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Golden Retriever

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

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Making Every Day Shine for Rain



Thanks to Valerie Anderson for submitting this.

Rain graces our lives but her time with us is growing short. She has been diagnosed with a tumor that has metastasized to her chest. How much time that remains is guesswork; the vet says anywhere from one to six months. It just doesn't seem possible. I'm not exaggerating when I say this has been devastating news for our family. I know I won't be able to muster

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Scarlett's Story

Thanks to Margaret McNamara, San Francisco AC Surrenders, for submitting this.

A little red puppy was abandoned on the streets of San Francisco and picked up by Animal Care and Control (ACC). I was notified by Barbara that ACC had a golden puppy, so I contacted them several times and went down there to see what her story was . . . she was a super cute red golden puppy approximately 4 months of age! I thought "what a wonderful, cute, friendly adorable puppy!" She ran over to me as I called her when the SF SPCA behavior coordinator brought her to me, after her behavioral evaluation, she immediately peed all over the ground at my feet, I took her immediately. I fostered her for several weeks evaluating her and getting to know



her. She was the friendliest sweetest puppy that anyone could imagine. But she peed uncontrollably. All the time. It was like she could not control her bladder. Initially I thought she wasn't potty trained and

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How I was Rescued by a Golden

Thanks to Joe Riva for submitting this.

I've had dogs my entire life so it was natural when I became a Police Officer twenty-eight years ago that I wanted to become a Police K-9 Handler. Very soon after joining a Police Department in the San Francisco Bay Area I had the opportunity to apply as a K-9 handler. Due to the large time commitment I was the only Officer on the department to apply so I felt that I had it. How disappointed I was when the department went to a more senior Officer and requested that he take the dog instead. I understand now why this happened as I was so new and being a handler required the ability to do my job without thinking and also handling the dog.

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NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

*At the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate Golden Retrievers from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter **having raised over \$50,000**. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!*

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Making Every Day Shine for Rain

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the words to write about her when she's gone. Even now as I write, I have a lump in my throat. On behalf of our family, this is a heartfelt tribute to Rain, our wonderful Golden girl.

My family had the good fortune to adopt Rain through Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue (NGRR) in August 2002 when she was a mere pup of six months. This gorgeous little redhead charmed us immediately. It was clear from the moment we met Rain that she just wanted to be loved. She fit right in with our other golden, Misty, who also came from NGRR. Word is that Rain was bought at a garage sale by a woman who, for health reasons, was unable to care for Rain and subsequently relinquished her to NGRR. A garage sale! I couldn't imagine a worse beginning for this lovable and sweet Golden. Learning that detail about her early life made us love her even more.

When Misty unexpectedly passed on in 2004, Rain was a comfort to our family. However, as an "only dog" we realized that Rain was lonely and needed a new buddy. We returned to NGRR to adopt another golden in need of a good home. Later that year, we were fortunate to adopt Maggie. Rain took to Maggie immediately and they forged a familial bond. With Rain now 10 and Maggie, 13, our two golden girls have been best of buddies for eight years.

Despite her diagnosis, Rain continues to be the eternal puppy. She remains full of joy, full of love and full of devotion. From the moment she wakes up, Rain is always happy and ready for play. She follows us everywhere; she is very much like a little kid that follows at the heels of a big kid – Rain is never the leader – she just wants to be part of the pack. As with most dogs, her tail is her barometer – when she wags, she's happy, and she is a big "wagger."

Reserved by nature, Rain has always had a few "issues." She's afraid of most everything: the vacuum, washing machine, ironing board, garden hose and sometimes even her own tail. We don't know the reason why she's so fearful and can only guess that she experienced some trauma in her first six months. On walks, she often looks behind—probably just to make sure no one is about to sneak up on her. One of her more endearing habits is to "ask permission" by resting her face on the bed or sofa to prompt an invitation to join us. If we don't notice her presence, she lets out a subtle nasally breath that says, "I'm here and I want to come up." Apart from her idiosyncrasies, she's a very gentle soul and has never displayed a shred of aggressive behavior.

At this point, Rain still acts like her normal happy self; she doesn't yet show any outward signs of illness. We're watching her carefully as we know her quality of life could change any day. Having this knowledge casts a shadow of sadness over our lives. However, that knowledge provides us an opportunity to make sure every day with Rain is special. These days, she's getting a little more chicken added to her dinner bowl, extra ear rubbing, additional walks, longer brushing (how she loves to be brushed!), special treats, basically whatever makes her happy. The knowledge also helps us prepare ourselves for the inevitable. It won't make it easier but it allows us to make the most of our time together. Every day, we celebrate our sweet girl Rain. 🐾

Note: Rain has continued her association with NGRR as she and Misty were featured on the cover of one of the organization's brochures and Rain also appeared in two previous NCGG calendars: the first time with Misty and the second with Maggie.

Scarlett's Story

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just got excited, but as time went on, we realized it was more than her just getting excited. I brought her to the San Francisco SPCA to get spayed, and they said she needed additional care and a medical evaluation before they would operate on her. Maybe she had a urinary tract infection or worse. Well it ended up being worse...after a couple doses of antibiotics, we knew it wasn't just an infection.

Off to a specialty vet...after x-rays and an ultrasound, she was diagnosed with what is called ectopic ureters (I think that is the name of it), which means both of her urinary tracts were not going into her bladder! Oh no! Little Scarlett needed surgery to correct what was probably a birth defect. No wonder why the poor pup couldn't control her bladder.

Well thousands of dollars later and several more months in foster care, the surgery was quite successful! She has to take medication the rest of her life but can now control her bladder, drips very little and can lead a very normal life.

