



# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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## Quincy—She's One of the Family

By Mark Benvenga

Quincy came into our life one day, as a foster who needed a home. Her owner of 9 years gave her up because of her own serious medical conditions, and she could no longer handle this energetic little girl. Well, as one would expect, Quincy was very shy and reserved in our home, and it took quite a while for her to loosen up a bit. Fortunately, we have two other Golden rescues, so this made her feel more relaxed. It was our every intention to foster Quincy and find her a forever home... well you know how that goes... Quincy grabbed our hearts with her constant begging for love, attention and play. Oh boy, does she play, she can constantly give us a workout. She is so lovable...and boy does she talk. She loves to be petted, she loves to sleep at her mom's feet by the bed, and she will constantly remind us that she loves us!! We couldn't have found a better little girl to add in with our two boys! There is nothing like a Trio of Goldens! 🐾



## What Our Fosters do for Rescue

We are forever thankful to our foster families. They provide the most important role for the Goldens in our care. Steve and Debi have been fostering for several years and have taken on some challenging dogs, but always treat the Goldens in their care as their own. They have a special wall in their home where they share every Golden that enters their lives no matter how brief. Thank you Steve and Debi for opening your home to Buddy Boy! *Georgine Nordin* 🐾

## Buddy's Story

By Georgine Nordin

On August 14th, Buddy was dropped off for euthanasia at the San Jose Animal Care. We immediately called Steve and Debi Chick to see if they would be willing to take him home. He was only 8 years old, clearly sick, but still wanting to live. Steve drove down and picked up Buddy and got him into the vet. Yep, lymphoma and glaucoma. The vet gave him pain meds and eye drops to make him comfortable and said he would not live very long. Every day he went to the park to play ball and see all the dogs. Two weeks later it was time to refill the prescription, and the vet cautioned Steve about going to the park and playing ball. Buddy was having none of that, so the fetch continued. He had some rough times scattered throughout his time with them, but most all the days were very good. Steve and Debi provided a loving home until February 1, 2022, when they helped him cross over at home. 🐾

# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

*At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate Golden Retrievers from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. Our donor support last year was wonderful, and we thank each and every one of you! Below are the names of those who contributed since September 2021. Many thanks again to all of you – and to those of you who contribute throughout the year.*

## **Best Friend: \$1,000 and up**

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## Melvin's Food Critic Corner

Hello Friends, I may not act my age, but I am 11, so in this issue I am featuring a home-cooked meal for Senior Dogs from the "Real Food for Dogs" recipe book.

### CHICKEN SWEET POTATO ENTREE

#### Ingredients

6 oz. Skinless Chicken Breast	2 Tbs Sunflower Oil
1.5 Cups White Rice	1 1,000mg Calcium Supplement (for my arthritis ☺)
1 Sweet Potato	Liquid contents of a 100IU Vitamin E capsule
1 Carrot	

#### Instructions:

- Broil or boil the chicken breast
- Steam the rice
- Microwave the sweet potato until a fork slides easily in and out – Peel and mash
- Slice and boil or steam the carrot
- Add the oil, calcium and Vitamin E
- Cool before serving – Bon Appetit!



**TASTE TESTED**



# Annie the Ambassador By Laura Nakashima

Annie joined our home 7 years ago at the age of 2. She was in rough shape - flea-ridden, overweight, banished to the backyard, and emotionally starved for affection. It's hard for us to imagine her living her first 2 years of life alone in a backyard because she wanted nothing more than love and companionship. She quickly joined our family and also bonded with neighbors, friends, and a daily group of elementary school kids walking to school (she was their chaperone). She loved long walks in the hills of our neighborhood, running free at the beach and chasing seagulls, bathing in the hot sun, sleeping tummy side up, and patrolling the backyard. She had a strong maternal instinct, nurturing and guiding her



younger brother Teddy, as well as puppies new to the neighborhood, who would run to her for comfort. A mere 2 days before she died, she was greeting a puppy new to the street, nose to nose, tail wagging. Annie was very emotional and intuitive; she could often read our facial expressions and know exactly what we were conveying, without us ever saying a word. Everyone who met her, from family members to neighbors to vets to even the surgeon who repaired her torn tendon used the word "sweet" when talking about her. She was our Sweet Annie Girl. We had to let her go last year after an unexpected and aggressive tumor took her health. She was 9 years old and passed peacefully in the sun with her blanket. 🐾



