

# N O R C A L Golden Retriever R E S C U E



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

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## Bailey

*Thank you to Scott Muller for submitting this message from "Bailey."*

I am not sure what NGRR is but I am so glad they exist! I was living in a home where I rarely saw people. They fed me, took me out of the kennel, and trained me with basic commands. But as a puppy, I was craving so much more. They had to work for long hours far away, so I would patiently wait every day for them to return. I know they felt bad and would rather spend their days playing with me, but sadly that wasn't an option for them. They didn't know I was a runner at heart and would probably win the 100-meter dash, so the kennel was killing me.

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## Jenny

*Thank you to Judy and Howard Guild for submitting this.*

In the short amount of time that Jenny was in the lives of volunteers with NGRR, she touched many hearts. Her story began when Amador County Animal Control rescued her on November 23, 2013 when she was found running on Highway 88 in Pine Grove. From there, she went through 5 months of recuperation with Peg Aten while under the care of Dr. Geni Manchester for extreme heartworm and proceeded to visit an NGRR BOD meeting where she circulated and charmed everyone, myself included. She came and sat on my lap as I sat on the floor! Eventually, Howard and I adopted her on April 27, 2014. From her rescue to her innumerable visits to multiple vets for her ovarian cancer treatments, she has met so many wonderful NGRR members, vets, techs, along with other pet owners and their pets in the lobbies while waiting for our turn to see the doctor – all of whom she instantly won over with her calm presence, her beauty, and her love of touch and affection. I truly believe she knew her time was limited and wanted to get and give as much love as she could whenever she met anyone! She was the most affectionate and devoted Golden we have ever had. And, she was absolutely determined to live as long as she could to savor everything and everyone in her life. She always stopped to take in the scenery on our walks and paused to have a big sniff of the fresh air or see what creature below the dirt was making those



blades of grass move on the embankment. The best thing was when walkers or hikers come our way, because that meant another leg to lean her head on while they took a break from their hike to pet her for how ever long they felt necessary!

But of all the people Jenny met, she loved Howard *the most*. If he was working from home, she was under his desk by his feet. If he was watching television, she was under the table beside his chair. If he was having dinner, she was beside him. So it was only fair that on her last night here, Daddy stayed with Jenny by her side in the family room. They loved each other very much and did so from the first moment they met at Peg's house.

We feel so lucky to have been chosen to be Jenny's family and to have loved and cared for her. She was a joy, a privilege, and a blessing in our lives. What a wonderful 2 years and 42 days we had together. She was so determined to live, so devoted to us, and she delighted us in every moment of every day! She was a treasure and we are so glad she was ours, if only for a little while. 🐾

## Upcoming Events:

### Gift Wrap at Barnes & Noble!

Gift wrap at Barnes & Noble in Corte Madera, Marin County. NGRR will be wrapping presents **Friday, December 2, 9 am – 3 pm, and Saturday, December 3, 9 am – 3 pm.** Please come and have fun with us! I am also looking for anyone with their well-behaved, leashed Golden to come and hang out to be an Ambassador. You won't be wrapping, but greeting. Please contact Peg, NGRR Marin Area Coordinator, at [pegsgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:pegsgoldens@gmail.com). I look forward to having you join us for some Golden fun.

### Strike Gold at the 2016 GRCA National!

The NORCAL Golden Retriever Club is looking forward to hosting the National Specialty in beautiful Placerville, California, the heart of California's Gold Rush Country. Come to the 2016 National for the Golden and stay to enjoy our beautiful scenery, local wineries, food, recreation, gold mines, historic towns, and all that Gold Country has to offer.

This is the largest breed-specific dog show in the country. There will be between 1,500 – 2,000 Golden Retrievers participating. Entrance is free for all events. For more information on dates and times of each event, visit [www.2016National.com](http://www.2016National.com).

### Golden Rescue Parade!

On **Friday, October 7**, there will be a Rescue Parade for Golden Retrievers. This will take place at noon in the main ring. Rescued Golden Retrievers from all over the U.S. will be presented with their owners. Personal stories about each dog will be read by the M.C., Matthew Margois, a well-known dog trainer and talk show personality. This is a very heartwarming event and we hope to see you there.

NGRR has been invited as a guest to host a booth this year. We will be part of Rescue Groups next to the Hospitality Booth and will be there Monday – Saturday. We look forward to you raising your "paws" and introducing yourselves. In our booth, we'll have our new NGRR 2016 Coloring Book, NGRR Second Chance Greeting Cards, and the "Rainbow Bridge Memory Wall" for you to pin your beloved pet's name. If you bring their picture – even better! The NGRR 2017 Calendar is now completed and up for sale. An opportunity drawing to win a great gift will also be available for cost of tickets.

Come one, come all. Only Golden Retrievers in competition are allowed on Fairgrounds, except Friday, the day of the Rescue Parade.

We are grateful to NORCAL Golden Retriever Club for their invitation to be a part of this exciting event.

## Big Hunk of Love

*Thank you to Cynthia Stevenson for submitting this.*

Duke "Big Hunk of Love" was an owner-surrender to NGRR. He came from a family who loved him, but unfortunately, did not have time to give him the proper exercise he needed. He came into our group weighing 155 pounds! Yes, a BIG hunk of love that wanted to be a lap dog. We were quite pleasantly surprised to see how mobile he could be and how much fun he had playing and running with toys. After some vet visits to make

sure all was medically okay, we were told that he is a healthy boy just needing to lose a significant amount of weight. With good nutrition, healthy snacks, short frequent walks, and having fun chasing balls, the weight started to come off.

