NORCAL Golden

RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

VOLUME XXVI, ISSUE NO. 1 ~ SPRING 2020



NGRR at the Dog Show

Thanks to Georgine Nordin for submitting this story.

Golden Gate Kennel Club held their annual all breed dog show on January 25-26 at the Cow Palace. Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue was invited to support the Golden Retriever Club of America and the Northern California Golden Retriever Club at this event by staffing the booth Saturday and Sunday. We spent our time educating the public on the breed and our organization. We were

fortunate that the Club set up a grooming table at the booth and shared their beautiful dogs when not competing. We had plenty of time to watch over 50 Goldens compete for Best of Breed and Best of Show.

One of our own, Craig Simberg and his rescued golden Tom took top point in Rally. Tom is your typical Golden until it is time to compete. His laser focus makes this pair unstoppable in competition. Congrats on their continued success!

(Continued on page 4)

The Story of Coco

Thanks to John and Lisa Dariano for submitting this story about Coco.

We raised three Golden Retrievers from puppies, not simultaneously, but pretty much back to back, and they all lived long lives. Jessie, Jason and Max. When Max crossed the rainbow bridge we decided to take a break and do some long awaited travel. Wow, it was fun! For a while.

We started to feel the emptiness of a home without a Golden, but weren't quite ready for a full time furry friend. What to do?? I learned about Norcal Golden Retriever

(Continued on page 4)



NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue Fund

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

Best Friend: \$1,000 and up

Roger Battaglia Teresa Beltramo Leslie Bianchi

The Dahl Foundation James and Janice Freeberg Melinda Griffith

Mike and Bev Groeniger Stephen Hansel Karen Hargrove

Catherine Kruttschnitt Roberta Laporte

Brian, Vicki and "Duke" Magstadt Marilyn Makepeace

Lani Ritchey Trust Bruce Stiely

Joan and Norman Wallace Kristine Williams Gilbert Wymond

Pure Gold: \$500 to \$999

\$500 to \$999

Pamela Adams

Carol Beck

Eli and David Borbas

Susan Brady

Steven and Patricia Bristow

Alan Carter

Sarah Chavis

Kathleen La Cross

Sudhir Ganti

Loren and Rachel Kertz Gregory Koll

Diane Larson Stacey Layton

Martin Hoyer

The Lindstrom Family Fund Theresa Chinn and

Paul Miyashiro Wayne Monahan Laura Nakashima Mark Schroeder Carl & Diane Shannon

Frits and Letty Vanderlinden Jim Williams

Wet Kisses: \$250 to \$499

A1 Property Anthony Adair Susan Almlie Keith and Shunya Anding James Bareuther Greg Barr Mary Frances Beach

C. Blamires JoAnn Bonner Linda Bonomo Mary Bull Vicki Coe and Scott

Michael Leonard Crotty Lynn Dantzker Ann and Dan Doyle Sandra and Tim Durham

Valerie Erikson Daniel Fink Tracy Gibbons Naoko Jenkins

Shelly and Graig Johnson

Iain Johnson
Dan Kaplan
Lisa Kearus
Mary-Ellen K

Mary-Ellen Kennedy Jim and Judie Lane Clifford Lange

Stephen and Molly Lopez

Deborah Lubeck Margaret Lynch Carol Melamed

Claire and Don Mittelstaedt Sheela Mohan-Peterson

Marta Moreno Heather Murphy Holly and Mike O'Brien Richard Partridge Jr Mark and Tia Pierce

David Roseman Susan and Charles Rothschild

Adrienne and Jon Silvester Sara Steffen

Shirley Stewart
Caroline Tonetti
Danny Ward
Anna Weihman

Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

\$100 to \$249

Herman Alcalde

Dede and Homer Alexander

Maureen and Fred Allen

Sonya Arellano

Robert Backlund

Mark and Anne Bacon

Ruth Baily

Susan Baker

Joan and Bob Bea

Carole Beeton

Deborah Behrman Constance Bell Robert Bergman Cheryl Berner Laura Best

Deborah Bevilaqua Kenneth Bird Jan Blair-Olsen

Gerry and Suzanne Blue Donald Boscacci Eric Bower

Robert Breunig Don and Judie Brimmer Rensselaer Brown

James Burke Fran Burnham Brenda Bury

Robert and Catherine Butler Russ and Ann Byborg Marchelle Carleton Lawrence Carli

April and Jon Carlson
Mary and John Castagna

Darold Chan Jane Chaplin Tom Charlesworth Peter Chow

Diane Cincotta
Mary Cipriano
Sandra Close
Al and Anne Code
Leslie Code
Nicholas Cooper
Teri Cosby
Gordan Craig
Amy and Jeff Crowe
Ronald Davidian
William and Linda Desler
Barbara DiGiorgio

and Carla Holmes

Thomas Donohoe
Susan Downey
Richard Dunckel
and Paula Tokugawa
Bruce Dwiggins and
Sharyn Sala

Sharyn Sala Christine Elbel Jonne Elefany Karen Eustis Diane Evans Susan Ewald Robert Fletcher Michael Foley

Mr. and Mrs. Don Forest John Fox

Kathleen Ford

Maureen Fox Carole Frank Jack Freethy

Harold and Janet Freiman

Patricia Garland Michael Gibbons Adam Glass

Martha and Alexander Glew

Gary Goade JoAnn Golden

Deborah Greene-Jacobi John and Marcy Gretz Nancy Grimes Ms. Lauran Gully John Hansen Jo Haraf Adrienne Harber Jean Hawkins

