

# NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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"Angel"

## Angel's Story

*Submitted by Barbara and Dick Crespo*

Our story began August 14, 2003 when we received an e-mail from our NGRR Marin Coordinator, Jeanne Hanlon. She sent us a picture of Angel, a 19-month-old honey blonde sweetheart, along with a note saying she thought she would be a perfect match for us. We had originally thought we would like a senior dog, as we ourselves are seniors. We are both retired and missed the friendship,

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## Last Year's Wag 'n Walk: Another Great Success!

*by Linda Knowles, Director,  
NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue*

Last year's Annual Wag 'n Walk has come and gone, and once again, we were blessed with continued great success, raising over \$20,000 for Rescue! Our new team is busy planning for the 7th Annual Wag 'n Walk to be held Saturday, May 22, 2004. If you would like to be a part of the volunteer team this year, please contact Anne Mitchell at (925) 485-4226. Be sure to mark your calendars!

The many long hours of planning has certainly proved to be a worthwhile cause! Wag 'n Walk has become one of our largest fund raisers of the year, as well as an event that many would consider a reunion among friends, both human and canine.

Our volunteers arrived bright and early at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton to prepare for the large crowd, eventually totaling close to 400 walkers and 300 dogs of every age, size and shape. Canine participants proudly sported their

**Don't miss this year's  
Wag 'n Walk on May 22  
at Shadow Cliffs Regional  
Park in Pleasanton.  
Call 925-485-4226 for details.**

Science Diet and Pedigree bandanas while their owners modeled their colorful Wag

'n Walk T-shirts, designed by artist Kent Jacobson.

We had a very full day scheduled, beginning with Canine Good Citizen Testing, hosted by Contra Costa County Guide Dog Raisers, followed by a demonstration by S.M.A.R.T. Dogs – temperament training for therapy programs. And of course, one of our favor-

ite parts of the event, the NGRR Alumni Parade, with over 40 dogs in attendance!

Our walk around the reservoir was fabulous! The warm spring temperatures enticed many of our canine walkers to take

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# A GIANT Thank You

by Marilyn Ormond, President,  
Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue

Thank you to our outgoing board members – Laurie Tobias, Terry Hubbard, and Pat Lynch – for three years of hard work and contributions. Thank you to Bea Moore for the years of work that she has done keeping the working dog list going and to Nancy Mendell for all her years of running the merchandise end of our business. Both Bea and Nancy will be leaving these jobs this summer. 🐾

## FREE Dog & Cat Microchipping

Contributed by Shirlee Thomas

Microchipping is technology for identifying your pet if he/she ever gets lost. The process is done by a veterinarian who injects a rice-grain-sized chip under your pet's skin. If your dog or cat ever gets lost, a shelter or vet can scan the chip and identify you as the owner. If you have adopted from Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue, you may want to include our hotline number as a backup phone number (650) 615-6810.

From now through June, the microchipping is free on the second Sunday of the month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the:

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June 13th**

The HomeAgain chip system is recognized worldwide. You will need to register the chip and there is a cost of \$6.95 for the life of your pet.

You do NOT have to be a San Francisco resident to take advantage of this FREE offer. If you have any questions, please call (415) 822-5566. 🐾

## Letter to the Editor

by Julie Wilson & Les McKeown –  
Volunteer: Linda Gomoll, Area  
Coordinator Southern Marin

We welcomed Buddy into our home in December of last year – what a treat the last two months have been with Buddy now an integral part of our family!

My husband and I both work from home and felt the time was right to add a four-legged friend. After some discussion we decided that a golden retriever would be a great fit. After an initial consultation with Linda Gomoll, our area coordinator, we received a phone call within days – it was Linda telling us she had found the perfect match for us!

Buddy will be 6 years old in April. He has the most adorable temperament – friendly, well behaved and an absolute joy



*Julie and Les with "Buddy"*

to have in the house. We were prepared for some initial problems as Buddy adjusted to his new home – there were absolutely none! Buddy requires very little to be a happy dog – twice daily walks and at least one ride per day in the back of the Jeep, with the window down of course so he can feel his ears flap in the wind!

We look forward to exploring all the various dog parks and walks in Marin as the weather improves in the months ahead. In the meantime, he will continue to charm the regular dog walkers on the path in Larkspur and Blackie's Pasture, as well as enjoy his naps on the sofa in the evening.

A big THANK YOU to NGRR and in particular to Linda Gomoll who made the perfect match. 🐾

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters and articles. If you would like to make a submission, send your letter to:

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# Wag 'n Walk

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a cool dip in the pond. This was really a sight to see!

Following the walk, dogs and their families had a chance to rest and watch three exciting demonstrations by Gentle Touch Puppy and Dog Training, Bay Rac-



*Wag 'n Walk Goldens take a dip!*

ers Flyball Club and Disc Dogs of the Golden State. 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!

Many thanks go to our 2003 sponsors who, because of their generosity, have allowed all proceeds from this walk to go directly to our rescue dogs in need.

Many special thanks to the Wag 'n Walk team (whom I could never have done without):

Lynn Parapar, Sharon Brechtel, Cynthia Holden, Sharon Goldstein, Lisa and Bob Manseau, Stephanie Getzler and to each of the many volunteers who worked together the day of the event to make this day such a success.

And finally, we send our heartfelt appreciation to each of you who made donations or raised pledges (totaling over \$4,300) and walked in honor of our event mascot, Champ. It is the support from people like you that will ensure Rescue saving dogs like Champ in the future. 🐾

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2. If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. To you, she's a dog. To me, she's an adopted daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.
4. Dogs are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, don't talk back, and usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the pups!



# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

**A**t the end of last year, 2003, we sent out our first Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we could expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We were very happy with the results of that letter. We raised over \$30,000. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Listed below are those donors who gave generously to this fund.

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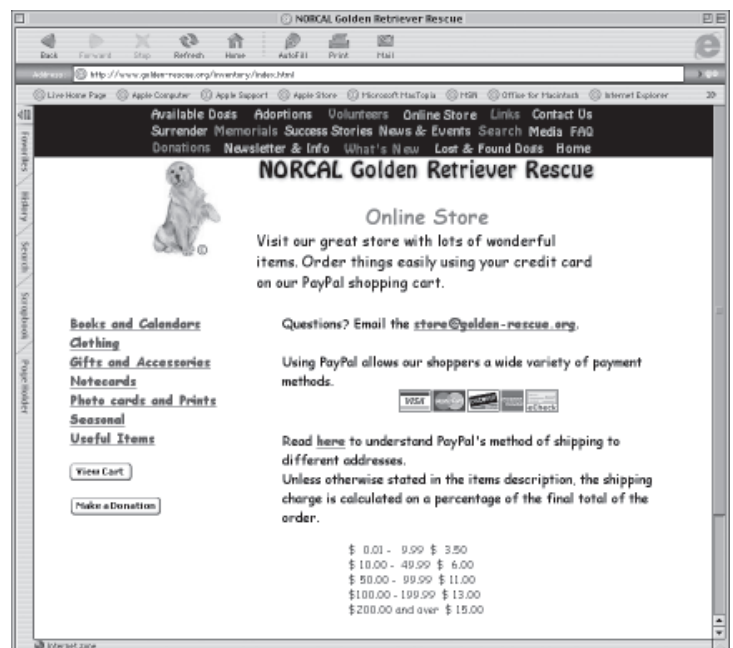
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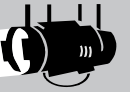
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# Spotlight ON SENIORS



