



# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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## Medical Updates

### Finn's Recovery Journey

We welcomed six-month-old Finn to NGRR after he broke his leg and are thankful we could get him the emergency orthopedic surgery he needed to fix his leg. He remains with his foster family, who has fallen in love with him during his lengthy recovery period. Enjoy his latest attire (travel pillow, long-sleeved t-shirt, and cast boot) that keeps his cast clean and protected from puppy teeth. 🐾



### Hazel

Remember me? I was born with an under-developed femoral head. NGRR was able to do surgery to correct it. I am great now. I have no restrictions and I'm a young dog with endless energy. My 'folks' have tried some brain games like hide and seek to wear me out a bit...ha...I'm pretty smart too! I'm very grateful to NGRR for saving me. 🐾



## Stranger Danger

### What Can I Do To Help My Dog With Her Fear Of Strangers?

Living with a dog who's afraid of strangers can be challenging and requires patience, but with consistency to protect your dog from stressful exposure to strangers, this behavior is usually manageable.

#### Management

Avoid putting your dog in situations that make her feel threatened. If strangers visit your home, give your dog a tasty treat to chew on and put her in another room. When going out where there will be strangers, leave your dog at home. When out and about with your dog, watch her closely in all situations where she may encounter people she doesn't know. Keep her on a leash and under control at all times. If you and your dog run into one or more strangers unexpectedly, stay calm. If you suddenly seem nervous, your dog will definitely notice and become nervous too. Use treats and a gentle voice to lead your dog away from the area. Do not let strangers approach your dog if she seems fearful or shows any signs of stress, instead, always let HER approach them.



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### Millie

If you recall, we told you about ectopic ureters in the Fall 2023 Newsletter. Millie was the puppy that had this condition. We are thrilled to report that she had laser surgery at UC Davis and is now 100% cured. She is happy in her new home with lots of activity and snuggles. 🐾



## Stranger Danger *continued from page 1*

### Behavior Modification

Avoid coercive training techniques, like “correcting,” punishing or yelling at your dog if she barks, growls or tries to run away from strangers. If you punish or frighten your dog, you’ll almost certainly worsen the problem. Your dog will learn that she has a new reason to fear strangers, because every time they show up you get upset and angry.

The proper way to address your dog’s fearful behavior around strangers involves using a desensitization and a counter-conditioning program. A good training plan involves letting your dog see strangers at a distance—the distance at which your dog is not nervous or frightened (possibly a great distance at first). Right after the strangers appear, start giving high-value tasty treats. When they disappear, the treats stop coming. With repetition, you can help your dog learn that people she doesn’t know aren’t as scary as she thought. They’re far enough away to make her comfortable, and they always predict delicious treats! Gradually, you can decrease the distance between your dog and the strangers, always making sure that she does not become frightened or stressed. If she does, you’ve gone too fast. Increase the distance again for a while.

If you do not make progress on your own, please consider working with a certified behaviorist. 🐾



### Cooper-Ryder

*By The Baumgardners*

Cooper came to us in the summer of 2021 at 3 1/2 years old and not housebroken. He was such a loving dog. He learns quickly and loves to play. Going to the vet is fun since there are several dogs, people, and of course, treats. We added Ryder early in 2023 at 10 months old (he likes sleeping on your head). He and Cooper bonded immediately. We enjoy several long walks daily and join them in play. 🐾

## President’s Message

Our mission of finding loving homes for displaced Golden Retrievers remains as important and needed as it has been since our inception in 1994. The Golden Retriever remains the #3 dog breed in the U.S., making them a popular family pet. Being prepared for the demands of a Golden Retriever, in addition to family and work-life balance, can be challenging without researching responsible ownership. We play an active role in our communities, fielding calls for help from families adjusting to their new dog regardless of where they got their Golden. We are a phone call away with onboarding support, training, and veterinary referrals.

