

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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My Personal Observations
Working with the

KATRINA and RITA *Hurricane Dogs*

By Marilyn Ormond

After watching the nightmare of Hurricane Katrina unfold before my eyes, I volunteered to work with the Marin Humane Society when the refugee hurricane dogs started to arrive. I was one of over 1,000 people who emailed in an application and I consider myself lucky because I was one of the few who received a call to help. During the course of my work as the president of the Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue, I had worked closely with the Marin Humane Society in

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“Day Dreamin”
by Debbie Claussen

Debbie Claussen is a prize-winning artist who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her emphasis in the art world is the painting of animals. Debbie is an AKC dog show judge and a Golden Retriever breeder. Over the years, she has combined her artistic ability with her knowledge of Golden Retrievers to create some of the most lifelike paintings of our breed. Her

Award-Winning Artist Is Focus of NGRR Benefit

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accomplishments in the art world are too numerous to be listed here, but recently she has been published and reviewed in the 2003, 2004, and 2005 AKC Gazette. Debbie’s award-winning watercolor “And The Winner Is...” was chosen as the commemorative poster for the 2005 AKC /Eukanuba National Championship Dog

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MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDARS:

Wag ’n Walk Returns

May: Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton
Chairperson: Laurel Stanley (laurel-stanley@sbcglobal.net)

Art & Wine Auction Returns

Saturday, October 7th: Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos
Chairperson: Denise Faleschini
(Denise.Faleschini@cbre.com)

Hurricane Dogs

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our joint project to identify and block the activities of the non-profit organizations that were auctioning off puppies for their fund raisers. We had jointly written a letter to all the Marin Schools advising them that auctioning any live animal for a fundraiser was not a humane practice and didn't teach children the proper respect for all life, including animals.

The work that the MHS had for volunteers was mainly to feed, water and exercise the animal they had received from the disasters. I did not see any cats and don't know if there were any there. I worked strictly in the dog area. The MHS was using a large fully fenced area that was attached to a barn. At some point it obviously had been built as a corral for livestock. They had acquired a large number of dog runs. The runs were in all sizes from a 10' x 10' and 6' tall to 4' x 4' and 3' tall. Some pens had chain link roofs and others did not. All of them were covered with shade cloth. There was a vet on duty in the barn whenever I was there except for Sunday.

Each dog that arrived was checked for any health problems and tested for heartworm. If there was no ID they were microchipped there. If there were any problems it was noted on a flyer that went wherever the dog went. The flyers hung on the outside of their cages.

The experience of working with these dogs was worth the hard labor. The feeding of these dogs was refined over the weeks. While we started out with many different plans, ultimately the vets decided that all the dogs should be fed Science Diet dry with water added to soften it up. We also added some soft Science Diet to the bowls. All the dogs are fed twice a day. If a dog had heartworm he could not be exercised. All other dogs were exercised at least twice a day.

The most interesting observation I made was that the two groups I worked with were very different. The first group of dogs that I saw was the dogs rescued from Katrina. Most of their dogs were not neutered and many



First -class treatment for dogs escaping Hurricane Katrina.

courtesy: Baltimore Sun

of them had heartworm. Most of them were terribly thin and looked like they had been on their own for some time. There were two goldens in that group. Norcal offered to take these two dogs to foster but MHS chose to send them to their own fosters.

The second group of dogs that I worked with had come in after Hurricane Rita. These dogs had been rescued from a kennel in Lake Charles, LA. The owners of these dogs had boarded their dogs before they evacuated themselves. Rita was thought to be going further west and no one thought that Lake Charles would be in trouble. Well as we all know, the hurricane hit a little east of the original target and there was a flood in the Lake Charles area. The kennel itself was not flooded but the water around it was so deep that no one could get to these dogs for three days. Needless to say, these dogs were in much better shape than the first group. They had been well taken care of before the flood and obviously were loved family pets. Among this group were quite a few puppies. Most of the older dogs were neutered and none appeared to be ill or even all that thin. They just simply were scared. There were no goldens in this group.

The most interesting experience I had with the second group of dogs was on a Sunday morning. I arrived at the shelter in time to meet with the director of the volunteers. We unlocked the doors to the

barn and continued out to the corral. When we opened the sliding door to the corral we were greeted with two of the biggest Great Danes I have even encountered. These two Danes were boarded together and apparently figured out how to get out of their pen. We tried to attach the soft lead to them, but they would have nothing to do with it. It basically was like trying to rope a pony and lead it to its corral. From the looks of the barnyard, these two dogs had been out all night and had a great time destroying everything in sight. They were absolutely harmless but they were huge.

I will continue to work there until I am no longer needed. Like the National Humane Society, the local groups are starting to wind down their operations. The animals that were sick have been treated. As soon as a vet gives them a well-check they are moved to foster homes. From there it is "wait and see." The national groups have asked that the local groups keep these dogs as fosters as long as possible to give their families time to find them. All the groups are working with petfinder.com hoping to match up these dogs with their original families. When it finally seems that the family is not coming forward, then and only then will they be given up for adoption. Needless to say, this has been a very rewarding experience. 🐾

NGRR Responds to Needs in the Wake of Katrina

In the face of our nation's disastrous Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the board of Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue felt that we, as an organization, needed to take action. Preceding the hurricanes, we, as a board, had approved the following strategic decision:

We will cooperate with other organizations whose goals and operating principles are compatible with ours, particularly in counties that are outside our general service area.

With these new guidelines the Board made the following decisions. We donated \$1000 immediately to the Humane Society of the United States. This money – as all the monies – was clearly designated as “help with the hurricane animals.” At our following board meeting in September, we also voted to give the following organizations \$500 each:

1. United Animal Nations
2. ASPCA
3. Noah's Wish
4. Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association

The Board felt that Norcal's financial contribution to these groups was consistent with our bylaws' mission in the following way:

1. It will help rescue Golden Retrievers and other animals that are in harm's way.

2. It will help find them loving homes, either by reuniting them with their families or finding them appropriate new homes under the auspices of the animal welfare organizations that our donation will support.
3. It will help provide the veterinary care they need in order to reunite them with their families, make them adoptable, or ease their suffering
4. It will assist local and national animal welfare organizations and shelters, including local Golden Retriever rescue groups that are directly involved in the affected areas, helping ensure that golden retrievers (and other animals) are cared for rather than killed.
5. Helping these organizations save animal lives serves an important educational and public awareness function.

The Humane Society of the United States and the other organizations involved in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita animal rescue efforts clearly have goals and operating principles compatible with ours. Helping these organizations now helps us fulfill our strategic objective of establishing cooperative relationships with them. By cooperating with these organizations when they are in need, we help establish relationships of mutual support that will serve us well if and when we are faced with our own emergency circumstances.



2006 NGRR Calendars Available NOW!

The 2006 NGRR Calendar “Hearts of Pure Gold” is now ready! Each picture portrays the true disposition of our wonderful Goldens. The stories about each dog range from heart wrenching to heart warming. New this year is the “Seniors Rule” section. Be sure not to miss this exquisite and extraordinary calendar.

Calendars can be purchased on our website or from the newsletter. Each calendar sells for \$14.00. But if you purchase three or more the cost is just \$12.00 per calendar plus shipping.

The 2006 NGRR Calendar makes a great holiday present!

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Home Phone: _____

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Extra donation: _____

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

IN TRIBUTE

Happy Birthday to Judy Guild
Donation by Claudia Guild, Jay Kallos
and Morgan & Hannah

In thanks to Mariana Longstreth for
making us one of the beneficiaries of her
Wells Fargo/United Way Campaign.

In Thanks to Debra Stanley for donating
to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue
through her "Campaign for the Commu-
nity" sponsored through PG&E.

