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Lexie (formerly Mandy) — The Miracle Puppy

By Deborah Thompson

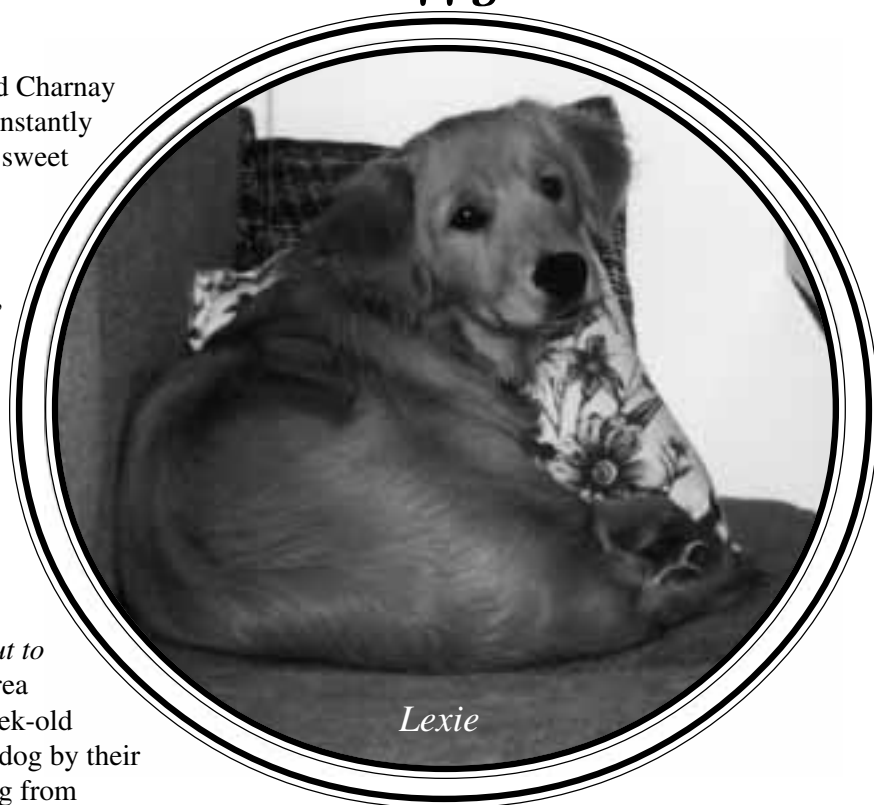
In March of 1996, my husband and I adopted Charnay from NGRR. She was eight years old and instantly was a wonderful dog. . . so happy, playful, sweet and such a loving big sister to our flat-coated retriever puppy. Charnay shared nearly six blissful years with us and when she died just after the new year, we all three were devastated, but no one more than our flat-coat Indy, who mourned inconsolably.

When we sent in our application to adopt another golden, we were expecting to get a nice companion one-to-three of years of age within a couple of months. We were more than a little surprised that a puppy was available *immediately*. This was much too soon, we thought. We were not ready.

But then, little did we know that we were about to see a most unusual puppy. NGRR's Sonoma Area Coordinator Karen Rice had rescued this 16-week-old puppy from a couple whom had been given the dog by their children. She had become critically ill, suffering from massive toxicity (possibly from a poisonous mushroom) and weighed less than five pounds. Since her prognosis for recovery was not good, the family surrendered her to NGRR. "This little dog couldn't even raise her head," stated Karen, "and I really thought she was a goner, but felt we needed to give her a chance."

Mandy was taken to Windsor Animal Hospital. It was determined that all efforts to save her were "a long shot," according to attending veterinarian Dr. Patti Piper. Mandy had a severe bacterial infection causing extensive liver damage, a significant urinary infection, a protein deficiency, low blood sugar and was anemic. Dr. Piper immediately placed her on a new product (used in treating

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From The President

Dave Berry

In our daily efforts to rescue Golden Retrievers, it is easy to lose sight of larger issues that create the need for our organization to exist. I reiterate public education as a tenet of our organization. I am on the e-mail distribution list for a California animal-related legislation action alert sponsored by the Fund for Animals, Inc. (*For those interested in receiving this alert, please contact Virginia Handley, their California Coordinator, at*

vhandley@fund.org.) I initially contacted this organization while researching efforts to establish a California "Pet Friendly" license plate. Similar special-interest plates now exist in ten states, with a large part of the funds raised going to subsidize local spay and neuter programs.

A State Legislative Alert issued in March advised that SB 1425 had been introduced by Senator Jack O'Connell to implement just such a program. The bill, if passed, would result in a special-interest "End Overpopulation" license plate being made available to California drivers. I started writing



Dave with Stella and Yogi

this letter to urge NGRR members to contact appropriate representatives to support this bill. Unfortunately, the Senate Transportation Committee has since established a policy not to add any new special-interest license plates so no hearing date has been set for this legislation. The Fund for Animals is therefore not recommending letters be written at this time.

Pet overpopulation in the United States is in a crisis mode. This condition results in an overwhelming number of neglected and homeless dogs and cats, as well as an enormous

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Letter From The Editor

Dear Readers,

It is a pleasure to formally introduce myself as the new Editor of NGRR's newsletter. I look forward to providing timely, interesting and informative information to readers on the organization highlighting programs, individuals, events and health issues all focusing on our beloved Golden Retrievers.

Before going any further, this is a golden opportunity to introduce my husband's and my NGRR Rescue, a four-year-old Golden male, Finnegan. He came to us three years ago next month full of energy and love. And like his name, *Finnegan*, every day he wakes up gleefully ready to *begin again!* He was a stray and so we are not certain of his past, but his present (and we hope future) look very good. His only "bad habit" is his LOVE for squeaky toys. He recently went into a doggie friend's home, took a squeaky toy outside, buried it, and in typical Golden demeanor, wondered WHY the other dog was upset!

And keeping with the Golden Rule about a sense of humor . . . Finnegan is initiating a small column in this newsletter, **Grin Again With Finnegan**, whereby readers can share funny stories, cartoons, jokes, etc. So, please look at this issue, write to Finnegan and share your amusing tails!

As the Editor, I hope to hear from you as well. Your feedback on the content of each newsletter is important, as is your input regarding potential articles for future publications. I ask for your help in making each newsletter as *good as gold!*

Mary M. Anderson
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Karen Lindstrom

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the recent death of our first NGRR President and beloved friend, Karen Lindstrom. A special tribute to Karen will be featured in the next NGRR Newsletter. You are invited to share your favorite stories and special memories of Karen, including pictures, as we express our thanks for the golden goodness that she brought to so many lives. Please submit your comments to Newsletter Editor, Mary Anderson at finnegan2@msn.com. There also will be a memorial website for Karen at <http://www.goldenrescue.org/allabout/memorials/karen/index.htm>



Lexie *(continued)*

mushroom poisoning in Europe) and began providing supportive care to the other problem areas that were likely to be treatable. Despite her young age and small size, Mandy had a huge spirit. "It is the look they give you," noted Dr. Piper, "that is a true sign more than anything. This little girl had an immeasurable will to live." And so it was that Mandy, little by little, struggled daily to survive.

"I guess the most amazing thing to us about Mandy was her resiliency and deceiving strength," recalls foster parent, Terry Hubbard. "Here she was just three weeks out of the doctor's office, rescued from death's door, frail and undersized at best and she strutted into our home and acted like she was the long-established alpha. Murphy, our six-year-old Golden, is still recovering from her whirlwind assaults." The Hubbards believe that while four-month-old Mandy was gaunt at 12-1/2 pounds, it was her incredible spirit and great energy that belied her physical woes and hardships.