## Fraise's New Life

*By Linda Scheffel*

Fraise (the name means Strawberry in French) came to NGRR by way of a breeder's surrender. She was 8 months old and had two surgeries for an ectopic ureter. Her surgeries and treatments were performed by UC Davis. She was placed on medications for a leaky bladder and must wear a doggie diaper. The owners did not have the time or the funds to continue her treatment, so for the good of the dog, they surrendered her to NGRR.

Debbie Aslett, one of our approved adopters, was willing to foster her until further treatment could be completed. When we picked her up, she was very dirty and smelled strongly of her own urine. Fraise was quiet, shy and definitely in need of attention. Since then, her time with Debbie and her husband, Bob, has done wonders. She is taken on regular walks, gets lots of love and attention, and is becoming comfortable in new surroundings. Debbie tells me that Fraise is "attached to her at the hip" and they are falling in love with her.

Sierra Veterinary Specialists in Reno, NV are working to find out if there might be another option for treatment to help Fraise with her bladder leakage. Until then, thanks to her "new family", she will have the love and attention she so desperately needs. Debbie says she's becoming "one spoiled dog". But, that's okay - she deserves it! 🐾

## My Goofy Boy

*By Lana Heyl*

Where do I begin with my new fur baby? When he came to me, he was known as Grainger. I had to change it as he reminded me so much of the Golden in the movie "Up". So now he goes by Doug. He has the sweetest temperament I have ever encountered. He is also very silly and goofy. He has taken his role as security chief very seriously. He's been so kind as to point out flaws in my fence. They have all been taken care of. He is an adventurous soul. I laugh every day with him around. And he gives the best hugs. I'm so happy I adopted him. I have forgotten how quiet life was just a short month ago. Thank you NGRR. I'm so in love with my new family member. 🐾



Doug

## President's Message

Happy spring! Here's hoping everyone is able to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather, spend time with family and friends (including the furry ones), and maybe go to a favorite vacation spot.

We've all been affected by the pandemic, including NGRR. Many families adopted puppies over the past two years and, for some, the puppy enthusiasm turned out to be too much. When these pups were surrendered to us, volunteers were happy to have puppy energy for a few days or weeks and then move those sweet Golden Retrievers on to their forever homes. I had the privilege of fostering Sochi, Arlo, Kira, and Ruby. All of them take a piece of your heart with them when they go to their new families. When we receive photos or videos of them loving their new lives, it affirms that the entire process works and they landed in a wonderful spot.

At the other end of the age spectrum, we've had a few

hospice dogs, where NGRR's foster families take in Golden Retrievers whose life expectancy isn't so great and make sure they are loved and spoiled as much as possible.

We appreciate all our foster families that provide a stopover in a loving home until a forever home is found. If you're thinking you'd like to foster, try it. I promise you won't keep them all! We especially need fosters who can take on dogs with complex medical issues that might require extensive physical rehab or behavioral issues like separation anxiety.

As we move into warmer months, we'll be hosting meetups for Golden Retrievers and their pups, so watch for announcements on our website and in our *GoldenGram* e-newsletter. We'd love to see you at one or more. Until then, consider doing as one of my friends does – greet every Golden you meet. We promise it will make your day a happier one!

Karen Shore 🐾

## IN MEMORY OF BETTY WHITE



*"Once someone has had the good fortune to share a true love affair with a Golden Retriever, one's life and one's outlook is never quite the same." – Betty White*

Lisa Barton  
Patricia Bianchi  
Bonnie Brennen  
Jan Dreyer  
Julie Duffy  
Shelly Howe  
Theresa McGovern  
Anne Moselle  
Courtney O'Callaghan  
Victoria O'Malley

Jinx Rhodes

Nancy Taylor

Steven VanWinkle

Deborah Villarreal

*A tribute to a true animal lover and Golden owner. – Joan Howell*

*This gift is in honor of what would have been Betty White's 100th birthday. She was a champion of all animals for close to a century and will truly be missed by humans and animals alike. – Ronda Little*

