

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

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Another Successful Auction!

Last fall we enjoyed two successful fundraising events. First, our Annual Art & Wine Auction was held at Hiller Aviation Museum on Saturday October 7th. We had a terrific turnout of approximately 300 people. There were over 250 items in the auction, so nearly everyone left with something.

This event has been a tradition for NGRR for the past 15 years. It takes many dedicated volunteers to solicit merchandise and organize this large undertaking. I would like to personally thank Bob & Marilyn Ormond, Howard & Judy Guild, Dave & Liz Berry, and Denise Falechini for their help in collecting, soliciting, and organizing merchandise for the auction.

These dedicated volunteers have supported this event for years. It would difficult, if not impossible, to hold the event without their continuing support and I am grateful to them for everything they have done, not only this year but in many years past.

I would also like to thank Rick & Martha Kessler for their expertise in catering the event. They truly took this part of our event to another level, and we are fortunate to have their support once again in 2007. Wonderful food, chocolate fountains, and free flowing wine! What's not to like?

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SAVE THE DATE! 2007 Art & Wine Auction November 3 • Lafayette, CA

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Fund Lloyd and Pattie DeMartini

t the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund Letter. The purpose of the letter is to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter having raised over \$50,000. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter (please note that this list is current as of January 31, 2007). Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Liz and Dave Berry Andy and Terry Goodman **Beverly Groeniger** Holly and Mike O'Brien Ravi and Mona Sinha

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Rescue Fund

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A special thank you to Hailey Castagnozzi, age 11, and Samantha Kopp, age 12, for their donations and fund-raising efforts!!



Thank you to Eve Nyren for submitting this article.

Rusty, a handsome, loving, and special needs golden boy, came into our lives in October 2002. Unlike most epileptic dogs, whose seizures are easily controlled with inexpensive medication, Rusty still has grand mal seizures, so he definitely qualified as a special needs pet.

Rusty was found seizing uncontrollably in the night receptacle of the Yolo Animal Shelter. The medical report detailed his indomitable spirit, noting that the next morning he was up wagging his tail. Assessing him as not adoptable through their shelter, the Yolo staff contacted Norcal. Rusty went through several foster homes and received a thorough medical assessment at UC Davis. When his seizures had been controlled as far as could be ascertained for two months, my husband, Koichi, and I got the call and went to see him in Georgetown. Five years old at the time, he was waggy and friendly from the start and when he saw Koichi's jeep, he knew we were for him. He jumped right in, we took him home, and our lives changed forever. He has always been loving and very good.



The Agresti Award

During our recent Board of Directors meeting held on March 11th, Tim Portwood and Rolf Thorson were recognized with the organization's "Agresti Award" for their years of service on our Board of Directors.

The award is given in honor of Jack & Colette Agresti who led the effort of many dedicated volunteers to bring the organization out of financial difficulty in the 1990s and put us on solid financial footing.

Rolf has served multiple terms on our Board and has provided guidance from the time the organization was nearly bankrupt. He has been instrumental in working with the Agresti's to build the professional capabilities of our Board of Directors, which has led to financial sustainability. Rolf has served as Secretary of the Board, a member of the Investment Committee, and is truly passionate for the cause.

Tim Portwood is a Fundraising Professional for Stanford University, an adopter of some of our Rescues, and has been a member of our Board of Directors for the past three years. Tim founded the "Rescue Fund" which has become an important Fund-Raising Event for NORCAL, raising over \$50,000 per year. Much of this newsletter is dedicated to the "Rescue Fund" and all of those that supported us late last year.

I would like to give these two dedicated volunteers a special thank you for all of their efforts and contributions. \clubsuit

WANTED: Photos for the 2008 Calendar!!

Have a fabulous photo of your Golden? Submit it by June 1, 2007 and your Golden may be on the 2008 calendar. Digital pictures should be sent to patswally@aol.com and cathy@etypeworks.com. Hard copy photos or film can be mailed to Pat Lynch, 4739 Louise Lane, Union City, CA 94587. Please be sure to include a few sentences about the dog's life prior to adoption and now after adoption, their name, and age. Action shots are encouraged! Remember, the deadline for submissions is June 1.

Auction (continued from front page)

Several other volunteers critical to our auction success were Justine Eller and Jayne McCann. Justine organized over forty volunteers to set up the auction on Friday night and operate the various stations during the event. Jayne is the President of Marketing Designs in Belmont, serves on our Board of Directors, and did a fabulous job in creating a wonderful invitation and coordinating the raffle ticket and newsletter distribution.

Jayne also arranged to have Henry

Tennenbaum emcee the event. Henry is a TV personality for KRON 4 and is best known for his show, "Henry's Garden." Henry has a Golden Retriever that often appears on his show, and was just fabulous in adding his unique energy, humor, and enthusiasm during the event itself.

Our second fundraiser was our year-end "Rescue Fund" letter which was started several years ago by Tim Portwood, who just completed a three-year term on our Board of Directors. This effort has taken off quite nicely, thanks to all of our supporters who receive the newsletter and find it in their hearts to make a year-end contribution to our Rescue Fund.

The organization helps roughly 400 Golden Retrievers find new homes each year, and provides the necessary health care to get them on their feet. Everyone is a volunteer, with no paid personnel, so the vast majority of money we raise goes to the medical needs of the dogs and other rescuerelated expenses.