She was permanently adopted by a wonderful woman by the name of Mary Palmer who lives in Morgan Hill, who Gayle Jackson referred to me. Mary, Scarlett and Bogie are meant to be together. Mary says she loves Scarlett so much she won't trade her for another dog for anything...drips and all! By the way, Bogie is an 8-year-old golden Mary adopted from us several years ago. She says that Scarlett is her bundle of joy, and she's grateful each and every day that we rescued this precious pup from the ACC in



San Francisco! Look at her pictures, who could resist that face!?

A lot of NGRR volunteers added to the success of this girl, Scarlett. Special thanks go out to Sandy Olson, Frank Castro, Bobbie La Porte and Gayle Jackson! It does take a village! 🐾



Adopting an Older Golden

Age has no limit on love

Thanks to Barbara Morgan for submitting this.

We were heart broken when our Chloe passed in July 2012. We adopted her at 2 years old. She came with a lot of baggage. She hated beeping of smoke alarms, car alarms, popping balloons, all sorts of quirky sounds. But we adapted and made her comfortable. We loved her. She had been left all day tied up in her yard. She had lots of issues. But we still loved her. When her time came, we knew we had to let her go. I was heart-broken. She passed at 13 ½ years old.

We contacted the NGRR and said we wanted a 2-year-old girl. They reminded us that younger dogs were rare. We looked at the website. We kept seeing these old dogs with the kindest faces. Could we adopt an older dog? What would that be like? We felt lost being “dogless.”

We heard from our SF representative



that something would be coming soon. She had a contact from a nearby county about a sweet 8+ year old girl who needed a home after a divorce. She had been with the same family for almost 8 years and we felt she needed us.

We talked about her age. We decided we would meet her. She was so sweet. We felt like she was meant for us.

An older dog sort of moves in with you. She is trained, doesn't need all of the worry of a puppy, chewing up everything. Just happily lets you know she is there and relaxed in your kitchen. Follows you from

room to room. Lays at your feet. Jumps when you throw the ball.

All of that puppy training you don't have to do. You just open your arms to this nice dog who wants to be loved and loves you back, all in a few weeks.

We are hoping for 4 years with her, and we will be happy. But just having her for the last few months is a blessing.

She moved in like a member of the family. We all love her and it has only been four months.

Older Golden don't take a lot of work. Just some love. 🐾

Meet Satchel from Taipei

Thanks to The King-Godsoe Family for submitting this.

We adopted Didi in early November and subsequently renamed him Satchel. It was our 7-year-old son who came up with the name. He is a big baseball fan and the name come from Satchel Paige who was a famous pitcher. We also liked the name Satchel as it symbolized his long trip from Taipei to find his “forever family.” Satchel is an amazing dog. He immediately fit into our family and we all love him dearly. He is very gentle with children (we have two – a 5-year-old and 7-year-old) and loves to play with other dogs. He is generally well behaved though we've lost a few shoes and toys to his chewing! We couldn't ask for anything more! 🐾



IN TRIBUTE

In Thanks to Sharon Tereshta and Jorene Morratta
"Many thanks for your hospitality and generosity. We really appreciate it."
Donation by Debby & Kathy Dieter & Vieira

To Honor the Wedding of Peter Guedmin & Sandy Goetsch
Donation by Susan & Doyle Clayton

Many thanks to All who donate to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue through various charity establishments and work groups!

In Honor of Pat Lynch
"Thanks for dogsitting!"
Donation by Virginia Shea & Andrew Mendelsohn

In Thanks to the Fernandez Family – Cameron, Rachel and family
"Thanks to the special family who raised my adopted dog, 'Chip.'"
Donation by Jack Hixon

Congratulations to Peter Guedmin & Sandy Goetch on their marriage!
Donation by Connie Morisey

In Thanks to the Adam Richter Charitable Group

In Honor of Shirlee Thomas and NGRRescue
"My twelve year old daughter had a birthday party and in lieu of gifts, she opted for donations in honor of our beloved "Stanley" and "Barkley." Three years ago our family came to your home for one dog, Barkley (the 11 month old who decided it was a good idea to jump on you in bed when he was drenched from your pool...) and wound up with Stanley also, (the stray that was in bad shape that your friend nurtured back to health). We didn't have the heart to break up two best doggie friends. They have been wonderful addition to our already big family. They are adored (and spoiled) with many hands to pet them, play tug-of-war, throw balls and take them on walks. Stanley and Barkley are still best friends and are continually a source of entertainment for us. Best of all, when anyone in our family sits down, there is always a dog or two immediately at our feet for company. THANK YOU to you and the entire staff of NGRR."
Donation by the Clark Family

In Honor of Sandy Goetch & Peter Guedmin
"Congratulations on your marriage!"
Donation by Gayle Browne

In Thanks to All who donate through their employee program. It so kind and generous of you!

In Honor of "Tess"
"We love our Golden, Tess, with a passion!"
Donation by Margie & John Dullea

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"In honor of your wedding"
Donation by Madelaine Lee

To Honor the wedding of Pete Guedmin & Sandy Goetsch
Donation by Linda & Tom Doelcher

"Thank you for ALL you do for the beloved Goldens! I appreciate your organization very much!"
Donation by Rebecca Ellis

In Honor of "Bella" and her adoption
Cherished by W.R. & Marsha Bondurant

"Goldens are special dogs and thanks for all you do for them."
Donation by Elaine & Mark Boehme

In Honor of Bob & Debee Armstrong
"I am grateful for their support and care of 'Wally' previously known as Curly."
Donation by Mitzi Konevich

"A huge 'Thank You' to Jan Dreyer for all her work in rescue and placement of so many sweet Goldens. Our area on the central coast is so fortunate to have her helping us."
Donation by Loris & Glenn Mills

In Honor of Sandy & Peter Guedmin's Wedding!
Donation by Mariann Lovatt

In Memory of "Jay" and "Molly"
"Jason was rescued in 2002 and is a great old dog."
Lovingly donated by Ian Colson

