

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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NGRR UPDATES

New Board Members Elected

On March 8, 2009, six new board members were elected:

Marilyn Ormond – active NGRR member since 1999; past president, volunteer coordinator, and merchandise manager for NGRR

Deborah Bevilaqua – active NGRR member since 1997 and Wag 'n Walk volunteer since its inception

Kathy Quiroz – active NGRR member since 2005 doing home visits and fostering

Pat Lynch – active NGRR member since 1995; area coordinator for Alameda County and past president and past vet committee member; author of the NGRR annual calendar

Liz Berry – active NGRR member since 1996; past area coordinator for Contra Costa County, auction co-chair for 4 years, and current vet committee member

Shannon Aiken – active NGRR member since 1998; adoption coordinator for Alameda County and foster

Email versus Snail Mail?

Want to receive your next newsletter as a pdf via email? Just send an email to mail@ngrr.org to request it.

Auction

The board decided that the current economic environment was not ideal for an auction fundraiser this year and therefore voted to cancel the event for 2009. However, fundraising is still of utmost importance – if anyone has other fundraising ideas, please contact NORCAL at info@ngrr.org.



NORCAL
Launches
NEW
Web Site
ngrr.org

NORCAL'S new web site was launched on March 14! This new site provides many improvements that will allow us to better account for all the dogs in our custody. This demanding and challenging project was a true labor of love coordinated by Phil Fisher. Congratulations Phil on a job well done!!!

For help with logging on, member lists, managing your profile, job assignments, and any Yahoo list questions, contact Wendy Krehbiel at wendy@tellatail.com. For help with dogs and applications, contact Nancy Fedders at nanfed2@gmail.com. For changes to News and Events on Home page, contact Kathy Quiroz at kathy.quiroz@yahoo.com. For general comments or questions, contact Phil Fisher at phf002@gmail.com.

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NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose of the letter is to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter having raised over \$40,000. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Dave and Liz Berry
Bev and Mike Groeniger
Susan Messinger
Holly and Mike O'Brien
Barbara and Don Tornberg
Jeff and Sio Wilson

Pure Gold: \$500 to \$999

Laicia and Jim Goetz
Richard Goss and Wyeth Coulter
Mary Ann Graziano
Karen Hargrove
Julie Hood
Cathy and Ron Jacobs
Iain Johnston
Janet and Conrad Lynch
Jim and Doris Thompson

Wet Kisses: \$250 to \$499

Emanuel and Lucy Aron
Mary Lou Atkins
Alice and Robert Breakstone
Carol Clements
Don and Jeanne Dana
Kathy Essick
G.Gerald Fitzgerald
Candice Harper-Waiterock Kennels
Noelle and Jeff Hasson
Eric and Kerry Hensen
Joanne Jacobs
Mary and Robart Kelly
Rick and Martha Kessler
Steve and Holly Lopez
Joe McPeak
Tim and Maya Misner
Wayne and Janelee Monahan
Heather Murphy
Rich Partridge and Jack Black
Norcal Golden Retriever Club
Bonnie Speckels

James Williams
Bob and Nancy Wilson

Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

Don Agins D.D.S.
Jason and Julia Allen
Susie Allison
Lynn Backlund
Ruth Bailly
Bob and Joan Bea
Carole Becton
Wendy Bergman
Chuck Bettach
Robert Bigelow
Chreyll Birnie
Larry and Diane Blanc
George Bobbitt, Jr.
David Bonk
Jo Ann Bonner
Renee Bowler
Barb Brickell
Ann and Ken Brown
Sarane Brown
Deborah Buehler
David Burnett
Fran Burnham
Joe and Jann Capone
Marchelle and Curt Carleton
April and Jon Carlton
Pam Catlett
Teresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro
Barbara Chown
Vicki Coe
Ian Colson
Melody Compton
John Davidson and Susan Cattano
Stevan and Ann Deggelman
Monika Dohse
Ruth Dunne
Toni Eames
Ursula Edman
J. and H. Engineering
Harry Englebright
Sue Ann Few
Vicki Foutz
Patricia Freddie
Richard and Pat Garland
Marcia and John Getz
Martha Glew
Rick Gold
Linda and Ted Gomoll
Ellie Green
Joan Green
Terry Haber
Stephen Hansel
Donna Harbacek
Randall and Elizabeth Hart

Russ and Linda Hayes
Diane Head
Nicole and James Healy
Fran Hogan
Margaret Holmes
Virginia Holmes
Sondra and Robert Horn
Robert and Anne Huggins
Sue and Ray Hutton
Grace Hyde
Kathryn Ischinger
Lois Jacobson
Shelly Johnson
Tish Kartzozian
Silvia Kehoe
Jennifer Kelsey
Jim and Jane Keltner
Suzanne Krakover
Linda Kulik
Donna Leonard
Pia Elizabeth Long
Deborah Lubeck
Debbie and Jeff Lucchesi
Pat Lynch
Wendy MacDonald
Stuart MacKenzie
Gail Maderis
Marilyn Makepeace
Christine Manville
Barbara Marcenaro
Susan Marchant and Stephanie Sanders
Glenn McChee
Joanne McGrail
Kathryn McIntyre
Karen and E.J. Melzer
Nancy and Ed Mendell
Daniel Miller
Ann Marie Mix
Tina Onderbeke
Judith Peake
Sharon Pepper
Tim Portwood and Jim Lauber
Brenda and John Radcliffe
Joe and April Ramos
Terry and Tracy Ricketts
Blythe and Bob Rider
Gail Rivers and Lois Rivers Breton
Melinda Rogers
David Roseman
Judith Rosenberg
Dorothy Rosenthal and Bill Nerenberg
J.L. Rusconi
Maggie Salgado
John Sanders
Ray and Kathryn Schilling

Raymond Schmidt
Pamela and Lawrence Schwab
Sibyl Singleton
Cathy Spartling
Nancy and Neil Stipanich
Lori Straley
Alexandra Strough
Anne Sutherland
Cynthia Swainbank
Art Takaki and Brita Tryggvi
Willaim Taylor
Donald and Diane Terry
James Thompson
Connie Thompson
Paul and Diane Thomson
Rolf Thorson
Shelly and Bill Timken
Joan Volberg
John Volberg
Charles and Jeanne Waistell
Linda and John Weatherholt
Lois Wilco-Owens
Sue Wilson
Jeremy Wire
Rosemary Wong
Linda Yates

Cold Noses: up to \$99

Aeschliman Family
Kathryn Ai
Donna Albini and Scott Pommier
Donald Allari
Sue and Jim Almlie
Kathy Arcuri
Lucille Asaro
Virginia Atwood
Mike Bachman
Joy Baltazar
Patricia Barkas
Alan Barker
Charles Barnard
Mary and Dave Baron
James Bartlett
Susan and Gary Barton
Norma Bennett
William Berner
Brad Bettencourt
Jack Beye
Miriam Bischoff
Larry Bowman and Li Tsong
Shirley Bray
Stephen Broccoli
Bob and Leslie Bruce
Catherine Bryan
Karen Burlingame
Judith Buros

