NORCAL GOLDEN

RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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Happy Times for Maggie

Thanks to JoAnn Banayat for submitting this.

Maggie (pictured above on the left, with Gordon and Brandi) was adopted by Gordon in August 2016. She was a stray found on the streets. She had a lot of trust issues and needed her safe space. When Gordon first got her, she hardly got off of the couch, her safe space. Now she is doing great. Her older housemate, Brandi, has helped her come out of her shell.

Maggie is a great dog. You can see she had a lot of previous training. She is lucky she found Gordon, and Gordon says he and Brandi are happy they found her. They are a perfect match.

Rescuing Our Volunteers

by Deborah Armstrong

Sometimes it's our volunteers who need a little rescuing. When you meet a new dog at a shelter, how can you quickly assess its temperament? Will this dog work out well in a home with children and/or other dogs?

To answer this question, we invited nationally recognized canine behavior expert Trish King to present a private seminar for us on evaluating dogs. At the end of April, around 20 NGRR volunteers gathered at the Humane Society in Silicon Valley for a day of enlightening training.

First, we watched a myriad of videos on dog body language. We saw dogs in both conflict and harmony, and learned to read

the signs when a dog is stressed, fearful or angry. Dogs who have spent an entire lifetime chained in a backyard are afraid of new situations, but this does not necessarily make them aggressive. Dogs who lunge, bark or growl on leash may simply need more time to approach and investigate an unfamiliar

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dog. Wagging, for example, usually signifies happiness but some kinds of wagging can also be a warning. We also saw examples of the movements dogs make to calm themselves, and we learned how to reduce stress in our Goldens and to watch for changes in body language showing they are feeling more relaxed.

In the afternoon, we got to work with real dogs, exposing (Continued on page 2)



Dear Abby-6018

- **Q:** Our foster Golden is recovering from severe skin allergies. She needs daily hot compresses and application of medication directly to her skin. Unfortunately, the treatment is painful and I need to help her learn to accept handling so I can better care for her inflammation.
- A: Using the clicker and treats, zoo vets have even trained elephants and tigers to remain quiet during short but unpleasant procedures. Goldens are even easier to manipulate! Simply start out slow, lightly touching a sore and then immediately clicking her for holding still and offering the tastiest treat you can. Keep the treats small and keep them coming. Reserve the best treats for when you need to handle her. Each day gradually work up to more handling of her inflamed skin. Remember to pet and scratch her places she especially likes and add lavish praise so she has something to enjoy.

If it takes her a bit longer to heal because you need to work up to her having a higher tolerance, remember her psychological healing is just as important. As she learns to trust you, you will find managing other behavior becomes easier as well.

Rescuing Our Volunteers

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them to mild stress and watching their reactions. Some dogs are nervous when handled by strangers; some grow hostile when a bowl of food or tasty bone is removed. We learned about the plastic "Assess-a-Hand," which is used in place of a person's hand to take things away until a dog is trusted to be friendly.

Evaluating dogs using these techniques helps us better match a rescue to the most appropriate foster or adopting home. For example, a dog with severe separation anxiety should not be placed with someone who is away at work all day. A more aloof or indifferent dog might be perfect for the family who has less time to commit. Some dogs need a predictable environment, while others thrive on chaos.

All of our experiments helped us quickly gauge a dog's reaction to the real world. For example, when the evaluator shouted at a dog and he did not react, or removed a pig's ear while he was eating without problems, it was pretty clear this boy was extremely mellow. If an evaluator could easily get a Golden to play, or could not entice any play behavior, we could tell which dog was best for an elderly adopter or an active young family. When a dog reacted strongly to a life-sized, stuffed dog, it was pretty clear he would need to be in a home without other pets.

Participants commented on how they could now tell the difference between anxiety and aggression, a skill that's valuable for all volunteers to master.



Spotlight on Fosters



Consider Fostering

by Deborah Armstrong

We are always seeking new volunteers to foster our dogs before their forever homes are selected. Fostering is a wonderful way to learn more about the kind of Golden that best fits your lifestyle. Instead of wishing you had never bought that overactive, chews-everything puppy, you can foster a young dog to get a feel for that kind of energy, or perhaps an older dog who instead of mauling your sofa would prefer to sleep on it!

