



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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Helping Goldens in Medical Need

Kai

Here I am at the vet's office, checking in for my surgery. When I came to Norcal, they knew I needed TPLO surgery. It's been a long journey, but my foster Mom was amazing. It was a busy foster with other foster dogs coming and going, and a couple of permanent Goldens, too. Never a dull moment. After surgery and rehab, I was adopted by a family, and I'm living a Golden life. 🐾



Copper – Second Chance

This spring, four-month-old Copper was surrendered to a vet hospital under heartbreaking circumstances. Copper was visibly unwell—his belly was distended, he was in clear abdominal pain, running a fever, and struggling to breathe.

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Faith

Faith came to Norcal with a complex medical history and was diagnosed with Megaesophagus and Laryngeal Paralysis at six years old. Our goal was to provide Faith with a loving quality of life home with people who cared for her, and could maintain her medical needs. Volunteer Carol Mason was tireless in accomplishing that goal. In the photo, Faith is in the special Bailey Chair that Carol was able to find to help her sit upright for feeding. Although her medical needs were constant, with better nutrition and love, Faith became a sassy Golden, hoarding toys, playing with the family dogs, and even being a bit naughty. We are pleased that Norcal could provide a good life for this sweet Golden through her hospice months. 🐾



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Get our beautiful 2026 Norcal calendar and help support our mission. The calendar features our wonderful rescued Golden Retrievers.

\$18 per calendar (including tax and shipping).

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Copper – Second Chance *continued from page 1*

Under Dr. Heermance's care, Copper underwent multiple tests to determine the cause of his rapid decline. His condition worsened, and he required blood transfusions to stabilize. After extensive diagnostics, Dr. Heermance identified the culprit was a congenital liver shunt, a rare and serious condition where the blood bypasses the liver, preventing it from properly filtering toxins. Without surgery, Copper's chances were slim.

Liver shunt surgery is highly specialized, and luckily, with Norcal's Compassion Care program, Copper was referred to UC Davis Veterinary Hospital. The stakes were high, but Copper was ready for the challenge. Thanks to the UC Davis surgeon and team, Copper recovered from surgery like a champ.

Today, Copper is back home and thriving. His energy levels have soared, his growth is right on track, and his zest for life is contagious. He's a whole new pup, finally able to enjoy his puppyhood the way every Golden Retriever should—stealing socks and rugs, wagging his tail, and stealing hearts wherever he goes. 🐾



Tucker

Makes Me Laugh

By Patricia

One-year Anniversary! Tucker is quite a clown. If he's ready to do something and I am not, he picks up his den bed and shakes it around or drags it out into the hall and plops down on it with a big sigh. I have to laugh and do what he wants! Thanks, Norcal, for successfully matchmaking this funny and loving guy with me. 🐾

Volunteer Corner



Jan

I've lost track of how many Golden Retrievers have come and gone from my home. I've also lost track of how many happy and sad tears I've shed. I started volunteering after getting my

first Golden puppy 35 years ago. I was so touched by the gentleness of the breed that I had to do something to help any Golden that was in need.

I've been a foster, an assistant Area Coordinator, Area Coordinator and now do a couple of desk jobs. I create the twice yearly newsletter and our yearly calendar. I've seen tears when people needed to surrender loved dogs; and picked up dogs that were left alone in the backyard. I've seen tears of joy as adopters got their forever dog, and the dog immediately snuggled into their new family. In fostering there were many trips to the vet and to training, and many nights sleeping on the floor to help them recover. When I would see a Golden finally wag his tail and look me in the eye...well...it's worth everything.

It Takes A Village. Maybe you feel like me and would consider something small to start. We always need Golden Retrievers and people at our events to help at the booth. Of course we always need homes that have room for one more Golden as a foster. Norcal covers all the dog's expenses...even food. —Jan D. 🐾

Room For One More

Welcome to Our Pack

By Amy C.

