

# NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE

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

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## *A Forever Home For Maggie*

*by Shirlee Thomas & Maggie's New Family*

**D**uring one of my many Sunday afternoon visits to the local dog park, I struck up a conversation with a fellow Golden family. I was wearing my NGRR T-shirt and she asked all about the organization. She was considering finding a new home for their two-year-old Golden, "Maggie".



*Maggie*

Maggie came to them as a stray. A family member found her and tried to locate her owner with no luck. As time went on, Maggie's problems started to surface. To begin with, she had a problem with incontinence. The family was not terribly bothered by this and got her a cute pair of denim britches with cute pink suspenders. While Maggie got along well with the resident cat and children, she was not very fond of other dogs. She appeared to behave relatively well at the dog park, but did have her moments. Then, unfortunately, Maggie had several altercations in the neighborhood and the homeowners association suggested she find a new home.

I received a call in March and met with her mom who sadly surrendered Maggie to NGRR. Now came the bigger issue - how to find a home for a leaking dog that didn't like other dogs! Maggie came to stay with me and things went well for a brief time. She made friends with a foster I currently had and when "Taz" was finally adopted, Maggie

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## *10th Annual Auction & Wine Tasting*



Saturday, November 9, 2002  
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Mill Valley Community Center  
Mill Valley, California

This year's NGRR Auction & Wine Tasting will take place at a wonderful venue in the North Bay, the new Mill Valley Community Center. Catch up with friends, do some holiday shopping, taste exquisite wines, and bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items. Stephen "Seaweed" Seagrave, 107.7 The Bone DJ, will again emcee the event, and entice active bidding in the silent and live auctions. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our exciting tenth anniversary event.

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# From The President

Dave Berry

**N**GRR's efforts to rescue Golden Retrievers have always relied heavily on a core segment of our volunteer network — our fosters. Foster families house, feed and care for dogs either surrendered to us, or rescued from shelters or situations of neglect or abuse. Individual dogs can spend anywhere from hours to months in the care of a foster family before being adopted.

These wonderful volunteers open their homes, hearts (and often wallets) to our dogs, and assist in the process of finding them loving new families. Of course, many times fosters become attached to their “temporary” house guests and decide that the dog has already found its new home.

The foster system, however, has limitations. We are perpetually short of foster homes. Often times the ones we count on become victims of their own generosity and may end up with five or six dogs living in their homes. Not all dogs can be placed in any foster home. For instance, we cannot place a dog straight out of a shelter with no history into a foster family with young children. Such situations further limit an already scarce resource for us.

We have been researching for the better part of two years the feasibility of using kennels, or our own NGRR shelter, to complement the use of fosters. We have spoken with other Golden rescue organizations to learn about their experiences in this regard. Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue in New England and Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue in Pennsylvania are two of the most respected groups in the country having a similar mission as NGRR. Both organizations went, over a number of years, from 100% fostering to kennel space leasing, and finally to their own



*Dave with Stella and Yogi*

dedicated shelters. Both had very positive results from this transition.

Aside from relieving the burden on fosters, they benefited from more consistent evaluation and training of dogs living in a centralized environment. They also experienced higher rates of adoption of “hard-to-place” dogs. As an example, while few potential adopters would choose to make a trip to a foster’s home to meet a senior dog, or one with three legs, many would fall in love with just such dogs when they happened to see them in a kennel or at the group’s shelter among many up for adoption.

I am very excited to report that NGRR is in the process of finalizing its first agreement to lease kennel space at K-9 Country Club Kennels in Petaluma. Kris Kroner and Tiffanie Broan, the proprietors of this kennel, are former NGRR fosters and have tremendous personal experience in dog care, training and evaluation. Chris spent ten years as an instructor for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Tiffany raised eleven Golden Retrievers while an instructor for Guide Dogs.

This arrangement will serve as a pilot program for NGRR. It by no means meets all of our existing requirements, nor is it meant to do so. We will still be relying mainly on fosters for the foreseeable future. This kennel space will at a minimum provide us with a safety valve. For

instance, many times in the past, dogs have been surrendered to us immediately before major holidays. Our fosters would already have travel plans and could not take these dogs in and normal kennel space is booked many months in advance of holidays. Now when such situations arise, we will have guaranteed space at K-9 for up to eight dogs, which will help to buy us some time until after the holidays.

This arrangement will also allow us to gain some familiarity with the concept of kenneling dogs up for adoption, on a manageable scale. Assuming the experience is a positive one at K-9 Country Club Kennels for all involved, we can then use this as a model for adding similar arrangements at kennels closer to our other major geographical areas (i.e. East Bay, South Bay).

We have not ruled out the possibility of someday owning our own shelter, but due to the extremely high cost of real estate in Northern California, it is not yet a feasible option. In the meantime, developing a network of locally dedicated kennel space is an excellent means of furthering the goals of our mission.

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters. If you would like to write to the editor send your letter to:

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# More Adventures With Rusty and Charlie

by Suzanne Nickel

Sometime during the last nine months “Charlie”, the docile Golden I adopted a year-and-a-half ago from NGRR, took on a new look. He no longer was the dog who would placidly trail behind me on our walks and who never showed much interest in anything except some fairly lethargic chasing of birds at the beach. Instead, the new, improved 2002 model, Charlie the Goofus Doofus Dog, has replaced him!

It is all the result, of course, of his weight loss program and two successful knee surgeries. Now that he’s a trim 75 pounds, he can do things he’s not been able to do for years. He can lift his leg to pee, which seems simple enough but isn’t really possible when there is so much knee pain and extra weight present. He can - and does - play fight with “Rusty”. They wrestle delightedly with one another. He jumps up and down in eager expectation when he meets other dogs. He’s had to learn some basic commands all over again, as due to his excitement at being able to walk with his perfect show dog gait, he no longer wants to bother to heel.

The first new activity he did the evening he came off leash restriction, eight weeks after his second surgery, was to jump onto my bed and claim it as his own sleeping space. He’s since learned that he cannot have the middle of the bed, but every once in awhile he still tries.

Charlie is still uncertain about some things. He doesn’t want to be near big trucks and will try to cross to the other side of the street if we see one during a walk. And as we make our way to the car in the garage and pass through the kitchen where he eats twice a day,



*Rusty and Charlie*

he balks. He has to be pulled through the room! He absolutely dreads and is fearful of thunder and fireworks. In other words, I’ve adopted a wimp to go along with my wuss. (One of my neighbors nicknamed Rusty Thumper as “Wuss de Thunder” after hearing how he jumped under the covers next to me, shaking in stark terror, during a thunderstorm.)

We went to my friends Wendy and Jack’s cabin in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho on vacation this sum-

mer. Charlie spent a blissful week along with their two Golden Retrievers “Murphy” and “Rocky”. I was amazed when Charlie jumped the neighbor’s fence to meet their dog! I didn’t know if Charlie had ever gone swimming before. However, I knew Rusty had not had the opportunity after spending his entire first year-and-a-half in a dog run and was afraid of the ocean when I first adopted him. At

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*Charlie racing back from the neighbors’ property after jumping their fence.*

## *Duchess of Dolphins and Princess of Whales*

by Tina Jackson

Up at dawn, down to the wharf, and out for a whale-watching cruise on Monterey Bay with the crew ... can life get any better than this? Not if you're "Rumba", an NGRR Golden adopted by Captains Heidi Tuira and Steph Dutton of Sanctuary Cruises.

Heidi and Steph are the owners/operators of Sanctuary Cruises out of Moss Landing, CA. This husband and wife team is dedicated to educating the public about the wonders within and responsibilities to our oceans, and the sea-life of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

They had been running their eco-cruises with the assistance of their first Golden, "Fluke", and decided that she needed a younger Golden sister to keep her company.

Heidi recalls, "Steph went to find a younger sister for Flukie (age 12), and came back with our new little girl ... 10 years old! But no matter the age, it was love at first sight and she's been keeping Fluke on her toes, which confirms how special the golden years can truly be."

Rumba entered the NGRR program after her elderly owner moved to a retirement community. She was renamed "Rumba" after Heidi and Steph saw her sashaying down the floating walkway next to Princess of Whales, the

larger of the two Sanctuary vessels. Although Rumba had never been to the beach or bay, she threw herself into her new life with wild abandon. As a matter of fact, the first time she went down to the marina with Steph and Heidi she flew off the end of the dock after some seagulls!

The couple's first golden, Fluke, is unofficially known as the original Princess of Whales and Steph and

Heidi waited eagerly for Rumba to show them a sign towards assuming her own royal title. Then one day it happened. On a trip in March, Rumba discovered dolphins. Steph took Rumba down to the lower deck of the catama-

ran and the two of them sat there for several minutes as the dolphins splashed and squealed around them. Then Steph excitedly called Heidi (back on shore at the time) to let her know that another Royal Highness was in their midst — the Duchess of Dolphins. Since that time, Rumba has become an expert in spotting the Risso's Dolphins, much to the chagrin of her older sister Fluke.

