

N O R C A L Golden Retriever R E S C U E



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

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Chloe: I Love Her and She Loves Me Back

Thanks to Tristan Thuesen for writing this and to Margaret McNamara and Marilyn Ormond for making it happen!

I am Tristan and I am 9 years old. My dog Chloe has completely changed my life. Chloe has brightened up my days. Chloe means a lot to my life. I love her and she loves me back. She's really playful and fun to play with. She's really sweet. If we had not got her, my life would have just been boring. We rescued Chloe so that makes EVERYBODY happy. I feel very lucky. It may me a little tricky bathing her, taking her for walks etc. but overall Golden Retrievers are the best! I want to give a really big thanks to the people that helped up get Chloe. THANK YOU! 🐾

2014 Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 19th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Easter Play Day.

For more info,
rhmorgan95240@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 18th
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

10th Annual

Twain Hart
Play Day

Sunday, Sept. 28th
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunch wine tasting
and silent auction at
Cline Cellars

Save the Date for the Rescue Parade

Although it is early, we would like you to put this date on your calendar. **October 17th** is the date for the Rescue Parade for our rescued Golden Retrievers. This parade takes place at noon at the **Alameda County Fair ground in Pleasanton**. This is during the break at the Golden Retriever Specialty happening that day. It is the time to show off your rescued Golden and tell the public of all his or her accomplishments. Each dog enters the show ring with their owner or caretaker



and the public is told the history and current stories about your dog. It is the time to share with everyone what your dog has done as well as any interesting facts about your rescued Golden. The show is full of Golden Retrievers competing in obedience, conformation, agility and rally. It is a fun-filled day that you can enjoy with your dog. So, set aside that day for your dog.

An application will be in the next newsletter and we look forward to seeing you and your dog at the Specialty.

For more information feel free to call Marilyn Ormond (415) 453-5473. 🐾

NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

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

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Mary Ann Graziano
Mike and Bev Groeniger
Jullie Hood
Iyoti Kenny
Gregory Koll
Catherine Kruttschnitt
Jayne McCann
Susan Messinger
Holly and Mike O'Brien
Bruce Stiely
Kristine Williams
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John and Deborah Edack
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Kathy Essick
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Melinda Griffith
Stephen Hansel
Jim and Leena Krasno
Joann McGrail
Cara Mengali
Edward Minor
Mike Nellis
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Norm Wallace
James and Claire Williams

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Joan and Bob Bea
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Bill and Nancy Wilson

Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

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Betsy and Don Sumner
Anne Sutherland

RESCUE FUND *(continued from page 2)*

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Ryan and Megan Whyte
Tom and Pat Wong
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Cold Noses: Up to \$99

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David and Adrienne Yarnold

Cubby: The Girl from Taiwan

Thanks to Wende Jones for writing this and Amanda Scheffner for submitting it.

Cubby came to me on a cool November day after flying over 6,400 miles from Taipei, Taiwan locked in a dog kennel. I had chosen her because of her picture on Facebook, the tilted head with the smiling expression was irresistible. I took Sean, my 12-year-old grandson and Max, my 10-year-old Golden Retriever to meet her in Lodi. We all thought she was wonderful and loaded her into the back of my car. Cubby stretched out across the entire back while Max took his usual spot standing on the floor squeezed between the front and back seats.

Miss Cubby knew one word in English, “sit.” And she would do it . . . for about one second. Then she stood up again and seemed to say, “OK, did that, what next?” Adopting a dog that’s untrained is not unusual, especially in rescues, but one that doesn’t speak English might have been more difficult. But that wonderful quality in Goldens that seems to say, “Just tell me what you want and I’ll do it” was there in her, including learning a new language and all sorts of commands. She’s a whiz at English and now, in February, understands all commands I give her. Of course, as she’s come to be more comfortable in America, she learned that there’s some choice in obeying those directions. Most of the time she’s right on it, but once in a while, there’s something that’s really much more interesting elsewhere, whether it’s in the next room, the next food bowl or the next door neighbor’s dog’s tennis ball bag. She’s learning to explore her environment but she never runs off, and she really does return on command.

She has some of the most endearing traits. When she’s sitting and waiting for her food, her tongue is anticipating eating it already; it goes in and out of her mouth as if getting the first taste of what’s to come. And she’s teaching Max to do it too! She’s the first one awake in the morning and waits patiently for me to get out of bed while Max continues to sleep – he’s not a morning boy. When I sit down to put on my slippers she rests her head in my lap for a little early morning love and attention. A nice ear rub, a little to the left, please, makes her morning start off right.

Jill Morgan had warned me the dogs from Taiwan don’t

know how to play with other dogs since it’s unusual for them to have been pets as we think of them here. Cubby was apparently kept in a kennel most of the time as her toe nails were grown into her pads when she was surrendered by her owner, making it hard for her to walk around and also resulting in very weak leg muscles. This was actually a better fate than many of the dogs arriving from overseas. Rescue agencies there collect abandoned dogs from landfills, the streets and local shelters where Cubby was found. Many are sick and must be nursed back to health before their long journey. The females may have been used for breeding litter after litter for profit and when they cannot breed any longer, they are discarded. At least Cubby was fed, if not a lot, sufficiently, and she somehow never lost her trust in people and willingness to please.

The first day home Max play-bowed to Cubby in an invitation to join him in a good wrestle. She looked at him as if to say, “What the heck is that?!” and turned away. But now she has figured it out – this is fun! She’s very gentle when she plays. She likes to put her head next to the other dog in a shy suggestion of things to come and then practices her play moves. For the first time the other day, she met a new dog she connected with instantly and threw caution to the wind, immediately stepping in to play in the middle of the sidewalk. He sensed the spark and reciprocated right away. They rolled around and boxed each other as if old friends. What a wonderful sight.