Last September, we lost our beloved Toby at almost 15 years old. He was such an incredible boy, and we miss him so much. We gave ourselves time, but earlier this year, we realized we missed that wonderful Golden energy, so we applied to NGRR. Buddy came to us in February. He joined our family that includes an 11-year-old beagle, Winston (from Norcal Beagle Rescue), and my mom's dog, Augie, who is a "Golden hybrid" as we like to call him. Augie and Buddy have the best time together—they literally play all day. Buddy's been so eager to learn and be a good boy, and he is. He's fitting in so well and is such a wonderful part of our family. We are excited about a long life together. Thank you, NGRR, for making this possible, and for all the work you do for this incredible breed and the people who love them! 🐾



Buddy



Caesar

Senior Meet Senior

Jessica and her senior dog Penn were looking for a senior Golden Retriever to adopt. They made a long journey to meet 8 ½-year-old Caesar at Ocean Beach. Jessica was immediately smitten, but Penn had a few questions about this. She quickly warmed up to the idea of adding Caesar to the family. We are so grateful to our foster, who made this adoption possible, and to Jessica and Penn for giving Caesar a forever home. 🐾



Sophie and Barney

Sophie

Sophie and Barney are another example of "Room for One More". Ken and Dustin adopted a full of energy puppy and then a few months later had room for Sophie, a sweet six-year-old. The adopters say, "They are awesome; loving each other and loving life". 🐾



Astro

Astro

By Stephanie E.

Astro has been a part of our family for just a couple of months now, and we are very grateful. He makes us laugh every single day. He has made our older Golden want to play again. We feel incredibly lucky to be able to spoil him for the rest of his life! 🐾

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August 31, 2025**

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Legacy Planning for Your Pet

Because Their Story Deserves a Gentle Next Chapter

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue aims to improve the lives of both dogs and their new families. However, we understand that unexpected situations can happen, such as your pet outliving you or circumstances requiring surrender. While Norcal focuses on re-homing the dogs we place, having a "Legacy Plan" for your

pet can help ensure a happy and continued life for your loyal companion.

A Norcal "Legacy Planning for Your Pet" brochure is being developed and will soon be available for all pet owners on our website, as well as featured in the spring newsletter. 🐾



Hit the Jackpot

From The Foster Family

Young boy Jet has found a forever home and was welcomed home by his school-aged sister.

Yes, Jet's new dad is a NY Jets fan. One of the rewarding parts of the rescue process is when you place a Golden in a family, and he knows he hit the jackpot. His new family is continuing his training. He did so well at Ace Hardware, the store donated a new swimming pool for him and his people-sister. Welcome home, Jet! 🐾



She Loves to Work

From Vicki and Jack.

We adopted Holley in October 2023 when she was just 8 months old. She captured our hearts from day one. Her tail is always wagging, and she loves meeting new (and familiar) people.

She came with puppy energy and few manners, so we started obedience training right away. Even at two, she was full of energy, and we realized she needed to 'work'. We added agility classes and continue with lots of training treats. We also found she loves pet therapy visits, and with her love of people, this is a great job for her. She has so much enthusiasm for life, and she makes us laugh at her silliness every day. We are so grateful to NGRR for entrusting us with Holley. 🐾



I Won the Lottery

Scout is now in his forever home after being found on the streets, where a good Samaritan welcomed him until Norcal got him to a foster home. Stan and his family were looking for a Golden Retriever who needed a family, loved truck rides, kids, and other dogs, and might even swim in a pool. Check, check, double-check! 🐾



Puppy Love

By Cindi T.

Sabrina and Stella arrived at our foster home in August 2024 at 4 months old. They were cute, adorable, and insecure. Stella quickly rehomed to a forever home with an older Golden to show her the ropes. Sabrina stayed with us, and it was a year filled with love and adventures. She loves to dismantle the drip system. Everything goes in her mouth! She has brought so much joy into our lives as our fourth Golden. Thank you, Norcal. 🐾

Theo's Food Corner

Greetings! I'm Theo, Norcal's new food critic. Since I love to eat almost as much as I love my family, as all Golden's do, today I am introducing:

Simple Low-Calorie, Healthy Dog Treat Suggestions

The lowest-calorie dog treats are fresh vegetables, such as green beans, carrots, and pieces of banana and cucumbers, as well as some fruits like apples, watermelon (my personal favorite), and blueberries. These offer minimal calories and good nutritional value. Ask your human to make healthy treats with ingredients such as pumpkin, sweet potato, or unsweetened yogurt. Get into the habit of going to the fridge for fresh treats, and remember to exercise! Bon Appetit 🐾



NGRR TRIBUTES

February 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025

In Honor of the adoption of “Duke” from Amy and Jonathan Ward.

