



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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Thanks to Georgine Nordin for submitting this.

On December 28, 2016, NGRR received a call from the San Jose Animal Care and Service about a surrendered 10-year-old female Golden Retriever named Justice. This Golden was brought in to be euthanized because she no longer could walk and was full of tumors.

I was the only Santa Clara County volunteer in town so I drove down to meet this 10-year-old girl and could not believe my eyes. In the kennel was a 140-pound Golden girl with very sad brown eyes. She was severely neglected with baseball-sized fur balls, curled and ingrown toenails, and black hairless legs and tail. The wonderful shelter

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Justice



And Maggie's Story Continues ...

Thanks to JoAnn Banayat for submitting this.

In the last issue, Maggie, a sweet dog with trust issues that had been found wandering the streets, was adopted by Gordon. We thought she had found her forever home. She was with Gordon in Santa Rosa for 1 year. Then, as sometimes happens, things change. Gordon had medical issues. After two surgeries, the fires hit Sonoma County. She went on a wild ride during the fire evacuation staying in 4 different locations because her foster parents were traveling and she was staying in Oakmont with the NGRR local rep. But, when the evacuation was over and things settled down, it started looking up for Maggie. Maggie's foster parents decided to adopt her, so Maggie now has a new forever home. She is the sweetest dog and has a wonderful home with Wendy and Dan. Maggie is looking forward to lots of long walks and hugs. 🐾



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

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

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New Year's Resolutions to Make You, Your Pets, and Mother Nature Happy

Thanks to Joan Morris of the Bay Area News Group for permission to reprint her article.

I've never been very good at making New Year's resolutions. I give them a little thought, but then pretty much forget them in the brilliant light of a newly launched year. So I thought I'd ask my dog, Bailey, to help me.



Joan Morris

The top three resolutions he wrote for me all involved treats. Getting tastier treats, treating him whenever he wanted, and distributing said treats to him without whining.

I explained that simply was not going to happen. He gets plenty of treats; they are all nutritious so that his tummy doesn't get upset, and, as his owner, I reserve the right to whine whenever I want.

We agreed to disagree on that topic and we came up with some others that we think everyone should adopt. So get ready to be resolute.

- Love your pet, every minute of every day. This one sounds pretty easy. Our pets are exceptionally easy to love, but it is also easy to take them for granted or allow their quirks and occasional mishaps to color our judgment.
- Remember that any creature that loves unconditionally needs to be instantly forgiven for peeing on the floor, tearing up the furniture, chewing up your brand-new slippers, or, in Bailey's case, barking too loudly at guests.
- Resolve to be more patient and to remember that as old as our pets might get, we never have enough time with them. Treasure the moments you do have. Spend time with them, play with them, sit quietly with them on your lap or perched on your shoulder. When it comes time to say goodbye, regret that they will no longer be in your life; don't regret missed opportunities.
- Resolve to be a more responsible pet parent. Don't skip routine visits to the vet. Don't let your pet wander the neighborhood unattended. Don't allow them to poop where they may and leave it there.
- Being a good pet parent is being

responsible for their care, but also being a good neighbor and citizen of the world.

- Resolve to help animals. For some, that might mean adopting one or two pets from a shelter or rescue group. For those who can't have another pet, or who don't think it's the right time to have one, consider donating to the rescue groups that do so much for the homeless pets. If you have more time than money, try volunteering. They need help in fostering pets, taking care of them, socializing them, and even cleaning up the shelter areas to make it

more comfortable for the animals.

- Extend a helping hand toward wildlife. Put out some feeders for the birds, be more tolerant of squirrels and other creatures that might visit your yard, and do what you can without getting in the animals' way. Wildlife is better off when it remains wild.
- If you're the type who understandably doesn't want wildlife in your yard, then don't do things that will attract them.
- Resolve to live more in harmony with the Earth. Happy New Year. 🐾



Dear Abby-Gold

by Deborah Armstrong

Q: We rescued a young Golden who is crazy about jumping and mouthing. He just can't stop launching himself at us and gnawing on our hands and arms. He's never hostile – just so exuberant he's hard to manage.

A: These dogs need both stimulation and self-control. Make sure he gets long walks and long romp sessions with an active companion. You might consider hiring a trustworthy high school or college student to walk and play with him regularly if you are unable to do so. Enrolling him in doggie day care for 2 or 3 times each week can also help especially if he enjoys the company of other dogs. Young active Golden retrievers love to run, chase, tug, wrestle, and pounce. This is easy to forget if your last Golden had been a senior for a while.