In Honor of Judy Guild's Day of Birth
Donation by Torrey Gane and her
Mackenzie

In Thanks to Kim Agresti for donating to
NGRR via her United Way work
contributions!

In Honor of new adoptee "Willie."
Donation by his new mom, Eileen Kopp

In Honor of "Bonnie"
*"Bonnie was badly mistreated and afraid
of everything. The first few months were
very stressful and friends and family said
we should not adopt her. I refused to give
her up or give up on her and just gave her
love and gentle training. You should see
her now! She's not perfect yet but people
who see her now can't believe she is the
same dog. We love her so much and are
with her all day."*

Donation by Margie &
Raymond Einberger

In Thanks to "Ribbon" and Janet Hellums
*"Ribbon & Janet came to Shriner's Hos-
pital last week and it does me such good
to have them visit. I have had 6 Golden
and so I have a great love of the breed.
I thank you for an organization such as
yours."*

Donation by Earl Ball

In Honor of "Daisy"
*"This is in celebration of your 15th birth-
day. We love your smile. Thank you for
'introducing' us to your Mom – and now
we have our 'Gus'."*

Daisy is owned and loved by June Smith
Donation by Carol & Jon Daseking

In Thanks and In Honor of Robin Baker
& Helene Brodrick for helping Carolyn
Rogina adopt a dog and then requesting
a donation be sent into NGRR in lieu
of a fee.

In Honor of Gabriel Best
*"Gabriel is my 12-year-old grand nephew.
He is a volunteer for Norcal Rescue and
his picture and story appeared on the front
page of your Spring 2005 periodical. On
behalf of Golden Retrievers and animals
everywhere, I thank you."*

Donation by Beatrice Bernstein

Happy Birthday and In Honor of Mona
Sinha and her "Justin"
*"Mona and Justin had a special
relationship and bond. It was wonderful
to witness. I loved Justin as everyone else
did, too. This donation is to hopefully help
another great Golden find a forever home
like Justin did!"*

Donation by Wendy Donoghue

In Honor of my great friend and mentor,
Linda Georgi of Foxfire Golden
*"I cannot thank you enough for my girl,
Kiska, or for the incredible patience you
always have for me. It is because of you
that I am blessed to live the Golden life.
I love and appreciate you. Thank you for
everything."*

Donation by Nacina Dawn
and Destiny & Me

Happy Birthday of Daniel Martin
*"This is in honor of my grandson's birth-
day on May 17th. He has a Golden rescue
dog, named Lily."*

Donation by Mrs. Elizabeth Linscott

In Honor of the 7th year of
"Daisy's" adoption
*"We are doing well in our new home
and love walking the hills."*

Donation by Louise Korn

Happy Birthday to my Aunt,
Sharon McConnell
*"It is the only present she gladly
accepts - it doesn't have to be exchanged
for a different size, it doesn't clutter or
require dusting, and NGRR is a great
cause."*

Donation by Kimberly Daly

In Honor of my Best Friend and Soul
Sister, Psyche Clark of Starchaser Golden
*"Your unwavering support has gotten me
through many stressful situations. I am so
grateful to have your friendship. Thank
you for always being there."*

Love, Nacina Dawn

In Honor of the birthday of
"Suzanne Scallion"
*"Suzanne is an elementary principal who
brings her Golden Retriever therapy dog,
Gretel, to school everyday. Gretel has
helped countless struggling students to be
more successful and happier at school.
And we continue to love our Lily,
who came to us in January 2002
from NGRR."*

Donation by Judith Martin

In Appreciation for Judy & John Munoz
*"You are Tucker's great parents! Thank
you for all your help and for the kennel."*

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Honor of Pat Lynch
*"Pat helped rescue my two neglected
neighbors, Jake and Jessie. My thoughts
go out to those two under-stimulated
retrievers, and I hope they enjoy a fruitful
life beyond their former confinement."*

Donation by Terry Carroll

In Honor of Shannon Aiken
and Karen Shore

"Both of these wonderful women fostered our dear sweet Millie before we saw her and adopted her. What wonderful care they gave her and what love they must have shown her to make her as loving and sweet as she is now in spite of all she went through prior to being rescued by NGRR. God bless all the fosters and area coordinators who save wonderful dogs and give them another chance to be loved and to live out the rest of their lives in peace."

Donation by Judy & Howard Guild

In Honor of Lynn Jennings

"We applaud NGRR's effort in finding forever homes for these great doggies. We would like to commend your Solano County area coordinator, Lynn Jennings for her trying to find a Golden for our family. We appreciate all her tireless efforts and time she took and when she worked with us."

Donation by Frand & Elaine Ordista
and Family

In Thanks to Apryl Winston, Desiree,
Alex, Mark, Hannah, William,
Kanan and Allison

"These innovative students started a Car Club at their school, College Park High School. They charged admission to a "car show" and divided the proceeds to charitable organizations that they felt deserved it. Apryl and her family had adopted "Goldie" from NGRR several years ago and she and her friends were excited to be able to donate to "such a great cause."

Thanks to these wonderful young people
and everyone involved with the CPHS
Car Club of Pleasant Hill!

In Honor of "Millie" and her new Mom,
Judy Guild

Donation by Phelps Guild, who welcomed
Millie through lots of petting and telling
her what a good dog she is!

In Memory of "Gideon"

In Thanks and Appreciation to Shirlee
Thomas including NGRR part of her
employee charitable giving program.

In Honor and In Thanks to "Ribbon"
& Janet Hellums

*"Looking forward to your next visit. I
always feel lifted up when they visit me
and for a long time after!"*

Donation by Earl & Lois Ball

Birthday Wishes – 2005 – to Patti Levine

"A great idea from my great friend."

Donation by Deb Weston

In Honor of Dr. Jill York and Staff at
the Sequoia Veterinary Hospital

*"Thank you so much for everything you
did for Hanna. She was lucky to be cared
for by such a wonderful staff. We
all miss her!"*

In Honor of Trudy & Ken Blanchard

*"In thanks to the Blanchard's for all their
time and energy with puppy referrals."*

Donation by Robin Baker of Aubridge
Goldens

I N M E M O R I A M

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom

*"Karen was a wonderful person and had
the biggest heart when it came to Golden
Retrievers. She will be/is sorely missed."*

Donation by Rick Walkup

In Memory of "Edith"

Loved by Mike Beritzhoff &
Laurel Stanley

Donation by Howard, Mary, Mieke
& Owen Fuchs

In Memory of Bob Wheeler

Donation by Barbara Wheeler-Crespo

In Memory of "Murphy"

*"Murphy is on the Norcal web page among
the "Success Stories" and she certainly
was that – both for her and for me. Her
regular spot was lying in front of the
window by the front door of my house. She
could watch all the people coming and
going and they would look up and wave at
her. I still see neighbors looking, expect-
ing to see her, just as I do. Since I didn't
want her to be alone when I was working,
I adopted an orange tabby cat and Louie
became her constant companion. They slept
together on Murphy's bed. Louie and I are
both still grieving and for weeks, he just
sat and stared at where her bed had been.
Murphy and I had a wonderful 6 1/2 years
together and I always recommend a rescue
dog to people who are thinking of acquiring
a dog. I will soon be ready to adopt
another Golden from Norcal. Thank you
for all the wonderful work you all do."*

Loved by Marjorie Johansen

*Look at our web page for the complete
story of Murphy

In Memory of "Sok Fok Tong"
and "Benjamin"

