

# N O R C A L Golden Retriever R E S C U E



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

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## Have You Considered Becoming a Foster Parent?

Fosters are our most important people. Fosters take in surrendered dogs who need a safe home right away, they make sure vet visits and shots are done, and other wise care for the dog as if it were their

*In 2009, we received almost 900 applications and placed almost 300 dogs. Through mid October 2010, we have received over 1000 applications and placed about 200 dogs with another 25 either available or being evaluated.*

own while in their custody. Our fosters are compassionate, giving people, willing to invest their time and talent to help a dog in need. If you are interested in becoming a foster, visit the [www.ngr.org/volunteer](http://www.ngr.org/volunteer) and complete the online application – or call us at 650.615.6810. One of our members will contact you and arrange an interview.

**A Special Thanks to Shirlee Thomas** who made such amazing contributions to this issue!!



## NGRR Wag 'n Walk – Another Great Success!



The annual Wag 'n Walk has come and gone and once again, we were blessed with continued great success in raising funds for Rescue! Over 200 people and their Goldens enjoyed a sun-drenched day filled with walking, swimming (of course) and fun at this year's event. There were great demonstrations by the FEMA Search and Rescue dogs (pretty amazing) as well as the nose work skills by Sirius Sniffers. We also had over 30 silent auction items ranging from 2-3 night stays at local dog-friendly vacation spots to baseball tickets to numerous doggy-themed gifts. And of course, we drew the winning tickets in our NGRR \$10,000 cash raffle. We even had a couple of Goldens adopted! A great time was had by everyone. Thanks to all who helped and attended, especially Frank Castro who coordinated all the activities along with the Wag 'n Walk Steering Committee.

# Shopping Makes a Difference

There are many ways that you can support rescue by purchasing things you would normally buy anyway. We are working on partnerships that give back to NGRR for every dollar you spend. Look for more to come on our website.

If you would like to be notified when we get new opportunities, be sure to provide your email address to NGRR – send an email to shirleet1@yahoo.com with the subject **Sign me UP** and we will make sure that you don't miss a coupon or special offer. Here are a few items available now.

Thank you for your donation to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue.



www.ngrr.org



## Christmas Gift Tags

Sold by the dozen for only \$2.50, this is a great way to show all the special people on your gift-giving list that you support this great cause.

These gift tags are folded and have a hole for a ribbon. The front features our Golden logo with a Santa hat and holding a nicely wrapped gift. On the back is an acknowledgement that your purchase supported NGRR. Available in our on-line store now.



## Golden Decals

Show your pride of choosing to adopt by displaying a NGRR decal on your car window. These 4 x 6 decals are just \$2. Available in our on-line store now.

## Fresh Roasted Coffee

For you coffee drinkers out there, what is better than sitting curled up with your Golden and enjoying a rich delicious cup of coffee? How about that delicious cup doing good for all the other Golden Retriever Rescue. Don Tomas Coffee is roasted in Los Gatos, California. The beans are hand picked on the family plantation in Nicaragua. This will



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## Goldens Love a Parade!

Saturday, October 23 was the Rescue Parade at the Norcal Golden Retriever's Breed Club Specialty in Pleasanton. Marilyn Ormond did a great job organizing this event. This year did not disappoint - in fact it may have been one of the best parades ever! Lots of great stories, dog owners, and huge applause from the audience. . . and NO rain! Thanks to everyone who joined us. It was a great success (and thanks to Linda Gomoll for sharing your photos). 🐾



◀ **Alex Aiken, son of Board Secretary, Shannon Aiken, loves a parade too!**



**Bernice Gross with Emma, ▶ who we got in over a year ago. She was diagnosed with severe bilateral hip dysplasia and the ortho vet said to let her grow up and recheck her within a year. At the last exam, the vet said she had been so well taken care of and exercised that she had built up enough muscle mass that surgery would be put off indefinitely! Nice work!!**



*Please take our survey!*

## Our ear flaps are open, and we are listening . . .

for your opinion. "We" are a fund raising group for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, who have taken on an assignment of looking into ways to better get our message out to the public, to help with public awareness of rescue, to increase participation in NGRR, and, oh by the way, to continue fundraising activities.

## Yes, it's OK, you can bark . . .

and tell us what you want to see happen in NGRR: the events you like to attend, the ways we can advertise to the public especially in your neighborhood, the public resources of dog information you know (newspapers, websites), the dog specialty supplies you want and where you like to get them, and your creative ideas about how we can better serve our Golden friends.