When not whale-and-dolphin-watching, both Golden Retrievers can be found on



*The Duchess of Dolphins and her dad, Captain Steph*

the bridge snoozing or supervising from their customized dog beds. They are much loved, and our little NGRR dog Rumba says, *my life is so good . . . a great new home with a super family - a golden oldie sister, cruising on the Monterey Bay, and a mission: goodwill ambassador for the whales, dolphins and other marine creatures of the Pacific.*

Check out Sanctuary's web site: [www.sanctuarycruises.com](http://www.sanctuarycruises.com) to learn more and tell them, "Rumba sent me"! 🐾



*Fluke and Rumba*



*The Princess of Whales*

# Cody: NGRR's Senior Goldens Fund at Work

by Carol Robins, Stefanie Dierolf and Marilyn Goldberg (compiled by Jennifer Kelsey)

When his owner died in November 2001, "Cody" was about 11-years-old. Not wanting to be bothered with finding a home for him, the owner's relatives left him at the Peninsula Humane Society's shelter. After the shelter personnel notified NGRR, San Mateo County volunteer Stefanie Dierolf went to the shelter to see him, and found him to be an exceptionally friendly, pretty, and dignified older gentleman. Although otherwise in good health, he had a large tumor under the skin on his right shoulder. Unfortunately, the shelter veterinarian diagnosed the tumor as malignant. Because of his older age and the presence of the tumor, he would have been euthanized had NGRR not intervened. Stefanie arranged to have him seen at the Holly Street Pet Hospital to find out about treatment possibilities.

When volunteer Marilyn Goldberg went to pick him up at the shelter for transfer to Holly Street, Cody was ready and waiting, and bounded out to greet her. Even though he had been there only a short time, it was clear that the staff really liked him, and he received several hugs on his way out the door. Because it was a gorgeous warm day, Marilyn asked Cody if he wanted her to take the top down on her car for the drive to Holly Street. She took his animated tail wagging to mean "yes," and off they went. Upon arrival at the hospital, Cody happily "chatted" with several other dogs in the waiting room. He then sat at Marilyn's feet, with his head resting on her knees. Before leaving him there to be boarded for a few days, Marilyn took him for a walk around the neighborhood. He put his leash in his mouth and pranced out the door. "What a sweet, happy, attractive, lovable dog," thought Marilyn.

Dr. Christenson at the Holly Street Pet



Cody

Hospital recommended that the tumor be removed, at which time the surgeon would be better able to determine the prognosis. The surgery revealed that the tumor was deeper than previously thought. The surgeon felt it unlikely that she had been able to remove all of the tumor, and recommended radiation treatments in addition.

In the meantime, Cody needed a foster home, and none were available in San Mateo County. However, Carol Robins in Santa Cruz County offered to foster Cody "for a week." Carol was somewhat concerned about taking care of an 11-year-old who had just had surgery for cancer, but when Cody walked out of the hospital, he looked and acted like a considerably younger dog. At her home he was happy, jumped around, played with the cats, and enjoyed "hanging out" with the two resident goldens.

When she took Cody to Dr. Linda Fineman, oncologist at the Pacific Veterinary Specialists in Santa Cruz, Dr. Fineman confirmed that radiation treatment was needed to get rid of the entire tumor and thereby prevent it from growing again. With radiation therapy three times a week for thirteen weeks, Dr. Fineman estimated that there was a

70-80 percent chance that Cody would remain free of cancer. She was willing to give NGRR a discount, and to allow the payments to be spread over a period of time. Carol lives near the Veterinary Tumor Institute in Santa Cruz where the radiation treatments were to take place, and she was able to rearrange her work schedule so that she could take Cody for his treatments over a period of about three months. Carol also gave a donation to NGRR specifically for Cody.

Nevertheless, the treatment was going to be expensive. Stefanie put together a proposal for the NGRR Board of Directors, who agreed that some of the money could come from the Senior Goldens Fund. Stefanie agreed that she and her colleagues would raise money for the remainder of the cost. Some of the money has been raised through donations. Stefanie's neighbors Jean Ackerman and Lauren Righini have raised money through cookie sales, including at the Wag 'n Walk. However, about \$1000 is still needed.

Cody has now successfully completed all his treatments, and Carol Robins has this to report about *the foster who came to stay for maybe a week*:

When Stefanie asked me in November to foster Cody, I had a lot of reasons for not doing it. I had two males of my own, I had just finished a long-term foster of a Golden, and I am the only foster in Santa Cruz County. I told Stefanie maybe for a week.

I expected to pick up an old dog who needed help just to move around. What I met was a spry old gentleman, happy to be in a loving home with both dog and cat companions. He fit in immediately with everyone. He had the biggest, brightest eyes and warmest smile. He wouldn't let me out of his sight, following me everywhere I went including up and down slopes. Before long, I was hoping no one would call about adopting him!

He even looked forward to the trips

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# In Remembrance of Red

by Deborah Lubeck

The individual who found him on her front lawn two years ago, aptly named him “Red.” He had the coloring and nose of an Irish Setter with the soul and heart of a Golden Retriever. He was near death when he was found abandoned, skinny, unable to stand, dehydrated, with ear infections, flea infestation and pneumonia. No one expected him to survive his stay in the ICU at Adobe Animal Hospital. Thanks however to the numerous NGRR volunteers, veterinarians, and veterinary assistants who did everything possible to help him, Red left the hospital after two weeks.

Red was not the easiest dog to put up for adoption. In addition to his chronic lung problems, he was deaf and had very bad arthritis in all four legs. He was unable to run, couldn’t climb stairs, and his walking distance was limited, but he had the face of a wise man with great tales to tell, and a wish for a comfortable home. I never hesitated to adopt Red, as I simply couldn’t resist that face! At the time I had an older NGRR female “Brandy”, who had just lost her female companion, and Red was the perfect housemate for her. In fact, together they became more adventurous, going for walks (albeit short), riding in the car, sticking their noses out the car window, occasionally coming to work with me and raiding the laundry basket when I left them during the day. Everyone at my office found Red to be such a gentleman, quiet and just happy to be around others. Walking became so important to Red that first thing in the morning and when I returned from work, he insisted on going out to the small park area near my house to sniff and socialize with the neighborhood dogs and children. He was especially fond of the female dogs in a very gentlemanly way.

A few months after I adopted Red, Brandy passed away. Red didn’t like being an only dog, and I adopted



Red

another female who was a few years younger than Red. “Bailey” loved to go for long walks on the beach trails near our house, which were too much of a challenge for Red. But Red would bark if left behind while we walked, so we came to an agreement. All three of us would take a short stroll to give Red time to sniff everything while Bailey and I played ball. When Red had finished his walk, we would take him home and then Bailey and I could proceed on a longer walk while Red napped in his bed. When all three of us were walking we would encounter children and adults who would remark on Red’s beauty and want to pet him (which he loved). I would tell his story of abandonment, illness and recovery and they were all shocked that such things could happen to such a sweet dog.

A few months after I adopted Red, I

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## Cody *(continued)*

for radiation and the special attention the technicians gave him. He never seemed sad, nor did he seem to complain about all he had been through. Right now the love of his life is Nala, a six-year-old female foster. He roughhouses with her, gives her baths and stares at her constantly. Cody has taught me a lot, especially about growing old with a will to live fully, even in the face of serious health problems.

So here it is August 2002 and Cody is cancer-free. I have stopped worrying about someone calling to adopt Cody. Sam and I adopted him this month and this will be his last home. 🐾

*Note: Contributions for Cody will be greatly appreciated, and should be sent to NGRR, with a note indicating that the money is to be used by the Senior Goldens Fund, specifically for Cody. Contributions to the Senior Goldens Fund in general will benefit other dogs like Cody, who can still have several tail-wagging years ahead of them, but who might otherwise have to be euthanized.*



Cody and Nala

## Red *(continued)*

happened to meet two of the veterinarians who treated him when he was first rescued. They were amazed at his recovery. His coat was thick and beautiful, he had gained weight, he was walking around, and he was obviously happy. The vets called him a miracle dog.

Just a few months ago, we discovered that Red had kidney cancer and his health began to decline. The same vets and technicians did everything they could to help him. When Red began to lose weight as well as interest in his regular dog food, the technicians sat with us both as we went through jars of baby food to see what Red might like (chicken, turkey, and beef). Simultaneously, a veterinarian was copying pages from a cookbook for recipes that would provide him with the additional potassium, fat, and protein that he needed.