Charitable Giving

Article by Jeff Wilson, President

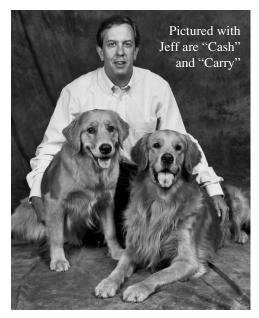
When developing your estate plan, you can do well by doing good. Leaving money to charity rewards you in many ways. It gives you a sense of personal satisfaction, and it can save you money in estate taxes. Whether you are subject to federal estate taxes depends on the size of your estate and the year you die. Recent changes only increase the need for careful planning, and charitable giving can play an important role in many estate plans. By leaving money to charity when you die, the full amount of your charitable gift may be deducted from the value of your taxable estate.

The easiest and most direct way to make a charitable gift is by an outright bequest of cash in your will. Making an outright bequest requires only a short paragraph in your will that names the charitable beneficiary and states the amount of your gift. The outright bequest is especially appropriate when the amount of your gift is relatively small, or when you want the funds to go to the charity without strings attached.

If you have funds in an IRA or employersponsored retirement plan, you can name your favorite charity as a beneficiary. Naming a charity as beneficiary can provide double tax savings. First, the charitable gift will be deductible for estate tax purposes. Second, the charity will not have to pay any income tax on the funds it receives. This double benefit can save combined taxes that otherwise could eat up a substantial portion of your retirement account.

Another way for you to make charitable gifts is to create a charitable trust. There are many types of charitable trusts, the most common of which include the charitable lead trust and the charitable remainder trust. A charitable lead trust pays income to your chosen charity for a certain period of years after your death. Once that period is up, the trust principal passes to your family members or other heirs. The trust is known as a charitable lead trust because the charity gets the first, or lead, interest.

A charitable remainder trust is the mirror image of the charitable lead trust. There are two types of beneficiaries in a charitable remainder trust. First, income beneficiaries receive a set percentage of income for the lifetime of the trust and are usually the trustees themselves. The second set of beneficiaries are the charities named. They receive remaining principal of the



trust after the income beneficiaries have deceased. The trust is known as a charitable remainder trust because the charity gets the remainder interest. Depending on which type of trust you use, the dollar value of the lead (income) interest or the remainder interest produces the estate tax charitable deduction.

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Miss Maggie May

Thank you to Myke Judd for submitting this article.

Miss Maggie May was just four months old when she came to us as a foster puppy. She was extremely underweight, had major food issues, and was terrified of everything. The family that had surrendered her had only fed her a cup-and-a-half of food per day and kept her outside all the time, caged in a dog run. Poor Maggie was starving for food and attention.

When I took her to the vet, I discovered that Maggie was a fear biter. When she was put in a situation where she felt unsafe and cornered, she

became a snarling animal. As a foster mom, I couldn't in good conscience place her in a home with children, where she might resort to the snarling beast that I had witnessed at the vet's. I decided that I would keep her for awhile and work with her until she became more self-confident.

My family and I took Maggie and our other animals (including horses and our other Golden, Bailey) to our cabin in Truckee. Maggie had a great time diving for rocks, swimming in the lake, playing with Bailey and the kids, running along with the horses,



and learning to trust. She became the wonderful dog that I knew was locked inside of her. She and I became very close and when I climbed the eight-foot ladder to the loft in the cabin, Maggie was right there. She had climbed the ladder all by herself to be with me.

That was five years ago and we adopted Miss Maggie almost immediately when we returned from the mountains. She is a wonderful dog with an incredible personality and she brings light and laughter to us on a daily basis. She no longer has food issues and she keeps our yard free of squirrels and other pests. She still doesn't care for the vet, but as long as "Mom" is there, she does not resort to her

biting instinct. Maggie is living proof that giving a Golden love and affection will bring out the wonderful dog we all know and love.

We now live on a ranch in Santa Rosa and Maggie has become quite the ranch dog. She still guards the backyard from all the critters, but it has expanded to include quail, wild turkeys, deer, and even an occasional skunk. We still foster for Norcal and Maggie and Bailey think it's great fun to have another Golden come to visit. Maggie loves everyone now and everyone loves Miss Maggie May!

IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of "Our Grandma," Linda Gomoll "Thanks to Linda who helped my broken heart heal by bringing 'Roxie' and 'Bella,' two wonderful Golden girls, into my life. Not only did I get fluffy butts again but I ended up with a wonderful friend for life!" Donation by Granddaughters, "Roxie" & "Bella" and Barbara Tornberg

With HEARTFELT thanks to Hailey Castagnozzi for her donation to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. Hailey is only 11 years old. What a sweet and generous girl!

In Great Thanks to the following for donating to "Max's" care and medical bills: Sandra & Howard Hoffen Melissa & Michael Fagan Ilene Philipson Francis & Norma Friel Audrey & Ron Jones Curtis & Melissa Leviant Valarie Pagnini

In Thanks to Carla Holmes "She made a very difficult situation easier to

"She made a very difficult situation easier to bear with her understanding and kindness." Donation by Natalie Gear & Troy White

In Honor of Howard & Judy Guild to celebrate Dowd and Guild's 20th Anniversary Donation on behalf of the Employees of Dowd and Guild Inc.

