation for remembering all the needy Golden Retrievers in search of homes.

In Honor of "Rufus" and "Miss Fanny Rose"
"Rufus entertains us on a daily basis and his sister, Miss Fanny Rose, is as sweet as honey."

Loved by Elizabeth & A. Long

Happy Birthday to my daughter,
Lori Bonwell
With love from her Mom,
Connie Shanabarger

Best Wishes to Dr. Deborah Lubeck on her new endeavors and her tireless dedication to Senior Golden Retrievers!!
Donation by Deepa Lalla, Elaine Yu, and Carolina Reyes

In Honor of the 75th Birthday of Ellie Green, a Golden Retriever lover and a dear friend
Donation by Barbara & John Friedman

In Honor of Carol Porter
Donation by Janis & Ray Musante

In Honor of "Buddy"
"Buddy was our foster dog while we were stationed (Navy family) at Moffett Field."
Lovingly donated by Joan Howell

In Tribute to "Molly"
Donation by Michelle Beazley

IN THANKS to Hailey Castagnozzi, age 11, for the donation of her earnings from being a dog walker/sitter. This message was written by this very generous, sweet, 11-year-old girl:
"My favorite breed is the Golden. I don't have any dogs, but I am the neighborhood dog walker/sitter. I hope you all had a very successful year so far. I hope to continue donating for years to come."
A thousand Golden kisses to Hailey!

In Honor of "Bonnie"
"Bonnie will be 9 years old in December. I have had her for 5 years in October. She is very loving."
Loved by Margie Einberger

In Thanks to Dr. Perry Heffelfinger D.V.M.
Donation by Mr. and Mrs. Benioff

In Honor of "Scarlett"
With gratitude and love from Carol Quigley

In Thanks and In Honor of Teresa Colucci
"Thank you for helping us adopt 'Jesse.' She is absolutely precious and we love her. Keep up the great work."
Donation by the Martina Family

"A BIG shout out for Dr. Perry Heffelfinger D.V.M. for always taking such good care of my Golden Retrievers."
Donation by Rodney Fong

In Honor of my 10-year-old Golden
Donation by Bettie Swan and Friends

In Support of "Clarabelle"
Donation by Darleen & Fred Beno

"Happy Holidays to Charles Shifrin & Justine Saffir!"
Best wishes and donation by Rachel Shulman

"For the love of 'Hannah,' 'Brooke' & 'A.J.'"
Donation by Kathy Jacobson

In Honor and Support of "Clarabelle"
Donated with love from Bo'sun and Maureen Drotleff

In Honor of "Clarabelle"
"Thank you for the wonderful work you do!"
Donation by Jackie Lathrop

In Honor of Leslie Hurdy
Donation by Chia Tzn Luo

In Honor of Myra Kelley
Donation by Chia Tzn Luo

In Honor of Linda Walden
Donation by Cristian Quattrone

"Happy Birthday, Grandpa!"
Lovingly donated by Lindsey Verse

Merry Christmas to the Mangels Family
Donation by Masako Schroeder

In Thanks to an Anonymous Donor

In Appreciation of NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue
Donation by Katherine Weir & "Sassy"

In Honor of "Francie"
Donation by Greg & Candace Osborn

In Honor of "Honey"
"In gratitude for Honey, who was adopted through NGRRescue."
Donation by Ann Fairbanks

In Honor of our wonderful Golden Girl
Lovingly donated by Mary Durantini

In Honor of "Merry Kris(Miss)" & "Rusty"
Donated with love by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Thanks to Mildred Whitworth and her doggies for their continued support to NGRRescue

In Honor of Cade Deverell
"I know how important this is to you so I wanted to support those efforts. I'm sure it will be put to good use. Merry Christmas, Cade."

Donation by Melanie Hamilton

In Honor of my best friend, "Teller"
Donated with love by Denes Agay

"Merry Christmas to my aunt, Sharon McConnell"
Donation by Kimberly Daly

In Thanks to the Petco Foundation

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
Donation by G. Gerald FitzGerald

"Merry Christmas wishes to Pat & Chuck McCarthy"
Donation by Nancy Bolger

"Merry Christmas to Shannon & Michael Cape!"
Donation by Catherine Cape

"Happy Birthday wishes to Marty Yoshioka"
Donation by Rosemary Wong

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to George, Kathy & 'Trouble' Roope"
Donation by Byron Roope

Happy Holidays to All at NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue
Donation by Dee & Richard Farrar

In Honor of "Lucy"
Loved by Patti LeVine

In Honor of Tana Lingvall and her Golden Retrievers
Donation by Audrey Down

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
Donation by Virginia Atwood

In Honor of Bruce FitzGerald and Family
Donation by Virginia Atwood

In Honor of my friend, Jean Connors
"Merry Christmas"
Donation by Terry Sechrist

In Honor of "Jack"
Lovingly donated by Marty & Stephen Johnson

In Honor of Peter Black
Donated with love by Kathleen Spieker

"Merry Christmas wishes are sent to Connie & Jeff Koehler"
Donation by Dotty & Bill Nerenberg

"Merry Christmas to all at NGRRescue for everything you do!"

Donation by Joyce Crall

In Honor of "Belle"

"Belle at 12 years old is the healthiest Golden we have had – no arthritis, very excited about her walks and standing up on her hind feet when her dinner appears. She is a real beauty, much beloved by all and we thank you for allowing us to share our life with her."