## Charlie Bear has a New Home

by Ted & Theresa Ormsby

When we lost our “Kandas” of 15 years, our hearts were broken, and our home felt incomplete without a dog. After researching the internet, we stumbled upon NGRR and were drawn to golden rescues. We thought fostering would be a great start. We envisioned lots of goldens coming through our door and along the

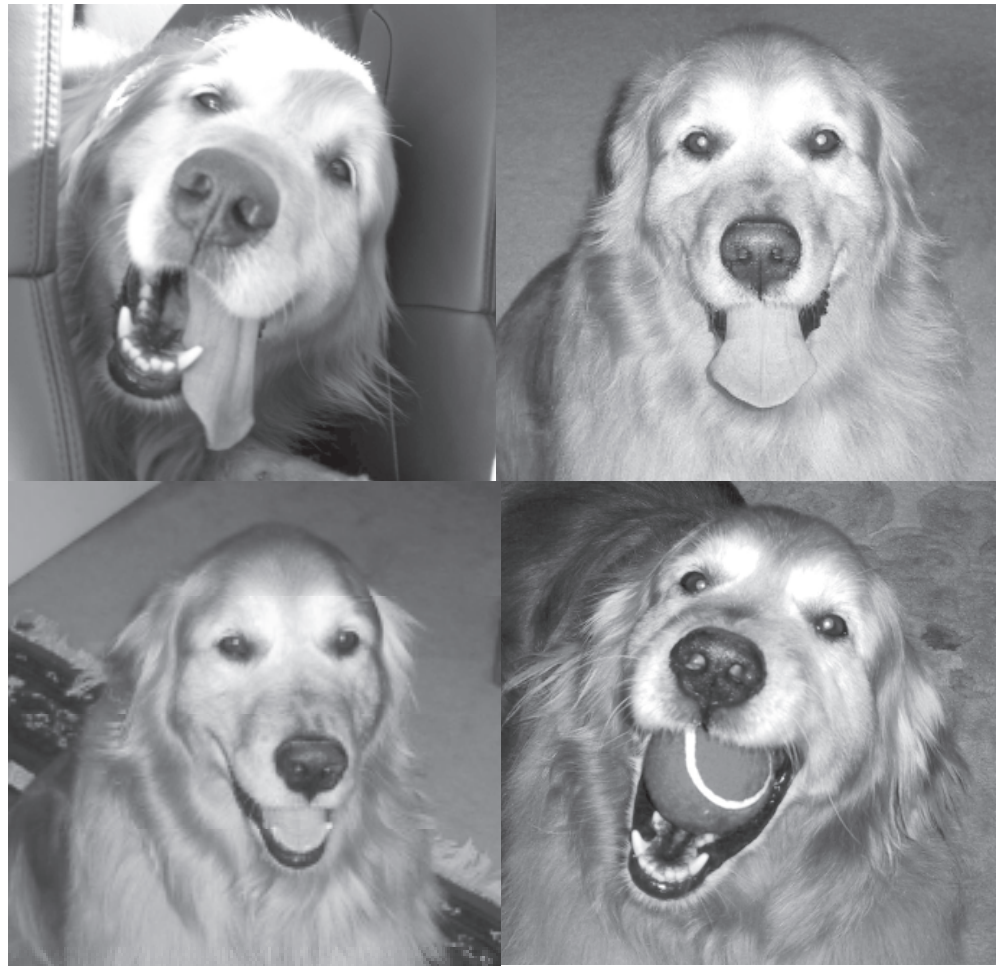
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*“We vowed not to get hooked on the very first one that came through the door. Yeah, right.”*

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way keeping one as a permanent family member. This way we would never be without a dog in our lives. My husband and I agreed that we would not be wimps – we would take our time in deciding which golden to keep and we vowed not to get hooked on the very first one that came through our door. Yeah, right.

Charlie was a little shy when he first came to us. He had been a backyard dog for the past two years and had not been to the vet for two years. We took him to the vet for a full physical. He had a urinary tract infection and was 15 pounds overweight. We got him on medication to rid him of his urinary tract infection, brought him current on his shots, had his teeth cleaned, put him on a preventative heartworm and flea/tick program, and had him tested for any thyroid problems. He is now on thyroid medication (no big deal – one pill a day with his meal). With adjustments to his diet and a much more



active lifestyle, he has been shaving off those pounds. He does step-aerobics at least 10 times a day in his 2-story home and gets daily walks around the community park. He also has an annual pass to the dog park in the foothills where he loves running with other furry friends and chasing after balls and frisbees.

We showered him with love and attention from the very beginning. This dog is happy and it shows. Charlie gets a daily 20-minute brushing of which he loves and we find relaxing as well. His coat has become so beautiful from his daily brushings, and he knows he is one gorgeous pup. People love greeting Charlie. Our errands take twice as long because Charlie is constantly stopped. He charms everyone with his sparkling smile and sweet disposition.

One of Charlie's first trips was to the

groomers. We exposed him to a very busy Petsmart that Saturday morning where many other dogs were present, as well as rescue cats. Charlie had the mildest

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### *Ruff Ruff, Lick Lick*

Our Senior Goldens would like to thank Stefanie Dierolf and Lauren Righini who did a fine job again this year organizing the Belmont Bowser Club's Fall Adoption Fair. Their hard work, and excellent raffle prizes, produced a handsome contribution to the Golden Oldies Fund. 🐾

*Submitted by Cade Deverell,  
San Francisco Area Coordinator*



# IN TRIBUTE

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Our apologies to Louise Baron and her loved "Daisy" for the misprint in the last issue.