In Memory of “Cookie” from Gordon DelFaro.

Thank you for all the care you give those great pups. Thank you for bringing Cookie and me together.

In Memory of Larry Kane, a generous benefactor of Golden Retriever rescue organizations, from Neil Kane.

In Honor of “Abby” and “Goldie” and to help with their surgery costs from Adrian Argyris.

In Honor of the adoption of “Poppy” from Harvey and Janet Crouch.

In Honor of Jocelyn Buck’s ninth birthday from Cynthia Kazanis.

In Honor of “Dakota” from Randall and Gayle Magliano.

In Memory of Daniel Wasserman, a gentle giant who was adored by all his Golden Retrievers. He was loved by all. From Janice and Bobby Jucker.

In Memory of Jean-Marie Fayat, beloved partner of Terri Lee, retired executive pastry chef. From Martha Falore.

In Memory of “Moby” from Heather McLean. He was a good boy and loved by all who knew him.

In Honor of Laurel Mechling for her dedication to Norcal Rescue and support of me from Vicky Powell.

In Honor of the adoption of “Buddy” from Paul and Amy Clausing.

In Honor of the second anniversary of the adoption of “Frankie” from Suzanne and Pete Hooper.



Tabby Memorial

Norcal is so grateful to adopters who have it in their hearts to give a Senior a forever home. Tabby recently crossed the rainbow bridge. Here is what her family wrote:

I don’t think you’ll ever meet a more active 14 year-old Golden Retriever. She took a lot of patience and understanding at first. She was also very vocal, something I wasn’t used to with my two other Golden Retrievers. She loved people, snacks, and her brother, Polar Bear. The only way to get her to settle down was to invite her up on the couch with you. She would curl up as close as she possibly could. She was really good for me. She made me settle down and relax. She also challenged my patience and required me to let go of my Type A personality. I will never forget her funny, quirky personality and how she taught me patience and grace. *By the Witter Family* 🐾

In Honor of the adoption of “Buck” from Heather and Bill Frauenhofer.

In Honor of the adoption of “Astro” from Spencer and Stephanie Ewing.

In Honor of the adoption of “Willow” from Rosie and Robert Bley.

In Memory of Steve Mason from Lindsay Harrington.

In Memory of “Alfie” and “Amber” from Ana Martins-Deneys.

In Honor of “Kai” for his special needs from Regina Dawson.

In Memory of “Lily” from David Houston.

In Honor of Sharyn Mitchell from Penny and Dave Stabenfeldt and “Babe”.

“Thank you for taking such good care of me, AND for introducing me to Toby and Kelsey. Love, Babe”.

In Honor of “Huey” from Stephanie and Sean Quinn.

Our sweet Huey has made remarkable progress since we adopted him. His confidence has grown, and we are still so proud when he just relaxes by himself in the backyard for a bit. He is still over the moon excited for just about any activity. It has reminded us to slow down and enjoy the little things in life. His excitement for life is contagious.

In Honor of the adoption of “Maggie” from Amanda Cole.

In Memory of “Sunny” and “Teddy” from John and Leona McCabe.

In Honor of the adoption of “Scout” from Rob and Amy Martin.

In Honor of the adoption of “Sam” from Roberta Mitchell.

In Honor of Ellen Fenichel for bringing Marley into their lives from Theresa Nelson and Barney Smith.

In Memory of my sweet Golden Retrievers, “Amber” and “Daisy,” from Louise Korn.

In Memory of Robert Caulk from Michelle Ogawa.

In Honor of the adoption of “Bambi” from Arnaldo Moreno.

In Memory of “Sandy” from
Cheryll Powers.

*Our dear companion crossed the rainbow
bridge after a brief illness. Always brave,
always loyal, always loving. Missed
eternally.*

In Memory of “Stella”, our Golden who
recently passed away.