NGRR is healthy financially, but given our increasing resource commitment to

our Goldens, we can never be complacent. Our average cost per dog has increased significantly over recent years, reaching over \$1,700 per dog in 2023. We have invested in training resources to ensure our adolescent Goldens are set up for success. We answer the call from our adopters, facing extraordinary one-time vet expenses that can be shocking without insurance, providing financial support to ease the burden. We have accepted late-night calls from a desperate family trying to make life-changing decisions and, with our help, get the care needed to take their beloved Golden home. We remain prepared for sudden influxes of dogs, especially from puppy mills, as has happened to rescue groups throughout the

U.S. Dogs from these situations usually need extensive, immediate, and costly veterinary care, and many have significant training and socialization needs.

NGRR remains well-positioned to further its mission of finding homes for displaced Goldens. Regrettably, the need for what we do does not seem to diminish, but our commitment to provide the needed care remains secure. None of this would be possible without our all-volunteer organization’s dedication and supporters’ generous contributions each year.

Looking forward to the end of winter and hope to see you at a future event,

*Georgine* 🐾



## This One Stayed

Cris Hartmann and her Golden Shea have fostered many wonderful boys and girls, helping them prepare for their forever homes. This time, Cricket came, and Cricket stayed! We are thankful that Cricket has a new big sister who can show her the ropes to become a wonderful girl. The girls love their water and are lucky to live in such a beautiful part of California. (Pictured is Shea and some of the fosters). 🐾



## Nathaniel – A New Home

Not all Golden Retrievers are rescued through NGRR. After losing his 14 year-old Golden, Greg (a long time NGRR supporter) was about to apply to NGRR when 8 year-old Nathaniel was surrendered due to his owner's medical problems. Nathaniel's breeder was contacted and then the "rescue grapevine" connected Greg with the breeder. Nathaniel, whose name means "Gift from God", now has a wonderful new home. We at NGRR are pleased when any Golden in need is rescued. 🐾

# Adoptions



Hudson



Baily



Willow

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## Melvin's Food Corner

If you live with a chewer of inappropriate objects (such as favorite shoes or pillows), try offering a healthy pup-sicle that is guaranteed to keep any dog occupied and also out of trouble. This is a nice alternative to a Kong stuffed with biscuits.

### MELVIN'S FRUITY PUP-SICLES

#### Ingredients

- 1-quart orange juice, low sugar
- 1 mashed banana
- ½ cup plain yogurt

#### Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a blender.
2. Pour the mixture into ice cube trays.
3. Store in the freezer until you want to serve as a treat.



# NGRR TRIBUTES

In Memory of “Poppy” from Linda Alexander

In Memory of “Mandi” Weiman from Sugar and Jay Kass

*Our beloved Mandi of twelve years passed to Rainbow Bridge, August 6, 2023. Her paw prints will always be in her family's hearts.*

In Honor of the adoption of “Tucker” from the Smith Family

In Memory of Hank Finkle, a Golden Lover, from Paul Finkle

In Honor of Jan Dreyer and the 2024 Calendar from Burt and Julie Mabel

In Memory of Jay Duval from Charlotte and Ray Snedeker

In Honor of Jan Dreyer from Donna and Scott Albini

*Jan is a wonderful, long-time NGRR volunteer! She does a great job preparing and editing the newsletter. She goes the extra mile on any task she takes on. And what a great memory she has about those of us who are regular donors! She made us feel very special. Thank you Jan.*

In Honor of Harvey and Wendy from Aunt Jean. *Wishing them many happy years together.*

In Memory of Robert Wilson from JoAnne Keeney

In Honor of Georgine Nordin from Laura Nakashima and Steve Broccoli

In Memory of Sheila Smith (Anonymous)

In Memory of Bob Wilson and “Seamus” from Dee Dee Perry

In Honor of our Golden: “Hank”, “Nash”, and “Annie” from Joanne and Casey Elliott