Leslie Hayne Ellen Hellmoldt Michael and Antonie Heren

Mark and Dale Hillard Debra Hitchcock Cheri Hitchcock Virginia Holmes Peter Hom

Eliot Hudson Jennifer Bock Hughes Patricia Johnson Loretta Jones

Donald Jones Edwin Leidholdt Jr Ed and Jeannie Kaatz Nancy and William Kales

Kathleen Keller Alson and Martha Kemp Dr. Emily Kenyon

Joyce Kinton Christopher Kleinbauer Joyce Felch and John

Knechel

Martin and Judy Knedel Constance Koehler

Louise Korn

Suzanne Krakover-Nickel Anthony Label Michelle Lalljie Raymond Lamanno Pamela Lawrence Linda Leong Greg Lindahi

Judith Lindberg Ronda Little Nikki Lloyd Terri Locke

Bruce and Linda Loper

Tiffany and Wesley Lord

Peter Lucich
Douglas Lynn
Stuart MacKenzie
Anne Magnie
Steven Malan

Eileen Maldonado
John Marbry
Katherine Martin
Carole Martin
Valerie Mathews
Fernando Matias
David McCarroll
Dr. Sloan McDonald

David McCarroll
Dr. Sloan McDonald
Glenn McGhee
Kathy McIntyre
Linda Meyer
Randall Miller
Loris and Gleen Mills

Dev Mishra Sharyn Mitchell Dolores Mogg Arnaldo Moreno

James & Louise Morris Emilia Motroni

Lynne Mueller Kenneth and Sarkis Nahigian and "Leather"

Laura Nielson

Laura Nielson Norcal Golden Retrie

Norcal Golden Retriever Club Tracey Nowell

Tracey Nowell Caren Patrick Larry Patten

Steve and Tana Perotin Luanne Peters

Dick and Jan Petersen Tim Portwood and Jim Lauber

John & Brenda Radcliffe Pauline Rheaume

and Doug Lynn
Terry and Tracy Ricketts
Dorothy Rosenthal
Debbie and Bill Sander
Madeliene Scheiman
Kathy and Ray Schilling
Darylen Hall Schwartz

Terry Sechrist Laurie Sherwood Scott Sherwood Kim Silvers

and Sheila Cardno Craig and Judy Simberg

Cloyd Smith Tessie Spagna Anthony Spangler Nancy Stipanich Lori Straley Priscilla Strauhal Elizabeth Sumner Carole and Richard Swan Susan Swendseid Hiromi Takekuma Lesle and Dean Thomas Susan Thomson Joan Tillman Arlin Timberlake BC & Hunt Turner Bernie Turner Harvey Veon Robert Wilson Mary Wilson Susan A. Wilson Thomas and Patricia Wong Your Cause Adobe Barbara Zaney Cathy Zimel

Cold Noses: Up to \$99 Dennis Abbott Judy Amado Pam Ammondson Peggy Andrews James Arcady Mary Jane Ayala Margaret Azevedo Mike Bachman Lura Bailey Jerry Banks Mary Baron Susan Barton William Berner Beth Beurkens David Bissell Roberta Blake Lisa Boden Marilee Brand Robert Brown Pauline Bury Donna Campagna Anne-Maree Cantwell Jeannie Carlberg Doris Carlton Deborah Carsch Hannah, Billy, "Cabo" Case Sue Chambers E Chenoweth

Marilyn Dahlen Jim Darwin Carrie Dinkelspiel Midge Dobbin Maureen Drotleff John and Heidi Drum Lois Duncan Barbara and Jerry Dutcher Toni Eames Donald Eby Lee, Leigh Ann and Savannah Eckles Cynthia Eisenberg Tom Emmitt Jane Falcone Gordon J. Del Faro Lynn Fiorentino Joan and Phil Fisher David Forst Uki Fratzke Dave Gadd Patricia Gallagher Cynthia Garcia Bill Garvin Belinda Gendle Judi Gibson Wendy Gilberd Karen and Frank Gill Gil & Barbara Gordon and Casev Cherie Goulet Kristin and Sam Grant Phyllis Greene Terry and Pat Grew Angela Guenther Darrah Hallowitz Marla & Terry Hamilton Gay Hananouchi Dianne Harvey Bill Haskell Janet & Bill Hellums Linda Henderson Jack Hixon Paul Holzberger Linda Honeysett Robert Horenstein Michelle Howe Bill and Lynn Hoyer Laurie Hoyt Thomas Hudecek Elaine Hujambojoie Barbara and Tony Jackson Janice Jerabek Steve Jones Jon and Michelle Kakleas James Katayama Michele Katsilometes

Sarah Kav

Kenneth Kees

Jenny Kelsey

Michael Kelley

Susan Johnson Kennedy

Barbara Kleinert Teresa Kludt Don and Flo Kristofferson Aydan Kutay Debra Lane Deborah Lennon Tana Lingvall Lawrence Livermore Ron and Jan Looney Sandy Louthian Burton Mabel Rosie and Monk Mann Susan Marchatt Ron and Fran Marks Regina Masero Zelika McBride Gail McCollom Paula McGinnis J & E McGowan Jean McKinley Theresa McTague Nicole Mendoza-Martens Debbie Menig Belinda Milford Lois & Martin Mintz Stephanie Mooers Andrew Moore Jeff Munckton Grenn Nemhauser Lynn Nickles Kellie Nyholm David Orris Susan and Roy Otis Rebecca & Everett Palmer Walter and Diane Parrish Sally Peck Harper Petersen P Peterson Marta Pierpoint Jerry Pierson Dr. John Pinelli Rose Piscitello Kim Lo Porto Michael Posner Gwennie Preston Karen Price Cheryl Ramos Paul and Lynn Randelman Tom and Carol Raney Vicki Ratner Cheryl Rebensdorf Leal-Ann Reinhart Jonathan Rende Dorothy Rhoades Barbara Richards Diann Riggs