Cubby is prospering here. No kennel for her and lots of delicious food! Yum, yum (she’s quite the food hound now). Her legs have gained so much strength that we all now walk 2 miles nearly every day. When she arrived, she could only walk a couple blocks to the local park and would be panting on the way home. We cruise around downtown Placerville greeting the merchants and other dogs taking their walk. Her original crazy wobbly gait is steadier now but still endearingly present as if she’s the teenage girl wiggling her hips for all to see. My neighbor with the irresistible tennis balls has nicknamed her “Girlie” due to her decidedly feminine attitude.

Cubby is a delight and Max and she are now pack members playing together. Thanks to NGRR for bringing her to me. Max and I are in love. 🐾



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Miss Ellie & Peaches

Thanks to Christina Hees for writing this and to Peg Aten for submitting it.

In January our family lost our beloved Emma. She was a long-haired German shepherd and “the best dog ever.” I had not realized how much Emma had infiltrated my day-to-day life. Not only was she home every day, but I also took her to work regularly so she was at my side virtually 24/7. I’m an admin at Google, which is very dog-friendly, and when we lost Emma my whole team went into mourning.

Emma was a hard act to follow. However, with her gone our house, my work, the car...it all seemed too empty and lifeless. We decided to leap right in and get a new dog. We needed a dog that could comfortably go to work and interact with people all day long. We came across the Golden Retriever Rescue site, and after seeing the gorgeous dogs with their sweet dispositions we stopped looking elsewhere.

We discussed dogs with Jill Morgan and even considered getting a puppy. I



wanted a female and the only puppy left was a boy, so we chatted about other available dogs. Peaches, who is 4-years old, seemed like she would be a perfect fit. However, she was a bonded pair with Ellie, who is 9 year old. We could not think of separating them. It would have been so hard for both of them and they had already lost their home when their owner passed away from cancer. So we decided to adopt both girls and give Ellie a loving home for the years she has left. And what a wonderful decision that has been.

On our way home from adopting the dogs, we stopped for lunch in Livermore. We sat on the patio to people-watch and several people stopped to chat with us and pet the dogs. We even had dogs coming over to be introduced. Nobody could believe that the dogs were so new to us that we had not even been home yet. And introducing these two dogs into our household has been the easiest transition we have ever had with animals. Both Ellie and Peaches are the sweetest dogs, and

our four indoor cats immediately took to them. I took Peaches to work with me the day after we adopted her and both dogs the next Friday. Everyone on my team is in love!

Since Ellie is rather stiff, she loves her dog beds, both in the living room and the bedroom. But Peaches immediately headed for our sofa. We generally don’t let our dogs on the furniture, but she was so cute and curls up into the cutest little bundle that we agreed to share the sofa with her. Both girls love walks and car rides, and have filled the empty hole in our heart that Emma left.

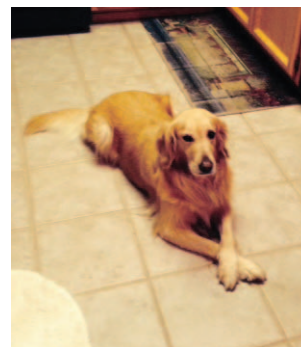
Note: Debra Hart, AC for Calaveras Tuolumne County and Jill Morgan coordinated the surrender of Miss Ellie and Peaches. These lovely Golden Retrievers showed their love and devotion to their owner while he was dying of cancer and stayed by his side through to the end. His wife and family were sadly not able to keep them, so they surrendered them to NGRR. 🐾



Sadie’s Rescued Love

Thanks to Marie Gaston for writing this and Amanda Schaffner and Jill Morgan for submitting it.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for our Sadie. I never thought adopting could fill the void of losing my Ellie a year ago. Your help, and all you do with rescued love, is amazing. Sadie has brought us do much joy and laughter. Our lives are the better for having our new Golden family member. Bless you all. 🐾



IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of "Oliver"
Cherished by Ann Newberry

In Honor of "Mason"
Loved by Deborah Mullan
In Honor of Howard Guild
"Happy Birthday, Howard! This donation is being made as a tribute to your commitment to NGRR. You (and Judy) have an unwavering love for Golden Retrievers and this foundation. Wishing you the best in the year ahead."
Donation by Tina Onderbeke

In Honor of Keith Tanimura
"Happy Birthday, Keith! We are sorry we could not celebrate your birthday with you. May you be blessed with a wonderful day and year!"
Donation by Peggy & Ken Howell

In Honor of "Molly" aka "Puppy Wong"
Adopted and loved by Jaclyn & Matthew Wong

In Honor of "Lucky"
Rescued Love from Taiwan
Donation by Ann Chee

In Honor of "Susie"
Donation by Debra Hitchcock

In Honor of "Riley" and "Serra"
"My two seniors, Riley, 9, and Serra, 12, are healthy and doing great, playful as ever!"
Loved by Robert Diestel

Merry Christmas, Tana!
"This is a Christmas gift for my friend, Tana Lingvall. It is her favorite charity!"
Donation by Audrey Down

Happy 70th Birthday, Janis (Musante)!!!
Lovingly donated by Linda & Robert Peltz

In Honor of "Dawson"
"Keep up the great work. My rescue, Dawson, is going well. I have had him 9 wonderful years."
Lovingly donated by Dan Fink

In Honor of "Kerry"
Donated with love by Sylvie & Donal Delaney

In Honor of Patricia Gwizdak
Donation by Jean F. Harrell

In Honor of "Henry"
"Henry is my 2nd NGRRescue dog. He is a wonderful boy!"
Donation by Marjorie Johansen

"Merry Christmas, Karen Leary!"
"May you have a Golden holiday season and New Year!"
Donation by Karen & George Tunnell

In Honor of "Buddy," "Sunny," and "Bella"
Cherished and loved by Bev & Mike Groeniger

In Gratitude for our special "Francie"
"She is just the best!"
Donation by Candace & Greg Osborn

