



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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2023 NGRR Calendars are Here!

The perfect holiday gift . . .

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Calling All Volunteers!

Would you like to get involved with Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue? We are always looking for volunteers. Perhaps this newsletter will inspire you to help out. If so, please contact us at info@ngrr.org



By Deborah Armstrong

Many groups are doing rescue work. There are local shelters, humane societies, and other nonprofit organizations like NGRR. There are weekend adoption events at pet stores, street fairs, and farmers' markets, as well as numerous social media adoption sites. The search for a canine companion can be challenging and confusing. NGRR sets itself apart in that it focuses on providing all needed veterinary care and training to address behavioral issues, and finding the right adoptive home for each Golden that comes into our program.

When NGRR receives a surrendered dog, it lives in an experienced foster home so the dog's behavioral and health needs can be evaluated. We invest

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The NGRR Difference

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the time for each dog to get comfortable in their new environment so their true personality can shine. Does the pup like car rides, cats, other dogs, kids, strangers? Is the pup leash trained?

NGRR has established relationships with vet practices who welcome our Area Coordinators and provide evaluations, preventive care, and attend to all necessary veterinary procedures before a dog is ready for adoption. Once a dog is deemed “adoption ready,” NGRR searches through the adoption applications on file to find a family that’s a perfect match. For example, an active dog needs an active family. A dog who is nervous around toddlers needs a childless couple or family with responsible teens. A dog in need of training will be placed with an experienced adopter. An arthritic senior Golden will not go to someone training for their next marathon.

Many shelters are required to report the number of dogs adopted in their annual report as an indicator of success. NGRR does not believe the number of dogs placed speaks to the outcomes we strive to achieve

with each dog placed in an evaluated and appropriate home.

When a dog is adopted online, at a weekend pet fair, or from a shelter, the dog is at greater risk of being returned, which is traumatic for both the dog and the adopter. While NGRR will always accept a dog back if necessary, adoption failures are a rare occurrence due to the upfront care and attention to placement that all dogs receive.

NGRR’s mission is to find a perfect home for each dog in our care, so there are always more potential adopters than Goldens available.

NGRR’s difference was further clarified to me in a recent chat I had with my Area Coordinator. NGRR had received a surrender application from a family whose adolescent Golden was driving them crazy. Like many families who adopted during the COVID pandemic, they had a sweet little puppy to love, but when the puppy reached seventy pounds, and the family had to return to the office, he was no longer so adorable. Like all teenagers, adolescent dogs can be a challenge. Their Golden was impossible

to walk, and he jumped on and chewed everything and everyone. Though his biting was just in play, the family worried he would hurt one of their children. So, he spent most days in his crate barking. The shedding, drooling, and house training lapses were not fun either, and all the personal items and furniture he destroyed made them regret their decision to get a puppy, but they still loved their dog. When the Area Coordinator visited she realized they truly did not want to give him away, so she decided to change the conversation. She put away the surrender paperwork and began helping the family understand what their pup needed. The family has now purchased appropriate toys, enrolled in obedience training classes, and are learning how to spend quality time with their dog. They can still surrender him to NGRR if they choose, but by keeping in touch and honoring their love for this dog, NGRR may be rescuing him without necessarily improving our “adoption numbers”.

A potential adopter on the NGRR application list will need to wait a little longer, but in the end, we are here for the dogs: they are our highest priority. 

Disaster Planning – Pet To Go Kit

- Pet First Aid Kit**
- Food and Water for 7 Days**
- Bowls**
- Leash/Collar/Harness**
- Medications**
- Waste Bags**
- Cleaning Wipes**
- Crate/Blanket/Toys**
- Current Photo (In case lost)**
- Vet Records**



TAG AND MICROCHIP YOUR PETS

Volunteers Needed!