*"Sok was a regal, independent sort who
had a special affinity for children. The
classic story is how he intuitively
approached a 6-year-old boy who was the
victim of abuse and gently led the very
reluctant child into the therapy room and
stayed with him until he was comfortable
to begin work with the therapist. An avid
swimmer, he spent many happy days
swimming and boating on the Delta.
If Sok was regal, Benjamin was the crown
prince. He shared his dad's intuitive
sensitivity and love for children and sensed
anyone who was vulnerable and in need of
a Golden smile. He spent many days
working in the clinic, greeting the worried
and the ill and making new friends."*

Both Sok and Benjamin were loved and
cherished by John Graykoski

*Go to norcal-rescue.org for the complete
story on Sok and Benjamin

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Caleb" Berman
Cherished by Laurie & Mark Berman
Donation given with love by the Cogens

In Memory of "Caleb"
Loved by Laurie & Mark Berman
Donation by Joyce Dinslage

In Memory of "Buster"
"Buster had that perpetual Golden grin and was loved by everyone he touched and all who couldn't resist touching him. All my new neighbors knew and loved Buster (even if they couldn't remember my name). Friends and local merchants lined up with treats for Buster as we took our daily strolls through the neighborhood. Time will pass, and the hurt hopefully will lessen, but there will always be a special place in my heart dedicated to the most sweet, loving, patient, and trusting friend one could ever imagine. I don't know if any human can match a Golden's unconditional love, but please know that I tried to give back to you what you always gave to me."
With much love, Hank Finkle
*The complete story of Buster can be found at norcal-rescue.org

In Memory of "Caleb" Berman
"Caleb was Glider's very first neighborhood pal and bumping into him was always an exciting event! We will miss his puppy energy and enthusiasm, and will keep happy memories of him close to our hearts. We are sorry for your loss, but happy that you had Caleb be a part of your lives."
Lovingly cherished by Mark & Laurie Berman
Donation by Calvin, Susan & Glider Woo

In Loving Memory of "Nugget"
Mathiesen
"Nugget was the world's best dog! He was adopted from Norcal Rescue about three years ago and loved by Sandy."
Missed and loved by Sandy Mathiesen
Donation by Bill & Sandy Jorden

In Memory of Beloved "Caleb"
"Caleb was Laurie and Mark's adored Golden. Caleb was loved by many in the Lakeside District of San Francisco, somewhat of a local icon, and he was the very first best doggie friend of my Kyi-Leo puppy, Jo-Zi. Caleb is terribly missed. We honor sweet Caleb with our memorial to your wonderful organization."

Loved by Laurie & Mark Berman
Donation by Joyce Richardson & Jo-Zi

In Memory of "Jeeves"
Donation by Bruce Dwiggin, Sharyn Sala, Amelia & Chloe

In Memory of "Brandy"
Cherished and loved by Andrea, Daniel, Pat & Steve
Lovingly donated by the Rivera Lilienthal family

In Memory of "Tiki"
Sunshine's Tropic Lightning CD, JH
"Tiki is best remembered for his always cheerful disposition and happy-go-lucky outlook toward everything and everyone in his life. He was Golden through and through."
Loved by John & Barbara Culin
Donation by Wendy & Jim Johnston

In Memory of "Baxter"
"He was my Golden."
Loved and missed by Alan Carter

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Helene & James Brodrick

In Memory of Charleen Hagen Phipps
Donation by the Friends of the Wedel's from the Santa Clara County Public Health Administration

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn & "Maggie"
"Carol loved Golden Retrievers dearly. Her beloved Golden, Maggie, passed away on almost the same day that Carol was lost in the tsunami. We honor both of them."
Donation by Laurel DiSilvestro & Ken MacKenzie

In Memory of "Cashel"
Trumpet's Cream Cahill, CD, CGC
"Cashel was the beloved companion of Lisa. They shared many special moments together and he will be deeply missed."
Cherished, loved and trained by Lisa Newton
Donation by Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club

In Honor of Carol Shellhorn-Massey
Donation by Cary & Caren Delano

In Memory of "Tiki"
"Tiki was a bouncy sweetheart Golden boy, who will be sorely missed."
Loved by Barbara & John Culin
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of Pat Longstreth
"We are reminded of our good times with you and Pat at the cabin, in nature and as our families grew together. Pat will be missed but not forgotten."
With love from Paddy & David – Patricia Spector & David Mans

In Memory of "Caleb"
"Caleb was the much loved and cherished Golden of the Bermans. He will be missed."
Missed and loved by Mark & Laurie Berman
Donation by Barbara & John Culin

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn
Donation by a Friend

In Memory of Patrick Longstreth
Donation by Skip & Meg Matosich

I N M E M O R I A M

In Memory of "Ryder"
Evergreen's Midnight Ride
"I was always so proud of my brother, Ryder. Such a sweet boy and so beautiful. I know he will be waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge and we can then reminisce about when we 'kids' in Orlando."
Our sympathies to the Miskelly's
Donation by "Blast" – Mary Vogler, "Snap," and "Chips"

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Alex, Gary & Julie Kenny

In Memory of "Cashel"
Trumpet's Cream Cahill CD, TD
"The big boy with the big heart. At the age of 6, with minimal training, Cashel earned a CD for Lisa. His scores were in the upper 190s, with first and second places – truly a devoted dog. Steve and Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss."
Loved by Lisa and Steve Newton
Donation by Mary Vogler, "Blast," "Snap," and "Chips"

In Memory of "Dooley"
Rush Hill's Sentimental Journey
JH, WC, Can CH
"Dooley was to Carol what Blast is to me. They both took us through some very tough times. Dooley was a special girl who had big shoes to fill. She did it well, and will always be loved and never forgotten. Our love to you, Carol."
Cherished and loved by Carol Bygdnes
Donation by Mary Vogler, "Blast," "Snap," and "Chips"

In Memory of "Maggie"
"Maggie was so loved and greatly missed by our neighbors, the Rodgers."
Cherished by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Rodgers
Donation by Jeannie & Tony Lopes

In Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by Paul & Valerie (Kimball) Erickson

In Memory of "Misty"
*"There is so much we miss about you: Your beautiful brown eyes
Your soft golden coat
Your energetic welcome at the door
Your patience with your friend, Rain
Your obsession with retrieving the ball
Your love of swimming at the beach."*
"You gave us 5 1/2 wonderful years of joy. You will always be in our hearts. We miss you so much."
Your Loving Family, Dale, Valerie, Victoria and Rain
In Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by Jane & Bob Van Blaricom

In Memory of "Charlie"
"Pat and Charlie were lucky to have one another in their lives. They each belonged to one another's fan club and Charlie was one lucky dog. Charlie lived to the age of 17 years young!"
Loved by Pat Lynch
Donation by Stephanie & "Bart" Getzler

In Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by D.J. Branning

In Memory of Mrs. Adelle Gordon
Donation by Mary-Louise & John Solaja

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Lucy Schaeffer

In Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by Sharon & Bob Kahn

In Memory of "Sandy"
"You opened your hearts and home to Sandy in her and her owner's time of need. She was sweet and wonderful and will be missed."
Loved by Sandra & Bob Schatz
Donation by Anne & Karl Pfendt

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Martha & Bill Adams

In Loving Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by Mary & Scotty Cauchois

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Julie & Ott Pinkston

In Honor of our dear friend,
Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Marty, Valerie & Domenique Williams

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn
"Carol was a special person and a dear friend of mine. Carol loved her Golden Retriever, Maggie, who will be missed, too."
Donation by Melissa Best

In Memory of Bill Leonard
"Bill was a loving husband, father, coach and 'dog person'."