In Honor of Andrea & Tom Spink
"In honor of the love and care Given to 'Chester,' 'Maggie,' 'Charlie,' 'Sadie,' 'McCovey,' and many more Golden angels who came before them."
Donation by Karla Robson

In Tribute to Janet Peacock
Donation by Laura Best

In Honor of Barney
Donation by Christine McInerney

In Tribute to Jean Connors
Donation by Terry Sechrist

In Honor of Gloria & Jim Zion
Donation by Kerry Ann Moore

In Honor of "Tyler"
"Tyler thanks you."
Loved by Edward Miner

In Honor of our Brothers and Sisters in Need
"2013 has been a busy year. Mom has been forgetting a lot of things. She was surprised to find she hadn't supported NGRR this year. I whined, Essie gave her a button eyed face and Tazzy gave her the saddest Golden face ever. Hope this donation brings comfort and joy."
Donation by "Shelby," "Tazzy," and "Essie"
Marquez and Gerard & Mary (their parents)

In Honor of Steve Yanger
Donation by Thomas Yanger

In Honor of Zach and Scout Mahoney
Donation by Jennifer Romo

In Tribute to the Young Family
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

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

Adored by Mike & Bev Groeniger
In Honor of "Cassie"
Loved by Angela Guenther

In Tribute to Diane Head
Donation by Silvia & Paul Kehoe

In Honor of "Dixie"
"Dixie says 'hi.' We are so lucky. What a sweet girl she is."
Loved by Camille & John Rutkowski

In Honor of Sharon Brechtel
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

Merry Christmas to Gerri Lonergan
Donation by Greg Lindahl

In Honor of Carole Frank
"Mom, you are the greatest. Have a wonderful year, and thanks for everything you do. We love you!"
Lovingly donated by the Behrman Family

Happy Holidays to Kelly Takemoto & Gordon Durand
"I have made a gift in your honor to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. Hope you have a wonderful holiday."
Donation by Karra Canum

In Honor of the Corbin Crew
"To Nancy and all the Corbin dogs, past and present."
Donation by Geff Rapp

"In Honor of the NGRR team who brought Sophia to us from Taiwan."
Donation by Sharon Breimhorst

In Honor of Felix Yeung
Donation by Greg Zlotnick

"Merry Christmas to Elaine Erickson. We love you!"
Donation by Sara Steffen

In Tribute to "Duke," "Tipper," and "Miracle"
Donation by David Roseman

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

In Honor of "Vinnie"

"Vinnie, the Goldendoodle, won the December photo contest and chose NGRR to receive this donation. Thank you for all you do on behalf of the animals."

Donation by Blue Sterling

In Honor of Aunt Pat, the Great Dog Lover

Donation by Ann Rosenthal

In Honor of Carole & Barry Frank

Donation by Joyce & Stanley Davies

In Honor of "Tierra"

"Our sweet Tierra (from Guatemala) has been with us for nearly four years. She fills our lives with her devotion, fun and love. Each day I realize how fortunate we are. Thank you for all you are doing."

Loved by Leena, Anna, & Jim Krasno

In Honor of "Atira" and Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of our 3 Golden Girls – "Aly," "Mitzva," and "Amit"

Cherished by Lindie & Ken Henderson

"Thank you for rescuing Diego and bringing him into our lives! He has touched our lives immeasurably and we will always be grateful to NGRR for bringing him to us."

Donated Anonymously

In Memory of "Hannah"

In Honor of Deborah Lubeck

"Hannah was very loved by Deborah, who has provided a wonderful home for so many senior Goldens."

Cherished by Deborah Lubeck

Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Honor of "Chylee"

Loved by Jenny & Jonathan Kenton

In Honor of "Sam"

Adored by Mary Baron

In Honor of Diane & Jim Seymour

Donation by Lauri & John Hammer

In Honor of "Cookie"

Cherished by Gordon Del Faro

In Honor of Dr. Perry Heffelfinger

Donation by Lynne & Marc Benioff

In Honor of Brian Kelley

Donation by Brian Kelley

In Honor of "Beau"

In Honor of Joanne Crist

"In honor of Beau and his best beaches"

Lovingly donated by Bruce Crist

Happy Birthday, Laurie Garcia!

"Happy Birthday, Laurie. This is in remembrance of your sweet girls, Sadie and Jasmine. They were the sweetest dogs and I know they are missed very much."

Lovingly donated by Bonnie Esteban

In Honor of Savannah Johnson's Birthday

Donation by Eric Meyer

In Memory of "Mac," "Sammy," and "Sox"

Loved by Joyce & Ronald Kinton

In Memory of John Garcia

"We found Sweetbreeze Kennels by calling Norcal and found our sweet Sienna. John will be missed."

Donation by Aileen & Gordon Walton

In Memory of "Tucker"

Donation by Dr. Cheryl Ramos, Pets Eternal Rest

In Memory of "Cobie"

"Cobie was a big, beautiful boy with the sweetest disposition and the biggest heart. He completed our family, enriched our lives, and was the most loving, wonderful friend. We lost him suddenly in July and we miss him every day, but we feel so blessed that he was with us for most of his 11 years. Thank you to NGRR for bringing him into our lives."

Loved, cherished and missed by Pat, Kate, Rebecca & Merrick Belding

In Memory of "Hunter"

"Our first Golden Retriever from Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue."

Loved by Barbara & Austin Kilburn

In Memory of "Summer"

"Summer was a special and loving dog to both people and her younger canine companions. She was a remarkable dog and will be missed by many."

Loved by Dr. Jenny Kelsey

Donation by Patricia Ford

In Memory of "Maggie" Beacham

Cherished by Heidi Beacham

In Memory of "Dallas"

Missed and loved by Bob Armstrong

Donation by Terri Spurk

In Memory of Serena Saris-Magennis

Donation by Rosetta & Willard Bailey III

In Memory of our sweet Serena Saris

"My Golden Retriever sired Reeses' puppies and I know how important helping rescued Goldens was to Serena. Thank you for everything you do to help Golden Retrievers."