*In honor of an American Icon, one who never gave up on rescuing and caring for animals. – Felix Yeung*

*Betty White championed animal welfare and health research; gave the world a long lifetime of laughs and had Golden Retrievers. So this donation to NGRR is in honor of what would have been her 100th birthday. – Andrea Burling*

*During her lifetime, Betty White was a tireless advocate for the adoption of homeless dogs and cats from shelters and rescues. – Alice Smith*

*In honor of one of the best humans to ever exist on the planet, a friend to all*

*animals, I wish to dedicate this gift to Betty White. Today, January 17, she would have turned 100, and the image of her hugging a Golden Retriever is how I want to remember her forever. – Emily Bassman*

*In memory of a wonderful actress and animal activist on what would have been her 100th birthday. – Letty Regan*

*In memory of Betty White from my Golden, Bill, who turned 12 on her 100th birthday. – Linda Wargo*

*In memory of Betty White and her lifelong dedication to animals. – Suzanne Luther*

*In loving memory of Betty White. – Love, Val & Lilly Erickson*

*In memory of Betty White. – "Lakota" & Christine Giotta*



# NGRR TRIBUTES

In Memory of “Monte” from Michelle Lalljie

In Memory of Barbara Pelletier’s dog, “Toby” from Karen Sloan

A Tribute to Carol Winters, “Bailey” from Richard Burke

To Help Golden Retrievers Affected by the California Fires from Golden Rescue in Naples, Florida

In Honor of “Niner”, an NGRR Rescue from Eric Bower

In Memory of “Jessie” from Mark Benvenga

A Tribute to Suze & Sally Savit from Lorraine Lerner

In Honor of Georgine Nordin for her great volunteer work. Many thanks for her help

In Memory of Carol Porter’s dog “Sunny” from Rose Jacobberger

In Memory of “Cabo” from Vicki & Larry Ross to Donna & Don Forst

In Memory of “Annie” from Laura Nakashima & Steve Broccoli

*We still find ourselves at a loss for words when trying to describe how loving and sweet she was and how much we loved her. Thanks to NGRR, we had 7 wonderful years with her and we are so grateful for you bringing her to our family.*



Sydney

## Sydney – Rest in Peace

“Our floof panda, a quiet intelligent soul of 15 years. You went through a lot of change and allowed 3 other dogs, whom you outlived, to share us with you. We know you’re back with Dad in heaven, may you nudge his elbow for pets into eternity and snuggle with a cat or two.”

Amber, Eric, Simba 🐾

In Memory of Carol Porter’s dog “Sunny” from Celeste Lennemann

In Memory of Russ and Cheryl’s dog “Callie” from Jan Looney

In Memory of the Pryt family dog “Luca” from Kathryn Coffey

In Memory of “FurCharlie” from Susan & Tom Terrill

In Memory of “Moe” and a Tribute to Herman from Tom, Lou, Neita, Kristen, Kathy, Diane, Steve, and Amy  
*One of my favorite memories of Herman came at the end of the relationship between Herman and Moe. Moe had been in declining health for some time and I asked Herman how he would know when it would be time to let go. He said that Moe would know when. Some days later, he told me that he had taken Moe to the vet to be euthanized. That Moe had come to him last night, laid his head on his lap, and left it there. He told me that Moe had let him know that it was time and he was ready. So was Herman. He never got another dog.*

In Memory of Thommy Lyons from Tracey, An, Diana, Val, and Marie

In Memory of “Burke” & “Teddy B”  
*Both our boys came from NGRR at different times and each brought such Golden joy into our lives. They now lie side by side in the cemetery at Bubbling Well in Napa. We like to think they swap stories about their time with us and how happy they made us.*

In Memory of “Cooper” from Melissa & Curtis Leviant  
*The sweetest boy and best office dog with the patients*

In Memory of “Rocky” Lassus and In Honor of “Boumer” Lassus from Mike Henry & Tyler Wuthmann  
*“Rocky” & “Boumer” – two very special Golden Retrievers whose love has meant so much to so many.*