Make sure he has access to a variety of interesting toys and give him lots of attention when he's gnawing on them instead of you. Golden retrievers are social; chewing on the bone beside your chair can become as much fun as jumping on you if you regularly reinforce the behavior. But chewing the bone alone in another room will never, for a Golden, be much fun.

Here are two other tricks to teach him to settle. Try sitting with him in a small room, such as a bathroom, while

you quietly read a book. When he stops bouncing and lies down quietly, which he will eventually do out of boredom, you can reward him quickly. Or, take your book outside and tie him to a post while you sit nearby reading. As soon as he lies down, go sit with him and offer lots of petting and praise. If he begins to get excited, you can move away and he won't be able to follow. A young dog should never be confined alone in a yard, but it's fine to use restraint while you are nearby to teach him self-control.

A good way to avoid giving a young dog attention for bad behavior is to send him to his crate for a time-out when he becomes too wild. Be matter-of-fact; this is not a punishment but simply a way for him to learn self-control. Or simply keep him on leash while you work quietly at a desk, allowing him to naturally settle. Be sure to reward him for calm behavior, but remain soft in your praise and calm yourself. If you bounce around or speak excitedly to a dog who is being rowdy, you can unwittingly encourage that behavior because you are giving him attention. Just snap on a leash and ignore the outburst; when he learns that being calm leads to more love, you'll be surprised how fast he'll learn to settle. 🐾

President's Message

Our board members and volunteers have been working so hard rescuing so many senior Golden Retrievers. Unimaginable situations arise that leave these poor souls in their last years without a home. There are several great stories in this issue about a few of our Old Golds.

The great news is we have wonderful volunteers, who will drive everywhere to gather them up, get them proper veterinary care, and find them loving foster homes, while we work to place them with their adoptive families. We are so deeply grateful to our donors, who provide us the necessary funds to support our mission. The heart of the community is deeply moving.

I must graciously thank those who stepped up to take on some of the tasks I listed in our Fall Newsletter. Your

assistance is and has been huge! Having said all this, we still need HELP! I know I said this six months ago. There are still many background tasks to be done: managing our databases of volunteers/ microchips/ adopters, supporting our website, publicity events, support our online presence, and things that I cannot fathom! I feel like we play "Whack a Mole," that carnival game popular in the '90s! Our rescue is still a business that requires attention so, again, outside of the hardworking "boots on the ground" volunteers, we still have all these tasks to attend to. If you find that you have a desire to fill a spot, contact me! Email me at gaylejaxon@gmail.com! 🐾

Happy Spring!
Gayle Jackson

Justice

(Continued from front page)

volunteers stated she could no longer walk and my initial thought was how I was going to get her into my car.

After reading the assessment report, I opened up the door to walk in and meet this very sweet-faced girl. She pulled herself up and pushed past me and was ready to leave with her hairless tail wagging all the way out



the door. Carrying 140 pounds, Justice was able to walk 15 feet through a second set of doors and then collapsed from exhaustion.

I turned to the volunteers and said, "Load her up, she is becoming an NGR Golden!" It took four volunteers and a sheet to get her into my car and off to the vet where it took four more individuals, a stretcher, and cart to complete her wellness check.

You see, Justice's obesity was an inactive thyroid at the lowest levels seen by Dr. Blackwolf at Adobe Animal Hospital. With the required thyroid medication, limited kibble, and lots of vegetables, Justice proceeded to lose 10% of her body weight each month until she reached the desired weight of 62 pounds. It took 30 days for Justice to walk from the car to the scales where she weighed in at 122 pounds. Her entire transformation took 8 months of monthly vet appointments, blood tests, and a true Golden spirit to push herself to walk a little farther each day.



Although Justice has suffered from bone and joint damage carrying the 140 pounds, she enjoys swimming, chasing the tennis ball, and can now take leisurely 1.5-mile walks each day. The joy of fostering is to watch the evolution of our surrendered Golden Retrievers and an organization willing to financially invest in the rehabilitation of the breed regardless of age. After loving this beautiful girl and helping her return to her Golden health and personality, Justice became part of our family. 🐾

Update on Canine Influenza

by Deborah Armstrong

Though the word epidemic can have scary connotations, it means only that an unusually large outbreak of a disease has occurred. For canine influenza, the disease is seldom dangerous; dogs typically develop fever and cough, just like humans, and get over the illness within a week. However, the canine influenza is highly contagious, which means even if your dog is in an area touched hours ago by a dog with the disease, yours might catch it. For example, if you volunteer with a shelter, but your dog always remains at home, you can still transmit the disease from your clothing or hands to your dog.