NGRR is looking for Area Coordinators in these counties and Foster Families in all counties:

- San Francisco
- Marin
- Napa
- Solano
- San Benito
- San Joaquin

Please contact us at
info@ngrr.org

Appreciation Event in Honor of Elisabeth S. Balin

**Elisabeth Balin entrusted the proceeds of her estate to NGRR and Pets In Need.
In honor of her, an Appreciation Event was held in June.**



Elisabeth S. Balin

September 4, 1931 – July 24, 2021

Born and raised in San Francisco and a graduate of UC Berkeley, Ms. Balin was a beloved San Francisco kindergarten teacher for 43 years. She had a heart of gold, a wicked sense of humor, was a loyal friend to her college roommates, and a super-duper dog mom.

Dogs were Ms. Balin's greatest joy in life. She frequently could be seen driving around the Peninsula in her "ARF" mobile, a red Honda Fit, and visiting local dog parks with her various pooches (Cipriani dog park in Belmont was one of her favorites). If she could adopt all the dogs in any shelter, she would have.

She was known to say dogs loved her more and were kinder to her than many humans

and never wavered in her commitment to any dog in need. She was very proud of the work done by NGRR and Pets In Need, and our organizations are extremely grateful to Ms. Balin for entrusting us with the proceeds of her estate. Her bequests will help ensure both rescue organizations are able to fulfill their missions and help many, many dogs (and other animals) for years and years to come.

Melvin's Food Corner - Meet Finn!

Melvin would like to introduce his buddy Finn as the Fall 2022 featured chef. Here's his submission:

Hi friends! Today I want to tell you about my all-time favorite cookie recipe! This has been a staple in my house since I was a tiny pup! First, gather these ingredients with your human and meet me in the kitchen!

OAT PUMPKIN PEANUT BUTTER DOGGY COOKIES

Ingredients

- 3 cups oats, *processed SUPER fine (flour consistency)*
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup pumpkin puree (*NOT pumpkin pie filling!*)

- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs



Instructions:

- Have your human preheat the oven to 375°.
- Using an electric mixer, mix all your ingredients together to form a dough.
- Let it sit for 10+ minutes!
(This step is very important! The reason for this is we are using a lot of pumpkin and pumpkin is very wet. This is why we need our oats SUPER fine! If we don't let the oats absorb the pumpkin, we won't be able to roll out the dough and cut out shapes. The finer the oats, the more pumpkin it absorbs!)
- After it has dried enough, roll out your dough to ¼" thick. *(Once it's dry to the touch, and a*

lot isn't coming off on your paws, it's now time to roll out your dough! If you have a non-stick silicone baking mat, that would be perfect to roll out on! If not, parchment paper also works.)

- Use cookie cutters to cut out shapes. Place on parchment lined baking trays.
- Bake the treats for 30 minutes. When the timer goes off, turn oven OFF but leave trays in the oven until the oven completely cools.
(This allows the cookies to dry out and become more like a yummy biscuit.)

—Please note: if you want a softer cookie, only

cook the treats for 15 minutes and take out. *BUT friends...please be careful! Mom and I have noticed that the softer treats mold very easily if left out at room temp. If you make softer cookies, please store them properly in the fridge and make sure to eat them all within a few days! If you make the harder biscuit cookie, we have found that they can be stored at room temp in an airtight container for up to a month!*

Bella – Special Needs Girl Needs A Special Home

By Peg Aten (Amazing Foster Mom)

Sweet Bella's transformation started January 4, 2022. Bella arrived at my house to be fostered, and of course, she was very afraid. She had just come from her owner's home where they loved her but knew she needed help. They gave her the gift of surrender to NGRR.

When she was surrendered, the family wrote: "Bella came to us very timid, shy and broken. She was malnourished and found in a deserted field in Bakersfield with her mom and the rest of the litter. She was the runt. She is very loyal once she lets you in. She is a very special girl who needs



a stable environment without any hyper-active dogs or children. She loves to be loved, and once she allows you to do that, there is no turning back."

It turns out that Bella was born without part of her brain, affecting her balance and motor skills. She was diagnosed through an MRI with Dandy-Walker Syndrome. She needed a quiet place. My home is very quiet – only me, no kids or other dogs.