Lovingly donated by Margaret & Steve Young

In Honor of Judy & Howard Guild –
"Merry Christmas"

Donation by Torrey Gane

"Merry Christmas to my sister, Pat Lynch"

Donation by Dotty & Bill Nerenberg

In Honor of Diane Head

Donation by Silvia Head

In Honor of "Bonnie"

"Bonnie is 8 or 9 years old. She had a rough 5 months but is well now...thank God! She is acting once again like a puppy. We have had her going on 4 1/2 years. Thank you."

Donation by Margie & Ray Einberger, Sr.

In honor of "Buster" and "Ben"

Lovingly donated by Jim Knickerbocker

In Honor of our friend, Julie Jaccard

"Julie and her husband, Doug, are the proud parents of a beautiful Golden named 'Jackson' Jackson has brought much joy and happiness into their lives and he makes their family complete. Julie admires the work and dedication of your organization in helping Golden Retrievers everywhere live their lives to the fullest, and your determination that all Golden be a part of a loving family as Jackson is to theirs."

Donation by Mike & Julie Darling

In Honor of "Sandy"

Donated with love by Paul & Linda Schulman

In Thanks to Animal Eye Care in Fremont, CA
The Doctors and Staff sent a generous contribution to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue for our efforts in the community. Thanks for what they do, too.

Merry Christmas to Don & Joni Rapp
Wishes sent from Nancy Corbin

In Honor of Dr. Waterbury, Dr. Sahi, Pam and all of the wonderful folks at Fremont Veterinary Clinic (Stockton, CA)
Donation by Art & Miyuki Bray

In Honor of "Charlie"

Lovingly donated by Lisa Webster

In Honor of "Cassie"

Lovingly donated by Kelly & Michael Hollingshead

In Honor of my beloved Golden Retriever,
"Emma"

Lovingly donated by Shirley Sword

In Honor of Karyn Hunt

Donation by Evelyn Hunt

In Honor of our "Golden Group" (Gomoll, et. al.)

Donation by Astraid Olson & Stanley Smyth

In Thanks to Carol Porter

Donation by Janis Musante

In Honor of Trudy & Ken Blanchard

"Thank you for the work you do with the litter listings."

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Gratitude to Meg Hill, Diane Head, Nancy Fedders and Linda Knowles

"Thank you for all you did to rescue our new family member, 'Maddie.' All of you deserve so much appreciation and recognition for your tireless efforts to help an endless stream of dogs that you'll know only for a short time. We are so grateful to have Maddie and I'm sure she's happy to have a new home where she's safe, cared for (okay, pampered) and loved very much!"

Donation by Judy & Howard Guild and their new Golden Oldie, "Maddie"

In Honor of "Clarabelle"

Donation by Pat & Frank Robin

In Honor of Nancy Fedders

"Thank you NorCal for all you do and especially to Nancy Fedders for helping us find such a great dog through SVACA."

Donation by David Sabel

In Thanks to Suzanne Fortner

"We would like to give a big thank you to Suzanne for coming to our home and helping us with our new retriever puppy's unique behavior issue. She gave us 'faith and hope' to help Amber become a long, lasting member of our family. We could not have done it without her help!"

Donation by Julius, Sandy, Rachael, Alexander & Amber Chiang

In honor of "Winston Churchill," a rescued dog who had a wonderful, loving, and long life with Francie Farinet. *"Bless you, Francie!"*

Donation by Gail & Jim Churchill

Happy Birthday to Bill Ross!

"We were fostering our precious golden, Francie, and Bill who is a Golden fanatic insisted that we were absolutely crazy to consider not inviting her to stay with us. He was right, of course, and the rest is history! He will be glad that his milestone 60th birthday has brought benefit to others in this most beloved species as well!"

With thanks from Greg & Candace Osborn

Happy Birthday to Judy Guild

Lovingly donated by Phelps Guild

"Thank you NORCAL for all you do and especially to Nancy Fedders for helping us find such a great dog through SVACA."

Donation by David Sabel

In Honor of "Ginger" Kelley

Loved by Myra Kelley

Donation by Virginia Van Kuran

In Thanks to the Wells Fargo employees who have made us part of the "Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign." Thank you for your kindness and for remembering our Golden!

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to Judy Guild
Donation made by Phelps Guild

In Honor of Jill Morgan

"Congratulations, Jill, for being named Person Saving Animals for the Red Cross."

Donation by Lynn & Richard Parapar

IN MEMORIAM

Correction from last newsletter...

In Memory for "Hogan"

CAN. CH. Tamerlan's Ruff and Ready
Cherished, missed with aching hearts and deeply loved by Laura & David Howard and Tamra & Ken Howard
...was made by Janet Hellums and Hogan's litter sister, "Ribbon"

In Memory of Yancey Gillies

"In memory of a truly gracious lady. Our hearts and thoughts are with you."

Donation by the Fletcher and Suarez Families

In Memory of "Casey"

Loved by Kirsten Witesman & Chris Harrison
Donation by Betty Harrison

In Memory of "Chester"

"We are so sorry that you have lost such an important member of your family and we know Marley will miss her best friend. Our thoughts are with you."

Cherished and loved by the Grove Family
Donation by the Maher Family

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Millie" Guild

"Sweet, dear Millie – whose two years being loved and pampered by the Guild's more than made up for the rough 10 or 11 she had before she met them."