Donation by Pam & Brett Kindall, Sterling & Anne Baker

In Memory of "Clancy"

"Clancy was our 'Best Buddy.' We adopted him in November 1999 as a 10 month old 'big' puppy from NGRR. At first Clancy had to be trained and I had to adjust to his unlimited energy. He lived to be 14 years old. I just wanted to let your organization know that one of your rescue dogs had turned out really well for our family. We miss Clancy very much, and it has been an adjustment not having him around."

Loved and missed by the Lum Family

In Memory of Gertrude Burgess

"Gertrude had a Golden Retriever which she was very fond of."

Donation by Lillian & Ralph Aiken

In Memory of Serena Saris-Magennis

Donation by Ryan & Pati Todd

In Memory of "Summer"

"Summer was the beautiful daughter of our Nicholas."

Missed and loved by Jenny Kelsey

Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory Serena Saris-Magennis

Donation by Rose & Dick Brown

In Memory of Serena Saris-Magennis

Donation by Susan & Doug Cooper

In Memory of Serena Stephanie Saris-Magennis

"Serena was very supportive of your Golden Rescue. We are saddened by her loss and will be missed by many."

Donation by H3D Dive Dogs, Cindy

Zamboni-Toni

IN MEMORIUM

In Memory of "Jake"

"Jake brought light and gave love to everyone he met, especially the children at Bryant Elementary School where Jake was a therapy dog. Everyone who ever knew you fell in love with you, especially me. I will miss and love you eternally."

Loved, loved and loved some more by
Susan Katz

In Memory of "Alex" Filby

"Alex was fourteen at the time he travelled the Rainbow Bridge to his dad, Larry in 11/2012."

Adored by Sandy Filby

In Memory of "Daisy"

"Daisy you could not have been more loyal or appreciative of our affection and care. You found your forever home, and we found pure love. Thank you for all your teaching. We love you."

Love, Mom (Susie) and Jim Glueck

In Memory of Serena Saris-Magennis

"We are saddened by the sudden loss of a special friend. Serena was such a wonderful, outgoing and caring person. She touched so many lives during her short time here on earth. Serena had such a passion for life and love for Golden Retrievers. She was loved by so many and will be greatly missed."

Donation by Shasta Splash Dogs

In memory of "Aspen" McGrail and

"Aspen" Walker

Donation by Thelma Walker

In Memory of "Rumor" Warren

"We are so sad to hear about Rumor passing away. She had a huge personality and was also so dear. I know she had a long life for a Golden, but we will miss her."

Treasured and loved by Jamie Warren

Donation by Catherine Greenberg

In Memory of "Barney"/Mc Bears "Just Call Me Barney"

"You left us after 14 years of unending devotion. We will never forget you."

Adored and loved by Margaret & Clay Stringer

In Memory of Dorothy Lee Harris

Donation by Barbara & Richard Crespo

In Memory of "Noah"

"We adopted Noah from NGRR when he was 3 years old. When Noah became our family member, he joined 'Molson' our 8 year old Golden Retriever. Alongside Molson, Noah slept in our bedroom, went on vacation with us, and was a 'regular' member of the family (as any dog should be). Although he came to us with some challenges that we had to manage, her gave us joy, unlimited kisses and loyalty for 13 years. Our vet thinks that Noah is one of the longest lived Goldens he has ever cared for. Noah was born on June 14th 1997. We helped him to the Rainbow Bridge on November 11th 2013. We are grateful to NGRR for what they do, and will reach out again to you someday to bring another Golden into our lives."

Devotedly loved by the Repanich Family

In Memory of "Koa"

"In memory of Koa who was so loved and lived a beautiful life."

Cherished by Mrs. Miyo Inouye

Donation by Betty Malone

In Memory of "Gabby" & "Nicko"

Lovingly donated by Debby & TL Holcomb

In Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy"

"Thank you for all your good work!"

Donated by Louise Korn

In Memory of Chip Kenney

Donation by Judith (Jyoti) Kenney

In Memory of Shirlee Thomas and In

Thanks for helping bring us "Shadow"

Donation by Rachel & Loren Kertz

In Memory of "Dingo"

Treasured by those at Thermo Fisher Scientific

Donation by Sharmini Muralitharan

In Memory of Ezekiel Dogzilla

"He was supposed to be a Golden girl. We were looking for another golden after our golden girl, Sunni, died. But he came to us unexpectedly, and we were helpless to refuse him. He was an Irish Wolfhound mix, but we always thought of him as our Golden Retriever in disguise. I called him EZ because he was so easy to love."

Cherished and loved by Elaine Hujambojoie

In Loving Memory of "Sky"

5/17/02 - 1/20/13

Loved by Paula Tokugawa and Richard Duncel

In Loving Memory of Jody Stiely

Missed and loved by Bruce Stiely

In Memory of "Sheeba" and "Osa"

"Two special girls!"

Remembered and missed by Sharon Mowat

In Memory of "Jack Potter"

"In memory of Jack, an amazing doggy who was dearly loved and will be greatly missed."

Adored by the Drs. Potter

Donation by Emily & James Beckmann

In Memory of "Lucy Vincent of MV"

"Lucy was my Golden Girl!"

Loved by Tracy Gibbons

In Loving Memory of my Norcal Rescue - "Dorado"

Treasured by Marta Moreno

In Memory of "Alaska"

"In loving memory of a very special Golden who touched the lives of our dear friends."

Loved and worshiped by the Flaherty Family

Donation by Susan Ahern

In Memory of James Murphy

Donation by Christine Gomes Bellone

In Memory of "Sok" and "Benjamin"

"Sok was a wonderful companion and epitomized the Golden nature. An avid swimmer and goofball, his serious side came out when helping emotionally disturbed children deal with their issues. His son, Benjamin was another energetic lover but lymphoma cut short his life. Both are missed after the years. A special thank and recognition to Dr. Ruth at CCI who was pivotal in both their lives and instrumental in bringing us together."