Here we are in September, and she is a totally different dog. Bella went into my boot camp, and she is thriving. She now loves her daily walks, especially with my friends and their dogs. Bella learned quickly she loves to go. Car rides are also very enjoyable. Bella is food driven, so training is going well. Literally, she is learning how to be a confident girl, loving life. Bella is working on being left alone. She is making great progress.

Bella was 3 years old in April. She will never like being in a loud home. She needs gentle and very patient people, and experienced dog people who are willing to work slowly with her. Fear of people is

still an issue but is getting so much better every day. Treats are the way to win Bella over. This special-needs girl will need a calm home when she is adopted. If there is another dog, they cannot take advantage of Bella by turning on her when they sense her vulnerability.

She is very loved by many people. Keep those treats in your pocket! You never know where you'll see us trotting along.

IS IT YOU WHO WILL GIVE BELLA THE PATIENCE, LOVE AND PEACE SHE NEEDS? If so, please contact NGRR. 



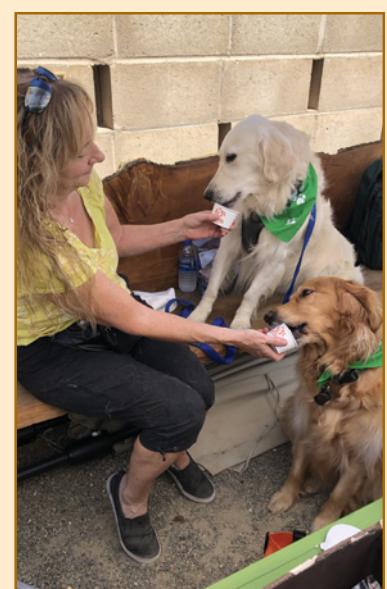
Community Outreach

NGRR continues its mission in our communities



Niles Dog Show
Dog Days of Summer
SPCA Doggie Dash
Golden Palooza

Visits to senior and retirement communities in partnership with Pets of Unhoused Children



President's Message

Summer is officially over, and it's starting to feel a bit like fall outside. It's definitely getting dark earlier, so I've pulled out the bright green LED collar for our evening walks. I hope your preparations for fall and winter are underway and you're looking forward to cozy snuggles under a blanket with a furry friend or two!

I'm writing this letter with a bit of a broken heart. We had to say goodbye to my beloved 13 year old Golden Retriever, Comet, a few weeks ago. To ease the pain, I wrote a tribute to him that's included in this newsletter. I met Comet when he was surrendered to NGRR at 9 years of age, when a little human family member was allergic. He quickly made his way deep into my heart, where fond memories will remain. Comet was the quintessential Golden – never met a stranger, just a friend he hadn't seen before. I was so lucky to cross paths with Comet, and I'm grateful for his lessons about the joys of adopting a senior dog and squeezing in as much fun as possible in the time you have together.

NGRR is still seeing a fair number of young dogs (under age 2) being surrendered as people head back into the office or have other life changes. Many of these youngsters haven't lived in "normal times" so are not well socialized. We are always looking for foster families who can help get these dogs ready to be placed in their forever home. You can volunteer to bring a dog like this into your home for a short period of time – and it's often beneficial

if there's a resident dog who can show the foster dog the ropes! NGRR provides trainers to support foster families as needed, and our experienced fosters are always available to lend an ear and assist too! Please fill out a foster application on our website or send an email if you'd like to learn more about fostering. We're still looking for more volunteers to join us doing outreach to vets and shelters too – through this, we hope to identify potential dogs that can be brought into our program.

We have just launched a new program to help people who are having financial difficulties keep their Golden Retrievers or Golden mixes – NGRR can assist with food, medication, or veterinary care. Please reach out to us or pass this information along to anyone you know who might need this type of assistance.