Because the epidemic has sprung up in Northern California, dog owners are advised to get the vaccine from a local vet, and to discuss with their local vet if they do not feel the vaccine is

necessary in their particular situation. After the initial vaccine, the dog must return for a booster in 2-4 weeks and the dog is not considered clear of the disease until a week after that booster was given. An additional booster will be recommended every year.

Despite misleading media reports that the vaccine can actually cause the flu, the vaccine contains only dead virus. If you visit shelters, dog parks, or even streets where people take dogs for walks, consider vaccinating your dogs. Dogs with compromised immune systems, just like humans with compromised immunity, have died. So even if your own dog is likely to beat the flu, remember that vaccinating him can help everyone fight this epidemic. 🐾

(Information for this article was gathered from reputable sources, including websites for veterinary colleges, service dog schools, and humane societies.)

Chloe

From Making Puppies to Being One Again

by Terry Stavang

Like any typical Disney story, this one begins with the loss of our 14-year-old Golden Retriever, Scout. A dog that never met a stranger, and every day was sunshine, swimming pools, and biscuits.

Soon enough we – Roxanne, Kennedy, and I – started looking at puppies and Golden Retriever rescue sites. The dog ratio in the house had switched and balance was needed. The canine feng shui was off.

We had four pups: Scout, Toby (border collie), Lucy (black lab), and Timber, the pretty boy (Siberian Husky). Naturally, without the guiding force of the matriarch, chaos was the norm. They were lost without the big Golden's presence. So I filled out the extensive application to adopt from NGRR, with a preference for a senior female. I received a note back from the organization thanking me for my application, and advising me that it would be a wait of six months to a year, even for a senior dog. Naturally, Golden retrievers are in high demand.

This was not the case. About a month later, I received a note from Amanda with NGRR telling me they had a possible fit. She said a 14-year-old female Golden had been surrendered to the animal shelter somewhere near Gilroy. She sent me a picture and asked if we were interested.

Done deal. Amanda brought Chloe to the house, where she immediately jumped on the couch with one of her toys and made herself at home.



Naturally there were some adjustments. There was growling, more growling, and fights (no one was hurt). Every time a dog would pass by her in the house, she growled. This did not go over well with the others, so they growled back. Toby, naturally figured it out early on, and just kept walking (love that about a border collie). I kept the black lab, Lucy, away from her for a while, because she is big and intimidating, but mostly harmless. Timber is a 3-year-old Siberian Husky who has yet to figure out his place in the world. (This, too, shall pass, I'm told...) He and Chloe were the concern. When he walked by her, she growled, and he returned the favor, and escalations ensued. I made an appointment with our trainer, wanting to resolve this issue with immediacy.

I am no dog whisperer, but my trainer is. I thought we needed to protect her because she was fearful and insecure, and her past was dictating her future...blah, blah, blah. Courtney at Elite Dog Training in West Sacramento took 20 minutes observing Chloe and getting as much of a history as I could provide. Her diagnosis was simple and spot-on. She said Chloe had likely gotten away with the growling thing for some time. Courtney told me that she wasn't exhibiting any of the behavior she would see in a fearful dog (explaining it in detail that I understood but could not regurgitate cohesively here). I asked if she developed this response as a protecting mechanism after having litter after litter of puppies. The trainer said maybe, but the growling wasn't cool or necessary. The past is the past. We did some work with the lead and a chain collar, and there was immediate improvement.

I brought her home and let her drag the leash around the house for a few days (never unattended). Gave her a safe place to call her own, and no more couch surfing. Giving her a quick correction when she growled, and the behavior stopped. The result is peace and harmony (well, it wasn't that simple, but you get it).

Chloe is finding her way nicely in her new home. She comes when called and no longer pulls me around the neighborhood on leash. She is not 14, but maybe 10 or 11, and, as you can see by the photos, is officially the center of attention. She and her pink flamingo... 🐾

What We Rescue

A Song

by Deborah Armstrong

They bought him on the internet when he was just a pup,
Nine months later and they want to give him up,
Stuck in a yard cuz they didn't try to teach,
An upside-down water bowl past the reach of his leash.