In Honor of my wonderful Rescue, "Carly Simon" "She has been my companion for the last year." Donation by Ginny Brandow

In Honor of *"Jake"* Loved by Ed & Joan Ferrera

Happy Birthday to Lorraine Bonwell Lovingly given by Connie Shanabarger

In Honor of *"Rufus"* Donation by Allen & Elizabeth Long

In Thanks to Phil Fisher and Stephanie Getzler for helping with the wonderful memorial page for our "Fred" on the Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue website. Donation by Penny & Tom Silvester

In Honor of my beautiful rescue, "Carly Simon" "I adopted her almost a year ago on September 6th. I'm a winner just by having her in my life." Loved by Ginny Brandow

In Honor of Laurel Stanley and Mr. & Mrs. Bennett

"Words cannot express our most sincere appreciation for all you have done to save our dog, Max. We are deeply touched by you and your organization!" Donation by Max and the Wanket Family

Donation by Max and the Wanket Failing

In Appreciation to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue for the information and advice you shared regarding successful rescue operations. Donation by Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California

In Honor of "Bonnie"

"Bonnie was rescued from you 3 years ago. She's still doing great – not perfect, but very loveable. My husband, who has mobility problems, finds a great comfort in this loving girl." Donation by Margie & Ray Einberger, Sr.

BIG THANKS to Nancy Corbin – Hostess with the Mostest

"Thanks for all your support of team Roxie/ Janet during the Master National. We both appreciated it so very much!! You own a piece of that wonderful Orange Ribbon." Donation by Janet Wood and Roxie-Doodles

In Honor of Janice Lee "You are an outstanding Regional Leader to Region 67. Thank you for being a true friend and mentor to all the BOAs in the Region. You are GREAT! We love you!" Donation by Nancy Moore

In Honor of Richard Boytzis Donation by Madonna Dickus

In Thanks to Barbara Blanke and Elaine Boehme

"I recently found a lovely Golden and although he had to go to the local animal shelter, as soon as I sent the e-mail to the Northern California Reps, I received a prompt response and put into motion this dog's eventual "rescue." I know now that he will find his "forever" home. Thanks to Barbara and Elaine for their persistance. I wish I could donate more funds since this poor guy developed kennel cough, but I'm dealing with bone cancer with my Golden Retriever." Donation by Kathleen Atwood

In Appreciation and Thanks to Wendy Krehbiel

"Although we didn't adopt directly thru NORCAL, special thanks to Wendy Krehbiel for letting me (Kelly) know about the two Goldens at the Oakland shelter. Great news, "Timber" & "Murphy" are joining our family (I'll be Timber's mom, and my mom, Marilyn, will be Murphy's). These 2 boys will always be together. Thank you for all your help and dedication to Goldens." Donation by Kelly & Marilyn Eicher

In Honor of the Marriage of Nina & Leonard Ball

Donation by Rita & Patrick Maloney

In Honor of "Francie"

"We love our wonderful Francie so much. Thank you, thank you for saving these precious dogs." Lovingly donated by Candace & Greg Osborn

In Honor of "Taylor"

"My 12-year-old Taylor is the light of my life. I lived in Alamo when I got him; now he enjoys the beach at Incline Village in Nevada. He was 10 when I got him. Thank you!" Lovingly donated by Judith Johnson

"I LOVE my 'Carly Simon!' She's the best." Donation by Ginny Brandow

In Memory of our Friend, Adrienne Rose Donation by Chris Martinez & Yvonne Mader

In Honor of our Colleague's Father, Merwin Coe Donation by the Associated Anesthesiologists Medical Group

In Honor of "*Rocky*" "*Rocky is doing wonderfully. He loves being a Wine Country retriever*!" Loved by Patricia Bright

In Thanks to S. Tereshka for your monthly donations.

In Honor of Karen Lindstrom Donation by Colleen Catalano and "Gus"

In Thanks to Nancy Corbin "Many thanks for the Casa Corbin and all the hospitality during the 2006 Master Nationals." Donation by Cindy Tulpa and "Murphy"

IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of "Flossie" and In Memory of "Ruby"

"We saw Flossie and it was love at first sight! At first, Ruby had to teach Flossie manners. Ruby was adopted through Norcal when she was 5 years old and passed away in March – almost 16 years old. We are hooked on these beautiful dogs. Flossie is our sixth Golden Retriever. She travels in our motor home, swims in every lake we can find, and generally gives us lots of love. One could say she is spoiled but we feel we are spoiled to have her!"

Lovingly cared by Pat & Dick Garland

In Honor of Kathy Moore "Merry Christmas!" Donation by Frances Moore

In Thanks to the Robert K. & Patricia A. Dahl Foundation for their continued support!

In Honor of Jody & Lee Rusconi "Wishes for a Merry Christmas!" Donation by James & Jane Keltner

In Honor of *"Mickey"* and In Thanks to Susan Doll

"Merry Christmas, Mom!" On behalf of Anne Belisle Donation lovingly given by Di & Gordon Head

"Merry Christmas, Janine & Don!" On behalf of Janine & Don Mateson & Boys Donation by Diane & Gordon Head

In Honor of *"Lucy"* "My NGRR adopted sweetheart!" Donation by Susan Denault

In Honor of "Dasie" "It's hard to believe that we've had Dasie for a year and a half! We keep our pool open 12 months a year..for our 'girl.'" Note: Mr. Breuer lost his Golden girl, "Sadie" after 13+ years. It was a difficult time for him afterwards so he has written a prescription for those with "Canine Detachment Syndrome" Rx: Contact Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. Place one G.R. (Golden Retriever) flat on the floor...preferably at arms length. Allow your fingers to stroke that unique Golden fur. Repeat as necessary until calmness surrounds

you or until G.R. moves.