## Speak! now, all at once . . .

at our survey located at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/39XJPZ2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/39XJPZ2) with the password "golden." The more we hear about, the more we can act on. Any personal info you might provide will only be used to contact you, should more details on your resources be needed.

**Go ahead! Bark up a storm!  
GoodDoggieS(upporters)**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Los Gatos K9 Cancer Walk

Sunday, October 10, 2010 was a day that cancer was put on notice. We are mad and we are not going to take it anymore! More than 600 California dog lovers joined together for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual K9 Cancer Walk in Los Gatos and they raised more than \$80,000 – double our goal – for Morris Animal

Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign. The campaign funds research to prevent, treat, and ultimately cure cancer in dogs.

Golden Retrievers to the Rescue won the Top Dog contest! We raised almost \$7,000!!! Pat Lynch helped put us over the top with a last minute donation and we could not have even come close without our own Jo McGrail who raised over \$1,600 all on her own.

The Bay Area Golden Retriever Meetup Group was there along with NGRR alumni to lead the walk. It was a beautiful day for a 2-mile walk around Vesona Lake. When we returned we were treated to a goodie bag that had people talking.

It was good to see lots of yellow bandanas on dogs who



*Pat Lynch, left, and Shirlee Thomas, co-chair of the event.*

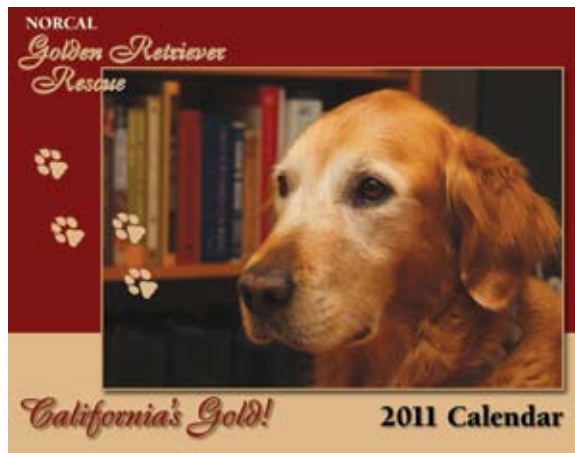
are the survivors. These walks have now raised over \$250,000 in three years – of that amount, \$180,000 is from the walks just this year. Let's keep working and walking together to give researchers the tools they need to find a cure. Thank you to all that attended this year! 🐾

*Shirlee Thomas  
K9 Cancer Campaign, Co-Chairman*



## In Memoriam & In Tribute

Due to limited space this issue, we are not able to publish the acknowledgements received for this ever-important column. Thanks to all of you who have donated here, and to those of you that donate "silently" throughout the year with generous contributions to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. The Goldens thank you with their kisses and Golden tail wags and we thank you from our hearts. 🐾



## The 2011 NGRR Calendar is here!

Thanks to Pat Lynch, Director and Area Coordinator for Alameda County, and graphic designer Cathy Stashuk for making this happen once again!! The calendar is filled with gorgeous photos and heart-warming stories selected from over 100 submissions. It makes a great gift item! Just \$15. Visit [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org) to order yours.

## Reserve These Dates!

### Vines of Gold – April 9 Saturday, April 16, 2011

This is a new event for NGRR and one that should not be missed. Keep your eyes on the website and upcoming newsletters – Mondavi Vineyards at Woodbridge in Lodi is opening up their facility to the dogs! Our theme this year is Lady & The Tramp so think Italian and come taste some wine, sample cheese from local artisans, pasta,

and wonderful desserts – all in the company of dogs. Activities will include an Easter Biscuit Hunt for the dogs and some wonderful prizes and items to bid on.

### Elk Grove K9 Cancer Walk – Saturday, May 7, 2011

Golden Retrievers to the Rescue! This year we had 67 members on our team and raised \$7,000 for K9 Cancer Research – Walk with us again and help The Morris Animal Foundation fund research for a cure to this devastating disease. We were the

#1 team in members, team donations, and individual contributions. Let's do it again! We have a reputation to maintain.

### Twain Harte Golden Play Day – Sunday, May 15, 2011

An annual event with some romping fun, great prizes, items to bid on – all in the beautiful hills of Tuolumne County. Make a weekend of it and explore what the area has to offer. Look for a link on the NGRR website listing dog-friendly places to stay and fun things to do.