*She was our ambassador of love and the
best and sweetest girl. From the Sussmans.*

In Memory of Diana Robba, who was a
devoted lover of her dog and cats, from
Louise Korn.

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Anderson, a great
Golden lover and Norcal supporter, from
his son, Jerry Anderson, Jr.

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Anderson from
Hans Mehn.

In Memory of “Mystic” from
Dr. Ferol Larson.

*She was the most intelligent and sweetest
Golden Retriever in the Universe, and I
will love her forever and ever.*

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is
grateful for the donations received in
memory of Evan Lonsdale and Dan
Blanke, both of whom were huge Golden
Retriever devotees:

- In Memory of Evan Lonsdale from
Sebastian Harrison.

- In Memory of Evan Lonsdale from
Rowan King.

- In Memory of Evan Lonsdale from
Sherri Parkinson.

- In Memory of Dan Blanke from
Elaine and Jim Gardener.
*He loved his Golden Retrievers. He
left us all too soon.*

- In Memory of Dan Blanke from
James and Kathrine Righetti.

- In Memory of Dan Blanke from
Deborah Linden.

- In Memory of Dan Blanke from
Donna Burk.

- In Memory of longtime friend and
coworker, Captain Dan Blanke, from
Gary and Eileen Orback.

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is
deeply honored to receive bequests
from supporters whose love for Golden
Retrievers continues to change lives long
into the future:

- Darrah J. Hallowitz
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We also thank all of our donors at all
levels, who prefer to remain anonymous.



Helping in our Dog Community

One of our volunteers was asked if
they could help with a dog that needed
to quickly find a new home, even
though it didn't look anything like a
Golden. He was a big white dog that
turned out to be ½ Great Pyrenees; ¼
Husky and ¼ German Shepherd. We
couldn't bring him into Norcal but
our network of volunteers often knows
people looking for a dog. Sure enough,
another volunteer's neighbor (Barney
and Theresa) likes big white dogs,
and you probably know the end of this
story. A love match was made. We
are thrilled when we can help any dog
find a home. 🐾

Sunny Memorial

Sunny came to us at 7 years old, afraid of people, closed spaces, and afraid to
jump in the car. She would hide in a corner when she didn't understand what was
going on around her. She moved from a cage to our home in the mountains where we
helped her have a loving forever life. She was with us for five years, and a sweetheart
with so much love to share. She learned to chase the ball and finally would go to the
fence to pick it up, cuddle in bed, and play with her toys and even make circles in the
snow with her nose. I know from her smiles and eyes that she was a happy girl for
the five years we shared. She passed over rainbow bridge in October, 2024, leaving
behind a family that misses her, a paw and nose print that reminds us of the love
we shared. She is with seven other Golden sisters in a private space on our hilltop.

By the Wagner Family 🐾

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shortly thereafter acknowledging that
a donation was made to NGRR. Give
us a call if you have any questions.

Second Chances



I Can Help

Neko was a little too much dog for the initial family that adopted her, so she came back to Norcal. We immediately had a family that saw her on the website and said, “I’ve got the perfect home for her and the time to help with her training.” There was initially some concern that Neko would get along with the family’s pets but as you see...NO PROBLEM. She’s doing just great with her new family. 🐾



Kensi

Beautiful Kensi came back to rescue after 4 years with her first family. Wonderful fosters, Steve and Debi, helped her get through some behavioral issues and she is now with repeat adopters, Maureen and Bob. The photo is of a tea party at the foster home. 🐾



Foster's Story of Love and Success

When Buddy came into rescue in June, he was 7 months old; he had already lived in 3 homes. Why, you ask? Although he found great comfort with all the dogs he met, he was terrified of people. He would growl and bark but never bite, making placement challenging—an example of a misunderstood dog. We first fostered Buddy with a Beagle and a Golden, and then two Golden Retrievers. Buddy, who is now 10 months old, takes a bit of time to warm up, but once you meet him, he remembers who you are and welcomes you. It was a labor of love to foster Buddy, and a bit of heartbreak to let this boy go, but 25 years of nurturing displaced Golden Retrievers, our two Golden boys, and my husband and I celebrate his forever home. 🐾