Cheryl Sakata Susan Salnick Wendy Shepard **Delores Short** Kristie Sickler Judi Sierra Angela Silva Lorene Sisson Elaine Smith Margaret Stevenson Beverly Stout Arthur Stromberg Karen Sudnikoff Frances Sun Larry and Marie Swank Karen Sweeney David Taft Carol Taylor Dianne Thomas Michael Torigian Nancy Tsukamoto David and Gail Turner Cornelia Turner Sandra and John Wagner Bettie Sue and Ken Walters Aileen Walton Mark Wasserstrom Susan Wasson Christopher Weber Carol Weinbrock Donate Well Maureen & Chris White Tim White Allan Wiegman Robert Willett Becky Williamson Sue Woods Your Cause Chevron Your Cause ATT Jim Zion Michael Zischke and Nadine Sponamore Anonymous Golden Angel **Birthday Fundraisers** Kelly Alves

Barbara Buckley Darren Cadger Brã-D Cholmã;In Brandi L Covington Loraine De La Rosa Anna Dunne Colette Gillane-McGrath Jessica Grimes Mary Kehoe Nettie Lonergan Margaret O'Driscoll Alison Plemons Michael Reardon Nancy Settles

Giving Tuesday Lars A¶Rnwigh Kathy Anderson Sue Anderson Ellie Andiorio Robert Armstrong Jenna Arnold Steve Beal Teresa Beltramo Steven Biancalana Lindsey Bolton Ann Brown Betty Byrd **Edward Dalsey** Nancy Gilbert Suzanne Goldman-Finmark Richard Grahman Karen Gregory Robert Hazeltine Katie Hutchings Gayle Jackson Debbie Kaldunski-Cole Gregory Koll Jeff Lineberry Lyn Lossow Cynthia Lovewell John Maher Michael Mahoney Beth Manning Meigs Matheson Bonnie McLean Margaret McNamara Andrew Mendelsohn Kim Messmer Kara Mills Rick Miritz Marla Miyashiro Georgine Caputo Nordin Sande Branson Orsi Nicki Gazzera Phillips Karla Robson

Heather Rodgers Lisa Lamb Rogers Janet Rudolph Duane Schmidt Virginia Shea Karen Shore Laura Sonora Hal Taylor Beth Vann Carol Weinbrock Susie Wilson

General Donation

Garin Bougie Sarah Brophy Dawn Christianson Roger Humphreys George Lee Bonnie McLean Tina Risse

Paige Crist

Joseph Chouinard

Robert Compton

Kathleen Conner

Sharon and Larry Coogan

Bob Clark

Lisa Cogar

Sue Cooney

Susan Cramer

Barbara Cresci

Kristin Clark

Debbie Rizotto

Helene Rubinstein

Denise Runneals

Jennifer Russell

John Rutkowski

Virgina Ruth

NGRR at the Dog Show

(Continued from front page)



ABOUT THE EVENT:

The Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show ranks as one of the most prestigious in the nation. With a history dating back over 100 years, the event is one of the few remaining benched dog events in the country. A benched show means that all exhibiting dogs will be crated together with all other dogs of the same breed. A rare opportunity to see hundreds of breeds all under one roof! The show includes Conformation, Obedience and Rally. The show is an excellent opportunity to chat with other dog owners and breeders.

There is a lot to see and do at the Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show! Here are some of the many highlights that you can enjoy!

HIGHLIGHTS

- A RARE, BENCHED SHOW one of only three in the nation, providing a great opportunity for all ages to meet the dogs themselves and learn about hundreds of amazing breeds – prizes for Best in Show each day!
- OVER 175 BREEDS in the North and South Halls of the main building and in the lower buildings on the Cow Palace grounds.
- SHOW DOG TRIALS in the main arena each day.
- ALL BREED FASHION SHOW! owners style their dog and walk the runway, with judging based on originality, high style, humorous and breed heritage. Cash prize!
- RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS on site to help guide you in your search for a rescue dog.
- BEST PUPPY IN SHOW CONTEST cash prize awarded.
- SPECTACULAR FLY BALL DEMOS!

The Story of Coco

(Continued from front page)

Rescue. Thus began our journey fostering these wonderful dogs. I think we've had 6 or 7, each with their own needs that Norcal expertly and compassionately addressed. All we did was provide a safe and loving space until a permanent home was found.

When it was time to say goodbye, our



hearts broke a bit, but we knew the time wasn't right for us, yet. What we weren't ready for was the feeling of satisfaction that came from knowing we rescued what we feel is the sweetest and most wonderful of dogs, and that they were on their way to a home where they would be loved and cared for until the very end.

Sounds like perfection, right? Well, a year ago, Coco came into our lives, much the same as the others. We know nothing about her backstory except that she is about 11 or 12, and was unspayed. After her initial exam she was pronounced generally healthy, had her spay surgery, and we proceeded, as usual. Except that day by day it became clear that she was making her way into our hearts like no other before her.

Maybe it was the way she huddled in a corner for a week, or how she was so reluctant to let her guard down. Slowly, it became clear to us that she had been well taken care of and was well trained.



She became playful with the energy and friskiness of a puppy. She knew so many commands, and was receptive to learning new ones. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?? She was almost adopted once, and when that fell through, we were relieved. That's when we had "the talk" and decided we were ready and Coco was the "the one." It will be a year in March and we continue to celebrate her in our lives.

Anne Tiry's Furry Family

Thanks to Anne Tiry for submitting this story.