Achingly missed by Judy & Howard Guild
Donation by Laurel Stanley, Mike Beritzhoff, Copper & Winnie

In Memory of "Sierra" Tinker

"In memory of our dear niece, Sierra – cherished from puppyhood by Doug and Marilee. She'll be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, our family included."

Loved and cherished by Marilee & Doug Tinker
Donation by Laurel Stanley, Mike Beritzhoff, Winnie & Cooper

In Memory of "Lakota"

"Lakota came to live with us for five short years. Lakota was loved by many. Thank you so much for all you do and for helping us find this precious being who will always live on in our hearts."

Loved and missed by Lynda & Richard Marinics

In Memory of "Kody"

"We remember Kody and honor the years he served as a wonderful canine host to many foster Golden's."

Treasured by the Adele Richards and Family
Donation by Carla, Pete & John Holmes, Zinfandel & Custer

In Memory of "Teara"

"Teara left this world for the next on 7/11/07. She made the transition exactly how she had lived her whole life, with calm dignity, royal nobility, stoic acceptance, and in her Mom's arms. She had many jobs; Delta Pet Partner, Freestyle Dancer, Guest Greeter, SuperMom, Patient Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Calming Influence in every situation, and most importantly, Nacina's constant companion for every minute of her 11 years. She got at least 100 kisses every day but gave immeasurable love always. She's an angel!"

Loved, treasured and remembered by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Budd"

"Budd was a beautiful Golden and he brought joy to each of our lives."

Cherished by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lesuer
Donation by Barbara & Fred Alden

In Memory of "Reba"

"In sweet memory of Reba - the beloved companion and teacher of Marsha, Sara, Geneva, Jerry and Tucker. She will be missed and cherished always."

Loved by the Krygier Family
Donation with love and wags from Myra, don, KC, Ginger & Anna Kelley

In Memory of "Teara"

"Teara was the mother of my wonderful, beautiful Golden named Jasmine. She was a wonderful Golden."

Achingly missed by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Jane, Bob & Jasmine Roman

In Memory of "Teara"

Destiny & Me
Loved by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Dianne Thomas

In Memory of "Scout" & "Chase"

"May the fond memories of Scout and Chase keep their spirit alive."

Cherished and missed by the Green Family
Lovingly donated by Carol Souza

In Memory of "Brie"

"We are so sorry to hear about dear little Brie. We understand so well how you feel and just want you to know that she will always have a very special place in all of our hearts."

Dearly loved by Kathleen & John Parkin
Donation by Kathleen, Frank, Casey, Kelly & Kerry Tealdi

In Memory of "Teara"

"Teara was a beloved Golden who was loved by Nacina."

Missed and cherished by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Meredith Pechoultres

In Memory of "Molly"

"Our dear Molly passed away on May 17, 2007. We adopted Molly from NGRR when she was 1 1/2 years old from her foster parents Herb and Marsha. Molly lived only to be 9 years old. Our home will never be the same without her. We will never forget her loving face, kissing us all the time, saying thank you for all the rawhides, tons of yellow balls, being an otter in the pool and long walks we gave her. Our other Golden, Maggie, misses her very much. We thank NGRR for introducing us to Molly and blessing us with all those years of pure joy."
Achingly missed and loved by Michelle & Ray Beazley

In Memory of "Cosmo"

"We will all miss Cosmo bounding down the stairs to greet us at the front door. We hope the 'tail wagging memories' come and make you smile."

Lovingly cared for by Kendra Tanacea
Donation by Leslie Adams

In Memory of "Bella"

Missed by Eric, Tricia, Joshua & Jacob Morse
Donation by Albert Knorp

In Memory of "Hailey"

BISS Ch Regency In Hot Pursuit OD
"Hailey will forever be in the hearts of Laura and Vic."

Loved by Laura & Vic Franchi

In Memory of "Teara"

Missed and loved by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Ann Tuohy

In Loving Memory of Caryl Anne Randazzo

*"And when one of us is gone...
And one of us is left to carry on...
Then remembering will have to do...
Our memories alone will get us through."*

Donation by Roberta Gunderson

In Memory of "Teara"

"Teara was a beautiful, sweet and lovable dog. We are so very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet, love her and be a small part of her full life through one of her great-grandsons. Her sweet face will be missed, but will be remembered daily through her great-grandson and our new baby, Cody."
Loved deeply by Nacina Dawn and all who were fortunate enough to meet her
Donation by Carrie Archer and family

In Memory of "Bella"

3/19/00 - 8/20/07
"Bella was one of the sweetest and most gentle dogs we've ever known, and we were very fortunate to have her as part of our family. She loved to swim and play with our boys and was very fond of bringing us treasures she found around the house, whether it be a sock, slipper or stuffed animal. She loved to be with her family, enjoying a scratch on her head or playing ball. We loved it when she wanted carry her leash in her mouth on her walks and was self taught to stop at each corner to wait for us... We will always remember Bella in our hearts with so much love for the smile she brought to our faces each day."
"We miss you Bella!"

Love, Your family, the Morse's

In Memory of "Teara"

Missed by Nacina Dawn
Donation by PET Family Trust

In Loving Memory of "Farley"

Beloved companion of Lee & Suzanne Stout

In Memory of "Kirby"

"Kirby was the best volunteer NGRR could have. His friendly welcome made many scared doggies feel welcome and started them on their path to a forever home. He will be missed by everyone, two and four legged, whose life he touched."