Loved by John Graykoski

In Memory of "Dewey"

Adored by Scott McDonald

In Memory of "Diva"

"Diva was a loyal and wonderful dog."

Loved by Jill Fisher

Donation by Leslee Deckard

In Memory of "Rascal," "Kimo," "Cody," and "Dusty"
"We miss them all very much and think about them every single day. Abbie lost her best friend and brother Dusty but knows he's watching over her."
 Loved by Teresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro

In Memory of our sweet "Woody"
"We are hoping to support your effort on behalf of Woody. Thank you for what you do for our most beloved soulmates."
 Cherished and missed by Al Mueller and Russell Erickson

In Memory of "Casey" and "Tracker"
 Loved by Patricia Portwood

In Memory of "Carrie" and "Mattie MacIntosh"
 Loved and missed by Bill Grant and Julie Jepsen-Grant

In Memory of "Kayla"
"We will miss your smile, your friendship, your eagerness to chase your shadow for whatever you might find in the tree."
 Loved by MaryLou Atkins
 Donation by Sharon Banks

In Memory of Ruth Fukumoto
"To honor the memory of Gayle Jackson's mother"
 Donation by Deanna Nurge

In Memory of "Hanna" (Oma) Sveen
"Gone From Our Sight. That is All."
 Loved by Kermit Sveen

In Memory of "Rumor"
 SR Am CH Regency Rumors Flying High CD, RE, JH, CGC, WC, VC, BVISS
 Loved and adored by Jamie Warren
 Donation by Martha & Alex Glew

In Memory of "Bodhi"
 Forever loved by Melinda Griffith

In Memory of "Ginger"
"Ginger came from NGRR and was a loving member of the family. She was her best friend and companion for 9 years. We hope the donation in memory of Ginger helps to care for and protect another loving Golden."
 Cherished and adored by Carol Meddaugh
 Donation by Janice & Peter Chalfant

In Memory of "Brandy"
"NGRR brought you and Brandy together. What a perfect match. Brandy was a breeder who had no training as a house pet. You devoted yourselves to helping Brandy fulfill his potential to become a beautifully behaved and very happy Golden boy enjoying many adventures. He had a true Golden spirit and brought us all joy and laughter in his energy, love of life and love of both of you. We all have so many wonderful memories that will stay in our hearts forever. Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your wonderful Golden 'Brandy' all too soon."
 Lovingly missed by Cherie & Larry Day
 Donation by Joan & Phil Fisher

In Memory of my Mom, Ruth Fukumoto
 Loved by Gayle and Doug Jackson

In Memory of Cristobal Dominguez
 Father to Cristina Dominguez and loved his companion, "Rusty."
 Donation by Kim Palmer & Madeliene Scheiman

In Memory of "Brandy"
 Loved by Cherie Garcia Day
 Donation by Kathy Evans

In Memory of "Brandy" 2008-2014
"Bless you for bringing such joy into the lives of our friends, Cherie and Larry, and for being such a patient teacher to our Dillon."
 Much loved by Cherie & Larry Day
 Donation by Barbara & Rob Grant

In Memory of "Max"
"We are thinking of you, Max, and hope you are happy in doggie heaven."
 Adored by Dyana Wong
 Donation by Sarah Nickerson

In Loving Memory of Serena
 'Goldenpaws' Saris
"Serena was a great person and friend. She was always cheerful, and her smile could light up a room. Serena loved life and she loved doing things with her dogs. She was involved in many events such as Splash Dogs, UKC conformation events and weight pull. Serena, you will be greatly missed by all of us!"
 Donation by Sondra Peirson

In Memory of "Walter"
"Walter, a senior dog when he came to NGRR, had the good fortune to spend several wonderful years with Deborah before his recent passing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."
 Loved by Deborah Lubeck
 Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of "Millie"
"Millie was a wonderful Golden adopted by the Guild's in her later years, and received all the love and care a dog could wish for."
 Loved by Judy & Howard Guild
 Donation by Laurain & Jim Sexton

In Memory of "Maggie"
 Cherished, loved and missed by Doris Kessell

In Memory of "Millie;" Millie's Last Wish
"The only thing I can give is the love I left behind."
 Loved by Judy & Howard Guild
 Wishing that others can see the beauty of adopting a senior . . .

In Memory of "Millie"
"We send you our sympathy to both of you. Millie was a special dog and an integral part of your lives. Cherish the many memories you all had together. We are thinking of you."
 Lovingly devoted by Judy & Howard Guild
 Donation by Lois & Bob Hudak

In Memory of "Farley"
"Farley was my brother's beloved and cherished Golden."
 Loved by John Gravell
 Donation by Joan Gravell & June Davies

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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.

Amazing Gracie

Thanks to Adam and Tracy Schretenthaler for writing this and to Peg Aten for submitting it.

My husband and I recently got married, we bought a house, and were happy in our careers, but we were missing something – a furever doggie. One night in November after tutoring, my student introduced me to her family's dog, a 10-year-old Golden and my heart melted. After cuddling with her Golden for a good 20 minutes,



I went home and started searching on the Internet for Golden Retriever rescue organizations. I came across the NGRR website and there was Gracie on the front page. I instantly felt a connection with her by just looking at her picture. By this time my husband was asleep, I ran upstairs and woke him up and said, "We have to meet Gracie!" Even through his grogginess, he could see how special she was as well.