In Honor of Sandy Goetsch and Peter Guedmin
Donation by Sylvai Bockman

In Honor of "Taffy"
"Taffy is our beloved Golden. Despite a less than perfect heart, she just celebrated her 4th birthday. We cherish her every day with her!"
Loved by Mary Stark and family

In Honor of Sandy & Peter's Wedding
"God love 'em!"
Donation by Thomas Scoggins

In Honor of "Shadow" who has been part of the Kertz home for a year
Cherished by Rachel & Loren Kertz

In Honor of "Libby"
We love our little golden, Libby, so much. She never would have been with us if it wasn't for your fantastic organization!
Donation by Dianne Harvey and family

In Thanks for "Chico"
"We are thankful for our wonderful Chico adopted through Shirlee Thomas."
Donation by the LeBoa Family

In Honor of Lee Rusconi
Merry Christmas, Lee. Thanks for all you do for animals!
Donation by Jane & Jim Keltner

In Honor of Carolyn Curry
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Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of Kimberly & Bob Young
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

Merry Christmas, Misato. Given in honor of your great love of golden retrievers.
Donation by Christopher Weber

In Honor of Carole Frank
"Happy Hanukah and thanks for being such a great mom and Grandmother. With love from Debby, George & Brandon Behrman"

In Honor of NGRRescue and "Oscar"
"Thank you for helping us find our forever Oscar. He is wonderful and a cherished member of our family. Keep up the good work!"
Donation by the Bowden's

"Special thanks to Jill Morgan for our 'Maddy!'"
Donation by Bette & Christopher Lucey

In Thanks to the Zoe Fund

In Honor of "Millie" and Judy Guild
"Happy Birthday!"
Donation by Claudia & Jay Guild

"Keep up the great work you ALL do."
Donation by Mary Ann Graziano

In Honor of "Buddy," "Sunny," and "Bella"
"They are all doing great and we have a wonderful pack that shares our home and life. My husband walks them regularly to Starbucks. They all heel on his left side stopping at every corner with a nice "sit." They wear their NGRR green scarves and receive many compliments. We couldn't imagine our lives without them. Thank you so much for the wonderful work you do to help Golden Retrievers."
Donation by Bev & Mike Groeniger

In Honor of Carole Frank
"Happy Chanukah, Carole. We love you!"
Donation by Jennifer Scott, Sophia, Lukas & Stella Frank

In Honor of "Zelda"
"From the day I adopted Zelda, she has been the light in my life. She is not well now, so this is for Zelda and for every other dog that has been given a second chance. NGRRescue has changed my life and I am forever grateful."
Donation by Sandra Goetsch

Merry Christmas to Pamela & Philip Staley
Donation by Tracy Mancheno

In Honor and In Recognition to Cynthia Stevenson
Donation by Justine & John Milani

In Honor of Jean Connors
Donation by Terry Sechrist

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to Janet Peacock
Lovingly donated by Tom, Laura, Melissa, Kyle & Ryder Best

In Honor of "Lukey"
"Eight happy years and counting!"
Donation by Iain Johnston

In Honor of Patricia Gwizdak
Donation by Jean Harrell

In Honor of "Molly"
Donation by Garry & Joan Deuel

In Honor of "Gracie"
In Memory of "Peaches"
"Our Golden Girls"
Donation by Sally & Scott Evans

In Honor of Dr. Perry Hesslefinger
Donation by Lynne & Marc Benioff

In Honor of "Cabo"
"Cabo is one of your 'kids', adopted 11/11 with his brother from Cabo San Lucas. Look at him now! He is a hospital therapy dog and CGC certified classroom demonstration dog. He's a dream."
Donation by his forever parents, Donna & Donald Forst

In Honor of "Maddy," "Kelly," and "Dusty"
Loved by Kathy LaCross

In Honor of Francis and Charlie
Loved by Cynthia Schreiner
Donation by Denise Sprague

In Honor of Carole Weihman
"Here's to your good work on behalf of all Goldens. Merry Christmas! Love, Mom."
Donation by Elaine Weihman

"Thank you, Linda (Gomoll)! You were so helpful!"
Donation by Mimi Morton Buckley

In Tribute to "Bart"
Loved by Gail Maderis

In Appreciation and In Honor of Jeanne Hanlon & Joanne McGrail
Donation by Pam Catlett

In Honor of "Ginger"
Loved by Jennifer & Leonard LaBranche

In Honor of Jill Morgan
"Regarding the puppy mill rescue – How can these people get away with their abuse – can't anything be done? Bravo to Jill and especially whomever alerted the authorities. Thanks, also, to the team of foster volunteers."
Donation by Susan Alfaro

In Honor of "Tajie"
"We adopted Tajie in March 2012. He speaks 3 languages, is super athletic, happy and well-tempered. Love is too weak a word for how we feel about him."
Cherished by Sharon & James Parsons

In Thanks to NGRR
"Thank you for all you do. We've had 2 rescues from you – just loves."
Donation by Pat & Richard Garland

In Honor of "Toby"
Loved by Mildred Oberkotter

In Thanks to the wonderful team who helped me gift wrap in the Almaden Barnes & Noble. We raised \$245 over our two sessions. Three terrific dogs walked around the store, inspiring many of our larger donations. Many thanks to my volunteers, Debbie Behrman, Georgine Nordin, Sue Canevaro, Theresa and Dave Dooley and our Goldens were "Kona," "Posey" and "Jewels."
Thankfully, Carole Frank

On Behalf of "Sam"
Donation by the Preston Family

In Honor of "Maggie"
"We continue with our loved, Maggie, who was 11 on December 5th. She is the perfect dog for us. She loves walks in the park, but is glad to rest and nap at home. We are all senior citizens. She is a loving, sweet, mellow girl. We are so glad she is part of our family."
Treasured by Sandra & Bill Jenkins