When Marin County Coordinator Linda Gomoll convinced us to take a look at this dog, we were hesitant. But one look at her sweet face told us that we instantly had a new family member. We brought Indy to check her out and she seemed to think that this little puppy (now Lexie) who followed her everywhere was OK. That was two months ago. Lexie and Indy have since become inseparable. Although Indy weighs in at 94 pounds and Lexie at 35 pounds, they are perfect companions. Lexie initiates play by standing on her hind legs and batting Indy on the head with a paw. When Indy wants to play, she gets one of Lexie's favorite toys and teases her with it. Indy lies down so that Lexie can romp



Deborah, Indy and Lexie

and play and their games of teeth and tug of war are quite dramatic.

Lexie is more than a survivor . . . she is truly living life to the fullest. Nothing is going to stop this girl! We owe a great deal to her wonderful foster parents, Monica and Terry Hubbard, whose loving attention gave her strength and confidence. "We all enjoyed every minute of her four to five week stay with us and found it very difficult to say goodbye," reflected the Hubbards. "However, as is the case with NGRR's adoptions, we were so thrilled to see her go to such a wonderful home."

Lexie is already going on long hikes on the fire roads of Mill Valley,

frolicking at the dog park, and chasing the waves at the beach. Her favorite outdoor activity is finding and carrying large sticks which have sometimes been tree branches six or more feet long. She holds her head up high and prances about proudly as if she is leading a parade.

We still miss Charnay every day. But we are now blessed with this very special golden whom we expect to be a part of our family for many, many years to come. The work done by the people at NGRR brings such joy and enriches so many lives. We are so grateful. 🐾



Lexie and Indy at play

Spotlight On Seniors

A Rose May Be A Rose, But Ivy Rose Is Also A Cutie!

By Elena Guerin

As many adoption stories go, our wonderful 13-year-old Golden/Setter had recently died and we yearned to be owned by another dog. We decided to delay adopting and instead, realizing NGRR's demand for foster homes, volunteer as a foster family. Thanks to the immediate assistance from the excellent and caring coordinators, Carol Robins of Santa Cruz and Cade Deverell of San Francisco, Cutie soon arrived at our front door.

We were told that she was likely a backyard dog for her first 9-10 years. On New Year's Eve, Cutie spent the entire night with her leg caught in a fence and was not discovered until the next morning. Her leg was badly sprained and she suffered from a severe puncture wound. Due to the time and expense required to recover from this injury, the owners decided not to keep her and contacted Cade at NGRR.

Cutie came to us with a brightly bandaged leg, a bag of supplies for dressing changes, antibiotics, a bag of dog food and even her toothbrush! Our Yorkshire Terrier and Chihuahua/Jack Russell were not fazed by this 90-pound golden teddy bear who had come in search of a place to stay. My two daughters (ages 10 and 13) and I quickly fell in love with her very dear and gentle spirit.

Although she seemed happy to be a part of the family, she obviously was not accustomed to being in the house. During that first week, I'd often find her in the furthest corner of our backyard and it took a great deal of TLC to get her to come in to sleep at night. Being an outdoor dog, she was not house trained, but learned very

quickly. She loved to go for walks as the strength in her sprained leg increased.

We soon realized there was no way we could move her to another home . . . she was a keeper and while she was a Cutie, the girls agreed that Ivy Rose was far more a fitting name for her golden stature. However, most of the time we affectionately refer to her as Old Lady, as she is hard of hearing and doesn't seem to care much what we call her, as long as we are simply close by.

While there are many similar stories of wonderful dogs losing their homes, it still amazes me that this sweet, lovely girl who only asks for the basics - food, companionship, a good brushing and love - was given up for adoption. She made no complaints during all those bandage changes,



Sweet Ivy Rose

patiently endures baths, barks very little and calmly greets everyone she meets . . . especially the Girl Scouts with their ten pairs of hands ready and eager to pet her!

She has definitely decided that with her new family is a wonderful place to be. And we feel exactly the same. We are so grateful Ivy Rose has come our way and that we are able to make each and every moment truly her golden years. 🐾

Good Night, Randy and Good Morning, Gunny

By George Morley

My story begins in 1993, when I went to the Santa Cruz SPCA Shelter in hope of finding a Golden Retriever. While they actually did have a Golden, two other people had bids to adopt her and the Shelter representative recommended that I instead contact NGRR.

I then had the good fortune to speak with Mary Alward, who gave me the names and descriptions of three possible adoptees. Randy, a loveable, blond five-year-old, had to be given up by a couple who both worked and could not spend enough time with him. While he was the first Golden I saw,

there simply was no question in my mind! We were destined to be together and he eagerly jumped into the backseat for the ride to his new home.

Randy and I shared eight wonderful years together until he succumbed to liver cancer in November of 2001. He was a great boy and I will never forget him. However, the loss of Randy created a tremendous void in my life and after about six weeks I began my search within NGRR for another Golden. Both Stephanie Getzler and Carol Robins were instrumental in gathering names, descriptions and locations of potential candidates.

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Good Morning, Gunny (Continued)

Then one night it happened. Carol called to advise that an eleven-year-old male had just come into the program and she believed that we would make a good match. When Gunny arrived, he immediately captured my heart. He was so full of love and life! I told Carol that we'd just passed our trial period and I was immediately ready to adopt. His first owner was an ex-Marine who named him Gunny, short for Gunnery Sergeant and that made the adoption even more meaningful, as I was also a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps.

A Loaf Of Bread,

A Jug Of Wine And Sophie

If you ever visit the Staleys at their winery or in the vineyards, you will definitely meet Sophie.

The Staleys adopted 10-year-old Sophie from NGRR about two years ago. Sophie's previous owners had kept her alone in a backyard her entire life.



Philip and Sophie

As a result, she was not housebroken, did not know how to walk on a leash and the only social contact she had was when she escaped to a local school to play with the children.

Now Sophie truly lives the good life! She sleeps in the Staleys' bedroom, strolls in the vineyards each day with Philip and plays with her new sister Murphie, another NGRR Rescue dog. If you see Philip, you know Sophie is nearby, as she has no intention of ever being alone again.

Take a trip to the Staley Vineyards and Winery and experience the Staley Sonoma Classics — Sophie, and some delicious and finely crafter Chardonnay, Zinfandel and Duet wines. 🐾

Ever since that day, Gunny and I have been inseparable. Thanks to assistance from a professional trainer, Gunny has perfected his understanding of learning how to adapt to me while I am using a walker. I thought I would never get over the loss of Randy, but Gunny has so filled my life with the love of a Golden Oldie. We plan on growing older together.

.. I just hope I can keep up with him. 🐾



Gunny

NGRR'S TOP TEN LIST

1. Live To Love! Golden Oldies are so true to their breed - being kind and giving love. They are grateful for this second chance for happiness with a new loving family and home.
2. Obedient! Golden Oldies have learned what NO means and contrary to common belief, older dogs CAN learn new "tricks," particularly since they are more focused and have longer attention spans.
3. Been There, Done That! Many Golden Oldies have already been socialized to other animals and situations.
4. Mellow Yellow! Golden Oldies give you some space for yourself during the day, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.
5. Potty Trained! Most Golden Oldies are housebroken.
6. Mature! Golden Oldies are not teething and therefore won't chew up your brand new shoes, antique furniture or favorite photo album.
7. Adaptable! Golden Oldies tend to adapt more easily to household changes, such as visiting guests and being alone for longer periods of time.
8. An Open Book! With Golden Oldie, what you see is what you get - most of the dog's health and behavioral history is already known.
9. Nighttime Is For Sleeping! Golden Oldies let you get a good night's sleep because they are accustomed to human schedules and don't require nighttime feedings, comforting or bathroom breaks.
10. Best Friends! Golden Oldies are instant companions - ready for hiking, car trips, good conversations, and cuddling.