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn
Donation by Kurt Mayrand

In Memory of "Mollie"
"Mollie was lucky to be in such a loving home and her family was so lucky to have her for 15 wonderful years. She was truly a Golden girl with a sweet smile, a happy wagging tail and a loving greeting for everyone. We will all miss her."
Loved by Steve, Stephanie and Olivia Wilk
Donation by Phil, Joan, Casey & Callie Fisher

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Sturges & Sue Bryan

In Memory of "Barnabas"
Loved by Naomi & Christopher Griffin
Donation by your "Parents" co-workers at WID

In Memory of Pat Longstreth
Donation by Deborah & David Walton

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Nancy & Bobby Caudle

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn Massey
Donation by Jane & Tomme Gamewell

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Perry"

Am.- Can. CH. Foxfire's Good Omen, CGC Littermate to my "Kiska" and sire of my "Candy Perry was a loving and cherished companion, awesome and successful show dog, comforting therapy pet, and wonderful and handsome friend to many. Loved and missed by all who knew him especially Linda Georgi."

Donation by Nacina Dawn of Destiny Goldens

In Memory of our Golden Boy, "Caleb"

"Caleb, it broke our hearts when you passed." "May flight of angels sing thee to thy rest." Loved and sorely missed by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Snickers and "Buddy"

"Favored companion of and rescued by Saul Diamond whose generous and loving heart gave these kids many years of the good life that they deserved. I miss their sweet spirit with you. I often looked into Buddy's eyes and could see forever."

Loved by Saul Diamond

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of Ron Van Buskirk

"Ron loved Taylor, the senior Golden he and his wife adopted from NGRR three years ago. Taylor will always miss his Dad."

Donation by Tim & Andrea Linder

In Memory of "Bacchus"

"Incredible and special 'once in a lifetime' Golden child of Steve and Jamie. How difficult it is to say goodbye to 'that one,' the one that defines all else. How fortunate she was to live with such devoted parents. Thank you for giving my girl the good life. You did such a great job with 'Moose.'" I have no words except to say, I'm so sorry."

Loved by Jamie & Steve Concannon

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Misty"

Loved and missed by the Anderson Family

Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory of "Mousse"

"A much loved Golden rescue cared for and missed by my friends with 'Hearts of Gold.' Mike and Teri. The gift of love is a great one."

Loved by Mike & Teri Taketa-Graham

Donation by Nacing Dawn

In Memory of "Winston"

"I am so sorry for your loss. Winston was a very special pet. He was the most gentle and loving neighborhood friend. We will all miss him."

Cherished and loved by the Knowles Family

Donation by Mary Lou Alexander

In Memory of "Peggy O'Neil"

Lovingly missed by Colette & Jack Agresti

Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory of "Jake"

"Devoted and much loved family member of 15 years to Vic, Kristie and Bryan. Your commitment to rescuing your pets is so very appreciated. You are a Golden Treasure."

Loved by Vic, Kristie & Baryan McManus

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Meadow"

"Meadow was a Champion in more ways than one. Her proud and devoted Mom, Linda, will miss her."

Lovingly cherished by Linda Shively

Donation by Susie Rondeau & Mary

Blankenbeckler

In Memory of "Justin" Sinha

Loved and missed with an aching heart by the Sinha Family

Donation by Sherrye Flynn

In Memory of "Zach"

"Who rests beneath the redwood and is missed by all his friends. Lucy and Max, thank you for continuing to rescue these angels. Zach was deeply loved by you."

Missed and loved by Lucy & Max Aron

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Meadow"

CH. Ashford's High Sierra Meadow

"When a puppy arrives at our house they make a special warm place for themselves in our heart. As time passed I realized that meadow was as beautiful on the inside as on the outside. He had a unique way of teaching about loving, loyalty, joy, and mischief. I am so proud of her accomplishments in the show ring and her AKC championship in 1998. She was a mentor to her Shih Tzu sisters, Déjà vu and Autumn. She loved the freedom of hiking in the forest at Tahoe and swimming in her lake. She will be missed by all who had contact with this wonderful Golden Girl."

Donation by her loving Mom, Linda Shively

In Memory of "Boulder"

Port Costa's Luisa Boulderby

"She was our beautiful friend . . . our Boulder."

Loved by William & Donna Leonard

In Memory of "Cami" Aiken

Lovingly missed by Shannon

& Tom Aiken

Donation by Mission San Jose Pet Hospital

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn

"Tim: We are making this donation in Carol's memory. We think of you often and hope that you can meet up with us sometime in the near future."

Donation by Steve & Denise Strom

In Memory of "Winston"

Cherished, loved and missed by Linda & John Knowles, Trevor and Jonathon and "Kayla"

Donation by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of Jack Hartman
"Brother of Sandy Silver"
 Donation by Carole & Barry Frank

In Memory of "Justin" Sinha
"I'm very sorry about the passing of your loving dog, Justin. Our animals help make our lives fuller."
 Loved by Mona & Ravi Sinha and Family
 Donation by Carol Crews

In Loving Memory of "Meadow"
"This dynamic duo of Linda and Meadow spent 11 wonderful years together, exploring the mountains and forest of Lake Tahoe's North Shore. Meadow was named for an idyllic alpine meadow, where she frolicked happily as a little puppy, and where she continued to explore and roam free all of her days. Meadow was not only beautiful, but full of tricks and mischief. Her eyes would sparkle as she would steal whatever she could get hold of if she felt you weren't paying enough attention to her. She had a big brain and an even bigger heart. Our world and our hearts here on earth will always have a small hole left by the passing of our beautiful Golden Girl, Meadow."
 Loved, cherished and missed by Linda Shively
 Donation by Linda Jensen

In Loving Memory of my Father,
 Earl Harman
 Donation by Elaine Bowers

In Memory of "Gideon"
 Lovingly donated by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of my dear friend, Bill Moore
"He loved our dogs, though he never liked dogs, and he donated to NGRR many times to honor them. I will miss my friend very much."
 Donation by Judy Guild

In Memory of "Justin"
 Cherished and loved by Mona Sinha
 Donation by Laura Gewirtz

In Memory of "Cami"
 Lovingly missed by Shannon & Tom Aiken
 Donation by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of Carol Shellhorn
"Carol was a person whom I always remember as someone that I shared many memorable and happy experiences with whether it was backpacking in the sublime wilderness of California or having dinner with her and her husband, Tim. She was a joy to be around and I echo the sentiment of most people who knew her when I say I will miss her deeply and think of her during those occasions that I fondly remember her for."
 Donation by Robert May

In Memory of "Sota"
"Sota was a large part of our family and is greatly missed. Sota gifted us with his love and inspires us to live each day a little better than the last."
 With love from Mom and Harry

In Memory of "Bailey"
"Our hearts go out to Theresa and Dave over the loss of their beautiful Bailey. We know she will live on in your hearts forever."
 Loved by Theresa & Dave Dooley
 Donation with love by Angela & Cathleen Werner

In Memory of "Riley"
"We know how much you loved Riley and how much you miss him. Our thoughts are with you."
 Loved and missed by Kathy & Judy
 Donation by Scott Shockney, Lori Curtin, Gert, Gus & Raider

In the Name of John A. Musgrave
 Donation Anonymous

In Memory of "Lucy"
"Lucy was a great friend to NGRRescue. Lucy attended the Wag 'n Walk events and even helped out at the NGRR adoption table during the ARF at the Main event in Walnut Creek. She was not an NGRR Golden but she acted like one in spirit. We will miss her sweet smile and silly energy. She acted like a puppy her entire life."
 Cherished and loved by Lynn & Richard Parapar

In Memory of "Barney"
"... to a remarkable Golden!"
 Loved by Janice, Joe, & Buddy Whalen
 Donation by Bob, Colleen, Trooper & Sissy Kaul

In Memory of "Bailey"
"Bailey Boots, our miracle Golden. Found wandering a nearby neighborhood with no ID, the frisky youngster was brought to the nearest vet to see if anyone recognized her on the one day we happened to be there getting check-ups for our other two Golden kids. Overhearing the conversation of the receptionist and the man who brought her in, I told them I would try to find her home. After searching the area for "lost "signs, running an ad to report her as "found" but never receiving any responses, we felt that she was meant to be a part of our family. She was the best Sniffer, Dinner-time Dancer, and "Rope-Girl" ever, a special gift from God. Nine wonderful years just wasn't long enough."
 Loved and missed by Dave & Theresa Dooley

In Memory of "Jake"
"My beloved Jake, who died at the age of 16, a loving faithful companion who never knew a stranger and who is being missed by so many."
 Cherished and loved by Kathleen Gimber

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Laura Thompson

"Laura's life exemplified this quote by John Muir . . . 'The sun shines not on us, but in us.' Her life here achieved the three M's. It was magnificent, meaningful and memorable. We thank her for all her efforts with NGRRescue and we will miss her."