For those of you who like shopping, please check out the NGRR online store. We're getting some more fleece vests in stock, as well as the fabulous "Feliz Naughty Dog" Golden tote bags that are embroidered by one of our very talented volunteers. You're sure to find a fun gift there for a loved one or yourself!

Please take care of yourselves and your families as we enter the flurry of holidays that are heading our way soon. Here's to much joy in the months ahead! 🐾

Karen Shore

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NGRR is an all-volunteer organization and we are always in search of new volunteers to work as area coordinators, foster families, and more! Provide a home on a short-term basis and help us gentle souls as we get ready for our forever homes. NGRR.ORG/volunteer

New Kid on the Block

Finn has a new family with two boys who are smitten with him. They hike, walk, kayak, and play together all the time. Looks like he has a whole pack of friends!



IN TRIBUTE

In Memory of Betty White and her lifelong dedication to animals from Suzanne Luther

In Memory of Robert Royce from Mary and Joe Winkel

In Loving Memory of "Molly" from Julia Sweet

In Memory of Denise Swett from Dr. Lisa J. Waits

In Memory of "Cutter" from Georgine Nordin

In Memory of "Jax" from Diane and Bob Silver.

Jax was a loving, sweet, adorable boy who gave his family much joy. He left this world much too soon and is missed every second of every day.

In Memory of "VeeVee" who was a sweet girl, taken way too soon. From Lynn Badger.

In Memory of Milton Schwartz who had a Golden named "Brandy" from Louise Korn

A Tribute to "Jewels" from Georgine Nordin

In Honor of "Camilia" from Denise Thomas.

It has been 2.5 years that she has been with our family and we love her so much. She is doing great and we are loving every minute with her. Thank you NGRR.

In Honor of Sara Morris from Walter and Joy Hastings

In Memory of "Miss Dolly" from Sandra and Tim Durham

In Memory of "Moxie" and "Shannon Marie" from Harvey Veon

In Memory of "Moxie" and "Shannon Marie" from Jeanette Connors

They gave love generously and were well-loved in return. They will be forever in the hearts of Harvey and Jean.

In Memory of "Sunny" and "Teddy" from John and Leona McCabe

In Memory of "Cookie" from the DelFaro family

In Memory of "Spirit" from Patricia Hartney

In Memory of "Gracie Honey Bear" and in honor of Rita Dane from Sherri Osborn.

The greatest gifts of my life have been Gracie, who I surrendered in 2016, and Rita Dane who rescued me and welcomed me back into Gracie's life to be her 'other' Mom. Our friendship grew over many babysitting stays, and we even took Gracie to the coast together. During the last few months, we joined together to try to give her all the love and care that she needed with her cancer. Gracie died in both of our arms just before her 14th birthday. Rita shocked me by sending me Gracie's ashes, but this is the measure of her generous heart. I will be grateful for these two souls all my life, and to Amanda and NGRR for bringing us together. Rita and I will continue our sweet friendship and babysitting for "Joey". Someday my ashes will be spread with Gracie's.

In Memory of "Cooper" from Judy, Clancy, Dana, and Piper.

Sending our love and prayers to the Inman's, Cooper's loving family.

In Memory of Gene and Anne's dog "Tucker" who died of cancer at 7 years old from Martin and Judy Knedel

In Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy" from Louise Korn.

They crossed the Rainbow Bridge many years ago – forever in my heart and loved.

In Memory of "Sneakers" and "Freddie" from Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of Claire Pelton, a dog lover all her life from Rosemary Kaplan

In Memory of "Jackson" who lovingly passed from his humans, Larry and Tori, on June 28, 2022 from Christine and John Kurtz

In Memory of "Arby" from Nancy Seley. *Arby, thank you for being such a loyal companion. We got you when you were 7 years old and you fit right into the family, loving everyone and being so patient with the great grandkids and numerous puppies. Cancer took you at 13 and we miss you very much.*

In Honor of Laurel Mechling from Pacific Clinics.