In Tribute to "Blue" and In Memory of "Clemantine"

*"We so loved our Clemantine and Blue, our adopted Goldens. Blue is very well and my husband's greatest companion."*

Donation by Katherine & Peter Leech

In Tribute to our sweet mixed breed Golden

Donation by Katherine Morehouse

*"Happy Birthday, Dad (Don Coluzzi). Woof, woof, woof (I love you!)"*  
Love, Barklee Coluzzi

In Honor of NGRR volunteers Carole Frank, Tina Jackson and Pam Lavin

*"Thanks for their extraordinary efforts on my behalf this past summer in helping me adopt Kayla, the most wonderful two year old Golden Retriever."*

Donation by Vicki Ratner

In Honor of "Higgins"

*"Higgins was my baby boy, a six year old Golden Retriever, adopted at age one from NGRR, who brought love and joy into my life for 5 1/2 years."*

Donation by Vicki Ratner

*"Merry Christmas wishes"* to Anne Belisle from her daughter, Diane Head

*"A Christmas gift from my two loves. 'Rockett' and 'Sally' "*

Donation by Patricia Freddie

In Tribute to Meadow, De Ja, Autumn and owner, Linda Shively

Donation by Susanne Rondeau

In Honor of "Sylvia"

Donation by Carol & Jim Toney

*"A Christmas donation made in honor of 'Molly' and 'Rufus', two sweet and very fortunate dogs who were adopted by my brother and sister-in-law this past year through rescue programs. Thank you for all your good work!"*

Donation by Nancy Acheson

In the Name of "Enzo"

Donation by Geri & Alan McLaughlin

*"Much love, thanks and warmest Holiday wishes to Dr. Grace Bransford & the staff of Ross Valley Vet in the memory of my Golden, 'Coa' "*

Donation by Freddie Sobel

*"Christmas Wishes to Judy and Howard!"*

Donation by Lois Ritz

*"In honor of Christmas, a NGRRescue donation on Sharon McConnell's behalf."*

Donation by Kimberly & the Daly family

In Honor of "Sylvia"

Donation by Jim & Carol Toney

In Honor of Dean & Kay Shelton

Donation by Cheryl & Henry Olvera

*"Merry Christmas"* to Leonard Gooch

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*"Christmas Wishes to Lynn & Richard Parapar"*

Donation by Eusebio & Marta Parapar

*"A Christmas gift for my brother, Peter FitzGerald."*

Donation by Bruce FitzGerald & Family

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

Donation by Elaine Weihman

*"A Christmas Wish in loving memory of 'Shannon' to Marc & Susan Desautels."*

Donation by Tara Desautels Birnbaum

*"A donation as a gift to my Uncle, Bryan Donovan Volpp, for Christmas."*

Donation by Scott Volpp-Garcia

Christmas Wishes and a Golden New Year from Yankee, Pi, Schoo, Galle, Rig and Cara (the C-Vu Gang) to:

Don and Joni Rapp

"Caylee," "Buck," "Ian" and owner, Janet Peacock

"Shannon," "Spuds," "Passion," "Tasha" and owner, Nancy Kelly

"Daisy," "C-C," "Colli," "Nick," "Ramby" and owner, June Smith

"Misty," "Thunder," and in our hearts

"Bravo" owned by Pat & Steve Klim

In Thanks to Liz Berry for taking care of my mother's Golden, "Bart," while she was hospitalized.

Donation by Gail Maderis

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

Donation by Anna Weihman

(Thanks to Carole for making

NGRRescue the charity of her choice.)

In Honor of "Cody"

*"We love him very much!"*

Donation by Maureen & Richard

Yamadera

In Honor of our son, Peter FitzGerald

Donation by Millie & Jerry FitzGerald

In Honor of Karyn Hunt

Donation by Thomas Hunt & Sharon Smith

In Honor of "Ribbon" and Janet Hellums  
*"We have owned five Goldens in the past and we can't tell you how wonderful it is for Ribbon and Janet to visit us. It brightens our lives on the days that they come. Ribbon is wonderful and has won several competitions . . . including 6 first places, 2 second places and 4 high in trials. Thank you so much."*

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Donation by Lois & William Ball

# IN MEMORIAM

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In Honor of "James" & "Allie"  
*"My fur kids!"*

Loved by Jill Fernandez

In Honor of my two Golden's, "Jack" and  
"Alix" Hecht

Donation by Robin Minardi

In Honor of Linda Gomoll  
*"For all your 'Golden' friends and to  
benefit your work with Rescue."*

Donation by Astrid Olson

In Honor of Judy Guild's Birthday  
Donation by Phelps Guild, her father-in-law

In Honor of Jacquie DePetrus  
*"Who in lieu of payment for her services  
asked that a donation be made to  
NGRRescue."*

Donation by Patricia and James Mann

In Honor of Stephanie Sanders-Badt and  
"Maggie"  
*"For all of their help, caring and love."*  
Donation by Clara B. Williamson

## IN MEMORIAM

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In Memory of "Maggie"  
In Honor of Francey Capper & "Rosie"  
*"This donation is being made in honor of  
my Golden Retriever, Maggie, whom I lost  
to cancer on September 25, 2003.  
Francey Capper and her dog, Rosie,  
willingly donated blood for Maggie after  
her spleen and part of her liver were  
removed. I will always be so grateful for  
this gift as it helped prolong my red-  
haired angels' life for six weeks after  
surgery and gave us both time to say  
goodbye at home."*  
Donation by Marilee Brand

In Memory of "Jesse"  
*"We just wanted you to know that we are  
thinking of you all . . . we are so sorry for  
your loss of Jesse. He couldn't have had a  
better home or family that loved him  
more."*

Treasured and loved by John, Shelly &  
Claire

Donation by Karen, Kristen & Sandy

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Donation by Jean Clinton

In Memory of "Stanley"  
*"The most distinguished and dignified  
member of our family. He will be  
missed."*  
Loved by Paula and Bill McGunnigle  
Donation by Allan, Carol, Lisa, Nicholas  
& Teddy Porter

In Memory of "Beau"  
*"We were saddened to learn about the  
death of Beau. We will all miss him,  
especially Lady."*  
Loved by Ronnie, John, Moira & Annie  
May

In Memory of "Parker"  
*"Parker's life may have been short but it  
was one filled with love."*  
Lovingly missed by Karen Paquin  
Donation by Ed, Jon, Marge & Lola Gatta

In Memory of Judy Oates  
Donation by Dick & Maria  
Fetherstonhaugh

In Memory of Judy Oates and "Rosie"  
*"Judy and Rosie are now together."*  
Donation by Mrs. Diane Midloch

In Memory of Judith Lynn Oates  
Donation by Kasavan Architects

In Memory of "K.L."  
Donation by Cindy & John Garcia

In Memory of Judith Oates  
*"A dear friend and animal lover."*  
Donation by Joyce & Denny Fong

In Memory of "Gunny"  
*"Lost to cancer on September 11, 2003 . . .  
A beautiful boy!"*  
Loved by George Morley & Marjorie  
Bachman

In Memory of "Boomer"  
*"Boomer was a great Golden. His beauty,  
spirit, disposition and championship ways  
will always be remembered by his many  
friends."*  
Dearly missed by Nancy & Ed Mendell  
Donation by Jack & Colette Agresti

In Memory of "Kate" Porter  
*"The sweetest and most beloved compan-  
ion of Carol and Allan Porter. She lived  
to be 15 years old, but that was not  
nearly long enough for all who knew and  
loved her."*  
Loved by Carol & Allan Porter  
Donation by Colette & Jack Agresti

In Memory of "Roz"  
*"Roz was a very special girl much loved  
by Carol and Allan Porter. She brought  
joy to all who knew her and her impish  
ways."*  
Missed and loved by Allan & Carol Porter  
Donation by Colette & Jack Agresti

In Memory of "Yost"  
*"Yost was a dog of big heart and soul."*  
Loved by Rebecca Senderon  
Donation by Barbara, Bill and Zoe  
Schwartz

