



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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Subaru Loves Pets - Thank You for Your Help to NGRR

Subaru is committed to helping all animals—including those in shelters—stay safe and healthy. Through their Love Promise and Subaru Loves Pets™ initiative, Subaru retailers host adoption events across the country to help local shelter pets find loving homes.

For the month of October 2022, the Redding Subaru partnered with Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue to help find Golden Retrievers loving homes, for those available for adoption. Subaru provided \$5,000 in support of the Golden Palooza event in Redding. In addition, they donated \$100 for every dog NGRR adopted in October. We received \$2,800. 🐾



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate Golden Retrievers from Fresno to the Oregon border and in Lake Tahoe/Reno area. Our donor support last year was wonderful, and we thank each and every one of you! Below are the names of those who contributed since September 2022. Many thanks again to all of you – and to those of you who contribute throughout the year.

Best Friend: \$1,000 and up

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Melvin & Finn's Food Corner

Top o' the Morning to Ya! It's fluffy Finn the Golden. I'm back to share another one of my favorite recipes, thanks to my buddy, Melvin! Today I'm sharing a yummy (and nutritious) St. Patrick's Day recipe that you AND your human can enjoy together!! My Mom and I shared this last year and she gave it two thumbs up!! First, gather your supplies!

SHAMROCK SHAKE FOR DOGS

Ingredients

- 1 frozen banana, in chunks
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup milk (any dairy-free, dog-safe option also works!)
- 1/4 cup spinach
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp vanilla

****You will also need a blender****



Easy-peasy instructions:

- Go ahead and dump all your ingredients directly into the blender and blend until smooth.

If you notice it is too thick, add a little more milk. If it is too thin, add more yogurt or frozen bananas. This is totally a "how you like it" recipe, so don't worry about messing it up! Smoothies are very forgiving!

When it's to your liking, pour into two glasses and enjoy it with your best doggo(s)! Feel free to top it with whipped cream, mint leaves and dog treats... or just plain whipped cream for the humans!

Hope you enjoy this festive treat and have a very Happy St. Patrick's Day with your pups!



Charlotte

By Janice Burns

My husband and I, both state law enforcement retirees, decided to foster Charlotte and Alex, each English cream Golden, when they were found abandoned in a rural area over 30 miles northeast of Redding. We immediately fell in love with both dogs but the big guy, Alex, was already spoken for by another family. Surprisingly, my husband said we should adopt Charlotte, whom he named, and she has been with us ever since. Our first foster fail! We now have four Golden retrievers on our property in Whitmore, California, and Charlotte is a perfect fit. She is figuring out what a tennis ball is, a kiddie pool, and dog toys. She was meant to be a forever part of our family. 🐾



President's Message

The flowers are blooming, it must be spring! I have been at home and indoors a lot the past few weeks due to foot surgery so have had some bonus time with my Golden companions. You may recall in my last note I shared a recent loss of my beloved Golden Retriever, Comet. He was the first senior I adopted (at 9 years old), and he lived to age 13.

I suspect some of you would agree: there is something truly special about senior Golden. One of my current foster dogs is 8 or 9 years old. We got a note from the Hayward Animal Shelter wondering if we would be interested in taking a senior Golden. Of course we were! This little guy (65 lbs) had been wandering the streets and came with no name, he was not neutered, and he had really bad skin and ear infections. Between his goofy smile (his tongue falls out to the side a bit because he is missing some teeth) and his full-on hugs, he is one of the sweetest Golden I have EVER met. There was only one name for a dog with this personality, and it is... Sunny!

It is amazing that a dog who probably chewed his way out of a metal enclosure to free himself, who was neglected and uncomfortable from the skin and ear infections, is so resilient. After a cancer scare, he is now on the road to a healthy and happy rest of his life, offering smiles and hugs to everyone he meets.

In addition to my 4 year old Golden, Remy (foster brother extraordinaire), we have Monty, a 3 year old Golden mix with severe separation anxiety. He was very nervous when he arrived but having the other dogs helps him feel more comfortable, and he loves jumping into the pool to retrieve a ball. We will be taking him to a veterinary behaviorist for medication and training and will be looking for the perfect family for him. His philosophy: "Third time is a charm!"