Lucy's Gotcha Day was February 9, 2017; she was being fostered by Gary Hill in Sacramento. My friend Loree McQueen drove me to Sacramento on a VERY rainy day to bring her to her forever home. I have often wondered what was going through her mind that day, when she got into a car with strangers for the long ride back to San Jose. She met her sister Hannah and brother Jake (also an NGRR rescue), and everyone got along famously. Sadly, we lost Jake about a week later.

In June, we adopted Luke from NGRR; he was fostered by Hunt and Bernie Turner in San Jose. His family had surrendered him to a shelter and asked that he be euthanized. Fortunately the shelter vet declined their request and contacted NGRR. Luke had an enormous tumor behind his right front leg; when it was removed, it was the size of a basketball and weighed 10 pounds! When he came to live here, September 24, 2017, his entire right side was shaved and he had a huge scar. His fur grew back, and he settled in to his new home with Hannah and Lucy. Lucy kept trying to play with him, and he'd just roll his eyes and basically say "leave me alone!" He was never grumpy,



From back to front, there's Lucy (11 going on 3), Hero (6) and Luke (12). All are NGRR rescues.

They said, "are you still interested in another dog?" Of course I said yes! He came for a meet and greet, and all went well. A few weeks later, he came for a sleep-over, and never left!

but didn't want to play.

In May 2018, we had to say goodbye to Hannah; she was nearly 14 years old, so had a good long life. We put our name on the list to adopt a younger dog, maybe 4-6 years old. A few months passed, and then I got a call about Hero. He came from a shelter in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Hunt and Bernie were also his foster parents. They said, "are you still interested in another dog?" Of course I said yes! He came for a meet and greet, and all went well. A few weeks later, he came for a sleep-over, and never left! His first Gotcha-versary is coming up in early May.

He is a great addition to the family, and Lucy finally has her playmate. They roll around on the floor together, chew on each other, chase each other through the house, and tug on toys. That's why I say Lucy is 11 going on 3.... As for Luke, he just stays out of the way, still rolls his eyes and gives them the "leave me alone" look.

A handyman who came to the house the other day asked me how I could tell them apart. I just said, "I'm their mom!"

All three of the dogs are certified therapy animals with Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services, and love the nursing home visits. Each of them is quite a hit with the people we visit.

Board News and Event Calendar

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is lucky to have a dedicated group of members serving on our board.

OFFICERS

Karen Shore President Georgine Nordin Secretary Anthony Adair Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Armstrong, Gloria Grotjan, Randy Miller, Duane Schmidt, Anne Tiry, Deborah Cole

Special thanks to our outgoing board members Craig Simberg and Margaret McNamara. Their commitment and dedication to NGRR continues to be recognized in the organization.

Our two newly elected members are Deborah Cole and Anne Tiry.

Following is a schedule of board and annual meetings – all take place on Sundays:

- May 17, 2020
- May 31, 2020 Annual Meeting (tentative)
- July 19, 2020
- September 20, 2020
- November 15, 2020
- January 10, 2021
- March 21, 2021 Annual Meeting

IN TRIBUTE

In honor of "Cooper," adopted by Michele and Joel A loving and joyful family! Donation by Jane Falcone

In honor of Hitomi Ezumi "Merry Christmas to our favorite dog-lover." Donation by Christopher Weber

In honor of "Buckley" "Thank you for our adopted Golden Buckley! He is the sweetest!" Donation by Leslie Code

In honor of "Cutter" Donation by Barbara Richards

In honor of "Duke" Donation by Brian, Vicki and "Duke" Magstadt

In honor of "Hannah and Kynzi" "Hannah shared in our lives for over 14 years. And now Kynzi, equally gentle and irksome." Donation by Larry Patten

In honor of "Jagger" and "Gibbs" Donation by Darold Chan

In honor of "Milo" Donation by Dede and Homer Alexander

In honor of "Sabra" Donation by Loris and Glen Mills

In honor of "Shadow"

Donation by Loren and Rachel Kertz

In honor of "Sweet Pea and Daisy" Donation by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In honor of *"Timmy"*Donation by Dr. Sloan McDonald

In honor of "*Tyler*" Donation by Thomas Donohoe

In honor of Andre Lalljie's birthday Donation by Michelle Lalljie

In honor of Brian Kelley Donation by Michael & Jane Kelley

In honor of Carole & Barry Frank "To my wonderful parents who have supported many rescues, both Goldens and others, in memory of their granddog Stella." Donation by Deborah Behrman

In honor of "*Grace*" Our beautiful Golden. Donation by Sue Almlie

In honor of Janet Peacock For her love and continued dedication. Donation by Laura Best

In honor of Jean Connors Donation by Terry Sechrist

In honor of Karen Shore Donation by Dorothy Rosenthal In honor of Lynn Backlund Donation by Robert Backlund

In honor of Newton Drury Donation by Uhrig Family Trust

In honor of Pat Lynch Donation by Dorothy Rosenthal

In honor of Pat Lynch Donation by Constance Koehler

In honor of Pat Lynch Donation by Kathy Mcintyre

In honor of "Kiping" and "Sadie" "The ongoing joy of Kiping and Sadie." Donation by Bruce Dwiggins and Sharyn Sala

IN MEMORIAM

"In loving memory of our beloved Goldens: Rascal, Kimo, Cody, Dusty, Lulu and Abbie The last four were NGRR rescues. They started as fosters but we ended up adopting them. All the pups brought joy into our lives, each with their unique personalities. We'll always treasure the memories we had which will live forever in our hearts."

Donation by Theresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro

In loving memory of "Simon" and "Hannah" Donation by Bruce Dwiggins and Sharyn Sala

In memory of "Amber," "Daisy," "Winchester," and "Nala," "who were much loved."