Chorus:

Golden Retriever affection receiver, why is your flag-tail waving,
Out there alone, not even a bone, we think your butt needs saving.

They bought him on the internet cuz his photo was cute,
Nine months later and they give the pup the boot,
When he was a little guy, they gave him lots of cuddles,
But they chained him in the yard after one too many puddles.

Chorus

They bought him on the internet to get a blank slate,
Nine months later for them it's way too late,
They didn't throw tennis balls, nor buy him doggie chews,
so he remodeled the garage and devoured Mommys shoes.

They bought him on the internet, they thought he came pretrained,
They want a dog that doesn't jump but this guy's not restrained,
He's bigger than the doghouse they bought so long ago,
And they're pretty sure he thinks his name is no.

Chorus

They bought him on the internet they paid a couple K
But now they'd be just as happy if he became a stray,
He never comes they say when we try to call,
And the yard has no shade and the collar is too small.

Chorus

They bought him on the internet, the kids were full of pleas,
But now they find him stinking and they're thinking he's got fleas,
His ears are so infected he cannot hear his name,
So now he's got no toys and never plays a game.

Chorus

They bought him on the internet, from where they do not know,
They barely feed him nowadays so it's time for him to go,
They open up the gate, and he disappears that day,
They tell their friends he just up and ran away.

Chorus 🐾

A Spoonful of Honey



by Linda Shields

Just what the doctor ordered. As I began to see the tell-tale signs of depression approaching, I knew that I had to do something to reverse the downward spiral. Compelled by a whim (or maybe it was divine inspiration), I found NGRR's website.

A few days later, Honey magically appeared. I'm sure it was fate. The amazing volunteers at NGRR coordinated the home inspection, approval process, and introductions with efficiency and passion.

No longer neglected and confined to a garage, Honey is now the center of attention and the apple of my eye. She has a large yard in the country where digging is allowed and beach walks are frequent. She has her very own kitten, Bob, and they have developed a wonderful friendship. Honey is trusting, kind, and centered. And for me, my life has meaning and makes sense again. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to the NGRR donors and volunteers who made this adoption possible. 🐾



IN TRIBUTE & MEMORY

In Gratitude for our precious "Francie," bravely facing indolent lymphoma at nearly 14 years of age (on 4/23/18). "She has been our treasure and we are so grateful for each day she graces." Donation by W. Gregory and Candace W. Osborn

In Honor and Thanks to Amanda Schaffner, donation by Bob and Lynne Clark

In Honor of "Cabo" Certified Paws for Healing, Canine Good Citizen; Cabo San Lucas stray adopted November 2012! Donation by Mr. and Mrs. Don Forst

In Honor of "Big Bear," "Beau," and "Bella," donation by Holly Trifiletti

In Honor of "Duke," donation by Brian, Vicki, and "Duke" Magstadt

In Honor of "Jakie Boy," the joyful vineyard dog, donation by Deborah Jacobi

In Honor of "Merlin," donation by Jo Ann Bonner

In Honor of "Mia," donation by Anne Crosshere

In Honor of "Michi" and "Marchesa," donation by Theresa McTague

In Honor of "Moxie" who brings joy to everyone she meets, donation by Jean Connors

In Honor of "Oliver," donation by Valerie Erickson

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In Honor of "Tenaya" and "Daisy," donation by Sharon and Larry Coogan

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In Honor of Howard and Judy Guild, donation by Clint and Tina Onderbeke

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In Honor of Jean F. Harrell. "Jean Harrell loved her Goldens. From being an adoring owner to a Golden rescuer, she loved them all. They could do no wrong." Donation by Patricia Gwizdak

In Honor of Mary Ann Graziano, donation by Debra Dawson and Bob Tabke

In Honor of my 2 senior Goldens, donation by Charlotte Devito

In Honor of Sharon McConnell, donation by William Haskell

In Loving Memory of our baby boy, "Sky," donation by Richard Duncel and Paula Tokugawa

In Loving Memory of our sweet "Charlie," donation by Linda Bonomo

In Memory and Honor of "Buddy," "Sunny," "Bella," "Ruby," and "Maggie," donation by Mike And Bev Groeniger

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In Memory of "Bodhi," donation by Melinda Griffith

In Memory of "Cody" and "Daisy," donation by Dona Allen

In Memory of "Cody," donation by Maresha Leeds

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In Memory of "Ginger" by Herb, Randi, and Kent Long and Vanessa O'Neill, donation by John and Randi Long

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In Memory of Charles Wraith, donation by Ramona Murphy

In Memory of Charles Wraith, donation by Michael Costa

In Memory of Charles "Chuck" Wraith, donation by Christine Hempel

Training Announcement

by Robert Armstrong

We have scheduled another training opportunity for all NGRR volunteers. This one-day class will be taught by Trish King and held at the East Bay SPCA in Dublin on Saturday, May 5th 2018. This is a customized, hands-on course focused on dog behavior assessment and safe handling. There is no charge for our volunteers and NGRR will even provide a free, catered lunch for those who attend.