This is a bittersweet note for me to write. I have been the NGRR Board Chair for about 4 years and look forward to supporting a new Board Chair in March. I will still be on the Board for one more year and continuing in my Area

Coordinator role. I am grateful to have had this experience and very appreciative of NGRR's supporters and volunteers. It is a privilege to help our sweet dogs find their forever families.

If you are having a rough day, I hope you remember Sunny's story of resilience and it provides some inspiration for you. We hope to see you soon at a Spring or Summer Golden meetup!

Karen Shore 🐾



Sunny

Community Outreach



*Redding
Christmas Parade*



*The Norcal Golden Lovers
Group Sac has been busy:*

- o Bow Wow Days
- o Food and Supply Drive
- o Holiday Meet up

*Coming Up:
SPCA
SAC Doggie Day
April 22, 2023*

*Coming Soon:
Niles Dog Show
(Fremont)
July 16, 2023*



Golden Palooza

*NGRR joined other Goldens in
Redding for the amazing Golden
Palooza event last October.*

*Don't miss the next one:
October 14, 2023!*

**How Many Goldens Can
Fit In One Photo?**



NGRR TRIBUTES

In Memory of “Shannon Marie” and “Moxie” from Harvey Veon

In Memory of “Sam” from Robert and Sean
Sam, you were such a beloved part of our family; we miss you and think about you every day. One day we'll all be together again.
Love, Papa Robert and Papa Sean

In Memory of Scott Riggs from Douglas Korb
Fellow dog lover that had 2 great Golden Retrievers – Polo and Dolce. A good man who I enjoyed hanging out with, and have fond memories playing volleyball and going skiing. RIP Scott – You left us far too soon.

In memory of Scott Riggs, Golden Retriever lover and Cynthia Stevenson's friend.

In Memory of Scott Riggs from Elizabeth Porterfield

In Honor of “Sadie” our perfect lady from NGRR. Born September 12. From Frank and Patricia Robin

In Honor of “Riley” (Anonymous)

In Memory of “Lola” from Marta Moreno
I adopted Lola from NGRR 12 1/2 years ago – she was brought up from Baja, Mexico as a little puppy with no training. She brought me many years of love and joy! She is now with her Golden Brother “Dorado”. Both now have crossed the rainbow bridge.

In Memory of “Jake” and “Luke” loving companions of Craig Harter from Jeri Sutherland

In Memory of “Harley”, a big friendly boy that gave us great memories for years. From Robert Funnell

A Tribute to Daisy Zhang
Daisy was an award winner at work for going above and beyond. Her prize was a donation to a charity of her choice

In Memory of our beloved “Gumbo” from Luanne Peters



A Tribute to NGRR from “Sugar” and Roy Jackson

In Honor of Laurel Mechling from her friends at Pacific Clinics

Laurel is a dedicated NGRR volunteer. Her best buddy is alumnus, Melvin. Her colleagues at her “day job” at Pacific Clinics (children & families behavioral health) honor her contributions to our team by supporting NGRR, an organization we know is very close to her heart. Happy Retirement, Laurel!

In Memory of “Sheldon” from Andrew Mendelsohn

Sheldon left us far too soon on October 4, 2022. A devoted friend and companion, his greatest wish was to be best friends with everyone, whether it was people, other dogs, squirrels or cats. With his eternal enthusiasm, energy, good cheer and love of family, he taught us more than we ever taught him. His absence leaves a hole in our family that will never be filled.

In Honor of Georgine Nordin from Stephen Broccoli and Laura Nakashima

In Memory of Karen Cannon from Steve Miller

A Tribute to “Luna” from Linda Herman

In Memory of “Annie” from Louise Korn
Annie was a 17 year-old rescue that crossed rainbow bridge in October 2022. She was loved and will forever be in the hearts of Peggy and Brad.

In Honor of Lynn Backlund from her husband, Robert

In Memory of my husband, Paul, and all our beloved Golden Retrievers that are with him resting in peace from Joann Banayat

In Memory of “Darcy” who is missed greatly by all including best friend, “Trixie” from Kelly Brown.