Loved by Cade Deverell
Donation by Laura James

In Loving Memory of Kay Gibbons
Donation by Randi Brenowitz & Marty Klein

In Memory of "Polo" Colman
"Our thoughts are with you all! Polo will always be alive in our hearts. He wore a smile as big as his zest for life!"
Loved and missed by Cathy, Steve, Emily, Sam & Mike
Donation by the Colman Family

In Memory of "Bailey"
Loved and cherished by Paul & Linda Dutcher

In Memory of "Newt"
"Newt was a Portuguese Water Dog with the heart of a Golden."
Missed by Morris & Pat Johnson
Donation by Laura James

In Memory of "Teara"
Loved by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Leslie & Amy Sorrentino

In Memory of David Strong's Mother
"In memory of your mother, and her love for her Golden! My thoughts are with you during this time."
Donation by Lauren Gorman

In Memory of "Ursa"
"Ursa was a sweet Schipperke and will be missed."
Loved by Joe, Linda, Tor & Lucky Johnson
Donation by Laura James

In Memory of "Shasta"
"Shasta was a sweet friend."
Missed and cherished by Cammie & Chuck Pisani
Donated with love from all The Risdon's

In Memory of "Daisy"
"Daisy came to me in 2006. She was so very sweet."
Loved by Millie Day

In Memory of "Dixie Doodle"
Loved and missed by Cher Taverna
Donation by Freddie & Bensen Sobel

In Memory of "Millie"
"Millie was a rescued Golden, who came to live and find joy with our special neighbors, Howard and Judy. Millie became friends with our two old Golden, Mac and Sammy. She taught us, too, a different meaning of 'Being Loved by an Old Dog.' Millie, Mac, and Sammy seemed to understand something special about love for the humans who love them."
Cherished and loved by Judy & Howard Guild
Donation by Ron & Joyce Kinton

In Memory of L. Hubbard
Donation by Garry Deuel

In Memory of "Jordan"
Loved by Tom Allard
Donation by Peggy Stock

In Honor of my dog, "Cody"
"Cody went out of this world a little too early, but then again I think every Golden does, don't they?"
Loved and missed by George Young

In Loving Memory of "Jordan"
"More than a best friend, the best dog ever. We all thank you, Jordan."
July 23, 1993 - September 22, 2007
Cherished and loved by Tom Allard

In Memory of "Buddy"
Loved by Patricia & Frank Robin

In Memory of Peter Jacob Guth
Donation by Terry Lynn Whitfield

In Memory of William "Bill" Timmerman
"This donation is in memory of a great man, who loved his family and his Golden Retrievers. He will be missed by all."
Donation by Community Development Department, the City of Brentwood

In Memory of Peter Jacob Guth
Donation by Lila Higa

In Memory of "Max" and "Ottie"
"These were two Golden Girls who graced the NGRRescue calendar a few years ago."
Missed and loved by Emma & Mike Weissenborn
Donation by George Troughton

In Memory of "Perry"
"He was a wonderful Golden boy. His spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew him."
Loved by Mary & Jack Graf
Donation by Joanne McGrail

In Memory of "Casey"
"A very good dog!"
Cherished and loved by Kim & Ian
Donation by "Maya" & Alison & Don Greemfield

In Memory of Bill Timmerman
"Our thoughts are with you."
Donation by Libby Siefel and the Siefel Team

In Memory of "Sam"
"Sam is and always will be in our hearts!"
Loved by Sally Savitz
Donation by Lorraine Lerner

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Barbara & Charlie Dana

In Memory of John Culin
"John was a friend, mentor and training partner who was devoted to his golden and supported all of us who love and train retrievers. His wisdom and humor will long be missed."
Survived by his wife, Barbara and Golden, "Poppy," plus children and grandchildren
Donation by Wendy Johnston

In memory of the Great "O'Reilly" who fathered and grandfathered our boys, "Sunny" and "Midas"
Donation by Sharon Breimhorst

In Memory of "Kezar" Fuchs
"We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Kezar."
Loved by the Fuchs Family
Donation by the Sheinfeld-Kandel Family

In Memory of "Snap"
OTCH Tanbark's Sneak Attack UDX RA MH WCX*** OBHF OD
"Hail and farewell, Snap. She was a Golden Retriever whose good temperament equaled her excellence in obedience and if field."
Loved by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

In Memory of "Kane"
"Kane was a gentle, loving dog who brought much happiness as a loyal companion and Therapy Dog. We will miss him very much."
Cherished and loved by Bill & Nancy Rogers
Donation by Karen & Gene Moirao

In Memory of "Rusty"
ASCA OTCH Russel of Little Valley UDX
"Rusty, you were the whole package - that handsome red coat, intelligent, eager to please and always loving life as well as excelling in the Obedience rings. You brought so much pride and happiness to Vern and your family, and were a faithful friend to all. You were very special and one of a kind; well deserving of all your title."
Owned, loved and sadly missed by Alice & Vern Miller & "Kelsey"
Donation and memories with love by Janet Hellums

In Memory of "Elliott"
Tamerlan's Winston Cup Trophy
"Elliott was a gentle, warm hearted, exceptionally sweet Golden Retriever from the first time Linda and Wes saw and held him. He practically came already trained, and was incredibly receptive to all his canine good citizenship manners and even more obedience behaviors beyond. He was a super family companion, especially for young Golden, 'Susie Q,' Elliott's playmate, swimming and discovery buddy and friend."
Owned, loved and deeply missed by Linda & Wes Beeson
Donation and caring thoughts with love from Janet Hellums & Auntie "Ribbon"

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Candy" and "Teara"
"We are honored to have an offspring of Teara's – Sam whom we love dearly. We think of you often, Nacina."