Laurel is a dedicated NGRR volunteer. Her best buddy is alumnus, "Melvin". Her colleagues at her "day job" at Pacific Clinics (children and families behavior health) honor her contributions to our team by supporting NGRR, an

organization we know is very close to her heart. Happy Retirement, Laurel!

In Memory of "Sadie" Williams from Kristopher Taylor.

Sadie was the sweet mother to our Golden retrievers, "Davey" and "Lizzie"

In Memory of Scott Riggs who was a wonderful helper to NGRR from Nadine Rosenzweig

In Memory of Scott Riggs from Elizabeth Porterfield

In Memory of "Comet" from Rita Seidner

In Memory of Joseph Charles Carlon from Fred and Nancy Snyder

In Memory of my Loving Father from Preeti Mehrotra

In Honor of Cooper and Carole who helped us in the past from Jeffrey Sink

In Honor of Daisy Zhang.

Award winner for going above and beyond at work. Her prize – a donation to the charity of her choice, NGRR.

In memory of Linda Nand and Sheila Wong from Louise Korn.

My two wonderful friends and co-workers who loved all dogs. They will be in my heart forever.

In Memory of "Comet" from Andrea and Tom Burling.

In memory of Comet, beloved Golden dog-child to Karen Shore and dog-brother to Remy. Of many adoptees, he was Karen's first quintessential Golden - beautiful breed looks; calm and sweet; loved everyone, dogs and people alike. He liked chasing balls and playing with toys, etc. He'll be forever missed. RIP Comet-Bear.

Memorial & Tribute Donations

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

NGRR

**405 El Camino Real, Suite 420
Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240**

A handwritten letter will be sent shortly thereafter acknowledging that a donation was made to NGRR. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Memories of Sweet Comet

by Karen Shore

Heaven got another sweet doggie angel yesterday, when my best boy Comet crossed the rainbow bridge. He was almost 13.5 years old and had recently been diagnosed with cancer for the third time.

If you had the pleasure of meeting Comet, you know he was the quintessential Golden - never met a stranger, just someone who was his newest friend. He was little brother to Max and Romeo, and big brother to Remy and countless foster dogs.

Why was Comet so special? He was surrendered to NGRR when he was 9 years old, when his original family had a child that was allergic. I picked up Comet from the original family and was smitten from the get go. I already had a 10-year old Golden (Max) and a 12-year old Golden (Romeo). Did I also NEED a 9-year old Golden? Clearly not! But what I did need was Comet. He was an old soul with the most loving personality, making friends everywhere he went and being an ambassador for Goldens and dogs more generally. He always was ready with a beautiful smile when he saw a friend, new or old. He was one happy boy and a superb snuggler.

Last weekend, Comet started to decline rapidly, and I knew on Monday it was time to let him go. Remy and I still needed him, but he was ready to move on. Another special thing about Comet was that I had the pleasure of staying in touch with his original family, and his dad was able to be with us as we said goodbye to Comet.

Thank you Comet, for helping me realize what a treat it is to be able to adopt a “senior” dog, being the best dog ever, and bringing so much joy to my life and so many others. We had the best 4 years together.

In 2008, when my first Golden Berkeley passed, a friend sent me this quote from a Mary Oliver poem, and I’ve treasured it ever since. It has



particularly helped me process the losses of my furry friends. If you find yourself in this or a similar situation one day, I hope it brings you comfort too.

*“to live in this world, you must be able to do three things
to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing your own life
depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go”*

Sweet Comet, we’ll see you at the Rainbow Bridge.
Please send us another Golden friend when the time is right.