Donation by Louise Korn

In memory of "Bailey"
"One of those very special Goldens who is dearly missed."
Donation by Linda Bonomo

In memory of "Charlie"

"Charlie was a sweet puppy and always ready with a smile. Nothing made him happier than being with the people he loved. Even when his hips failed him, he was eager to greet everyone with a smile, a wag, and a perfectly selected toy. Charlie was as loving as he was loved and he is dearly missed." Donation by Sarah Chavis

In memory of "Dexter" & "Precious" Donation by Cheryl Ramos

In memory of "Dorado" "Dorado was the first Golden I adopted and has a special place in my heart." Donation by Marta Moreno

In memory of "Fischer" "Fischer was a great fur baby that brought so much joy to his mommy and daddy. Fischer will be missed by all." Donation by Nicole, Joey, Jeanie Chenoweth

In memory of "Henley"

"I adopted Henley from NGRR in 2013. Two days in, I thought I'd made a mistake – he was stubborn, toy possessive, and a bolter. But in 6 years, he comforted me through a divorce, moved 5 times with me, and always brought a smile with his relentless charm. I lost him this August and miss him still.

Henley snuck up on me. He was nothing like my soft-hearted younger dog and I wasn't sure what to do with him at first. When I brought him home from NGRR, he was a strong, high-drive 7 year old. He was stubborn, toy aggressive, and a relentless bolter who would gleefully trot on block after block, gauging his pace to stay just out of reach. He never was a pleaser. And yet. When he decided it was time to cuddle, 68 pounds of luxurious rust colored hair would descend upon you for as long as you would keep petting. He was patient and friendly with every dog he met, and never lost his temper. If you sat on the floor, he would keep you company, some part of him touching you. His hardheaded nature overlaid a basic sweetness that shone through as he mellowed with age. He lived his life with a zest we should all aspire to, and never felt he was too old to play, or to make mischief.

I miss his sunny face all the time, and am grateful I could share his special senior years with him."

Donation by Sarah Kay

In memory of "*Jamie*" Donation by Debbie and Bill Sander

In memory of "Katie"

"Katie was the most gentle and beautiful Golden. She loved to fetch her ball at the dog park and bring it back to everyone so no one was left out. Katie also adored chasing her ball at the beach and running into the waves. My heart breaks from missing her. With love, Susan Ewald (aka Katie's Mom)."

Donation by Susan Ewald

In memory of "Lincoln"

"My husband and I rescued Lincoln at 4 years old in the spring of 2010 and after 9 years it was his time...we had 9 great years with a Golden who became a wonderful part of our family, and I thank the NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue for giving that opportunity." Donation by Valerie Matthews

In memory of "Lucy"
Donation by Susan Swendseid

In loving memory of sweet "Maggie."
"Maggie loved and protected her family well into her senior years. She was especially helpful at lunch time, helping mom clean up all the scraps from the lunchboxes. She is deeply missed by all who knew and loved her."
Donation by Paige Crist

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of "Maggie" "I adopted Maggie from NGRR in 2016. She had been in a puppy mill and was very shy and timid. With lots of love and patient training, she blossomed – but sadly was diagnosed with cancer 18 months later. She was a very special girl and is still greatly missed." Donation by Caren Patrick

In memory of "Maggie"
"This gift is in honor of Kim and Susan
Alfaro and in memory of their beloved
Golden Girl Maggie!"
Donation by Danny Ward and Nancy Ames
Ward

In memory of "Marshall" and "Sutter" Donation by Lesle and Dean Thomas

In memory of "Maya" Donation by Vicki Coe and Scott Michael

In memory of our sweet "Millie!"

Donation by Harold and Janet Freiman

In memory of "Minnie" & "Susie" Donation by Debra Hitchcock

In memory of "Murphy" "Murphy was a very special well loved Golden. He was especially loved by his owners Terry and Peggy Magovern." Donation by Lura Bailey

In memory of "Nala" "We lost our love Nala this year. She made it to 14 years old." Donation by Ron & Floy Marks

In memory of "Nanna" Donation by Nikki Lloyd

In memory of "Oscar" Donation by Priscilla Strauhal

In memory of "Paco" "A loving and cherished companion." Donation by Carol Melamed

In memory of "Rowdy"
Donation by Marta Pierpoint

In memory of "Ruger" & "Dixie" Donation by John Rutkowski

In memory of "Sky"
"Our baby boy."
Donation by Richard Dunckel and Paula
Tokugawa

In memory of "Tatiana" "In Memory of Tatiana, best friend and companion, loved by all and will be missed by all."

Donation by Peggy Andrews

In memory of "Wilson"
Donation by Barbara and Jerry Dutcher

In memory of "Wuffy, Dusty, Rusty, Charlie, Yankee and Tommy."
Donation by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In memory of Andrew Wohl "Andy was a lover of Golden Retrievers who was taken from us way too soon in August, 2019. My \$54 donation represents 3 x \$18 or triple chai, which is both the Jewish number 18 and the symbol for life."

Donation by Mark Wasserstrom

In memory of Anne Judson McEntee "Grace North Church is making this donation in memory of our friend, Anne Judson McEntee. Anne was a life-long Golden Retriever enthusiast, and was especially fond of her dearly departed Sammie. It is our belief that she and Sammie are together once more."

In memory of "Cheddar," aka Cheddy, Cheese, Love "Best dog ever, other than counter-surfing a rotisserie chicken, or eating cat food. Missing you so very much, pupper." Donation by Marilyn Dahlen

In memory of Dorothy Hudecek Donation by Thomas Hudecek

In memory of "*Poppy*" and "*Jack*" Donation by Sue Almlie

In memory of Ron Kinton and his Best Dog "Gator"
Donation by Joyce Kinton

In memory of Shannon Marie and tribute to "Moxie."
"And to Jeanette Connors (AJ) whose love for them has no bounds."