## My Nose Can See Just Fine



Submitted by Jill Morgan for Louise & Jim Morris

Blinded because of neglect. Goldie could have been a regular Golden. Wait – fortunately, nobody told Goldie that she had a special need, other than the need for a second chance. Goldie came to NGRR from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. She flew into an amazing new life.

Louise & Jim Morris met Goldie at the NGRR Wag-n-Walk. Jill Morgan handed them the leash and they never let go. Getting acquainted was easy, she mixed so well in crowds of dogs and people, followed on leash, enjoyed attention offered her just like any other dog, and behaved much better than some.

The first afternoon home she paced about 2-3 hours, into every corner. When she hit a dead end, she backed out and did not tip anything over. She found a box of balls and removed one, the only thing she picked up all day on her own. We showed her the water dish, twice, and an hour later heard her slurping on her own. On the mischievous side, she did get into some recycled plastic bags, shredding them looking for the groceries. Yes, she is a “Dumpster Diva.”

I introduced her to my piano playing, which resulted in wild barking but a day or so later she was sitting by my side on the

floor quietly enjoying my playing. Our Goldie is one smart Golden Retriever.

We are identifying a few words that she recognizes: Goldie, come, step, and no bark. There are also several sounds she recognizes like the sound of her leash when we are getting ready for her walk. While walking she has two speeds, brisk and slow, nothing in between. She also drags her front paws and has worn down her claws. The vet thinks that since she has no neck or shoulder problems, the dragging may be her way of reading the walkway for obstructions.

She hops in the van easily and then slides out on her belly off the step. She trusts us that the ground is not too far below as we stay by her side and talk to her.

NGRR would like to thank Jim & Louise for their willingness to take a special needs dog. As is often the case, adopters figure out how truly “special” they really are. With the help of NGRR volunteers, Goldie has found her forever home. It was a long and difficult journey, but with a very happy ending.

Jill Morgan has created and fostered a wonderful relationship with the shelter team in Cabo. Here’s a special thank you from them:

*From Maggie McLean: I am the foster co-ordinator here in Cabo and wanted to contact you regarding your adoption of Goldie. When she came into our shelter here we were all very concerned for her. Being blind and older made her chances of adoption here slim but I was not prepared to accept the alternative!! She and Rufus her Golden brother, sat calmly in the run for several months, with no-one interested in either. Finally my home became*



*free for foster as did another and they started on the road to you!*

*NGRR came to the rescue as they have many times before, and the rest is history. We are so grateful to Dolores and Jill and the team at NGRR for supporting us and believing in us, and to you both for taking Goldie. We wish you many happy years with her – she deserves the second chance you have given her – thanks so very, very much. 🐾*



# A Few Words from our Golden Retrievers . . .

Thanks to Jill Morgan and Jan Dryer for submitting this!

Your donations make it possible to turn irresponsible breeders and puppy mills into joy, health, happiness, and love. Hear what our dogs and their new families have to say:

## A Big Thank You from SusieQ:

I was saved by NGRR but a few weeks ago, I lived in a puppy mill and it wasn't pretty. My whole purpose, and for all the other Golden Retrievers with me, was to be bred to the point of exhaustion – money in the bank for the owners.

When I was 3 years old, NGRR saved me...and I do mean saved with a capital S. I was in horrible condition physically



and worst of all, I had cancer. No one at the puppy mill noticed or cared about the lump in my abdomen, which was eventually diagnosed as a mast cell tumor. Because NGRR rescued me, I'm no longer facing a death sentence. Thanks to the donations of so many caring people, I underwent a surgery that removed the tumor and gave me back my life.

My new family is just the best! I have my own bed and I get to sleep inside. Talk about luxury! In the morning, after breakfast in my OWN bowl, I'm asked, "Do you want to go for a walk?" I can hardly contain myself. I no longer bark at the vision in the mirror because I know it's me...and I like what I see. And here's the best part: I have a family that loves and takes care of me. All day long I keep tabs on them. Every time I show up they smile, talk to me, and pet me. They

throw in a bunch of hugs, too. I love it. I love her. It is all too amazing.

Thank you, NGRR, for giving me a chance at a normal life. I don't understand it but I'm told it's no less than I deserve.