In Memory of “Rocky” from Christine Gillett

In Memory of “Luca” from Louise Korn  
*Luca was a handsome Golden Retriever who recently crossed Rainbow Bridge. He was loved and cherished by my neighbors, Martha and Miguel. He was always happy to see the neighbors. I will miss him and the gentle way he took treats.*

In Honor of Jack Caragol's birthday from John and Justine Milani

In Honor of the Adoption of “Sweetie” from Nancy Mendell

In Memory of George Larson who adopted many senior Golden Retrievers through the years from Kevin and Beverly Cobb

In Honor of Carol Winter and “Bailey” from Richard Burke

In Memory of “Casey” Hayes, a sweet, funny, treasured, and missed companion to Jim and Christy Hayes from Jill and Joe Chouinard

In Memory of Tom Ames from Louise Korn  
*Tom was my neighbor for many years and a Golden “father” to four Golden Retrievers – Winchester and Nala who have crossed Rainbow Bridge and presently Bailey and Winchester #2*

In Memory of all our wonderful dogs over the years, many from NGRR and in honor of our new NGRR dog, “Bailey”, from Sharyn Sala and Bruce Dwiggin

*Our Dogs who have passed: Maxwell, Morgan, Chadwick, Charlie, Jeeves, Simon, Hannah, Kipling, and Sadie.*

In Memory of Richard Yamadera from his wife, Maureen  
*My husband, Richard, loved all of our Golden Retrievers that we rescued through the years so very much. Richard sadly passed away last May. He took wonderful care of our dogs. He showed me that a house is not a home without a Golden in it. Thank you.*

In Honor of “Corfu” from Richard Ruggieri

In Memory of “Tucker” from Greg and Katie Kennison

In Memory of “Chip” from Jack Hixon

In Honor of “Riley” from Walt and Peggy Caughlin

In Memory of “Cali” from Anonymous  
*Cali was a rescue project dog who grew to be my companion in everything outdoors. My husband and I miss her. We will be rejoining the team of fosters soon, then adopt again. She was sweet and we will honor her memory this way.*

In Honor of “Francie” from Greg and Candace Osborn

In Honor of “Abby” from Leslie Lloyd

In Honor of “Maya” from Bettie Swan

In Memory of “Jesse” from P. S. Peterson  
*Living forever in our hearts*

In Honor of Ron and Stacey Kavurich from Jeanine and Jim Durant

In Memory of “Caly” from Stacy Harris  
*She had a long and wonderful life. She was 14½. She will be missed by her family.*

In Memory of “Jack Jack” from Tina Wilhelm  
*He was the sweetest dog ever, with always a smile on his face. Adopted from NGRR about two years ago. His life was short but gave a lifetime of love. He will never be forgotten.*

In Memory of “Ruger” and “Dixie” from John Rutkowski

In Memory of Randy Dobbs from Linda Cutbirth

In Honor of Carole Frank from Deborah Behrman

In Memory of Holly Hufford from David and Judi Gavin

In Memory of “Wuffy”, “Dusty”, “Rusty”, “Charlie”, “Yankee”, and “Tommy” from Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Memory of Carol Parlin from Larry Parlin

In Loving Memory of “Sky” from Richard Duncel and Paula Tokugawa

In Memory of “Lolly” from Debra Hitchcock

In Honor of Brian Kelley and Family from Mary Kelley

In loving memory of our Golden: “Rascal”, “Kimo”, “Cody”, “Dusty”, “Lulu”, and “Abbie”. Forever in our hearts from Teresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro



## In Memory of “Charlie”

We adopted Charlie in 2003. We were told he was three years-old but he was more likely five. He had never been inside a house and the look on his face when he was brought in and shown his beds in the living room and our bedroom was priceless. Charlie spent the next 13 years being his best self as if to show appreciation. He was a remarkable dog and companion to our family. He was his best when being introduced to very young children, as if he knew he was going to be their first dog experience, and he would sit perfectly still while they got up the nerve to pet him. He was happiest on trails, especially when he could smell a misplaced tennis ball; or backpacking with us in the granite landscape of the Sierras, hunting out marmots in the cracks between rocks; or on the beach; and especially in his home surrounded by his ‘people’. He will always be a part of our family.