In Memory of "Maggie"  
Donation by Rosalie Morosin

In Memory of "Taps" Chanfrau  
*"Taps was a sweet natured and loving  
soul. She will be greatly missed."*  
Loved by Pam and Bob Chanfrau  
Donation by Lynn and Richard Parapar

In Memory of Judy Oates  
Donation by Sue Way



# IN MEMORIAM

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## In Memory of "Chloe"

*"Chloe is once again running and playing with brother, Hudson, on the other side of the bridge."*

Loved by Mae & Sol Weintraub

Donation by Bonnie Speckels & Penny Cavallaro

## In Memory of "Quincy"

*"He was lucky to have you, and surely you were lucky to have him. Remember your times together with great warmth."*

Loved by Francine & Roger Smith

Donation by Natalie, Sean, Parker & Digger Carpenter

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by the Mark Lewis Family

## In Memory of "Robbie"

*"This is for your dear Robbie, our dear Dave's dad, and in honor of sweet Wrigley, who we wish along with Dave, was still here with us."*

Loved by Helene and Jim Brodrick

Donation by Laurel, Michael & Edith Stanley

## In Loving Memory of our Rescue Girl,

"Arie Lyondog"

Your Honored Guardians, Adrien & Deb Abbadie

## In Loving Memory of "Rosie"

*"Truly one-of-a-kind. She was both 'Wild at Heart' and in your heart. She was deeply loved, and will be missed forever by Paul Lindstrom."*

Treasured by Paul Lindstrom

Donation from your friends, the Kelleys - Myra, Don, Ginger & Rosie's son, Teaser

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by Karen Carmine

## In Memory of "Katie"

*"Katie was a beautiful girl just like her Mom and namesake."*

Love by Francine Mablad & Family

Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by Elissa Gray

## In Memory of "Chyna"

CH Shyan's Vision of Shalimar

*"A star is a small thing, but it lights up the whole sky. We all miss you and will always remember what a dignified and grand lady you were. You were a treasure gift from heaven that we had the good fortune to spend our lives with."*

Donation by the dogs she lived with:

"Logan," "Madeleine," "Tessa," "Fever" & her great-great nephew, "Tripper"

## In Memory of Steven Zeppa

Donation by Linda Simcox and Bob & Martha Plouff

## In Memory of Nick Armington

Donation by Mike & Diane Jones

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by Aunt Minnie (Freeze)

## In Memory of "Gideon"

Donation by Shirlee Thomas

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

*"I am an Animal Control Officer and I am privileged to say that Steve Zeppa was my uncle. He rescued a special needs Golden from our shelter years ago and he provided it with a loving home for the rest of its' life. After he lost this dog, he rescued another Golden named Hayden. Hayden was with him when he had his accident. He loved Golden Retrievers and he loved Hayden."*

Donation by Joe Avalos

## In Memory of Steve Zappa

Donation by Clara B.

## In Memory of Buzz Welters

Donation by Sue & Don Vinicor

## In Memory of "Easy"

Fame Honor's I've Got It Easy, OD

*"Gramma Easy . . . you are missed by many! You touched the hearts of everyone that you met. Thank you for creating such beautiful children. We are only here, because of you."*

Treasured, loved and missed by Lynn & Ed Rabinowe

Donation by Rosie, Bogie & Ellie Stover

## In Memory of "Morey"

Donation by Valley Agility Sports Team Members

## In Memory of "Molson"

*"Molson, our beautiful Golden Retriever, lit up our lives and enriched us all for six wonderful years. He was the embodiment of pure, total, unconditional love. We are devastated by his loss at such a young age. His passing fills us with sorrow, but we felt his gentle presence everywhere, and his beautiful soul will always be with us. Our entire family received the best care imaginable from the staff of Adobe Animal Hospital in Los Altos. They are still supporting us through this incredibly difficult time. We are so fortunate, and so was Molson, to have their attention, expertise and compassion. We admire tremendously the work that Rescue does, and hope that this donation is a fitting tribute to the memory of our most precious Molson. The love he gave to us was the most wonderful gift our family could ever have imagined!"*

In thanks to Adobe Animal Hospital

Donation by the Rothschild Family

## In Memory of "Tucker"

Lovingly missed by Laurie Tobias & Paul Bullard

Donation by Karen Rice

## In Memory of "Ace"

Donation by Marilyn Folker

## In Memory of "Bucky"

*"In grateful appreciation for all you do. Thank you for having brought Bucky and joy into our lives. Bucky was adopted from you as a senior dog back in 1999."*

Loved by Carl & Chao-Yee Watson

## In Memory of Karen Lindstrom, my daughter

Donation by Barbara and Charlie Dana

## In Memory of "Button"

*"Button was a loving Golden who recently passed on to be with all of the other Golden retrievers that have brought so much joy and love to this world. Button will be missed."*

Loved and cherished by Cheryl Baca

Donation by Maureen and Don Johansen

## In Memory of "Sunny"

Donation by Wendy Reres

## In Memory of "Davy"

Loved by Dorothy Carter

Donation by Moira Brennan

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donations by Timothy & Kathy

Ollendick, Darlene Mason, Elaine &

Timmy Ma, Shirley & Danny Udseth,

Yolanda Gonzales, Nila & Mody Villaluz

and Bertha Edwards

## In Memory of "Bosley"

Donation by Cynthia Hertlein

## In Memory of "Natasha"

*"To honor, and in memory of, one we loved so dearly. All our love this Christmas and always."*

Donation by Claudia & Jay Guild,

Morgan and Hannah

## In Memory of Wayne Thalken

Donation by Barbara Brickell

## In Memory of "Grandma Easy"

Fame Honor's I've Got It Easy

*"Easy was a special lady who gave many families special Golden retrievers. She will be missed by her best friend, Lynn Rabinowe, and by all of us who knew her."*

Cherished, loved and missed by Lynn Rabinowe

Donation by Bob & Pat Dahl

## In Memory of "Rainbow"

Loved by Meredith Pechoultres

Donation by The Tuesday Tea, Thai & Training Group

## In Memory of "Phoebe"

February 7, 1990 - December 10, 2003

Loved by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

## In Memory of "Bravo"

Windrem's Captain Bravo CDX, SH, WCX

08-21-91 to 12-26-03

*"God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be.*

*So He put his arms around you, and whispered, 'Come with me.'*

*With tearful eyes we watched you suffer, and saw you fall away.*

*Although we couldn't bear to lose you, we could not ask you to stay.*

*A Golden heart stopped beating, hardworking paws laid to rest,*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us, that He only takes the best."*

Author unknown

Bravo was loved and will be missed by Steve & Pat Klim

## In Memory of "Rockett" and "Sally"

Freddie

Donation by Patricia Freddie

## In Memory of "Davey"

*"Davey was a grand gentleman and companion to Dorothy."*

Loved by Dorothy Carter

Donation by Nancy & Joe Corbin and the C-Vu Gang

## In Memory of "Kelsey"

*"Dear Marti: Kelsey will miss you as much as you miss him. He has started his next adventure, with Jake and Fred and Ginger. He has never, nor will he ever be, alone. What a wonderful life he had with you. His soul will be watching over you always. Love, Linda"*

