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

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Dakota's Story



Thanks to Dean and Jennifer Brierley for submitting this and to Linda Gomoll for making it happen!

At our first interview process through NGRR back in February 2010, my husband and I weren't sure what to expect. Linda Gomoll, our local contact, assured us that they would find a Golden that would be the perfect match for us and she did. We had originally expressed interest in adopting an older Golden at which point Linda said, "You guys are too young. You should have a puppy!" The very next week we received a call from Linda saying she had a female 6-month-old rescue out of Sacramento and would forward a photo shortly. Of

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course we fell in love with her photo and a meeting was arranged for the following week. Before meeting "Dakota" (my husband gave her the name), we were given some history about previous home. It seems Dakota was a gift for a teenage daughter, who ended up going off to college a few months later.

Her parents, having two other dogs already, were not prepared nor took the time to properly train Dakota, which resulted in them placing her in a crate for up to ten hours a day. This produced a very high energy, anxious, and unbalanced sad puppy. We were a little uncertain that we could take on a dog with so much high energy, but Linda assured us that through our group

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Roscoe

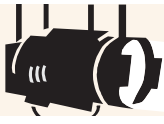


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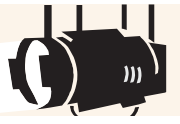
"Roscoe" has fit into our lives perfectly. He goes to coffee twice a day with my husband and has made friends with all the regulars down there. People say "hi" to him by name and are so happy to see him every day. He goes to work with me a couple days each week and he is a love. All my co-workers refer to him as a therapy dog because they stop by to pet him and he makes them so happy.

He is lovable, calm, energetic when we go for walks each day. He is happy to meet and play with other dogs. We just love him! We feel so lucky to have him in our lives. No one can believe he is a rescue dog. Without exception people say, "How could anyone give him away?" We say that we don't know but we are so happy and lucky to have him. He has been with us 3 months now and he feels like part of our family.

Thank you NGRR for matching us so perfectly!



Spotlight on Adopters



Charlie & Moose

Thanks to Marcy Gretz for submitting this and to Ken Raith for making it happen!

Adopting a mature dog is always a bit scary. “What habits have they picked up in the years before?” keeps going through your mind.

Then we met Moose and Charlie. The family that had them must have been extremely loving and patient with these two wonderful dogs. There was nothing to worry about. The only question was: “How could anyone ever surrender these wonderful souls?” And, we were amazed to find, this was the second surrender.

My husband and Charlie immediately bonded over playing ball. Charlie is tireless and actually brings the ball back! Another Golden, who we lost last year, was only a goalie when it came to a game of catch. Finally, John had a Golden that wanted to play – and play he does. Charlie never gets tired as long as there is a full bowl of water nearby.

Moose is more of the cuddling type. When I sit outside to read, Moose, an 80-pound puppy, just wants to jump up into my lap and curl up for a snooze. They are a winning team and have been together more than 6 years. Although they have only been with us a year, we’ve adapted to them with few issues.

Charlie is an early riser and loves to be fed immediately. He will come into the bedroom with a plush toy in his



CHARLIE...*(blonde golden on the left)* Has dark brown piercing eyes like a lion! His interests are BALL, treats, and then more BALL...tennis balls are favored, but rubbers balls are not ignored. He’s all about intensity! All squirrel activity in the backyard is monitored, and he sounds off when the neighbor’s Golden warns of evening joggers. At night he likes to sleep by an open window...because you never know when duty will call!

MOOSE...*(red golden on the right)* Is a warm-hearted red-coated Golden. He loves his plushies, currently the sock monkey and mallard duck, but shoes or items from the laundry hamper will do in a pinch. When our back is turned he enjoys curling up on “Dad’s” side of the sofa, particularly if there’s a game on. He’s quick to greet all seated guests by raising himself up on the arms of their chair and offering a lick to the cheek. Moose is all love!

mouth and prance about until noticed. Moose, on the other hand, wants to sleep in late and then get right to his first nap of the morning after breakfast. They’ve trained us well to take care of them even before the morning coffee is made.

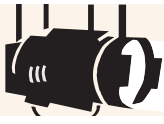
We first met them at Jill Morgan’s beautiful home. It was a familiar drive to Lodi because we were lucky to adopt a

wonderful mature Golden from her about 8 years ago. She and her volunteers groomed these handsome dogs and prepared them for us. The chemistry was perfect and it was love at first sight. They came home with us that day!

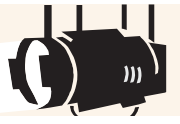
They already know that the only way into the vehicle for drives is through the back tailgate where they will faithfully wait until it is time to “load up.” Moose curls up immediately for a nap but Charlie is on constant patrol watching for anything that might move outside the window. When we return from work “the boys” love to greet us as if we’ve been gone for days, instead of a couple of hours – unconditional love.

We’ve been fortunate to adopt four Golden retrievers over the last 10+ years through the NGRR and it has always been a rewarding experience. We are very grateful to have these loving Golden retrievers in our lives. Thank you NGRR! 🐾





Spotlight on Fosters



Tanner & I.O.

Thanks to Matt and Jaclyn Wong for submitting this!

When it comes to dogs, I certainly wasn't aware of fostering before I came across NGRR. After all, we all know that there are two main methods when considering a new addition to the family: the pound or the breeder.

I grew up with a Golden, aptly named "Goldie." We got her when her previous owner had to give her up when his job moved abroad. Goldie was a sweet, active 3-year-old purebred. She was great with the whole family, even my 5-year-old sister. Goldie never lashed out, never snapped, and never questioned why things were the way they were. She simply accepted and enjoyed. It was this very compatible breed trait that sealed my love of Golden Retrievers.

My wife found out about fostering when we started looking to add a Golden to our family. She came across NGRR and saw the fostering program, which provides a home to a surrendered Golden until a "forever home" can be found. In many ways this was ideal: We would not only evaluate whether or not we were ready for a dog, we would still be doing good by taking in a dog in need.