His wonderful foster mom, Maggie, did a great job with this big bear. She had never seen a Golden this big before or one that absolutely loves the vacuum cleaner. He is quite a character! Duke's goal continues to be losing about 5 pounds a month and he is doing a great job. He was adopted by a sweet, wonderful family with two young children that just shower him with big hugs and lots of attention.



Duke is enjoying life, loves his slimming waistline, and is going on many weekend adventures to parks and Lake Tahoe. He is a wonderful reminder of how consistent TLC, exercise, and good nutrition can play such a positive role in your life ... 2- and 4-legged. 🐾

## Bailey *(Continued from front page)*

I heard my owners talking to an 'Amanda' about getting picked up and I could tell it was hard on them. Amanda picked me up right before my first birthday. Then, I got to visit a really cool guy named Gary. They said I was going to be here until I got a forever home. Gary was great and had 2 fellow Golden Retrievers for me to run and play with. I was starting to realize what running and playing was all about and I loved it. Very soon, my new owners visited me. I rode home with them and rested my paw on their shoulder the whole way there to let them know everything was going to be OK.

It is now 4 months later and I am in heaven. I have gained

11 pounds and at my perfect weight per my vet. I get to run almost every day and I have the best backyard. I get to sleep on the doggie bed of my choice and have chew toys galore. I love people more than I ever thought and other dogs are all my friends (I didn't know that either). I also have 2 cats as housemates and I think they are interesting, but not in a prey sort of way. Ha! I still bark at the pool but was taught to swim by my doggy friends Casey and Boston. They are way cool and fun!

All I can say is my rescue was pawsitively the best thing that ever happened to me. Although I am the fourth Golden my owners have had, I think I am quickly becoming their favorite, in my opinion. 🐾

## President's Message

*"How did it get so late so soon?" – Dr. Seuss*

Oh my gosh! Time flies by too fast. We're staring down the end of the year already!

We have upcoming events; Bark in the Park and the National Golden Retriever Club Specialty Event. Hope to see you there!

The board is working hard to update policies and procedures. We've updated the bylaws and revised the articles

of incorporation. We're working on how best to market our capabilities to save more Golden Retrievers and thinking of new events to either participate in or create! If you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you! Email me at [gaylejaxon@gmail.com](mailto:gaylejaxon@gmail.com). Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and thank you for your support!

*Gayle Jackson, Board President*

## Gracie – From One Mom to Another

*Thank you to Sherri Osborn for submitting this.*

I was a little taken aback when I first read about surrendering my Golden on the NGRR website. I wanted the least stressful experience I could find for my dog, and was concerned that going to a foster home and then to a real home would be confusing for her. My husband called to find out if it was an option for us to keep her until her real home was found, and were reassured that this was possible.

Gracie was up-to-date on all vaccinations and didn't have any health or difficult behavioral issues, so the volunteer coordinator, Amanda, arranged for me to bring her down for a quick evaluation. She sized Gracie up expertly in about 15 minutes, and answered all my questions. The next day, she sent me the information on a family that sounded perfect for Gracie – I agreed.

I spent one last day with Gracie, visiting many of our favorite spots on the river and people she loved. The next morning, I dropped her off with Amanda to transfer to her new family. I wrote a note to them about who Gracie is, what she has meant to me, and some of the things she loves. I also wrote that I hoped they might consider letting me babysit. That night, her new mom called me to reassure me that she and her family would love Gracie with all their hearts. We are Facebook friends and I love seeing pictures of Gracie smiling and enjoying her new life.

"Surrender" is a difficult word and an even more difficult thing to do when it comes to a Golden that is part of your heart. For me, it was one of the hardest decisions I've ever made, and I believe I made it in Gracie's best interest, or I never could have done it. I am so grateful to NGRR for helping dogs find the best homes ever, and for comforting and supporting me. I am also so grateful to her new family for loving Gracie and for being open to sharing a little of that love with me. I miss Gracie every single day, but I am happy that she is living the best life. She has an unlimited heart that always has love for more people. I also know that she will never forget me because she has never forgotten anyone. I hope that I get to babysit one day. Life doesn't always go according to plan. What NGRR did for me and Gracie was a true gift and I thank all of the people who are involved with helping Golden Retrievers find their people. 🐾



*Thank you to Rita and Mike Dane for submitting this.*

Sixteen years ago, we adopted the love of our lives, Anabelle. She was only 8 months old and had already had a pretty tough life. Fortunately, the people surrendered her to NGRR and we became her blessed parents. We have had her for 15 years when she passed away. The loss of Anabelle was like buckshot to our hearts; a pain I wasn't sure we would recover from.

After a few months and many tears, we found ourselves taking the same walks but without a puppy at the end of a leash. So, I started looking online at NGRR again to see if there was another that might need all of this excess love my husband and I had to give. I decided to take the next step and fill out the application. NGRR sent a representative out to our home for a home inspection and we passed! Now the search was real. After numerous phone calls and missing out on adoptees, we got the phone call on Saturday, the day before Father's Day. Sweet, wonderful Amanda asked if we would be interested in an older, surrendered baby girl named Gracie Honey Bear. The coincidence of getting our adopted girl on Father's Day did not go unnoticed!