Missed and loved by Marti Spero

Donation by Linda Marousek

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by Good Stuff Thrift Shop

## In Memory of "Chloe"

*"Chloe was a wonderful companion and friend to Mae and Sol. She will be terribly missed. Chloe has joined her brother, Hudson at Rainbow Bridge. May they frolic together forever in the velvet green meadows."*

Treasured by Mae & Sol Weintraub

Donation by Nancy & Ed Mendell

## In Memory of "Josie"

Donation by Valley Agility Sports Team Members

## In Memory of "Doc" Doherty

*"In honor of all our fond memories of doc's gentle spirit, eminent good nature, and love of all stuffies and things good to munch . . . We will miss him deeply and share in your sadness."*

Lovingly missed by Sally & Jack Doherty

Donation by Lynnee Hasselman

## In Memory of Steve Zeppa

Donation by John Chiozza

## In Memory of "Sneakers"

*"We adopted Sneakers from Norcal, and he became our shining light. He will live in our hearts forever."*

(Sneakers is also memorialized on our website.)

Loved, cherished and missed by Marla Miyashiro

Donation by Bryan Hastings

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## In Memory of "Auburn"

*"Auburn was the sweetest girl, and brought smiles to everyone who knew her. My deepest sympathies."*

Loved by Clay Littman & Daniel

Donation by Pam Goodley

## In Memory of "Carly"

Treasured by Tom Matsumoto

Donation by Linda Chin

## In Memory of our beloved "Tegan"

Donation by Lisa & Philip D'Angelo

## In Memory of Steve Zappa

Condolences to Barbara Zeppa and Terri & Jim Nethercott

Donation by Pinole Pet Hospital

## In Memory of Larry Bacon

*"Larry left this world far too early. He is sadly missed by his wife, Nancy Bacon, and their three children."*

Donation by Marilyn & Bob Ormond

## In Memory of Gloria McGraff

*"Gloria was a one of a kind AKC obedience trainer and exhibitor. She was always helpful, gracious, a supporter of others and a kind soul to the many people and dogs who were fortunate to know her. She always had a warm smile and handshake for those against whom she competed, and faithfully gave a first class performance in sportsmanship whether she won or lost. She influenced many of us to shoot for our goals. She will always be an outstanding role model and inspiration for me."*

Donation by Janet Hellums

## In Memory of my cousin, Steve Zeppa

Donation by Roberta Davies

## In Memory of "Yogi"

Loved and missed by Dave & Liz Berry

Donation by Marilyn & Bob Ormond

## In Memory of "Davy"

Cherished and missed by Dorothy Carter

Donation by Nancy & Joe Corbin

## In Memory of "Brittney"

Golden Pines Ferol's Brittney, CD, CGC

*"Brittney was a Golden Retriever who was the beloved companion of Ferol Larsen. She was 10 years old."*

Loved by Ferol Larsen

Donation by Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club

## In Memory of "Jack Rosenthal"

*"Jack was a great dog! He was a member of your family and will always have a special place in your hearts. You loved him and took wonderful care of him. I wanted to honor Jack's spirit by helping others to find a family who will love them as you loved him. I know Jack would approve."*

Treasured and lovingly missed by the Rosenthal Family

Donation with much sympathy by Carol Roberts

## In Memory of "Davy"

*"I know that Davy counted me in as one of his friends. I will always remember him with a smile on my face."*

Loved by Dorothy Carter

Donation by Meredith Pechoultres

## In Memory of Charles Cobb

Donation by Jill & Louie Urbina

## In Memory of "Peary"

DD's Admiral Peary, UDX

*"All my sympathies go out to you. Peary was a sweet, sensitive, smart and beautiful Golden Retriever. What wonderful memories you have of him in many obedience rings and as a top notch family member. 'Kelli' and 'Luke's' entire and one and only litter produced outstanding and incredible performance dogs and BEST FRIENDS!"*

Loved by Gail & Steve Grossman

Donation by Janet Hellums

## In Memory of Charles Cobb

*"Charles was a legend in the world of dogs. He will be missed by many."*

Donation by Phyllis & Jerry Spivey

## In Memory of "Bravo"

Windrem's Captain Bravo, CDX, SH, WCX

Loved by Pat & Steve Klim

Donation by Nancy Corbin

## In Memory of Donna Bartlett

Donation by Sue Bartlett

## In Memory of "Gideon"

Donation by Shirlee Thomas

(Shirlee partakes in the "matching funds" donation at her work . . . Thanks!)

## In Memory of "Drake"

*"In loving memory of your Golden Boy, Drake. He will be missed."*

Cherished by Kath Moore

Donation by Michele Egan

## In Memory of "Kelly"

*"Kelly passed to the Rainbow Bridge on February 26th. We love you."*

Loved by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fisher

Donation by Don, Barbara & Roxie Tornberg

## In Memory of Zack & Lucy Caraballo

Sympathies to Nancy Fulk

Donation by Cheryl & Keith Caraballo

## In Memory of "Kelly"

*"She is loved and sadly missed by Phil & Joan Fisher."*

Donation by Marilyn & Bob Ormond

## In Memory of Frances Forte

Donation by Mark, Jackie and Haley Sellers

## In Memory of "Buddy"

Cherished and loved by the Carey Family

Donation by Catherine Der

## In Memory of "Our Wilson"

Loved by Maxe & Steve Kruger

## In Memory of "Kelly"

Missed and loved by Joan & Phil Fisher

Donation by Judy & Howard Guild



## In Memory of "Kelly"

Loved by Joan, Phil & Casey Fisher  
Donation by Ted & Linda Gomoll and her  
"Kissin' cousins", Donner, Twinkie &  
Phoebe

## In Memory of "Yogi"

*"No person will ever be as generous as  
your pet dog, for every time s/he looks at  
you, s/he makes you a present of her/his  
heart."* Anonymous

Loved by Dave, Liz, Campbell and  
Grayson Berry & "Stella"

Donation by Judy, Howard & "Chelsea"  
Guild

## In Memory of our "Bullet"

*"Bullet has been gone one year. I miss  
your spirit and our fun loving times."*

Donation by Arla & Ed Blakemore

## In Memory of "Kelly"

*"Our sweet Contessa Kelly went to the  
Rainbow Bridge on Feb. 29th, 2004.*

*Kelly was always there at the door to  
welcome us home. She had a smile  
and a greeting for everyone, especially  
anyone who might have a cookie.*

*She was a wonderful companion for our*

*"Sunny" and a sweet and protective*

*"Mom" for "Casey". She gave us Love,*

*Joy and Laughter. There is nothing*

*better a dear friend can do. We were so*

*fortunate to have shared our*

*lives with her. Kelly will live on in*

*our hearts forever."*

Loved and Greatly Missed by Joan, Phil  
and Casey Fisher

## In Memory of "Yogi"

"For Liz and Dave Berry and Family and  
the memory of Yogi, a rescue boy who  
was lucky enough to be adopted into such  
a wonderful and loving family."