In Honor of “Cody Bear” from Bettie Swan  
*“Cody” is a lovely gentleman who wins folks over with his teddy bear charm.*

In loving memory of “Sky” from Richard Duncel & Paula Tokugawa

In memory of our beloved “Tierra” from Leena Krasno  
*A miracle dog from Guatemala. Her sweetness and loyalty are unforgettable. We are thankful.*

In memory of “Roo” from Christopher Sereno

In memory of “Oliver” from Irving Blabon

In memory of Denise Swett from Kathleen Moberg  
*Denise loved Golden Retrievers. She was an innovator, mentor, supportive colleague, and friend.*

In Memory of “Mr. Brinkley” & “Missy” from Kimberly Smith  
*Mr. Brinkley and Missy were incredible pups to Jeff & Alice Smith. Both Brinkley and Missy crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2021. They had a truly marvelous life with Jeff & Alice.*

In Honor of Jean Connors from Terry Sechrist

In Honor of Mary Delorenzo from John Reyes

In Memory of “Taali” from The Lloyd Family

In Memory of Our Beloved Golden Retrievers from Teresa Chinn & Paul Miyashiro  
*“Rascal”, “Komo”, “Cody”, “Dusty”, “Lulu”, and “Abbie”, are forever in our hearts.*

In Memory of “Cha Cha” from Charlotte DeVito

A Tribute to “Shannon Marie” & “Moxie” from Harvey Veon

In Memory of “Keon” from Amy Ethington

In Memory of Denise Swett from Judy Einstein  
*Denise was, in addition to being a higher education leader and change agent, a devoted dog lover and fan of your organization. She was an inspirational, bodacious and fun person – so of course she loved Golden Retrievers! Denise will always be remembered with great joy.*

In Memory of “Daisy” from Geoff Cykman  
*Daisy was an incredible dog, smart beyond belief and as sweet as they come. She lived almost 13 years and brought immense joy 24/7.*

A Tribute to Peg Aten from Kathryn Brown  
*For many years I have watched Peg, my friend and neighbor, foster Golden Retrievers that are deeply in need of care and comfort. In her small home she gives them her full attention and either nurses them back to health or makes their final days full of love and ease.*

A Tribute to “Leila” from Alice, Deb, and Bob Breakstone  
*We rescued her from NGRR when she was 1 year old and she is now 14½. She has brought us so much joy over the years. Thank you NGRR for what you do.*

In Honor of “Lily” from Gayle Jackson

A Tribute to Dr. Garik Oganessian from Pamela Levin

*A dedicated dog lover and owner*

In Memory of Sandy Blitch from Suzy Quenzer

*Sandy devoted her life to raising and caring for Golden Retrievers.*

In Memory of "Grace", "Jack", & "Poppy" Almlie from Sue & Jim Almlie

A Tribute to "Hannah" & "Kynzi" from Larry Patten

*Always we remember Hannah, our perfect Golden (except when she ate that apple pie) for 14 + years. And, here and now, every day, we give thanks for being the best pals of Kynzi.*



Lacey

## My Sweet Lacey

Lacey came to live with us straight from a puppy mill. She was 3 years old and pregnant with her 4th litter. None of the puppies survived. She had never been in a car, or a house, or climbed stairs. She hadn't even been house broken; she had no training whatsoever. She had spent her entire young life confined to a wire cage and lacked so many social skills. With patience, love and my other dogs showing Lacey the ropes, she quickly adapted and became one of the family. Everyone loved her and she loved everyone as well. Unfortunately, as it happens, Lacey crossed the Rainbow Bridge at almost 15 years of age. We got to enjoy her for almost 12 years. It was a very sad day for our family when Lacey passed. But we were blessed to have such a sweet girl grace our lives and we are all the better for it.

Rest in Peace, my sweet girl!