Red passed away a few days ago from his cancer. The same veterinarians were there by his side and mine and reminded me that no one expected him to survive these past two years. While I am saddened to lose Red, I know he is in a better place where he is free of pain, can walk and maybe even run with his canine friends. When I wrote to the volunteers and others who knew Red, I realized just how many lives he touched. He asked for nothing more in life than to have a safe home and some human and canine companions. So many people made that possible. Red truly embodied the spirit of NGRR. I know that many people will remember Red with great fondness, and hopefully this will lead to another family willing to adopt a senior Golden, even one with health problems. 🐾

*Santa Clara Area Coordinator Pam Lavin notes: "So many of us knew this special guy and we all admire Deborah for adopting and loving our old, ill, senior Golden and for caring and nurturing them until the end of their lives."*

## Wag 'n Walk Raises \$20,000!

by Linda Knowles

Another successful Wag 'n Walk has come and gone. On Saturday, June 8, 2002, dogs and their people came together to relax and have a fun day in the sun at the picturesque Shadow Cliffs Recreation Area in

Parapar, Cynthia Holden, Deborah Bevilaqua, Yvonne Vergez, Jeff and Sio Wilson, Joe Ramos and Sharon Goldstein. Special thanks also to the 35 volunteers who helped the day of the

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*Welcome to the Walk*

Pleasanton. Over 400 human registrants and more than 250 canines participated, making the 5th Wag 'n Walk the best attended yet. Proceeds from the walk totaled almost \$20,000! These dollars will go a long way to help our wonderful Golden Retrievers in need.

Our morning began with Canine Good Citizen Testing, performed by Contra Costa and Alameda Counties Guide Dogs for the Blind volunteers, and a demonstration by Alameda County Emergency Services Department. Following the casual walk around the reservoir, we had an exciting demonstration by the Bay Racers Flyball Club. Our much anticipated Kamp K-9 was with us for the fourth time to provide fun, games, and prizes for ALL participants.

Many thanks go to the dedicated volunteers who worked so hard on the "Wag" committee this year: Lynn



*Our 2002 Mascot dog Sunny with owner Shannon Aiken*

# Wag 'n Walk *(continued)*

event. This dedication is what made our event such a success!

It has been an honor for me to head Wag 'n Walk the past five years. I have found it most rewarding to work with the many wonderful volunteers that have become "family" within NGRR and to have made so many new friends, human as well as canine! It's now time to pass this position on to a new leader for next year. If you feel that this could be an exciting and rewarding way for you to offer your time to NGRR, please contact me, Linda Knowles, at [goldenresq@earthlink.net](mailto:goldenresq@earthlink.net). Let's keep Wag 'n Walk an annual tradition! 🐾



*Above: Along the Walk*



*At left: The "Big Splash"*

*Below: Observing the "Big Splash" at the old Watering Hole*

“Over 400 human registrants and more than 250 canines participated, making the 5th Wag 'n Walk the best attended yet.”





## Home For Maggie *(continued)*

was very unhappy with the change. Then she got into four fights with my 11-year-old dog, so it was time for her to find a place where she could be more at peace and not have the stress of other dogs.

How do you thank a single man who had no dog of his own and was willing to care for Maggie. THANK YOU, PETER! As Maggie adjusted to her new foster environment, I began to investigate the leaking problem. After many trials and efforts, Maggie was diagnosed with a double ectopic ureter. This is a condition that is caused when the tubes that would normally fill the bladder are attached below the bladder and the urine simply leaks out. Her surgery and tests totaled \$1,400. The successful results that followed were due to the many wonderful people that support the efforts of NGRR through donations from adoptions, attendance and

participation at our fundraising events and through generous gifts.

Maggie has now found the perfect new home with a mom and three children that just adore her! She has made friends with the neighbor dog, goes on a nightly walk, has both indoor and outdoor toys, a new collar and leash and tummy rubs all day long. Her life is now as good as gold.

A note from Maggie's new family: "Maggie came to us after being moved around quite a bit. I was worried if she would be happy with yet another new environment and would want to stay. I wondered about her ability to truly become adjusted. We were eagerly awaiting her arrival with new toys, bed, etc. close at hand. When she came bouncing in, she went straight for the toys! It was the picture of a family being reunited with a lost pet rather than one of adoption. We love her as much as she loves us. While she has a yard and can play

outside, she prefers to remain inside. She appears to be truly happy with her new home.

Maggie has two-legged playmates ages 11, 13 and 18 in the house to keep her very occupied. She loves sitting on their beds, helps them with their homework and waits at the front door as soon as she hears the school bus go by. She has come into our lives and hearts as if she has always been here. No family could ever dream of having such a perfect fit like we have with Maggie.

We thank NGRR for taking the time and effort to bring us this angel! We lost our previous Golden, "Tana", to cancer earlier this year. She would be so proud that we were able to not only fill our void, but make another Golden rescue possible. The match was truly a miracle for us all. Thank you."

Congratulations, Maggie. May all your days be golden! 🐾

## Rusty and Charlie *(continued)*

the end of last summer he'd just progressed to the point where he'd reluctantly get his paws wet if I waded into the surf.

The first time we went to one of the nearby lakes, Wendy said, "I wonder how long it will take your dogs to get the hang of this." We looked around to make sure it was safe to take the dogs off their leashes and then let them go. Rusty followed Murphy and Rocky as they raced into the lake and started swimming as though he'd been doing it all his life. Charlie, on the other hand, went as far as the shore, noticed the gentle lapping of the wavelets and seemed to say, *I don't think so!* He could not be coaxed into the water.

The second time we went to the lake, Wendy brought an air mattress

and floated on it while I pulled Charlie into the water by his leash. I lifted and supported him so he could float and tossed the leash to Wendy. I couldn't see his face since I was holding him, but Wendy said his expression changed from *I really don't want to do this . . . to maybe it's not so bad . . . to actually this is kind of fun!* I hope that next summer we'll be able to return to Idaho and try more swimming. In the interim, we'll seek out creeks and protected beaches.

Charlie and Rusty are each uniquely individual Golden Retrievers. Rusty seems to believe that his job is to be the best watchdog in the world. He is on duty 24/7 protecting me and my property from every perceived threat - burglars, intruders, missionaries, salespeople,

deer, strange dogs and stray kittens - his trademark, *grr*, *bark*, and *howl* sounds exceptionally fierce and is contradicted only by the speed at which his tail wags. Charlie, on the other hand, seems to think that his job is to lie at my feet wherever and whenever I sit down. He doesn't follow me into the garden when I work there, as Rusty does. He's now very adapted and prefers to being an indoor dog, unless there's the prospect of a walk! Then he bounces up and is ready to go.

Both dogs have the trademark golden disposition, but each personality is distinct, colorful and idiosyncratic. Perhaps that's why I'm so delighted to have them both in my pack. 🐾

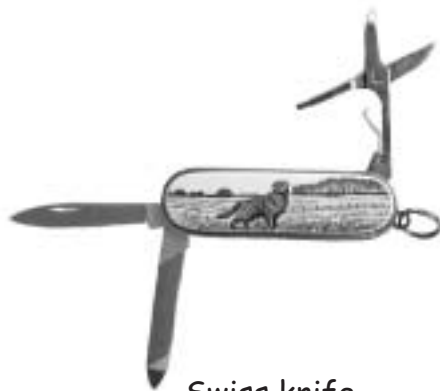
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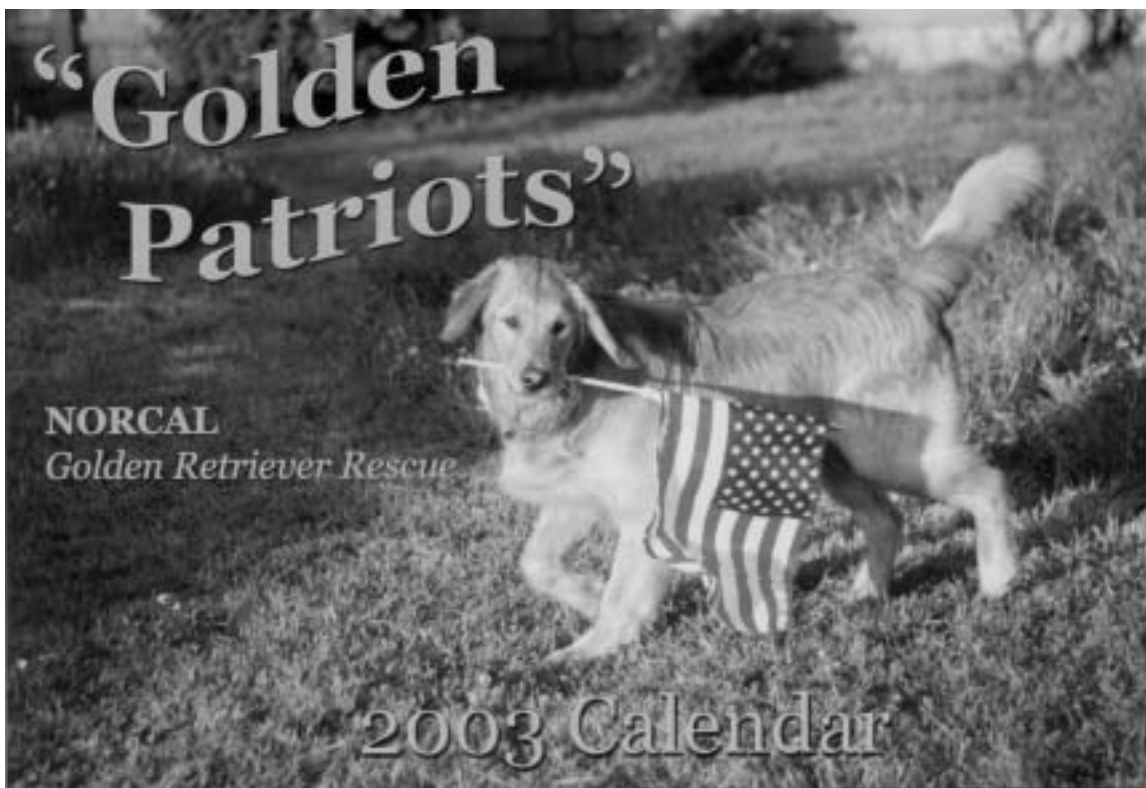