Loved and missed by all the Berry's

Donation by Carolyn Vogler

## 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.

## Charlie Bear

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temperament. He walked right up to two large German shepherds, and they all rubbed noses. He also paid no mind to the cats. He relished the attention from children and adults alike. His groomer even praised the way Charlie held up his paws during nail clipping. Needless to say, he was a hit with everyone.

Charlie lives indoors. He sleeps in our bedroom and does not stir until we rise in the morning where he greets us with a smile and wagging tail. Although he had been banished to the backyard for the past two years, he came to us house-broken and responsive to basic commands – the bonus of an adult dog.

In spite of Charlie's initial health issues, Charlie came to us a youthful 10-year old. We socialize Charlie every chance we get, and his personality continues to surface. Our backseats have been fitted with Charlie-rugs. He strolls

through nurseries, goes to the car wash, and even sits quietly for two hours at the hair salon (I call him the welcoming committee). He zips into Starbucks, and is particularly fond of road trips. So far he has visited Monterey twice, attended a Santa Cruz jazz concert, dined at a Carmel courtyard restaurant where they brought him his own bowl of water and a dish of dog biscuits (of which he walked off later at the beach). He is truly a happy dog. While exploring, his nose is on the ground and his tail is up in the air, wagging, wagging, wagging.

Charlie likes to help with house chores. He retrieves everything for us. He is good about not reaching on table tops, but like a toddler we know not to tempt him, so we are conscious of such items as cleaning supplies or a steaming platter of chicken.

Many people are hesitant about getting close to an older dog. We knew when Charlie came to us that we will not have him for 15 years like we did our last one, and we know that it will hurt to lose him.

However, we would not trade having this wonderful dog for anything in the world. We will cherish our memories and continue to open our heart to all the future beautiful goldens in need of a safe and loving home, no matter what their age. 🐾



# Angel's Story (continued from page 1)

companionship, and unconditional love of a dog. Jeanne told us "Angel" was an owner surrender, due to lack of time and attention. She had been living in a home with 3 kids, ages 8, 15, and 16. Separation anxiety here we come! We were told she loved other dogs, swimming, car rides, and attention. Also, that she was very alert, happy, gentle, loving, and most of all, a typical golden with a real sweet disposition, all of which she has certainly lived up to. Who could resist?

"Angel" was surrendered on August 18th, had a hysterectomy on the 19th, and came home with us on the 20th. It was love at first sight, when she was brought out to us at the vet's. What an angel!! Upon our arrival home she did the usual sniffing and scouting about the house. It didn't take her long to settle in. Her first night home she found a spot in the corner of our bedroom and has slept there ever since.

At 11 months of age, "Angel" had her first litter of pups only to have another litter at 16 months of age. When we brought her home her teats were hanging very low from having puppies, was very thin, and had lots of hot spots. With the help and recommendations from Jeanne and our local veterinarian, it wasn't long before she was in good shape. Her muscles tightened up, hot spots cleared up, and her



*Dick with "Buddy"*

coat was looking beautiful.

When we brought "Angel" home she didn't know how to play with the many toys she received as Welcome Home gifts. It didn't take her long to catch on. Guess she spent most of her time taking care of her pups. She loved to go for walks and chase squirrels! At least twice a day, Dick and "Angel," and sometimes me too, explore the trails in and around Novato and Marin County. She also loves to swim!! On a recent visit to Tomales Bay, we thought she was going to swim all the

way across the Bay trying to get the shore birds. It is great watching her swim. Dick says he never had a dog that loves foul weather the way she does. With the rain pouring down and the wind howling, she goes wild running through the puddles and any stream she can find. She has also developed a love for mud baths and can't pass anything muddy. We're not sure if it does anything for her complexion, but it does mean another bath, which she is not crazy about.

"Angel" loves going for rides in the car. When we are in the front yard washing the cars or cleaning the garage, she just sits in the back seat of the car and is as happy as a clam. When we go for rides and she senses she is near a familiar spot, she starts whimpering dog talk to let us know. It drives Dick nuts, but Mom just doggie talks back to her. It's such fun! "Angel" has made many friends on our outings and we're always being told how sweet she is and what a great disposition she has. Of course, we already know!! We so enjoy sharing our story of her adoption from NGR.

"Angel" is truly an 'angel' to us, a little spoiled maybe, however for all the love she gives, there couldn't be a more fitting name for her. And to think when we adopted her we thought of changing her name. 🐾

## Profound Sadness and Profound Joy



*"Mandie" and "Bubby"*

*by Lisa Manseau, NGR Foster Parent, East Bay*

My husband Bob and I relocated to the East Bay in 1996. Shortly thereafter while reading the Contra Costa Times I saw an ad for Foster Families needed for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I called immediately. Bob and I had always had rescue goldens. Our companions had given us so much and changed our lives; it was our time to give back. The only problem – Bob didn't even know I had signed us up, and suddenly our first foster arrived. Was he upset – NO! It was the cutest thing – with all our Fosters, he gave each prospective adoptive family the third degree – just like a father whose daughter is going on a first date. When they were adopted I would cry and he would

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# Sadness and Joy

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comfort me, reassuring me that NORCAL and we had helped provide THE best families for our little treasures.

One day I got a call that a goldie needed a foster home. No problem. When Linda Knowles dropped him off our mouths dropped, this was the biggest golden in history. As always, we received many calls from prospective adoptive families and when we told them that he weighed in at 150 pounds, we got the same response..."If we wanted a dog that big we would have gotten a Saint Bernard!" So "Bubby," as Bob named him, stayed with us for quite a while. Then, good friends of our family decided they liked "Bubby" and wanted to adopt him. Everything was in place, but at the last minute it wasn't Bob consoling me - Bob just suddenly said no. "Bubby" was part of our family and that was that. We would adopt him.

Within just a few months we lost both our other two goldens - Chelsea & "Bear-Bear" to cancer. The loss of our two 'children' was simply heart wrenching

and they are still thought of each day. But who pulled us through? "Bubby." He knew our pain and was such a great comfort.

Around this time, a friend of ours who is a loving breeder of golden retrievers and our long-time pet-sitter was also mourning our loss. At Christmas that same year he so very generously

*"They look at me  
and like no one  
else, they fill my  
heart with hope."*

gave us a beautiful baby girl. Bob named her "Mandie Louise Girl." His favorite song was Mandy by Barry Manilow and the rest came from a racehorse that he thought would honor our lost sweetheart. Our lives were full again. We had such a precious family and the gift of foster goldies who enriched us. Who could want for more?

On February 27, 2003, Bob, my husband and my soul of 22 years, died of a sudden heart attack. He was only 43. It has been a year since his death and I have seen the darkest of days no one could imagine. As I write this tears come to my eyes as they do each and every day. It wasn't until I saw a request for an article that I realized there was more to the story. I lost myself and my hopes and dreams in a second. Financially, I will probably lose the home Bob and I worked so hard to get. Although loved, family and friends think you can just move on. It is an easy thing to say, but really you have to be there to understand it. So what has kept me going . . . our goldens, "Bubby" and "Mandie."