So we applied. We meticulously entered the information into the online foster application. We had to articulate the environment, care philosophy, training regimen, and experience we were bringing to the table as a foster family.

We received a call quickly: Paul, one of NGRR's Area Coordinators scheduled a home visit within the week. When we opened the door, we greeted a very down to earth dog owner and a 60-pound Golden named "Andy." Andy invited himself in, sniffed around our house, peed in the backyard, and fell asleep under our dining table. Nearly an hour later, Paul and Andy left. Our foster application was approved and we were in the line to receive Golden Retrievers.

One week later, we got the call: Paul apologized right off the bat for throwing us into the deep end on our first foster Golden Retrievers. Yep, plural. Tanner and I.O. were a 3.5-year-old bonded brother and sister – both nearly 15 pounds overweight, sorely in need of grooming, and as hyperactive as a 3-year-old child on candy. They had been surrendered in Redwood City

by an owner who had fallen on hard times. Paul spent nearly a week working with the owner to ensure that he knew Tanner and I.O. would be in a better place through NGRR's program. When Paul went to pick up Tanner and I.O. the owner was in tears, but with Paul's experience as an Area Coordinator the owner had the confidence in NGRR to surrender his two long time family companions to place them in a better home.

When Paul walked Tanner and I.O. through our door they were instantly panting and craving attention. Due to their seclusion in the garage for nearly a year, they were keen for as much attention and affection as they could get, fearing that they might end up back in the garage. The panting was non-stop through the morning and evening hours, as the two of them forced their heads under our hands and into our laps. To go from no dog to two giant hyperactive, attention craving, undercoat

shedding dogs was quite a shock. I have never consumed as much coffee as I did that week.

We evaluated Tanner and I.O. over that week on twice a day walks, socialization, food aggression, bathing and grooming, vet visits for a health workup, and waiting for Paul to find us a candidate for this bonded pair. Ten days after Tanner and I.O. walked into our home, we met a family from Aptos that made the

nearly 3 hour drive to see the pair. They had brought along their miniature Italian greyhound for compatibility. We put the potential forever family through a series of questions to determine if this family was the right fit. They passed with willingness to exercise the pair, provide the proper medical care, follow a training method that would keep them safe, and above all provide a fit home. That night, the family signed the adoption contract and took both Tanner and I.O. home.

Seven fosters have passed through our home since we first started with NGRR. In addition to Tanner and I.O., Molly, Uncle, Max, Bailey, and Knight have come through our care and been placed into families that are a fantastic fit. With each foster, we learn a little more about being better foster parents. With each adoption, the happy dog and family's faces bring us unbelievable joy. As for our own family, we adopted Molly, now "Puppy," to our home, to be the forever canine hostess to the foster dogs that come into our care. But that is another story . . . (See "Puppy" Training, page 11.) 🐾



How I found my Golden Retriever “White SANDY Beach of Hawaii”

Thanks to Wendy & Jerry Slick for submitting this and to Linda Gomoll and Kathy Quiroz for making it happen!

I was heartbroken. So was my husband. We had recently lost our beloved “Bear,” an 11-year old red Golden/Border/Aussie mix. She was perfect. We couldn’t face the idea of having another dog ever again (ha!)

But in the name of love, we eventually started looking at rescue dogs. I would cry at all of them, want to adopt them, but none of them were “Bear.” It took me a while to understand that I could

never replace “Bear,” but I needed to open myself up for the next dog to enter my life. I had no idea who it would be or how she/he would get to me. I did, however, have an optimistic faith that it would somehow work out.

Then a friend told me about Nor Cal Golden Retriever Rescue, and I thought, well, maybe a red Golden would at least look like my “Bear.” I filled out the 10-page application, weeping the whole time. When it was done, I hit “send” and felt a mixture of excitement and fear. Would they call? Would I be in a long line of people who want to adopt precious Golden?

Thirty minutes later Linda Gomoll from NCGRR called me!!! I was elated. She thought we would be good candidates for a Golden adoption. Now we had to pass the home visit, and then she would start looking! The home visit was great. She loved us, and we loved her AND her gorgeous adorable Golden, “Savvy.”

Of course, I then asked for a red young female, and she wisely answered that she would definitely find me the right dog.

The search was on. Linda called with a few dogs that needed homes, but they weren’t “right.” I still had my optimism. I trusted Linda. I could tell she would know when the “right one” appeared.

A few months went by, and then one day Linda emailed me a flyer which read . . .

Sandy is a super sweet 2-year-old Golden girl who needs a new home! This beautiful red girl has been well cared for, socialized and trained and unfortunately now finds herself homeless . . .



OMG! I knew this was our dog. It was love at first sight! It all started to happen really quickly. Linda set up the appointment to see “Sandy,” and we drove 40 miles with great excitement and trepidation. What if she didn’t like us? What if we didn’t like her? What if . . . what if . . . ?

We arrived at the foster home of “Sandy,” and within minutes my husband Jerry was on the floor playing with her! Jerry had the biggest smile as he tussled with her and entered her world of play and joy. “Sandy” was wild and beautiful. I knew she was ours!!!

“Sandy Beach” has been with us nine months, and all of us couldn’t be happier. She has been featured on a calendar of Mill Valley Dogs, and the whole town knows and loves her. She has over 40 dog friends! She is a bucket of love and tenderness and devotion. We are totally in love. 🐾



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Koa

Thanks to Carol Belew for submitting this and to Kris Williams and Jeanne Hanlon for making it happen!

I picked Koa up the end of June. He is a big, golden-red Golden Retriever with a white sugar face. We were sitting in the living room having a glass of before dinner wine when he came in, tilted his head and did a little dance woofing weakly. I'm sure he was saying "It's my dinnertime." Afterward what sounded like a herd of horses came galloping in and leaped onto the couch and curled up for a nap...until he heard a loud "Off!" Confused, he looked up and slowly got off the couch and stood there blinking. And then he sidled up along the couch and inched his haunch onto it while leaving his other 3 feet on the floor, and nuzzled. Again he was told "Off." He walked off and shortly thereafter tried the same thing on the other side of our circular couch. Again "Off" and he wandered off this time for awhile. But then the herd of horses again and this BIG red dog leapt onto the end of the couch, ran all the way over to the other side, jumped off and lay down in front of us as if to say "So there!" Koa has been debarked, so about 9:30 when he got up and looked at us, did his little seal-like bark and cocked his head to tell us "Don't you people go to bed? It's my bedtime!" we couldn't stand it anymore and all of us cracked up laughing. That was our introduction to our new dog, Koa.