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Merry Christmas"  
10 cards and envelopes  
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Merry Christmas"  
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## *In Tribute to*



### *Karen Lindstrom*

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Ellen Ervin

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“A wonderful friend.”  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Susan Maloch

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Berna Hart Welch of  
Pebwin Golden Retrievers

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Lisa McCabe

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“We can’t find the words...take care,  
Paul.”  
Donation by Helene and Jim Brodrick

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Kay Maruhashi

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Stacey and William Bain

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Donation by S. Gary Brown, D.V.M.  
of Veterinary Orthopedic and Surgery  
Service.

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Julie and James Speer,  
D.V.M.

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Luane Vidak

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Betsy and Don Sumner

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“I will especially miss Karen’s com-  
pany, wit and humor at our puppy  
parties.”  
Sincere sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Debbie Claussen

In Memory of Karen L. Lindstrom  
Loving condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Mom and Charlie Dana

In Loving Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“Karen was a lover of Golden’s, a  
friend, and a loving wife.”  
Forever loved and missed by Paul,  
Rosie, Pills, Joshua, Tara, Jitter and  
Riot  
Donation by Myra, Don, Teaser and  
Ginger Kelley

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Dotti and Bookie Page of  
Auric Acres Golden Retrievers

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Wife of Paul Lindstrom  
Sincere sympathies sent to Paul  
Donation by Louise and Jim Bromley

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Karen Rice

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sincere sympathies sent to  
Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Jane Tierney

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathies sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Carol and Allan Porter

In Loving Memory of Karen  
Lindstrom  
“My dear friend”  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Robin E. Baker

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Our condolences sent to Paul  
Lindstrom  
Donation by Capitola Kennels of  
Santa Cruz

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“Karen gave me encouragement,  
advice and steadfast support in my  
first days as a volunteer and foster  
mom for NGR.”  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Suzanne Nickel

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Our sympathies sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Berna and Peter Welch of  
Pebwin Golden Retrievers

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Warren Foy and Mary  
Kelley

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathies sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Toxie and Bert Young

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
“Karen was our friend and neighbor.”  
Sincere sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Evers

In Loving Memory of Karen  
Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Joyce and Dave Kinghorn

## *In Tribute To Karen Lindstrom (continued)*

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"This gift honors Karen, who gave selflessly to Goldens and Golden people. She will be greatly missed."  
Condolences given to Paul Lindstrom and Goldens  
Donation by Judy Lee and Java  
(Sandpoint Best Part of Wakin' Up)

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathy sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Lesley A. Franz

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen had a wonderful joy of life and love for her goldens and those of others. She has brought so much life into all our lives. We will miss her every day."  
Sincere sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by John and Carol Belew

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom and her beloved pals, "Molson", "Jackson" and "her Rescue Girl"  
Sympathy to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Kathleen Moore

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation sent with love by "Gable"  
Monterey Bay Heartbreaker, Sandra and Howard Janotta

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"I know that Karen and Jackson are together again."  
Sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Marjorie Moore

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"She brought happiness and she will be missed."  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Anne Shannon

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen will live on in the hearts of her many friends."  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Vic and Laura Franchi

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen touched our lives so softly and sweetly years ago when I was considering using Jackson for my girl. We were so new in computers and she so patiently helped us through the process of sending pictures through email. She made such a soft impression on our hearts that we will never forget her or her kindness to us even though we never met in person. She has left some huge shoes to fill in the Golden world and set a perfect example of a true Golden. We will miss her terribly."  
Sincere sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Cindy Steward and Chelsea, Sasha and Keeper,  
Meadowbrook Goldens, Eagle River, AK.

In Loving Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen was a long time, dear rescue friend who loved Goldens and Rescue very much. I hope when she stops at the Rainbow Bridge to gather her friends that she'll say hello to Gidget and Muffy. Karen was always one of their favorite humans. We'll all miss her very much."  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Mary Alward, Bubba and Bullet

In Loving Memory of a Wonderful Lady, Karen  
"Karen will be missed by all her friends and Goldens. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily."  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Jan Teichman

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolences to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Suzi and Dave Bluford

In Loving Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
Condolence to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Uncle Jerry and Karen Stroup

In Honor of Karen Lindstrom  
Sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Kenneth B. Sounier,  
Tellermate, Inc.

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen was a special person - Our thoughts are with you."  
Sympathy sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Lesley McDonald and Robyn Hershberg

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"The Golden community has lost a wonderful lady. Please accept our sincere sympathy."  
Condolence sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Marsha and John York & MY Goldens

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Paul...your wife gently touched many Golden lives, including ours. Our gift to NGRR is given in loving memory of Karen."  
Sympathies given to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Perry and Linda Shipman, Iris & Angel

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Paul...Please know how much Karen will be missed and how much she was loved by her friends."  
Condolences given to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Sharon Shilkoff

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"May you find comfort in knowing that Karen was loved and respected by so many."  
Sympathies sent to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Jane Jensen

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Karen was a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be greatly missed by all."  
Sincere sympathies to Paul Lindstrom  
Donation by Nancy Mendell

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom  
"Our golden girl and dear friend."  
Sincere condolences to Paul  
Donation with love by Terry and Leslie Hurdy

## *In Tribute To Karen Lindstrom (continued)*

We first met Karen Lindstrom just over a year ago, when we were fortunate to be in the right place at the right time to adopt an older female Golden girl. At first I was a “nervous mom” and called Karen with questions on the most minor of problems. She was always more than willing to

answer my questions and concluded our conversations with “call me anytime” (and really meaning it!). Karen had such a bright, happy and compassionate way about her. The world needs more people like Karen. Her passing is such a sad loss !

Karen, Skip and Kalani (Cricket) Gill

## *In Tribute to David Bluford*

In Memory of a Great Golden guy,  
Dave Bluford  
“Dave was the source of Bailey, who is, as I write this, joined with me at the hip.”  
Sympathy to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Bill Burleigh

In Memory of David Bluford  
Sympathy sent to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Robin and Gregory Aeschliman

In Memory of David Bluford  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Marsha and Nicholas Kraushaar

In Loving Memory of Dave Bluford  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Marilyn Tacker

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
Sympathies to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by J.T. Mason

In Fondest Memory of Dave Bluford  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Jan Teichman

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
“In appreciation of Dave’s support of our organization over many years. He was a very kind and gentle man and will be missed, but not forgotten, by many.”  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club

In Memory of David B. Bluford  
Condolences to Mrs. Bluford  
Donation by Diane Midloch

In Memory of David B. Bluford  
Sympathy to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Gerda Rayne

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
Condolences sent to Suzie Bluford  
Donation by Tom and Terry Bengard

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Arline and Charles Lovett

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
Sympathy sent to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Helene and Jim Brodrick

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
“We once took dog training lessons from Dave and always admired his Golden Retrievers.”  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Carol and Jim Catalano

In Memory of David B. Bluford  
Sympathies sent to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Sheri and John Davidson

In Memory David B. Bluford  
Condolences to Mrs. Suzi Bluford  
Donation by the Tostevin Accountancy Corporation

In Memory of Dave Bluford  
Condolences to Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Janet and Roger Huff

In Memory of David B. Bluford  
Sympathy to Mrs. Suzi Bluford  
Donation by Linda S. Beneke

## *In Memoriam*

In Memory of “Boomer”  
“My heartfelt sympathy is sent. Boomer was a great dog and companion to you.”