Myke Judd 🐾

A Tribute to "Indy" and Nicole & Family from Joyce Kinton

*Indy, as it turned out needed extensive, expensive surgeries. This was not known before the adoption. The family cared for Indy through his ordeals. Indy has become a member of their loving family. Here's to you Indy! Good Boy!*

In Memory of "Dorado" from Marta Moreno  
*Wonderful dog that I rescued from NGRR many years ago that still lives on in my heart.*

In Honor of "Milo" from Dede & Homer Alexander

In Memory of "Scarlett" from Carol Ann Quigley  
*Scarlett gave me her "Golden" heart forever and it lives in me as surely as the one as I was born with.*

A Tribute to "Buddy" (adopted by Michelle Heeseman) from Nicole, Michael, and Alex Hercz  
*Buddy was highlighted in the December 2021 e-newsletter. Unfortunately he passed on December 26, 2021 at home with his loving family.*

In Memory of "Barlo", "Simba", "Tara", "Cory", "Tiger", "Trooper", and "Lucky" from Karen & Richard Goss  
*All the loving companions lost over the last 30 years. We miss them terribly but they live on in our memory.*

In Honor of Eric Evans from Diane Evans

In Memory of Denise Ann Switt from the #tgiof Backpacking Sisterhood  
*In memory of a great woman*

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*Thanks to Myke for helping us find our wonderful dog!*

In Memory of "Tanya", "Clint", "Chloe" and "Chiara" from Barbara Morgan Zaney

In Memory of "Hoover" from Peg Stevenson  
*Remembering our NGRR adoption – We loved her!*

In Memory of "Winston" who was rescued in 2014 from Mary Harrison

In Honor of "Sammi" from Denise Laxalt

In Memory of Abby Wayne from Susan & Gordon Bardet

In Memory of "Bodhi Boy" from Melinda Griffith

In Memory of "Kobe" from Wendy Wright  
*Thanks for helping Kobe when he was in need.*



Valentino

## Valentino

"This tribute is for Valentino, who was placed with me in January. He was 14 and a perfect fit. He was so happy in his new home. Although we didn't know it, he had cancer and I lost him in only a few weeks. I am so grateful I could make his end of life such a happy time."

Leslie Lloyd 🐾

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# Simba's Journey

By Amber and Eric Wittner

In the Fall newsletter we told you the story of Simba, who came to NGRR with several medical issues. As promised, now we want to tell you about Simba's emotional and social journey. We love this dog to the moon and back.

In the beginning, it was clear Simba lacked wider socialization, or perhaps had been through so much transition, his anxiety was getting the better of him. Having only ever had "people people!" Golden Retrievers, I was taken aback when Simba exhibited strong defense behavior. Two weeks into being home, Simba lunged and nipped the hand of a long time family friend in our backyard. Shocked, I immediately went into assessment protocol remembering the '3 days, 3 weeks and 3 months' adjustment timelines. We set boundaries to better understand why he was reacting in such a way. Off leash, he exhibited defensiveness while in the home or in the back yard only (not on walks). He aggressively vocalized his opinion of the FedEx man, the gardener, and any other unannounced, unwelcome guest. My heart was determined to restore his sense of trust.

We quickly figured out that introductions to new individuals had to occur outside in the driveway, with Eric being the one to hug and talk to the "new pack members" to show Simba they were approved of, rather than holding the leash. Over time we allowed him around young kids, while on a leash only and under strict supervision. At first, these loud, spinning and abruptly random tornadoes of youth were disruptive and unsettling and had to be barked into control. We went back to the drawing board and decided to introduce adults, working toward younger and younger over time - ages that knew how to respect/interact with



a dog. Simba built trust in us and we are happy to report that 1 year later - Simba happily vacuumed behind an 18 month old, all the while taking care not to knock her over. He allowed her to pick up his toys and even reach for ones in his possession. He also enjoyed meal time, as he and Brooke had negotiated a crumbs quotient.

Timing is everything. Simba needed all three of us, and we needed him even more, having lost Eric's father that September. I underestimated the bond Simba and Eric would develop, and we would have had less progress in adjustment without Sydney. She taught Simba how to be calm, how to integrate with strangers - and even fetched us during now abated counter surfing events. By fall 2020, Simba began to trust and to settle. Sydney was the strong and silent type, highly intelligent, reserved, yet observant. I failed to realize just how big of a piece of my heart she had and to what degree she was "my dog". We spent our 15th Christmas together and said our goodbyes on January 6th, 2022.