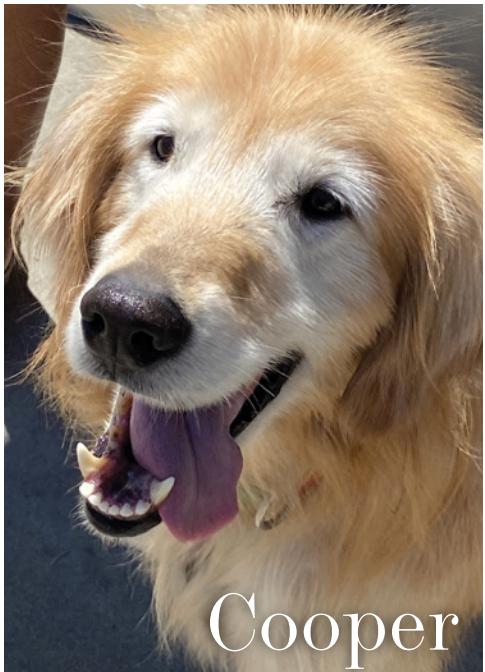
Dolly by Sandra Durham

Dolly came into our lives at age five after being a puppy mill breeder. She had a few medical problems and a bit of an overbite that gave her a silly grin at times. Such a sweet dog but she had not been outside much and the whole world was new to her. We live on an acre of land, but for walks we would go to a bare field where new houses were being built. The first time we let her off her leash to run, she readily chased the birds... unfortunately for us, she didn't know she couldn't catch them once they were airborne!

She loved to go on walks (always on a leash now) and got to choose the route we took. Each day was a different route and she could change her mind at any intersection or dirt trail. She could be stubborn and either refuse to go a different way or suddenly go into “four paw drive”, almost pulling us over with her change in direction. One of her favorite walks was to go by a pasture that often had cows, horses, or goats. She just wanted to say hello because she thought all animals could be her friend.

Although Dolly snored, it became a comforting night-time sound because we knew all was okay. Having been a breeder, she always curled up in small spaces in corners and next to walls or furniture. Outside she would curl up under trees, peeking out at you with a smile.

In the summer, she would lay down over the air conditioning vent in our family room to stay cool, never mind the rest of us! As she got older, she went to the groomers where she loved getting a new bow and looking at herself as she left the groomer in all the plate glass windows along the street. She knew she was a beautiful Golden and so did we. We will forever miss her mischievous ways, unconditional love, her silly smiles, and her constant companionship.



Cooper

By Georgine Nordin

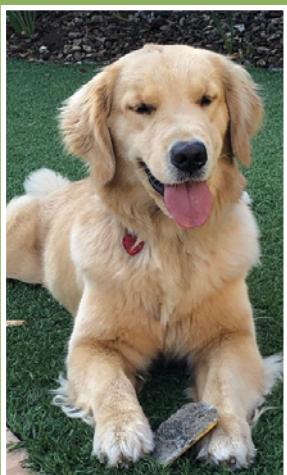
Meet Cooper, one of our recent placements. He had a hard first half of this year. He was brought into the Napa County Animal shelter in June, weighing just 37 pounds with no muscle mass and missing much of his hair. The shelter spent a month getting him to eat and started his journey of recovery. After a month, they reached out to NGRR for his continued recovery. Of course NGRR said YES, and what a happy boy he was as he came out from behind the counter that day. There was a typical Golden within those skin and bones.

Cooper was moved to his foster home with the Padrick's, where he had lots of space to explore, meet horses, chickens, and cats, and began to build his strength. There were many sleepless nights as he

experienced night terrors. He was also prone to resource guarding and confusion. He slowly began to play with toys, and to catch a ball and even flies! The simple things in life for a dog. We are so grateful for our foster families. The Padrick's started the real healing process.

There was still so much to do for this boy on the difficult day in August when the Padrick family moved Cooper to his forever home with the Jeske family. This loving family has two older dogs, a horse, and they were willing to continue the journey of recovery. He did take a few steps back, but they were prepared. Everyone who has met this boy and cared for him will be forever connected as the journey continues for beloved Cooper. 🐾

Recent Adoptions





Hazel

By Laura Nakashima

NGRR knew we could make a difference in Hazel's life. She was surrendered because she was born without a femoral head, which required major surgery and weekly physical therapy for the last 4 months. The adopting family instantly fell in love with her and took her home to join her dog-brother, Teddy. They stepped up and now drive her to physical and swim therapy every week. Thanks to donations, NGRR was able to have the surgery done on this precious dog. 🐾

Microchip

Did you ever wonder how important it is to license and microchip your dog? Recently a Golden Retriever was found in a small town in Germany. He had a microchip from Gilroy, California and because of that, his owners were found. The owner was in Germany for a year, and the dog was lost before their return to California. It was a very happy ending thanks to having a microchip. 🐾

NGRR microchips all of its dogs before they're adopted!