Gracie was deeply loved by her original mom, but her living circumstances changed so with a very heavy heart, she allowed Gracie to come into our home and be a part of our family. She is the *best* addition to come into our lives since Anabelle! She may be 8 years old, but you would never guess. Our vet was even shocked. She is so well-behaved and polite and did I mention, *beautiful*? Gracie went through a time of nervous energy trying to decide if she was visiting, being babysat, or if this was her new "digs." She soon made our home hers. Gracie isn't just a dog; she is one of the family! She goes on vacation with us, loves car rides, and sneaks into our bed in the wee hours of the morning – she is the best snuggler!

I am so thankful to Amanda and the folks at NGRR for rescuing and fostering these wonderful dogs. Mostly, I am thankful that my husband and I were able to adopt Gracie. She enriches our lives with her unconditional love and happy smile. She has brought wagging tails and companionship back into our home again and I am thankful every day. 🐾



# Boomer, Rex, and Champ

*Thank you to Anne and Nick Ward for submitting this.*

Boomer was an overweight 6 ½-year-old when we adopted him from Kris Williams in Truckee; he belonged to a breeder who apparently no longer had a use for him. It took him a couple of years not to be fearful that if he went out the door to our yard, he would be shut out permanently – there was a LOT of hesitation at the door. After he had slimmed down, he looked like a different dog and was quite handsome. Unfortunately, he died at the age of 10 from hemangiosarcoma.

Rex was of unknown vintage; he was found by the side of a road in the East Bay with his leash wrapped around a pole and a water dish nearby. Someone picked him up, looked for his owner, and found NGRR, where he was surrendered. Our guess was that his owner had loved him very much, but couldn't afford to have his infected foot and bad teeth taken care of (which NGRR addressed) and was afraid that at his advanced age (our vet said at least 9) that he would be put to sleep by a shelter. He was a lovely dog that enjoyed being a member of our family for two years prior to passing away from a seizure.

And now we have Champ, the dog that was purchased as a puppy in South Korea by a Mexican diplomat who subsequently was transferred to San Jose. His owner was afraid that Champ would have difficulty with another long distance move at a more advanced age, so he was surrendered to NGRR. Champ is a delightful and multilingual dog; after he joined us, he had to add English to his Korean and Spanish vocabularies. 🐾



Boomer



Rex



Champ

## Surrendering Your Golden

In this issue of our newsletter, we wanted to give you a glimpse into the people who give their dogs to us when they are no longer able to care for or keep their dogs. Thank you to those who have surrendered their dogs to us.

This year, we have had 5 pairs surrendered to us. Mostly all seniors. We take them in and do our best to keep them together if they are bonded. Sometimes a pair isn't bonded, but often they are.

There are a few ways for us to get surrenders: NGRR Surrender Application, Hot Line Call, Email, Shelter, Lost or Found, Concerned Person. Whatever way we hear of a Golden, we respond.

An area coordinator can spend many hours working on a surrender long before we get the Golden. Sometimes people are not ready. Sometimes they need us to come quickly.

When an area coordinator knows they are getting a surrender, a foster home needs to be found that fits the dog's needs. The area coordinator will do their best for the Golden. Shots, spay, neuter, heartworm test, microchip, and all that needs to be done if vet records can't be verified. If they have ear infections, fleas, or any other medical things going on, we have to address those too.

We take all ages of Golden Retrievers into our care for rehoming. Thank you. 🐾

*Peg Aten, NGRR Newsletter*

## Sierra

*Thank you to Jeff and Cheryl Jones for submitting this.*

When we decided that we really could not properly handle and train Sierra, we were in a real quandary on what to do. We considered going back to the breeder, but fortunately, we didn't get a call back in a timely fashion. We talked with our vet and she recommended talking to NGRR. Surrendering a dog is no easy decision or task. Our decision to work with NGRR was the best ever. Everyone in the loop was very sensitive to the emotional situation that it became. Obviously, we were very concerned about the home that Sierra would go to and in this case, I think that we all were winners. We still miss her every day, but thanks to your updates we know that we made the right decision, and she is in a loving and caring home, so thank you very much!!! 🐾

## Grrrrranola *Compliments of Three Dog Bakery Cookbook*

- ¾ cup honey
- 2 ½ cups rolled oats
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups bran flakes
- 1 cup chopped roasted soybeans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 2 cups cracked wheat

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Heat honey, oil, vanilla in saucepan.

Pour over all the dry ingredients in a bowl. Mix thoroughly and spread on two greased baking sheets.

Bake for 15 minutes or until nicely golden brown. Stir occasionally during baking to prevent overbrowning.

Cool and store in a sealed container. 🐾

# Rescuing vs. Buying

by Alice Brill

Why choose to rescue instead of buy? The first response that most of us have is why buy? I've done both, starting with buying a puppy who had severe emotional problems, followed by a beagle whose only problem was being a beagle, and a cocker spaniel who didn't like to go out in the rain. Since then, there have been four more dogs, three of them rescues, and I've loved every single one of them. Some of them came trained, some not so much, but all of them were trainable. One of the best things about rescuing is that you can pretty much choose the age that works for you. Not everyone wants to deal with puppyhood, and not everyone can cope with an ailing older dog. Sometimes you know the dog's history, more often you don't. Either way, there's no guarantee that a purchased puppy, especially from a backyard breeder, is likely to be any healthier than the dog who needs to be rescued.