Achingly missed by Nacina Dawn
Donation by Sarah, Cathie & Norm Bryan

In Memory of John Culin
"John was a wonderfully gentle man, who understood dogs and people. We will always have great memories of training with John."
Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In Memory of Hunter's Moon Kestral SH
Missed and loved by Suzanne Burr
Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In Memory of "Molly"
"In tribute to wonderful Molly."
Cared for and loved by Erika, Joe, Jackie and Morgan
Donation lovingly given by Jean Brian, Jake & Brody Vargas

In Memory of "Jake" Cotton
"...because Jake was my first and bestest pal."
Loved by Vern Cotton & Patti Gregory
Donation by Roxie & Karen Vigers

In Memory of "Rufus"
"So sorry for the loss of Rufus. He was a part of your family that you'll remember forever."
Cherished and loved by the Lisy Family
Donation by Kim & "Moses" Johnson

In Loving Memory of "Buddy"
Dee's Precious Angel
"Lord, please let Buddy get lots of rest before Briley come up to Heaven and chases him round and round another oak tree in the pouring rain! Buddy was the FOREVER PUPPY! This donation is for all 'senior Golden Retrievers. As long as you're young at heart, YOU WILL NEVER GROW OLD!"

In Memory of "Emma" and "Sydney"
In Honor of our adoptee, "Frisco"
Lovingly donated by Holly & Mike O'Brien

In Memory of "Miracle"
"A great Golden"
Donation by David Roseman

In Memory of "Josie"
"Josie was the beloved dog and friend of all our extended family...who we were blessed to know for 14 years... and will continue to love."
Missed and loved by Kathy, Peter & Adeline Ventura
Donation by Gary & Sylvia Cross

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Paul Lindstrom

In Loving Memory of "Cayman"
"To our beloved family member and pet for 13 years, Cayman! We will miss you!"
Lovingly the Ozawa Family

In Memory of "O'Reilly"
In Memory of "Senor"
Deeply loved by Debbie & Mike Claussen
Donation by Ken, Trudy & "Wish" Blanchard

In Memory of "Tyson"
Loved and missed by Mr. & Mrs. Rich Dunn
Donation by Tom & Donna Rice

In Memory of our Golden Boys
"Rascal," "Kimo" & "Cody"
Lovingly donated by Paul Miyashiro & Teresa Chinn

In Loving Memory of "Zach"
"We miss you..."
Love Bridget, Carey, Olivier, Chris & Caroline

In Loving Memory of "Merlin" & "Ranger"
"Our past Golden...may they be playing with other pups in heaven."
Donation by Melissa Monahan

In Memory of "Tina"
"Tina was a very lucky girl to have such a wonderful loving family. Our thoughts are with you both."
Loved and achingly missed by Justine & Jim Eller
Donated fondly by Debbie, Jeff, Chana & Marty Lucchesi

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Jean & Dave Doman

In Memory of "Dooley," "Basil," and "Suzy"
Loved by Judy & Terry Klimko

In Loving Memory of "Kylie"
"A loyal and loving companion"
Loved and missed by Louise & Mike Neustadt
Donation by Barbara Crespo

In Memory of John Culin
"A wonderful gentleman and great friend to Golden Retrievers and their owners, who will be sorely missed by all who knew him."
Donation by Lucy & William Bradford

In Memory of "Berkeley"
"Merry Christmas! Thanks for everything!"
Loved by Patty & John Dowd
Donation by Scott Dowd

In Loving Memory of "Chattie"
"A sweet little dog with a 'Golden' heart."
Loved and missed by Rose Casolari
Donation by Ken & Trudy Blanchard

In Memory of "Glacier"
"In honor of Glacier...here's hoping other Golden's get the chance to have a good life like the one you provided Glacier. We send you wishes for a Merry Christmas, too."
Loved and missed by Debbie Rodriguez
Donation by Wendy Rodriguez

In Memory and In Honor of "Hayley"
"Our Golden Friend of 14 years"
Loved by Molly & Stephen McArthur

In Memory of Michele Antenore
"Mother of one of our employees, Matt Antenore"
Donation by Baird & Warner

In Memory of "Millie"
"Millie was a very special Golden Girl who shared her heart with everyone she met. Many thanks to Judy and Howard Guild for giving Millie the best two years of her life."
Loved and missed by the Guilds
Donation by Linda & John Knowles

In Memory of "Toby"
"Toby was a rescue Golden who gave so much joy to Yvonne for over 12 years. Toby will be greatly missed by many."
Lovingly cherished by Yvonne Vergez
Donation by Linda & John Knowles

In Memory of Sandi Baker
"Sandi was a former Contra Costa County AC for Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. She was a special woman who gave her heart to so many dogs in need."
Donation by Linda & John Knowles

In Memory of "Rockett" & "Sally"
Lovingly donated by Patricia Freddie

In Memory of "Jesse"
"So sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. We know how much you love him, and we are thinking of you."
Loved by Linda & Mike Hudson
Donation by Preferred Credit