Dear Abby-Gold

By Deborah Armstrong

Q: My Golden took an obedience class and learned lots of commands: sit, stand, down, stay, and come when called, but they are not very useful. He sits only for a second, stays only when I'm right beside him, and will only come when inside the house. How can I make his obedience really work for our life together?



A: You need to know about the three D's of dog training: **Distance, Distraction, and Duration.**

For example, get a perfect stay while he's at your side, before working on **Distance**. Then take baby steps. Ask him to stay when you are a foot away, two feet away, five feet, etc. Eventually you will work up to having him stay when you are across the room.

With **Distractions**, once he can consistently come when called in the house (practice in multiple rooms), find a quiet outdoor location to practice coming with minor distraction of things to sniff. Gradually add more distractions, until he can come even when there are squirrels, other dogs, or anything else that gets him excited.

Duration is also important. Work on getting him to sit for three seconds, then five, then ten, etc.

As you build up his ability to obey within

the three-D framework, liberally offer high-value treats and mark good behavior with a clicker or a consistent verbal quickie like "Good". Marking the desired behavior, the second it occurs, tells him a treat will soon arrive; it captures a snapshot in his doggy brain of what he did to earn it. For example, when working on duration, use a stopwatch so you can click after three seconds, then five, working all the way up to the amount of time you need him to stay. Keep sessions short so you might spend a week on three seconds and another week on five seconds. Short, frequent sessions hold the dog's interest, plus they allow his mind to consolidate memories of desired behavior.

Once behaviors are solid, you can start weaning him off treats by passing them out at random times. If he seems to obey only when a treat is offered, it means that behavior has not become a habit or pattern he follows without thinking.

The most important thing is to work on each element separately. If you are working on duration, don't mix in any distractions. If you are working on distance, don't confuse him with duration.

Eventually you will combine the three D's but not while he's still learning. We know the command "Wait" means we have to hang on for a little, whether it's being put on hold, when exiting a car, leaving the house, or standing still to have a tie adjusted. But for



a dog, learning to wait in each new situation is a new behavior. And then there's "Wait" when dogs are romping across the street, which is yet another new behavior to learn.

We humans are so good at generalizing, we forget that it's not a doggy skill. A dog who can come beautifully on off-leash walks may not come to you at the dog park. A dog who stays quietly while you prepare his dinner may not stay when skateboarders whiz past your Starbucks table.

For your Golden, the greatest reward is what will hold his attention. If it's you giving treats, that's wonderful. If it's a cat running past, you may suddenly become less interesting. But if the dog is so accustomed to producing a behavior on command, for example, coming when called, he may do so just because it's become an ingrained habit. To build that habit, many short sessions of repeated behavior are required.

You don't have to train the three D's for everything, so concentrate on your specific needs. If he needs to stay when your front door is wide open, then that's what you work on. If he needs to come when called off leash but only in your yard, don't worry if he won't do that in the woods. You can always expand training later to cover every situation. But having this understanding of the three D's will reduce your own frustration when you feel your dog doesn't get it.

Success in mastering these behaviors will depend on consistent daily practice sessions. Fitting in a few short sessions daily will be a fun and rewarding bonding experience for you and your pup. While training will take time, it will not feel like a chore if you follow these tips, and you will see his obedience skills take hold. 

DONATIONS

Best Friend: \$1,000 and up

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The Susan Brady Alfaro Revocable Trust
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Jerry Pretti
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