Donation by Harvey Veon

In memory of Steven G. Johnson and "Sherman" Donation by Peter Hom

In memory of "Sunni Bunny" Donation by Elaine Hujambojoie

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey "Bill Casey was a longtime friend of mine. He loved Golden Retrievers and owned several in his lifetime and loved the NGRR organization. In his passing, he and his family, asked that friends and family donate to NGRR in lieu of giving flowers etc." Donation by Robert Willett

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey Donation by Delores Short

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey Donation by Elaine Smith

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey Donation by Dennis & Carol Abbott

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey Donation by William, Linda, & Sarah Casey

In memory of William (Bill) James Casey Donation by Alex and Michele Katsilometes

In memory of Zoe Tillman-Edwards "Zoe came to us ten years ago rescued from an abusive back yard breeder. She overcame her fears and learned to love food, treats, & humans. She also became a model for our later acquired rescue Terrier and Pedigreed Golden. Courageous, playful, and loving despite her poor start in life."

In Memorium

(Submitted by Fritzi Schnel)

"Maggie May, a NGRR blessing, came to us when she was 6-1/2 yrs old. She passed at 14 yrs 4 mos. She was a magnificent sophisticated lady and a total gift to us. After raising 3 other goldens from puppyhood we chose to rescue and found Maggie. So mellow, so accepting of every dog around her. Quirky gal... seemed beneath her to 'play' with other dogs. Funny girl would play by herself with toys but would stop if you tried to engage her in play. I can still hear her 'playing is for dogs, I'm a lady.' She is so missed, as our hearts split apart to say goodbye. 'Cancer sucks.' Thank you NGRR! Maggie was a find of a lifetime."

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.

Jax

Thanks to Julie Lynch for submitting this story.

Two days after Christmas, in 2018, I lost my beloved 13 year old Golden, Tucker. I was heartbroken, and although I knew I wanted another Golden, I wasn't sure when I would be ready.

Within a few months, I contacted NGRR. Not too long after that, my area rep sent me pictures and information about Jax. One picture in particular stood out to me—there was something so sweet about his eyes that

just spoke to my heart and for some reason, my intuition knew at that moment, that he was the one. We hadn't even met yet! Jax is such an incredibly sweet, gentle and polite soul, always offering his paw to you. But you could feel his sadness and apprehension and that he had never been given the proper love and attention he so deserved.

At the beginning, he would often go in the other room and not engage, as if he didn't feel, or was afraid to be, a part of us. He was used to being neglected. The world seemed to be a scary and new place to him after years of neglect and never going anywhere. He was extremely attached to his toys; they



seemed to make him feel safe and comforted. I slowly introduced him to the outside world and all the areas and activities that I love—the beach, mountains, hiking, long walks.

It took a little time and patience, but now he loves our adventures and trips to Half Moon Bay, Carmel and Lake Tahoe. To see the changes in him is incredibly heartwarming and often brings tears to my eyes. His eyes are brighter, his tail wags all the time now, he doesn't cower when you go to pet him and he runs, plays, and rolls around with sheer joy and happiness. He still loves his toys, but now he finds that much needed comfort, love and safety within his home and wants to be a part of whatever is going on.

So many people say, "wow, he is so lucky to be rescued by you!" But the truth is, we have similar stories of abandonment, neglect and abuse, so in the end, the beauty is, we have rescued each other. The incredible gratitude in his eyes, witnessing his sense of freedom every single day and his immense loyalty and unconditional

love is the greatest gift. What a true blessing and honor it is to have Jax in my life. He smiles all the time now and truly makes my days brighter. I couldn't imagine my life without him and I will be forever grateful to the efforts, work and care of NGRR.





Dear Abby-6018

by Deborah Armstrong

Q: I'm good at teaching dogs tricks like roll over, but how in the heck do you teach a dog NOT to do something? How can you reward a dog for refusing to do something?

A: The problem is easy to solve when you reframe the behavior you want. Instead of thinking about how to keep your Golden off the furniture, think about how to keep him on the floor or in his dog bed. Rather than wishing your dog would stop doing his business on your patio, think instead of teaching him to do his business on your artificial grass.

Suppose Rover is digging in the flower bed but you still want him to have some freedom in your yard. Build him his very own digging box and bury interesting bones there. Take him out to his box and encourage digging. If you catch him in the flower bed, take him to his box and praise him there.

Or, settle him in his bed near the couch he loves but offer treats and attention only when he's in his bed. Soon he'll find that sofa a lot less interesting.

It also helps to think about why the behavior you find undesirable is so satisfying for your dog. If your kids regularly leave cookies on the coffee table, it's going to be hard for Fido to stay in his bed when so much deliciousness awaits at snout-height. If each time Fido escapes out the front door he gets you to chase him, he's going to continue to enjoy running away! You'll have to do your bit to make sure the coffee table, the great outside, or whatever forbidden area he's invading becomes a lot less intriguing before you'll have success.

For example, put Rover on his leash before you open the front door. As soon as he tries to bolt, close it, ask him to sit and repeat this over and over. If he never gets to run outside, he'll learn to sit politely to get his chance to sniff and run about in the great outdoors.

So train your own mind to think always in terms of the behavior you desire rather than the behavior you wish to extinguish. Do you want him not to bark? Teach him to whisper and/ or bark on command, such as when you say "Speak." Do you want him to stop chewing your kid's toys? Make sure he has plenty to chew, reward him for chewing proper doggie toys and try to keep the kids' toys picked up.

Lastly remember dog training is a process, and you work on it a little at a time, taking baby steps each day. Like practicing the piano, your first sonata won't be played with anything nearing perfection!

Kindness Matters

Thanks to Jan Dreyer for submitting this story.