The Long Odyssey Of Charlie Dickens

By Jennifer Kelsey

Charlie Dickens is a friendly, loyal fellow, who just wants to be someone's companion for the rest of his life. And he never again wants to be abandoned in a backyard.

For his first seven years, Charlie led the good life in far northern California, near the Oregon border. When his owner was home, he stayed by his side. When his owner went out, Charlie went with him. Those were happy times for Charlie.

Then, tragedy struck. Charlie's owner died of cancer. The owner's mother was supposed to look after him. Instead, she left Charlie out in the yard at all times, whatever the weather, day and night. She gave him food and water, but he was never allowed in the house. If he approached the woman, she beat him with a broom. Such was Charlie's life for about a year.

Then, further tragedy struck. One day when Charlie was tied to a post in his backyard, the gate was left open. A pit bull entered and savagely attacked Charlie, who could not escape or fight back adequately because he was tied up. Fortunately, a Good Samaritan neighbor heard the commotion and intervened to save Charlie's life.

At this point, Charlie was turned over to Rescue Ranch in nearby Hornbrook, CA. Dan and Mary Viera, wonderful people who are 80 and 77 years of age respectively, run Rescue Ranch. Dan had worked for the California Fish and Game Department and had always wanted to rescue animals when he retired. Mary joined him in this effort. Many stray dogs are found in northern Siskiyou County, and because the animal shelters do not have nearly enough room for them, many are euthanized after only a few days. For the past several years, Dan and Mary have devoted their lives to saving as many dogs as they can. At



Charlie Dickens

any one time Rescue Ranch usually has at least 50 dogs in outdoor kennels, but at times it has housed up to 100 dogs. Dan and Mary do their best to provide the dogs with food, exercise, and veterinary care, and to keep them warm in the bitter cold winters and cool in the hot summers. They work from sunrise to sunset, and do not get to take even a day off because the dogs need them every day.

When Charlie arrived, Dan and Mary cleaned and dressed his wounds, and put him in the kennel nearest the

entrance to their home. Charlie was now safe and in the care of people who were concerned about him. However, the second day when Mary entered his kennel to clean it with a broom, Charlie freaked out. He had no means of escape, and he was certain that he was going to be beaten again by an older woman with a broom. He did not hurt Mary, but cornered her, and she had to call Dan for help. Mary returned to his kennel each day, and before long Charlie realized that he was with kind people who were not going to hurt him. He looked forward to Mary's visits rather than fearing them. Because Charlie was older and shivered in the cold nights of winter, he was one of the dogs allowed to sleep inside next to their bed. Charlie was happy and grateful for the companionship at Rescue Ranch and was very devoted to the Vieras. However, what he really wanted was a home of his own, as he had experienced earlier in his life.

After Charlie had been at Rescue Ranch for almost a year, a large influx of dogs arrived. These dogs had been found in very bad condition at a nearby ranch, several with bullets in them because they had been used for target practice. When a tractor accident occurred at this ranch, the residents had called 911, and it was the emergency workers who found over

100 dogs and cats in deplorable conditions. This episode of severe cruelty and the Viera's willingness to house several of these dogs brought Rescue Ranch to the attention of the news media, and it was then that NGRRR heard about Rescue Ranch. Upon inquiry, we



Mary & Dan Viera at Rescue Ranch

learned that there was one golden retriever living there. Dan and Mary said we could take Charlie and find a good home for him.

Rosalee Fogarty of Portola Valley, who had heard about Rescue Ranch because of the publicity following the tractor accident, had begun to help Dan and Mary when she was at her vacation home nearby. When she learned that we would take Charlie Dickens, she drove the seven hours to pick him up, and then drove seven hours back the next day. Charlie had a number of foster home addresses in the months to come.

We later had an application from a family who wanted to adopt a dog eight years or older. They had gone to the foster home to see Charlie, and, as with everyone else, had fallen in love with him. When we went to do a second housecheck (because we were particularly concerned that Charlie be given a good placement), we took Charlie with us. He walked right in, made himself at home, and there he stayed. He liked the house and yard, slept on a bed, and went for walks. He was loved by the children at the nearby school, and played with a golden retriever puppy who lived on the same street. He was given the drug Rimadyl to help the arthritis in his rear legs. His only problem was that he was absolutely terrified of walking on the linoleum in the kitchen. Nothing, not even the most savory of treats, could induce him to walk on the linoleum. We can only surmise that with his weak and painful rear legs, he had bad experiences trying to walk on slippery surfaces. Except for the linoleum, Charlie was again a happy dog. This time it was

an older dog with cancer. However, when volunteer Stephanie Dierolf asked them if they would take Charlie instead, they immediately wanted to drive to San Mateo to pick him up. As it turned out, the former owners drove Charlie halfway and met the Janices at the Nut Tree. Then, off he went to Sacramento.



Charlie at play

The first order of business was bathing and grooming, and the second order of business was to start him on Rimadyl again. In short order, Charlie was going for walks, catching Frisbees, and walking around proudly with two tennis balls in his mouth. If lemons fell into his yard from the tree next door, he gleefully retrieved them and brought them into the house.



Charlie has completely adjusted to his new home. He follows Bob wherever he goes, and when Bob mows the lawn, he loves to follow behind him, step for step. He spends most of the time indoors with his people, as long as he does not have to be on a hardwood floor. He sleeps in his bed next to the daughter, and if she is away at a slumber party or on a trip, a special blanket is placed for him near Dana and Bob so that he does not have to navigate the hardwood floor in their room. Someone is usually home, so Charlie can be with his people most of the time. If all the humans are out, he has a dachshund-sheltie mix, two cats,

short-lived, however, as the family's schedule changed and they were no longer able to properly care for him. Charlie was once again looking for a new home.

Dana and Bob Janice had recently been recruited by Sacramento Area Coordinator Shirlee Thomas to provide a foster home when the need arose. The Janices, kind people that they are, had already agreed to provide hospice care for

and a bird for company, and a veterinarian lives next door.

Much as we hate to lose a foster home that would otherwise be available for another needy dog, it appears that Charlie has found the wonderful home he deserves, and that he will never be left in a backyard again. Thank you to the Janice family and to the many other people who assisted in Charlie's rescue. 🐾

It's Time To Wag 'N Walk!

Set your calendars for NGRR's 5th Annual Wag 'N Walk which will be held on **Saturday, June 8**, at Shadow Cliffs Recreational Area in Pleasanton. For those of you unfamiliar with this popular fundraising event, the Wag 'N Walk is a great day of fun for the entire family! The event begins with an alumni parade of Rescue Golden Retrievers. Our Golden mascot will next lead the walkers on the beautiful two-mile trail around the reservoir. Following the walk, this year's entertainment includes the Alameda County Emergency Services Department (search and rescue demonstration); Bay Racers Flyball Club and finally, our ever popular entertainer, Chip Cormier of Kamp K-9, featuring games for both dogs and their owners.

Last year over 300 two-legged walkers and 200 four-legged walkers participated in this wonderful day that raised over \$20,000. Registration forms will be sent the first week of

May. Additional information will be available on-line at www.golden-rescue.org.