*From Barbara Kass* 🐾

In Honor of “Buckley”. *Thank you for our beautiful boy who was adopted from you. He is perfect.* From Leslie Code

In Honor of “Huey” from Stephanie and Sean Quinn

*We are so thankful to the donors and volunteers of NGRR who helped Huey before we adopted him. He has been such a blessing to our lives, and we love watching him continue to progress and flourish each day.*

In Memory of “Willow Wittenberg” from Dina and David Mitchell.

*Willow was rescued by Ingrid and Steve Wittenberg from NGRR. She was a loved doggy. I love hearing the stories about Willow, like how she would sit in Ingrid’s lap when they went tubing or how they put booties on her feet to protect her from tree sap on the ground. Willow didn’t know how to swim when first adopted so they bought her a life vest and taught her to swim. She ended up loving water. Willow was even featured in the NGRR calendar. Willow lives on in the hearts and memories of all those who knew her.*

In Memory of my Mom, Ursula, from Corie and Poe Turner

In Memory of “Hoover” a NGRR dog, from Peg Stevenson

In Honor of “Kerby” from Robin Bencie

In Honor of Laurel Mechling from Vicky Powell for her dedication to NGRR and supporting me.

In Honor of Edward Michael Gorman III from Philip Rohrbough

In Honor of Steve Matthews from John McManus and Ariele Taylor

In Honor of Jean Connors from Terry Sechrist  
A Tribute to “Mac” and “Sam”; “Sox” and “Gator”; “Rose”; and “Daisy” From Joyce Kinton

In Memory of my great Golden through the years: “Duke”, “Tipper”, “Miracle”, “Cabo” and young “Jessie” from David Roseman

In Memory of “Maggie” from Caren Patrick  
*Maggie came to me from NGRR in 2015 and blossomed into the most wonderful girl. She was only with me 11 months when she was diagnosed with cancer and there was nothing we could do for her.*

In Memory of “Willow”, our beautiful brown-eyed girl from Ingrid and Steve Wittenberg

In Honor of Linda Wargo, best Golden Mom ever, from Gary Chappell

In Memory of “Lila Golden” from Zan Aronowitz

*Our beloved Golden girl passed away in*

*November. She was an awesome member of our family. We miss her every day*

In Memory of “Lassen” from Susan Collins.  
*Lassen was the big brother to Max who was a rescue from NGRR. He will be remembered for his voracious appetite and loving nature that he displayed until he crossed Rainbow Bridge. He was a great companion for Max.*

In Memory of Paul and all of my loving Golden that have crossed Rainbow Bridge from Joann Banayat

In Memory of “Maya” from William and Elyse Love

In Memory of “Tanya”, “Clint”, “Chloe”, and “Charlie” from Barbara Morgan Zaney

In Memory of “Luigi” from Karen Black  
*Luigi was the best dog ever. He was an incredibly loved Golden who gave us 11 years of joy and unconditional love. Playful, the biggest joker smile, and a lover of all other dogs. Missed by rescue Golden sister, Gypsy, and the entire extended family of Karen, Nelson Thomas, Travis, and Jess Black. So loved by the entire Oakland community and dearly missed but cherished in our hearts forever.*

In Honor of Karen Shore from Andrea Burling  
*Karen has been a tireless NGRR volunteer for 20 years. She’s been an Area Coordinator and foster mom for most of this time and also was NGRR President for four of these years. She often drives long distances to transport dogs, always has at least two fosters and always puts the dogs first.*

In Honor of Karen Shore for her amazing support of our Aunt Pat Lynch, the Great, and Golden Retrievers everywhere from Ann Rosenthal.