Donation by Howard & Judy Guild

In Memory of "Pirate"

"We know Pirate is sorely missed and was deeply loved."

Cherished by Janet Wood

Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Aztec"

Loved by Ginny Brandow

Donation by Ardenwood Pet Hospital

In Loving Memory of our dog, "Zoe"

Donation by the Arthur Takaki &

Brita Tryggvi

In Memory of "Maggie"

"Maggie was loved and admired by everyone who knew her."

Loved and missed by

Stephanie Sanders-Badt

Donation by Clara Williamson

In Memory of "Brandy"

"Brandy was a beautiful, 14-year-old golden who recently passed. She was deeply loved and cherished by her family."

Missed and loved by Kathy,

Milton & Diana Schwartz

Donation by Louise Korn

In Loving Memory of Chandler Williams

"Chandler was Alison's Dad, Riley's

"Pop-pop" and the Sam the Golden's owner. He will be missed."

Donation by Russell & Marey Richens

In Memory of Bo Jonsson

Loved by the Jonsson Family

Donation by the Swanberg Family

In Memory of "Soda"

CH. Auric's Ice Dream Soda

Loved and missed by Dottie & A.C. Page

Donation by Toni Maita & Greg Ford

In Memory of "Molly"

Cherished and loved by the Nelson Family

Donation by Nadeen & Chris Flohr

Memorial & 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 handwritten letter will be sent shortly thereafter acknowledging that a donation was made to NGRR. Give us

Goldens Rescued from Local 'Puppy Mill'

In August, Jill Morgan became aware of a puppy mill located in the Sierra foothills. When she arrived, she found an estimated 50-60 dogs of various breeds on site. Of these, there were approximately 28 Goldens. On her first trip with her merry band of rescuers, she purchased 10 dogs for \$400. Jill's home was a bit crowded that night as these 10 joined the 7 she already had!

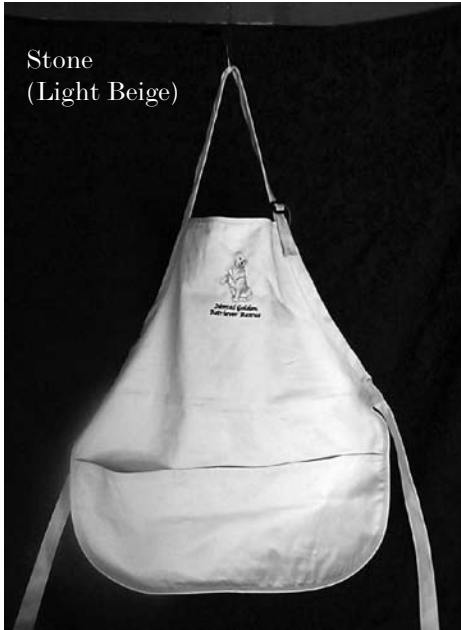
Her team gave them all a bath and Jill worked the phone tirelessly, trying to find foster homes for this large influx. Within hours the whole organization sprang into action, quickly relieving Jill's congested home and moving dogs to foster homes throughout the Bay Area and beyond. All dogs required at least basic medical attention as well as spay or neuter. They were not socialized and found this new

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GOLDEN GALLERIA

The Store Is Open!
See golden-rescue.org for full color photos



Stone
(Light Beige)

NGRR Medium Length Apron with Pouch Pockets
\$19.00



Hunter Green



Light Steel or Forest Green

NGRR Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt
\$40.00



Ink Blue Denim

NGRR Ink Blue Long Sleeve Denim Shirt
\$32.00



Bark (Medium Taupe Brown)

NGRR Pique Knit Polo Shirt
\$34.00



Navy



Black



Grey

NGRR Suede Cap
\$17.00

GOLDEN GALLERIA

Just in Time for the Holidays!
See golden-rescue.org for full color photos



Black



Hunter Green

NGRR Large Duffle Bag
\$42.00



Goldenrod Gold
with Black Sleeves,
Hood and Trim

**NGRR Color Anorak
Pullover Jacket**
\$60.00



Medium Blue

NGRR Authentic Denim Jacket
\$69.00



Royal Blue

**NGRR Port Authority
All-Purpose Tote**
\$24.00



Athletic Gold

Order Early! Order Now!
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GOLDEN GALLERIA



NGRR Hanes Beefy-T™ Shirt
\$14.00



NGRR Backpack
\$59.00



NGRR Front Zippered Fleece Vest
\$36.00

NGRR Beach Towel
\$24.00





Don't forget your gift certificates

Order Form

Make checks payable to NGRR. Visa and Mastercard also accepted.
 Mail orders to: 300 Escobar Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028-7352
 For information, contact nancymendell@mindspring.com.

Item Description	Color	Size	Qty.	Unit Price	Total

If ordering by credit card, please check: Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Merchandise \$ _____

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Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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Up to \$12.00	add	\$3.75	
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\$25.01 to \$50.00	add	\$6.75	
\$50.01 to \$75.00	add	\$8.75	
\$75.01 to \$100.00	add	\$10.75	
\$101.00 to \$150.00	add	\$12.75	
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Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Thank You!

Meet Your NGRR Board of Directors

Jeff Wilson and his two Golden Retrievers, “Cash & Carry,” live in the Oakland hills. Golden Retrievers have been a part of Jeff’s life for over 20 years. He became involved with NGRR in 2001, fostering several dogs and organizing the 2001 raffle. He currently serves as the NGRR President. He is a Certified Financial Planner™, providing financial planning services to families and small business owners in the areas of retirement, estate, business succession, and investment planning.

Rolf Thorson has been active in NGRR since 1995 and has served on the Board and in various officer positions, currently serving as Secretary. Rolf initiated working member liability insurance coverage and authored new Bylaws. In addition to keeping all of the board-meeting minutes, Rolf is also the point person for obtaining insurance and serves on the investment committee. Rolf has an MBA from UC Berkeley, is a co-founder of 1stCheck Corp., an electronic payment processing company headquartered in Las Vegas, NV, and works out of his home where he can be with his two Golden Retrievers all day long.

Jennifer Klatt, Treasurer, is the Chief Financial Officer, for Master Replicas in Walnut Creek. She is a longtime Golden fan and adopted Plato (now George) that was fostered by Jeff Wilson. Jennifer’s current role at NGRR as Treasurer gives her the responsibility for paying the bills, filing taxes, balancing the checkbook, analyzing financial statements, and chairing the investment committee.