In Honor of Carol Winter for her help in our adoption of “Bailey” from the Burke's

In Honor of “Sophie” from the Hansen family

In Memory of our sweet “Tierra” from Leena Krasno

In Memory of “Sadie”, “Hanah”, “Simon” and “Kipling” from Sharyn Sala and Bruce Dwiggin

In Memory of “Casey” who crossed the rainbow bridge in September from Gilbert and Barbara Gordon

In Memory of “Beamer” from Ron Davidan. Only 9 1/2 and succumbed to hemangiosarcoma

In Honor of “Butch” and “Jesse” from Tom and Deborah Emmitt

In Memory of “Bear” and “Max” from Jan Dalluge and Jorgen (in heaven)

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

In Honor of “Zepher” from Lauri and John Hammer

In Honor of “Milo” from Dede and Homer Alexander

In Honor of “Leila” a 15 year old rescue from Robert and Alice Breakstone

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

In Memory of “Duke” from Tim and Carissa Feters.

We had to say goodbye to “Duke” in July. We miss him so much. Thank you for bringing him into our lives.

In Memory of our beloved Golden Retrievers “Rascal”, “Kimo”, “Cody”, “Dusty”, “Lulu” and “Abbie” from Teresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro

In Honor of Farideh Alagheband and Kent Goklen from Milla McConnell-Tuite



In memory of Lilly and Oliver

Oliver was adopted from NGRR in 2007 at 3 months old. Lilly followed 6 months later, from another source. They had those fabulous Golden hearts, loving car rides and especially going to the beach. Oliver chased birds away from our pool. He ran in the back garden like a deer, jumping over bushes and happily returning balls. Lilly preferred the stairs and didn't see much point in chasing a ball. My favorite times with them were when we were in the pool together. Oliver was reserved, hugging and kissing...a little bit would do, Lilly liked it all day long, she had the empathy of a human. They both had a vocabulary and had a great play group, many friends. They gave love like no other. I lost him, 10/19 and her 11/22, with me by their side, still giving them my heart and love.
Valerie Erickson 🐾



Josie

As they say in the country western song: "Got my girl in my red pickup truck and we be hitting the

road." Josie came to us in 2019 when she was 3 years old. We went to the foster early in the day so we could have a couple of hours with her. Josie came up to my wife, sat down right in front of her; looked up with those beautiful brown eyes and I said "we are out of here". She is an angel from heaven in every way. *Larry Lane* 🐾

In Memory of "Wilson" from Barbara Dutcher

In Memory of "Theo" from Anna Weihman

In Honor of Jean Connors from Terry Sechrist

In Memory of Lila Zazula and Wally Ployer from Louise Korn

In Honor of "Lasso" from Jane and Kevin Dick

We are SO thrilled to have Lasso in our family – she is smart, snuggly, playful, funny and kind. We are grateful to Gary, her fabulous foster, for caring for, loving and guiding her before we came along. Fun fact: She is 0% Golden and we 100% love her.

In Honor of Gerry Dinneen from Kevin Dinneen

In Memory of "Beau" from Susan Shaler *Beau was a beloved, handsome Golden who lived a full life in Connecticut with his people, John and Heidi. He enjoyed a life of love, swimming, and sailing. He will be missed.*

A Tribute to Austin DeLorme from Ryan Lowenstein

Austin is a lover of all animals especially those that need some extra love. In May, Austin lost her first rescue dog, "Jarvis", after 8 years together. She still has her puppy mill reject, "Jericho" – a Husky mutt found in a dumpster – to keep her company.

In Honor of Debee and Bob Armstrong from Orna Morad

A Tribute to "Arrow" from Doron Meyer

In Memory of "Hannah" with love from Joyce, Larry and "Daisy" Kinton

A beautiful 16-year-old Golden girl rescue. The Queen, who was Daisy's best friend (5-year-old Golden girl rescue).

In Memory of "Rocky" Lassus and in Honor of "Boumer" from Michael Henry *Two of the best canine brothers a human could ever have.*

In Memory of "Lola" and "Dorado" from Marta Moreno

Two wonderful Golden retrievers that I adopted from NGRR—one from Baja Mexico and one from the streets of Lodi. They both made my life richer than I could imagine.