In Memory of Tim Collins
Donation by Hannah & Shellie Owens

In Memory of "Dear Regis"
Donation by Marcia & Allan Wright

In Memory and In Honor of Joey, our son, and "Chloe" our Golden
With love Ken & Kimberly Perlmutter

In Memory of John Culin
"A gentleman of the old school and a mentor to many, John's grace and quiet manner will be deeply missed but never forgotten."
With great affection, donation by Mark & Laurie Berman

In Memory of Buddy Blasquez
Donation by Judith & Bradley Hutting

In Memory of "Ginger" Pape
"Ginger was the best Golden Retriever ever. She was a loyal companion and family member for 10 years. We miss her and hope all Golden Retrievers can receive the love we gave her."
Loved by Glenn Pape
Donation by Katherine Pape

In Memory of "Kerry"
"Kerry was dearly loved and missed."
Loved by Mary-Nona & Michael Hudson
Donation by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Memory of "Molly Meadow"
"Hi Diane and Dub. A donation in memory of 'Molly Meadow' for the 13 years of shared absolute love. This gift will be able to help other older senior Golden."
Cherished and loved by Diane & Dub Dorsett
Donation by David & Stan Wong

In Memory of "Elliott"
Lovingly donated by Ann Troy

In Memory of "Toby"
"We had many happy times with this lovely boy. We cannot imagine a more perfect match with our family. His sweet nature, sense of humor and gentle intelligence were a constant delight. He became a dear companion to each member of our family. Thank you for rescuing Toby all those years ago, and for making it possible for our family to enjoy his company. He'll be in our heart forever."
Loving donated by the Hilty Family

In Memory of Robert Toth
Donation by Judith & Bradley Hutting

In Memory of my husband, John Culin
"He so loved his Golden as much as they loved him. He loved training his dogs and running them in the hunt tests and he especially enjoyed the people he knew in the dog world."
Donation by Barbara Culin

In Loving Memory of "Teddy" Horgan
"Teddy was the most wonderful companion to our friend, Caitlin. Teddy will always be loved and in all of our thoughts forever."
Achingly missed by Caitlin Horgan
Donated with love by Alexis, Allison and Dorie Eliopoulos

In Memory of "Nick"
"Nick was loved and cared for by Mary."
Cherished and loved by Mary Hutson
Donation by Carol Elems

In Memory of "Whitney"
"We will always remember Whitney playing at the beach with her 'family.'"
Loved by Jenny Kelsey
Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory of "Tina"
"Tina was a beautiful and devoted Golden girl who was much loved by Jim and Justine. Tina leaves an amazing legacy as a NGRRescue Golden ambassador who helped dozens of other Golden find loving homes."
Cherished, loved and missed by Justine & Jim Eller
Donation by Valerie, Dale & Victoria Anderson

In Loving Memory of "Summer"
"Summer, you were our sweet little girl! Thank you for being such a wonderful pet, a selfless mother to Lex, and for bringing so much happiness to your family and friends. You are missed and always remembered."
Loved by the Somers Family

In Memory of my Granddogs, "Kelsey" and "Robin"
"Kelsey and Robin were loving and wonderful dogs that are missed by all especially my daughter and son-in-law."
Missed and loved by Phyllis & Richard Pearce
Donation by Kay Bartlett

In Memory of Sandy Silva
"A wonderful lady..."
Donation by Melinda Dobbs

In Memory of Edith Chenoweth
Donation by Dylan Mc Graw

In Memory of Edith Pearl Chenoweth
Donation by Sheila & Les Groynom

In Memory of Edith Chenoweth
"I enjoyed the dogs Edith cared for on several occasions. She showed great love, patience and care for all of them."
Donation by Dorothy Paynes

In Memory of Sandy Silva
"Sandy was a tireless worker and a loving 'Mom' to her Golden, Max. I wish I'd had the opportunity to know her longer."
Donation by Susan Phillips

In Memory and In Tribute of Edith Chenoweth and her Golden, "Jason"
Donation by James & Janice Dinger

In Memory of Edith Chenoweth
Donation by Doris Skeen

In Memory of "Eden"
Regency Tropical Paradise
Loved and missed by Laura & Vic Franchi
Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick
In Memory of Joyce Hunt
"You were the best doggie Grandma a Golden could ever have!"
Donation by the Parents of "Sven" Tessman (Barb & Carl Tessman)

In Memory of Edith Chenoweth
Donation by Jeffrey Yoder

In Loving Memory of Connie Belshaw, your Mother
"I know how much you miss your mum. Are thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless."
Donation lovingly given by Carol & Terence Gooding

In Memory of "Lucky"
"Lucky was a very special dog and a great ambassador to the breed. We were 'lucky' enough to work with him for the past few years. He frequently accompanied his beloved owner to work where he announced his presence by a sweet 'woo woo.' It was really for a cookie, but we liked to think it was his way of saying Good Morning! He was a brave dog, fiercely loyal and a wonderful temperament. He was a joy to have around and we miss him immensely. We love you Duck and hope you are chasing the BIG bones in the sky!"
Alicia, Riney, Marissa, Audrey, Kelly, Mary, Dee and Dee Dee

In Loving Memory of your Mother, Connie Belshaw
"We are thinking of you at this time with love. We know how your Mom loved all animals but especially Golden. She adored and loved her Golden, 'Winston' and 'Norman.'"
Donation by Auntie Edna (Heard)

In Memory of Michele Antenore
Donation by Constance J. Reh & Family

In Loving Memory of Michele Antenore, your Mother
"Michele was a dedicated NGRRescue volunteer."
Donated with love from your friends, Renee & Sue, Cheryl, Kevin, the Petro's, the Gavran's, the Payne's, the Neff's & the Kendall's

In Memory of Michele Antenore
"Dear Antenore Family: You have all been in our thoughts and prayers."
Lovingly donated by the Steinhaus Family

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Lily"

Cherished, loved and missed by Ashley Mlinac

In Memory of "Caylee"

R & R's Miz Caylee, CD, CGC

"Caylee was a Golden girl who made a lot of friends in her 18 years."