In honor of *"Buddy"* and *"Sunny"* Lovingly donated by Mike & Bev Groeniger

On Behalf of our Friend, Diane Head Donation by Silvia Head & Paul Kehoe In Honor of "Duke" "WE LOVE DUKE! Our rescued boy!" Donation by Steve Jones

In Honor of my Aunt Sharon McConnell "Have a Merry Christmas!" "Once again, her wish is to see Goldens taken care of at Christmas and always." Donation by Kimberly Daly

"Merry Christmas to Don & Joni Rapp!" Donation by Nancy & Joe Corbin

In Honor of *"Rufus"* Loved by Allen & Elizabeth Long

In Honor of my dear "*Chylee*," your memory still lives on in my heart. Loved by Jenny Kenton

In Honor of Connor Caldwell's Birthday Donation by Wendy Okamura

In Thanks to Samantha Kopp Samantha, age 12, "wanted to do something good for the Golden Retrievers around Christmas time." She started collecting donations to help needy Goldens and wants to volunteer to help NGRRescue in any way that she can. Samantha's spirit is like that of a Golden Retriever...sweet, giving, caring and faithful.

In Honor of *"Sadie"* and in Thanks to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Donation by Bette & Christopher Lucey

In Honor of Pam & Les Bradford Donation by Gerry Astorino

Golden Wishes to Norreen Bulotti for your Birthday! Donation by Norma Costello

In Honor of Jean Connors Donation by Terry Sechrist

"Merry Christmas, George and Lucy! You are both such wonderful ambassadors for NGRRescue!" Donation by Deb & Lotus Sloan

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald Donation by Virginia Atwood

Happy Birthday to Beatrice Aguirre! Best Wishes from Gordon Barbosa

Wishes for a Happy, Happy Birthday to Connor Caldwell With love from his Mom, Norma Costello

In Honor of Zack/Cody Lovingly donated by Ann Yoshimura In Honor of my Friend, Debbie Sloan "Debbie is also a great friend to all animals. Merry Christmas, Deb!" Donation by Jennifer Klatt

In Thanks to All who have made NGRRescue part of their Employer Charitable Contributions Program! It truly is appreciated.

Merry Christmas to the Donaldsons & the Dwiggins Family Donation by Sharyn Sala, Bruce Dwiggins, *"Simon" & "Hannah"*

In Honor of Danny & Geri Lonergan Donation by Greg Lindahl

In Honor of Carole Gray-Weihman Donation by Elaine J. Weihman

In Thanks to the Joseph's Journey Fund for their donation in memory and in honor of Joseph Perlmutter's vibrant, full life.

Merry Christmas to Doug Jaccard, In Memory of "*Reebok*" and In Honor of "*Jackson*" "*This is made in your honor because of your love of Golden Retrievers.*" Donation by Mike & Julie Darling

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of *"Issabeau"* and *"Gideon"* Lovingly cherished by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of Nacina's "*Candy*" "*Candy was well loved*." Treasured by Nacina Dawn Donation by Charles Betlach II

In Memory of "Jenny" (Golden Retriever) In Memory of "Whiner" (THE cat) "Our most sincere condolences on your loss of Jenny and Whiner. We feel the loss that you feel and hope that you will find strength and happiness with new animals in the near future. If we can be of any assistance, please call us."

Lovingly missed by Carole & Larry Dorshkind Donation by Dina & Eddie Alexander of Togs for Dogs

In Memory of "Gwen" "QUEEN Gwen ruled her subject with a loving paw and Golden kindness." Loved and missed by Psyche Clark and Summer & Phoebe Donation by Linda Giorgi & Colleen Randall

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of "Peaches" "For us and many others, there was something more about Peaches that made her extraordinary. She always seemed to know exactly when to act goofy, when to act serious, and when to take a nap. We hope a bit of her wisdom has rubbed off." Achingly missed and loved by Scott & Sally Evans

In Memory of Earl Ball

"Earl was one of the nicest people I've had the privilege of knowing. Ribbon and I will miss him very much. I'll always remember the eagerness, joy, and excitement Ribbon displayed as she ran top-speed from my car to the Ball's front door, knowing she was having happy times ahead with her kind friends."

Donation lovingly given by Janet Hellums & "Ribbon"

In Memory of "*Candy*" Donation by Dianne & David Thomas Treasured by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Brodie" "Thank you for letting Brodie be part of our lives. We miss him terribly and he will always have a special place in our hearts." Donation by Catherine, Collin & Bud Lau Cherished and loved by Brodie's Family

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Val & Paul Erickson

In Memory of "Seamus" "Seamus was and always will be an irreplaceable companion. We are deeply saddened to hear of Seamus' passing. Our thoughts are with you." Donation by Judith & Michael Taback

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Brenda Flatland

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Gary Dales

In Memory of "Candy," CGC, Delta Pet Partner, Freestyle Dancer "Beautiful Candy danced and loved her way into everyone's heart. Candy is now dancing with the stars." Loved by Nacina Dawn Donation by Linda Giorgi & Colleen Randall

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Robin Quist Gates

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Peg & John Thompson In Memory of "Daphne" "Daphne was a special needs girl adored by her friend and owner Joe." Missed and loved by Joe Waldsvogle Donation by Linda Giorgi & Colleen Randall