So again, why rescue? We're all familiar with the standard reasons – there are so many dogs that need good homes, too

many dogs face death if they're not adopted, rescuing cuts down on the number of dogs from puppy mills and may put some of the puppy mills out of business.

I've read so many times that a rescued dog is "grateful." I don't know. Gratitude might be just a human thing. My rescued dogs have never said a word of thanks. What I do know is that I am grateful for the one that knows when I'm sitting down to read and comes in and sits by me so that it's really convenient for me to pet him.

Several times a day, I give thanks to the powers that be that made me look at the shelter site one Sunday after not looking there for months, saw the dog I absolutely knew I needed, and two days later found myself spending a small fortune on toys for him. We rescue because it means giving a second chance to a dog who needs it – a second chance for a stable forever home, a second chance to be loved and cherished and petted, and because it means a second chance for a dog to do what dogs do so well: to make us feel loved and cherished in return. 🐾

## Lexi

*Thank you to Alona Warner for submitting this.*

*Dear Amanda,*

It's been a month since I filled out the online form with NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. You were so compassionate and helpful getting me through one of the hardest decisions I've had to make. As you know, Lexi originally belonged to my daughter and her family. She and her husband work all day so over the past two years, I progressively took over Lexi's care and for the past year, she has been exclusively living with me and my nine-year-old Shih Tzu, Sophie.



Lexi loved the kids and played with them during the times I babysat. Time marches on, I'm seventy years old, and the kids are in school all day – I rarely watch them now so Lexi got to play with them less and less.

Over the past six months, I started to realize that Lexi needed more than I can give her. I had mentioned my plight to a friend, who then mentioned NGR. After the holidays, I looked up your website and was particularly moved by the older dogs being put up for adoption. I love Lexi too much to ever have that happen to her and made the heart-wrenching decision to give her up while she is young enough to become part of a family with children. She has so much to give. So, I filled out the online surrender paperwork and sent it, not expecting to hear anything for weeks.

Then, you called the next day. Within hours, you located the perfect family for Lexi. Thank you so much for being so compassionate and supportive during this time. I felt my heart was being ripped out as I packed her belongings, but was strong in the sense that I was making the right decision for Lexi. You told me about her new family and how carefully you selected them. Amanda, you really walked me through a tough time.

Since the day Lexi left with you,



you (and her new owners) have been so thoughtful. I have loved every picture and update on Lexi and I've passed them on to my grandchildren and friends. We are all so impressed with your organization, your professionalism, your love and care toward the dogs. I know Lexi is exactly where she needs to be and you made that happen.

Yesterday, I received an amazing thank-you letter from Lexi's new mom, Michelle, and thank-you cards from Caitlin and Larsen. While the tears ran down, I felt so happy for Lexi and so thankful to you for making it all happen. I miss her but can come to closure knowing she will have another 10 happy years with a beautiful family. 🐾

*Sincerely, Alona Warner*





**MANY OF YOU** know me, though we have never met. My name is Stephanie Getzler and I have been the In Memoriam/Tribute Coordinator for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue for the past 30 years.

Donations are as wonderfully varied as those who make them. There are the groups of children who organize fundraisers, heartfelt thanks for a kindness someone has done, good wishes for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and holidays.

Gifts are received to honor the Golden who has comforted their owner through disease and continues to help the remaining spouse heal by offering a gentle paw or tender kiss. A dear friend, family member, work associate, and

other pets are remembered by many.

And always there is the remembrance of a beloved Golden who has been a companion, a friend, a champion in time of need, a counselor, a family member, a cherished furry soul. These dogs have left an imprint on the lives they've touched because there is nothing quite like the unconditional love of a Golden. I believe we become better people because in the eyes of our Golden, we are special.

Always, your stories of tribute and remembrance have touched me. A loving father lost his daughter when she helped a stray dog while abroad and paid tribute to the love of her Golden. There is the elderly woman who donated \$1 and wished she could give more, the couple who always adopt senior dogs when they've had to say goodbye too soon, and the group of friends who honor their buddy's memory every year during the NCAA tournament.

Over the years, I have formed written friendships with many of you. I am always touched when I hear from a donor saying my thank-you note brought a smile to their face and gave them comfort during a time of sadness.

On behalf of NGRR, thank you all so much for your generosity and love for these wonderful Golden Retrievers. We are lucky to have loved and be loved by them. I send you a flurry of tail wags and gentle Golden kisses in gratitude. 🐾

*Stephanie Getzler*

In Thanks to Patricia & Ray Crawford

In Thanks to Apryl Von Arlt & Robert Haga

Happy Birthday Wishes to my aunt, Sharon McConnell

Donation by Kimberly Daly

In Honor of "Penny"

Loved by Stephanie Bigelow

In Honor of "Chico"

*"Thank you for all that you do! Our beautiful Chico is 8 years old now, and is certified as a therapy dog. We visit libraries, acute care centers and dementia care facilities."*

Cherished and loved by Linda & Brent LeBoa

*"Happy Father's Day to my Dad, Burt Mabel. Thanks for taking me for walks and caring for and loving me."*

Woofs and kisses from "Molly" Mabel

In Honor of "Sweetie McSweet Face"

*"She brings so much joy to those who see her sweet smile. Thank you for your work on behalf of Golden's."*

Loved with a smile by Jean Connors

In Thanks to Kenna Lee Laslavic & Margaret McNamara

Two generous kind women who shared their love of Golden's

*"In Thanks to NGRR for all you do. 'Niko' thanks you, too! We are forever grateful."*

Lovingly donated by Joan & Berlen Kanady

In Gratitude to Kevin O'Grady for remembering this precious breed!