Linda Knowles and her Wag 'N Walk Committee have been diligently at work planning and organizing all the details, which has included seeking both family and corporate sponsorships. Individuals interested in participating in this rewarding event by being a sponsor are asked to contact:

For further information contact Linda Knowles at (925) 935-9034 (E-mail at goldnresq@earthlink.net) And, please advise Marilyn Ormond at (415) 453-5473 (E-mail at miscnow@earthlink.net) if you have a minimum of an hour and a half to help with any of the following functions:

- Vans are needed to bring merchandise from Redwood City to Pleasanton in the morning and return at the end of the day



- Set up/tear down park
- Host registration tables
- Set up tents
- Assist in selling T-shirts and other golden merchandise delights from our Galleria
- Administer outreach adoption tables
- And for those who want some exercise, individuals are needed to mark the parade routes and follow up to make certain the park is left debris-free.

Again, this event can only be successful with your participation. Don't let the parade pass you by!

From the President *(continued)*

terrible number of euthanized animals for no other reason than there not being enough available homes in which to place them. So, while the fate of this particular bill is unclear, the concept remains an excellent means to raise funds for a cause central to NGRR's mission: promoting responsible pet ownership and curbing overpopulation. Anything we can do in this regard benefits not only Golden Retrievers, but the entire community of animals kept as pets.

The saddest part is that it is preventable. Otherwise intelligent pet owners fail to spay or neuter pets based on false assumptions that doing so is somehow cruel or that the animal will gain weight, or due to vague notions that they will "someday" breed the animal. Many of these people would

likely change their minds if they were better educated as to the medical facts regarding spaying and neutering or if they understood how their decision not to alter their pet contributes to the ongoing tragedy of chronic overpopulation.

NGRR is already active in public education. Our agents provide this service when they speak to potential adopters, informing them of the benefits of adopting an adult dog instead of buying a puppy, or fielding the numerous calls every year around the holidays and explaining why giving a puppy as a gift is not prudent. We have become involved on a number of occasions during the last year, in conjunction with local SPCA chapters, in educating charities putting on fundraisers that auctioning a puppy

is inappropriate. These are just a few examples of how our volunteers provide important, targeted educational messages.

We need to not only maintain these daily efforts, but also step up our involvement in larger efforts to further educate the public. Puppy mills and backyard breeders exist only because of the ignorance of the people who buy from them. Education is our best weapon to fight those who breed with no concern for the health, safety, temperament or future of the dogs they produce.

I offer many thanks to all the volunteers, fosters and agents who help to spread our message in addition to all the other work they do. I also welcome any suggestions as to how NGRR can further pursue the goal of education.

How I Lost 60 Pounds in Five Months

By Dudley and his adopted mom, Michele Oibid

My name is Dudley. I am seven years old and I have the very good fortune of recently being adopted by Michele Oibid and her family. They previously adopted Sunny, another Golden from NGRR, and had many wonderful years with him until he passed away at the age of 15. I'm hoping for the same longevity rate with my new and dear family.

I was turned into NGRR because my owner was quite ill and was unable to properly care for me. My life had been pretty dull - no swimming, no form of exercise, and meals that were NOT meant for dogs. As a result, slowly, but surely, I began to gain weight. A lot of weight. Okay, I was huge (but still tons of fun) even though I weighed 150 pounds.

Michelle said I was the fattest Golden she'd ever seen and immediately said, "you're going to weight watchers for dogs!" The vet put me on a prescription diet and every week we'd go in for a weight check. I got a lot of looks (and some laughs), but with Michele by my side, I knew I was in good hands.

We started walking for one hour every day for a week. The second week, we walked for two hours and the third week, we began a combination walk/hike. And then we finally graduated to serious aerobic hiking, walking and running. By that time, I was ready to compete in any marathon . . . or perhaps the summer Olympics!

So, here I am, six months later and 50 pounds lighter. But best of all, my daily activities have given me a new lease on life! My new family has frequently taken me to Lake Tahoe where I play with my four-legged friends and run/roll in the snow. I also love to eat it . . .but that's okay, as it's low calorie! I went swimming in Fallen Leaf Lake which is something I've never done before. All Golden Retrievers will be pleased to know that I was true to our breed . . . a master of this sport!

Michele has enrolled me in an advanced training program, that I am enjoying. She asked me the other day if I was aware of people now stopping and commenting, "What a beautiful dog!" Well, I guess I am . . . but I mostly keep



The heavier Dudley

thinking *lucky me* . . . what a beautiful life with my new and loving family which includes my sister Natie (a Scottish Terrier) and brother Marco (a cat!). We are one, big (but NOT fat) happy family. 🐾



The thinner Dudley

Annual Rescue Parade Was A Family Affair

On February 23, NGRR's Annual Parade of Rescue Dogs was held at the Norcal Golden Retriever Club Winter Specialty Show in San Jose. This year a total of 25 dogs participated and many came from families that had more than one Rescue Golden in the parade. Laura Finco once again did an outstanding job as the master of ceremonies.

The dogs came from as far away as Monterey and Antioch and everywhere in between. Each dog had its golden moment as he/she paraded around the inside ring at the Fair Grounds. As the individual histories were shared with the audience, it was hard to find a dry eye in the crowd. However, when it became clear *that every tail had a happy ending* one could only be proud of the work that NGRR does. 🐾



Above: 3 Goldens in front are (L to R) Poncho, Makenna and Shammie, their owner, Carla Hall, is holding Buster in back. (His owner is Karin Cecil)

Left Paul Bullard and Chance



Pat Lynch and Yogi Bear



Rescue Parade Participants and spectators



Bea Moore and Zia



Poncho Makenna and Shammie Hall

Golden Galleria



Tapestry Throw

Golden Memories, Golden Dreams
52" X 69" - \$55.00



NGRR Golf Shirt

Embroidered Logo
White or Charcoal Heather
S,M,L,XL \$25.00
XXL \$28.00



Argyle Golden Retriever Socks
Green or Natural — \$9.00



Tapestry Throw -
"That's My Dog, Too" -
52" x 69" - \$55.00

Golden Retriever Signs —

Golden at Play (9" X 12") \$16.00
GR Crossing (12" X 12") \$18.00
Golden Territory (9" X 12") \$16.00



Golden Galleria



Assorted Photo Cards
 (blank inside)
 Featuring 9 different
 settings
 Excellent Quality
 \$10.00



Golden Retriever Fever Apron
 \$16.00



Denim Shirts
 100% pre-shrunk cotton.
 S, M, L, XL, — \$38.00
 XXL — \$40.00



Dog Collar Anklet Socks
 White — \$7.50



NGRR Sweatshirt
 Embroidered Logo
 90% cotton/10% polyester
 Forest Green, Taupe, Cardinal
 and Charcoal Heather
 M, L, XL - \$28.00
 XXL - \$30.00



Golden Retriever Statue
 by Sandicast — approximately 5"
 \$25.00

Shop On-line at www.golden-rescue.org

Turn your on-line shopping into philanthropy! The following merchants will donate a percentage of each on-line purchase when their web site is accessed from NGRR's web site:

Amazon.com	5%
Dogtoys.com	15%
LandsEnd.com	5%
Pets.com	7%
PETsMART.com	10%

Please add the following link to your favorite places and use it whenever you buy from one of the above retailers:

—Remember—

<http://www.golden-rescue.org/allabout/friends.htm>

We are pleased to announce NGRR'S new on-line store has a new look, complete with a shopping cart. Please drop by and take a look. A special thanks to volunteer Jon Graham!