Loved by Nancy Mendell  
Donation by Mae Weintraub

In Memory of “Red”  
“Found as an older stray near death’s door, Red was adopted by Deborah Lubeck, a patron saint of older Golden Retrievers. With Deborah’s TLC and with good veterinary care, Red went on to live several happy months with Deborah and her other elderly rescued Golden Retrievers. Loved by Deborah Lubeck  
Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of “Radames”  
“Radames was our beloved Golden Retriever, who died of cancer on August 6, 2002, at the age of 10 years.”  
Loved and missed by Susan and Arthur W. Walenta  
In Memory of “Sammie”  
Loved by Suzanne and James Clemens

In Memory of “Boomer”  
Loved by Nancy Mendell  
Donation by Mary Alward

In Memory of “Sir Dudley”  
“Dudley...you are my heart, my soul, my strength. I miss and love you dearly. Thank you for caring for Jack and me.”  
Love, Mom (Mary Stabenfeldt)

In Memory of “Arsey”  
Am/Int'l CH Shalimar's Top of the Mark, CD, UCICB, SDHF  
Much loved by Laura Finco  
Donation by Colette and Jack Agresti

In Memory of “Begonia”  
“Begonia...Thank you for your eleven years of love and dedication to Liz, Joe and Jenner.”  
Donation by Jack’s Mom (Mary Stabenfeldt)



## *In Memoriam* (continued)

### In Memory of "Tanner"

"When rescued, Tanner was expected to live for only two months because of cancer. Instead, he lived for almost three truly wonderful years with Cade and Kirby. He was the 'perfect dog' and will be greatly missed."

Devotedly loved by Cade Deverell and Kirby

Donation by Jenny Kelsey

### In Memory of Norma "Tiny" Morris

"Tiny was a great woman and is terribly missed."

Condolences to Mrs. Nancy Bacon and Mrs. Carol Gorten

Donation by Marilyn and Bob Ormond

### In Memory of "Wesley"

"Wesley came to us through your organization about 6 years ago, a quiet and shy, yet very gentle and loving Golden. He stayed as our companion, especially to our youngest son until April 23rd this year."

Missed and loved by David and Maya Jio and family

### In Memory of "Little Boomer"

"I can still remember the look on 'little' Boomer's face as his new owners drove down the driveway to his new home. He sat in the back seat looking straight ahead wondering what his future would be. Boomer was the first pup to leave the litter and it broke my heart to see him go. He turned out to be a wonderful, beautiful boy and he will be terribly missed."

Lovingly missed by the Challet Family  
Donation by Nancy and Ed Mendell, Boomer, Chickie and Polly (*Little Boomer's* sister)

### In Memory of "Chance"

"A very precious Golden Boy."

Cherished by Serena Butler

Donation by Mildred Whitworth

### In Memory of "Boomer"

"The brightest star in the heavens is still beaming his love upon you. It is actually Boomer wagging his tail."

Loved like no other Golden in this world by Nancy and Ed Mendell, Chickie and Polly

Donation by Stephanie, David and Laura Getzler

### In Memory of "Charlie"

"I will miss my little friend with the Golden heart."

Loved by Barbara Peterson

Donation by Debbie Claussen

### In Memory of our Beautiful "Katie"

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

### In Loving Memory of "Max"

"Max was the constant companion for over fifteen years to Julie and Bob. They will miss him greatly."

Loved by Julie and Bob Galiata

Donation by Colette and Jack Agresti

### In Memory of "Malone"

"Malone was everything a Golden should be, a devoted companion to Dana and Spencer. He will always have a special place in their hearts. Missed and loved by Dana and Spencer Stafford

Donation by Colette and Jack Agresti

### In Memory of "Poacher"

SR Classic Gold's Over the Limit CD, JH, CGC, WCX

"With thanks to Doug and Helen and in memory of 'Poacher,' a Late, Great Golden."

Donation by Irene Campbell

### In Memory of "Chelsea"

"Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time."

Adored by the DeRosa Family

Donation by Jeff, Debbie and Chana Lucchesi

### In Memory of "Toby"

"Toby was our fourth Golden Retriever and the most loving of them all. We adopted him at age 3 from NGRR in early 1996. He was a beautiful tall but slender, reddish retriever with a fine coat and long feathers. Although unusual in that he would not retrieve balls or swim, he was a fun loving, affectionate, loyal and obedient companion. Toby loved to hike mountain trails and ride in our boat and cars. He died in mid-July shortly after being injured while hiking with us in the Sierras. He had a good life and love from everyone around him." Missed and loved by Betty and Newton Drury

### In Memory of Allan and Carol Porter's, "Kate"

"Kate will always be remembered by all who knew her, especially Camille as the perfect *Lady*."

Loved by the Porter Family

Donation by Colette and Jack Agresti

### In Memory of "Max"

"There's a new star in the heavens. His name is 'Max.'"

Loved by Bob and Julie Galiata

Donation by Hannah & Emma and Family

### In Memory of "Chance"

"Chance, you were our couch potato. There will never be another like you."

Cherished and loved by Jim, Serene, Mandy, Dixie and Ami Butler

### In Memory of "Katie"

"Mother of our wonderful Daisy. We will never forget the great times we had together."

She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by Allan, Carol, Lisa, Roz and Nicholas Porter.

Donation by Doug, Ruby, Chelsea and Daisy Miller

## *In Memoriam* (continued)

### *Red-Gold Dog of Mine and Thine*

In memory of "Geysler Peak" (4/1/85 - 8/27/99)  
A Canine Companion for Independence Service  
Dog

Dog of my heart  
where are you now? In God's lair"  
At rest, from pain far apart  
since you last struggled the stairs?

Fourteen and more years  
you gave two-legged mortals.  
Seven with a wheelchair near,  
helping a boy up curbs and through portals.

I raised you up.  
then cried you away  
when no longer a pup  
you went on your way,

to learn how to pull and turn on a light  
for legs ever numb and arms not able  
to reach for a switch on the wall at night,  
or pick up a book from the bedside table.

But, Geysler, you could, and for him you did.  
For a young boy with muscles gone astray  
you knew how to help, what it was he bid.  
You gave him hope each time you obeyed.

Instead of leaden and to earth stiffly bound,  
you made him feel free, strong and proud.  
It was you, golden dog, who eventually found  
he could laugh after all - and happily loud!

We sent you off to be the best you could be,  
to brighten his heart and lighten his load.  
Your doing so helped him see who he could be,  
even dare look forward to what came down the road.

You came back to us at age ten wizened and gray, with  
eyelashes that  
looked as if they might have been  
coated with white mascara, thick and fat.

Your brown eyes, deep as wells, wore a coat of wise,  
Your chin had gone silver, also your muzzle.  
But you were not tired, glum or otherwise,  
still using that nose to push in for a nuzzle.



*Adam and Geysler Peak*

You played "cutting horse" and bounce with my son,  
rolled under swings and chased balls until spent.  
When each day, long or short, was done,  
you'd thump hard at our feet, nearly leaving a dent!

Those last weeks your head had a curious tilt,  
and your balance was off a little too much.  
Though wrapped in summer swelter, your spirit would not wilt.  
And then, I think, you sensed, but could not feel, our touch.

We had you those years early and late.  
You were ours again till that lump did you in.  
Finally it was time, sweet dog, loyal and great,  
to let you go on to Heaven's den.

I unleashed you to the stars that August day,  
to cavort and swim to your soul's content.  
Oh how my heart ached for you to get up and play.  
At last, I embraced you, deep in tears as you went.

I know you're rolling on Eternal lawns, always green,  
and, in jest, chasing cats across the Saints' soft sod.  
When I stop, look up and pray what I mean,  
I hear back that you're playing catch with God.

Loved and missed by James, Janet and Adam Sherman and "Belle"

## *In Memoriam* (continued)

In Loving Memory of "Boomer"

CH. Fame Honor's I've Got Pizazz  
UDX, JH, WCX, VCX, CGC, SDHF,  
OS

"In honor of one of the greatest dogs to  
ever grace this breed. We share  
in your sorrow and send our love. We  
will miss him greatly."

Loved by Nancy and Ed Mendell  
Donation lovingly sent by Paul Bullard,  
Laurie Tobias, daughter Lily and  
granddaughter Sophie

In Memory of "Gracie"

Dearly loved and missed by Terry,  
Leslie and Cooper Hurdy  
Donated by Doug and Ruby Miller

In memory of dear, sweet "Tanner"

What a gentle face and precious de-  
meanor! And how content and happy he  
was in the loving and tender home of  
Kirby and Cade Deverell.