In Thanks to Kathryn Coffey for partnering with The San Francisco Foundation and donating to NGRR through the Zoe Fund.

Congratulations to Ken Raith & Keith Pepper on their anniversary.

Donation by Carlene Weldon

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Flossie" Garland

*"We will miss see Flossie running on the grounds. She was a wonderful Golden."*

Loved by Pat & Dick Garland

Donation by Carolyn Rosen

In Memory of "Peppers"

*"Peppers was a wonderful Aussie mix and was loved by our friends."*

Loved by Maureen & Jim Rodgers

Donation by Paula Tokugawa & Richard Duncel

### Memorial & Tribute Donations

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

**NGRR**

**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.

In Honor of "Niko"

*"We got Niko in 2012 - a rescue from Taiwan. Thanks to Wendy LaRocco and Loretta, Niko's foster mom. Al and I acquired a friend for life! I've been alone with Niko since Al died and you couldn't ask for a better companion. Thanks for all you do!"*

Loved by Joan Kanady

*"Happy Birthday wishes to Bill Hopman!"*

Donation by Debbi Hopman

*"Wishes to Cindy Doyle for a wonderful moments on your special birthday."*

Donation by Pamela Newcomb

In Thanks to Carol E. Winter for her continued support of NGRR

# IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Koda"  
Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM

In Memory of "Sophie"  
Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM

In Memory of "Madison"  
Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM

In Memory of Bob Kupor  
Donation by Sandra Kupor & Devra Nelson

In Memory of "Riley"  
*"Riley was a NGRR adoptee."*  
Loved by Gina Reiger & Ron Dion

In Memory of Bruce Goronsky  
Remembered via The Bruce Goronsky  
Memorial Pool AKA The Bagman Memorial  
AKA The Commish  
*"Our friend Bruce Goronsky passed away  
about 5 years ago, and we in the group  
who participate in the CBS Sports NCAA  
Basketball Brackets pool decided then that  
we would make a contribution every year to  
Bruce's favorite charity...you guys."*  
Donation by Robert Michelson, Brian  
Bender, Robert Levin, Steven Neely, Richard  
Neely & Bob Carr

In Memory of Ward P. Sterling  
Donation by Alison Piemons

In Memory of "Luke" & "Sam"  
Loved by Karyn Kessler

In Memory of "Skylar"  
*"Skylar was a lovely Golden girl."*  
Cherished and adored by Ann & Craig Tighe  
Donation by Linda & Todd Zucker

In Memory of Kevin Butler  
*"Kevin was a founding member of the Best  
Friends Canine Club (BFCC) in Rohnert  
Park that meets daily at a local park. He  
truly was a dog's best friend, especially  
Goldens."*  
Donation by Suzanne & Gerry Blue

In Memory of "Rupert"  
*"Rupert was a handsome Golden who  
recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge."*  
Loved by Patricia & Roy Crawford  
Donation by Louise Korn

In Memory of "Manly"  
*"Manly was a special, very loved  
dachshund."*  
Loved by April & Mike Glisson & "Charlie"  
Donation by Paula Tokugawa and Richard  
Dunckel

In Memory of Kevin Butler  
Donation by Sherry & Ken Mackey

In Honor of "Lizzie," Our Golden Girl:  
*"Lizzie was our child, our sweet darling.  
She was our sweet golden girl who loved the  
beach and daily walks. She accompanied me  
to school many times, working as a therapy  
dog for preschool autistic children and a  
nursing home. Her favorite was the children;  
she was so patient and sweet to them. Lizzie  
is dearly missed. Brain cancer took her  
away from us but she lives on in so many  
ways in our lives. Her kitty sister, Zelda,  
now 17, misses her terribly, too. Lizzie lived  
to be nearly 13 years old in spite of terrible  
allergies and other health issues, though she  
was just happy to be here, treasuring the  
ordinary and wonderful days with us. Thank  
you NORCAL for your good work in the  
world and for bringing Lizzie into our lives."*  
Love from Mom & Dad, Marianne Bickett &  
Brian Belet

In Memory of "Molly"  
Cherished and adored by Kent Johnson  
Donation by Anne Fontaine

In Memory of "Calder"  
*"We adopted Calder from NGRR just over  
6 years ago. She passed away peacefully  
last week at home, surrounded by her loving  
family to the very end. Calder brought more  
to our life than we ever could have given  
her. She loved every person she ever met,  
and every meal she ever wolfed down. She  
was a beautiful lady and a goofy puppy in  
equal measure. She made us laugh and she  
was always there if we cried. As someone  
who once dog sat her said – "that is a  
once in a lifetime dog". She will always be  
remembered."*  
Loved and missed by the Grelling Family