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He turned out to have great manners, is extremely well obedience trained and is a very funny boy. Since then we try to walk daily on the horse trail around our neighborhood; he's been swimming and hiking at a nearby lake where he met several other dogs, swam out after swimmers and kayakers and always came back when called. But his favorite thing to do is to look out the window at our neighbors' two cows next door and at the goings on at the ranch. On our walks in the summer he would visit the cows who would stick their heads out through

the wire fence and touch noses with Koa. He thought this was so cool and would look for them to do this every day. Now it's too cold and the cows stay where it's warmer, but they still watch for Koa to make his rounds. He does his little dance every day when I put my shoes on, side to side jumps, and then dashes downstairs to his leash. He does this same dance at dinner time lest I forget to feed him. And during thunderstorms, he dashes outside to check where in the sky the thunder is coming from and then woofs his little seal-woof for awhile. Then he comes in and plops down in front of us (I swear he's got a smug grin on his face) and says "There, I showed him who's boss."

We've had Koa almost four months now. He's king of the roost. I awaken in the morning with him next to me on his back, legs all sprawled out and his one front leg sticking straight up in the air. Yes, he is allowed on our bed, after my husband gets up at 4:30am. And life is sweet with our big golden-red Golden, Koa. But about three weeks ago, a little two-year-old invader arrived, and that is another story . . . 🐾

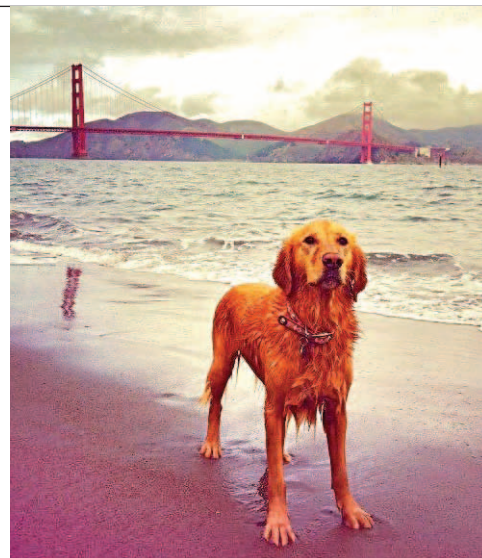
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training classes, Dakota would build up her self-confidence and learn that she could also trust us to take good care of her.

Almost four years later, I can say that with consistent training, exercise, and lots of love of course, Dakota has become a dream dog for our family. Although she still has some fear of abandonment issues, we have found they work in our favor, as she never lets us out of her sight when we are hiking or anywhere

in public. Now, our days start and end with Dakota's sweet smile and wagging tail. She has added so much to our lives and we are forever grateful to NGRR for finding and choosing us for her forever home! Each day we try to give Dakota a new adventure, in return for the joy she brings to our lives. These days you can find us on Mount Tam chasing squirrels, at Stinson Beach swimming with the seals, begging for treats at the food trucks at Marin Country Mart on Sundays or having an adventure with doggie friends at San Francisco's Crissy Field. 🐾



IN TRIBUTE

Thank you to all who donate to NGRR through their employees' charitable campaigns. Your generosity is so appreciated.

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Babysat by Debbie & Robert Armstrong
Donation by Orna Morad

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"Ginger is 10 years old and the fourth one from your organization."
Cherished by Beth Strader

In Honor of "Chylee"
Loved by the Kenton Family

In Honor of "Susie"
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"So many good years in the neighborhood!"
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"Thank you for your love and care."
Donation by Julie, Dallas and Max

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"We lovingly make this donation in honor of our Aunt Sharon McConnell, whose devotion to Goldens is constant and faithful, just like the breed themselves."
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Donation by Barbara Schmur

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In Memory of "Bear"
"Bear was Carol's beloved dog."
Loved by Carol Ross
Donation by Barbara Stein

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Loved by the Debbie & Robert Armstrong
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"Buck had the best master any Golden could hope for."
Treasured and loved by George Troughton
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"You'll be missed by all."
Donation by Julie & Silvio Bernard

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"Jake loved and was loved by Stacy and Giorgio Allegro. Jake was sweet, full of life and brought a smile to everyone. His memory will be cherished by his family and all who knew him."
Donation by Joan & Phil Fisher
Loved by Stacy & Giorgio Allegro

In Memory of "Lucky"
"We miss you dearly, Lucky!"
Loved and missed by Chi-Kai Kuo

In Memory of "Teeni"
Cherished by Barbara Nardone
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In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
"A real lady who will be missed."
Donation by Carol Siri

In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
"She was a dog lover, extraordinaire."
Donation by Marilyn & Bob Lenormand

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"MJ, you brought many years of joy into my life with your great smile, gracious welcome and treating me like family. You will be missed."
Lovingly donated by Elizabeth Brown

In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
"My mom loved her Golden Retriever, Casey!"
Loved by Patt Ellis

In Loving Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
Donation by Michael Deleonardis

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Donation by Brad Compton

In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
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"Mary loved her Golden, Casey."
Donation by Anne & Bruce Merrill

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"Mary Jane was the epitome of a dog lover."
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"Mary Jane was an inspiration not only to me, but also many others!"
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"Forever remembered. Forever missed. Forever loved."
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"Mary Jane was a wonderful woman who loved and supported her family and her animal companions. She will be missed by all of her friends."
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In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
"Mary Jane was a lifetime dog lover. We all miss her."
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"In memory of a very special lady."
 Donation by Shirley & Brad Ellis