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Tom & Marily Johnson

In Memory of *"Issabeau"* and *"Gideon"* Donation by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of our friend, Peter Black Donation by Mimi & George Paris

In Memory of "Spinner" Honeywood Tumblehome Whirlwind Loved and terribly missed by Suzanne Burr & Chris Ostrowski Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In Memory of "Layla" "Fourteen and a half years old!" "I am so sorry for the loss of your best friend, Layla. She was an amazing Golden, and she blessed the lives of all who had the honor of knowing her." Loved and cherished by Robert Kahane Donation by Cassandra Lehman

In Memory of "*Chelsea*" Loved by the Gebhard Family Donation by Linda Moreno

In Loving Memory of "Seamus" Casadeloro's John Jameison, CD "Seamus was owned and loved by Jennifer and Ken and will be missed by all who knew him." Treasured by Jennifer & Ken Workman Donation by Helene & Jim Workman

In Memory of Adrienne Rose "She loved all animals but was most passionate about her cherished Goldens, Sampson and Rosie. I'm sure that she is happily reunited with her other Goldens, Sherman and Sadie somewhere beyond the Rainbow Bridge. I also send my heartfelt thanks to David and Jose, who opened their hearts and home to both Sampson and Rosie." Donation by Tia Koret Pierce

In Memory of "Dancer" Missed and loved by Lisa Newman Donation by Kim Stover

In Memory of Peter Black Donation by Mrs. John F. Day

In Memory of Dino Restelli "Loving and proud owner of Floyd, Lefty O'Doul, and Goodtime Charlie...in their eyes he will always bat 1000." Donation by Carol & Allan Porter In Memory of *"Bailey"* Loved and missed by Judy Johnson Donation by Lynn & Bob Backlund

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"Kodiak was an energetic and fun loving dog. Here in Paamul we're remembering Kodiak and how he loved the water, shredding coconuts, and chasing Frisbees. He was such a special dog!" Cherished by Teresa & Rich Matta Donation by Noreen & James Bushouse In Memory of "Winston" "We know Winston was your beautiful, loving companion. We will all miss him." Loved and missed by Tom & Susan Morisson Donation by Kevin & Beverly Cobb

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"Rusty adopted us from NORCAL Rescue in 1999 and was five years old at the time. He came into NORCAL because he was abused and left alone for weeks at a time. Rusty became part of our family and we will never forget him. He was the smiling, bouncing, tap-dancing tigger! Rusty loved camping and rides in the car. He especially loved Wyoming and staying on a ranch for a week. In fact, being at the ranch made him feel young, again. He loved to run through the fields and play with some new friends. Rusty was a very loyal and loving member of our family and will be missed but not forgotten." Loved by the Kalb Family

In Memory of *"Cricket"* Metcalf (Written in Cricket's voice)

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"He was a great friend to Bob & Kim." Missed and loved by Bob & Kim Salera Donation by Mary Togliatti

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"Penny is missed and will always be loved." Cherished by Nancy Dickenson Donation by Gillian Ellington

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He knows to sit if he wants a treat, likes to carry slippers around, and now snuggles with us on the sofa or bed, but he usually looks soulfully at the furniture in question, asking permission first. As well as being beautiful, his fur is unusually soft and suitable for hugging. At dog parks, he was afraid of big dogs but approached little ones, tail wagging. We stopped taking him since he was shy of the larger dogs. When a kitten eventually wandered into our lives, Rusty would sniff the cat cautiously and close his eyes as the cat batted ineffectually at his nose. Anyone he sees at our door or across the street is his new best friend and he looks upon all as a source of treats.

His seizures turned out to continue roughly once a month, sometimes for a week or more at a time, and we embarked on a steep

Toby was insecure and suffered from separation anxiety. He had been left in a back yard for years and perhaps he was afraid that would happen again. learning curve about managing and living with seizures. It is still shocking and sad when it happens, but most of the time he is our happy boy.

Because other dogs will sometimes attack a seizing dog, we did not foster much, but said we could accept the occasional staid elder

dog. We got a call that an owner close to us wanted to surrender her Golden, Toby and we were asked to take him in. Toby was a beautiful, blond seven-year-old boy with a white face with a history of allergy problems. His owner's life circumstances had changed and she could no longer care for him. She left in tears and donated \$100 to Norcal. After she left, Toby lay immovable in the middle of our living room, looking deeply worried. As days passed, we became enchanted by his noble, delicate personality and we noticed he never reacted badly when Rusty seized. A few months later, in November of 2003, we adopted Toby.

Toby was the energetic alpha dog in the house, monopolizing toys and food whenever he could. But he was also insecure and suffered from some separation anxiety. He had been left in a back yard for years and perhaps he was afraid that would happen again. He especially loved Koichi. A frequent Sunday afternoon scene *(continued on page 16)*



Sandy's Come Home

Thank you to Joanne Yates for submitting this article.

Elroy is still a jack rabbit of a Golden Retriever. Lithe, muscular, and energetic, he seems to run with the wind. What a difference from our two previous Goldens, especially Polly, but neither of them had any less nose for adventure then this wild boy.

Evidently Elroy had the run of a small ranch in the Central Valley. His buddy was a Catahoula hound and I suspect they did

a lot of hunting and running and, like two teenagers, had years of blissful freedom to romp and roam.