Donation by Mary, Larry and Finnegan  
Anderson

In Memory of "Katie"

"Our sincere sorrow to you."  
Lovingly missed by Carol and Allan  
Porter  
Donation by Misty, Heather and Karen  
Rice

In Memory of "Katie Porter"

"Katie was Carol and Allan's wonderful  
girl."  
Lovingly missed by Carol and Allan  
Porter  
Donation by Cade Deverell

In Memory of "Katie"

"The memory of soft brown eyes,  
thumping tail and gentle soul will shine  
in the hearts of her much loved family,  
the Porters."  
Cherished by Carol, Allan and Lisa  
Porter  
Donation by Stephanie, David and  
Laura Getzler

In Memory of "Kate"

"A real sweetie who was loved and  
adored by Carol and Allan."  
Loved for fourteen years by Carol and  
Allan Porter  
Donation by Nancy Mendell

In Memory of "Willie"

"Although Willie had a very short time  
here on earth, he will be long in  
memory in our hearts. We miss him."  
Lovingly missed by Bill and Ruth Baily  
Donation by Sandy Baily and John  
Townsend

In Memory of "Max"

"Max was a wonderful Golden Re-  
triever companion to Tim and Niki."  
Loved by Niki and Tim Bowden  
Donation by Tracey and Donald  
Robinson

In Memory of "Charlie"

"I will miss my little friend with the  
Golden heart!"  
Loved by Barbara Peterson

In Memory of "Katie"

"In honor of Katie and the very long and  
happy life she led with the Porters. Her  
many friends, both human and canine,  
will greatly miss her."  
Loved by Carol and Allan Porter  
Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of "Katie"

"Katie was the adored companion of  
Carol and Allan Porter. She is loved  
and missed by them, Roz, Nicholas and  
Colby."  
Sincere condolences sent to Carol and  
Allan Porter  
Donation by Suzanne Nickel

In Memory of "Rainy"

"A very beloved Golden."  
Treasured by Christy and Jim Hayes  
Donation by Penny, Judy, Carolyn,  
Ellen, Leslie, Denise, Angela, and Jill at  
Marketplace Travel

In Loving Memory of "Willie"

"Willie loved everyone. His parents  
gave him the greatest 4 years of life that  
any dog could have. Davos will miss  
his best pal. Rio, Cooper and Boomer  
will take good care of Willie now.  
Willie will be forever in our hearts.  
Loved and cherished by Ruth Baily  
Donation by Bill, Nancy, and Davos  
Baily

In Memory of "Our Aunt" Beulah  
Lillian Gray

"She passed away at the Golden age of  
94 on April 2, 2002."  
Condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Harry  
Burbidge, the Herman and Russ Family,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Scott  
Donation by Janet and Bill Hellums

## *Tributes*

"Happy Birthday, Jenny (Kelsey)"  
Love, Cade Deverell and Kirby

In Honor of the Engagement of Mathew  
Colvin and Jessica Stein  
"They are very proud owners of a young  
Golden, so it seemed the best way to  
honor their future."  
Donation by Nancy Sullivan

In Honor of Julia Allen and her Family  
"Thank you."  
Donation by Toni and Richard White

In Honor of Sharon McConnell's  
Birthday!  
"Happy Birthday, Sharon."  
Donation by Kimberly Daly

Thanks to June Smith for her continual  
donations to the Golden Oldies

In Honor of Janet Peddicard  
Donation by Carol and David  
Lindenmuth

In Appreciation of Helene and Jim  
Brodrick  
"Thank you bringing Quid into our  
lives!"  
Donation by Bonnie and Gary Minardi

## Tributes *(continued)*

In Thanks to Mary Ann Kessinger  
“Thank you to our friend, Mary Ann,  
who very kindly dog sits my Daisy  
(rescue dog #3531) when I vacation.  
Mary Ann gets her ‘Golden fix’ then.”  
Donation by Daisy and Millie Day

In Appreciation of Linda Gomoll  
“Many thanks for your enthusiastic  
assistance to my wife and me!”  
Donation by Mary and Ivan Levison

In Honor of Beautiful “Belle”  
“How I wish I was in a place to make  
her part of my life. She has the eyes of  
a sweet soul. She reminds me of my  
own yellow lab that died last summer at  
15 years old. I do hope that one day I’ll  
be able to adopt an older Golden.”  
Donation by Susan Creighton

## Letters to the Editor

Dear NGRR:

This is a long overdue letter with two important messages. One is to say thank you for the wonderful Golden Retriever, “Belle,” you helped become part of our family back in February of 2000. The other is to honor the Golden Retriever, “Geyser Peak,” who we lost to cancer in August of 1999.

Geyser was a Canine Companions for Independence Service Dog. I raised him and then had the blessing to get him back when he was released after being partner for seven years to a young man with cerebral palsy. It’s just been too hard, too final, I guess, to actually send in something in his memory.

The pain of losing him stung for months, as so many Golden owners know. The pain eased enormously when Miss Belle came into our home. In typical Golden fashion, she became part of the family within hours, minutes really. Our 11-year-old son, Adam, is most definitely Belle’s boy!

She proved her worth in another way the first summer she was ours. A brazen possum managed to squeeze into our kitchen through the broken cat door. When Adam, then 8, screamed,

“Mom, Dad . . . come quick! There’s a huge rat with a really long tail under the cart in the kitchen!” Belle and I were first on the scene. I’m convinced that varmint would still be hiding out in our house if Belle hadn’t cornered and caught it. After knocking over a few chairs and giving it a good, hardy shake, she took her quarry outside just as I instructed her. Once in the backyard, even in the heat of her conquest, Belle dropped the possum on command!  
GOOD DOG!

We still can’t believe two families before ours relinquished her. She does have her abandonment issues never wanting us to be out of her sight for long. But, who can blame her after being left two times over! The Golden I’ve had in the past have loved the chance to explore if a door or gate was inadvertently left ajar. Not so with Belle. She stands at the open gate or door, looks out, but never sets paw out of her yard or home.

She still can’t seem to relax in the car, but she has finally learned to chase a tennis ball. And last summer, she finally decided swimming wasn’t so bad after all.

The one thing Belle did learn fast was Cat Etiquette. She hadn’t been around felines in the past and thought our panther-like black cat, “Shadow,” and our squirrel-look-alike Persian, “Walden,” were hers for the chasing. It took about a week for her to figure out that sending them up a tree or over a fence really was an effort in futility. They always came back. . . mad as hatters!

Now she and Shadow can, from time to time, be caught napping back to back. No surprise there, really. Belle is a Golden after all! She’s more discriminating about cats these days, only chasing off the neighbor cats that pick fights with ours.

Belle is about 7-years-old now and as full of frolic as ever. About a month ago we had a lump removed from Belle and shortly after were told it was malignant. We were shocked and sought a second opinion. It turned out to be somewhat of a misdiagnosis. (PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED!) But, it brought to the forefront many poignant memories of

Geyser and gave me the gentle nudge to take care of a long overdue “In Memoriam” to him.

I am enclosing a 1999 poem describing his final years and a most marvelous 1997 photo of Geyser and our son. (See In Memoriam section of this newsletter).

Thank you for Belle. Thank you for helping us to remember Geyser Peak and share him with others. Thank you for all the Golden Retrievers you have helped, are helping and will help towards better, longer and richer lives.

Janet Herring Sherman

Dear NGRR,

Hi, my name is Victoria Anderson and I adopted an NGRR Golden named “Misty”. She is a big help because a few months ago our other Golden, “Jazz,” died. On the 4th of July 2002, I hosted a lemonade stand and made \$12.00. I decided to turn the money over to you. Other dogs that are injured badly will need it more than me. I know it’s not a lot of money, but it was really a lot considering it was 25¢ a glass.

Victoria Anderson

(Says Victoria’s mom, “My 10-year-old daughter is a big dog lover, especially of Golden’s!”)

Dear Victoria,

*What a wonderful contribution you have made on behalf of all NGRR dogs that want to find loving and caring homes such as yours! Thank you for your kindness. I imagine Misty was a big help in selling the lemonade, too, as EVERY-ONE loves the opportunity to pet a Golden! You both are very special to us and please know that your donation will help at-risk Golden’s.*

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# Bulletin Board



## Data Entry Input Needed ASAP!

NGRR now has an excellent computer program that helps keep our mailing list up-to-date. We are looking for a volunteer with data input skills to keep the list current. Training is available.