In Memory of Mary Jane Ellis
"You are missed my friend!!!"
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"In memory of Jackie and her love for rescue dogs."
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In Memory of "Kiwi"
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"Gunnar of Golden Ridge . . . a wonderful dog, companion and friend. You will always be remembered!"
 Missed and loved by the Swindel's
 Donation by Lynn Robinson

In Memory of "Gunnar" Swindel
"In Memory of Gunnar Swindel of Golden Ridge"
 Donation by Sue & Jim Schultz

In Memory of "Finn" Beekman
"Dogs are miracles with paws." – attributed to Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy
 Loved and missed by Delly Beekman
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"Dearest Aunt: In loving memory of your devotion to all furry four legged friends and family members. XOXO"
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In Memory of "Andie" Carson
"You are forever etched our hearts!"
 Loved and cherished by the Carson Family

In Memory of "Bentlee" Regan
"In memory of the years of love and companionship Bentlee gave to you and your family. He will always be in our hearts."
 Cherished by Suzanne Regan
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"For all the years of love and companionship Bentlee provided to your family."
 Devotedly loved by Suzanne Regan and family
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In Memory of "Bentlee"
"Bentlee was a great and special dog. He was much loved and will be missed by all of us who were lucky enough to know him."
 Loved by Suzanne Regan
 Donation by Kris Evans

In Memory of "Toby"
"We will miss his sweet personality and unconditional love."
 Loved by Dave & Elia Borbas
 Donation by Susan Sheehan

In Memory of "Annie"
"My dear, sweet Annie, it was so very hard to say good-bye. I loved how you talked to me when you wanted to eat or got jealous over any affection I gave to Sammy. I miss my shadow! You were so kind, sweet and beautiful! Sammy and I miss you."
 Cherished and loved by Judy Johnson & "Sammy"

In Memory of "Peetie"
"Peetie was one of the sweetest dogs I have ever known."
 Loved by Robert Mechee
 Donation by Sandy Goetsch

In Memory of "Sonora"
"Sonora was a small, sweet, adorable 8 year old Boxer, who was around Golden Retrievers so often we believe she thought she was one. She could retrieve, play, and swim with the best of them. What a beloved and cherished companion to her human family, Kyle, Susan and Tyler. We will miss Sonora's unfailing and enthusiastic happy greetings. We have been blessed with all the special memories. You will be terribly missed and always remembered as a special member of the family."

Treasured and loved by Kyle, Susan & Tyler Hellums
 Donation by Janet & Bill Hellums

In Memory of "Bogie"
 Loved by Merle & Ed Ritchie
 Donation by Dr. Cheryl Ramos, Pets Eternal Rest

In Memory of "Maggie Mae"
 A Golden to be Remembered
"I've never met Maggie Mae in person but I heard stories and the love in her human guardians' voices and eyes. Clearly, Maggie Mae was a miracle maker and angel. I'm sure she'll be watching over you, Barry and Rosalie. This memorial donation is in Maggie Mae's honor for other angels to find their human guardians."
 Loved by Rosalie & Barry Myers
 Donation by Gregg Servis

In Memory of "Oscar"
 Cherished by Marilou & Gary Mui
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In Memory of "Max" McKeever
"Thanks for giving us all us much happiness, Max. We will miss you! Have fun romping with Rosey."
 Missed and loved by Debbie McKeever
 Donation by Sue Fuller

In Memory of "Dream"
"The best obedience dog ever!!!"
 Trained by Dee Dee Anderson and loved by the Anderson Family
 Donation by Christine Hempel

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
 Donation by Sally Roberts

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
 Donation by Catherine & George Frakes

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
 Donation by Nancy & John Creech

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
 Donation by Joan Noble Egan

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In Loving Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Karen Priest

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Susan & Ward Ferguson

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Gail & Francis Allen

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Natalie Stewart

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
"Gayle Rivers was a dear, dear friend from age 18 to 81!"
"I have a senior Golden, the light of my life thanks to NGRR and Gayle Rivers. Keep up the good work."
Donation by Virginia Ruth

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Jean & Benjamin McDow

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Karen & Mike Breton

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
"In memory of Gayle Rivers a true Golden lover for more years than we can count. We will miss you."
Donation by Joyce Breton

In Memory of Gayle Rivers
Donation by Herb Henderson

In Memory of "Buddy"
"Buddy was very special. He was loving, gentle, and had a very unique way of communicating with people and other dogs. He was a very important member of our family. We all miss him very much."
Loved by the Weyermann-Weber Family

In Memory of Jerry Keith
Donation by Dawn Engel

In Memory of "Sandy"
"Heather, Courtney, Jenny and Erol – May GOD bless you for all the wonderful time and love that you gave Sandy. She was so lucky to have you for 13 years and vice versa. Focus on all the fun times you had together!!!"
Cherished and loved by the Ceran Family
Donation by Sandy Sherlin

In Memory of Yankee CGC
Loved and missed by his adopted mom, Suzanne Nickel and his Golden sister, "Krissy"

In Memory of "Dream"
"She was the Dream Dog, and she did it all! Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your Golden much too soon. You were a wonderful team, and hope so many glorious memories are a comfort to you as time passes and the pain diminishes. She will live on in all of your hearts. Dream was a special girl and she had a terrific life with many adventures."
Cherished, loved and missed by Dee Dee, Billy, Christopher & Kevin Anderson
Donation by Janet & Bill Hellums

In Memory of "Yankee"
"Yankee Doodle Dandy was the fifth Golden that Suzanne adopted through NGRR, all but one of whom was a senior. When Yankee came to Suzanne in July 2010, he was already 10. He spent his last three, and best three, years of his life with his loving adopted Mom and his Golden sister, Krissy. He loved a lot like Rusty, Suzanne's prior Golden, and had a sweet, gentle, and affectionate glow about him. He will remain in our hearts forever."
Adored by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel
Donation by Mary-Nona Hudson

In Honor and In Memory of "Brandi"
"Brandi was the most loving and beautiful member of the book club babes. We will miss you always."
Loved by Belinda Stow
Donated with love Julie, Karen, Susie and Cathy