In Memory of Maggie Salgado  
*"I will always remember Maggie as a warm,  
caring, and gentle person. She raised a  
terrific son, David, who is a close friend of  
mine. Through David, I knew Maggie was  
passionate about animals and it's nice to  
honor Maggie's memory with a donation to  
an organization and cause that was dear to  
her. May her memory be a blessing!"*  
Donation by Joel Kurzman

In Memory of "Sunny" & "Teddy"  
Always loved by Leona & John McCabe

In Loving Memory of Margaret Salgado  
Donation by Meryl Glass

In Memory of "Shakespeare", 2015  
Loved by Jeffrey Thompson

In Memory of my Loving "Duffy"  
Missed by Jennifer Mazzaferro

In Loving Memory of my two Goldens,  
"Bo" & "Gus"  
Loved by Charlotte Bonano

In Memory of "Cooper"  
Loved by Nan & Frank Drouillard  
Donation by Jeanne & Rick Jackson

In Memory of "Sunny"  
*"Sunny, who was 12 years old, was loved  
very much by our neighbor, Michael."*  
Cherished and missed by Michael Accorsi  
Donation by Jan Nelson & Carlos Rebollar

In Memory of "Lulu"  
*"Lulu was truly loved and is very missed."*  
Loved by Glad & Capt. Diane Schmitt  
Donation by Lorie & Ron Figley

In Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy"  
*"My girls will be in my heart forever!"*  
Loved by Louise Korn

In Loving Memory of "Jenny"  
Cared for and loved by Judy & Howard Guild  
Donation by Ronald Balogh

In Memory of "Sneakers" & "Freddie"  
*"...my two beautiful Golden Oldies from  
NGRR."*  
Missed and loved by Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of "Jenny"  
*"Jenny was found as a stray running on  
Highway 88. She was fostered and nursed  
back to health by angel, Peg Aten. We  
were so lucky to be chosen to be her family  
and she came home with us in April 2014.  
We were blessed to have loved her and to  
have been loved by her for 2 years and 42  
days. We kissed her and let her go to rest in  
Heaven on June 8, 2016."*  
Sweetly loved by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of "Bodie"  
*"We will miss Bodie and his quiet, loving  
personality."*  
Cherished and loved by Sharon & Will Banks  
Donation by Mary Lou & KD Atkins

In Memory of "Jackson"  
Missed and loved by Sam Miller &  
Phil Herlth  
Donation by Rick Partridge & Jack Black

In Memory of sweet "Jenny"  
Adopted and loved by Judy & Howard Guild  
Donation by Sue Wasson & Carol Zemel

In Memory of "Maddie"  
*"Maddie was a loved companion to the  
Cohen's."*  
Missed and loved by Mr. & Mrs. William  
Court Cohen  
Donation by Harriet Howard & Rick Cortez

# IN MEMORIAM

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## In Memory of "Jenny"

"We know you gave your mom and dad so much love; they definitely gave the love back to you."

Cherished and loved by Judy & Howard Guild  
Donation by Karen & "Gracie" Long

## In Memory of "Maggie"

Donation by Dr. Cheryl Ramos, Pets Eternal Rest

## In Memory of "Merry"

"Merry certainly lived up to her name, as well as being a great obedience dog."

Loved and trained by Debi Best

Donation by Noelen Byars

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"Banjo will be missed for the positive presence and love she shared."

Loved by Deborah & David Summer

Donation by Friends & Colleagues at Ammunition

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Donation by Ann & Melvin Wallace

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Adored and loved by Dr. Beth Campbell

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## In Memory of "Chloe"

Loved and missed by Claire McAuliffe

Donation by Meg Crofton

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## Loving Lizzie

Thank you to Marianne Bickett for submitting this.

Loving our Golden girl, Lizzie, was the easiest thing to do. Everyone loved Lizzie. I look now at the place she used to be whenever I was at the computer, taking her morning nap, dreaming of fields and tennis balls. Now, it is an empty space, but my heart is filled with gratitude that I had a chance to be her mom for a while.

Our story began over nine years ago, in 2007, as my husband and I were walking along Los Gatos Creek trail and remarking to each other how much we missed having a dog. We lost our last dog six years prior and it took us that long to feel ready for another. No sooner had I said the words of longing out loud ("Oh how I wish we could get a dog"), when Myra Kelly comes with three Golden Retrievers joyfully plodding along at her side. We couldn't resist stopping to greet them and Myra told us about NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue.

Within two weeks, we brought our Lizzie girl home after she was spayed. Lizzie was four at the time and came from a very difficult situation where she was not well cared-for. She had been overweight, had an undiagnosed thyroid condition, had severe ear and skin infections, and had no hair on her tail! But, she was the sweetest soul! In spite of her problems, Lizzie always had that acceptance of things that animals do so well, unlike their human companions who suffer because we wish things would be otherwise. Throughout the years, through emergencies and expensive allergy treatments, through the happiest of days at the beach, dog park, and just ordinary days of walkies, Lizzie was our Golden angel. And, after a year of adopting Lizzie, her tail hair grew and it was the most beautiful Golden tail we'd ever seen! I never let the groomers—nor I as I groomed her the last few years—ever touch that tail! It was a symbol of her flourishing and happiness. I loved it as it waved in the air at the beach or in a field, like a bright flag.