In Honor of “Whisper” and “Simba” (Special Needs) from Linda Meyer

A Tribute to “Cody” and “Peyton” for picking us as a family from Eileen Maldonado

In Memory of “Millie” from Harold and Janet Freiman

In Memory of “Gracie” and in tribute to “Taffy” from Martin and Judith Knedel  
*We lost our eight-year old Golden, Gracie, on July 4, 2023. Now we have a 12-week old puppy, Taffy, and are starting over!*

In Honor of Sharyn Mitchell from Charles and Barbara Goodman

In Honor of “Jack” a NGRR rescue and the best boy ever from Steve and Camille Nevins

In Memory of “Bex”, a handsome, friendly neighborhood Golden who we will miss seeing on walks from Bridget Helt

In Honor of Daniel Edward Wasserman from



## Willow Lives On In Our Hearts

Willow was two when she came to us as a foster. It didn’t take long to know that we wanted to be her forever family. Willow was eager to shake hands, sit, stay and come, but she couldn’t swim. We put her in the pool and she sunk like the Titanic. We taught her to swim like you would a child, after which there was no lake or river she didn’t want to swim in. Willow loved chasing after ONE ball and would never bring it back. She loved walking but had a certain route she wanted to walk. If we went a way she didn’t want to go, she would just stop and dig her front paws in. She would merrily continue where she wanted to walk with a bounce in her step. Willow loved treats and took them so gently out of your hand. She loved car rides and floating on inner tubes. Willow even floated down the Deschutes River through Bend, Oregon. We took her kayaking and she loved jumping off boats to swim with her family at Lake Almanor. Willow was our beautiful brown-eyed girl. *Ingrid and Steve Wittenberg* 🐾

### **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](http://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.

# NGRR TRIBUTES

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Daniel Levis Family

*In honor of Daniel's birthday and the beautiful memories he gave to us all with his love of Goldens and his extended family. His memory will always be a blessing*

In Memory of "Melvin" to Laurel Mechling from Ellen Fenichel

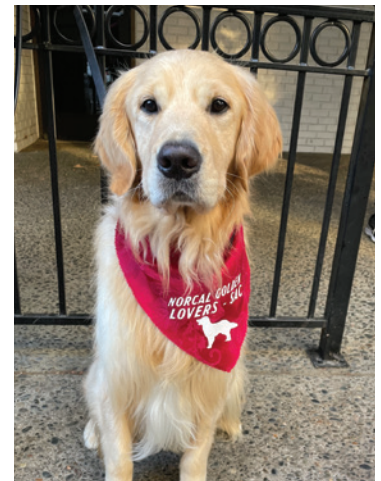
In Memory of Hunt Turner from Rolf and Christa Hilbert and Caren Uwe

In Memory of Hunt Turner from Patty and Dave Howell  
*Hunt was a beloved father, uncle and friend. We will miss this loving, kind and gentle man. Forever in our hearts.*

In Memory of Best Friend "Cookie" from Gordon J. DelFaro



*Bark In The Park  
Sept 2023*



*Huey-Sacramento  
Christmas Parade*

## Where Are They Now?



### Morven Growing Up

*By Ellen Fenichel*

Morven was adopted as a puppy. Now he is a juvenile and here are my thoughts: Morven is adorable, rambunctious, stubborn and curious. He's interested in everything on our walks - people, moving leaves, birds, fluttering moths, other dogs and cats. While he's awake, his mouth is endlessly busy (just recovered a sock, replaced it with a stuffed toy). 🐾



### Maximus

*By Erica Funk*

Maximus is living his best life. Running and hiking are part of his daily routine. On one of our walks around the neighborhood he found this stick and carried it one-half mile home.