Then everything changed. A move to a northern suburban development left the duo frustrated until they discovered they could escape their fenced-in lot. And escape they did: This may sound silly to a lot of humans, but I invited Sandy to sit with me for a heartto-heart talk ... I had the strong sense that he wanted to be trusted.

some dozen times they left their backyard for a bigger world beyond posts and wire. Their family decided the two couldn't adjust to city life and so the truants went off to the pound. Elroy, four years old at the time, was rescued by Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue.

His Norcal fosters determined that Elroy was a flight risk, independent, and stubborn. The first adoption didn't work despite

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Thanks to Pat Long for submitting this article.

hards of molding, chips of paint, and tufts of fabric littered the entry hall.

Long, deep gouges scored the front door. The throw rug was partly unraveled and the backing was shredded. It might have been the scene of a burglary, but the source of the destruction was easy to identify: he panted heavily in my face. Winston, my normally mellow golden retriever, his chest fur tangled with flecks of paint and wood, leaned against me in his usual greeting. My other dog, Cody, a Golden/Malamute mix, nervously shifted his weight from leg to leg and offered me his paw. My impulse was to yell and stamp my feet, but I knew it was useless. Dogs don't understand reprimands unless caught in the act.

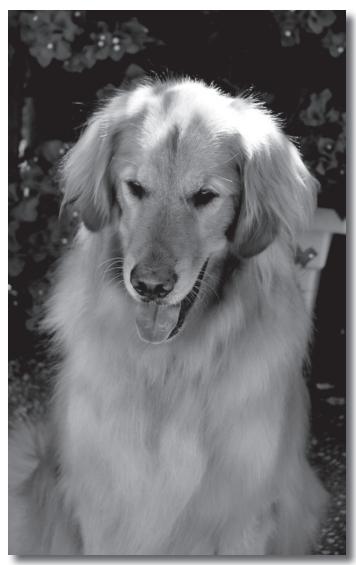
Winston had joined our family ten months earlier, when my husband, Don, and I adopted him as a companion for Cody. Winston adapted very quickly to our routines and seemed calm about my daily comings and goings. Both he and Cody were usually napping when I got home from an outing and they would barely lift their

heads in greeting when I walked in. I was happy with their response, knowing their indifference meant they were comfortable being left alone.

It was long past the period of adjustment when a newly adopted dog might be expected to display some undesirable, anxiety-induced behavior. What had caused Winston to go ballistic in my absence so long after joining our family?

Winston was two-and-a-half years old

when we adopted him through Golden Retriever Rescue. His foster-mother, Diane, described him as a friendly, happy, easygoing Golden who got along well with other dogs and didn't have a dominant personality.



It might have been the scene of a burglary, but the source of the destruction was easy to identify: he panted heavily in my face. He sounded like a good match for our five-year-old Cody, who was definitely an alpha dog.

Cody and Winston hit it off magnificently. It seemed we had found the

perfect companion. We filled out the necessary paperwork for the adoption and Diane gave us a bag filled with Winston's possessions. Among them was an unopened bottle of Clomicalm, a drug for treating separation anxiety in dogs. Winston had shown no symptoms during his two-week stay at Diane's house even though she was away at work most of the day, so we thought we'd never need it.

Though he walked well on a leash, Winston had never had any formal training, and he needed to learn to respond reliably to basic commands. Doggie kindergarten proved to be a bonding experience for Winston and me. It was the only time we spent one-on-one without Cody, and I discovered that in spite of his goofy demeanor Winston was a very smart dog. His friendly, affectionate nature made him an instant hit with my piano students.

But there we were, caught totally off guard by this bombshell. I called Donna, my dog-trainer

friend, for advice. Her diagnosis: severe separation anxiety. Donna recommended crate-training and behavior modification to desensitize Winston to our departures and returns. I was to ignore both dogs at least ten to fifteen minutes before I intended to leave, and then go through my normal routine - put on my coat, get my purse, and jangle my keys. This would alert Winston to my imminent departure and cause his anxiety *(continued on page 17)*



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his good qualities. He was engaging, loved people, was good with children, and was a gentle, if unruly, being. He was also becoming increasingly needy, constantly pawing caregivers for attention, jumping up for reassurance, and looking for any chance to flee.

Elroy's need for attention and his gentleness outweighed his more independent traits, something Norcal agent Linda Gomoll counted on when she called us. And she was absolutely right. After looking at a face that reminded us so much of our previous Goldens, my husband and I decided to pay his bail and take the delinquent home.

Elroy became Sandy – named after Orphan Annie's "Sandy" – and that was to be his first transition, and the easiest for all of us. His pure joy in running freely made us look for little-traveled county lanes where he could run with me without a leash. But his penchant for exploring every yard, sniffing every doorway, and refusing to come when called was a real problem. He also barked unpredictably at occasional walkers and joggers and his exuberance was often taken for aggression.

It seemed unlikely that such an unfocused, almost panicky dog could ever become a therapy canine like my dear, irreplaceable Polly, let alone be trusted off leash. "Pauline" came from Mendocino, abandoned because she "needed too much love," according to her previous caregivers. (Consequently, she was instrumental in founding a canine-assisted therapy program because she was so loving.)

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Polly died in November, 2003 and Sandy came "home" in early December and had just turned five. Slowly I realized the adjustment was as difficult for him as it was for us-well, more exactly, for me.

It was evident by his response to our grandchildren that Sandy enjoyed children. He was unconditionally loved by my husband, but his resistance to me and my attempts to train him were painfully discouraging. One day I found myself crying in my office where Polly's pictures and memorabilia honored her years of love and kind service. Then it struck me: Sandy probably knew he wasn't measuring up and that he missed his old life and family as much as I missed Polly. Why should he trust and love me wholeheartedly?