If you travel and don't want to board your next pet, fostering gives you the chance to enjoy Golden love without a long-term commitment. If you want to make a meaningful contribution but cannot do so financially, this is another way to help. Fosters are free to be available only during certain months of the year, and NGRR handles the expenses of veterinary care.

Fosters also help your family dog improve his social skills, and even with a well-socialized family pet, a fresh new playmate is welcome. And for folks who cannot permanently adopt, we have dogs who prefer to be the single dog in a foster home.

And if you love training, fostering lets you practice new techniques on dogs who each respond differently. One Golden may love food rewards, while another loves tennis balls, tug toys or just petting.

Some dogs are compliant; others can be stubborn. Working with a variety of dogs makes you a better handler for your own Goldens.

One objection we often hear is people fearing they will grow too attached. With all the people personalities and dog characteristics out there, it doesn't happen with every foster and every dog. Some dogs you just like and don't love. And for those you do love, fosters get first choice to adopt the Goldens they invited into their homes.

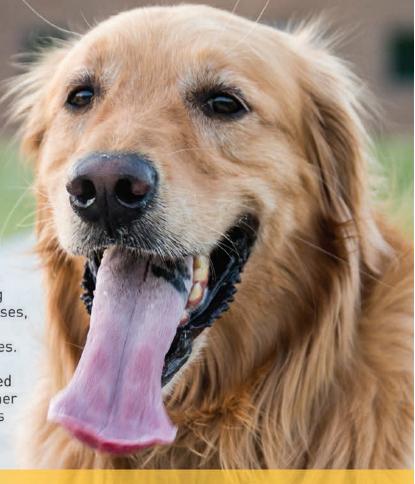
If you want to foster, fill out an application on our site; a local volunteer will call you up for a chat, visit your home and then you're good to go.

Big 4

GOLDEN RETRIEVER LIFETIME STUDY'S CANCER MILE MARKERS

Morris Animal Foundation's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, with more than 3,000 dogs enrolled, is a groundbreaking effort to shed light on cancer and its causes, giving veterinary researchers valuable insight to chart a course for future studies.

The study, now in its fifth year, is designed to identify risk factors for cancer and other health problems. The four major cancers targeted by the study are:



LYMPHOMA

- Most common type of blood-cell tumor
- Similarities to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in people
- Several breeds predisposed to lymphoma: bulldogs boxers and bullmastiffs
- Classified into 2 types:
 B-cell and T-cell
- To date, 15 diagnoses and 7 deaths due to lymphoma in study dogs

HEMANGIOSARCOMA

- One of the most aggressive tumors of dogs
- Three common sites: spleen, right atrium of the heart and skin
- Strong breed association with German shepherds and golden retrievers
- Affects older dogs (average age 10 years)
- To date, 1 death due to hemangiosarcoma

OSTEOSARCOMA

- Most common primary bone tumor of dogs
- Affects primarily large and giant-breed dogs
- Height is more important risk factor than breed
- Occurs most commonly in dogs 7-9 years of age, and 1-2 years of age
- To date, no study dogs diagnosed with osteosarcoma

MAST CELL TUMOR

- Most common skin tumor of dogs
- Many breeds at risk; highest incidence in brachycephalic breeds
- One of the most commonly cured cancers in dogs
- Surgery is first and best treatment choice
- To date, 1 study dog diagnosed with highgrade mast cell tumor





Thanks to Karen Swanson for sharing Nelo's story.

Nelo was surrendered at age 10 because financial hardships had caused his family to move. Adopters weren't interested in an old dog, and early on, while Karen was fostering him, Nelo was mistakenly diagnosed with cancer.

But Nelo proved everyone wrong, and at age 16 is still loving life as much as ever in spite of arthritis.

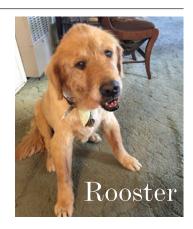
Karen believes feeding him vegetables regularly has kept him healthy, and vitamins have lessened the pain and stiffness of the arthritis, too.

Karen adopted Nelo after she realized what a boon he was to other fosters in her care. "He's a real foundation dog," she says. His mellow personality makes him a role model for other dogs, showing them the right way to behave.