A day in the life, today. Like most Golden Retrievers, he loves to be where his humans are. As I write this, Simba is plopped at the

base of the chair Eric is using to reach/fix the kitchen nook light, classic rock blasting in the house. Calm and collected, unless vocally expressing his jealousy while not part of a hug or expression of love. He is by far the most vocal Golden I have ever known - one wonders if he was raised with Huskies! He also adores Eric's mother. She claims it's a common interest in Tchaikovsky, not the amount of treats. Simba starts his day sleeping in, the last out of bed, has breakfast, and shuffles his way down the hall to Eric's home office, toy in mouth. If the door is not latched, he will barge his way in for morning hellos, and then plop into his spot next to Eric's chair. The mammoth of a dog has often made it on camera - as his head sits at 30 inches high. If Eric leaves on his motorcycle, "Chimba" is glued to the door until his return, upon which he presents Eric with the nearest gift he can find. When it's time for a walk, "Chimba" fetches his leash and halter. When the cats are cuddling on the couch, he gently barges his way onto a cushion or three. After dinner he serenades his living room audience with big therapeutic doggie snores. If a late night TV marathon is in order, he will get up and go to bed on his own about 9pm. He loves to have human touch. Thank goodness given the amount of ear cleaning, washing and eye treating! He also allows us to clean between his toes, trim his feet, and roll him from side to side on the floor - but then again what Golden doesn't?

It has certainly been a significant amount of work, but an effort resulting in collective benefit. This rescue is worth every penny and ounce of time. Simba's eyebrows are filling in, erasing the heart shaped scarring around his eyes and he now has eye lashes! He does take up the majority of the couch cushions, but we wouldn't have it any other way. 🐾



## Toby is Living it Up!

By Stephanie & Bobby Long

Meet Toby the rescue pup! We are so happy to have been matched with Toby, especially his older brother Koda! Koda is 1.5 years old and was looking for a younger sibling to live life with. Toby fits right in, follows Koda around all day, and has already learned how to sit, shake, and bring back his tennis ball! When Toby was saved by NGRR, he had never seen a toy, had never walked on a leash, and was afraid of many things. Very quickly, Toby broke out of his shell and is now living it up with Koda and loves to explore, sit for treats, and even go on car rides to the park! We love you so much Toby, and thank you NGRR! 🐾



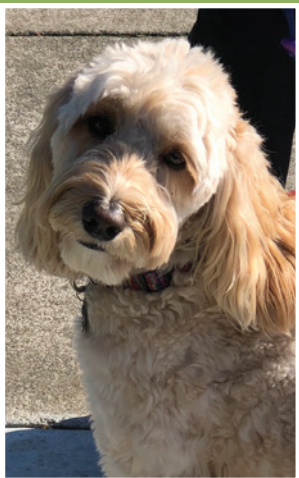
# Cooper

*A tribute to Cooper, Diane Leese, and Georgine Nordin from Michelle Cope*

After having put my Yellow Lab, Bella, down, I was ready to take a break and be dog-free for a bit. My “bit” was 4 days. (I’m weak). I asked my friend Georgine to look for a Doodle, never imagining it would happen so fast. Lucky me... Her lead sent me to Diane, and I now have Cooper, a 3 ½ year Golden Doodle. He’s quickly becoming a celebrity here. He’s a very sweet, calm, and sometimes “Goofy” dog who leaps into 5th gear at the sight of a ball. I am extremely grateful to Diane Leese and Georgine Nordin for this amazing dog. 🐾



## Pups with New Families





## Dear Abby-Gold

*Q: We live in an area where we can hike and walk our dogs off-leash, and they love to explore. Unfortunately, it's also an area where rattlesnakes are very common. What can we do to avoid a serious encounter resulting in a rattlesnake bite, and what happens if a bite is not treated immediately?*

# Rattlesnake Bite Prevention

*Contributed by Amanda Schaffner*

It's that time again: when adult and baby rattlesnakes begin coming out looking for food. What does that mean for those who live in areas that rattlesnakes also call home? It means keeping an eye on your furry friends to stop them from interacting and even incurring a possible bite. Dogs are naturally curious and will certainly investigate.