If you went to our training class last year at the Humane Society in Milpitas, be aware this class will cover essentially the same material. You're welcome to attend again and refresher courses are always good, but know that we're not planning to add any new material this time around.

All volunteers are welcome, but we would especially like to see all ACs and those volunteers who assist in dog surrenders attend. Trish King is a nationally recognized canine behaviorist who has spent years doing evaluations of dog behavior for many shelters and rescue groups. She routinely offers classes at her Canine Behavior Academy in Petaluma, but those classes are expensive. The chance to attend one for free is a great opportunity.

The course will include:

- Safe handling techniques for working with unfamiliar dogs
- Evaluating reaction to strangers and affiliation with humans
- Understanding canine play styles
- Evaluating how quickly the dog becomes aroused and how



easy it is to calm down

- Testing sensitivity to touch, restraint, and noise
- Evaluating escape risk
- Testing for food, high-value treat, and toy possessiveness
- Determining the existence of physical problems

If you can attend, please RSVP to the training coordinator, Bob Armstrong, at bob@jfcl.com. If you need a special lunch, such as a vegetarian meal, be sure to let Bob know.

To read more about Trish King go to:

www.canine-behavior-associates.com/about-1/about-trish/

In Memory of Jean Fisher Harrell from Carole, Dianna, Pat, and Sharon, donation by Patricia Bond

In Memory of Jody Stiely and her loving Golden Retriever, "Sunny," donation by Bruce Stiely

In Memory of John, who passed away last year and used to donate, donation by Diane Swanberg

In Memory of Merrillyn Ritchey, donation by Lani Ritchey

In Memory of my beloved "Cosby," donation by Calvin Shapses, MD

In Memory of our "Angel," donation by Allison and Mitch Che

In Memory of our beloved "Nelson," the best Golden. "Thanks NGRR for bringing him into our lives. The Hokama/Winters Family," donation by Leslie Hokama

In Memory of our beloved pets "Brandy," "Trixie," "Daisy," "Roxie," "Bella," and our two NGRR adoptees who now live with us: "Jaxon" and "Twinkie." "NGRR has brought much happiness into our lives and we're so grateful." Donation by Donald and Barbara Tornberg

In Memory of our beloved pups: "Rascal," "Kimo," "Cody," "Dusty," and "Lulu." "We think about you every single day and will always cherish our time together. We miss you dearly. Love, Paul, Teresa, and 'Abbie.'" Donation by Paul and Teresa Miyashiro and Chinn

In Memory of our Golden girls, "Peaches" and "Gracie." "Thanks to Beth Lewis and Karen Swanson for Sophie." Donation by Scott and Sally Evans

In Thanks to 10-year-old Nathan Tornatore for his donation

In Thanks to all the donations made at Barnes & Noble gift wrapping

In Thanks to donations by Donna Albini & Scott Pommier plus \$500 match from State Farm Insurance

In Thanks to NGRR. "Thank you for your work with Golden!" Donation by Leslie Code

In Thanks to NGRR. "Thanks for Emma (Chloe)!" Donation by Patty, Peter and Emma Holliday

In Thanks to NGRR. "Love our 'Sophie'!" Donation by Joyce Felch

In Thanks to NGRR, "Thank you for all you do! Enthusiastically, June!" Donation by June Hockenberry

In Thanks to NGRR. "Thank you for my 'Maize.'" Donation by Patricia Lis

In Thanks to NGRR. "Once again, we would like to make a contribution to NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue. We would like to see the funds go towards your continued help to rescue and place Golden Retrievers that come to you. We hope they all find forever homes and families to love them." Donation by Robert & Patricia - Dahl Foundation

In Thanks to NGRR. "Our lovely Oliver will be 14 next month! We have had him for 3 years in a few weeks. He is deeply loved. So sorry to hear about the increase in senior dogs - they are the best! Happy Holidays - The Sathy's." Donation by Lydia Delaney-Sathy