Order Form

Make checks payable to NGRR. Visa and Mastercard also accepted.
 Mail orders to: Nancy Mendell, 300 Escobar Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028-7352
 For information, contact nancymendell@mindspring.com.
 Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Item Description	Color	Size	Qty.	Unit Price	Total

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In Tribute

Thanks to Becky Reisdorf, Beth, Thelma, Shelby and the Golden Retriever, Luke for raising close to \$200 by gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble.

“Merry Christmas to Jean Connors “
Christmas donation made by Terry Sechrist

“Happy Holidays to each and everyone and to their animal companions. Peace, health and happiness in 2002!”
Donation by Janet Peacock

In Honor of Myra Kelley
Donation by Virginia Van Kuran

In Celebration of “Bullet”
Hunthill Blew Bayou MH, CDX, WC, CGC
“Bullet received his Master Hunt Title on November 4th, 2001. Thanks to the late Barbara Taylor for breeding such a spirited and fun dog.”
Donation by Arla and Ed Blakemore

“Merry Christmas and a Golden Happy New Year to our friends and family...
Phyllis and Jerry Spivey, “Dutch”, “Kip” and “Toby”
Pat and Steve Klim, “Bravo”, “Misty” and “Thunder”
Janet Peacock, “Buck” and “Caylee”
Carolyn and John Claudy, “Cricket” and “Pip”
Janet and Bert Lum, “Meg” and “Chevy”
Sharon and Steve Goldstein, “Chelsea”, “Hannah” and “Bailey”
Don and Joni Rapp
Catherine Mc Cubbrey”
From Nancy and Joe Corbin

“Happy Birthday to Caity Merlo! May she have a Golden year filled with friends and Golden smiles.”
Donation by Erica Roselius

In Honor of “Sadie”
“Sadie passed away a year ago on 10/5. We hope this helps another Golden Oldie.”
Donation by Debi and Lisa Horn

Correction from the last newsletter:

Charley’s first home found they were no longer able to keep her at eight years young. She came back to the breeder and was subsequently adopted by Charles and Sallie Vaughn. She is a much loved addition to their household.

In Memoriam

In Memory of “Keeper”
“A true ‘Golden’ boy, Keeper was *everything* a Golden should be. His love and devotion to Dianne was unmatched - except possibly by Dianne’s love and devotion to him. A most wonderful pair.”
“Mr. Keeper, Snap and I miss you terribly; Dianne, I’m so sorry.”
Loved by Dianne Sipe
Donation by Mary Vogler

In Memory of “My Baby Rockett”
“He passed three years ago.”
Donation by Patricia Freddie

In Memory of “Pepper” and “Lindy”
“Pepper”...Coppertop Cayenne VCD3, UD, TDX, AX, AXJ, JH, WC, OD, OBHF
“Lindy”...OTCH Misty Marshes Flight O’ Fancy UDX, TDX, AX, OAJ, JH, WCX, OD, OBHF
Donation by Friends of Yous and of Pepper and Lindy...Ann & Ken Brown, Bea Moore, Dimity Mueller, Carole Steding, Debi Best, Louise Bryan, Dee Dee, Billy, Christopher & Kevin Anderson, Kyla Carlson & Dave Wilt, JoAnne Vente & Ken Moline, Becky Luft, Susan Westover, Mae Weintraub, Mary Ann Graziano, Ellie Green, Bob Blackburn & Ann Smulka, Pat White, Dick Symons, Cynthia Hult, Mike & Maureen Cogut, Judy Myers, Mary Vogler, Vicky Chaney, and Susan Bates

In Memory of “Keeper”
“I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Keeper. I’m sure he and the “Rustman” are in Heaven smiling down on us. My thoughts are with you.”
Loved by Dianne Sipe
Donation by Carollyn Vogler

In Memory of “Axel”
“Our beloved Axel was one of the great gifts in life. He came to us as a ‘golden oldie’ but brought so much love and affection it was as though he had been with us always. Thank you for bringing him to us. We will be forever thankful for his presence in our lives.”
With fond and loving memories, Cynthia Schreiner and John Rickards

In Memory of “Riot”
Loved by Pat White
Donation by Dimity Mueller, Ann Brown, Bea Moore, Janet Trigg, Vicky Bermodes, Marsha Dandridge, Mary Vogler, Ellie Green, Alice Woodyard, Debi Best, Steve & Terry Southard, JoAnn Vente, Judy Myers, Mike & Maureen Cogut, Judie Howard, Cindy Hult, Vicki Chaney, and Carole Steding

In Memoriam (continued)

In Memory of "Tristan"
"Beloved Golden of the Stoner family."
Missed and loved by Debbie and David Stoner
Donation by Rosemarie Peterson

In Memory of "Jazz"
"We will always remember our girl, Jazz
For her relentless love and loyalty
For the joy she brought to our lives
For her patience and gentle nature
And for her sweet disposition.
She taught us that our family can only be complete with a
Golden companion. And, although for us, there will never
be another Jazz, her spirit will live forever in our hearts."
With love, Dad, Mom, Victoria, and your friend, Misty, the
Anderson Family

In Memory of "Lucy"
"Lucy gave so much love and devotion and received the
same in return. We all miss that grand old gal!"
Lovingly missed by Wendy and Jim Johnston
Donation by John and Barbara Culin

"Angels of Rescue"
" 'Walter' - what a name for gold;
A preciousness that did unfold.
Rescued from his earthly plight
To burst forth with canine delight."

"With never a disdain for man,
He was a teacher of the plan.
One but need to stand and watch,
As Virtue rose another notch."

"For sake of man, God sent his Son;
And Angels, too!! His Will be done!"
Missed and loved by Bonnie and Jim Waldron
Poem written by J.V.W.

In Loving Memory of "Sandi"
Sandi became an important part of our family from the
moment we adopted her. Sandi loved to be right next to
you. She would lift up her paw as if to shake hands. She
would lay her head on your lap or knee. She was an avid
"sniffer" and one who always knew when the blackberries
in our yard were ripe. Our son Kent remembers playing
chase down the bedroom hall with her. She was a loving
companion for seven years. We miss her dearly.
Herb, Randi, Melissa and Kent Long

In Memory of "Rusty"
Loved and dearly missed by Carolyn Vogler
Donation by Dianne Sipe

In Memory of Sharon Baxter
Condolences to Elaine Glass
Donation by Betsy and Don Sumner and Kona

In Memory of "Axel"
"Axel was adopted from NGRR by his wonderful and
loving family."
Lovingly missed by Cynthia and John Rickards
Donation by Denise and Rick Sprague

In Memory of "T.J." a.k.a. "Teej"
"I miss your soft sweet brown eyes. I miss your smell. I
miss your breakfast dance. I miss your goofy smile. Thank
you for giving me so much happiness while you were my
dog. I hope you felt as loved as you made me feel."
Love,
your companion Terry Bryant

In Memory of "Matty"
"We fondly remember your 5th family member."
Loved by Ellen, Don, Brian and Kristin Joost
Donation by Debbie, Jeff, Chana and Marty Lucchesi

In Memory of "Cory"
"For sixteen years, Cory gave her love, dedication and a
willing ear for listening to her friend, Dave Kettering. She
is great missed."
Loved by David Kettering
Donation by Lynn Backlund

In Memory of "Lindy" and "Pepper"
"They were mother and daughter, outstanding Golden,
admired and loved by all who knew them."
Loved by Steve and Terry Southard
Donation by Nelson and Elisabeth Lampert, Phoebe and
Flirt

In Memory of "Ginger"
"Ginger was the Golden Retriever that my daughter has
enjoyed and loved for several years."
Missed by Claire Venezia
Donation by Eleanor and Cyril Herrmann

In Memory of "Megan"
"Megan was a wonderful, unforgettable girl!"
Loved by Sandy and David Shein
Donation by Alicia Jacobson

In Memory of Justine Eller's father
Donation by Debbie and Jeff Lucchesi

In Memoriam *(continued)*

In Memory of "Lindy"
OTCH Misty Marshes Flight O' Fancy UDX, TDX, JH, OA,
OAH, WC, OD

In Memory of "Pepper"
Coppertop Hot Cayenne
UD, TDX, AX, AXJ, JH
"Two of the most outstanding Golden's to ever grace this
earth."