Thanks to Debbie & Wiley Rankin for submitting this.

Rooster leapt into our hearts from the 1st photo we saw of him on NGRR's website. What a wonderful, affectionate, happy boy! We each had family dogs growing up, but Rooster was our 1st pet together. He was perfect for us: patient and fun, our constant, loving companion. When he leaned into you, he gave the best hugs ever!

We are so grateful to NGRR for bringing Rooster into our lives. What a joy and blessing!



President's Message

AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER, I am disheartened with all the tragedy the weather has caused throughout the world. It reminds me that we should be a more caring society and worry less about the petty things in life. Hug those we love, especially those who need us just to survive, like our dogs! They give so much joy to our lives and when they leave us, so much heartache.

These past few months have been very busy for the NGRR organization while we continue to upgrade our website, revise and update our procedures and save the Goldens! All of these tasks take a lot of initiative and hard work on the part of our volunteers. Most still have their jobs to work, their families to tend to, and just life in general as they forge ahead to keep this

organization viable and current!

Having said all this, we still need HELP! There are many background tasks to be done: answering our hotline phone, expressing gratitude to our donors, managing our databases of volunteers / microchips / adopters, supporting our website, publicity events, supporting our online presence, and things that I cannot fathom! Our rescue is still a business that requires attention, so outside of the hardworking "boots on the ground" volunteers we still have all these tasks to tend to. If you find that you have a desire to fill a spot, contact me! Email me at gaylejaxon@gmail.com!

Enjoy the Holidays!

Gayle Jackson



An Update On Max

Thanks to Karen Shore for submitting this.

We'd like to update readers on Max, mentioned in last Spring's newsletter. Turns out Max did receive the stem cell injections in his front elbow and rear hip but had no response during the 6-month study period. The vet leading the study was disappointed and surprised that Max didn't respond to the stem cells since many of the other dogs in the study did respond.

She recommended more prescriptions be added to his treatment regimen – he is once again on Adequan injections (twice a week for four weeks initially and then monthly thereafter), and we've also added gabapentin. He was already taking an anti-inflammatory drug (Rimadyl). A few weeks ago, Max cried out a couple of times in pain, so his regular vet suggested we add Tramadol for the days when his pain seems particularly bad. Max is also taking two over-the-counter supplements: glucosamine with MSM and fish oil.

Despite the progression of his arthritis, Max still wants to go anytime there's a walk happening even if he can't go as far as he used to. Max will be 10 years old soon, and, thankfully, he is still at the top of his game in terms of snuggling abilities and being a fabulous little brother to Romeo!

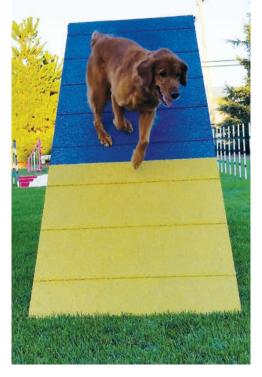
Craig and Tom: An Adoption that Scored

by Deborah Armstrong

It's not often that a dog's nickname is longer than his real name, but Tom, or should we say Tom-Tom, is a Golden who can beat his own drum.

When NGRR board member Craig Simberg adopted Tom, he embarked on a wonderful adventure. Starting out with basic obedience and moving up to utilitylevel training, the pair soon branched out to enjoy both flyball and agility. When you see Tom speeding across a flyball course or shooting out of a tunnel, or unerringly leaping the correct jump to fetch a dumbbell, his flag-tail is waving with delight. "Tom just loves dog sports," Craig says. A high-energy canine, Tom is a great match for Craig, a retired UPS driver who likes to stay active. Their current challenge is scent discrimination, teaching Tom to select the dumbbell Craig has handled rather than an identical-looking one.

But all of us who've experienced Golden exuberance know that untamed energy can be wearing. Craig credits his success in dog sports to the foundation of obedience. There Tom learned to pay attention to Craig, and rein in his impetuous nature. Craig says working



together tightened their bond so everything they needed to master in later sports came so much easier. Tom, after all, knew how to focus on Craig and had developed a love of training. Targeting, taught in obedience, made it simple to teach Tom agility obstacles, though he still finds the teetertotter a challenge. And though frightened of the agility tunnel at first, Tom readily followed a tennis ball through. Now Craig says, "He's a real tunnel-sucker."