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RESCUE FUND

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Robert and Cathy Butler	Sybil Haden	Ronald Leonard	Sig Richardson
Christy Campos	Elizabeth Hagan	Linda Leong	Diann Riggs
Regina Cardiff	Carson Haines	Geraldine Levy	Marilyn and Lani Ritchey
Clarke Carey	Suzanne Hale	Tana Lingvall	David and Kristin Rittenbush
Helen and John Carter	Martha Hanscom	Cathy and Bob Lint	Ashley Rock
Angela Cheong	Robert and Nancy Hanson	Anna Lo	Wendy Rodriguez
John Chiozza	Jean Harrell	Allen and Elizabeth Long	Nancy Rogers
Roger and Nancy Clark	Dianne Harvey	Nadine Mackey	Don Rogers
Kathy Coffey and Ryan Lipton	Stacy Hassold	Janet Malan	Lee Ross
Don and Catherine Coluzzi	Ronald Helm	Dina Manfredi	Harriet Ross
Sara Connelly	Linda and Ken Henderson	Marilyn Manolio	Tes Rue D.V.M.
Dr. and Mrs. Noman Coplon	Deborah Hitchcock	Bob and Jody Mazur	Gloria and D.L. Russell
Mario and Barbara Cresci	Joanne Hodge	Paula McGinnis	John Rutkowski
Ms. Jan Croad	Deb Hodson	Sallie McKinley	Kathy and Ray Schilling
Lindsey Cuff	Mary and Ben Hoppert	Jean McKinley	Michele and John Schromm
Kathleen Currin	Beth Hopwood	Cindy McLoughlin	Terry Sechrist
Kimberly Daly	Pamela Hubbard	Theresa McTague	Suzy Shields
Philip Darney	Evelyn Hunt	Constance Miller	Lyle Sieg
Ball David	Phil Hutson	Claire and Don Mittelstaedt	Juli Siegfried
Katherine and Dann Decker	Julie and Doug Jaccard	Milt Mozen	Linda Slider
Joan Demgen	Mark Jacobs	Tom Mulcahy	June Smith
Laurie DePaolo	Sandra Janotta	Deborah Mullan	Stanley Smith and Astrid Olson
Janet Dorr	Sandra Jenkins	Julie and Tom Murphy	Freddie Sobel
Susan Downey	John Jensen	David Orris	Dave St.Pierre
Newton Drury, Jr.	Marjorie Johansen	Ardith Osborn	Philip Staley
John and Mary Dullea	Diane Jones	Deloris Osborn	Jackie Suen
Gary Dunn	Gene Jovich	Tom Parkin	Bettie Swan
Leslie Earl	Suzanne Kallo-Heitzman	Birgitta and Rommel Parseh	John Swanberg
Christine Elbel	Kathleen Keller	Carol Perry	Debbie and Jim Templeton
Annette Elder	Jack Kellner	Luanne Peters	Janet Trigg
Barbara Fancy	Barbara Kleinert	Vicki Petray	Jan M. Trippi
Charles and Elizabeth Farnsworth	Gregory Koll	Nancy Phelps	Nancy Tsukamoto
Joan and Phil Fisher	Sheila Lancaster	Brother Raphael Philip	Patricia Turnquist
Rosalie Fogarty	Kathy Langbein	Richard Phipps	Mary Tuttle
Cythia Franks	James Larkin	Trish Port	Virginia Van Kuran
Suzanne Gilbert	Pam Laughlin	Scott and Alison Prentice	John Vercelli
Kathleen Gimber	Edward Leech	Carol Ann Quigley	Albert Wedemayer Jr.
Mary Glasson	Edwin Leidholdt	Vicki Ratner	Rose Wright
Robert and Susan Greenberg	Lemon Family	Bruce Reeves	Stephen Zanvelli
Eric and Judy Grimsby			

Puppies Rescued in Tracy

Thanks to Lynn Parapar for telling us about this great story!

Thanks to Ki Welch, from Walnut Creek and a volunteer for Norcal Irish Setter Rescue, four Golden puppies are now with great homes. Ki was at the Walmart in Tracy where she saw a woman selling four 10-week-old puppies for cash. She went into a bank, cashed a check, and bought all of the puppies for \$600. Then she called Colleen McCormick at NORCAL and in the meantime, she took them to her own vet to be checked out – they were deemed healthy and were given their first shots – and then took them home for a bath. The next day they were surrendered to NORCAL. Ki would not accept a reimbursement from NORCAL for the \$600 – instead she asked that we consider it a donation. All four of the boys have been adopted by families that were waiting months for that special Golden. 🐾



In Memory of Jody Stiely and her Golden, Sunny

Thanks to Stephanie Sills for writing this lovely tribute and to Stephanie Getzler for submitting it!

Jody adopted a Golden Retriever named *Sunny* from NORCAL around 1999. He was an older dog and had been neglected or abused. It seemed that nobody else wanted to adopt him. He was very untrusting at first; he would growl and sometimes try to bite people. But Jody took him in and gave him so much patience and TLC, she turned him into a tail-wagging and loyal love bug.

Jody never stopped trying to teach him good social manners, so she brought him everywhere with her. The pair of them became a regular fixture in downtown Palo Alto. *Sunny* loved to play fetch and carry things around in his mouth, so Jody had bought him a variety of stuffed animals and dolls at local garage sales that he would get to choose from a pile and bring with him when they went for walks. When Jody moved to Lake Tahoe for 2 years, she would also take *Sunny* backpacking all the time. She learned that he absolutely loved the water, so she took him to lakes every chance she could, and she even taught him to dive! She had so many amazing photos of *Sunny* at the beach in Half Moon Bay, his fur all wet and sandy, and a huge doggie smile on his face.

They had 4-5 wonderful years together before *Sunny* passed away. As he became ill, she would stop at nothing to get him the proper diagnosis and treatment including acupuncture, homeopathy, nutrition, home-cooked meals, and internal medicine. (She gave the highest praise to the good people at Adobe Animal Hospital who gave such amazing care.)

In the months that followed, Jody would sometimes bring *Sunny's* ashes with us on road trips because he had always loved riding in the car. In fact, it was just this past August when she finally scattered *Sunny's* ashes at our favorite car camping spot near Lake Tahoe. She had to let go of a lot of things because she was moving to India for work, but I think that letting go of *Sunny* was the hardest. A few of us friends were there, and we were all quite emotional. Jody waded out into the lake

by herself and slowly poured his ashes into the water around her. She was talking to him quietly as she did this, and when there were no ashes left, she took a deep breath and dove under. She wanted to swim with *Sunny* one last time.

Because this was such a moving experience for her, she gave a lot of thought to where she would want her ashes scattered when she passed away. Before departing to India, she made it clear that if anything should happen to her, she wanted to go to that same spot. Sadly, we will be heading up there again soon to do just that.

Jody loved dogs more than anyone I've ever known. We traveled a lot together in the US and around the world, and she was always stopping to pet strays and saving scraps from her meals to feed them. While living in India, she found five stray puppies that were badly malnourished and suffering from disease. She tried to rescue them, but unfortunately, the vet said they were so sick that they could not be saved. Jody insisted on holding each one as it was euthanized because she couldn't bear for them to die scared and alone. As they were being put down, one of the dogs had bitten her, and she had also contracted a rash from handling them. The vet encouraged her to get rabies shots, antibiotics, and steroid cream to combat infection. This may have been what made her sick. Although the cause of Jody's death remains undetermined, the doctors believe that she could have



suffered complications from the rabies vaccine or the other treatments she received. We may never know the specific triggers, and while this is very difficult for all of us who loved her, we take some comfort in knowing that she willingly made huge sacrifices for others all the time; that's just who she was.