We are loving life with him, and loving him. He has settled in well, and is trying his best to be obedient, but his puppy excitement sometimes gets in the way. What can I say, he makes us smile. 🐾



### Ruby

*By Elizabeth and Jon Foster*

Ruby had little exposure to life and was fearful when adopted. After 6 months her family reported: "We started by showing her new things to increase her awareness and environment. She is still very much a puppy, jumping and pawing but improving every day. She's a beautiful, sweet and loving dog. She likes to get hugs and listens pretty well. I look at her and think how in the world could someone give her up?!" (And the volunteers at NGRR say They are so grateful for the patience and support of our adopters to give our rescues a good life). 🐾



### Peaches

*By Dawn and Joel Gringorten*

We at NGRR are so impressed with the commitment of our adopters to give their new dogs the best life possible. This often involves a large commitment to improve their health or training. Here's what Dawn and Joel told us:

Peaches was surrendered in July weighing in at 120 pounds. She went to a foster family who immediately started slowly introducing exercise and healthy food. When we adopted her, she was down to 93 pounds and up to walking a mile a day. We started her on a "Weight Watcher" program. Within 2 weeks she was walking 3 miles in the morning and another mile in the afternoon. Today she is walking 8 miles a day and weighs 70 pounds. She's on regular food now and gets high-value treats for training. Her walks are the highlight of her day. Only surprised by mealtime!! We're all healthy now. 🐾



# Community Outreach



Sacramento Santa Parade



Redding Golden Palooza

## Upcoming Events

April 20 - SPCA Doggie Dash,  
Williams Park, Sacramento

July - Annual Niles Dog Show

Aug - Dog Days of Summer,  
Ruth Bancroft Garden,  
Walnut Creek

September - Bow Wow Days,  
Orangevale

September - Bark in the Park,  
Williams Park, San Jose

October 12 - Golden Palooza,  
Redding Convention Center,  
Redding

*The Norcal  
Golden Retriever  
Rescue  
has been busy:*

- o Bark in the Park
- o Bow Wow Days
- o Sacramento  
Christmas Parade
- o Redding  
Christmas Parade
- o Golden Palooza

## Bark In The Park Sept 2023

NGRR was one of the sponsors of the 25th annual Bark in the Park which is one of the biggest dog festivals in the country. The proceeds of the event benefit animal related non-profits of Silicon Valley. With hundreds of dogs and people, it was a fun-filled day of activities and information. The NGRR booth was a popular spot for attendees to learn about NGRR and grow interest in fostering and adopting our Golden Retrievers.



## Fall Volunteer Appreciation Event

NGRR is a 100% volunteer organization so we are thankful to and inspired by all of the volunteers who make a difference in the lives of the Golden Retrievers in our care and work tirelessly to find each dog's best forever home. As a thank you for their dedication, the annual Volunteer Appreciation event was held in October 2023 at the Bouchaine Vineyards in Napa. All two and four legged attendees had a fun day.





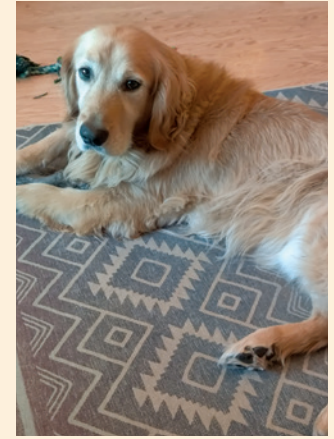
## Dear Abby-Gold

By Deborah Armstrong

**Q:** My older Golden simply lies around and no longer wants to play. I know I can extend her life if she gets exercise, but how do I encourage her?

**A:** Young Golden retrievers generate their own excitement but with your older gal, you'll need to make life exciting for her to take interest. New places to sniff, high-value treats like chicken or cheese, plus lots of attention can help. Encourage her to chase a toy in your yard by running, jumping, and talking in an excited voice yourself. Take her on more walks of shorter duration with lots of opportunities to snuffle around. Put half of her favorite toys away for a few days, then bring them out again. Stimulate her mind by teaching her a new trick.