Rattlesnake Aversion Training is a highly effective method used to teach a dog to avoid the pain, expense, and possible death that can occur from an unfortunate encounter with a rattlesnake. If left untreated, a bite to the face of a curious dog can be fatal. I have used this training over the years with all of my dogs.

Rattlesnake Aversion Training can be unpleasant to observe but outweighs the cost of medical treatment that can be in the thousands of dollars. This training is a great way to prevent rattlesnake bites for dogs that live in rural areas or anywhere that may be a snake habitat.

This year I used a company named SNAKEOUT, founded by James Moleri. He came to our home and trained our dogs in the backyard. When Moleri arrived, he gloved up and removed the live snakes one at a time to apply a tape muzzle intended to prevent a bite and keep dogs and people safe. The rattlesnakes were placed strategically in our backyard to simulate a habitat in which rattlesnakes may be found. Our curious dogs received a strong vibration or an electrical impulse that was applied promptly to be paired with the dogs' curiosity of the snake. The dogs learned these snakes resulted in an unpleasant consequence and they were to be avoided at all cost. "Leashed snake

trained dogs with vigilant owners are safe dogs I always say," said Moleri.

He also gave us many tips on keeping our yard and home safe. According to Moleri, rattlers hunt rodents, and both like to hide in shade, so cutting vegetation off the ground gives them less room to find shelter. Don't leave piles of leaves, wood, or other debris lying around, and don't leave out water sources, such as water for a pet. Moleri calls rock walls "snake condos" and reveals that snakes hiding within the walls won't rattle because they feel so safe. If suddenly threatened, they won't always rattle before striking.

For residents with bird feeders, he suggests cleaning them daily to prevent mice. And snake fencing is a must, at least 3 to 4 feet tall and 8 to 12 inches deep to prevent rodents from digging beneath the fence and providing a path for the snakes.

Moleri said he enjoys debunking the various myths that surround rattlesnakes, one of them being that baby rattlesnakes are more dangerous than adults. "Babies have less venom and they absolutely can regulate," he said. "Also their venom isn't targeted toward humans." Adult venom is targeted toward mammals once they start eating rodents. But rodents are too big for baby snakes, lizards being their main source of nutrition. Although baby venom will still be poisonous to humans, it has yet to develop into the more dangerous adult toxin.

Rattlesnakes of all ages are reluctant to bite since it can take up to two weeks for them to recharge their venom. "When I pull them out of people's yards, sometimes I'll poke them and they might rattle, but

they won't strike," Moleri explained. "It's extremely expensive on their body to produce that toxin."

Rattlesnakes will rarely chase humans, being more prone to retreating and only attacking as a last resort. The best way to avoid getting bitten is to watch where you step, especially in the morning. When stepping outside, look under door sills and flower pots, alongside bushes and other shady areas. To protect your pet, Moleri advises poking around the yard before letting them out and not letting them run around unsupervised during hot weather. Rattlesnake venom vaccinations are also a good idea.

Many other local companies provide this type of training around Northern California and Northern Nevada. 🐾



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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.

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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.

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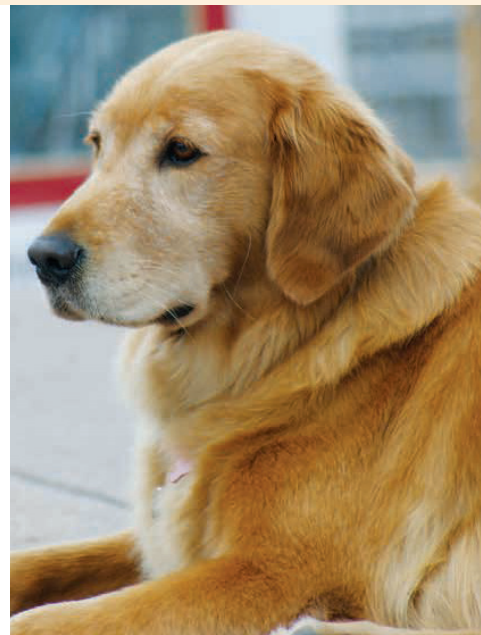
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