In Memory of "Hallie"
"NGRR brought you and Hallie together in 2007, and what a perfect match. You gave Hallie all the unconditional love and care which sadly she had never known prior to her new wonderful home. Every day with you brought more joy and tenderness with endless love. And how she enriched your lives in return. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. At the end she was nothing like the Golden you adopted. She was a gift to you and Bob and Golden pal to Bo'sum."
Missed and cherished by Maureen, Bob & Bo'sum Drotleff

In Honor and In Memory of "Hallie"
Beloved Golden Girl
"In appreciation to NGRR with the hope other abused pups will be placed in exceptional loving homes where their lives will be as happy and fulfilled as Hallie's last 7 1/2 years."
Cherished by Maureen Drotleff
Donation by Debra Dickinson

In Loving Memory of "Rosie"
"Rosie was a loving, very sweet and important member of the Friedman Family. Every wall portrait of Cindy, Andy and Jamie includes their dear Rosie. She was a devoted companion and a Best Friend. Our hearts go out to you. Thank you for sharing her with us. How we miss her, too. Remember all the marvelous memories which will help fill the void and ease the hurt you are feeling."
Cherished by Cindy, Andy, and Jamie
Donation by Janet & Bill Hellums

In Memory of "Rusty"
"Rusty was a long time family member to Cris, her father and nephew. His love and devotion was never ending. He was a wonderful companion and special to the family. He will be missed by all of us."
Loved by Cristina Dominguez, her father and nephew
Donation by Madeliene Scheiman

To Honor the Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy"
To Honor my Golden Step-dogs – "Winchester," "Nala," and "Rupert"
Donation by Louise Korn

In Loving Memory of "Dodey"
Cherished and loved by Mary & Ken Fried
Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM, Pets Eternal Rest

In Memory of "Sneakers" and "Freddie"
"They were my beautiful old Goldens, both of whom were adopted from NGRR. Old gold really is the best gold."
Donation by Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of "Junior"
"Junior was a gorgeous big male who charmed everyone he met. He brought happiness and cheer to those fortunate to know him. He was an important part of your family that you will remember forever."

Owned, loved and dearly missed by Doug Bosco
Donation by Janet & Bill Hellums

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by C. William & Margaret Marcy

In Memory of "Kelani"
"This donation is being made in honor of our friend Hal's dog, Kalani, who fought as long and hard as she could with her illness. She was a beautiful dog, who will be missed every day by those who knew her."
Loved by Hal Wagner
Donation by Sharon & Mark Cahill

In Memory of Malcolm McDonald
"Malcolm brought great joy to all on a daily basis, at the home, at the office or wherever he went. He left us much too soon."
 Cherished by Sue & Ross McDonald
 Donation by Joyce Shairella

In Memory of "Nani" and "Puma"
"No longer by my side, but forever in our hearts."
 Missed and loved by Ann Chee

In Memory of "Midas" Breimhorst
"Precious boy with the sweetest soul. Running now with The King. Mommy loves you."
 Loved by Sharon Breimhorst

In Memory of Esperanza Fabian
 And In Honor of the Rosita, Jim, "Tyler" & "Buddy" who took care of her
"Esperanza was a real trooper and Tyler and Buddy's (the Goldens) Grandma."
 Loved by the Anthonys
 Donation by Susan, Robin & Jack West

In Memory of "Dooley"
"Dooley was surrendered to NGRR as a puppy and found his Forever Home with Mary-Nona and Michael Hudson when he was only 16 weeks old. He grew into a gentle giant and was deeply loved. Sadly, his life was cut short by cancer when he was only 10 years old."
 Loved and cherished by Mary-Nona & Michael Hudson
 Donation by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Memory of "Riley"
 Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM
 Pets Eternal Rest

In Memory of "Buddy"
"Buddy was very special. He was very gentle, loving, and had a unique way of understanding people and other dogs. He was a very important member of our family and we will miss him very much."
 Loved and missed by Lois, Mattie, Luc, Kathy, and Jon Weyermann

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Kody – Therapy Dog

Thanks to Kris Courtwright for submitting this and to Jeanne Hanlon for making it happen!

When I contacted NGRR, I was searching for a young dog that I could train to be a therapy dog and assist me in my work with children with special needs. On August 3, 2013, "Kody," a handsome 7-month-old Golden puppy, became part of my family.

I fell in love with Kody the first time I met him. He was rescued by NGRR because his previous family could no longer take care of him. When I adopted him he was not completely house trained, had limited obedience training, and was overweight, which negatively impacted his already diagnosed hip dysplasia. He was the happiest dog in the world and just wanted to please the people around him and be loved.

Kody has definitely found a "forever home" with us. He loves to spend time with his brother "Stewart" (a German shepherd mix) and play with his cousin "Joey" (a border collie). Kody is a social butterfly and revels in attention from kids, adults, and other dogs alike. While Kody loves a nice walk or trip to the beach, he's also content to lay by my side while I work.

Since August, he has lost weight as a result of our daily walks and his hip moves much better. We began not only basic dog training, but also therapy dog training. He is currently working on greeting people appropriately and being de-sensitized to crowds, loud noises, and wheel chairs. Kody loves the praise for a job well done. Soon he will take the AKC Good Citizen Test in preparation for the therapy dog test. Once he has passed both tests we will be able to visit care facilities for the elderly, hospitals, and schools for special needs children. I am sure he will bring as much joy to the lives of the people we visit as he does to our home.

Thank you NGRR! I could not have asked for a better match.



What an Angel!

Thank you from Barbara Crespo for sharing and Jeanne Hanlon for making it happen!

We adopted our Golden Girl "Angel" in 2003. She is truly an 'angel' to us, maybe a little spoiled too. She had two litters of pups before we adopted her at 18 months of age. Since then she has been a little mother to the dozen or so dogs we have fostered over the years. Some fosters she liked and others she seemed happy to see leave, but she tolerated them all. Then on June 19th, 2012 came along a foster that stole our heart, but not necessarily hers. So the story of Bonjour from Taiwan, now Trooper, begins.