"Greetings to "Maddie," "Michi" and MaryAnn!"
Donation by Theresa McTague

In Tribute to "Lucy"
Loved by Stephen & Molly McArthur
Donation by Douglas Bergman

In Thanks to NGRR
"Thank you so very much for your generous help with "Auggie" and "Ruby" – the Goldens with the broken hearts. I went from constant worrying to having constant help once I contacted Lenny Jones and he lead me to your organization. I love Goldens – thank you for loving them, too."
Donation by Rovin Shroyer, DVM

In Honor of Gail Gallagher
Donation by Kristin & Chad Lencioni

In Honor of Karyn Skemp
Donation by Andrew Moore

In Honor of Pat Lynch
"For being Great!!"
Donation by Ann Rosenthal

In Tribute to Jennifer Masterson
"Jennifer arranged the adoption of Feather, our new Golden."
Donation by Lynn Perry and Family

In Honor of Jeffrey Chard
Donation by Douglas Chard

In Honor of "Kenzie"
"You guys are great. Keep of the good work and thanks for bringing Kenzie, the greatest joy, into our lives."
Loved by Lindsey Bolton

With thanks to "Abbie" Gladden
Donation by Helen & Timothy Gladden

In Honor of Sara & Manny Steffen
Donation by James Harder

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"We welcomed Blaze into our family as a rambunctious 2 year old from NGRR. He always had to be at the front of the pack, as witnessed when he was named the mascot the 4th Annual Wag 'n Walk in 2001, as well as on our nightly walks with our own little pack. His name was a really good fit for his personality. He will always be in our hearts as our Trail Blazer, Window Man, Jumping Bean, our beloved Red Man. An extra special thanks to Stephanie Getzler for pairing us up with Blaze and for giving our Bailey, who was so depressed after losing her friend Dusty, a new companion. He was such a special little guy."
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"Rest in Peace, Nickie. We will miss you."
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"My parents loved generations of Golden Retrievers and whose own rescue dog, Sasha, now lives with me."
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"Never was there a more loved Golden than Nick. Carol and Allan, who have worked tirelessly for NGRR, brought him into their home as a sweet smelling ball of puppy fur. The love that all of them shared brought a smile to one's face. We are sorry for the loss of your beautiful, wonderful Nick."
Cherished and loved by Carol & Allan Porter and Family
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"Missing a wonderful family member, Maisy."
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"Fostered in September 2005 and adopter from NGRR in November 2005, Riley crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 15 November 2012 at the approximate age of 11. He was the joy of my life."
Devotedly loved by Jill Hillary

In Celebration of "Buster"
"Buster was a regal, gentle and courageous boy who was the 'gold standard' among Golden Retrievers. He was much loved by Justine, Jim, and fellow Golden, 'Sierra.'"
Affectionally loved the Ellers
Donation by Dale, Valerie & Victoria Anderson

In Memory of "Nicholas"
"Nicholas lived his long and wonderful life with Allan, Carol and Lisa Porter. He was a much beloved member of their family for 14 years. Nicholas was also the father of Summer, in whom his wonderful disposition and fun-loving nature live on."
Loved tenderly by the Porter Family
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In Memory of "Dorado" Moreno
"For Dorado Moreno, who brought much joy and happiness to his Mom, Marta and the entire Moreno family. You will be missed."
Forever loved by Marta Moreno
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In Memory of "Samantha" Margolis
"We will miss Samantha. She was so sweet. Hopefully now that she can be a puppy, Patton is teaching her to properly catch a ball and she is playing with him and Sari."
Loved by Barbara & Larry Margolis
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In Memory of Earl G. Richards and "Charley"
"In memory of Earl G. Richards, father of Stacey Layton and of Charley, Stacey's beautiful Golden Retriever."
Both loved by Stacey Layton
Donation by Rachel Juliana

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"...brother, uncle, dog lover. You will be missed."
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"In memory of our beloved Golden boys, Rascal, Kimo, and Cody who are forever in our hearts. We will always treasure the precious time we had together."
 Cherished and always loved by Teresa Chinn

In Memory of "Anna"
"In memory of Tucker's dear friend, Anna."
 Loved by Hanne
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In Memory of "Charlie"
"In memory of dear sweet Charlie. We remember you with love on what would have been your 4th BD today, Nov. 30, 2012."
 Missed and loved by the Kristofferson/Wirth Family
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In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"In memory of a beautiful young woman named Morgan Marcy, who loved each & every one of her Golden retrievers as much as they loved her. In honor of Mileva, Michael & Megan Marcy and Marcy's Golden retrievers who miss her very much and send her all their love."
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"Regis was the best dog ever! You will always be loved."
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"Samantha was the love of my life. We adopted her 13½ years ago. She had been a puppy mill breeder for 1½ years in the Fresno area and was found after she was discarded on a freeway. I am so grateful to her foster mothers who gave us this wonderful gift. Please excuse the tears falling on this sheet of paper. I will never forgive the humans who denied her puppyhood. She never learned to play ball or swim but she certainly knew how to love unconditionally."
 Loved by Barbara & Lawrence Margolis

In Memory of Irma Perotti
 Loved by Janis Perotti-Mendoza & Fidel Mendoza

In Memory of "Susie" Hitchcock
"Susie was my child and my best friend and I don't know what to do without her! I miss her terribly every moment. She was so loved and I know she is in heaven. I love her so very much. She was the best doggie princess ever!"
 Missed and cherished by Deb Hitchcock

"In Memory of Jody Stiely and her "Sunny," who she rescued from NGRRescue."
 Donation by Bruce L. Stiely

In Memory of "Libby"
 Lovingly donated by Stacy Hassold

In Memory of "Socks"
"Socks and her littermate, Gator, were adopted by for friends Joyce and Ron. What lucky dogs they ALL were to have such a wonderful home and family."
 Donation by Judy & Howard Guild & "Millie"