## From Miss Sadie's Mom:

Thank you NGRR for all your hard work and dedication to Golden Retrievers everywhere who are in some very "low places." When I first met Miss Sadie she was 43 lbs of skin and bones with very dark, hollow eyes and, oh yes, ear infections in both ears as well as a bad case of worms! NGRR made sure that all of Sadie's medical and social needs were properly assessed and taken care of immediately.

My name is Jane Belluomini and I have recently adopted a three-year-old White Retriever female breeder that was rescued from a Northern California puppy mill. She is an absolute "love." Miss Sadie has gone from a kennel breeder to a pampered member of our family. I am a Reading Specialist at Wagner-Holt Elementary School in Lodi and this will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year of the PAWS Program. Hopefully, Miss Sadie will complete her obedience training in the fall and begin Therapy training in late spring. I believe Miss Sadie has just the perfect personality to welcome her students onto a comfy sofa so that they can read their favorite book to her. What a retirement!

We are so lucky to have little Miss Sadie! She last weighed about 48 lbs and her eyes just sparkle with enthusiasm. She's willing and eager to please and I believe she will eventually become an excellent PAWS dog. Sadie and the whole Belluomini family want to Thank You again for being the kind of organization that will 'step up to the plate' and do what needs to be done to truly rescue those pups in need. Any Rescue can hold fund raisers for a good cause and pick up unwanted dogs from the local shelter, but it takes an OUTSTANDING Rescue to be responsible enough to take the extra steps necessary when dealing with the physical

and medical abuse of puppy mills. We are proud to say that we are associated with NGRR!!! Keep up the GREAT work!

## Here's What Cosby Has to Say . . .

In the beginning, they had to force me to stay with them on the couch and be petted. I didn't like this and they said that I would get this "dead dog" look in my eyes and shut down and go to a far-away place. And can you believe that I would turn down treats? I was not what they call "socialized." I always wanted to stay far away from any human that came around me.

My mom and dad tell me that I have put on some healthy weight and they can't feel or see my bones sticking out anymore. Now I LOVE to eat, especially out of my own bowl! No more sharing and fighting for food here! All I can say is thank you to those nice people who came to rescue me. Without them, I do not know where I would be today. I now have a chance at a life full of love and puppy happiness and I could not be more content.






















## Gabe has something to say too . . .

I was riddled with foxtails. I had a big hole in the top of my paw from where one entered and eventually had a big hole in the back of my paw when it exited. I also had to take some medicine to get rid of round worms and giardia. I was really afraid of people coming up to me and touching me in the beginning. I would run away and

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# GOLDEN GALLERIA

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Thank You!

## 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](http://www.ngrr.org).

## 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.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).)*

### HANDS-ON DOG WORK

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

### FUNDRAISING

- Grant/Letter Writing
- Event Coordinator/Worker
- Auction & Wine Tasting
- Wag 'n' Walk
- Calendar
- Merchandise Sales
  - Event Coordinator/Worker
  - Order Fulfillment
  - Catalog

### 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

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## Shopping Makes a Difference

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make a great Christmas gift for your coffee-loving friends and family. Sign up for their monthly service too!

### Chevy's Restaurants

The generous people at Chevy's will give 25% of your dinner tab to NGRR when you dine during our fundraising nights. A huge thank you to Lynn Parapar, Joan Green, Gayle Jaxson, and Rachel Botsford for coordinating dinners in their communities. Over the last couple of months Chevy's has given back to rescue over \$250! Keep an eye on the NGRR website for more dates and locations to come. A couple of them even allowed the dogs to join us on the patio.

## A Few Words from our Golden's ...

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cower when they would walk toward me. At first, I was stiff and uncomfortable.

When my foster parents first put that long rope on me and tried to get me to go outside, I put my brakes on and said "no way!" It was really hard for me because I saw my friends leave the house and really wanted to go where they were going, but just could not get myself to not be terrified.

Well, I have finally made some good strides and am now able to go for a walk with the "pack." I still don't like to go by myself but my foster parents are working on that. I do really enjoy myself when I get to that place where there is lots of green stuff to run around in! In fact, just today I went there and these things called "sprinklers" came on. I was scared at first but then I realized that it was just water and I began to run through them chasing the birds with my tail wagging like crazy! Oh, and I found this really cool spot that had a lot of water mixed in with this brown stuff my foster dad calls "mud" and had a great time becoming a Chocolate Golden.

There are not enough licks in me to express my gratitude for being saved from the life that I was living. Thanks NGRR!!