Jeanne Hanlon called us to see if we would be interested in fostering a dog

coming in from Taiwan. Of course the answer was yes. So on June 19th Mom went to SFO with Jeanne to greet Bonjour, along with 3 of his buddies. Once Mom found Bonjour in his crate it was love at first sight. Oh my what a handsome fella!!!

Jeanne and Mom brought him home from the airport, introduced him to Dad and Angel then settled him in for the night. He has been settled in ever since!!!! His new name would soon become Trooper, so fitting after overcoming the life he had in Taiwan. Since his birthdate was unknown, July 4, 2007 is now his new birthdate. He has a great



personality and is the happiest fella!! He loves to EAT (after all who wouldn't after starving as he did), play ball and tug of war. He truly has been an added joy to our family. I'm sure Angel has figured out by now he's a keeper!! We love sharing our story of Troopers journey to the USA, thanks to NGRR. 🐾

Then Came Allie!!

Thanks to Cheri LaDue for submitting this and to Amanda Schaffner for making it happen!

You really never know what is in store for you. I have been blessed with near perfect dogs all of my life and I really do consider all of them gifts from above! I was devastated at the sudden loss of my beautiful Madison, (acute pancreatitis), and I had no idea where my next golden friend would come from. After contacting NGRR, I was still hesitant about adopting a rescued dog. I guess feeling like I would never really know how they were raised, or what "issues" they may come with. Then came Allie! Found chained by the neck to 2 other dogs, roaming the streets, a scavenger for sure. I was sure I could not handle her. She was scared of every movement, every object, doorways, bowls, scared to be outside, scared to be inside, you get the picture. She did, however, find a safe zone on the bed!



The transformation day by day has been amazing and I believe that a little Madison angel is sitting by her and helping her through. She loves to snuggle, she loves to hoard her toys, and she even lets the little dog love on her. She is still a bit skittish, but learning every day that love is a good thing. The

first walk was a disaster, she must have turned 1000 circles trying to get away from every trash can, every parked car, every leaf that fell from a tree. A month later, she knows when I put my shoes on and she even sits still while I put her harness and collar on...a miracle! Even better, when we get to an enclosed park or field, I let her run, I call her and she comes running to me with a smile on her face. It is truly amazing!

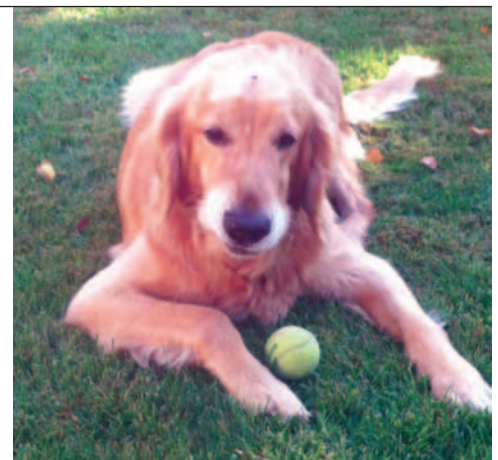
I am so thankful every day that I made the choice to take a chance on her. I have learned so much about diamonds in the rough. I almost let my doubt get the best of me the first few weeks and I would have missed out on so much. She may not be the typical, ball fetching happy go lucky golden retriever, but she is full of surprises and full of potential! Can't wait to see what each day brings! 🐾

Meet Tai from Taipei!

Submitted by Sally Hosley; thanks to Cheryl Heraenrath, Jill Morgan and Jeanne Hanlon for making it happen!

A-Yi/Sterling (now Tai) was found on the streets of Taipei, Taiwan on June 19. He was wandering aimlessly with a tight choker chain embedded in his bloody neck. Luckily, someone found him and cared enough to get him help. After being quarantined for 30 days, undergoing surgery on his neck and suffering from kennel cough and giardia, he was ready to be adopted. Lucky for us, this 5 year old sweetheart is ours!

After Tai's long plane ride from Taiwan to SFO, he was fostered by Cheryl in
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Another Foster Story: The Trials and Tribulations of ‘Puppy’ Training

Thanks to Matt Wong for submitting this!

We started fostering for the NGRR in 2012. At the time, we knew fostering would let us know if we were ready for a dog, and we would have the right of first refusal on any foster dog that came through our care. We knew that to ensure success, the dog had to be the right “fit.” We knew that everyone says they want the active, friendly, happy dog... until they actually get the hyperactive, in your face, nonstop dog.

We got the call from Joan, one of the Area Coordinators we had been working with, on February 1st, just at the end of a three week trip in Hong Kong. Joan let us know that there was an incoming 6-month-old Golden surrender that needed an immediate foster home. “Molly” was being surrendered by an owner who was unable to deal with the Golden puppy’s energy and activity level. We agreed to foster her and then hopped an afternoon flight from Hong Kong to SFO. The next day, Joan arrived with Molly.

We were completely unprepared for Molly, even though we had previously fostered a pair of attention craving 3-year-old Golden Retrievers. Molly had originally been purchased by the surrendering owner through a puppy broker on Craigslist. NGRR had been tracking and recording the activities of this particular broker, who bought entire litters of Golden puppies from unknown sources along the west coast, and then sold them individually via Craigslist complete with forged AKC papers and questionable vet records. The surrendering owner had tried to deal with Molly’s puppy behavior (combined with a total lack of training) for 6 months but had become overwhelmed. Molly’s last act in the owner’s house was stealing a tub of Cool Whip from the refrigerator and spreading it all over the house.

Molly came to our home the day after the Cool Whip incident. Molly was your classic 6 month old – high energy, chewed everything, and ate like a monster. Yes she was cute, adorable, and anyone could easily fall in love with her. However, she was a ball of high powered-energy, a tornado of fur, a waterfall of slobber, and had a tail that could take out

a small child.

So we put Molly through the foster process: we started her with clicker training, began twice daily walks, created a feeding ritual, and checked for signs of aggression and socialization.