Loved and missed by Terry and Steve Southard
Donation by Debi Best

In Memory of Sharon Baxter
Condolences to Elaine Glass
Donation by Georgette M. Lutwack

In Memory of "Mr. Higgins"
"Mr. Higgins was adopted by Ray and Elizabeth when he
was 10 years old. They gave Mr. Higgins loving care during
his 'Golden' years. Mr. Higgins died at the age of 15 1/2."
Lovingly missed by the Steege Family
Donation by Donna and Michael Hagerty

In Loving Memory of "Brig"
CH C-Vu's Brigantine CD, JH, WCX, VC
"Brig can best be remembered by:
His on-going friendly competition with best friend CH
Rosewind's Ashford Murphy. His non acceptance of the role
of pack leader when dad, CH Hye Tyme's Clipper UD, JH,
WCX, VCX died.
His many pointed and titled offspring including two certi-
fied CARDA (CA Search & Rescue) dogs.
His being one of the few dogs living through full-blown
tetanus (at age 11 1/2).
His total recovery and going on to win Best Veteran 12+
years at the St. Louis and Seattle Nationals.
His ability to go up and down the 19 steps to the dog run
until the very end, and His just being our *BEST BUDDY* -
Brig, we sure miss you, but your legacy lives on."
Donation lovingly made by Nancy and Joe Corbin

In Memory of "Kaydee"
Loved and still missed by Sue and Carl Johnson

In Memory of Charlie McElroy
Condolences to Mac McElroy
Donation by Jim Bartlett

In Memory of "Sampson"
"Sampson was a beloved rescue Golden."
Cherished by Sandi Brown
Donation by Rosemarie Peterson

In Memory of "Brig"
"Missed by Joe and Nancy Corbin, his offspring and his
friends. May his children live as long a life as Brig."
Loved by the Corbins
Donation by Janet Peacock, Buck and Caylee

In Memory of "Gracie"
"Leslie and Terry Hurdy lost their Golden, Gracie
'Amazing Grace' in October. We know they and their other
Golden, Cooper, are heartbroken."
Adored by Terry and Leslie
Donated with love and sympathy by Howard and Judy
Guild, Chelsea and Natasha

In Memory of "Brig"
CH C-Vu's Brigantine, CD, JH, WCX, VC
"Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing this special
Golden will remember his gift of making you smile even
when you were down. We'll miss you old man."
Loved by Nancy and Joe Corbin
Donation by Phyllis and Jerry Spivey

In Memory of "Thurber"
"Thurber was a loving member of the Turnquist Family and
they miss him greatly."
Cherished by the Turnquist Family
Fondly remembered by Colette and Jack Agresti

In Loving Memory of "Brig"
"He made every day special for all who knew him."
Sadly missed by Nancy and Joe Corbin
Donation by Colette and Jack Agresti

In Memory of Bob Roumiguere
"In appreciation for the wonderful gift that Bob was to his
community and family. He was an inspiration to me. He
leaves a tremendous legacy. Deepest sympathy to you,
Barbara and your family."
Condolences to the Roumiguere Family
Donation by John Graykoski

In Memory of "Pepper"
Loved by Terry and Steve Southard
Donation by Janet Peacock

In Memory of "Baby"
"Debbie and Jim Berry's 'Baby' was one in a million and
she epitomized everything we all love about Golden
Retrievers. She will be in their hearts forever."
Loved by Debbie and Jim Berry
Donation by the Agresti's
In Memory of "Peppy"
Donation by Sam Louie

In Memoriam (continued)

In Memory of "Gracie" 1998- 2001

"A special tribute to 'By HIS Grace'. Gracie was a pure love bug who left each person she touched smiling and filled with grace. Gone too soon."

She will be missed and loved forever by Leslie and Terry Hurdy.

Donation by Myra, Don, Teaser and Ginger Kelley

In Memory of "Katie Did"

"Katie was the life of the party always making sure each and every foster Golden swam and played. We miss her so. She was a Sheltie with a Golden heart."

Loved and missed by Jim and Serene Butler, Mandy, Dixie and Chance

In Memory of "Katie"

"Katie was a very special Blue Merle Sheltie. She was very sweet, happy and much loved by Serene and Jim Butler. She was Daddy's 'Little Girl' and Mama's 'Baby'. We all miss her very much."

Cherished by Serene and Jim Butler

Donation by Mildred Whitworth

In Memory of Kelzi Zielinski

"For all of her 17 years, Kelzi was surrounded by Golden. She and the dogs she loved shared the same loving and cheerful temperament. She was a truly Golden young lady."

Condolences to Michael and Mary Lou Zielinski

Donation by Helene and Jim Brodrick, Cassie and Robbie

In Memory of Scott Alexander

"A Golden Man"

Condolences to Theresa Alexander

Donation by Jim and Helene Brodrick

In Memory of "Khan"

AM/CAN CH Auric's Wildest Dream CD

"Khan lived a great and loving life."

Loved by Toni Maita and Vaughn Varble

Donation by Dotti and Bookie Page

In Memory of "Babe"

"Babe graced the cover of the NGRR Calendar 2001. She was a wonderful girl."

Much loved by Joan Doss

Donation by Carole Frank and Pam Lavin

In Memory of "Brig"

CH C-Vu's Brigatine, CD, JH, WCX, VC

"Our profound sympathy extends to the entire Corbin family, both two-legged and four-legged on their loss."

Loved by Nancy and Joe Corbin

Donation by Penny Cavallaro and Bonnie Speckels

In Memory of Gail Lutolf

"A wonderful person and a generous "Golden" lady. Gail will be missed."

Condolences to Bob Lutolf

Donation by Linda Giorgi

In Memory of "Rockett" Freddie

"Rockett and Sally, our black lab rescue, could never be separated throughout their life together. I've always felt Rockett was special because he was born on Valentine's Day...and now I know why. He was the HEART of our family; we will miss him forever."

Loved and missed by Patricia, Rick and Sally Freddie

In Memory of "Cody"

"Cody was adopted from NGRR and was loved by everyone who knew him. His great disposition and personality endeared him to all, young and old alike."

Missed and loved by Matt Traini

Donation by Pat and George Jacobson

In Memory of "Dusty"

"Dusty was a wonderful dog."

Owned and loved by Virginia Holmes

Donation by Jennifer Green

In Memory of Chris Ey

"In hopes that others will receive as much pleasure from Golden as Chris did."

Condolences to Carolyn Erikson-Ey

Donation by Mary Lou Atkins

In Memory of "Beringer"

"Our loving sweet, Golden boy... a greatly missed companion."

Loved by Rick and Judy Carter

In Memory of "Dusty"

"Dusty was a lovely dog. He is missed."

Adored and loved by Virginia Holmes

Donation by Jane Fox

In Memory of "Brig"

CH C-Vu's Brigantine CD, JH, WCX, VC

"Brig was a great old guy!"