In Thanks to NGRR. "We are deeply grateful that 'Tierra' found her forever home with us. Her sweetness and sense of fun bring immense joy daily." Donation by Jim & Leena Krasno

In Tribute to Henry Patel, donation by Ned Ruggeri

Merry Christmas to my 7 nieces and nephews, donation by Angelena Mangini

Merry Christmas to my wife, Gayle, donation by Robert Backlund

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Lucy and Luke

by Anne Tiry

My husband Robert Young and I have been parents of Golden Retrievers for 25 years, all of them rescues, many of them from NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. During 2017, we added two Golden to our family, when our 13-year-old Hannah became a single dog again.

We adopted 8-year-old Lucy, who was being fostered in Sacramento. When she came to NGRR, she was heart-worm positive. NORCAL got her the treatment she needed, and when she got a clean bill of health, she was available for adoption. We brought her home on a rainy day in February, and she fit right in from the very beginning. She is a happy-go-lucky dog, a real energizer bunny, even at 9 years old. She always has a toy in her mouth, and has two speeds - energizer bunny and sound asleep.

Then in September, we learned about a senior boy named



Luke. His family surrendered him to the shelter to be euthanized, and fortunately the shelter vet refused to do it. Luke was placed in a foster home, and he seemed very happy, but he had some trouble getting around. While brushing his thick blond coat, his foster parents discovered a 10-pound, basketball-sized tumor. This is

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Sammi's Story

by Terry Stavang

The idea of adopting a senior dog may have crossed my mind years ago...but I thought that was something that I could never do. I mean, how could anyone adopt a dog, knowing that they had a short amount of time with them? Losing a dog was just too hard, so I never did it. Well, last year I decided that it really wasn't about me... it was about giving an older dog a loving home for the last phase of their life.

So we did it. We adopted Sammi in August 2017. She was older than I had planned to get (12 years and 10 months) and she was not in very good health. She had been kenneled for 4 months and was looking quite rough for it. Turned out that she had renal disease (and was getting no treatment for it), worms, callouses on her elbows that were so big, her toe nails were too long, and she was very underweight. But we took her home anyway.

We thought that maybe she had a few more weeks left, and we promised her love, dignity, and respect for every day that she would have with us. Following a trip to the vet, the right food, medication, and a bath,



she actually turned out to be a very special girl. She went on walks twice a day with our 4-year-old Golden. The walks started out very short because she couldn't handle going far, but after a couple of months, she was walking all the way to the park and waiting anxiously for people to pet her.

When she first barked, my husband and I looked at each other not really knowing what had just happened. She had a very deep bark and it sounded funny...and adorable at the same time. Around that time, she actually started wagging her tail too. Nothing warms your heart like a happy dog. She enjoyed her walks (she used to hop up and down when she saw the leash), she loved chasing a ball (well, not really chasing...more like galloping a couple of steps to retrieve the ball), trying

to intimidate our cats, and playing tug with her sister. She greeted friends and loved when our kids came to visit.

This was our life for just over 6 months. Unfortunately, her kidney disease caught up to her. And at 13 and a half years old, we lost our little girl. We are so heartbroken because we just loved that dog so much. We know that we did a good thing for her...improved her health and her happiness. Her last 6 months were filled with love and she was part of a family that respected and loved her so dearly.

Yes, it is very difficult to lose a pet that you love so much, but our hearts are so happy about how much we helped her in her final months. Every dog deserves that. Will we go through this heartbreak again by adopting a senior dog...YES we will. 🐾

New Board Members

Collected By Gayle Jackson

Three new members have joined the NGRR board:

Gloria Grotjan, Santa Cruz County Area Coordinator

I am eager to be an active, involved member, with a desire to work on an international rescue program and provide more loving dogs to our waiting families. I also volunteer with Sisters Share, a women's community group in Santa Cruz as committee member for retreat planning. I am currently self-employed as the principal in real estate investments at Casa Del Sol Properties, LLC. My past experience includes 20+ years in high-tech project management and customer support capacities. I have a BS in Criminal Justice Administration from San Jose State University.