"Bubby" and "Mandie" were profoundly affected as well. They felt the loss of Bob as much as I did. Yet even as they processed their own grief, "Bubby" and "Mandie's" greatest concern was, and is, still me. They sleep right next to me. Every morning when I think I can't make it, I am greeted with such profound joy, "Hey, feed us and let's go on an adventure!" Each time I come home they tell me, "Oh my how we missed you!" It doesn't matter, at play or at home, they look at me and like no one else, they fill my heart with hope.

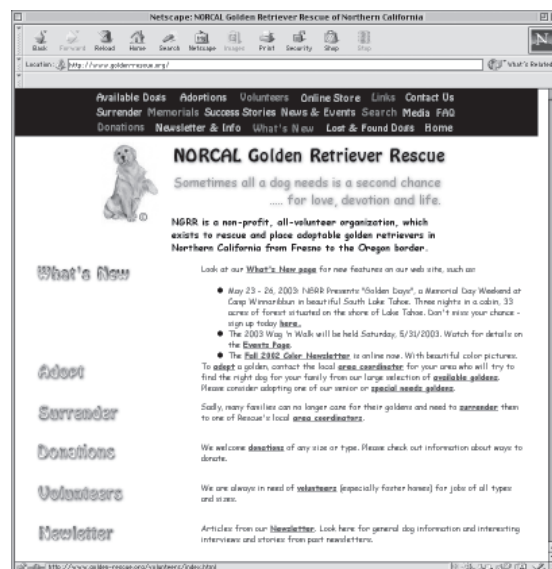
I write this in honor of my late husband Bob who cherished each smile and lick our goldens and fosters bestowed on him and how he gave from his genuine heart to those dogs who came to us in need. And, most importantly, how somehow he still lives through "Mandie" and "Bubby," giving me the love I need to go on.

I can't help but think that in a previous life Bob was a golden retriever. Lastly, my thanks to our friends at NGRR who have been so supportive - and to the rescue dogs who have changed my life! 🐾

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Site

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## 2003 NGRRAuction – A SUCCESS!

The 11th annual Auction and Wine Tasting took place on Saturday, November 15 at the Mill Valley Community Center. Steven “Seaweed” Seagrave, 107.7 The Bone DJ, generously gave his time to emcee the event, which was bigger and better than ever. Together, the auction and raffle raised over \$79,000, which contributes greatly to NGRR’s annual budget to rescue displaced Golden Retrievers.

Thank you to Liz and Dave Berry for chairing this successful event and to all the volunteers that gave their time and effort. Thank you also to all of you that generously donated art, wine, and other auction items. And lastly, thank you to all the bidders and raffle ticket purchasers who made this year’s auction another huge success! 🐾

*Note: Check out our web site – [www.golden-rescue.org](http://www.golden-rescue.org) – for lots more terrific photos from the auction.*



## Only First Class Service for this Golden Family

### *Spotlight on* **VOLUNTEERS**

*Contributed by Teresa Colucci, Tahoe area coordinator/volunteer*

Teresa Colucci has 3 rescued goldens. Her first rescue is “Emma” who was adopted at 4 months. “Nellie” was next and was adopted at 6 months. Both “Nellie” and “Emma” will be 5 this summer. “Harley” joined the Colucci’s last year as a foster but they fell in love with him too (a common thing with fosters). “Harley” is one-and-a-half years old. Since they live in Truckee, they are very lucky dogs and get to play daily in the snow or go for swims and hikes. They’re also special since they get to go flying in their airplane! They each wear a harness and get strapped into the seat belts. So far they have flown back and forth to the Bay Area several times and are looking forward to a fly camping trip this summer. 🐾



"Nick"

# OH BROTHER

## *It's a Small World*

by Jennifer Leonard & John Langholff  
(Mountain Women Pet Care)

*Editor's Note: Thanks to Pam Levin, Santa Clara County Area Coordinator for encouraging Jennifer and John to submit this article.*

This is the true-life story of "Sam" & "Nick." "Sam" was our beloved Golden Retriever who passed away last year at the young age of two and a half years from an incurable kidney disease. "Sam" was our baby and we were devastated by his

illness and always believed that somehow he would beat it. We were very saddened by his death and still miss him everyday.

After several months, we thought it was time to go out and begin the search for a new companion. Our remaining Golden Retriever, "McKenzie," was terribly lonely without

"Sam." We humans weren't sure we were quite ready for a new dog. We felt guilty about giving our hearts to someone new. We were afraid any new dog would disappoint us. As a compromise, we decided to look into the Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Program to become foster parents and perhaps later on, adoptive parents. We completed the process and necessary inspections to qualify as foster parents and prospective adoptive parents.

One Friday afternoon we got the call. But it wasn't exactly what we expected.

It was about adopting a dog. A family in the South Bay surrendered their three-year-old golden retriever. We thought, how lucky for us, to be called about such a young, trained, beautiful Golden. So, we raced to the Norcal volunteer's house with our other Golden "McKenzie" and met "Nick" (formerly Nico). "Nick" seemed to be the perfect fit and we knew that we needed to make a decision quickly or another family would certainly take him right away. So we decided to take him home, mostly because "McKenzie" loved him and even acted like they had met previously.

When we arrived home we realized that "Nick" had the same birth date as "Sam" and we thought, wow, what a funny coincidence. The next day we were looking over more of "Nick's" paper work and much to our disbelief and amazement, it turned out that "Nick" was "Sam's" brother. They were littermates!

Three years later, many miles and cities away from their original birthplace, destiny united us with "Sam's" brother. It was meant to be. Sometimes we even think that "Sam" knew "Nick" needed a new home and somehow arranged our meeting. We know that "Sam" is smiling down on us from doggie heaven, as he sees our home being taken over by his brother "Nick." We know he laughs when he watches the dog take over the couch while the humans sit on the floor, when he sees "Nick" taking up three-quarters of the king-size bed and the humans trying to sleep on the remaining 18 inches, or when he sees us scramble to make sure that there's nothing on the kitchen counter that looks like, smells like, or once may have been food! All traits of "Sam."

Having "Sam's" brother come into our lives made it easier to deal with his loss. Oh brother it's a small world! 🐾

## NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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



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# Working Towards a CANCER CURE

by Kathy Williams, Area Coordinator –  
Monterey County

I adopted my beloved boy, Skipper, at the ripe old age of 10 through NGRR. He is now 14 1/2 going on 3. He was the second dog surrendered to me and he got along so well with the female I already had – he stayed. Haven't we all said this so many times? In my opinion, there is not a better dog on this earth than Skipper (okay maybe Summer or Mikey). His manners make the foster dogs look like hoodlums. He won't walk through a door without me telling him it is okay. He waits for me to tell him it is okay to eat – very contrary to the others I have! He is the epitome of a regal golden. Tall with a dark red curly coat and just prances when he walks.

In July 2003, Skipper developed a very fast growing tumor in his mouth around his gum region. It was determined, much to my dismay, that it was oral malignant melanoma. I was devastated. Although, as an Area Coordinator for Norcal, I hear so much about cancer, it had not personally affected me yet.