Contact: Marilyn Ormond  
(415) 453-5473 or [miscnow@earthlink.net](mailto:miscnow@earthlink.net)

## Memorial and Golden Tribute Donations

Donations may be made to memorialize or pay tribute to a special person, golden or pet of any kind. Send your donation and information (for whom the donation is being made and their address, your name, address and phone number, plus words of personalization) to:

NGRR

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

A hand written letter will be sent shortly thereafter acknowledging both the donor and amount of donation to NGRR. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Contact: Stephanie Getzler at  
(650) 583-0450 or [segetzler@juno.com](mailto:segetzler@juno.com).

## A Yelp for Help!

Calling all pharmaceutical salespeople, ophthalmologists or pharmacists! NGRR needs your help, guidance and generosity.

We have a sweet young dog about one-and-a-half years old named "Kobie." He is a gentle, loving little guy that has been diagnosed with glaucoma and as a result, he will have to be on medication the rest of his life. These medications are expensive.

NGRR's primary goal is to make sure that Kobie is adopted into a safe, devoted, loving and understanding home and is willing to give him a great life in spite of his condition. It means being prepared to spend upwards of \$1,000 per year on prescriptions, quarterly eye pressure tests and administering daily eye drops.

The medications now being prescribed are Xalatan and Neopolydex. NGRR is in need of a commitment of care, a lifetime supply of medications, and donations on behalf of little Kobie. Can you help? We would be forever grateful.

Contact: Shirlee Thomas (916) 630-7068.

## Help Needed for Wag 'n Walk

Linda Knowles is looking for an enthusiastic individual/pair to head the 6th Annual Wag 'n Walk (May or June 2003). A team has already been established, but it needs a leader. Linda will be willing to work with this individual/pair to get them started. Please contact Linda [goldenresq@earthlink.net](mailto:goldenresq@earthlink.net) so that plans can begin!

## Calendar of Events

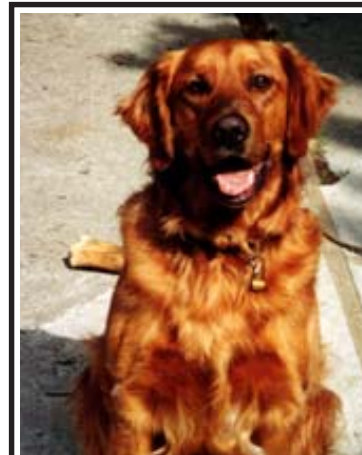
NGRC Hunt Test	Palo Alto	November 2-3, 2002
NGRR Auction		
& Wine Tasting	Mill Valley Community Center	November 9, 2002
Obedience Workshop	Vallejo	January 4, 2003
NGRC Winter		
Specialty	Santa Clara	February 15, 2003
Tracking Test	Palo Alto	March 2, 2003

## Puppy/Breeder Referral:

NORCAL Golden Retriever Breed Club  
[www.norcalgrc.org](http://www.norcalgrc.org)

Golden Retriever Club of America  
[www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org)

# GRIN AGAIN WITH FINNEGAN



Hello Readers,

I am patiently waiting for mail! The Editor has just informed me that if no one is willing to play, this column may go to the dogs! Please share your favorite golden moments with me for our next issue. It can be a picture, poem, story or good joke. E-mail to [finnagan2@msn.com](mailto:finnagan2@msn.com) Remember, we Golden Retrievers have our reputation to live up to . . . and that includes our fabulous sense of humor!

In the meantime, thought you'd enjoy this picture and experience shared with my cousin this summer. No pun intended, but she had a BALL!

This summer my two-legged cousin came to play, and we had fun, this 10-year-old and I

every day. But when it came to my toys, she oddly wouldn't share, and instead decided they all were something to wear! I let her have her way and was kind, gentle and sweet, watching patiently knowing my good behavior would warrant a treat! 🐾



*Finnegan and Brooke*



*"Whose toys are these anyway?"*

## NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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

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

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

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# This Is The Story Of Gideon

by Shirlee Thomas

After a life spent in a pen on cement, three dogs were about to lose their lives. In June of 2001, a military family was being shipped out and took their three dogs to the vet to have them put down. An older gentleman offered to take all three of the dogs - the Poodle, Australian Shepherd and Golden Retriever - as he lived on a number of acres and had adequate space for them.

The Poodle settled in nicely in the house with the other dogs. As is their nature, the Aussie began to herd the man's chickens, ducks and hens while the Golden made his best effort to retrieve them. Frustrated, the kind gentleman felt his only recourse was to tie up the Aussie in the back and chain the Golden in the front.

In time the man could no longer bear to see the dogs tied up and knew it was not the right life for them. He then called NGRR. When I spoke to the man and asked him to describe the Golden he replied, "He is a BIG dog and weighs about 120 pounds." I then asked if he was a BIG dog or a FAT dog. Again he indicated he was simply BIG. However, when I went to pick up the Golden named "Gidi", I found him to be a BIG FAT seven-year-old dog who weighed 117 pounds.

I renamed this big boy "Gideon" whose immediate next steps was to go on a diet. What I soon discovered, however, was that Gideon also had a grumpy side. I then nicknamed him Mr. Bitenheimer! As time passed, I learned what triggered the biting and we came to terms on how to deal with this bad habit. Since I realized that Gideon was probably not going to be easily adopted, I decided to keep him for myself. He had lost 27 pounds and was looking fabulous.

Things soon changed, however. I noticed a lump on his leg and had it removed. The results were inconclu-



Gideon

sive for cancer. Two weeks after formally adopting him, he became very ill and was rushed to emergency surgery. He was bleeding internally and required a blood transfusion. His spleen was quickly removed. Sadly, he was diagnosed with hemangio-sarcoma and on January 22, 2002, was given two to three months to live. I was thankful for him that ignorance is bliss, as he looked like such a healthy, happy and beautiful boy.

The vet and I discussed my options and I decided not to pursue chemo or

radiation. The cancer was very aggressive and all indications were that it had already started to spread. Instead I gathered up the cost of the cancer treatments and decided that I would spend that same amount of money on fun and adventure for my wonderful big boy.

We spent a weekend in Santa Cruz and I had the joy of watching him chase waves for the first time. Our next stop was a weekend at Clear Lake. I had never seen him happier! He spent the majority of his time in the water chasing ducks. This boy had a real grin on his face the entire three days of our trip. On the other hand, I was a crazed mom, watching his every move. We attended the Wag 'n Walk and I proudly walked him with other NGRR dogs. On our June camping trip at Lake Tahoe, he romped through the forest, swam over to an island and explored all its treasures, fetched sticks and on occasion, even a pine cone or two!

Gideon lost his battle with cancer on August 8, 2002. I was truly blessed to have him for six and a half months . . . four months longer than the veterinarians predicted. Gideon enriched my life, always made me laugh and with love, he was able to change his biting  
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Gideon enjoys a carrot

# Obedience or Agility Trials, Tracking or Hunt Tests — You Can Do It!

by Dorothy Carter

**H**ave you ever seen an Obedience or Agility Trial? Or a Tracking or Hunt Test? If so, you may have thought that as interesting as it looked, you could not participate because your rescue dog (just like mine) is not registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC). Well, there is a not so well known exception to that rule. It is called an “Indefinite Listing Privilege” (ILP) which allows a purebred, neutered/spayed dog to enter in any one of the performance activities. You and your dog will work for passing scores on the tests. You do not compete with other dogs. When the required number of passing scores is earned, your dog will earn a title that becomes part of his record and you receive a certificate that you will frame (believe me) with great pride. And most importantly, you and your dog will have become a team. Partners.

When I took my first Golden to obedience class, just like most people I wanted a well-behaved dog that could travel, visit and be invited back! I would have laughed at anyone who mentioned competition. Months later, some club members suggested that I give it a try. I stated, however, “I can’t. She isn’t AKC registered.” I was informed about ILP and in 1963, “Tamalpa of Tiberon” received her ILP #855 on her first birthday. When I called AKC this morning to verify facts for this article, I was told that they had just listed ILP #99,816! A total of 120 Golden Retrievers received ILP numbers last year and 96 of them earned titles.

There are four steps to follow in receiving an ILP #:

1. Request an ILP application from the AKC web site: [www.ILP@AKC.org](http://www.ILP@AKC.org) or call (919) 233-9767 for information.

2. Take excellent color photographs of your dog - alone, standing, close-up: a front and side view. Naturally, the dog should be brushed and gorgeous!

3. Complete and return the application as directed. And as is the Golden way, wait patiently.

4. When you are ready to enter any event, you will put your dog’s ILP # on the entry as indicated. Be sure, however, to write the owner name(s) EXACTLY as indicated on the application or credit will not be given towards your score.

So, what ARE all these events? Please note that in all events both the dogs along with their owner(s) perform one at a time with the exception of group “stays” in Obedience.