In Memory of "Shiloh"
"We didn't have Shiloh for 9 years—he had us. Gentle and sweet, when he wagged his tail, his whole body wiggled. And when you hugged him he would lean into you. And he had the most elegant prance. Shiloh never let us forget to play, always eager to fetch or tug with his grungiest toys. He was king of the bubble chasers. Oh, and a skilled counter surfer without a shred of remorse for the occasional filched sandwich. There wasn't a time when Max or I lay down for a nap that Shiloh didn't make a beeline to plop down beside us. That was just his job. And Shiloh was the best friend of Emily Rose, our Black Lab mix. They were inseparable. She misses him, as we will always miss him."
 With gratitude to our loving companion Lucy, Max & Emily Rose

In Memory of "Mika"
"The Most loving Golden ever...lived a blessed life until the day of her passing at 16 years of age."
 Missed and loved by Patrick Kelley

In Fond Memory of my Goldie Girls
"...and for the future of Golden retrievers to find forever homes."
 Donation by Vicki Thayer

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 Donation by Joan & Berlen Kanady

In Memory of James "Jim" Murphy
"In memory of a gentleman who was the true spirit of an animal lover."
 Donation by Nancy & Bill Moresco

In Memory of "Buddy"
"Buddy was a wonderful dog and family member. He was 3¾ old when he found his way into our home. After our time in Redwood City, he lived to almost 15½ in the Northwest. Buddy was an endearing dog who befriended extended family, friends, and neighbors. He became a beloved Golden oldie. Thank you for helping Buddy and all his Golden relatives."
 Cherished by Marianne Seidler

In Memory of "Shannon Marie"
 In Honor of "Moxie"
 Cherished and loved by Harvey Veon

In Memory of "Kelsey" Compton
"Kelsey Girl, I still miss you so much, although you will be in my heart forever. The years we had together were the best years of my life and I will treasure them until I see you again at the Rainbow Bridge. I love you my Sweet Pea."
 Loved and missed by Melody Lynn Compton

In Memory of "Gina"
"Gina was a true Golden in every sense, friendly, happy, and loving. We will miss her wagging tail."
 Loved by Elia & David Borbas
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(Arthur King of the Golden)
“Thank you for all that you gave to our family and many others. What a gentle and courageous boy. You are so very missed. We will all continue to carry on your tribute to Norcal and all your Golden friends.”
Love, Justine, Jim and Sierra Eller

In Memory of “Pi”
“You were a great girl and a wonderful champion.”
Devotedly loved by Geff Rapp

In Memory of “Dorado”
“My loving rescue Golden who left me this year!”
Cherished by Marta Moreno

In Memory of “Chase”
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“A gift in honor of their special love and trust, and the joy we found when they joined our family. Thank you!!!”
Missed and loved by Michele Fuller

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“In memory of your wonderful son, Johnny.”
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In Memory of “Riley”
“A NGRR wonderboy, Riley brought us many years of joy!”
Loved by Gina Rieger

In Memory and In Honor of “Daisy”
In Memory and In Honor of “Amber”
Loved by Louise Korn

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Donation by Carolyn & Bob Rice

In Memory of “Curtis” Morris
“Let us celebrate his joy!”
Cherished and missed by Jacque & Lang Morris
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In Memory of “Lizzie” and “Zoe”
“The two best Golden EVER!”
Loved by Lynn & Paul Randelman

In Memory of “Bodie” and “Hunter”
Adored by Kathy Green

In Memory of my pet Golden, “Zoe”
“For the last four years, I miss you every day.”
Achingly missed by JoAnn Golden

In Memory of “Rugers”
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“In honor of Daisy who we lost to illness just before Thanksgiving. We miss her sweet face and loving Golden personality. Thank you for your work.”
Missed and cherished by Margaret Johnston

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“You were a great girl and a wonderful champion!”
Loved by Geff Rapp

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In Memory of “Maddy,” “Kelly,” and “Dusty”
Cherished, missed and loved by Susan LaCross

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“Bella was Jean’s beautiful dog.”
Loved by Jean Heaton
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“Honoring Jim and Kellie’s love of animals”
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“Remembering Lilly, your companion for all those walks in the park and much more. You must miss her so.”
Devotedly loved by Diane & Ron Scholl
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“He will be missed.”
Loved by Samantha Andrews
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In Memory of James “Jim” Murphy
“In honor of Jim who passed away on February 9, 2013.”
Donation by Monika & Dean Fewtrell

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“Rest in peace”
Donation by H. Dennis Trudeau

In Memory of Jim Murphy
“Jim was such a kind, wonderful, loving man. The kitties and I are keeping you close to our hearts and saying purrayers for strength at this time.”
Lovingly donated by Janet Coyne and Zoo

In Memory of “Max” Dariano
“Max you brought love and light to all who knew you. You were loved, and will be missed.”
Loved by Lisa & John Dariano
Donation by Kathryn DeCarlo

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Sweet Petie

Thanks to Ruth Dunne for submitting this.

Here is a photo of Petie with his buddies at home and in the park. Petie came to live with us at the end of July. He strolled right into the house and right into my heart. He was still a bit overweight (starting weight over 100# when he was rescued from Santa Cruz animal shelter.) He is now a slim handsome 71# and acts like a pup. He is the sweetest soul, very well behaved and a real love bug. He was here for three or four weeks before I even knew he had a voice. Now when I pull into the garage, I am welcomed by a beautiful baritone roar in the kitchen. He loves his morning walks, trips to the beach and both dog and people parks. In the afternoon, by 4:30, if the racquetballs are not out and being thrown for him and for Fin and Riley, he is right beside me, paw in my lap, reminding me it's time to play. We've seen



no recurrence of the melanoma on his gum and he certainly acts like a healthy happy guy. Everyone who meets Petie falls in love with him. I am so glad to have this sweet adorable guy as part of the family! 🐾

Ginger

Thanks to Wendy and Ivan Levison for submitting this.