Loved and missed by Janet Peacock

Donation by Ken & Trudy Blanchard

In Loving Memory of "Sierra"

"We miss your Bark and Slobber. Bandit is lost without his Queen. He doesn't have any ears or eyes to clean. We will always hold you in our HEAVY hearts."

Lovingly missed by Julie, Tom & Mike

Murphy & "Bandit"

In Memory and In Honor of "Cody"

"I adopted both Cody and Ginger within a short time frame. Recently I had to put Cody down due to bone cancer and asked for and received 2 opinions from top-notch vets. They both agreed and because he was hobbling around on 3 legs, I made the tough decision to end his suffering, as his condition was neither curable nor operable. IT SURE HURTS! I've had Golden's all my life, but when the time comes one has to take the responsibility and do what is right for the beloved dog."

Greatly loved by William Keplinger

In Memory of "Candy"

Loved by Nacina Dawn

Donation by Beverly Jeanne Mager

In Memory of "Teara"

"Barley's Mom"

Missed and loved by Nacina Dawn

Donation by Bryan Boyle

In Memory of "Teara"

Cherished by Nacina Dawn

Donation by Beverly & Harvey Henningsen

In Memory of "Teara"

Loved and missed by Nacina Dawn

Donation by D. & C. Henderson

In Memory of "Bear"

"Thank you for doing such a great job. We got Bear from you back in 1997 and he brought us so much joy over the past 10 years. It was sad to lose him to cancer this year and our hearts still ache. So in his memory we hope this will help you to continue doing the great job you do. Thank you."

Donation by Sherlina Grimaldo & Family

In Memory of "Aury" Rose & "Dave" Stanley

"As littermates, they brought together many friends. They were cherished and will never be forgotten by the Rose and Stanley families."

Loved by Sue Rose & Laurel Stanley

In Memory of "Kody"

"Hey, Kody...it's Murphy! Remember the long walks and running through the wildflowers...we can do it again! I'll meet you at the Rainbow Bridge. Your Pal, Murphy O'Brien"

Loved and missed by Suzanne &

Ken Henderson

In Memory of Peter Battat

"I am so sad to hear about Peter. I heard that you dog is giving you great comfort, so it makes sense to help more dogs. Take care."

Donation by Heather McLean

In Memory of "Ginger"

"May the long-time sun shine upon you, All love surround you, And the pure light within you, Guide your way home."

Words by Robert Gass, "On the Wings of Song"

Missed and treasured by Myra Kelley

Donation by Diane & Gord Head

In Memory of "Lily"

"We are so sorry for your loss of Lily."

Loved by Ashley Mlinac & Brian Bock

Donated with love by Miles, Murphy, Abbay

& Tim Blankenship

In Memory of Michele Antenore

"This donation is to honor our friend and coworker, Michele Antenore. Michele's spirit will live on in the Golden Retrievers she saved and that will be saved by Norcal."

Donation by Fairview School

In Memory of "Teara" & "Candy"

Loved by Nacina Dawn

Donation by Dane & Lori Howard

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

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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.

Thank you to Justine Eller for submitting this (author unknown).

Enjoy Every Moment of Every Day!

Remember... if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
3. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
4. Take naps.
5. Stretch before rising.
6. Run, romp, and play daily.
7. Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
8. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
9. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
10. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
11. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
12. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
13. Be loyal.
14. Never pretend to be something you're not.
15. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
16. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



Spotlight on VOLUNTEERS



The Gardnerville 6

Thank you to Shirlee Thomas for contributing this.

Tracy Ricketts, one of our Tahoe area volunteers, was called about a gentleman in Gardnerville, near Reno, who needed to surrender his 6 Golden Retrievers. He had contacted the local shelter in Carson City, Nevada and was given Tracy's number. Tracy and Terry, long time NGRR volunteers and adopters, immediately went to meet the dogs, which were all beautiful. There were two 2-year-old un-neutered males, one 3-year-old un-spayed female, and three 12-week-old puppies (two female, one male). The owner clearly loved all these dogs and had taken good care of them, but had a family illness that needed his full attention and so he realized he wasn't going to be able to care for the dogs the way they deserved. He was willing to let NGRR determine the best for each.

Dubbed the Gardnerville 6, we needed a short-term foster situation while we worked out the adoption plan and are very grateful to Robin Baizel and Greg Gibbs of the Canine Club, along with Kevin O'Grady, Trish Port, and Tracy and Terry Ricketts who provided temporary lodging and transportation to Sacramento. NGRR Tahoe Area Coordinator Teresa Colucci called volunteer Shirlee Thomas in Sacramento and arrangements were made for the dogs to be fostered at Shirlee's. The word went out that there would be an adopt-a-thon in Sacramento!