Dogs love the comfort of familiar routines, but do ensure the routine has an active component. Even if your old girl simply goes outside to roll around on the lawn, it beats sleeping on the sofa all day! 🐾



## Banjo By Marisa and Steve Rapinchuk

We are so grateful to have Banjo in our lives. Ellie, our rough collie, lost her companion Kevin (Golden Retriever) in July. In August Norcal told us about a Golden being surrendered in Fresno. He got a hold of our hearts in a big way. He is an amazing dog and Ellie, who wasn't interested in him at first, is now best buddies with him. We are so grateful for Norcal in helping find this amazing dog to add to our family. 🐾

## Memorial to Volunteers

*Marilyn Ormund, Robin Suzuki, and Hunt Turner*

The recent loss of our dedicated volunteers deeply saddens us at Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. They were part of our family, and we will miss them.

### Marilyn Ormund

Marilyn dedicated much of her free time to helping animals. She was one of our founding members, serving tirelessly in various Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue roles. Marilyn helped build the foundation for what Norcal is today. She held several executive roles, chaired successful fundraisers, and rehomed many Golden retrievers in the early 2000s. In recent years, Marilyn had been volunteering at the Marin Humane Society Thrift Shop. Her passion and commitment to animal welfare were evident in everything she did. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, dedication, and love for animals. Her contributions to her community and her family will never be forgotten.

### Robin Suzuki

Robin, a longtime volunteer in San Mateo County, wore several hats in our organization. Her recent role included San Mateo Area Coordinator, onboarding displaced Golden retrievers, training new volunteers, and shelter outreach in her county. We will never forget Robin's passion for the Golden retrievers in her county, especially her beloved "Luca." Luca had a difficult start in life when he was surrendered to us in 2016. It took tremendous patience and love to turn him into the dog he deserved to be. Her continued commitment found the way to his heart, and we know he misses her presence. Luca and all the volunteers thank Robin's contribution to the Golden retrievers and our organization.



Luca

### Hunt Turner

Hunt was a bigger-than-life volunteer who loved all dogs, but the Golden retrievers held a special place in his heart. Bernie and Hunt opened their loving home over several years, fostering many dogs, picking up shelter dogs, delivering outreach goodies, and dropping off supplies. One of our favorite memories was how Hunt kept special treats by his bedside table so each dog would get an ear scratch, and a treat from the bedside table, before being tucked into bed for the night. His Golden family and friends will forever miss Hunt.



Hunt Turner

## Donating to NGRR

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

### Gifts by Credit Card Or Check

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. You may safely donate online at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org). To make a gift by check, mail it to NGRR at our Menlo Park, CA address. To make a gift by credit card, please also tell us the type of credit card, CVV code, 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 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.

### Vehicle Donations

You may donate a vehicle through NGRR's partnership with the CARS program. NGRR selected CARS Vehicle Donations because their

program is designed to support nonprofits of every size and shape. They have well-understood processes with 20 years of experience with vehicle donations.

### 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 and other expenses 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, fires and puppy mill raids, in communities throughout Northern California.

### Senior Golden Retrievers

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

### Special Needs Fund

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

### For More Information

For further information, please consult with your financial planner or tax advisor. More information about donating to NGRR can be found on our website at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).

## Volunteering

I would like to learn more about volunteering for Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted to the right. (Note: This information may also be submitted through our website at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).)

### Mail to:

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Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

### HANDS-ON DOG WORK

- Area Coordinator
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- Shelter Checks
- Phone Calls
- Transportation
- Marketing Outreach
- Store Merchandise
- Content for social media, newsletter and website



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Instagram: [www.instagram.com/norcalgoldenretriever\\_rescue](http://www.instagram.com/norcalgoldenretriever_rescue)  
Website: [ngrr.org/events](http://ngrr.org/events)

*We always love to see pictures of your Golden retrievers - please share them with us!*

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We continue to add Golden Goodies to our Store. The products we sell help support our mission to provide comprehensive veterinary care to our Golden retrievers!

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