Last night our beloved Ginger left us. It all happened so quickly. We were devastated at the loss of our sweet girl.

My thoughts went back to the day we first met her. We had lost our beloved Pepper a few months before and were ready for another dog. Linda Gomoll knew that we needed a mellow and quiet senior dog. One day, Ivan called me at work and said that Ginger was waiting at the house of Barbara and Dick Crespo. I rushed home and we drove over.

Pepper had been a beauty, very elegant with a subtle black line that rimmed her eyes and a long slender muzzle. The Crespos opened the front door and some vigorous attractive dogs bounded over. We were very excited but in fact Ginger was not one of these. She shyly eyed us from the back of the room, a slightly overweight dog with, to our eyes, a rather wide nose. Oh dear! But the Crespos told us how loving and sweet she was and we took her home with us. Dick Crespo showed us her muscular chest and explained that it was because she loved to run and we discovered that soon. She loved to go out, unlike Pepper who had always balked at walks and pulled as soon as we were safely going home again. But Ginger loved to go for walks and loved to

run. As soon as the leash was removed, she would take off. As the years went on, and it was harder to run, that initial run turned into a little scamper, just for old times' sake.

Pepper had been a character. We had lots of funny stories—the time she stole a sandwich from an unsuspecting student who was lunching on the grass at the College of Marin, and the time she concealed an apple in her mouth and walked into the kitchen from the backyard with a decidedly nonchalant air. But Ginger wasn't like that. There was no guile, just the sweetest, most loving dog you could ask for.

In the mornings, I would feel her sweet nose in my face telling me it was time to get out of bed so that I could take her outside. In the evenings, on the dot of 5, she would do a little dance to show that it was time for dinner, and when we said, "Let's eat," she would leap into



the air and race into the kitchen, tail wagging furiously.

She patiently endured the "petting" of our young grandchildren. On walks she would seek out strangers, raising her head for a cuddle, and everyone we met said, "What a beautiful dog." And she was. That shy-looking lost dog we first met had turned into a truly beautiful dog with a beautiful nature. Ginger, we only had you for four short years but they were wonderful years. Thank you for the joy and happiness you brought into our lives. 🐾

How I was Rescued *(Continued from front page)*

It was at that time that I decided that one day I would be a Police Dog Handler. I volunteered as much time as possible with the K-9 Unit, hid from the dogs and took bites during training and then I decided to become involved in Schutzhund (the German Sport of Protection, Tracking, Obedience and Agility). I purchased my own Shepherd, Osko, and began the process of training. This love of dogs continued for many years and Osko earned awards and titles and even some AKC Blue Ribbons for Obedience.

I then decided to leave the Police Department I was working for and started
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Jake

Thank you Denise Martin for submitting this.

Jake came into my life on January 21, 2013. He had been living with an elderly couple for 5 years in a loving home, where he was cared for and safe. Unfortunately, due to serious medical issues and a death, Jake was left without a home. But thankfully, the family of Jake's "parents" surrendered him to NGRR, hoping that he would be placed in a safe and loving home. I, fortunately, was the person given the opportunity to meet Jake, provide him another safe and loving home, and be the recipient of his sweetness and love.

I lost my dear friend and daily companion of 11 years, Buddy, a Golden who I raised since he was 8 weeks old, in the Fall of 2012. Buddy and I were inseparable. My heart was broken, my home felt empty, and my life felt turned upside down. By Christmas, friends and family suggested that I consider either fostering or adopting a dog. This advice was the best present I received during the holidays.

After deciding that I would like to adopt a senior Golden, I started with NGRR. Working with them has been a great experience. Devoted volunteer, Peg Aten came to meet me and inspect my home, and since that time, she worked to help find the right dog for me. Peg called me about Jake right after she had received the call from the family about surrendering their parents' 10-year-old Golden, Jake.

Jake was abandoned or lost 5 years ago. He was found as a stray, but luckily, placed with NGRR, who then helped him find his new home. No one knows Jake's story for his first 5 years, but we all knew he had found a safe home. Hearing that Jake again in his lifetime, was without a permanent home, tore at my heart.

On Monday, January 21st, I walked into the home where Jake had been living; he was lying on the floor looking a little confused as to why his "parents" were not around, but many other persons were, including 2 strangers – myself and another NGRR devoted volunteer, Carole

Mason. I knelt down next to him and he immediately put out his paw and placed it on my knee and looked up. I knew; Jake and I would be together and I would do my best to provide to him love and security for the remainder of his life.

We came home together that day. He followed me into and throughout my home like a shadow. I work out of my home and when I sat down at my desk, he laid down next to me, determined not to move until I did. Jake's confusion and sadness showed on his face; I was determined though to make him feel as safe and secure as possible. I moved a dog bed into my office, next to my chair, and since that wonderful Monday, Jake lays on his "office" bed next to me all day while I work, sleeping and waiting for his afternoon walk.

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just to greet and pet him!
And, most people we meet
oblige him!*

I'm sure because of his "parent's" health issues, Jake had been walked by a dog walker only 3 times a week, which caused him to become a little overweight, which does not help his arthritis in his rear legs. Jake is a little slow with walking and does not have much strength in his front legs. Notwithstanding his health issues, he loves to walk and hurries to the front door when we are ready to go. We have been walking twice a day, short walks in the mornings, longer in the afternoons.

Glucosamine has helped with his arthritis and mobility, which is making the daily walks easier. We walk around the Benicia Marina and the city's main street, which is where a lot of people with their dogs walk, and most business owners on the main street put out water bowls and come out to greet the dogs. Jake is lapping up this daily attention – he gets hundreds of pets along with greetings from dozens of dogs on our outings. Jake seems to think people were all placed on this earth just to greet and pet him! And,

most people we meet oblige him!