Lizzie and I were a therapy dog team, both officially and



unofficially. She didn't take to nursing homes so much, but with children, she was a star. She loved kids best of all and was so patient with the preschool autistic children at the school where I taught. I would also bring her to help me teach my ELD students, who blossomed and talked to Lizzie with ease. She became a fixture at school where everyone knew and loved her.

One amazing thing is that she and our cat, who we had rescued in 2002, took to each other right away and were the best of friends and sisters. I have countless photographs of the two of them together napping and cuddling. Through Lizzie's last two months, Zelda, our cat, stayed right by Lizzie's side, never leaving her except to eat and do whatever else she needed to do. It was a very touching relationship. Zelda, now nearly seventeen, grieves with us in our loss.

It's a sad story, but, in the end, Lizzie couldn't beat the brain cancer that took her life all too quickly on March 18, 2016. She taught us a great deal about living while dying. In her usual manner, she took life in stride and was happy to just be with us, to sit outside under the umbrella with Zelda those last days, and on the porch, listening to the birds and enjoying the golden moments together. I could go on and on about all the things I've learned from Lizzie, that I'm still learning, but the bottom line is that she is the gift that keeps on giving. She would have been thirteen years old on May 23, 2016. I'm proud of her, what a gift she was to the world. I always told her, "You are goodness in the world, Lizzie!" And we are ever grateful for the honor of knowing her. 🐾



# Kenna

*Thank you to Nick Ward and Karen Frazier for submitting this.*

"Hi Nick. Cathy here."

"Hi Cathy. What's up?"

"I am desperately looking for a foster today. I know you don't foster, but it's 6pm and I am running out of possibilities and time."

"Well, we 'lost' our male a month ago so we do have one empty dog bed. What's the deal?"

"I have a 15-month-old female that I need to find a home for today. A guy brought her in to his vet this morning and said 'I can't handle her and she bit me – put her down!' The vet took the girl and called me. I said we would take her. A vet tech is holding on to her, but they don't have the ability to keep her overnight."

"Uh ... OK bring her over."

At first glance, it was obvious that Kenna was a very high energy dog and nervously uncomfortable with what was happening to her. The first challenge became clear the next morning when Kenna quickly engaged in very active play with Tess, my 4-year-old who loves to play, although she is pretty submissive. The play soon involved lots of dominant behavior on Kenna's part, who was obviously very



much an alpha dog.

All right... I have an intense, adolescent alpha on my hands. What about training and responsiveness? Nope, no evidence of any prior training and not showing any trust of either Anne or me. I managed to make the situation worse when I reached to take a toy away from her—gee, I could always do that with all my dogs and didn't stop to think. Yes, she bit me. Check the "possessiveness" box and double check the "not respectful" box.

Anything else? Well, yes. Clearly, I needed to burn off some of her energy. When I started to walk her, she would go only a few feet beyond our drive and would sit, not wanting to move. My guess is that she was always kept in the home and yard, never out or socialized. With time, she would go on about a 45-minute walk with me, but only if we went in the same direction each day. Add "scared of new environments" to the list.

I knew what I had to do. First off, I had to be gentle so she could trust me. Feeding by hand. Get her to come for a reward. Put a leash on her and at first, do nothing with it. Then start with basic commands. Positive – not negative – reinforcement. Lots of exercise. And so on. We did have her evaluated for excessive possession and guarding habits, which she passed.

When, after lots of observation and talk, Karen Frazier came and decided to adopt her, I knew what the immediate next challenge would be. I watched from inside the house as Karen and Cathy tried to encourage Kenna to get into the car. No way was she doing that. I went out, talked to Kenna for a moment, and then picked her up and put her in the back seat. She did not object a bit. All my work had paid off to the



degree that she trusted me at least that much and I knew that Kenna was going to make it.

Karen is one of those very special people who care so deeply about these animals that we have created to be totally dependent on us. She knew what was needed and saw the goodness inside Kenna.

This rescue took place in 2012. Karen gave us an update this year at Kenna's fifth birthday:

"I am happy to report she is over pretty much all of her issues and has never bitten me. She now will drop most things on command, but even when she will not, I can put my hand in her mouth and attempt to take things from her without fear of being bitten.

I did hand feed her for two years, which may have helped her with trusting me. (No doubt about that.) It did take two years for her to finally be able to get together with the cats as she was just so excited. As you can see by the pictures, we are all one big happy pack now. Kenna loves everyone! I am hoping to get her to agility training one of these days. I think she would love it."

The life of this wonderful dog was saved thanks to NGRR and Karen, an outstandingly compassionate and patient rescuer. Kenna is now living happily and easily with another dog, two cats, and her humans. No one had to "put her down". 🐾

## Providing for Your Pet's Future Without You

*Malcom Buxton, former NGRR volunteer*

Because pets usually have shorter life spans than their human caregivers, you may have planned for your animal friend's passing. But what if you are the one who becomes ill or incapacitated or who dies first? As a responsible pet owner, you provide your pet with food and water, shelter, veterinary care, and love. To ensure that your beloved pet will continue to receive this care should something unexpected happen to you, it's critical to plan ahead. This information sheet helps you do just that: [www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/pets/pets\\_in\\_wills\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/pets/pets_in_wills_factsheet.pdf) 🐾

## Donating to NGRR

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

### Gifts by Check or Credit Card

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

### Payroll Deduction

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

### Matching Gift

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

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### Appreciated Securities

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

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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.