Phil Fisher is semi-retired doing some part-time consulting in the energy area along with tending to his two Golden Retrievers. Phil is a mechanical engineer who worked for Chevron over 30 years. Phil maintains the NGRR website, handling improvements, regular uploading of the content, and liaison with the Board on web issues. Phil oversees the NGRR website – an important part of our marketing program and “our face” to the public. Phil also assists in developing other technology related projects.

Howard Guild lives in Alamo with his wife Judy and their rescued



Front row, left to right: Jeff Wilson, President; Annie Walker, DMV; Jeanne Hanlon; Jayne McCann; back row, left to right: Rolf Thorson, Secretary, Joe Ramos (inactive), Tim Portwood, Howard Guild, Marilyn Ormond, Linda Knowles; not shown: Jennifer Klatt, Treasurer, Phil Fisher

Golden, Millie. Judy is the mail box coordinator for NGRR and Howard co-owns and operates Dowd and Guild, Inc. a chemical distribution business with headquarters in San Ramon, Calif. and sales offices in Seattle and Los Angeles. Howard has co-chaired the art and wine auction, typically the largest fund raising event of the year, and he also serves on the investment committee.

Jeanne Hanlon has been in dogs her entire life. She rescued her first Golden, Jake, in 1999, through a family friend. Shortly thereafter, she became involved in NGRR, first as a foster and eventually joining the organization as the North Marin Area Coordinator. She lives with three Golden Retrievers. During her 25-year professional career she worked as the Registrar for a private school in Ross and was the Executive Assistant/Director of Personnel to the President and CEO for a computer graphics firm. Jeanne works with Linda Knowles coordinating the Area Coordinators and is actively working on the Volunteer Handbook.

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We Need Volunteers!

NGRR is an all-volunteer organization and we are always in search of new volunteers – area coordinators, fosters, and more. Here are some of the specific “openings” we currently have. Contact Joan Fisher, Volunteer Coordinator, at 415.925.0951 if you are interested.

- **Art & Wine Auction** – October 7, 2006; all kinds of volunteers are needed for planning, organizing, and day of event
- **Public Relations** – work with the media and press on publicity for NGRR
- **Foster program coordinator** – help to develop the current program and find more fosters
- **kennel program coordinator** – secure kennel locations and be the point person for all kennel operations

Puppy Mill

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adventure to be stressful to say the least.

The dogs were male and female of various ages but no puppies. They were kept outside in dirty conditions, fenced in without grass, and using half barrels for shelter. Jill positioned herself with the owner as someone involved in training dogs for nursing homes. While she is unsure, she believes the owner was motivated to sell so many dogs because he hadn't had puppies in about 4 months and was clearing his inventory.

Jill went back a week later for four more, but that's all the owner would relinquish. After a brief encounter with a Sheriff (this story has yet to be told!), Jill turned him into a supporter. Later, she found support with county officials who sited the operator for the absence of a kennel license and trash / debris on the property.

At the same time, the organization prepared its first annual mailing to California School Officials in an attempt to communicate the importance of not auctioning off Golden Retrievers in school auctions. Puppy mills often supply these dogs and this objective was established as part of our outreach effort to communicate and educate the public. Marilyn Ormond championed this idea that resulted in over 2,400 letters mailed to California Schools.

In addition, the board approved the creation of a web page on the NGRR public website www.golden-rescue.org that explains and warns of the existence of puppy mill wholesalers who supply puppies to individuals. This web page will include an article titled "Do you know the difference between a puppy mill, backyard breeder, and hobby breeder? How do I know if it's a legitimate breeder?"

At the end of the day, it was gratifying to see everyone rally around this effort. Our hats are off to Jill and her team!!! 🐾

Thank you to Apryl Winston for submitting this and for the \$665 donation raised at your event. You're the best!

Dear NORCal Golden Retriever Rescue:

May 26, 2005

In 1999, my family and I adopted a dog from your organization. Since then I have admired the time and effort that is put into rescuing these retrievers: caring for them and finding them the homes that they much deserve. I think that it is so extraordinary that so many people are working together to form the rescue and to better the lives of so many deserving retrievers that are in need of your help and a little love and friendship.

I started a car club at my high school and on May 14, 2005, we held a car show. The profits from this car show were decided by the club to go to charitable organizations that we felt deserved it. NORCal Golden Retriever Rescue was an organization that we felt very strongly about and were excited that we could donate to such a great cause. I was personally happy that we were able to help the rescue that I got Goldie from. She has become an important part of my family and the club wanted to help out other dogs on their journey to happy homes.

Thanks again for everything you guys do for the dogs you save, and for the families you make happier by matching them with the loving, caring, gold-hearted Golden Retrievers. We so appreciate your work and wish you much luck with future dog adoptions.

Sincerely,

The CPHS Car Club
Pleasant Hill, Ca

Heisee de Wiese 🐾

Apryl Winston 🐾

Kanawaga 🐾

Allison Rayford 🐾

Alex Stora 🐾

Mark 🐾

Hannah Haines 🐾

Wendy 🐾

New San Mateo Dog Park Opened

Thank you to Rachel Leestma for submitting this.

Finally, our new dog park in San Mateo opened on June 4, 2005. Seal Point Dog Park is part of a 70-acre redevelopment project, which includes a children's play area, outdoor classroom, picnic structures, a wind surfing and kayak launch area and ample walking/bike paths. The park is located off of J Hart Clinton Drive (East 3rd Avenue) where San Mateo Creek meets the Bay. Seal Point Dog Park is a fully enclosed 2.7-acre facility. The park includes a separate small dog area as well as two shaded seating areas, dog water fountain, and "fire hydrants." It also features natural grass play areas and decomposed granite walkways, ample parking, and restrooms. Park hours are tentatively 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The park is not lit after dark. Visit the parks department website for more information:

http://www.ci.sanmateo.ca.us/dept/parks/dev_shoreline/shoreline_parks_updates.html

Rain Brings *Sunshine* to Her Family

Thank you to Valerie Anderson for submitting this and for her acknowledgement of Carol Porter and Justine Eller for all their support and assistance provided in uniting wonderful Golden Retrievers with Valerie's family.

She was six months old and full of spunk. Sweet, yet rambunctious. Passive, but gently playful. Clumsy, but agile. This was our first encounter with Rain, a beautiful red-colored Golden. The first time she tilted her head back and gazed into our eyes we knew she was connecting with us. We were totally taken by her charm and shortly thereafter, we told NGRR that we would like to adopt her.

Rain became the second dog in the family as she joined Misty, also adopted from NGRR three years earlier. Rain was respectful of Misty and quickly assumed her place as "second banana." Rain initiated play with Misty and, eventually, Misty came around. It was wonderful for us to watch them play tug of war, chase each other and settle down side-by-side with Rain's head comfortably resting on Misty's back.

In many ways, Rain is true to her breed. She has a sweet and gentle disposition. Also typical, she is a big pleaser and her big brown eyes can melt your heart. When it comes to food, she's a bona fide golden chowhound. Rain has never missed a meal.