Learning about Jake's personality over the last few weeks has been fun and I am looking forward to learning more about him during our years together. Even at his older age and slower pace, he has a competitive side. We went for a long walk with friends at the Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore. Jake seemed to be in competition with my friends' more spry senior Golden and was going to make sure to keep up with her on our walk! And he did!

I have a dog door to my back yard which initially intrigued Jake, but he did not know what to do with it. His curiosity got the better of him and he was willing to try this new experience without hesitation. He was excited to learn that he had unlimited access to the backyard; he so enjoys rolling in the grass and bringing the outdoors inside our home. Jake's arthritis limits his ability to jump into the back of my station wagon, so I purchased a ramp. He looked at the ramp and then at me as if I was crazy to think he would walk up or down it. But, with a little help with treats, he walked up the ramp and found he reaped another benefit: He could get in the car and sit up and look out the car windows at all the people and cars while we are driving. I swear he smiles at the other drivers. Ah, he is such a curious soul.

Meeting his first indoor cat at the home of a friend, Jake's calm nature shined through. The cat is the only cat among 2 dogs and a family of 4, so the cat is very dog savvy. I had no idea how Jake would react, so we were all very careful with the introduction. But, Jake could have cared less! Sniff, sniff, let the cat walk around him, and he was done. It was hilarious. Jake is a calm, mellow comes to mind, golden, who is inviting to all – even cats! My friends fell in love with Jake as fast as I did.

Even during this time of transition for Jake, and what I'm sure is his sadness of losing his "parents," and the home he has known for 5 years, he is a giver of daily companionship, kisses and love. Jake and I have fallen into our new lives together very quickly. I am blessed to have found Jake. My home, and my heart, once again, is filled with a golden's love. 🐾

Meet Zephyr (aka David) from Tawain

Thank you Lauri Hammer for submitting this.

I had sent in an application for a rescued Golden a while back, thinking we would love to take in a dog that needed a home. Two days after Thanksgiving, Linda from NGRR called and interviewed me with a lot of questions, and said she would like to do a home visit, she has a possible rescue dog that may fit your list of requirements for a second family pet.

We have a 2-year-old male Corgi that runs the show in our house. Linda came to visit and gave me the run down on the rescue, his name was David, he was a smaller Golden, very sweet and definitely not a dominant boy, oh and he's from Taiwan. I had to take a second to process that last part. She continued on with the story of the Golden retrievers that needed homes coming from Taiwan. They had been checked by vets in Taiwan, and a rescue organization there processed and paid for the transfer of these dogs across the Pacific Ocean to our NGRR organization. NGRR placed them in foster homes while they sought out families for these dogs. Linda arranged for Peg, David's foster Mom to meet us and our Corgi. David a 60# male on the short side arrived, he was a bit shy, but curious, he met Zorro, a 25# bundle of energy. Their meeting was friendly and sweet, it was like Zorro could sense the



nervousness, but wanted to make his new friend feel welcome.

We decided that we should give it a go, and keep David for a few weeks to be sure the two dogs got along well, and that David's well being would be best in our home. He had just arrived from Taiwan one week earlier, he was shaved to the skin for some skin issues, he doesn't understand English or hand signals. I was out of puppy practice, and here was a 60# five-year-old dog looking at us with very curious eyes, wondering what the heck just happened.

Linda and the crew at NGRR were in touch with us everyday, sometimes twice a day. They let us borrow crates and pens, anything we needed! They were so supportive, helping me and teaching me how to deal with a two dog family, giving me advice and keeping my spirits

up, when I was frustrated because David was a full grown puppy, and I wasn't sure I was up to the task. Did I tell you this all happened during the biggest storm of the season, so taking the dogs out was challenging too!

In our home David became Zephyr, we just liked that name better. We had a behavior trainer come in and give us some tips, and I must say miracles happen. It didn't take long for Zephyr to melt our hearts and for him to become a part of our family. He was pretty quick to learn the basic commands, he and Zorro are very playful and loving to each other and our 11-year-old son, Kyle is in dog heaven! Our daughter in college can't wait to get home to see her new dog...she wonders why we waited until she left for college. The two dogs are very popular as we make tracks around the neighborhood. I am quick to report that Zephyr was rescued from Taiwan thanks to NGRR, and have given out their contact info many times.

I keep thinking about how parents adopt children, and how those parents must have a special extra loving heart. Luckily the NGRR has that extra loving heart for these beautiful Golden retrievers and the families who want them.

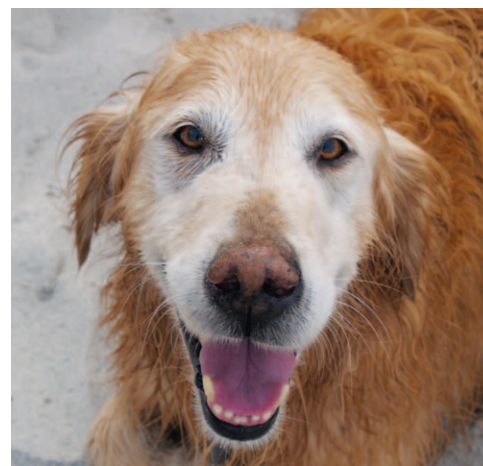
We are so lucky and grateful we were in the right place at the right time, Zephyr is our sweet boy. 🐾

Thank you Wilson!

Thanks to Darcy Van Siclen for submitting this.