Carla, a member of NGRR’s vet committee, setup Molly’s account at a local vet hospital in preparation for Molly’s exam and spay surgery. We brought Molly to the vet hospital and took her home that night as a lethargic, drugged up dog decorated with a “cone of shame.”

We were told that her recovery would take up to a week, and to limit her activity level appropriately. At this point, we knew the clock was ticking. Should we adopt Molly ourselves or start placement calls with potential families so that Molly would be placed as soon as she completed her recovery?

Caring for Molly over the next day as she came off the anesthesia was a particularly touching experience. Nursing her back to health created a bond that lead to my decision to adopt Molly only two days after the surgery. But adopting a canine family member shouldn’t be a unilateral decision. My wife was unsure due to Molly’s high energy level and total lack of obedience. Together, we had to decide if we would be willing to exercise, train, and provide a fulfilling life to Molly. So after another 3 days, we both committed to Molly, and made the phone call to Joan.

We spent the next couple of weeks doing the things that new dog owners do. We renamed Molly to “Puppy” (yep, Puppy). We took her to the San Mateo SPCA to get her chipped and gave her a new collar and tags. We did a massive amount of research online into her problems with excessive chewing, uncontrollable excitement, counter

surfing, etc. Puppy continued to pull uncontrollably on walks and chew up anything that she could get her jaws on. While our own training was slowly teaching her simple commands such as “sit” or “down,” we were not able to correct some of the larger issues.

We opted to get a single, private training session in our

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She was a ball of high-powered energy, a tornado of fur, a waterfall of slobber, and had a tail that could take out a small child.

The Trials and Tribulations of ‘Puppy’ Training

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home so the trainer could observe Puppy in her own environment and help us understand how to communicate correctly with Puppy. After this training session, we were able to use clicker and treat training to teach Puppy the basic commands such as sit, down, stay, and come.

Unfortunately, we were not able to use this newfound knowledge to solve her other issues. Puppy still chewed up our kitchen towels, socks, and shoes, and only chose to obey our commands if she deemed the treat being offered as valuable enough to warrant her attention. So we took it to the next step: we started visiting in-kennel training facilities and interviewed the trainers.

We decided to place Puppy with a trainer and her pack in Pacifica, where Puppy lived for three weeks with no visits from us. When we finally picked her up, she looked like the same dog: excited, energetic, and crazy. The trainer spent an hour that day teaching us the foundation she had trained into Puppy: leash handling, verbal commands, visual hand cues, how to “read” Puppy, and praising at the correct



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time. We had another two follow up sessions over the next five weeks to ensure that we were maintaining the foundation.

Now at 15 months old, after a lot of consistency and training, we're proud to say that Puppy listens and obeys. She has a multitude of tricks up her sleeve, still gets excited but knows how to control herself better, and combined with the socialization she learned at doggie day care, she has grown into a young adult. Puppy's skills and behavior now make her a great hostess to all the foster dogs that have come through our home, helping us evaluate for socialization as well as teaching the fosters the proper way to be a dog.

Puppy's name really says it all: it's the reason she was surrendered, the reason she tested us, and ultimately the reason we love her. The trials and tribulations Puppy put us through, but more important the growth and learning we had to put ourselves through, turned Puppy into a happy, well-trained, and fulfilled Golden. And this is why, to this day, we still volunteer with NGRR even after adopting our very own Golden. 🐾

International Rescue: Rebecca's Story

Thanks for Mary Alexandre for submitting this!

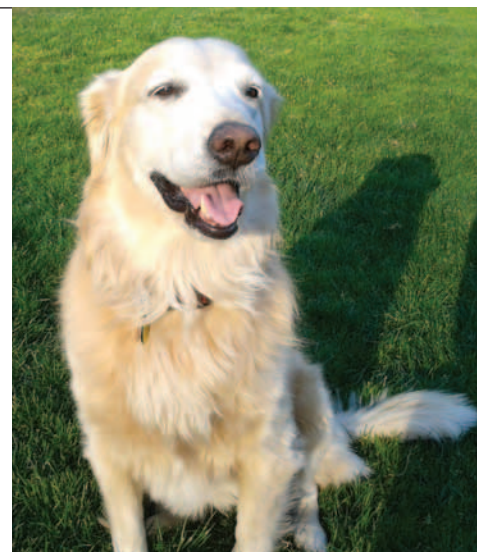
November 21, 2012, a China Air flight arrives at SFO International with a most precious cargo – eight golden retrievers rescued from shelters and streets of Taiwan by many devoted volunteers.

“Rebecca” speaks: I had been in my crate for 20 hours with water, a towel, and a pee pad. Suddenly my crate door was opened! I was hugged, kissed, and walked with my fellow travelers in the parking area of the International terminal. My new mother put me in her car for the ride home and dinner. Or was it breakfast?

No matter, I was hungry and ate!

My cousin dog, “Maddie” was spending the holidays at our house. Boy, is she fun! We wrestled, played, rested then started over. No one could believe I had just flown from Taipei. When I was being cared for in Taiwan I had so many dog friends to play with. Maybe one day there will be a Taiwan reunion right here in the Bay Area.

Unfortunately, I had some decayed teeth that caused serious infection and great pain. NGRR sent me to a wonderful veterinarian here in Marin. I am well and back to playing. My mother is sure I lived in a house since I have perfect manners. I never bark, I sit for my dinner, and walk



nicely on or off my leash.

I love every dog and every person that I meet. I am a true Golden. Thank you for rescuing me. 🐾

Hannah



Thanks to Susan Nix for submitting this and to Karen Swanson for making it happen!

I lost my first and very special Golden, Scotty, Sir Scott of Lindsey, in May of this year. He was my first Golden and a companion I will never forget. It took me months to get over his loss. However, I contacted NGRR to see if they had a special Golden I could bring home.

I'd love to introduce you to "Hannah," a precious 11-year-old Golden I adopted from the NGRR about two months ago. Formerly known as Nana, I felt her name reflected an old lady, so I changed it to Hannah, thinking it was close enough so

she would still respond.