Thankfully, we have countless happy memories of Jody, and her spirit lives on in each of us. We hope it is roaming free somewhere with *Sunny* in tow, a baby in his mouth and his tail wagging behind them. Thank you NORCAL for donating your time and resources to such a wonderful cause. It changed Jody's life for the better - and witnessing all the love she had in her soul made our lives richer, too. 🐾

WE'RE IN THE NEWS

Dear NORCAL Folks,

I was asked to write a story about my dog *Britty* for the 2nd issue of a new pet column in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, which appeared in the Home Section on Feb. 11 (the columnist, Eileen Mitchell, is writing the article and lifted quotes from my story).

I volunteered for NORCAL 4 years ago doing home visits and also fostering a dog that we joyfully adopted! In the story, I described how *Britty* was a rescue dog, and the columnist said she was happy to include this to 'plug' for NORCAL! They will be publishing a picture(s) too, so when people see *Britty's* sweet face, trust, me, you will start getting some calls! Wherever we go, people are stunned to learn that anyone would give up such a gorgeous, but more importantly, the sweetest 4-legged creature. P.S. For those of you that didn't see the article, here's the link to the story: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/02/11/HOJA15O6N6.DTL>

Bonnie Goodman, Pet Grief Counselor

My Name is Samantha. Get a Load of My Story!

Thanks to Miche and Bill Evans for writing this story and to Linda Gomoll for submitting it!

A couple of years ago, my Mom and Dad began talking about finding a golden retriever. Mom's best friend had a Golden named *Honey*. *Honey* is now a good pal of mine! Mom contacted NORCAL, filled out an application, and was almost immediately called by Sue Stauffer – a very connected NORCAL volunteer. Sue and my parents met at my (future) house to check out the yard and give my folks a clue about dog-proofing the house. Sue also brought *Terra*, now my good buddy, who showed off her obedience tricks. *Terra* is so smart.

I was found when I was a little under a year old in February 2007 wandering around Rohnert Park. I was underweight and had kidney disease. Someone picked me up and took me to the Humane Society. Thus began my return to health and happiness. The Humane Society called NORCAL who found me a fab foster home with Bill and Kathy Carlson in the wooded hills of Sebastopol. There, I took medication and ate special kibble that soon made me almost completely better! One day, two people (Miche and Bill Evans) came to visit and played and cuddled with me. We had a really

fun time. I think they thought I was pretty cute and smart. Well, duh... I AM!!! After a couple more weeks at my foster home, my new friends returned. Before anyone could blink an eye, I'd jumped into the back of their jeep! (I LOVE rides.) Off I went, but I want to bark out a ton of thanks to the Carlsons – you guys are awesome! WOOF!

Since May 2007, Mom, Dad, Ozy (the CAT!) and I have made ourselves into a cozy foursome. I just love my family and while it took a while to make warm and fuzzy with Ozy, we're firm friends now. Here are some things I like to do: sometimes I get so excited that I just have to grab my Dad's tools and run around with them at 90 miles per hour. And sometimes in the house, I like to casually grab something like a tissue to chew up. But last night, I hit the jackpot. Mom baked some gingerbread and left it out. I took full advantage of her negligence and scarfed it up – yum! Mom and Dad slept right through my thievery, so I also stole the potholder sitting up there and chewed on that for a while. Mostly I'm good though and have had some great adventures.

My folks have taken me hiking to a mountain lake in Tahoe, taught me to swim, and they throw me kongs (my fave) and bumpers and balls, all of which I enthusiastically return. I'm a good retriever.

Once a week, I go to obedience school – guess what? I really like it! I passed my Canine Good Citizen's test and am working on my CD. I'm just happy to live here, but love going out with my parents too. They have cool grandkids and everything! I sleep like a log at night next to Ozy these days. My parents are amazed. I think we're all just too pooped at night (well...most nights) to stir up any mischief!

Thank you NORCAL for the amazing work you do. P.S. I just started a blog a couple of days ago. Here's the URL: goldensamantha.blogspot.com – come check me out! 🐾



Lessons Learned from a Puppy Mill

Thank you to Lynn Hall for submitting this and to Mischa Wendel for writing it!

After I lost my once-in-a-lifetime Golden *Jonas*, I realized I wanted an old boy from rescue. I contacted NORCAL on-line, and, after filling out the forms, was phoned by the local representative. I was very impressed by the way the interview was performed, and the personal visit to check my fences, sleeping conditions for the dogs, etc. Very soon, *Jimmi* came into our life, a tall red boy who had been abandoned at the Oakland shelter, and was probably 12 years old with a multitude of health problems. We thought he might live for another year at the most, but he is still here almost 4 years later. In May 2008, I contacted Rescue again as I wanted to get another old Golden. I was told there was a small, blonde girl who needed a special home. *Izzy* had been rescued from a puppy mill in Southern California and had no social skills or any idea what a normal dog life could be.

As I drove up to Lynn Hall's house in Salida, Lynn was cradling

this puppy in her arms. My first thought was, "I thought I heard she was 7 years, not 7 months!" She was so small and so frightened. *Izzy* had been a breeder for a puppy mill and she still showed signs of a recent pregnancy.

These dogs live in awful conditions, sometimes in rabbit hutches, and learn to eat their own feces to keep their space clean. It took months to teach her to abandon this habit. When *Izzy* feels stressed, the habit recurs. They have to close their hearts to the surrounding environment to survive, and their sad eyes are distant. Anything would cause panic. A leash – forget it. Perhaps it brought memories of getting bred by force. A raised arm to turn a newspaper page would send the girl flying like a bat around the walls and running for cover. Coffee grinder – another horrible experience. I had to learn how to look through *Izzy's* eyes, even though she didn't dare look into mine, and yet teach her how to live. She didn't know how to drink from a bowl, and I had to feed her outside for two months. It seems to take about six to

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Spotlight on ADOPTERS



Dear Myra (Kelley),

I will always appreciate your patience and understanding after we first got *Lizzie*. We have been so blessed by *Lizzie*, now

I cannot imagine life without her. She's settled in so well and cuddles with *Zelda*, our cat. She loves going to the dog park and coming to school with me. We go on daily walks and she loves to play ball. Her favorite toy is a fuzzy duck and she enjoys putting all her toys away at night as well as her job of going out to get the morning paper. Recently she passed advanced dog training and we are looking forward to agility training and Canine Good Citizen in the future. She still has allergy issues and I continue to research ways to help her. Bless you so much for all you do for Golden Retrievers in need...for all you do to love and care for our precious animal friends. We are eternally grateful to you and NORCAL for our precious, darling *Lizzie*!!

With love, Marianne, Brian, Jacques, *Zelda*...and *Lizzie*, of course!!



Dear NORCAL,

Three years ago today, I had the good fortune of adopting *Max*. He was 4 when he came to live with me and now he is almost eight, but thinks he's about 2 or 3. He is the love of my life and has brought so much joy to me and all who come in contact with him. He was a neglected, ear-infected, matted, owner surrender and I was the lucky one who he chose! Thought you all would enjoy a little happy-ending story.