Karen Shore, Alameda County Area Coordinator

I am a team player and problem solver. I love Golden Retrievers and am committed to rescue whenever needed/possible. I believe NGRR has some very important decisions to make in the upcoming years and I'd like to be a part of these discussions to help ensure NGRR's continued success. I have served on the board of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health Alumni Association and am presently the Chair of the Events Committee for the Resistance Action East Bay. I am president of Golden State Health Policy, a health policy consulting firm. I have a PhD in Health Services Research and Policy Analysis from UC Berkeley and a Master of Health Services Administration from University of Michigan.

Margaret McNamara, San Francisco County (and others) Area Coordinator

I have worked with NGRR for over 10 years. I absolutely love working with NGRR. I feel like Santa Claus giving Golden Retrievers to deserving families. Needless to say, watching sick and neglected dogs become happy and healthy, well, that's icing on the cake. Some of the grunt work isn't so fun, like visiting shelters, but all in all, it's a great way to spend one's free time. I just love Golden Retrievers and this is how I can actively show it. Over the past several years I like the direction that the organization is going. It is more organized, more communicative, and less dramatic. I want to be a part of that. I possess a wide range of administrative skills. I am a paralegal. I have been a Public Relations Chair and Helpline Coordinator for a 12-Step group. 🐾

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 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 eight years and older – our well-deserving Golden Oldies.

Special Needs Fund

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

For More Information

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

Volunteer Interest

HANDS-ON DOG WORK

- Area Coordinator
- Area Assistant
 - Foster Care
 - Home Visits
 - Vet Appointments
 - Shelter Checks
 - Phone Calls
 - Grooming
 - Transportation
- Senior Golden Retrievers Program

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

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405 El Camino Real, Suite 420
Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240

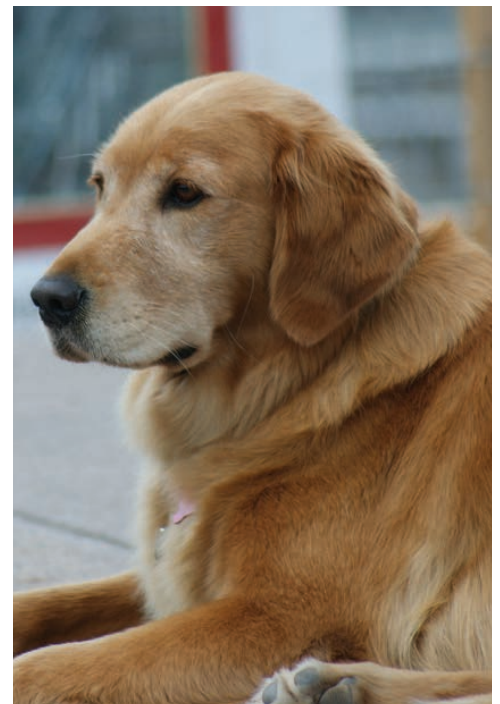
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Lucy and Luke

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why he had trouble moving around!

NGRR paid for his surgery to remove the tumor, which fortunately was benign. A few other, smaller, tumors were removed at the same time. Once his stitches came out, he was ready to go to his forever home.

Lucy and I went to meet him at his foster home, on a weekend afternoon in September, and he came home with us that day. Poor guy, most of his right side had been shaved for the surgery, and he had some good-sized scars. Had it been Halloween, he'd have been in costume – Frankendog! He fit in with Lucy (and Hannah), right from the beginning. Luke loves to hang out with his pack of Golden Retrievers, and with his pack of humans. He likes going for walks, and he LOVES mealtimes. He also loves sleeping on the bed with his human pack – all 90 pounds of him. He can't quite manage to get up on his own, so he puts his front paws up on the bed, and we scoop up his hind end to get him onto the bed. There are only two problems. He likes to lay cross-wise, which means he gets most of the bed and we're relegated to the edges. And, he SNORES. Big time. Yes, we spoil him – but after all he has been through, he deserves it.

Both Lucy and Luke are pet therapy dogs with Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services. We do visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and both of them are a huge hit with residents and staff alike. They are the perfect size for putting a head on someone's lap, or for putting a head on the bed to get cuddles. Luke is a natural and he goes from person to person, charming everyone with his gentle demeanor and his big brown eyes.

Robert and I would like to thank Lucy's foster dad, Gary Hill, and Luke's foster parents, Lisa & John Dariano and Bernie & Hunt Turner, for taking such good care of them during their time with NGRR. Luke is our only adoptee who has had his foster parents come by to visit – so you know he touched their hearts too. We are so glad that Lucy and Luke are now in their forever home with us! 🐾