Loved by Nancy and Joe Corbin

Donation by June Smith

In Memory of "Gidget"

Loved by Mary and Lew Alward

Donation by Pam and Jim Lavin

In Memory of "Katie"

"Katie was almost twelve years old and loved by everyone who knew her."

Loved by the Osborn Family

Donation by Cathie and Michael Foster

In Memoriam (continued)

In Memory of "Sierra Myers"

"Sierra will always be in our hearts."

Loved by Marti Myers

Donation by Debi, Bailey, China, Pwutak and Gemstone Teter

In Memory of "Nick"

"To all of us who shared in his joy and love, he was Nicolaus, i.e. 'Nick'. He was a joyous and wonderful friend. Charmaine resides with much loneliness without her beloved Nick."

Loved and cherished by Charmaine Watford

Donation by Joann Simpson

In Memory of "Mari Ischinger"

"Mari was a wonderful Golden."

Loved by Kathryn Ischinger

Donation by April Johanson

In Honor of "Charley"

"Charley was a lucky girl to be loved by the Vaughn Family."

Missed and loved by Charles and Sallie Vaughn

Donation forwarded from Jennifer Masterson on behalf of the Vaughns.

In Memory of "Petey"

"Petey was a loving companion and faithful pet whose favorite food was filet mignon."

Loved by Lois Clausen

Donation by Carol and Allan Porter

In Memory of "Chester"

Loved family member of David, Kathleen and Chloe Ball
Donation by G.W. and Bev Dodds

In Memory of "Rockett"

"Rockett was my best friend."

Loved by Patricia Freddie

In Loving Memory of "Keeper"

CT Royal Ridge He's a Keeper UD

"Our Hearts are broken, our souls are lost, may Keeper guide us to a better place. May peace be with you, Keeper."

Cherished and loved by Dianne Sipe

Donation by Tracy and Gail, Riney and Alicia, Mary, Krista, Monique, Mary, Donna, and Gloria of Sycamore Lane Kennels

In Memory of "Ember"

"Ember was the beloved Dachshund of G.W. and Bev Dodds of Sea Ranch. Ember passed away recently at 16 years. She was greatly loved and is terribly missed."

Loved by G.W. and Bev Dodds

Donation by Kathleen and David Ball

In Memory of Grandpa "Trac"

"Trac was a very special Golden!"

Loved by his family Debi and Ken DeNardi

Donation by Ron, Audrey and Indy-Annie Jones

In Memory of "Katie"

"An especially sweet and gentle Golden girl.

She will stay forever in the hearts of all who knew her."

Loved by Carol, Allan, Lisa, Roz and Nicholas Porter

Donation by Cade, Kirby and Tanner

NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

Purpose: NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. (NGRR) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and placement of displaced Golden Retrievers in Northern California.

Volunteers: NGRR has a large network of volunteers in communities throughout Northern California. Among these are a board of directors and numerous area coordinators and foster families who care for and place over 400 Goldens a year into new homes. Our volunteers do not receive any form of compensation for their time and effort.

Articles: Articles and news items of general informational, educational, or human interest are welcome. We especially like to hear and see (send photos) how our rescued Goldens are doing with their new owners. If submitting a reprint of an article from another publication, please obtain prior permission from the publisher. Permission to reprint any material in this newsletter should be obtained from the author, crediting NGRR.

Mailing List: This newsletter is mailed to all persons and businesses who have adopted a dog or donated money, time, services, or auction items to NGRR within the past two years. It is also mailed to members of the NORCAL Golden Retriever Breed Club, officers of the Golden Retriever Club of America, and other animal rescue groups. We do not share our mailing list with other organizations.

Adoption Update — Emma With Love

By Susan Mullins

Emma was not supposed to be my dog. I had made the decision to move out of state and was no longer taking in foster dogs. Then San Francisco Area Coordinator Cade Deverell called to tell me about this poor wreck of a dog that had been rescued from a backyard in San Francisco. Abused and neglected, she had apparently just weaned a litter of puppies and was terrified of everything and everyone.

I will never forget the first time I saw Emma. The vet tech brought her out, dragging her all the way. This year-and-a-half-old dog weighed only 32 pounds and so was so emaciated that her ribs could be counted from across the room. Her face had numerous scars and her left eye was droopy and weeping, the product of a smashed tear duct. This little girl was a mess.

I did agree to take her on an emergency basis and slowly she began to make some progress. However, she had been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and needed surgery. Cade devised a candy bar sale to raise the necessary funds and a great number of wonderful people volunteered to help. The surgery date was then set, and Emma took up residence with us. Emma may have been afraid of people, but she loved other dogs and she bonded with my two boys right away. As a matter of fact, she fell head over heels for Shiloh, my younger male, and they have remained inseparable.

About a week after her arrival, she wagged her tail at me for the first time. I almost cried and awhile later she let me stroke her face without pulling away. She licked my hand after about six weeks. All in all, it was very slow going and all the while, we searched for a new foster home.

Her surgery date came and went. The operation was successful, but we found out that the other hip needed surgery also. We still had no new home and my departure date was fast approaching. I soon came to the conclusion that there wasn't going to be any new foster home and Emma was going



Emma and Shiloh

to be heading to Oregon with us. Frankly, I was relieved as she had worked her way into our hearts and I did not want to let her go.

The trip to Oregon was uneventful, Emma's hip healed well, and in January of this year we headed back to the Bay Area for the second hip surgery. It was also a success and she is now pain free. She loves nothing more than to run and

play! She weighs in at 50 healthy pounds now and her coat is long and luxurious. She smiles. She has learned to play with toys, although she doesn't see the point of retrieving.

I have recently started doing foster care again for Golden Rescue here in Oregon. Emma has accepted the newcomers easily and says *life is good*. 🐾

Calendar of Events — 2002

June 8	Wag 'N Walk	Pleasanton
July 12	Nor Cal Golden Retriever Specialty	Carmel
Sept. 13 - 15	Rescue Reunion	Soda Springs
November 9	Tenth Annual Auction & Wine Tasting	Mill Valley

Animals for Auction

By Kelley A. Filson, Education Programs Manager, SF/SPCA

If your school has ever auctioned an animal, or entertained the idea, you should know that the SF/SPCA, along with other animal welfare groups and the American Kennel Club (AKC) are opposed to the donation and or auctioning of animals. Additionally, the auctioning of animals is in direct violation of California Educational Code 233.5 (formerly CA Ed. Code 44806), which states, "Each teacher shall endeavor to impress upon the minds of the pupils...the meaning of equality and human dignity, including the promotion of harmonious relations, kindness towards domestic pets and the humane treatment of living creatures..."

Although individuals may be inclined to interpret "...kindness towards domestic pets and the humane treatment of living creatures..." in a variety of ways, the vast majority of animal organizations agree that auctioning animals is in direct contradiction to the values of responsible guardianship. Such values encourage individuals and families to carefully select a companion animal and to select one whose needs match the time and resources that the guardian/owners are able and willing to provide. An auction or raffle does not provide adequate time for this type of planning, nor does an auction allow for other aspects of preparation. Shelters, responsible breeders, rescue groups and other humane organizations generally council potential animal guardians to carefully consider a number of factors before bringing any animal into their home.

Considerations include selecting an animal that suits the guardian's lifestyle, discussing the addition of a pet with all family members, choosing a veterinarian, planning time for training, exercise and daily care, and

most importantly, researching the needs of the animal and shopping for supplies BEFORE adopting any new pet. The reverse, acquiring a pet on impulse, without careful evaluation of the animal's needs, generally results in a lack of proper care and shuffling of the animal from home to home, and possibly surrendering the animal to a shelter.