This may sound silly to a lot of humans, but I invited Sandy to sit with me for a heart-to-heart talk. In my mind I imagined his confusion and hurt, then I pictured him being loved and protected in our home. I also had the strong sense that he wanted to be trusted, a disconcerting thought considering his past escape record.

What happened after that was a series of small acts: he began to sit for me when it was time for breakfast or dinner (not 100% then, but it's perfect now). I took him to acres of forest, removed his leash, and told him I

trusted him to come back. He did. While it wasn't always with the first call (or second or third), I still lavished him with praise for coming. Three years later, he bounds back after a whistle with ears flapping and tail wagging.

During the course of 2004, he became more responsive to others when they called to him or asked him to sit (especially for a treat). In the fall he passed the canine evaluation and earned his certification to do therapy work. Following in Polly's paw prints, Sandy has made visits to hospice patients, nudging them for attention and smiles. In the high school special education class, he's unbelievably attentive, patient, and relaxed with the more severely challenged students. But he is just as ready to run outside, be chased or lead the chase, and lure everyone out into the sunshine.

He turned nine last November, his face has become white, and he's just a little bit slower. (And yes, he's still stubborn and he will still bark to stir up a little excitement when a car or stranger comes by our house.) But Sandy is truly and thoroughly loved-just the way he is.

Please know how much both my husband and I thank Norcal and all their volunteers for their work and dedication in saving Sandy-and giving him (and me) another chance to find the dog love of my life, once more.

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was Rusty curled up in the house and Toby outside watching Koichi in the garden. When the paper came in the morning Toby would carry it around triumphantly, and he loved the happy morning dance where he would run between our legs in circles. He chased cats and squirrels outside but inside he limited himself to a baleful glare when our cat played with his tail. He would bark at other dogs that challenged him while out on walks and yelp when Rusty stepped on him. (A little goofy from his meds, Rusty doesn't stop for any barrier between himself and pats.) Though a retriever, Toby did not have a soft mouth and would snatch a treat with such alacrity we nicknamed him "Jaws." He would also pick up objects on walks, including a stuffed, one-dollar gorilla he appropriated from a yard sale. We worked with our vet on diet and medication to control his allergies and thought he was otherwise perfectly sturdy, but sadly he died in September.

Rusty will celebrate his fifth Thanksgiving with us soon, along with Bobby, now fourteen and a half, another Golden foster who decided to stay with us forever.

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level to rise, but then I would not leave. I did this numerous times daily, conditioning Winston to ignore those activities as signals for concern.

A huge wire crate became part of our kitchen décor and the center of many daily training sessions. After consultations with my veterinarian and an animal behaviorist, I tried giving Winston the Clomicalm that had come with him. Every day I worked with him, but after several months, Winston had made little progress and refused to enter his crate. I didn't dare leave Winston alone in the house, fearing the next victim of his anxiety could be our new furniture. Once again, I turned to Donna for advice and reassurance. She suggested leaving both dogs with full run of the fenced backyard, or in a dog run.

One day after I finished my gardening chores in the backyard, I took the watering can and headed out front, leaving the dogs in the back. After spending almost an hour out front, I returned to the backyard and noticed both dogs were snoozing in the shade. It occurred to me that they would have never known if I had gone off in the car. The next day, I headed for the front yard with the watering can in my hand. I got in the car and drove to the post office and back. On my return I picked up the watering can (my decoy) and slipped through the back gate. Everything was just as it was when I left, and both dogs calmly greeted me, tails wagging.

Almost four years have passed since that difficult time. My success seems to depend on giving very few cues that I am about to leave, and to go about my activities in a relaxed, unrushed manner. I have also learned that leaving the patio door open, giving the dogs full range of the house and yard, seems to give Winston the security he needs. We are now contemplating installing an infra-red controlled patio doggie door.

Sometimes I'm asked if we would have returned Winston to Golden Retriever Rescue if his problem had surfaced during the

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first weeks of adoption. I don't believe so. As with most clouds, there is a silver lining, which has come in the form of personal growth. Not only have I become versed in canine behavior, the day I stood among the devastating effects of Winston's separation anxiety I was jolted to a new level of patience and compassion. I've come to understand that our dogs, as much as we make them our children, have different responses and needs than their human counterparts. They learn to fit into our daily human lives, sometimes with a struggle like Winston, offering us unconditional love. In return they ask only for our care and companionship. Some of the best teachers come in fur coats.

A Gaggle of Goldens

A gaggle of Goldens Greets you at the gate Giggling Goldens meet you at the door A gathering of Goldens Plays on the floor.

My gaggle of Goldens Is greatly gregarious They grimace at you And think it's hilarious.

My gaggle of Goldens Is the best that can be I love my gaggle And they love me!

- Bea Goldblatt

Thank you to Bea Goldblatt for submitting her poem. Bea has had Golden Retrievers since 1954 and currently has 5 Goldens!



Thanks to Janet Hellums and "Ribbon" for submitting this article.