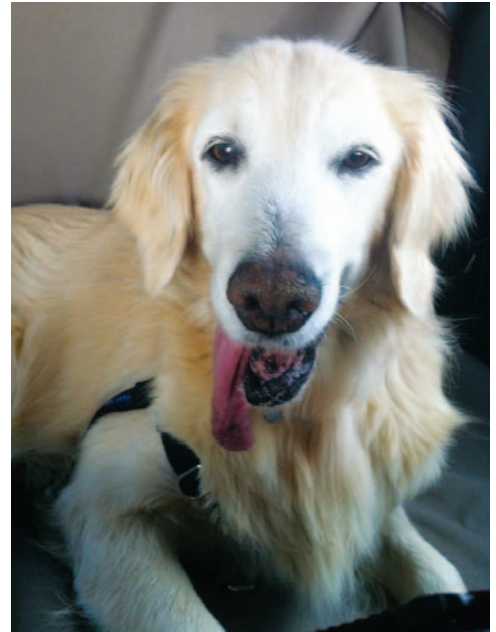
Gracie is a very special dog. In August of 2013, 8-year-old Jai Jai (later renamed Gracie) arrived in the United States from Taiwan. Her foster mom, Amber, took Jai Jai home from SFO and she and her Aunt Sheila nursed Jai Jai back to health. When Jai Jai arrived in the States she was about 20 pounds lighter than she is currently. She was also missing the majority of her teeth due to extreme malnourishment,

which as a result her tongue permanently hangs out the side of her mouth.

Since Jai Jai has few teeth to chew food and did not have an appetite when she first arrived to the US, Amber had to hand feed her every meal for several months. Jai Jai also had to have several operations to remove infected teeth. She has two remaining teeth. Amber and her Aunt Sheila witnessed how incredible Jai Jai persevered through such adversity, all while still showing love and affection. Amber and Shelia were amazed; inspired by her amazing grace, and that is when Jai Jai became Gracie.

After our home visit with the volunteer coordinator, Peg, she put us in touch with Gracie's foster mom, Amber. I will never forget my first phone conversation with Amber; I could tell in her voice the emotion and love she felt for Gracie. Amber had created a very special bond with Gracie and she was very close with her, in that moment I knew what an incredible person Amber was and how special Gracie was as well. Through everything she and her family had been through with Gracie, she was going to give my husband and I an amazing gift. It was a significant moment and showed my husband and I how extraordinary this organization is.

A week later (which seemed like an eternity!) we drove to Amber's house to meet Gracie. We immediately fell in love with her! We drove home that day with Gracie and we have loved every minute with her since! Gracie is a sweet, loving,



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calm dog that continues to inspire us. She loves car rides and going new places. We take her almost everywhere we go! People adore her and her story inspires so many! She is at a healthy weight and is now able to eat on her own. Breakfast and dinner are her favorite times of the day! We are so grateful that we have our furever doggie. She is the best to come home to and cuddle up with at night. We are so blessed!

Not only did we gain a new family member, but we also gained friends in Amber and her family. Amber and I text almost every day, sharing pictures of Gracie and we are so glad she is in our lives. We have been so inspired by all of the incredible people at NGRR and Rescued Love From Taiwan. We are so grateful for all that you do! 🐾

Cooper Loves to Talk, Run, and Play

Thanks to Ken Fowler for writing this and Linda Gomoll and Jeanne Hanlon for submitting it.

Cooper is a 3-year-old Golden Retriever who arrived with lots of fanfare one week before Christmas. He is a beautiful boy who is eager to please and loves to let you know it. Two main things about Cooper: one, he loves to talk when he brings you prizes and greets you (and talks and talks); two, he loves to run and run and run. There is no middle speed for this guy – he's either asleep or he's in fast mode, running anywhere he can, including around the pool. Within a few days he and our other dog Painter, a Lhasa, became bosom buddies. They now sleep side by side (or with Painter between Cooper's legs). Painter was brought up by our other Golden who since past away



and he has been waiting for another buddy. Cooper's other friend is our large Maine Coon Cat named Murphy. Murphy and Cooper became immediate friends. Cooper is always trying to get the others to play doggy games. Well, Murphy, who is 20+ lbs, has no problems with playing with Cooper. Murphy lays out on his back on a tabletop and Cooper tries to get at him from below while Murphy takes jabs at Cooper's head and ears. Cooper is very social and although he came with some bad manners, he is quickly learning the ropes.

For a lifetime Golden Retriever owner, there is little that is more satisfying than coming home and having Painter and Cooper waiting at the door with tails wagging, eager for my arrival. Even on a bad day I can't stay unhappy with my boys waiting to greet me. 🐾

A Bear Who Gets Along with Chickens, Cats, and Kids

Thanks to Jan Dalluge for writing this and Ken Raith for submitting it.

So excited! We got the call from Jill! Finally, a dog that looked like he would get along with chickens, cats, kids, cars, you name it – because we've got 'em all! We knew everything would be just fine when Moca took a brief look at Lilly, the peahen, then walked on like he'd seen ten others that day!

This happy ending started many weeks ago when we chanced upon the website for the NGRR. It seemed like it would be something that we would be honored to be a part of. Rescue is nothing new to us as all of our animals at home are "throw-aways" or rescues. In fact, the only animal we ever bought was a parakeet that we needed for a cockatiel that lost his mate and was desperately lonely. Ironically, that little bird was the only one that never

warmed up to the company of humans!

Back to Moca . . . We watched the videos of the dogs leaving Taiwan on January 22, 2014. Then we watched closely at the San Francisco arrival. There he was! Our Moca! Ken invited us to be there as the dogs arrived. Sadly, work did not allow this, however, we were glued to the Rescued Love from Taiwan Facebook page.

Two days later, I jumped into the Volvo and drove off to Jill's wonderful foster facility.

She barked out the instructions, (sorry for the pun), I saluted and promised to be the best parent ever, gently loaded Moca into the car and drove home. By then, my husband Jurgen was waiting for us. We all tumbled onto the floor, cuddling and the dog just rolled and rubbed and made all sorts of love-ie type noises, more like a bear than a dog. That's it!! Bear! His new name! 🐾



A House Full of Girls!

Thanks to Cecilia Arpoika for writing this and Peg Aten for submitting it.