Sincerely, Candy Anderson, Davis

First There Was Sophie...Then There Was Grace

Thanks to Jenny McCann for writing this and to Justine Eller for submitting it!

This week *Grace* became a new member of our family. From what we know, she's approximately 9-10 months old, but has already lived quite a life. She and her dog family were found abandoned in a foreclosure home and had been left in the garage. *Grace* went to live in a home with four standard poodles and assorted other animals. She was well cared for but her owner thought she should have her own family so the family contacted NORCAL. The timing couldn't have been better! We were waiting and ready for her! In the good hands of Justine Eller and Jill Morgan, we went to meet her.

Just about a year ago, our golden *Sophie*, also from NORCAL, was diagnosed with bone cancer. *Sophie* had come to us through Justine Eller at NORCAL. *Sophie* had been a movie star having been raised from a long line of Golden Retrievers used for movies, TV shows, etc...(remember Pets.com...*Sophie* graced their website when she was just a puppy!). She came to NORCAL when her owner retired and many of her Golden Retrievers went to live with their trainers. We however were blessed to be her new family! She was not only a beautiful Golden, she had also been trained by the best (we were the ones who needed the training!). In the seven years she was with us, she charmed us all. My husband would say, "In my next life I want to come back as your dog!" We all fell under her charm.

When *Sophie* passed away we agreed as a family to adopt



another golden through NORCAL in her memory. After seven months and an obvious void in our lives, we contacted NORCAL and reconnected with our friend, Justine Eller! As in the past, she was great in listening to what we were looking for and set out to help us find our new Golden. One day we piled into the car and drove to meet Jill Morgan, Larry (her foster Dad), and *Grace* – a sweet, petite, and lovely puppy. She was timid and "graceful" and perhaps a bit overwhelmed, but came right to us, and we melted. My son reminded us, "Mom, *Gracie* is adopting us so we need to let her adopt US." Where *Sophie* had been big and strong, this little puppy was small and graceful. She's playful, eating, wagging her tail, frolicking with other dogs and enjoying being with our children who are now 12 and 15.

We feel truly blessed that we now have *Grace* and thank her previous owner for working with Jill Morgan and NORCAL, as well as Justine Eller, for bringing us all together. We're looking forward to many wonderful years with *Grace*! 🐾

A Real LADY

Thanks to Sue & Ray Hutton for writing this (and adopting Lady) and to Linda Gomoll for submitting it!



We adopted *Lady* when she was 3 years old and was not expected to live more than 3 months due to a severe heart condition from a missing valve. She had been in 3 homes and no one wanted her because she was going to die. We said that we would give her the best time of her life, even if it were short.

Well it has been the best for all of us. She is now over 5 years old and having a great time.

Yes she won't live long, but what a great, wonderful companion she is. She now has a sister who is 3 who was found on the street, picked up as vicious, and almost put down until NORCAL volunteer, Jill Morgan, rescued her. She was just scared. Now we have two wonderful Goldens and they keep us laughing and happy all the time. Our lives, as well as theirs, have changed for the best because of NORCAL. Thanks so much for enriching our lives and that of our two beautiful girls! 🐾



King for A Day

Thanks to Karen Shore for submitting this!



Pat Lynch and Karen Shore had a great time at the Bay to Barkers walk last year – a benefit for the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Karen's Golden, *Berkeley*, was crowned the Lead Dog!

A Star Is Born

Thanks to Maureen Drotleff for submitting this!

I was contacted by Kelly Naughtin, owner of Canine Wines and a regular supporter of NORCAL, to see if I would like to have my NORCAL Golden featured on a release of Sauvignon Blanc later this year. Of course we said yes and our little *Hallie* now adorns the label with her story on the back of the bottle. *Hallie* was the official Mascot of the Wag 'N Walk last September. She is a puppy mill survivor and we are very happy that her story will be on the wine bottle so that many uninformed folks will learn about the horrors of puppy mills. 🐾

SAUVIGNON BLANC
2008
SANTA YNEZ

OUR LABEL DOG
HALLIE

Hallie was adopted by her forever family at 22 months. Born into a puppy mill, she was used as a 'breeder'. Lucky to be rescued, she traveled from Oklahoma to California where she was met by a NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue volunteer. At first, Hallie wouldn't make eye contact and when she did her sad eyes and the rope around her neck with a tag marked #113 were reminders of what a dog's existence as a breeder in a puppy mill is like. For 20 months, Hallie lived with hundreds of dogs who were kept in unairconditioned, cramped, filthy wire cages. Here she delivered 3 litters by the time she was 18 months old. When NGRS picked her up, she was terrified of loud noises, people, cars, just about everything. She was emaciated, her coat dull and brittle, her underbelly skin was black. But today Hallie lives with a loving and doting family! She can stretch her legs in her back yard anytime she wants. She has a gorgeous coat and healthy skin, and has conquered many of her fears. Each morning she wakes up with a sparkle in her eyes, wagging her tail, and nose-mudging her family for snuggles and hugs. For more about Hallie, please visit our web site: www.k9wines.com

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Puppy Mill

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eight months for these puppy mill dogs to re-enter regular dog life. In my limited experience, it takes about three months for these dogs to relax and sleep on their sides and “dream” with vocalization and moving legs. In November, I was contacted by NORCAL, as they thought *Izzy's* daughter was available.

I went to pick her up on a rainy evening

from a family close to where I live, who couldn't keep her because of her lack of social skills.

Jillie was so startlingly similar to her mother, it was a bit difficult to tell them apart! She had the same dead look in her eyes, and clung to the floor in my house for many weeks. After many attempts, I found out I could yell “treats” in a high-pitched

voice, and *Jillie* would follow *Izzy* and *Jimmi* inside for a cookie. She still won't take it from my hand, but waits to get it on the floor. They all sleep next to me at night, and I adore the sounds of their snores.

Thank you Lynn and NORCAL for your incredible work. If anyone adopts a puppy mill dog, perhaps my experience could help you. 🐾

IN TRIBUTE

With sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Robert K. and Patricia A. Dahl Foundation for their contribution to NGRRescue!

In Honor of Peter Fitzgerald
Donation by Mildred & Gerry Fitzgerald

In Honor of "Mattie"
"Our Mattie, while a bit goofy, is a great dog. Keep up the great work."
Donation by James Krotzer

"Happy Birthday to Jennifer (Klatt)! I hope this is a 'Golden' day for you ... and the rest of the year!"
Donation by Debbie, Takara & Lotus Sloan

In Honor of "Savannah"
"Thank you for being the voice of so many Golden. I adopted Savannah nine years ago from NGRRescue. She's a very active senior and has been nothing but joy. Keep up the great work!"
Donation by Tracey Carrasco

In Thanks to Birgitta Parseh for sharing her good fortune with NGRRescue!

In Honor of the Mullan's family and their pets, especially "Riley"
Thank you for your generosity to NGRRescue!