Not surprisingly, Trish and her husband Bill fell in love with one of the female pups and decided to adopt her. So now 5 dogs would head to the valley. Saturday was a busy day at Shirlee's. The three adults were greeted by four wagging residents and were happily welcomed into the pack. The two puppies were introduced and quickly romped and played with their new found friends. True to the golden nature, not one single growl or grumble came from any of the 9 dogs that day – Golden smiles all around!

NGRR is fortunate to have a loving list of approved adopters just waiting in the wings for that perfect match. The area coordinators did their homework and sent the best matches possible for the personalities of the dogs waiting for their opportunity at a forever home.

Mill Valley, Napa, Los Altos, and Truckee are homes to the other dogs in the Gardnerville 6 and all are reported being happy, healthy, and appropriately spoiled! Congratulations to all of the families that were fortunate enough to get one of these amazing Golden Retrievers and thanks to each of them for accepting a rescue dog into their lives. 🐾



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NGRR Medium Length Apron with Pouch Pockets \$19.00



Hunter
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Light Steel or
Forest Green

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Sweatshirt \$40.00**



Ink Blue Denim

**NGRR Ink Blue Long Sleeve
Denim Shirt \$32.00**



Bark (Medium Taupe Brown)

NGRR Pique Knit Polo Shirt \$34.00



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NGRR Suede Cap \$17.00



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NGRR Large Duffle Bag \$42.00



Hunter
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Thank You!

Rescue to the Rescue!!

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the Sheriff's department that all of the dogs seized by the warrant had been surrendered and there would be no court battle to get custody, so the dogs could go on to a new life. We were also told that the number of Golden Retrievers had increased and we now had the opportunity to find permanent loving homes for 6 adults and 4 puppies. The 5 adult Golden Retrievers were picked up at the Yolo County SPCA and taken into the family of NORCAL volunteers. It is so exciting to be part of helping these sweet dogs move on to a safer, healthier, and happier life.

We ask everyone to think twice about buying a puppy from someone that advertises in the newspaper. If you do answer an ad and the conditions are less than perfect – please contact your local animal control office. They will check out the conditions and make sure that the animals get a fair shake in this life. It was through a concerned person that these dogs in this situation were rescued and had a second chance. NORCAL is proud to work with animal control and anyone that finds themselves overwhelmed and unable to take care of their Golden Retrievers. 🐾



Volunteer Interest

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

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

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.

Zack's Fund

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

For More Information

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

Thank you to Marilyn Ormond for submitting this (author unknown).

If I Didn't Have a Dog ...

- I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
- All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.
- When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.
- I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
- I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.
- I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.
- The most-used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, goodie, and leave him/her/it ALONE.
- My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash and collar.
- I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, or T-R-E-A-T. (And I-C-E C-R-E-A-M).
- I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
- I would not have to answer the question.... "Why do you have so many pets?" from people who will NEVER have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved UNCONDITIONALLY by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.
- How empty my life would be.

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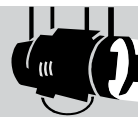
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Meet our Newest Board Member

Lynn Parapar has lived in California for the last 25 years. She started her banking services career at Midland Bank & Trust Co. She then became Vice President of Sales with the Kirchman Corporation, a leading supplier of banking software, in Orlando, Florida. In 1988 she started Parapar Associates, providing banking clients with project management, applications training, and technical support emphasizing audit controls and data integrity. Lynn has been active with NGRR since she first adopted in 1996. She has worked with the Wag 'n Walk event (and this year is chairperson) and is also doing adoptions and surrenders in Walnut Creek and Clayton. Lynn lives in Walnut Creek with her husband Richard and her two Golden Retrievers, Daisy (an NGRR pup) and Cara.



Spotlight on ADOPTERS

Thank you to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this letter written by John Poulson & Joan Steidinger, who adopted one of the Gardnerville 6 dogs (see story).

“Joan and I have been committed Golden Retriever fanciers for years. Joan has had Golden Retrievers for 30 years and when we got together I quickly came under the spell of these wonderful dogs. We lost Cinco, our beloved 14-year-old red boy in 2005, which left Justin, our big blond male, alone. We had been talking for some time about acquiring another Golden, but an extensive home remodel and a busy business travel schedule for me held us back. In December, we began to look in earnest for our next dog. The timing was right and Justin is 11 now, so we thought a puppy would give him a job and a reason to stick around for a while.



“We looked at several breeders and visited the Humane Society, but nothing clicked. We decided to look into a rescue dog and things came together very quickly. We completed the online application, did a phone interview, and had Linda Gomoll, our Area Coordinator, to our home within a couple of days. Linda offered several likely candidates, but when we saw the picture of the 4-month-old male puppy, we were smitten. We made an appointment to visit the puppy at Shirlee Thomas's home. We were impressed with how confident and secure he was, and of course he was drop-dead handsome. Justin seemed to take to him and we quickly signed the papers and loaded him up before Shirlee could change her mind. We named him Spencer and he has been a complete delight. He is very smart, sociable, and secure. He and Justin have become great buds; they play and romp constantly. Our friends and neighbors are amazed that we could have been so lucky to adopt such a great dog. We are thrilled to have Spencer as part of our family. Both Joan and I have been very impressed by the dedication of both Linda and Shirlee in caring for, placing, and monitoring Spencer's progress. Golden Retriever Rescue is a terrific organization and we were pleased to have been able to support their efforts.”

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