I have always had a soft spot for rescued animals. When my husband and I went to visit Sofie, I fell in love with her immediately. Fancy, my precious Golden, had passed away 2 years ago. She was the sweetest thing and I miss her very much. Then I heard about Sofie.

Her story broke my heart. She was gentle and frightened but still willing to greet us. We had to wait a couple of months to adopt her. At the age of 8 she had to be spayed and then recover, then go onto heartworm medicine and recover from those painful treatments.

On New Year's Day we finally went to pick up Sofie and brought her home. She has been the love of my life. My house is full of girls! We also adopted Abby, a 12-year-old Golden, Sabrina, a 13-year-old cocker mix, Goldie, our 12-year-old cat, and Buggy, our rabbit. Everyone gets along. It only took a few days for Sofie to be comfortable, probably because she feels so much better. She loves the attention from my husband and prances like a little deer.

Thank you Norcal Golden Rescue for taking good care of all the Golden Retrievers. They are resilient and precious. 🐾

Our Sweet Bella

Thanks to Maureen Johnston for writing this and to Sharon Brechtel for submitting it.

We must admit we are Golden Retriever lovers. Each dog we had has been a jewel and friends often ask us how we have such amazing dogs. When we lost our last Golden, precious Maggie, last April we did not know if we could put our heart out there again. It was great for a while not having to worry if we wanted to go away for a few days. We saved on vet bills and dog sitters but of course there was something missing.

In November my husband Rob asked me what I wanted for Christmas. Without thinking much about it I said, "A new dog." He surprisingly said okay! I went on line and looked at rescue sites. We thought about another breed but our hearts are with Golden Retrievers. I went to the NGRR site and filled out an application. A wonderful lady named Sharon called me to say she received our application and would like to schedule a home visit. We had a fun visit and she left with the promise that she would find us just the right dog.

Time went by but unfortunately we were still waiting. A few weeks before Christmas my husband asked again what I wanted for Christmas and I said an iPad Air. Guess what I got for Christmas?



In January we were out of town celebrating my husband's birthday when we got the great news. They had a wonderful dog named Bella that they thought would be a great fit for us. We were very excited but slightly nervous. Thoughts came to mind about accidents in the home, barking issues, or behavioral problems. But we know we are seasoned dog owners and we can handle just about anything.

Then we met Bella and it was love at first sight! How lucky we are to have such an amazing dog. Bella is the sweetest, most gentle soul. She is well trained, comes on command, will walk off leash and obey any and all commands. They said she was seven years old but she has energy like a young dog. She loves her ball and will fetch and drop to perfection. She loves her daily walks. She is quite the cuddler and especially enjoys her belly rubs.

We count our blessings every day and want to thank NGRR for bringing this joy into our lives. Bella will be heading out on her first road trip with us, first to Russian River and Sea Ranch and then off to Carmel. Every bit of love we give is returned to us three fold and we just hope she will be part of our family for many years to come. If you have thought about adding a dog to your life we would say, do it! There is nothing else like the unconditional love of a Golden! 🐾



Thanks to Howard guild for submitting this.

Before humans die, they write their last Will and Testament, give their home and all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask . . .

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

- My happy home
- My bowl and cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys
- The lap, which I loved so much
- The hand that stroked my fur and the sweet voice which spoke my name

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM.

This is the only thing I can give . . . the love I left behind.

— Author Unknown



Adoption: Love at First Sight

Thanks to Laurie Sherwood for writing this and to Ken Raith for submitting it.

On a warm January day in 1957, my Mom and Dad received word from Holy Family Adoption Agency in Los Angeles that a baby girl was available for adoption and could they come to see her. My Mom always used to say, it was the most important and exciting day of their lives. I was that baby girl, and it was love at first sight for my parents. Amazingly, my Mom and I shared the same birthday!

While I was young, my parents read “The Chosen Baby” to me, a child’s book about being adopted – I always felt so special and so lucky to have been adopted by my Mom and Dad! As Bob and Dolores Hope adopted their children from Holy Family (and are about the same age as my brother and me), I used to kid my Mom and Dad that we could have been adopted by Bob Hope! It always got a chuckle but I wouldn’t trade my parents for anything!

Fast forward to June 2001, I am now happily married to Bart, and we just got a fluffy Golden Retriever puppy who we named Zoe!! She was such joy to us – a complete sweetie and as goofy as could be! She had a penchant for squirrels and chocolate chip cookie dough! In May 2009, my husband passed away, somewhat unexpectedly. Without my Zoe to come home to, I do not know what I would have done. She became my best buddy and was there to greet and console me every night. I know she missed Bart too! In January 2013, my Mom lost her



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battle with liver cancer, just five days short of her 90th birthday. Once again, my Golden Zoe was such a great comfort.

April saw Zoe’s 12th birthday! As goofy as ever but she was starting to slow down and had some health issues. By early October, her hips and legs finally just gave out, and I had to put her to sleep. As she laid her head in my lap, the tears wouldn’t stop but I knew I had done the right thing for her... she wasn’t suffering any more. The next few weeks were difficult and the house seemed so empty without her but then the holidays rolled around with a flurry of activity.

Before I knew it, January was here, and the house seemed quieter and emptier than ever before... I so missed everyone including my goofy Zoe. On another

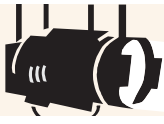
warm January day, I decided it was time for another dog. Only a Golden would do as they are the best but I wanted to adopt a rescue this time. I found NGRR and completed the application.

A few days later, Ken contacted me and scheduled my home visit. Several weeks passed with no news so I contacted Ken. It looked like it might be my time, and a Golden from Taiwan seemed to be in my future. But then I got the call from Ken a few days later about a surrender named Gordon.