In Honor of "Harley"
Owned and loved by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Littrell
Donation by F.C. & M.E. Lemon

In Thanks to Diane Head
"Thank you for all your help in finding 'Lilly' a new home."
Donation by Lisa Ferdinandsen

In Thanks to Myra Kelley
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Donation by the Hansen Family

In Honor and In Thanks to Riverton Feed Store in Petaluma
"Your loyal, generous and unwavering support of Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue, Destiny & Me, and all Golden has made many Golden lives better and longer. Our heartfelt thanks, my deepest gratitude, and lots of Heavenly Golden-dust from all your furry friends and Nacina."

In Thanks to Mimi and Henri Combel
Mimi's Pet Grooming
"Thanks to Mimi and Henri and all their staff at Mimi's Pet Grooming for taking such good care of 'Franklin' and 'Valley.' Happy Holidays!"
Donation by Betsy Haehl & John Kriewall

In Celebration and In Honor of the Wedding of Rick Partridge and Jack Black!
(Owners of "Copper" from NGRRescue)
Donation by Susan Tatro, Tom Tatro, Tracy Cousineau, & Clint Moore

"Merry Christmas to my Dad, Peter Brooks!"
Lovingly donated by Kay Brooks

"Happy Holidays, dear John!"
Donation by Susan Canavan

In Appreciation and thanks to NGRRescue for my two wonderful Golden, "Honey" and "Chewie."
Donation by Ann Fairbanks

"Happy Holidays to Sheb & Mike Michasiow!"
With love from "Gracie" Bernhard

"Merry Christmas to my Aunt, Sharon McConnell. Her Christmases are happier when she knows a beautiful Golden is resting easier and living better."
Donation by Kimberly Daly

"Merry Christmas wishes to Lee & Jody Rusconi!"
Donation by Jane & Jim Keltner

"Merry Christmas, Yvonne (Vergez)!"
Lovingly donated by Rob, Charan, Suzanne & Kelly Higbee

"Thank you for 'Lincoln!'"
Donation by Laura & Bob Brown

In Honor of "Rufus" and "Ruby"
Donation by Elizabeth & Allen Long

"Merry Christmas to Mary & Richard Burke!"
Donation by Stacy Rafanelli

In Honor of Annie Walker
Donation by Josh Sacks
In Honor of our two Golden, "Buddy" and "Sunny"
Donation by Bev & Mike Groeniger

In Honor of "Molly"
Donation by Joe & April Ramos

Holiday and a Happy New Year Wishes to Nathan Coben
And In Memory of "rs"
Love, Mom, Mona Lynch

Golden Memories during the holidays to Molly Coben
And In Memory of "Shaggy"
Lovingly donated by Mona Lynch aka Mom

"Merry Christmas to a guy who loves Golden, Brett Bowman!"
Love, Sweet Pea, Fidelio, Papagano & Alexis"

"In Honor of Sally Durrie"
"Thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you again soon."
Love, Rob, Kathy Marmet and Family

"Merry Christmas to Riley, Geri & Danny Lonergan!"
Donation by the Lindahl's

In Honor of Evelyn & Derek Brown
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"Thanks for taking such good care of me, Jill Morgan, and for finding me a happy home!"
Donation by Benson Catanach & the Catanach Family

"Merry Christmas to my Mom, Anne Belisle, who loves Golden!"
Donation by Diane & Gord Head

"Happy Holidays to Janine & Don Matheson!"
Donation by Diane & Gord Head

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
Donation by G. Gerald FitzGerald

In Honor and In Thanks to Philip Goss & Wyeth Coulter
Philip & Wyeth raised money for various charities by growing and selling pumpkins. They chose to donate \$500 to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue to remember "Barlo," "Simba," "Cory," and for "Tiger" and "Tara." On behalf of NGRRescue, thanks are given to these two generous entrepreneurs.

In Honor of Nacina Dawn
Donation by Catherine Bryan

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

"Christmas wishes to my husband, Don Coluzzi!"
Donation by Catherine Coluzzi

In Honor of "Jake," "Sandy," and "Nuggett"
Donation by Brad Bettencourt

In Honor of Carol Gray-Weihman
Donation by Elaine Weihman

In Honor of "Montana"
"In honor of Montana and Aria and their parents."
Loved by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wilson
Donation by Nan Lampe

I N M E M O R I A M

In Honor of "Gracy"

"Gracy is a 10-year-old Golden who had been given up to the local shelter because her family was moving. She is the most loving, affectionate, and well mannered dog we have ever owned. There is an indescribable bond between us. She is perfect in every sense! (We couldn't believe that someone had given her up.) My employer, Nims & Associates, requested that employees nominate their favorite local charity in lieu of holiday gifts. My nomination was Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue and I am pleased to say that they selected your group as a choice for their holiday donation in 2008! May this New Year bring the hope of finding many more new loving homes for the loving Golden retrievers that you rescue."

Gracy is loved by Arlene Chan and her daughters
Donation by Nims & Associates

With thanks to Ar(f)dith
Donation by Robert Hoffman

In Thanks to Lynne & Marc Benioff
Wishes for a Golden 2009! from Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue

"God Bless and Merry Christmas to Carole, Zane and 'Jake' and your family this Christmas and throughout the year. Also, in tribute to 'Jake' loved and treasured by Carole and Zane as a beloved member of their family."
Donation by Nancy, Gino & Dakkota Miss Furay

In Honor of our dear friend and neighbor, Jimmy Keifer
"We miss you!"
Donation by "Dawson's Family", the Fink's

In Honor of Doreen Humphrey's Birthday
Donation by Starr Fenn

In Honor of my boss, Tim Comer, who is an avid supporter of Golden Retrievers
"Merry Christmas!"
Donation by Mary Herbert

In Dedication to my Friend
Donation by Nancy Bolger

In Celebration of Marty Yoshioka
Donation by Rosemary Wong

On behalf of Bill & Claudia Coleman
Donation by Melody Compton

In Thanks to Animal Eye Care in Fremont and Dr. Deborah Friedman for their generous donation

In Honor of Holly & Martin Wolff
Donation by Penny & Greg Reyes

Merry Christmas wishes in honor of Lucille Chaput
Lovingly donated by Sue & Gene Chaput

In Thanks from Teresa & Dennis Costello

In Thanks to Canine Wines for their donation

In Honor of Pat Lynch
Donation by Dorothy Rosenthal & Bill Nerenberg

In Honor of "Maddie" Graziano
Donation by Theresa McTague

In Honor of Ryan Lipton
"Ryan walked my Golden, 'Zoe,' and would not take any payment. He wanted it sent to NGRRescue instead. Ryan has two Golden retrievers of his own."
Donation by Kathy Coffey
***** A BIG thanks to Ryan, from NGRRescue! Your generosity has touched us!

In Honor of Cristie Akers
Donation by Jefferson Kinney

In Thanks and In Appreciation to Joshua Daykin, who donated his Christmas gift money to charities that are close to his heart...Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is one of them!

"Happy Birthday wishes to my Grandmother, Jerry Gonsalves, on her 80th birthday!"
Lovingly donated by Mary Gonsalves Kinney

"Happy Birthday to Jerry Gonsalves!"
Donation by Carol Ross

In Honor of "Sierra Girl"
"With all the love that exists, we want to tell you how much we love you and care for you both!"
Donation by Sheila & Delfina Lancaster

In Honor of Jerry Gonsalves 80th birthday
Donation by Jack Gonsalves

In Thanks for "Tyler"
Donation by the T.C. Donohoe Family

In Honor of my sister-in-law, Jerry Gonsalves
Donation by Michelle Gonsalves

In Thanks and in Honor to Jerry Gonsalves on her 80th birthday

In Tribute to Jerry Gonsalves
"This donation is being made in tribute to Jerry because she is such a true friend of Golden Retrievers, their loving nature and their companionship."
Donation by Bailey, Ella & Diana Rains

In Thanks to Debra Friedman, DVM and the Staff at Animal Eye Care in Fremont for their continual support!