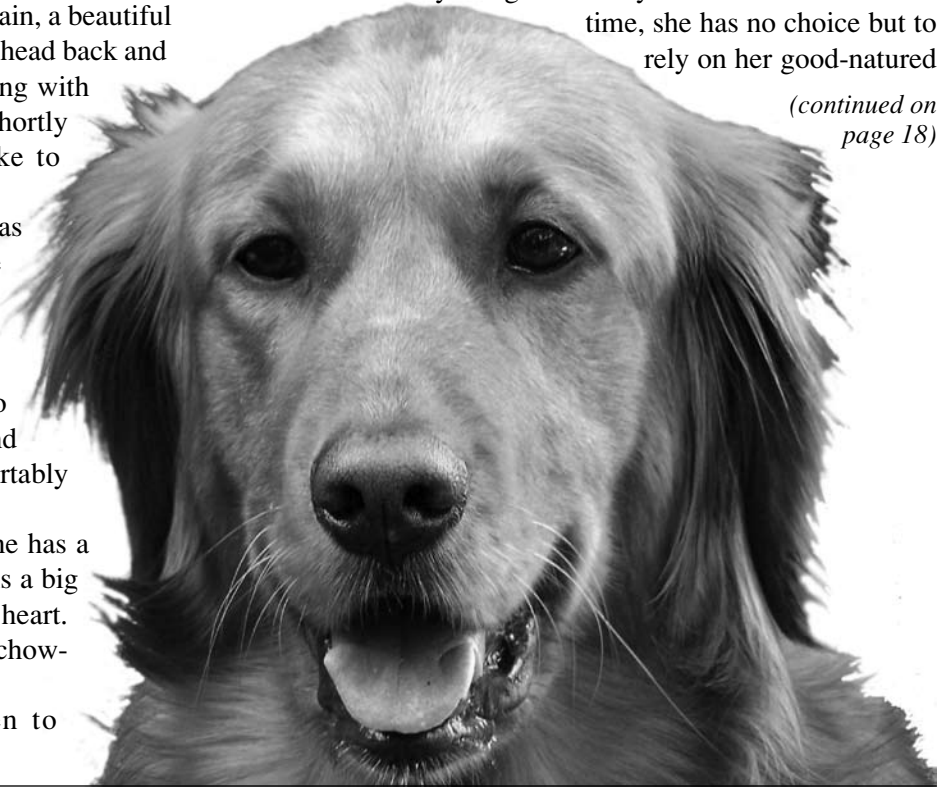
She loves people, from young children to

grandparents and everyone in between.

Although not a barker, Rain likes to talk, and can sometimes be prodded into conversation. She's also very focused. For instance, she likes to watch TV, especially animal shows, which hold her rapt attention until she realizes they're not interactive. Rain's favorite shows? Home movies of herself!

On the other hand, she is a most unconventional Golden Retriever. For example, tennis balls hold no fascination for her and the idea of retrieving anything is simply too much work for Rain. Her name has absolutely nothing to do with a propensity for water, and, as far as she is concerned, it's only for drinking. At the beach Rain stays a comfortable distance from anything remotely wet. When it's bath time, she has no choice but to rely on her good-natured

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Board of Directors

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Linda Knowles first began volunteering for Rescue in 1995, becoming the first Area Coordinator for Contra Costa County. Within the past 8 years, Linda has spent 5 years as Area Coordinator and has organized and chaired 5 successful "Wag 'n Walk" dog walk fundraisers. Linda first became an admirer of Golden Retrievers when she was 10 years old, raising and graduating a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. She has had a Golden in her home ever since! Linda is currently the Area Coordinator point person for NGRR.

Jayne McCann is president of Marketing Designs, a Belmont ad agency she founded in 1993 that specializes in

the real estate industry. Jayne has been a Golden Retriever lover since 1982 when she got her first 6-week-old Golden, who lived with her until she was 14. She has adopted two other Golden Retrievers from NGRR, one who is currently still living with her. Jayne also edits and produces the NGRR newsletter, invitations, the new NGRR brochure, and any other graphic related projects.

Marilyn Ormond served as President of NGRR 2002-2004 and has been on the board since 2002. Before serving as President, Marilyn was the Volunteer Coordinator for NGRR. Currently, she is re-introducing the merchandise program – and important revenue source – and also serves on the

investment committee. Marilyn has a B.A. from University of California at Berkeley in Communications and a Life Time Teaching Credential from U.C. Berkeley. Her work experience includes buying and managing for the Emporium, teaching at the College of Marin in the Business Dept., and owning a gift store in San Anselmo. Marilyn has two Golden Retrievers, Max and Beau.

Tim Portwood is currently Director of University Campaigns in the Office of Development at Stanford University having worked there for 18 years. From 1979 to 1987, Tim practiced law in San Francisco after receiving his A.B. in *(continued on page 18)*

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History from Stanford and his J.D. with Distinction from Duke Law School in 1979. Tim lives in San Francisco with his two Golden Retrievers, both of whom were adopted through NGRR. Tim is also responsible for launching the "Rescue Fund" with great success and will continue chairing this important fundraiser.

Anne Walker is a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She has been working for Holly Street Pet Hospital in San Carlos, CA since May 1999 as an associate small animal veterinarian. Prior to that, she was practicing in the East Bay in emergency/small animal medicine. She is an active member of both the CVMA and the AVMA. Anne is actively involved with fund raising and volunteer recognition for NGRR. 🐾

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.

Mailing List: This newsletter is mailed to all persons and businesses who have adopted a dog or donated money, time, services, or auction items to NGRR within the past two years. It is also mailed to members of the NORCAL Golden Retriever Breed Club, officers of the Golden Retriever Club of America, and other animal rescue groups. We do not share our mailing list with other organizations.

Rain

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Golden disposition and make the best of the ordeal. Could some renegade DNA have gotten mixed into her gene pool?

"Early to bed and early to rise" is Rain's mantra. By 9 pm every night, we know we can find Rain asleep on our

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bed. True to form, by 6 am, she's up ready for her day. We don't need an alarm clock; we have Rain. She jumps on our bed and gives us a morning greeting. Actually, it's her way of reminding us that it's breakfast time.



Rain and Maggie

April was a tough month for our family, including Rain. We lost Misty very suddenly to the terrible disorder known as bloat. Rain not only missed her friend, she had lost her canine leader. Although we focused more attention on her, there were times that she seemed bored and lonely. She played less and slept more. Her change in behavior concerned us but also made us realize that Rain needed the companionship of another dog.

Enter Maggie: 6 years old, a blond Golden that oozes with sweetness who

had recently been surrendered to NGRR. She and Rain were compatible immediately. Maggie has helped fill the void left by Misty. It's heartwarming to see them together; not only do they have constant companionship but they both are very content and have adjusted quickly to their new situation. Life is better for both Rain and Maggie because they have each other and it's certainly added to our quality of life. Whether they are chasing backyard squirrels or napping side-by-side, our Golden girls add a wonderful element to family. 🐾

BARNEY

Thank you to Janice and Joe Whalen for submitting this.

After 13 1/2 incredible years, we had to say goodbye to our Barney yesterday. Barney loved playing in Miller Field and all along the Midland Beach boardwalk. He swam in the ocean, chased squirrels, jumped high into the air to catch flying leaves and was always ready for a game of retrieve the ball. Inside the house, he liked playing hide and seek and monkey in the middle. Before his accident, he played beauty parlor with Shannon M. and lots of hockey and other games with Joe and James A.

As a puppy, while being babysat, he frightened Aunt Tessie and Eileen when he presented to them, a paper-thin antique crystal ball that he had plucked off of the living room Christmas tree and was holding fully inside his mouth. All they could imagine was a mouth full of blood if the ball broke, but Barney held it so gently that no harm came. This ability came in very handy when Barney found a litter of 6 tiny, fit-in-your-hand size kittens. He barked and barked from Miller Field until Joe came from our house to see what all the fuss was about. Barney, who had never trained as a hunter, was in a full point until Joe saw the six kittens huddled under some weeds and bushes.