Community Outreach



Niles Dog Show

Events

July 19 – Niles Dog Show, Fremont

September 20 – Bark in the Park, Williams Park, San Jose

September 27 – Paws and a Cause, Pioneer Park, Nevada City

October 4 – Bark n' Splash, 1200 Riley Street, Folsom

October 4 – Soggy Doggy, West Sacramento Recreation Center, Sacramento

October 18 – Golden Palooza, Redding Convention Center, Redding

Bark n' Splash BASH

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Golden Weight Management



Dear Abby-Gold

By Deborah Armstrong

Q: Our Golden keeps getting fatter. We know it's not healthy. What suggestions can you give us to keep her at a reasonable weight?

A: Those big sorrowful brown eyes! That sad face. Golden retrievers are clever about enticing you to give yet more treats.

Treats can just as easily be satisfying if cut into very small pieces. Instead of a large milk bone, small training treats can be offered. In fact, asking frequently for requested behaviors like sit, stay, come and down can increase your bond with your dog, and rewarding with tiny treats will not affect their weight if you monitor how much they are being fed.

Establish a regular feeding routine, and if you do plan to give treats, be sure to reduce the amount of dog food you actually feed. Feeding table scraps at the table or even later is a recipe for weight gain.

Check with your vet for recommendations for lower calorie food. Many vegetables can help add bulk to their food without adding many calories. Most Golden retrievers love broccoli, carrots and any sort of squash, and canned pumpkin can also be mixed with their food to add extra bulk.

Lastly, remember the importance of exercise for maintaining a healthy weight. Hire or recruit a volunteer dog walker if you are unable to do this yourself. Encourage your Golden to enjoy chasing thrown toys, or in your backyard, you and a buddy can call her to run happily back and forth between both of you. Give your Golden as many choices to be active as possible. 🐾



Dexter

The George Clooney of Golden Retrievers

By Francine B.

Dexter is a people magnet. We can't believe how often people stop and pet this beautiful boy. His early life was secluded. He came to us in April 2024 at three years old, weighing 113 pounds. He had never been walked on a leash. He didn't even have calluses on his paws. Getting him acclimated was similar to exposing a pup to the real world. He now weighs 84 pounds and has many adventures. He completed his second trip to Minneapolis this year and learned how to swim. 🐾



I'm So Svelte

By Suzy and Jim W.

It is time for an update on our girl Lucy. In the spring newsletter, she had recently been adopted and had lost a few pounds. Jim took her weight issue as a challenge. First thing he did was buy a pedometer for himself and a 'dog scale' for Lucy. They have been walking 6 days a week ever since. They started slowly with "rests" and always checking her paw pads to make sure she could handle the walking. In April, they had built up to 2 miles a day, and she had lost 18 pounds, dropping from 90 to 72 pounds. Now she weighs 63 pounds. She and Kenzie run all around the yard, ears flying. Sometimes they get lucky and see a squirrel, which drives them wild. She is happy and carefree. We are a very happy family. Photo is from her first spa day! 🐾



Lucy



Happy Birthday

By Stephanie Q.

Sending birthday wishes to Huey, who turned six years old. His birthday is incredibly significant, for it marks the transformation of Huey into his best Golden self. The breed is resilient, and Huey's journey is a testament to this. He came to Norcal in June 2023 after his mother passed away, and despite the challenging circumstances of his entire life, he has thrived. The adopter's love and devotion have been instrumental in his transformation, allowing him to remain funny, quirky, excitable, and the sweetest little guy. 🐾

Donating to NGRR

Because our organization is staffed entirely by volunteers, your contribution will help pay for veterinary care, food, and other direct expenses required in our work to rescue and find loving homes for Golden Retrievers. Ways to donate include: *Gifts by Credit Card or Check, Payroll Deduction, Matching Gift, Appreciated Securities, Gifts Through Your Estate, Life Income Gifts, Gifts of Real Estate, and Vehicle Donations.*



Volunteering

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

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

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Charlie and Corey

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Hoodies



Fleece Vests



2026 Calendar

We continue to add Golden Goodies to our Store. The products we sell help support our mission to provide comprehensive veterinary care to our Goldens!

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Maggie and Lily