A group of students wanted to help our dogs in need. They are students enrolled in the Transition program of the San Ramon Unified School District. After seeing the devastation of the recent fires, the students wanted to find a way to help. Through a class lesson, they learned how to make chew toys out of repurposed t-shirts. Their mission ... to send toys to at least one rescue in every state – we were one of their identified rescues. They created chew toys for our Goldens and included a note signed by each of the students in the class.

In this busy world, it's wonderful to

think that people remember our dogs. The note was signed in multi-colors by a dozen students. Here's what the note said:

"Dear Friends,

These pull/chew toys are meant for your rescue dogs. We hope they enjoy them! We worked hard to make them and are eager to see a picture of your dogs enjoying our efforts. Thank you for all you do for these dogs."

NGRR wrote back to them with pictures of dogs with the toys, a thank you note and a copy of our 2020 calendar. We are told our NGRR calendar is on their bulletin board and there is a map with photos of our happy pups, along with other pups-in-search-offorever-homes in 25 states, enjoying the students' handiwork.





Mango

Thanks to Anne Moselle for submitting this story.

Mango came to us as an owner surrender at the age of 8 months old. As a typical adolescent pup who didn't get any training, she was jumpy, pulled on the leash, and was best described as a "bull in a china closet." But with lots of love and attention (and training!) from me, my husband Dave, and her "sister" Chloe, she quickly got into line! Like most Golden Retrievers, Mango was a quick learner, and her bad habits disappeared within a couple weeks. She loves

to please her people, play with her sister, and Mango is now the happiest dog we have ever seen, she truly "smiles" when she looks at you!

Her favorite activity is to chase squirrels! Mango loves to try and climb the trees in an effort to get the squirrel - a habit she's

never outgrown! In fact, she has been coined the "Tree Climbing Dog" at the park where we walk! Although most of the time she doesn't get far up the trunk, there have been a few instances where she was able to get up into the tree! Luckily, we were able to get her down and the fire station didn't have to perform a dog rescue!

As time has gone on, her intuition for noticing when people are sad or sick became very apparent. Mango and I went through the certification process through Pet Partners, and she has been a therapy dog for the last 1 1/2 yrs. We visit hospice patients, schools, workplace wellness programs, and will be

visiting patients at the local hospital in Pleasanton very soon! She brings a smile to everyone she meets!

We are so grateful for NGRR and bringing this sweet dog into our lives! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Melvin

Meet Melvin! He is 10.7 years old and was adopted by me on Valentine's Day (thus the red bow tie). He came to NGRR by way of WI but when he got to San Francisco he found himself living in a studio apartment with a loving yet very busy young woman – what a wonderful gift she gave Melvin (99 lb. – yes, he is a very big senior lad) by surrendering him to NGRR. Georgine knew I lost my last senior rescue Golden, Daisy, in October 2019

Thanks to Laurel Mechling for submitting this story.

with Melvin's foster mom Kathryn. Melvin settled right in to his new forever home where he will live out his happy senior years. Senior Goldens are the best!

and that I was ready to adopt again so she connected me

PS: I've been a NGRR volunteer for two years. I



along with two friends have created the 2019 and 2020 NGRR calendars and I work with Jan Dreyer annually in sending out thank you letters and calendars to donors.



Nalah: A Fosters' Story

Thanks to Bernie and Hunt Turner for submitting this story.

A phone call. A puppy with a broken leg. Yes, we will foster her.

A little about Nalah. She is a one-year old golden girl, hit by a car and breaking her femur in several places including her growth plate. Her family's options were a) a complex surgery, spending \$7,000 - \$8,000 with an 8 week very quiet recovery or b) amputate the injured leg with the same recovery at \$4,000-\$5,000. A difficult decision when money is tight. They could not amputate, so they surrendered her to the emergency vet who then surrendered her to San Jose Animal Control Center. In partnership with our shelter, we picked up Nalah and moved her to Adobe Animal Clinic in Los Gatos. X-rays showed a very bleak prognosis. It was agreed, Nalah would need



to be seen by Sage Redwood City. The Sage surgical team jumped into action recognizing that seven days had passed since her injury. After reviewing the x-rays, they committed to take her immediately and Dr. McCoy performed the surgery to save the leg at the \$7,000-\$8,000.

What did I agree to do? Was I prepared to care for this injured pup? No, all our foster dogs have had some minor problems which were fixable. This was a new complex situation requiring a much bigger commitment.

With the guidance and help of NGRR and, a positive thinking Dr. McCoy, we brought her home to heal. She looked up at us with bloodshot eyes and a well bandaged leg. Although we were told not to worry, she finally ate and drank after two days. The medicine and surgery were working.

Day by day she started to regain her strength, and her trust in us. We knew she was on the road to a slow recovery when we heard the thump of her tail. She started to walk, looked at us with her beautiful brown eyes. She understood we were there to help her and she wagged her tail in appreciation.

By now you know the rest of the story? Seven weeks into her/our journey she has become a busy, funny, playful pup. She is easy



to love and my husband and I both love her. She will soon leave us to be adopted but will always be in my heart – as all our rescues are.

We have been asked, "How can you let go of a dog to be adopted ... don't you want to keep her?" Yes, I do want to keep her but I know she will be adopted by wonderful people and become part of their family. NGRR will be sure to find the perfect new family for her.

There will be another phone call, perhaps a trip to the shelter, maybe a tearful person unable to keep their beloved pet. We and NGRR will accept the challenge to provide everything this precious dog needs to be healthy and find a forever home.

My reward is watching a happy, healthy dog with a new collar joining their new family that has found the right companion.

Scotty

Thanks to Karen Swanson for submitting this story.