In Thanks for "Socks" and "Gator"
Donation by Joyce & Ron Kinton

In Tribute to "George"
"George was a faithful companion to Jenny. I have told her many times that I want to come back as one of her dogs. George will be missed by all of us."
Lovingly missed by Jennifer Klatt
Donation by Andy & Sandy Klatt

In Honor of "Jazzy"
Donation by Elaine Hujambojoie

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
Donation by Millie & Jerry FitzGerald

In Thanks to pet-friendly Deerfield Lodge in South Lake Tahoe, our home away from home. Our "Lady" LOVES it there, especially when it snows.
Donation by Kirsten Witesman

I N M E M O R I A M

In Memory of "Ginger"
"Ginger was a wonderful part of your family, and we know how much you miss her. Our thoughts are with you."
Loved by the Caplan Family
Donation by Lynne, Bill and Jaime Mayer

In Memory and In Honor of John Culin
"John made a definite impact on those he touched and the Golden Retriever community in general. Thank you."
Donation by Penny Hurley and her Poodles

In Memory of "Max"
"Max was our sweet Golden Retriever 'brother' and 'uncle.' Condolences to Mom aka 'Maw' and to Max's feline brother, Emiliano Zapata."
Loved by Virginia Holmes
Donation by Pete, Carla, John, Catherine, Zinfandel, Custer and Daniel Chow

In Memory of "Myles"
"Myles was Nancy's sweet 'little munchkin'. He was a great dog."
Cherished and loved by Nancy Fedders
Donation by Carla Holmes

In Memory of "Max"
"Max was Grandma's Golden Retriever and my 'uncle.' Max was a special friend and my favorite digging companion."
Missed and loved by Virginia Holmes
Donation by John Chow

IN MEMORIAM

In Honor and In Memory of so many gone too soon...

"Evie Hopper, dear mother of Debbie Claussen; 'Senor,' 'Riley' and 'Ali' beloved Goldens of Debbie and Mike. We miss you all and think about you often."

Lovingly missed by Debbie & Mike Claussen
Donation by Jan Teichman

In Memory of "Halo"

"Halo was a friend to Lisa and the constant companion of Steve Newton."

Loved by Lisa & Steve Newton
Donation by Jan Teichman

In Memory of Jack Russell

Donation by Jean Harrell

In Fond Memory of "Frodo" and "Max"

Loved by Ginny Holmes
Donation by Ruth Rothman

In Memory of "Delilah"

"Hey there, Delilah...you were here on earth so briefly yet long enough to fill your family's hearts with profound joy and laughter. May your little kitten spirit bounce endlessly in the heavens. Golden, Kimmee, and brother, Merlin, will show you around and look after you."

Cared for and loved by Terri Lilley & Family
Donation by Linda Maureen Sanches & Family

In Memory of "Theodora Thunder"

"Golden Teddi, loved and cherished for 12 years by the Swanson family, was always ready to go...climbing hills, swimming in ponds and oceans, going for a ride or flying across the Pacific Ocean. She traveled between Massachusetts and Hawaii three times to be with the family she loved dearly. May she run happily through the fields by Anna's Pond as she waits near the Rainbow Bridge for David, Juliana, Jared, and Zach."

Loved by the Swanson Family
Donation by Bev & Mike Groeniger,
Hanai Family

In Memory of my daughter, Karen Lindstrom
Lovingly donated by Barbara & Charlie Dana

In Memory of "Myles"

"We are so sorry for your loss."

"We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own lives within a fragile circle easily and often breached. Unable to accept its awful gaps, we still would live no other way. We cherish memory as the only certain immortality, never fully understanding the necessary plan." Author- Irving Townsend
Deeply loved and missed by Nancy & Chuck Fedders & his furry brother, Duke.
Donation by Diane & Gord Head

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom

Donation by Timothy Golan

In Loving Memory of "Bailey" Glomstad-Fuchs

Loved and deeply missed by his Dads

Donation by Charles LaBrecque

In Memory of "Max"

"My Rent-A-Dog"

Loved by Virginia Holmes

Donation by Jane Fox

In Memory of "Skipper" Atherton

Achingly missed by the Atherton Family

Donation by Jeanne Atherton

In Honor and In Memory of "Mona" and "Lisa"

"My Golden Angels!"

Loved and missed by Anne Magnie

In Memory of Cheryl Day

"Cheryl was a dear friend and we enjoyed many happy hours watching our Goldens play together."

Donation by Larry & Rustie Tartaglino

In Memory of "Minnie"

"Whirly, twirly, prancy

Sweet red angel.

So loving and so loved

In equal measures.

We all treasured her

Gift of happiness

And miss her terribly."

"So very sorry for your loss, Don and Tami."

Missed and loved by Don & Tami Benson

Love and sympathy from Nacina Dawn

In Memory of Beloved "Brandi Latka Moloshok"

"Our thoughts are with you."

Loved and missed by Jim and Pam Moloshok

Donation by Bruce & Jackie Rosenblum

In Loving Memory of "Chip"

"... a noble Golden and beloved companion.

You are missed more than words can express."

Achingly missed and loved by Chris &

Jack Lakus

Donation by Joan & Bob Bea

In Memory of "Boomer" Bavoukian

"Sweet dreams, Boomer."

Loved and missed by the Bavoukian Family

Donation by Kate Blanchard

Remembering our BEAUTIFUL Goldens:

"Samantha," "Katie," "Scout," and "Chase"

"One more day, one more time

One more sunset maybe I'd be satisfied.

But then again, I know what it would do.

Leave me wishing still for one more day with you."

"Our days are brighter, now, since we've been rescued by our incredible Goldens, 'Joy' and 'Hope.' Thank you, Jill Morgan, for making it happen."

Donation by Jim, Joan, Jimmy & Jon Green

In Memory of Robert Bacchus Van Prooyen

Donation by Roger Schwaiger

In Memory of "Berkeley"

"Berkeley was the best friend of Karen.

He was one of the most special redheads I know."

Loved and missed by Karen Stone

Donation by Lauren Vela

In Memory of Robert Van Prooyen

Donation by the Simons Family

In Memory of Robert Van Prooyen

Donation by Bobbie Yeiter

In Memory of Robert B. Van Prooyen

Donation by Frances & William Gillison

In Memory of "Twinkie" Gomoll

"Twinkie was loved by Ted and Linda and all her friends. We'll miss our swimming buddy.

We know that you and "Donner" will be waiting by a big blue lake."

Loved by Linda & Ted Gomoll

Donation by Joanne, Aspen & Willow McGrail

In Memory of Jim Lavin

Donation by Carole & Barry Frank

In Memory of "Buddy" Lau

"Buddy was the nicest and most loving dog I ever knew. Buddy you will be sorely missed."