**OBEDIENCE.** The three levels are Novice, Open and Utility (as in Elementary School, High School and College).

Novice - Commands include heeling on/off leash, come, sit and down stay. It is just what every dog should know, but performed extremely well.

Open and Utility - Don’t let these details frighten you, but off leash heel, longer stays, short retrieves, jumps, hand signals and in Utility, a scenting test is required.

**AGILITY TRIALS.** There are also three levels, with the same equipment for all.

The judge creates a unique course for each level. Each dog is required to traverse the course as directed, through jumps, tunnels, weave poles, an A-frame and even a big seesaw. Perhaps you have watched this on



*Tamalpa of Tiberon earns her CD*

television (ESPN or Animal Planet). The dogs race through with great joy and excitement. It is a lot of fun!

Obedience and Agility Trials may be held separately, but often are held together with dog shows. There are many in Northern California. Because Tracking and Hunt Tests need many acres of wide-open space, there are fewer of them. The people who train for them always need new places to train . . . especially ponds or lakes for field training. Got one?

**TRACKING TESTS.** These dogs are truly amazing! Using their scenting ability, they follow totally invisible tracks to find lost objects or people. One of our dogs actually found a pistol that made possible the prosecution of a murderer. To pass the test, the dog must follow a track that is a half-hour old and a quarter of a mile long with at least three turns. The TDX track is harder, longer and older. Most dog training clubs and some bred clubs offer one a year.

**HUNT TESTS.** The dogs are required to retrieve shot game birds from water or on land. Golden Retrievers were developed in the 19th century to do just that and as a result, today most of them have a love of water, strong bird instincts and gentle, soft mouths.

Our sister organization, Norcal Golden Retriever Club offers monthly field training sessions from spring to

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## Naming AKC-ILP Rescue Golden

by Dorothy C. Carter

For a number of years, I bred Golden — six generations worth. Like most breeders, I had a kennel name, Poppygold, that preceded the actual name of the dog. I currently have two NGRR dogs, “Roxie” and “Davy”, whom I love dearly. I will list them as NGRR Rocketing Roxie and NGRR Davy Crockett.

Roxie is a retriever fanatic. “Rocketing” suits her perfectly. If I simply refer to her as “Roxie”, her certificate will list her as Roxie # 63 or however many Roxies they already have identified. Davy is now 13-years-old. I’ve had him a year. He is a dignified old gentleman with a delightful sense of humor.

I strongly suggest that individuals having NGRR dogs use the NGRR prefix, when a formal name is appropriate, which will further indicate our pride in these wonderful dogs. 🐾

## The Importance Of Training

by Martina Contreras

People often ask why I am still obedience training my four dogs as they have been trained ever since I became their owner. My answer is simple: I enjoy having well behaved dogs around me! If I couldn’t rely on them being under control, friendly and outgoing towards everyone, their daily lives would be much more restricted and boring. They would not go places with me - whether it be going to the beach or simply walking downtown along a busy street full of pedestrians. They love, of course, when people come over and pet them. And I grow an inch taller when strangers tell me how beautiful and well mannered they are. Don’t misunderstand, they are not perfect and sometimes I have to strictly reinforce some behaviors. However, they all know who is the pack leader. At least once every year they take a refresher class in obedience training. I want them to socialize with other dogs

and keep up the good work during training sessions. Obedience training not only made their lives more enjoyable; it also helped me to learn how to communicate with my dogs. If I take them to a friend’s home or to the veterinarian, I know how they will react to certain situations and I know how to control them.

In reference to shelter or rescue dogs, there is nothing more rewarding than to help turn a frightened, insecure animal into an outgoing, friendly and confident pet . . . or to turn an extremely rambunctious and out-of-control animal into an easy-to-manage, obedient dog. I benefit by seeing a happy ending when this now well behaved and easy-to-handle dog finally gets a second chance in a new home. After all, who likes having a wild puppy tear up your yard, chew on your furniture, jump on people or ignore your voice when being called?

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## Obedience (continued)

fall (see the Events Schedule at [www.norcalgrc.org](http://www.norcalgrc.org)). You are welcome to attend any or all events. There is a Beginner’s Group for newcomers with Golden of any age. The program starts with plastic training dummies and goes on from there. Come and give it a try!

We are told that our dogs need physical exercise and they do. I believe that our dogs need mental exercise as well. It seems that without that daily lesson, my second dog got into some kind of mischief when she was young.

I’ve never met an owner who was born knowing how to do any of this. We all had to start where you are . . . at the beginning. Come and join us. But be careful, it can be contagious!

\*Individuals having questions are encouraged to call Dorothy Carter at (415) 899-1397. 🐾

## Gideon (continued)

ways. While I was only allowed to have known him for just over a year, it was a wonderful year. As an agent for NGRR, I have had over 20 dogs come into my home. I always firmly stated that I was not going to keep any of them and that my one old girl was the only one for me.

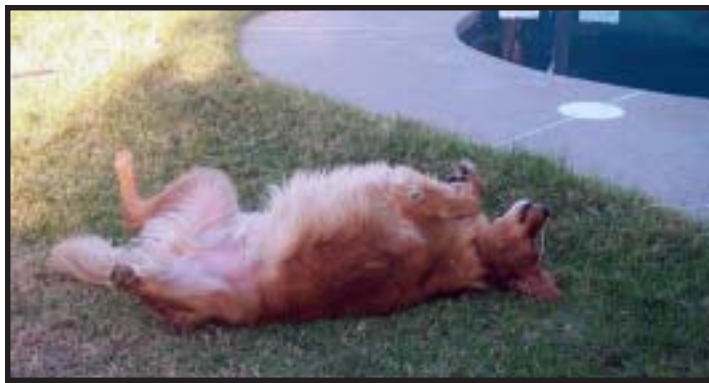
Gideon changed all of that and wiggled his way into my heart.

Often I have applicants tell me they want a younger dog so that it will be part of the family for years to come. When

considering adopting a dog, try not to think about how many years and instead focus on how many wonderful moments and enjoy each one.

Thank you, Gideon, for the joy you gave me, the things you taught me and for allowing me to love you. I know

you’ll be waiting patiently for me with a toy in your mouth on the other side of the



Gideon — belly up

Rainbow Bridge. See you then my sweet boy! 🐾

# The Importance Of Training *(continued)*

Most people quickly become frustrated and either return the dog or take the easy way out and tie up the dog in the yard. What a sad life for a dog to be isolated and not allowed into the house with his/her family. It is a lonely and boring existence indeed.

I truly believe in at least the basic obedience training for every dog, no matter what breed, size or age. Any dog can be trained. Some will take more time and effort than others, however, but every dog can learn what is acceptable and what behavior will not be tolerated. I wish every potential dog owner would

think about the time and effort that is involved to create the happy pet that everyone wants to have around. Simply ignoring bad behavior will create bigger problems down the road and can create serious consequences for the owner.

Please take the time to learn about dog behavior and basic training! Both you and your dog will appreciate the good relationship and bonding that training can create. Consider training sessions as quality time spent with your pet. 🐾

## To Be removed from the Mailing List

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or

E-mail Becky Reisdorf  
*HRReisdorf@aol.com*

## 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](http://www.golden-rescue.org).)*

- Hands-On Dog Work
  - Area Coordinator
  - Area Assistant
    - Foster Care
    - Home Visits
    - Vet Appointments
    - Shelter Checks
    - Phone Calls
    - Grooming
    - Transportation
  - Senior Goldens 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
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Animal Behavior
  - Dog Law
  - Non-Profit Corporate/Tax Law
  - Non-Profit Accounting
  - Education
  - Fundraising
  - Public/Media Relations
  - Publishing

- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 5 years. If you itemize tax deductions, your contribution is fully deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income; any excess can be carried forward for up to 5 additional years. To make a gift by check, simply fill out the donation slip, write your check, and mail to NGRR. To make a gift by credit card, please also tell us the type of credit card, card number, expiration date, and name as it appears on the card.

### Payroll Deduction

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

### Matching Gift

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

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

### Appreciated Securities

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

### Gifts Through Your Estate

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

### Life Income Gifts

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

### Gifts of Real Estate

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

## Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

### General Fund

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

### Senior Golden Retrievers

Contributions to this fund will be used exclusively to support the extra veterinary and foster care usually required for dogs 8 years and older—our well-deserving Golden Oldies.

### Zack's Fund

Inspired by "Zack," a severely dysplastic Golden taken in and treated by NGRR, this fund was established to provide extensive 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.golden-rescue.org](http://www.golden-rescue.org).

## Donation (& Change of Address)

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

General	\$ _____
Senior Golden Retrievers	\$ _____
Zack's Fund	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If donating by credit card, please check:  Visa  Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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