The tumor was growing so rapidly that surgery was rushed. My Vet came in on his day off just to get it done. By the time this surgical site was barely healed, another tumor appeared on the opposite side of his mouth. Still in the gum region, I thought "okay 1 more surgery and that is it." So in October 2003, Skipper had the second tumor removed. There were more complications with this one. It was deeper and the Vet had to remove more tissue to get clean margins. I now started worrying about metastasis. How far had it spread? He ended up with a hole in his muzzle from the second surgery and we still are looking for the perfect earring!

Right around Thanksgiving I noticed another tumor developing on the original side. But this time it was in an area that was not operable. My heart sank. At the same time I was going through a divorce – I couldn't bear losing my Skipper,

Skibbo, Bip – all my names for him. My Vet and I discussed all of the options. We discussed quality of life, pain, and appetite. All were normal. We discussed the costs. The two surgeries had already seriously dented the woobie budget. We decided to find out more about this clinical trial for malignant melanoma. The first we heard back was discouraging. I would have to take him to the Bay Area. With all I had going on – I could not commit to running him back and forth from Monterey to a specialist for treatment. Even the specialist in Santa Cruz would be a tough drive for me. With the specialist and the donation for the vaccine – it possibly was too expensive for me to handle.

Upon the graciousness and flexibility of the Colorado University Team, they allowed us to enter the clinical trial. It is a series of 7-8 injections given over a 20-week period. Chest x-rays and abdominal ultrasound were performed and thankfully the melanoma had not spread. Whew!! We started the injections immediately. The first 5 injections are every two weeks and then monthly afterward. Skipper had his first injection in January and has had 4 injections to-date. There were some side effects with the first two doses that the University had not seen but I see it as extremely positive. The site where the tumor is would start swelling and be 'active' (that cancer smell), then when it was over, the tumor was smaller and the smell gone. This vaccine was actually attacking the existing tumor!!! The tumor is almost gone now.

This vaccine is not a medicine – it is a DNA based vaccine. It is formulated for dogs that have already shown metastasis but I wanted to STOP it before it metastasized.

I can't tell this University how grateful I am that they are doing this research. Had it not been for this clinical trial and our participation in it, I am certain I would have had to put Skipper down by now. The tumors were growing that fast. Quality of



life would have been an issue. If this dog could not have a tennis ball in his mouth – why live?

Skipper was very mellow for a few months . . . we had "the talk" and I told him to let me know when he was ready to go. He had never acted like a senior golden but he was showing definite signs of age and distress. Not anymore!!! He is back to chasing his tail daily, running for the ball, harassing his "harem" (3 female goldens I have also) and just loving life again. He is goofy, talkative and tearing apart woobies again. It is challenging to keep the weight on him since his mouth has been invaded so much but he really likes biscuits and gravy!

If you are interested in hearing more about the trial or would like to make a donation to this very worthy endeavor the information is:

**Dr. Barb Biller, DVM, MS**  
**Colorado State University**  
**Dept of Microbiology,**  
**Immunology & Pathology**  
**1619 Campus Delivery**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80523-1619**  
*(Please note Tumor Immunology*  
*Research fund #54243 on your*  
*donation check)*

We can only hope and pray that these researchers are on to something and this type of cancer is only the first in a long line of successful vaccines that are developed. Many thanks also to Dr. Todd Lawmaster of Parkview Veterinary Hospital in Monterey! He has ridden the roller coaster with me and provided much needed guidance. 🐾

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May 22, 2004 Wag 'n Walk

7th annual 2-mile all-breed dog walk for the entire family. Hosted by NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue rain or shine. Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, Pleasanton. Canine registrants receive a Doggie Bandana and Treats; Human registrants receive a Wag 'n Walk T-shirt. Pre-registration is \$20; day of walk is \$25. Registration begins at 8:30; the walk begins at 10:30. For more information contact Anne Mitchell at (925) 485-4226.

## Nov. 6, 2004 12th Annual Auction & Wine Tasting

Major fundraising event at the Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley, CA; 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$20 payable at the door. Catch up with friends, do some holiday shopping, taste exquisite wines, bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items. Contact Howard Guild regarding donations for auction at (925) 837-6022 or email [howard@dowdandguild.com](mailto:howard@dowdandguild.com)

## 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](http://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 Golden 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

- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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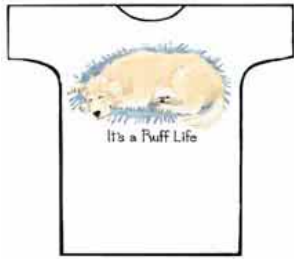
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### Mail to:

NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue  
 405 El Camino Real, Suite 420  
 Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

# GOLDEN GALLERIA

## T-Shirts (100% Cotton)



**It's a Ruff Life**  
M, L, XL  
\$16.00



**Pot of Gold**  
S, M, L, XL  
\$16.00

## Golden Retriever Dog Signs

**"A Spoiled Rotten Golden Retriever Lives Here"**  
\$30.00

**"Spoiled Rotten Golden Retrievers Live Here"**  
\$30.00  
(not shown)



## Knit Beach/Sleep Shirts

100% cotton – one size fits all  
\$24.00



**Golden Retrievers**  
(light blue background)



**Silence is Golden**



**Gunnison Nuvola Sport Fleece Vest**  
Color: Conifer – S, M, L, XL \$32.00



**Voyager Nuvola Sport Fleece Jacket**  
Color: Merlot – S, M, L, XL  
\$45.00

## Knit Golden Retriever Pants

100% cotton  
S, M, L, XL  
(light blue background)  
\$30.00





# GOLDEN GALLERIA



## Baseball Caps

One size fits all. Colors: Pruce/Bark, Putty/Denim, Black/Khaki  
\$15.00



## Norcal Golden Retriever T-shirts

Short-sleeved,  
S, M, L, XL – \$15.00  
XXL – \$18.00  
XXXL – \$20.00



## Norcal Golden Retriever T-shirts

Long-sleeved,  
S, M, L, XL – \$21.00  
XXL – \$24.00



## Norcal Golden Retriever Photo Cards

Package of 9  
\$10.00

## Golden Retriever Socks

One size  
(light blue background)  
\$8.00





*Don't forget your gift certificates*

## Order Form

Make checks payable to NGRR. Visa and Mastercard also accepted.  
 Mail orders to: Nancy Mendell, 300 Escobar Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028-7352  
 For information, contact [nancymendell@mindspring.com](mailto:nancymendell@mindspring.com).

Item Description	Color	Size	Qty.	Unit Price	Total

If ordering by credit card, please check: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$151.00 and above	add	\$14.75

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Thank You!

## 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 hu-

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

### Appreciated Securities

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

### Gifts Through Your Estate

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

### Life Income Gifts

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

### Gifts of Real Estate

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

## Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

### General Fund

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

### Senior Golden Retrievers

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

### Zack's Fund

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

### For More Information

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

## Donation (& change of address)

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

General	\$ _____
Senior Golden Retrievers	\$ _____
Zack's Fund	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank You!**