In Memory of our Golden girls, "Aly" "Mitva", "Amit" and "Atira" from Linda Henderson

In honor of "Rosie" – we've had her for 7 years now. Thank you for her. From Mary DeLorenzo

In Memory of "Whisper" from Linda Meyer

In Gratitude for "Cody" from Becky Williamson

In Honor of "Aunt Pat the Great" from Ann, Sheldon and Gabriel Rosenthal

In Memory of "Bailey" from Lynn and Doug March

Bailey was such a joy to know and be around and sweet as the day is long. He was loved and cherished by everyone in our neighborhood. He was a devoted companion to his guardian Chuck. His sweet and kind face, the beauty of his golden coat, and his joyful personality will be remembered by all who had the honor of meeting him. RIP sweet Bailey – you will be missed but never forgotten.

In Memory of "Wookie" Mathai from Kimberly King

In Memory of "Leonidas" ("Leo") from Grant Nowell

In Memory of "Timmy" from Sloan McDonald



ThunderBear Cabo It's Our Party

In Memory of "ThunderBear Cabo It's Our Party"

I knew from the start it would be one big long party with my big boy Cabo. He lived up to his name for 15 years of fun and adventure by my side. Rest in peace my baby boy. *David Roseman* 🐾



VeeVee

In Memory of VeeVee

VeeVee was a sweet, lovable girl who left us much too soon. We didn't choose her, she chose us. She ran up to my husband and stayed next to him when her litter mates went running off to play. She was just 8 weeks old and adorable. She was only 5 years when we lost her in March, 2022 due to an incurable cancer - Hemophagocytic Histiocytic Sarcoma. VeeVee earned her CGC and her Trick Dog: Novice title through AKC during the last year of her life. She loved everybody she met - including all her veterinarians - and they all loved her. She was so gentle and patient but she also had her mischievous side. She loved bananas, socks, and gloves and playing hide and seek. She loved lying on her back on the couch with us in the evening. She had problems with her eyes which required her to wear a warmed eye mask, and problems with a foot that required warm foot baths. She willingly and graciously tolerated all of it.

Donna and Scott Albini 🐾

Memorial & Tribute Donations

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

NGRR

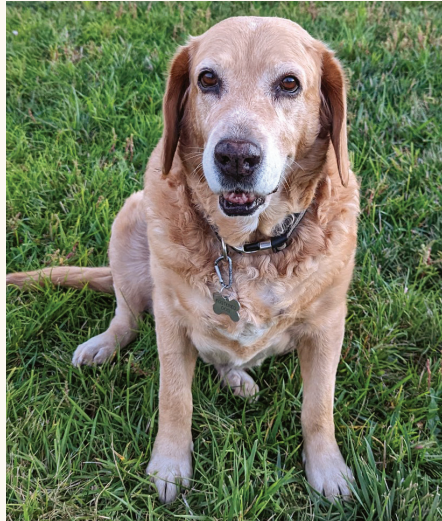
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A handwritten letter will be sent shortly thereafter acknowledging that a donation was made to NGRR. Give us a call if you have any questions.

We've Just Been Adopted!

It Takes Someone Special

My name is Twinkie (AKA Lucy). I was initially found by The Napa County Shelter, hurt and abandoned. The shelter estimated I am a 10 year-old Golden mix with a spring in my step. They knew I needed a lot of help to get me healthy. NGRR saved me. I had to be spayed and have some masses in my mammary tracts removed. The margins are clear but there is a chance the masses will return. A foster family with kids, a dog and a lot of love took me into their family. I wasn't exactly petite when I was found but my foster fed me properly and found that



I love, love, love my walks...and kids...and people...and other dogs.