Loved and missed by Catherine Lau

Donation by Stephen Fuerth

In Memory of "Nicholas"

"We will always remember Nicholas. He had a gorgeous head and a heart to match."

Cherished by June Smith

Fondly donated by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Maggie"

"How fortunate Maggie was to live and be loved by the Murillo Family. We wish them warm memories."

Missed and loved by Nancy & George Murillo

In Memory of "Jackson"

"Jackson was the biggest Golden Retriever most people had ever seen and had the biggest heart to match. The pack, human and canine, is missing him terribly."

Your coworkers, knowing the relationship that you shared, send their heartfelt

condolences, also.

Loved by Maggie Isherwood

Donation by BNY Mellon Employees and Jennifer Klatt

In Memory of Shannon Marie

Donation by Harvey Veon

In Memory of "Jackson" Isherwood
Loved by Maggie Isherwood
Donation by Mary Beth Lamb

In Memory of "Rob Roy"
So. African CH. Rob Roy
"May beautiful memories ease your pain for the loss of your beloved companion."
Lovingly missed by Wendy Silveira
Donation by Santa Clara Dog Training Club

In Memory of Wayne Thalken
Lovingly donated by Barbara Brickell

In Memory of Barbara Wedemayer
Lovingly donated by Albert Wedemayer, Jr.

In Memory of "Jack"
"Jack was a sweet boy."
Achingly missed by Maggie Isherwood
Donation by Bob & Beth Klatt

In Memory of my "Bo," 1994-2008
Lovingly donated by Ann Marie Mix

In Memory of "Lizzie" and "Emma"
"They were my funny woo-woo girls. I miss them so much."
Lovingly missed by Maggie Salgado

In Memory of "K.C." Kelley
Loved by Don Kelley
Donation by Peter & Virginia Van Kuran

In Memory of "Big Caesar," 11-26-08
Adored by Joan & John Demgen

In Memory of "Buddy" Lau
"Buddy was the Love of Our Lives, who gave us over 13 years of love and joy."
Devotedly loved and missed by Catherine & Collin Lau

In Memory of "K.C. Kelley"
Loved by Don Kelley
Donation by Virginia Van Kuran

In Memory of "Casey Meister"
"Casey Meister was a very special Golden; he had just turned 14. He would go into nursing homes and the Hospice House in Carmel to visit patients. Casey brought a lot of joy to our household, and now we have been equally blessed to find a rescue Golden, "Hamish McDuff," an older gentle giant who apparently was a stray and who we have had since October."
Donation by Dorothy Hilinski-Lyon

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donation by Frank Skubal

In Memory of "Missy"
"Our friend's sweet retriever"
Missed and loved by Sophie Soltani & Bill Berg
Donation by Robert Epstein

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

In Memory of "Cash"
Loved by Sio & Jeff Wilson
Donation by Claudia Guild

In Loving Memory of our Golden Girl, "Amber"
"Amber was a faithful, loving companion for 13½ years. We miss her dearly."
Cherished by the Lori & Dan King

In Loving Memory of "Goldie," 1993-2008
"With love and in memory of Goldie, our one and only Golden Oldie."
Missed and loved by Jan, John, Ben & Kate Stewart

In Memory of Louis Arcuri and "Sunshine"
Donation by Katy Arcuri

In Memory of "Colby"
Loved by Betsy & Pat Kelly
Donation by Bob & Leslie Bruce

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donations by Colleen Corrollo

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"In Memory of Jody Stiely, who cared so much for every person, dog, and being on this planet. We will never forget her warmth and charisma for life. Jody will be with us forever."
Donation by Austin Lau

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donation by Frank Skubal

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"I know Jody really loved dogs, and she often mentioned her own dogs to me even when we were on conference calls. She absolutely adored this charity, and so I wanted to make a small donation in her memory."
Donation by Suan Yeo

In Memory of "Donner" and "Twinkie"
"This Cold Noses donation is made in memory of Linda and Ted's beloved Golden: Donner and Twinkie. They both sadly passed away in 2008. They are sorely missed by all of us who knew them."
Missed and loved by Linda & Ted Gomoll

In Memory of "Cooper"
"Mill Valley's beloved Alpha shop dog."
Lovingly missed by Karsen, Kelly and Rick Scott
Donation by Linda & Ted Gomoll

In Memory of "T.C." Southard
"We grieve with you but celebrate the life T.C. had. He was a lucky boy to be so loved."
Cherished and missed by Christine & Don Southard
Donation by Bob & Judy Terranova and Judy & Chris Christofferson

In Memory of "Chad" Bradford
Lovingly missed by Lucy & Bill Bradford
Donation by Maggie & Laurie Segale

In Memory of "Patrick"
Golden Pine Second Edition CDX, RAE, CGC, CCA
"Patrick was the perfect model for all the rescued Golden's that shared his home."
Owned and loved by Pat Lynch
Donation by Kathy McIntyre

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"In honor of Jody Stiely, an inspirational co-worker and amazing friend. She will be dearly missed."
Donation by the eOSO Team/Lauren Miskelly

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donation by Colleen Kurdy

In Memory of "Greta"
"...our favorite step-dog."
Donation by Clay Stringer

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"As a gesture of respect for Jody, who asked for donations to this charity to mark her death."
Donation by James McSweeney

In Memory of Kenneth Gibbons
"In memory of Kenneth and all the dogs he loved."
Donation by Tracy Gibbons

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"Jody was a wonderful colleague. No one advocated for her team like Jody. She was an inspiration!"
Donation by Jessica Taylor

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"To honor Jody's commitment to this cause and her/our eternal love for 'Sunny' who introduced us to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. And to honor the life of Jody and the wonderful person she was."
Donation by Tracy, Max, Sadie, and Sarah DeDore

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donation by Joanne Wachter-Ghio

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"Jody was a very caring person who loved, cared deeply for and nurtured dogs. She particularly loved Golden Retrievers."
Donation by Edith Zito

In Memory of Mr. Peter M. Lyond
"With my deepest condolences"
Donation by Marjie Kanyer

In Loving Memory of Jody Stiely
"Dear Bruce: I am so sorry. Jody was a beautiful girl and I know how much you and the family will miss her. I'm praying for you."
Donation by Holly Ashley

In Memory of "Arlo"
"Arlo was our Golden mix dog who was adopted from the East Palo Alto Humane Society in 1998 and succumbed to cancer in 2008"
Lovingly missed by Esther Sun and Family

In Memory of "Cleo"
"With loving sympathy"
Loved by Stephanie Bigelow and Molly
Donation by Ray-Ray

In Memory of "Katie Girl"
"Katie Girl was a very lucky Golden girl to share Val's home and heart. She, also, brought much joy to Val's life. She will be missed."
Loved by Valerie Hicks
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of Jody Stiely
"We were very fond of Jody and will miss her dearly. She brought excitement and cheer just by entering a room. Everyone always seemed to be drawn to her."
Donation by Teri & Hector Nevarez

In Memory of "Cooper"
"In loving memory of your Cooper"
Missed and loved by the Soble Family
Donation by the Soble Family in Texas

In Memory of "Ted"
"In memory of a fabulous boy, Ted!"
Loved by Pat White
Donation by Toastin Labradors