I knew she might have Cushings disease before I adopted her. Cushings causes the adrenal glands to over-secrete and makes her urinate and drink water often. She was tested and sure enough she has Cushings. She's been on Vetoryl for five weeks now and has made "significant progress" according to the vet. She'll need to be tested in another six months to ensure the meds are still on track. Cushings caused a bare spot on her back but the fur is growing back nicely now and her energy is just amazing. NGRR has graciously reimbursed me for the first two Cushings tests and I will gladly take care of her monthly meds and tests

from here on out.

Originally overweight, Hannah lost about 8 pounds with her foster mom and another 8 pounds with me. She's a svelte 65 pounds now. She's on a fresh veggie diet, with a little dog kibble, and really enjoys her meals. However, she's a little stinker when cruising the vegetable garden. She loves the strawberries and tomatoes, so I have to watch how much she inhales.

When she first arrived she had to contend with Franklin, my large white, blue-eyed and beautiful rescue cat. He'd had a rough life and was tentative at first. But they soon became best buds.

Then I brought home "Zephyr," an 8-week-old kitten who was abandoned with his mom and siblings without food or water. Hannah adapted well to the kitten, in fact Zephyr sleeps curled up next to Hannah every night. How precious is that? I'd take a picture, but it's dark in the bedroom and as soon as I take the pic one or both jumps up.

Hannah successfully passed the test at the local hospital to become a Pet Therapy Dog and she started on Friday, October 18. She did a wonderful job and all the patients were happy to see her. In preparation for the hospital visit, she was groomed and they put cute little bows on her ears. She reluctantly resisted pulling them off!

Goldens are bred to please and I don't think I'll ever have another dog unless it's a precious Golden. 🐾

Jaxson & Bella

Thanks to Barbara Tornberg for submitting this and to Jeanne Hanlon for making it happen!

Jaxson loves his new home with Bella, who we adopted from NGRR about 8.5 years ago. Bella is almost 10 years old and we weren't sure we were doing the right thing by adopting an energetic, 1-year-old male juvenile. Our hearts melted when we met him. Introducing him to Bella was a snap. Jaxson was like the baby she never had and it was love at first sight. Jaxson had never been around water and his swimming skills needed definite improvement, like having him not sink to the bottom. Bella is the most phenomenal swimmer we have ever had out of 11 Goldens. Within a very short time, with Bella's and Dad's help, Jaxson became an ace at water sports. He loves life and makes us laugh every day. He and Bella will play and roughhouse together until we finally need a rest and split them up. We're very happy with our new little boy but, the happiest one of all is Miss Bella. 🐾



Rescued Love from Taiwan

Thanks to Bonnie McGhee for submitting this and Jill Morgan for making it happen!

Our last Golden was such a big part of our family that when he passed away in October 2012, we were heartbroken and not sure we wanted another Golden. As time went by we realized we wanted another Golden not only for us, but for “Akuji,” our 12-year-old terrier mix.

There were no young male dogs available on the NGRR website but I filled out the adoption form and shortly after, we heard from Nick Ward. Nick came over to do a yard inspection, but he wasn’t very promising that we’d find a Golden any time soon.

My husband, Glenn and I heard about Golden retrievers coming from Taiwan but that they might have heartworm. Jill Morgan told us to go on Facebook to check a group of Golden retrievers arriving soon. I can’t get on Facebook. It’s getting late but I know my neighbor is OK with 9:00 p.m. calls, so I call her but she can’t get on Facebook! So she calls another neighbor who calls me and says, “You want to see some dogs in Taiwan?” When we got to her house she already had the site open. “Whiskey” was the first one I saw and was instantly in love.

On Wednesday, May 29 my husband and I were at San Francisco Airport along with Jill, the NGRR volunteers, and other hopeful adopters. Finally, the dogs appeared – four of them in their crates. Once we were outside, we were allowed to walk “our dog” and see if we were a good match. He seemed like a sweet dog. All the dogs jumped into Jill’s car so she could take them to her vet for the heartworm treatment. When we learned the next day that the heartworm medication wouldn’t be in for 3 weeks we were allowed to take Whiskey to our vet.

Nick had given us some advice on introducing Whiskey to

Akuji and it worked perfectly. The next day, Whiskey officially became “Dillon” and the next week he started his three-day heartworm treatment.

Heartworms are a serious problem, but dealing with it wasn’t as hard as we first thought. You must keep the dog inactive for two weeks. The next two weeks he can be a little more active. Then over the final two weeks he builds up to normal activity. A lot of bonding took place over those six weeks. Now Dillon can do anything he wants to.

We have a ride-on train that circles our yard. On July 4th we decided to run the train and see if Dillon wanted to ride. He loved it and didn’t want to get off! We have run the train more in the last three months than we have in the past two years. He doesn’t normally like to wear hats but when a train ride is available he’s more than willing to get dressed up and wear that dumb hat as long as the train ride lasts. Dillon is a very friendly, happy-go-lucky dog and is always ready for another train ride! 🐾

Meet Tai from Taipei!

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Modesto. She did a fabulous job, introducing him to the U.S. and teaching him how we do things in our culture. A true angel. The day we picked him up, he acted as if he had known us for years. Tai was grateful, loving and smiling. It’s fun to watch his firsts: he pulls the grass up with his teeth because he is not accustomed to it, he finds it odd to see leaves fall from the trees and he’s curious as to why squirrels climb up trees, but don’t come down. Mostly I think he’s in awe that a family can sit and watch, pet, hug, love and talk dog talk to him all day long. I think he likes us. That’s a good thing, because we adore him. 🐾

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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.

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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.

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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.)

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- ☐ 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
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Dog Pill Pockets

Thanks to Peg Aten, NGRR senior foster mom and her dogs Sandarelli, her lovely old Golden, and sweet little Sofie, her new foster Golden.

- 1 tsp. liquid, [I use chicken stock but water is fine]
- 1 tbsp peanut butter
- 2 tbsp flour

Mix all together and roll into a ball the size you need to cover those pills.