So you see, with my age and medical problems, finding someone to open their home and heart for the next couple of years with lots of love wasn't going to be an easy sell. BUT, a family saw my story and said "we can do that". So I'm in a new family with another dog, BOBA. Now I'm helping BOBA relax a bit and getting lots of love. I'm a lucky dog and very grateful to NGRR for saving me. 🐾



Bazel – Not Too Big After All

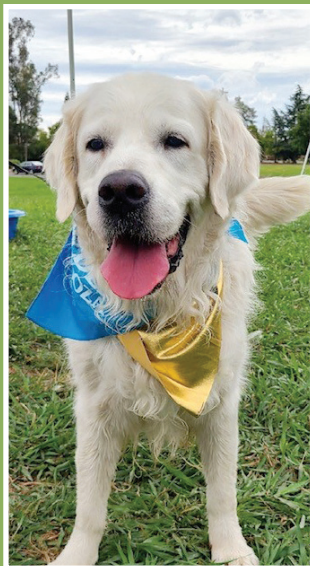
I am one of those dogs that was a bit hard to place. In fact when the newsletter was about to go to press I was still available...but then...a family showed up that was perfect for me. My problem is being big and clumsy and I bump into things. I could tip over young kids or unstable adults and needed too much work for most people. BUT I have lots of redeeming traits. I greet people with a stuffed toy, a wiggly body and grumbly noises. My favorite offering is a Big Blue Duck which I offer in people's laps for pets and for them to throw. I'm told I have expressive eyes and get a silly expression that makes people laugh. Yep...I guess that's what sold my new family. 🐾



Monte *By the Dyers*

We have always had a dog in our home. It started with our own dogs and then when our daughters were old enough to join 4-H they wanted to raise "Guide Dogs for the Blind". Between us, we have raised more than 13 dogs over the years.

We lost our last Golden in 2018 and recently met a NGRR volunteer, Amber. Amber knew Monte was the perfect dog for us. She was right. He is a wonderful dog and we are so happy we could take him into our home. 🐾



Pups with New Families





Dear Abby-Gold

By Deborah Armstrong

Q: We rescued two Golden Retrievers. Our older girl loves people, especially strangers. She wiggles all over with a toy in her face and bounces around the room demanding to be petted. She can hardly contain her excitement when friends visit. Our younger boy, on the other hand, is terrified of people. He's gradually learning to trust us, but he cowers and tries to hide when people come near. He shies away from any hand that reaches out, and he doesn't enjoy being taken for walks. Why are they so different and what can we do to build the younger Golden's confidence?

A: The causes can be partly explained by breeding and genes, but often they result simply from the environment where the puppy grew up. A pup raised on a farm will grow accustomed to livestock and delivery trucks but may be spooked by riding in a city apartment elevator. One of my Golden Retrievers, raised near Disneyland, could sleep through the fourth of July because he'd grown up hearing fireworks every night, but he was nervous when he heard thunder. One of my Golden Retrievers is terrified of small dogs; my other Golden thinks every toy breed must be a playmate.

Your older female was likely raised in a chaotic household with lots of friendly people coming and going. Your male might have spent much of his life isolated in a backyard, or perhaps grew up indoors with a single person. Scientists believe this fear of the unknown protects young animals from predators. In the forest, they quickly grow accustomed to normal sights and sounds but learn to run or hide when anything unfamiliar approaches. This is why behaviorists encourage people to gently expose puppies to a variety of experiences; examples include men in uniform, women wearing large hats, children, cars, cats, and other friendly dogs.

You will need to gently expose your male to the unfamiliar as well, but with a great deal of care. He should get treats when strangers are in the room, but they should not approach him. He should be allowed to see and hear frightening things from a great distance, for example, walking past noisy trucks or calm dogs on leash who are at least 50 yards away. The level of exposure you offer him should be guided by his fear, and you shouldn't push him to accept anything that still scares him. Offer plenty of treats if he is calm when the scary thing is far away, and gradually sensitize him to approaching closer.

It takes a great deal of time and loving patience to help an adolescent or adult dog overcome fear, especially because Golden Retrievers are particularly emotional creatures. If you remember this fear is an instinct whose purpose was to protect vulnerable young animals from predators, it will help you understand and support him as he learns to trust. 🐾

Is this what your dog looked like this winter?



How to Clean Dog Toys: Use Vinegar instead of detergent

- 🐾 For hard toys, put them in the top rack of the dishwasher
- 🐾 For soft toys, put them in the washing machine



Donating to NGRR

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

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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.

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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.

Vehicle Donations

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

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

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

Senior Golden Retrievers

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

Special Needs Fund

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

For More Information

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

Volunteering

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

Mail to:

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

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We always love to see pictures of your Goldens - please share them with us!

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Calling All Volunteers!

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

info@ngrr.org