In Memory of "Thatcher"
"Thatcher was a beautiful Golden Retriever who passed away on January 27, 2009. He was a beautiful ray of sunshine. I know you are in a place with miles of enormous pools and millions of balls and frisbees."
Loved by Jim Hill & Philip Slatin
Donation by Mitzi & Sasha Forbes

In Memory of "Dug"
"Dug was my sweet old Golden. He will forever be in my heart. Let this help with your rescue."
Loved by Sandra Weissel

In Memory of Bernice Cotella
Donation by Garry Deuel

In Memory of "Jory"
"Jory was my Golden who crossed the Rainbow Bridge two years ago, today."
Lovingly missed by Garry Deuel

In Memory of "Taylor"
"Taylor brightened our lives for five years. I adopted him at age 10 and he passed in November 2008. Taylor was an old soul with truly a heart of gold. I don't believe I could have loved him more. I miss him sleeping next to me in bed and his excitement over a cookie. Thank you for giving him to me."
Dearly loved and missed by Judy Johnson & "Tucker"

In Loving Memory of "Chase"
"We will always remember Chase with great fondness and he has a special place in our hearts. We are thankful that Chase was in our lives and in Buddy's."
Lovingly missed by Barbara Young
Donation by Catherine & Collin Lau

In Loving Memory of "Myles"
"Myles was a handsome, spirited, athletic little munchkin whose contagious enthusiasm brightened the lives of anyone who knew him. His destiny to be part of the Fedders family was realized thanks to NGRRescue. Myles will be in our hearts always."
Lovingly loved by Nancy & Chuck Fedders
Donation by MacGyver Richards and Family

In Memory of "Dodger"
"In memory of your beloved Dodger."
Missed by Nancy & Rod Gillespie
Donation by Joan Merriam

In Memory of "Cleo"
"NGRRescue found Cleo for me and she was a sweetheart! I only got to have her for 1½ years and I miss her very much. We were looking forward to another play-day in Twain Harte; she had so much fun there last year."
Lovingly missed by Stephanie Bigelow

In Loving Memory of "Cooper"
"Cooper was your sweet, precious puppy-boy. He is terribly missed but we know he will be in your hearts forever."
Missed and loved by Sue & Steve Salnick
Donated with all their love - Karin & Steve Chase and kitties, Hamilton & Sydney

In Memory of "George"
Owned and loved by Jennifer Klatt
Donation by Mary Beth Lamb

In Memory of David Oliver
Donation by Garry Deuel
In Memory of Connie Danielsen
Donation by Terry & Tracy Ricketts

In Memory of "Molly"
"Molly was rescued by Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue and lived with my friend, Mike. I met Molly when Mike brought her to work on 'bring your dog to work day.' (We have a very enlightened boss!) Molly was a beautiful lady with a serene smile and a real sense for people who needed her special brand of love. At the time we met, I was dealing with serious family health issues and was feeling a great deal of stress. When I met Molly, she looked at me with those wise Golden Retriever eyes as if to say, 'It will be all right.' She then spent much of the day curled up by my feet. Any you know what? Molly was right. She is gone now, but I will never forget that special lady who helped me at a time when I sorely needed it. Thank you, Molly; thank you Mike for sharing her; and thank you, Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue for the work you do."

"Merry Christmas to Mike, Mileva, and their two rescue Golden, 'Rocky' & 'Baxter' Marcy"
Donation by Bill & Margaret Marcy

In Sincere thanks to those who have designated Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue as the recipient of their employee charitable contributions!

Memorial & Tribute Donations

Donations may be made to memorialize or pay tribute to a special person, Golden, or pet of any kind. Send your donation and information (for whom the donation is being made and their address, your name, address, and phone number, plus words of personalization) to:

NGRR

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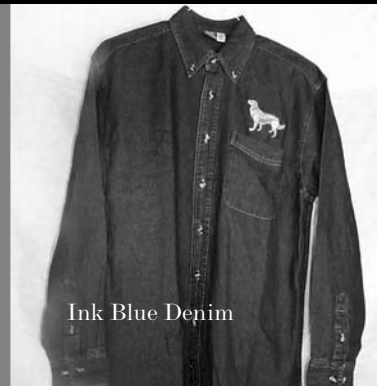
NGRR Medium Length Apron with Pouch Pockets \$19.00

Hunter
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Black



Hunter
Green



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Thank You!

Donating to NGRR

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

Gifts by Check or Credit Card

A gift by check or credit card may be made outright or as a pledge to be fulfilled over a period of up to five years. If you itemize tax deductions, your contribution is fully deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income; any excess can be carried forward for up to five additional years. To make a gift by check, simply fill out the donation slip, write your check, and mail to NGRR. To make a gift by credit card, please also tell us the type of credit card, card number, expiration date, and name as it appears on the card.

Payroll Deduction

The simplest (and most painless) way for many of us to manage our gift giving is with an easy payroll deduction. Each year United Way, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other charitable campaigns give working people the opportunity to allocate payroll deductions or make a one-time contribution at work. Ask your employer for a Donor Option Card to direct your United Way contribution to NGRR.

Matching Gift

Over 6,000 companies encourage their employees' philanthropy through a matching gift program whereby your employer will match your individual donations. This generous program doubles – and sometimes triples – your donation. Ask your human

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

Appreciated Securities

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

Gifts Through Your Estate

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

Life Income Gifts

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

Gifts of Real Estate

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

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

Senior Golden Retrievers

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

Zack's Fund

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

For More Information

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

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2010 NGRR Calendar submissions:

I'm looking forward to designing next year's calendar with photos and stories about dogs you've adopted personally or helped to place in forever homes. I would like to start receiving the pictures and stories in March with a final deadline of June 1, 2009.

1. The stories should be a few sentences about his/her previous life, life after adoption, and his/her favorite pastimes, etc.
2. The pictures need to be 300dpi pictures at 8x10 so that means set the camera at Hi-Res setting and jpeg format. Be sure to consult your camera's manuals for hi-res printing setting.
3. We do accept film prints if needed.

VERY IMPORTANT! Please send digital photos to BOTH:
patswally@comcast.net and cathy@etypeworks.com

Thanks, Pat Lynch



NORCAL Goldens Show Off!

Thanks to Marilyn Ormond for contributing this!

Once a year Norcal Golden Retriever Club has a Specialty Dog Show that includes conformation, obedience, and agility trials. NORCAL has been invited over the years to present a parade at these specialties. The parade consists of Golden Retrievers that have been rescued and re-homed into loving situations. The greatest part of the parade is to see the wonderful dogs that participate and to hear their life's story including where they came from and how well they have blossomed in their new lives.

The 2008 parade was in October at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton.

The parade took place during the lunch break from the regular show and was preformed in the main show ring. The participants included many of our active NORCAL volunteers and their rescue dogs. Lynn Parapar, Linda Knowles, Pat Lynch, Lynn Hall, Jill Morgan, Joan Fisher, and Barbara Tornberg were among those participating in the parade. Pat Lynch gave a brief display with her dog showing how a rescue dog can learn agility and reach show dog levels. The participants came from all over California with Lorene Cole coming from as far away as Lake Tahoe with her dog *Sophie*.

NORCAL is always pleased to be invited to this event as it gives us an opportunity to show the public and our advocates what great things come from their donations and support.