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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.

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

### Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

### General Fund

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

### Senior Goldens

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 Goldens who are critically ill, deformed, and/or injured. These dogs need immediate access to funds to restore their quality of life – and, in extreme cases, to save their lives – without financially burdening their adoptive families.

### For More Information

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

## Volunteer Interest

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  - Senior Goldens Program

*I would like to learn more about volunteering for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted below.*  
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# Unsung Heroes

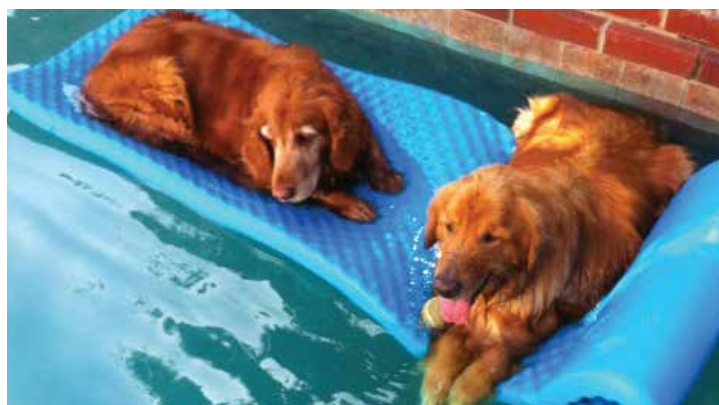
by Joan Green

Volunteering for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue has offered the gamut of challenges, rewards, heartbreak, and joy. While we are grateful for all the families who adopt our beautiful rescues in need of new homes, the unsung heroes are those families who recognize with heartache and regret, the necessary decision that no owner fathoms – that of surrendering a beloved family member. Beginning with the completion of the surrender application, they selflessly bestow trust upon the organization to find the future family for their Golden – a family who will enthusiastically provide a life of love and security and adventures to experience.

Some highlights of rescue experiences with their new families:

- regular road trips to vacation homes
- relaxing on an air mattress in the swimming pool after non-stop tennis ball retrieving
- becoming the “princess” in a family of young school-aged boys
- becoming the fourth “son”, much to the delight of the mom in the family
- accompanying a new dad in a golf cart for marshalling duties on the golf course
- joining new parents for weekly choir practice
- frequent trips to the beach for sand-digging, a favorite pastime for one particular girl
- becoming the third NGRR Golden family member to receive the love and devotion of a dad who, as a veterinarian, has extended his boy’s life after a diagnosis of mast cell tumor (adopted at 10.6 years of age and recently celebrated his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Facilitating the passage of a rescued Golden Retriever from one home to another affords many exhilarating benefits of participation in the rescue organization. One of those benefits was realized by a simple request of a surrendering family for their beautiful boy to have a backyard with trees and sticks. Their boy got the backyard with trees and sticks plus a swimming pool and a vineyard! Who knew life could become so fulfilling for a cherished rescued Golden? 🐾



## Maddy

*Thank you to Kristin Wong for submitting this.*

NGRR made a very difficult process simple and above all, relieving. Our Golden was such a dear dog. It wasn't Maddy's fault that we needed to rehome. We had a life change that required us to make this decision. I went online and filled out the form, which was very detailed. Seeing the questions gave me more confidence because I could tell they were going to take the time to find the right home for Maddy. Within an hour, I got a call from



Amanda, who further explained the rehoming process. I was so relieved and my husband was as well. We said our goodbyes the next day and she was on her way to a loving home. Amanda communicated with us the whole way along with a video of a playing and happy Maddy. I would say it worked for everyone in the end. A couple weeks later, when I asked how it was going with the family, she wrote, “they are in love.”

We felt fortunate to have NGRR available to us. Life changes happen and we had a place to go. It is a great new start story. We were happy to share our experience! 🐾



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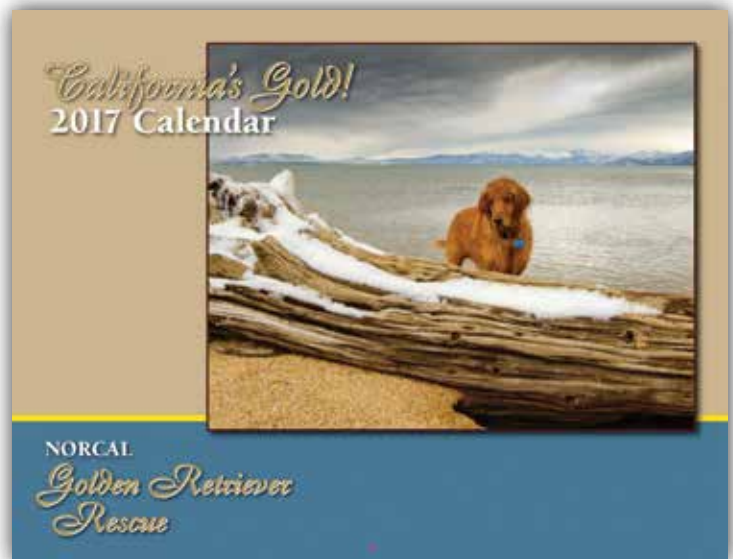
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