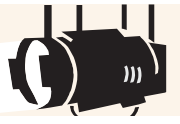
That Saturday, Ken brought Gordon to my house – it was love at first sight! He is a big handsome boy and just an amazing dog! From the minute Gordon entered the house, he was right at home. He headed upstairs and proceeded to explore the entire house, and from then on, has been my constant buddy and shadow. As he sat at my side while I completed the adoption agreement, I thought back to the day when my parents got the call from the adoption agency and how they must have felt... Today was my adoption day, and Gordon, my chosen Golden.

The next day, I knew for sure Gordon was here to stay! As I read the Sunday paper and drank my coffee, Gordon hopped up onto the window seat, and settled in the corner with his head resting on the window sill to catch the morning sun! Every morning as I wake, and every night when I come home, Gordon is there to greet me. He’s the best!! My heartfelt thanks go out to Ken and NGRR for the great work they do and for bringing Gordon into my life. 🐾





Spotlight on Seniors



Thanks to Kevin Tinto for writing this and Laurie Depaolo for submitting it.

It's said, that if you spell dog backwards, you get the genuine definition. They rein over territory, sometimes with an iron bark until you stick a hand out, then they melt into a pool of warm caramel, the rich scent of unconditional love oozing from every pore and fine hair of their cozy coat.

Our first rescue, Murphy, was a stray picked up off the streets in Modesto who lived to fourteen. When Murphy passed away, the house was suddenly empty and quiet. We filled that emptiness with Brass. The paperwork said he was six, a quiet dog in need of a home. When we picked up Brass, he turned out to be a monster at a hundred and three pounds, thirty of those making him look like an over-stuffed submarine sandwich. He wasn't six, he was just turning three. When he was only seven, we lost him to Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, a disease where the immune system destroys red blood cells faster than Brass could make them. Thinking about our loss, I remembered our first month with Brass, how he would lie in the hallway, his head down on his paws for hours, clearly devastated at the loss of his family, and as nice as these new "strangers" seemed, they couldn't replace his original family. What happens if a Golden



Boys" would have a difficult time finding a family; someone willing to take not only two Golden Retrievers, but two older dogs. NGRR had their blood tested, as part of a physical, and Bo, the older dog's blood report hinted he might be in the early stages of cancer. Amanda, the rescue coordinator, was devastated. She knew we wouldn't take Bo, after our recent experience with Brass. Or, she thought we wouldn't take him.

"Of course we will take him," we said. We just couldn't see splitting these two loving brothers up at this stage in their lives. When I picked them up in Sacramento, I found two dogs, again overweight, but full of energy. Bo was jumping around so much and so full of life, I suspected his early diagnosis was wrong. I had just spent four months with a dog who was seriously ill, and Bo was anything but...

They hadn't had much exercise, and Bo's rear legs shook after a short walk, and Jack, who is badly bowlegged, would shuffle along, dragging his rear paws on the pavement, sitting down after a short stint, the look in his eyes saying, "I want to go on, but I just can't."

Soon, we got more result back from Bo's blood. No cancer this time, maybe a thyroid problem, because of his weight. A huge relief, but his appetite, and attitude had told me he was (probably) okay.

As their walks went from ten minutes, on to twenty, past thirty and more, Bo's rear legs stopped shaking. He ran like a dog half his age. Jack stopped dragging his rear paws, and the side to side gait, slowly went away as well. He could run as well, and effortlessly.

For us, managing these two bundles of energy and getting them adjusted, helped us with the pain of losing Brass, moving it a bit toward the back of our minds, as these two happy and energy-filled "older" Golden's kept us happily amused.

Now, I can't imagine not having these two dogs in the house, with different, but loving personalities, channeling in some ways, both Murphy and Brass. Jack gives love in big doses, and is famous for nosing in if he thinks Bo is getting too many pets. He still loves walking around with two tennis balls in his mouth, the difference now, he can chase them for an hour, without tiring.

For those thinking of adopting a Golden Retriever, I urge you to think about one (or more) of NGRR's "senior" dogs. They are smart, loving, and loyal and that makes them really special. 🐾



can't find a home? If no one wants them, if they are too old, or sick, ragged looking, or have challenging personalities? Do they simply go from foster home, to foster home, in their hearts knowing that no one will ever love them, while we look for the perfect Golden, at that right age, with the right pedigree, temperament, size, color, smile, etc?

It was then, I decided to help those who needed it most; the older dogs, coming from a loving family, who had the hardest time finding a new home, and would need that extra love and care, to help them make that transition.

And suddenly, right there on the NGRR rescue website was that dog, times two. Jack and Bo. Jack is nine, and Bo eleven. They are not related, but have been brothers their entire lives. Their family was in the process of relocating to Florida. "The

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Appreciated Securities

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

Gifts Through Your Estate

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

Life Income Gifts

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

Gifts of Real Estate

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

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

Senior Golden Retrievers

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

Special Needs Fund

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

For More Information

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

Volunteer Interest

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

HANDS-ON DOG WORK

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

FUNDRAISING

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

OPERATIONS

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

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

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Is Your Golden a Calendar Girl or Boy?

It's time to start thinking about the 2015 NGRR calendar and we would love to see your photos. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Photos need to be hi-res.
 2. No iPhone or iPad photos because the photos do not enlarge well. If you were to use the iPhone or iPad the photos would need to be in the small picture areas of the calendar.
 3. When you send us an email, please make sure the attached story and photos are labeled with your dog's name. (So, instead of attaching a photo where your camera named the file IMG00076.jpg, please rename each photo with your dog's name, for example: JackandSuzy.jpg.) When files aren't named it is very difficult to identify them and organize the calendar.
 4. Each story should tell what your dog's life was like prior to rescue and what your dog's life is like after adoption – just a short story of 3 or 4 sentences.
 5. Please include your dog's approximate age.
 6. Please email to cathy@etypeworks.com and patswally@comcast.net
 7. Action photos are best. Please no humans in the photos though we love photos with your cat or other breed dogs.
- Thank you in advance for 2015 calendar submissions.

The deadline is June 1st 2014. Pat Lynch: 510-471-9777

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