A senior male captured off the streets of Modesto by animal control, rated at 12 years old. But we've seen many a Golden with a gray face that really is younger. In the shelter, he was not eating his meals, nor did he hear or see me at the kennel door. He needed out urgently, and got a special early release to rescue.

When walked out the door in July last year by the shelter worker, this old boy walked on his carpal joints (that's the one where the dew claw attaches and is rarely seen to touch the ground except in high speed videos of canine athletes stretching full out front). We lifted this disabled old boy into the back of my car and headed to Linda's for help with a bath. The fellow's nails were so long that they compared in length to my fingers, some curled and crisscrossed and a couple of others were broken or chewed off near the root. Very full of fleas, he nearly slept through his bath and nail trim. His teeth, though in need of care, were not worn like most old dogs. Would he make it or not? (Would Linda ever recover from the load of fleas we left in her yard?)

Many people's reaction was "how can someone do this to a dog?" I have to believe that someone took good care of him for many years.

Something awful may have happened to the owner too – perhaps the dog was left to someone who didn't know how to do better.

By the next day, he was up and about on occasion to do essential business. Vet checked of course: heart worm negative and good blood work except mild anemia, explainable by the heavy load of fleas he arrived with. He was now thought to be 10 years old. Lots of rest and sleep for weeks and still I woke him up to entice him to eat or let him know we were up and about. Then surgery for abnormal testicles hanging way too low (down to the tarsal joint) so that he had a scrotectomy lest he still be dragging, teeth cleaning, nails re-trimmed under anesthesia.

Lots more rest, sleep, and nutrition and supplements and he really started to come around and seek meals. Since he could now hear and see somewhat, we solicited support and ideas for names. I settled on Scotty, it seemed to suit him and he could hear me when I said SCOTTY really loud. Fortunately this too improved over time.

In early August, Scotty was sent a miracle, a compassionate adopter named Leslie who wanted a very gentle dog who would be safe around small grandchildren. "I adore old Goldens and have a place in my heart and home," she said. It was a match made in heaven. Last report, February 2020, Scotty is walking over a mile and enjoying the dog park — still his sweet self.

Donating to NGRR

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

Gifts by Check or Credit Card

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

Payroll Deduction

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

Matching Gift

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

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

Appreciated Securities

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

Gifts Through Your Estate

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

Life Income Gifts

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

Gifts of Real Estate

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

Contributions to this fund will pay for ordinary veterinary care, food, and other expenses directly related to our 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 website at www.ngrr.org.

Volunteer Interest

Hands-On Dog Work ☐ Area Coordinator ☐ Area Assistant

Foster Care

☐ Home Visits

Vet Appointments

☐ Shelter Checks
Phone Calls
Grooming

☐ Transportation

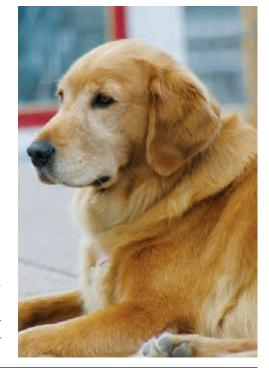
☐ Senior Goldens Program

I would like to learn more about volunteering for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted below. (Note: This form may also be submitted through our website at www.ngrr.org.)

Mail to:

NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue 405 El Camino Real, Suite 420 Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State: Zip:	
Telephone:()	Email:	
NGRR is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation under the IRS Tax Code. Tax ID #77-0392584		





NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. 405 El Camino Real, Suite 420 Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

How to Contact NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue

Mailing Address: 405 El Camino Real, Suite 420

Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

Officers for Calendar Year 2020

PRESIDENT Karen Shore

TREASURER SECRETARY Tony Adair Georgine Nordin

DIRECTORS FOR APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2021 TERM

Tony Adair **Bob Armstrong**

Deborah Cole

Gloria Grotjan

Duane Schmidt

Randall Miller, DVM Georgine Nordin

Karen Shore Anne Tiry

info@ngrr.org

Key Contacts:

Address Changes Jay	ne McCannjayne@marketingdesigns.net
Behavioral Consultants Ma	artina Contreras(650) 367-6124
Tri	sh King(415) 250-0446
Facebook Administrator Tiff	fany Louietiffanyflouie@me.com
Facebook Assistant Geo	orgine Nordin georginenordin@att.net
Cal	llie Minkcallie.rose@outlook.com
Cell Phone Administrator Cra	aig Simbergtwowildhogs@verizon.net
Info Email Administrator Nat	ncy Feddersinfo@ngrr.org
Memorials & Tributes An	ne Moselleanniem228@yahoo.com
Newsletter Editor Del	borah Armstrongdebee@jfcl.com
Newsletter Publisher Marketing Designsjayne@marketingdesigns.net	
Shelter Alerts Bar	rbara Blanke <i>bjbla65@gmail.com</i>
Volunteer Coordinator	info@ngrr.org
Web site Geo	orgine Nordin georginenordin@att.net

Other Contributors:

Acknowledging handwritten donations	Jan Dreyer
Acknowledging emailed donations	Open
Dog Inventory Records	Nancy Fedders
Mail Box Distribution	Judy Guild

Fifth Annual Golden Palooza

NGRR Cell #:

Website:

An afternoon of Golden Fun with Games and A Golden Kissing Booth

(650) 665-0964

www.ngrr.org



Sunday, May 17th 2020 at 11:00 a.m. **Redding Convention Center front lawn** 700 Auditorium Drive, Redding, CA

First 30 attendees will receive gift bags. **DOOR PRIZES DRAWN AT 12:15** Any questions please call or text **Robin Gostovich at 916-591-4051.**

Please bring bags to clean up after your fur baby and park in a valid parking place.