Traditionally, puppies have been a favorite at auction. While it is equally NOT appropriate to auction puppies, based on the aforementioned reasons, there are more compelling reasons specific to puppies. Of priority is the new AKC policy that suspends registry privileges to any breeder who donates a dog or puppy to a raffle or auction. Furthermore, AKC policy states that dogs may only be registered to individuals. Therefore, any dog being auctioned becomes the property of the organization hosting the auction. Even if for just a short while, this transfer of "ownership" to an organization is against AKC policy. The result is that the AKC registration papers must be marked VOID and returned to the AKC.

While this policy clearly defines one reason for not purchasing a pup at an auction, it also paves the way for another problem; reputable breeders won't give up their pups for auctions, it puts them at risk for having their AKC registration suspended and it removes their ability to carefully screen and interview the potential new guardians. So, if reputable breeders aren't giving up pups for auction, where are the auctioned pups coming from? Sadly, chances are that the adorable pup up for auction is from a puppy mill, or a puppy mill broker.

If you are unfamiliar with the deplorable conditions and documented

atrocities that define the term "puppy mill," details can be obtained from the following web sites.

- The Humane Society of the United States www.hsus.org -Search for "puppy mills."
- Dog Owner's Guide www.canismajor.com/dog/ -Articles are indexed

If you do not have access to the web, please contact The SF/SPCA Humane Education Department for further details.

TOP TEN DETAILS TO REMEMBER

- 1) According to the California Educational Code 233.5, schools and educators must model to their pupils the humane treatment of companion animals.
- 2) It is considered inhumane to auction or raffle companion animals.
- 3) AKC Registrations are generally important to people who want a purebred dog.
- 4) If a dog becomes the property of any non-individual, AKC registrations become invalid and all AKC rights and privileges are suspended.
- 5) Responsible breeders with quality dogs will not donate to auctions or raffles.
- 6) Puppy mills and their brokers are financially motivated and likely to put the health and safety of both people and animals at risk to increase profits.
- 7) As a result of human inadequacies millions of companion animals suffer and die each year.
- 8) Becoming an animal guardian requires careful planning and a promise of lifetime commitment and care.
- 9) Careful planning is the best way to ensure a lasting loving home for all animals.
- 10) Becoming a role model for "Responsible Guardianship" helps improve the lives of both animals and humans.🐾

Travels With Izzy and Gideon

From one Golden to another . . . you do like to swim, right?

And you'd smile if that swim included chasing some ducks, correct??

Well then, do I have the place for you! Our mom took us pups to The Blue Fish Cove Resort in Clear Lake, CA for a weekend stay and we highly recommend it to all our readers. Talk about a golden opportunity! We stayed in Cottage #7 (and will select that one every time) which had enough space for four humans and three Golden Retrievers. The unit had a full kitchen, bath and barbecue on the deck. Oh

yes . . . about the deck . . . it overlooked the lake and it was so secure that we could lie out there all day and watch the clouds go by.

Blue Fish Cove has a lovely pier with a glass enclosure. There is even a fireplace so that you can stay warm while you sit out on the water and do some star gazing, bird watching or howling at the moon. All seven cottages sleep at least four persons and for larger groups, there are two cottages that have connecting pass-through doors. Both boats and jet skis are available for rent. They say that the bass fishing is some of the best found anywhere. And for the golfers,

there's a course close by.

Murray and Jody Baldwin are terrific caretakers and best of all, true dog lovers. As a matter of fact, their daughter will soon graduate from UC Davis in Veterinary Medicine. Clear Lake is located on Highway 20, with easy access from I-5 or Highway 101. For more information about the general area, log on to www.lakecounty.com/lakes.html and then book your reservation at Blue Fish Cove www.bluefishcove.com. Remember to tell your mom to bring plenty of extra towels because you plan to be WET a good portion of the time!

It's a wonderful spot for relaxing and retrieving!

Rating for Blue Fish Cove:
3-1/2 paws. 

GRIN AGAIN WITH FINNEGAN

Dear Readers:

It is a know fact that in addition to being kind and polite, we Golden Retrievers do have the best sense of humor! So, please in good retriever form . . .start the ball rolling and submit to me (finnagan2@msn.com) some good material.

Here are a couple of my favorites:

A woman and her perfectly mannered Golden Retriever sat watching the movie.

Finally, a man behind them leaned over and whispered, "Pardon me, but I can't help but be astonished at the way your Golden seems to enjoy this picture."

"I'm surprised myself," the woman said. "He absolutely hated the book!"





BULLETIN BOARD



WANTED VOLUNTEER LETTER WRITER

Expressing appreciation to all our wonderful donors is a most important function at NGRR. The position of letter writer, however, is currently vacant and we are urgently seeking a volunteer. Please contact Marilyn Ormond at miscnow@earthlink.net if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS CURRENTLY OPEN:

AREA COORDINATORS FOR
FRESNO & NEVADA COUNTIES

Responsibilities Include:

- Evaluating potential owner homes
- Evaluating dogs
- Finding foster families
- Interfacing with the health committee to determine health needs and provide the best possible care for each Golden
- Setting up transportation
- Providing write-ups for the web site and dog list
- Completing adoptions

The Area Coordinator does not have to perform each of these duties, but is responsible for a network of volunteers who can perform all of the above listed functions.

Join the team of caring individuals who are key influencing factors in the future lives of our Rescue Golden.

Contact: Marilyn Ormond at miscnow@earthlink.net

DOG-DAY AFTERNOONS!

Please mark your calendars for the following fabulous weekend camping NGRR reunion where you can be close to nature, your Golden(s) and a Tahoe forest (and lake) brimming with your Golden's kissin' cousins. The entire facility (100 persons maximum) has been reserved for NGRR.

Dates: September 13-15, 2002 (Friday-Sunday)

Place: Kidd Lake,
Soda Springs

The facility has some RV spaces, but it is primarily a tent campground. If you are interested or need further information, please contact: Shirlee Thomas (916) 630-7068 or by (E-mail at goldensrule@doglover.com)



2001 Adoptions: 269
Males — 164
Female — 105
Seniors —47

A Yelp for Help!

10th Annual Auction & Wine Tasting
It's a *golden opportunity* to provide some behind the scenes help!

- **Easels** - are you crafty? Woodworker? Or just brave enough to repair, replace or build easels that display our auction items.
- **Invitations** - help prepare invites for mailing.
- **Glassware** - the order is in for the glassware, do you have spare time to prepare (wash & dry).
- If you would like to help in any other way

Please contact Liz Berry (707) 963-8189.

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 5 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 5 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 onetime 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 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 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 8 years and older—our well-deserving Golden Oldies.

Zack's Fund

Inspired by "Zack," a severely dysplastic Golden taken in and treated by NGRR, this fund was established to provide extensive veterinarian care, surgery, and rehabilitation to young and deserving Golden Retrievers who are critically ill, deformed, and 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, or contact NGRR's Director of Development, Pat Lynch, at (510) 471-9777 or patswally@aol.com More information about donating to NGRR can be found on our Web site at www.golden-rescue.org.

Donation (& Change of Address)

I would like to make a donation to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue to help provide shelter, food, and veterinary care for homeless Golden Retrievers. I would like my contribution allocated as follows:

General \$ _____
Senior Golden Retrievers \$ _____
Zack's Fund \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

The above information is new. Please update NGRR's mailing list.

If donating by credit card, please check: Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Print Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Holder's Signature: _____

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Thank You!

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