In agility, dogs are directed through a course where they interact with objects. They weave between PVC poles, ascend and descend an A-frame, and leap and pause on a small table, never knowing whether an easy or a difficult obstacle is next. The handler must direct his dog through a course whose layout varies, and he cannot touch either the obstacles or his unleashed dog. Craig admits that it is often he who messes up, forgetting to accurately direct Tom: agility is as much a mental and physical workout for the handler as it is for the dog.

For those who want to get started in dog sports, Craig can't praise the strengths of obedience enough. It's there where the dog learns to walk politely at your side and to run to you happily when called. Developing targeting skills and a solid distance stay makes the other sports much more enjoyable. But for Craig, the biggest reward is the bond. Many of us quickly fall in love with our adopted Goldens, but when we both train together in activities we enjoy, all the fun, plus the trust we develop in each other, is its greatest reward!

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In Honor of "Maggie" "Thank you for Maggie!" Donations by Fritzi Schnel

In Honor of my dear "Niko!!" Donations by Joan Kanady

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

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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:

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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 a call if you have any questions.

Caring for Blind, Deaf Dogs Means Just a Bit More Work on Our Part

This article by Joan Morris was published in the Bay Area News Group paper in the Animal Life Q&A. We love our senior Goldens. Thank you to Judy Guild for sending this our way.

Blindness and deafness are both common conditions in aging pets, and humans, too, but there's no reason these dogs can't have long, happy lives. For dogs, sight and hearing are, of course, important, but the dog's most precious sense is that of smell. The dog has many more scent receptors in its nose than a human does, and it can tell a great many things from what it smells. In a dog that is both blind and deaf, using the senses of smell and touch are the best ways to help that dog get along in the world. Your dog will already know the scent of each family member, and should be able to find you, but you can help him avoid obstacles by using scents to mark doorways and other obstacles. You can also place rugs to mark pathways. The dog will be able to tell the difference between a rug and a hardwood floor or carpeting, and will be able to follow a path through the house. You also can put rugs at doorways, and beneath his food dish.

Don't ever leave the house without saying goodbye to the dog. If he is napping when you leave, he could wake up and not be able to find you, which can cause him to panic or suffer from

anxiety. Try not to startle your dog. Even deaf dogs still can sense vibrations, so when you approach your dog, walk heavily so he can feel your footsteps. For blind dogs, speak to them so that they know you're in the room, and always talk to them before petting them. You can also have the family wear bells as a way of letting your dog know that someone is approaching, or so that he can find you more easily.

When choosing toys, pick ones that have squeakers or other noise makers in them. Your dog will learn to follow the sound of the toy when you are playing, and later will be able to find his favorite by the sound it makes. For deaf dogs, use scents to mark the toys.

The outdoors can be tricky for blind dogs. If you have a pool or other areas that could be a hazard, be sure to block them off. To help orient your dog, hang a set of wind chimes at the door. For deaf but sighted dogs, teach them hand signals to take the place of spoken commands.

Whether your dog is deaf and blind, or just one of those, it's important not to dwell on the disability. Dogs are very resilient, probably because they are animals that live very much in the moment. They don't sit around thinking about their losses, and they don't want you to, either.

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

I would like to learn more about volunteering

for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I am

particularly interested in the areas noted below.

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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 Goldens 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 Goldens

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 Goldens 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.

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To some poor wistful, lonely stray I leave my happy home,

My dish, my cozy bed, my cushioned chair, my toy. The well loved lap, the gentle stroking hand,

The loving voice,

The place I made in someone's heart, The love that at the last could help me to A peaceful painless end Held in loving arms.

If I should die, Oh do not say, Seek out some lonely, unloved dog And give my place to him. This is the legacy I leave behind -'tis all I have to give.

Author Unknown

Calling All Volunteers!

Would you like to get involved with NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue? We are always looking for volunteers. Perhaps this newsletter will inspire you to help out. If so, please contact us at vol@ngrr.org.

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