The kittens came home that day and with the help of a very special neighbor, Mel K., we bottle fed them and cared for them until they were old enough to be adopted. We have wonderful pictures of Barney watching over them for hours, his big head hanging over the wall of their enclosure or standing over them with curiosity and concern as they literally climbed over the edge and fell into his food or water bowls. He would lie on the floor, belly down and front legs outstretched as the bravest of kittens rolled over his legs or batted at his face with their tiny paws. For a male dog, we were surprised at the motherly care he exhibited as he watched over them and rounded up any that strayed too far from



the group. We thought our hearts would stop the first time that Barney picked up one of the kittens by wrapping his mouth over the kitten's back and around its belly. When he picked up the kitten, its little head and tushie just dangled from either

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side of Barney's mouth but when he set the kitten down, it was thoroughly slimed from his saliva but otherwise unharmed. It was sad to see the kittens go but they all found families to love them, one to a home with a Golden Retriever with whom the kitten became instant friends, sleeping curled into the Golden's side.

Barney's love of opening gifts started early with one of his first gifts coming from Joe's father, a store-wrapped box

containing a Barney (purple dinosaur) satin trimmed blanket, towel, and washcloth. Barney removed the ribbon, tore off the paper, nudged the top of the box open with his nose and snuffled through the tissue paper to find the gift inside. By his third Christmas, we'd forgone the ribbon as he just shredded the wrapping paper and box simultaneously in his haste to get to the gift inside. We will miss watching him open gift after gift right alongside our young nieces and nephews.

Just before his 5th birthday Barney became paralyzed after he had an accident chasing a squirrel. He recuperated and began chasing a canine cart. While Barney adapted to the cart fairly quickly and was so happy to be back in the park playing, we had a very difficult time seeing our beautiful boy handicapped. Until one day, Sam H. asked her mom and dad if they could get a bicycle just like Barney's for their dog, Daisy. This gave us a whole new perspective on Barney's wheelchair and really helped us to get past the pain and begin to just enjoy watching him play again. Over the next 8 1/2 years, Barney became a familiar sight in his wheelchair as he played daily, sun, rain, or snow, in the fields along the Midland Beach boardwalk (and yes, he still chased squirrels). Joe A., who had walked Barney after school each weekday

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ROXY

Thank you to Carol Robins for submitting this. Dr. Bannerman has been a godsend to Roxy. Very few people would take on a rescue dog with Roxy's problems. Both Dr. Bannerman and Dr. Brennan have donated free examinations and discounted medical services to NGRR. THANK YOU!

It should never be an easy decision or one taken lightly to get a new family pet. When our dog of 14 years, Dezi, passed on, we were left with a feeling of emptiness and to a small degree, relief. Dezi had been ill and required a lot of care. I felt that we would wait a while before getting another pet, but fate had other plans.

I am a veterinarian at the Animal Hospital of Soquel in Santa Cruz, Ca. We do most of the veterinary care for the Santa Cruz chapter of Norcal Golden

Retriever Rescue. One day about 2-3 months ago, I walks Roxy. She had been given up for adoption because of dog aggression issues. She came in for her routine physical and I was immediately under her spell. She was somewhat small in size for most Golden Retrievers, weighing only 50 pounds with this wild wirery curly coat and such a great face. I was still hesitant – was I ready to assume the care for another pet so soon after the loss of Dezi, but I decided to try her at home for a weekend to see how she would fit in with our family. We were missing having a dog around, especially my husband, John. The minute everyone met her, the rest was history. My 3 girls and John fell in love with her in a second. She has a sweet nature and great smile. She did have a few issues to work out, lack of house training, wanting to eat paper and bar soap, and the tendency to

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Art Show

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Show and was featured on the cover of the AKC Gazette.

As Debbie has developed her artistic style, she has broadened the scope of her work. Recently she joined with ARF, an animal rescue group based in Walnut Creek and headed by Tony La Russa. Debbie has created a number of paintings depicting some of their rescued animals, and has offered to donate 10% of her

proceeds to ARF from the sale of any of these originals, giclees, or prints. Debbie has graciously offered to do the same for us, and will donate to NGRR 10% of her proceeds from the sale of any of her work of Golden Retrievers in this show. This is a fantastic opportunity to obtain a spectacular original, a giclee, or a print of a Golden Retriever and make a donation to NGRR at the same time.

To kick off this event, there will be a reception for Debbie at the Fourth Street Studio in Berkeley located at 1717 Fourth Street. The reception will be held on

Saturday, November 12th from 7 to 9 pm. It is a perfect time to view Debbie's new work and support NGRR. There will be a silent auction of Debbie's new original watercolor, "Puppy Breath," with 100% of the proceeds of that sale being donated to NGRR. Paul Bullard and Laurie Tobias have donated a variety of delicious wines for the reception.

We look forward to seeing everyone there to support NGRR and this great cause. To preview Debbie Claussen's work, visit her web site at www.claussenart.com. 🐾

Barney

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before the accident returned to that role and over time learned to fully care for Barney, the only person outside of Joe and I, to be able to do so. He was enormously helpful and generous with Barney and we will always be grateful to have such a special young man in Barney's life and ours.

Barney and we were very lucky to participate in some special activities. Barney was invited to visit a school in Brooklyn for children with special

challenges. The children had learned how much he like chewing on tennis balls and of his love for opening presents. They had a huge bag of wrapped tennis balls for him to open and chase around the auditorium. He thoroughly enjoyed playing with the kids. He wasn't deterred by their wheelchairs or when they made unusual noises or poked him in the eye. In the fall of 2004, Barney co-led the inaugural Pooches for Parkinson's walk to raise money for

the American Parkinson's Disease Association. The well-attended even was co-hosted by the New York Save Animals in Veterinary Emergency organization and the two groups shared the proceeds equally.

These are just a few of the many, many memories we will cherish. We miss him more than we could ever express. We hope he is now running with his friend Rex and Mosh who promises not to bite his ear, and Fluffy, his one true love. 🐾



ANOTHER Successful Rescue Parade

*Thank you Phil Fisher
for submitting these great
memories.*



Roxy

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chew through computer cords, but I felt they would all resolve after a period of adjustment. I had forgotten how active young dogs could be and Roxy was a whirlwind of energy. How the personality of our house changed!

Roxy's one true love is to fetch the ball. She is after all a retriever. She wakes up in the morning and immediately picks up the ball and will carry it around all day asking for you to throw it. It was during these fetching episodes I noticed that Roxy seemed to have a hard time finding the ball once it began to get dark outside. Just in case, I took Roxy to my good friend, Dr. Ann Gratzek, a veterinary ophthalmologist in Santa Cruz and after several tests, it was determined

that Roxy has progressive retinal atrophy. I was devastated. How could this be happening! She would be blind in 1-3 years. Everyone recommended that we give her back to Golden Retriever Rescue since we had only had her a short time. We didn't need to take on the extra care needed by a blind dog. Carol Robins of NGRR volunteered to take her back and give her a permanent home. It didn't take much discussion by my husband and myself. What kind of message would we be sending our children? Just because someone or something is not perfect, it should be returned? That was not what I wanted to teach my kids. People and pets are not expendable. We made a commitment to Roxy when we adopted her and we had no intention of backing out, so we began to do research on living with blind dogs. We have purchased an underground electric fence that gives warning "beeps"

when you approach the fence to teach her the perimeter of the property and we have found balls that emit noise for her to fetch by sound and have started to acclimate her to those. So far she only seems to have trouble in the dark, so we take a flashlight with us at night on our walks to light her way.

I still feel it is a cruel twist of fate, a dog that lives to fetch going blind, but you have to play the hand that you are dealt and this is what we will do. She has already become a huge part of our lives and I can't think of a better home for a blind dog to have. My boss, Dr. Jan Brennan allows me to take her to work with me everyday and she is already becoming accustomed to the house and property, so I feel that she will have no trouble at all when she finally does loose her sight, except where to find the hidden bar of soap or the garbage can full of paper. 🐾

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.)

- 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
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Other _____



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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!

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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.

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.

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:

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