We adopted Wilson (formerly known as Clipper) in August, 2006 from NGRR. After being left in the night drop box at the Martinez Animal Shelter with no name or history, he was examined, neutered and brought to his foster parent's home in Brentwood. We arrived the next day, a family of four, along with our 5-year-old Golden, Roggy. Although we were there to visit another dog, Wilson quickly made it clear that he chose us to be his family. Later that day, he was on his way home. For the next six years, Wilson spent each

and every day thanking us for making him our dog. He gave us love, laughter and friendship and made each of us believe that he loved us the most. Our sweet boy loved the beach and was able to spend all of his summers with us running on the sand and playing in the ocean in Carmel. He and Roggy loved to roll in the grass and sleep on the same chair in my son's room. They ate together, slept together, played together and were inseparable. Sadly, we lost Wilson last month to Lymphoma. He survived 18 months after his diagnosis, happy right up until the end. Wilson was a true blessing in our lives, and our hearts are so empty without him.



We are so grateful to NGRR for the gift of Wilson, and for all the great things this organization does to find homes for these treasured family members. 🐾

Meet the Prince

Thank you Larry and Robin Osness for submitting this.

"You have got to see this dog in the paper today!" That is what a friend of ours called to tell us after seeing Prince Harry, the "Rescue Dog of the Day" in the local newspaper. The reason she called us was that Prince Harry was 10 years old and blind. We had lost our beloved Golden mix, Rusty, the previous year and it had caused a hole in our heart that had not yet mended. Rusty was a timid, sweet boy that had gone blind two years before he suddenly passed from a previously undetected cancer. We had adopted a Corgi not long before that but were missing the Rusty "experience" both as a Golden and as a goofy, devoted companion. We knew how to deal with blindness and that it was not that big of a deal once everyone (mainly us humans) got used to it. Basically, you don't do a lot of furniture moving; keep any dangerous areas roped off, etc. Also, my wife and I had frequently said how sad it was when an "older" dog needed a new forever home.

I shot off an e-mail with our history to Peg Aten of NGRR asking about Prince Harry and she invited us over to meet him. Prince Harry had been turned over to the authorities in Nevada after the owner called 911. He was overweight (110 lbs.) and in need of some special care, in addition to his blinding cataracts. Peg had worked with him a great deal and under her care he had flourished and shed 25 lbs. We visited and were very impressed but still somewhat reluctant to commit, especially as we were in

the middle of a remodel at our house; not the best time to take on a new special needs animal. We asked Peg to wait and she agreed.

Peg brought Prince Harry for a visit when we were ready. We introduced him to our family (human and animal) in addition to another Golden (Ruby) that we often had at our house. Everyone thought he was great. It has been 8 months now and he has become an important member of our family. Everyone who meets him falls in love and many are initially unaware that he is blind since he gets around so well. He and our Corgi are the official greeters at our house.



We take Prince (now just Prince) everywhere and recently spent a week at the ocean in a rental house. We are amazed at how quickly Prince adapts to whatever the circumstances are. He will occasionally bump into something but just takes it in stride, nothing seems to bother him. He, and Rusty, have taught all of us the importance of

remembering what is really important in life, a nice walk outside in the sun and being surrounded by those that you love and that love you. We need them to remind us of that when we get so wrapped up in our petty problems. Prince has taken over our front room. His bed is there and he is always surrounded by 10-15 of his toys. I work part-time from home and sometimes he senses when I have been working too long and will come up and insist that I play tug-of-war with Mr. Snake or whatever his favorite toy is that day.

Prince would have been doomed, but now leads a full happy, life with many years ahead of him. To us, he is a pure unadulterated joy and we could not imagine our home without him. We know that Rusty would be proud of our choice. 🐾

How I was Rescued

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all over again in another department and began volunteering in the K9 Unit with that agency. I also began training the very first Golden Retriever I've ever had the pleasure of being my companion, Odi. Odi was a magnificent representative of the breed. Odi was trained as a Search and Rescue Dog for the California Rescue Dog Association.

In 2008 I retired as a Police Officer taking all my dogs with me in a move to the Foothills of California. In November of 2011, I had the good fortune of adopting Lucas, a 5-year-old Golden from NGRR. I got Lucas because I realized that at over fifteen years of age, my two other dogs were not going to last much longer and I thought maybe having a younger pal for him might perk

them up. And it did. When the two older dogs died within two months, Lucas recognized how down in the dumps I was. He did not come with any training, however, with my experience and his know how, he picked up on things very quickly and with little training he has become the most obedient and well behaved dog I've had.

Lucas is such a pleasure and joy to be around that in November of 2012 I was looking though the NGRR web page and saw a 3-year-old Golden that just had entropion surgery (his eyelids were curled into his eyes and he could hardly see) and he just looked so sad. I picked up the phone and began making some calls and was fortunate to be able to invite another "rescue" into my home, Rocky.

Lucas met Rocky and they were instant friends. Rocky is also an absolute joy to be around. A little more of a challenge to train than Lucas but hey, what's life without a few challenges. I've had Rocky now for 4 months and he is getting better and better by the day. His surgery was a great success and that is in the past. We go for long walks almost every day, he lives on 5 fenced acres and runs and plays with Lucas and he just had his first experience with snow. The summer months are approaching and both Rocky and Lucas will be swimming in my pool and the local lakes and I thank my lucky stars every day that these two "Golden Angels" came down from heaven to "Rescue Me".

Maybe one can do the same for 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.

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.)

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

- ☐ Veterinary Medicine
- ☐ Animal Behavior
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- ☐ Education
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2013 Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 28th, Elk Grove K9 Cancer Walk,
8:30 am, Elk Grove Regional Park, Elk Grove. For
more information, go to www.k9cancerwalk.org

Sunday, May 19th, Twain Harte Picnic. For
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It's Calendar Time

It's time to think about photos for the 2014 calendar. If you would like our Golden considered for next year's calendar, please submit hi res photos so they can be enlarged to 8 x 10 along with the dog's name and age and a few sentences about the dog's life before adoption and after adoption. The picture should not have any humans in it and if possible, send several photos so we can pick and choose. Please send to patswally@comcast.net and to cathy@etypeworks.com. The deadline is June 30, 2013.