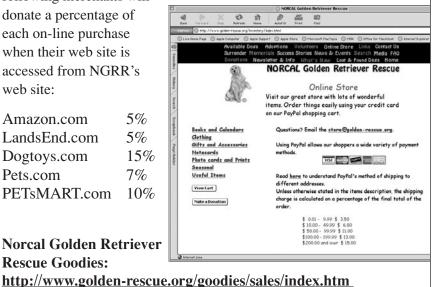
In Loving Memory of Earl Ball... What an appropriate last name for a wonderful gentleman who owned and adored Golden Retrievers throughout his life. To him, there was only one breed! Earl had a serious illness, which confined him to his home in Windsor with his caring wife, Lois. Earl yearned for a Golden Retriever to come and visit him. So, the call went out and passed through many channels, ending up with my dog, Ribbon, having the fortunate opportunity to bring Earl some Golden sunshine. Over the 5 years that we visited, Ribbon definitely helped lower Earl's blood pressure. There were times that Earl's hand would never leave Ribbon's side for up to two hours at a time. Earl was one of the nicest people I've had the privilege of knowing and as to Ribbon, I'll always remember the eagerness, joy, and excitement Ribbon displayed as she ran top-speed from my car to the Ball's front door, knowing she was having happy times ahead with her kind friends. The rewards of having a therapy Golden Retriever are just too numerous to count!

Turn your online 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%
LandsEnd.com	5%
Dogtoys.com	15%
Pets.com	7%
PETsMART.com	10%

Norcal Golden Retriever **Rescue Goodies:**

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



We Need Volunteers!

NGRR is an all-volunteer organization and we are always in search of new volunteers - area coordinators, fosters, and more. Contact Joan Fisher, Volunteer Coordinator, at 415.925.0951 if you are interested.

- Art & Wine Auction November 3. 2006; all kinds of volunteers are needed!
- **Foster program coordinator** help to develop the current program and find more fosters.
- **NEW OPENING** eScrip Coordinator – Manage and expand our participation in eScrip donations.
- AND ... stories for our newsletter. Especially from families who just adopted. Tell us all about your new family member.

□ Other

Volunteer Interest

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

- Hands-On Dog Work
 - □ Area Coordinator
 - Area Assistant
 - **G** Foster Care
 - □ Home Visits
 - Vet Appointments
 - □ Shelter Checks
 - □ Phone Calls
 - **G**rooming
 - □ Transportation
 - Senior Goldens Program

□ Fundraising

- Grant/Letter Writing
- Event Coordinator/Worker
- □ Auction & Wine Tasting
- Wag 'n' Walk
- **C**alendar
- □ Merchandise Sales

□ Catalog

Event Coordinator/Worker **Order** Fulfillment

- **D** Operations
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Transportation Coordinator
 - □ Weekly Dog List
 - Mailing List
 - □ Inventory Tracking

Public Outreach & Education

- Event Coordinator/Worker
- □ Newsletter (and other literature)
- □ Web Programming (experienced)
- Education Program Coordinator
- Fight Against Puppy Mills
- Professional Consulting
 - □ Veterinary Medicine
 - Animal Behavior
 - Dog Law
 - □ Non-Profit Corporate/Tax Law
 - Non-Profit Accounting
 - **D** Education
 - **□** Fundraising
 - Public/Media Relations
 - Publishing



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Donating to NGRR

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

Gifts by Check or Credit Card

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

Payroll Deduction

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

Matching Gift

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

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

Appreciated Securities

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

Gifts Through Your Estate

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

Life Income Gifts

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

Gifts of Real Estate

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

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

Senior Goldens

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

Zack's Fund

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

For More Information

For further information, please consult with your financial planner or tax advisor. More information about donating to NGRR can be found on our web site at <u>www.golden-rescue.org</u>.

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:

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WELCOME to our two newest board members who join the existing board of Jeff Wilson (President), Laurel Stanley (Vice President), Anne Walker Pfendt (Secretary), Jennifer Klatt (Treasurer), Jayne McCann, Howard Guild, Marilyn Ormond, and Phil Fisher.

Richard Angeloni

Richard Angeloni originally joined NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue's Board on an interim basis in 2006, to help the organization with public relations. He is currently Associate Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, for Brown & Toland Medical Group, a large, multi-specialty independent practice association based in San Francisco. Previously he served as vice president of communications with Bank of America in San Francisco and has worked for more than 14 years in health care publications/communications, first as public relations manager with Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont, Calif., and then as communications manager with The Doctors' Company in Napa. He earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America. Since joining NGRR in mid-2006, Richard has developed a media contact list to improve outreach to reporters and has worked on publicity for Wag 'n' Walk and the 2006 Auction and Wine Tasting. More recently he worked on improving the organization's communications as well as other items of importance to the Board. He and his wife, Laura, had a Golden for 13 years, Riley, and currently have two Goldens, Barley and Clover, and a cat, Bernie.

Perry Heffelfinger

Perry Heffelfinger grew up in San Francisco. She did her undergraduate work at Harvard and completed her veterinary training at Cornell University. After graduating in 1985, she worked in mixed practice for 2 years before moving back to San Francisco where she has worked full time at Arguello Pet Hospital for the past 19 years. She and her husband live in Sausalito and share their home with 2 Golden Retrievers (one recently adopted from NGRR and one adopted from Guide Dogs for the Blind) and one cat. She has always had a Golden in her household since she was a child and because she has a soft spot for the breed, she sees a large number of Golden Retrievers in her practice. She became interested in NGRR after meeting a number of great dogs adopted through the organization. She helped out with the Art and Wine Auction in 2006 and is looking forward to becoming more involved with the Veterinary Committee and other events in the future.

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