



NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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

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Ectopic Ureters

In the fall 2023 newsletter we explained about ectopic ureters. It is a congenital condition that occurs when the ureter connects to the urethra instead of the bladder. Because the urine cannot be stored, leaking issues occur. Historically this could only be resolved through surgery, but now UC Davis can resolve the condition with laser ablation in 70% of the cases. In the last few months we have had three dogs come in with ectopic ureters. All had surgeries at UC Davis. 🐾

Poppy:

Poppy's laser ablation procedure helped, but it did not totally resolve the problem. We are consulting with UC Davis to see how we can provide a better solution for Poppy. She is so very sweet and her foster-to-adopt family is smitten. 🐾

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Corey – Why Your Donations Matter



Norcal received a call at 10:00 p.m. from an ER veterinary hospital about a seven-month-old Golden with a severely broken leg. Could we help? YES YES YES. Corey went immediately into a foster home with a very experienced volunteer, who quickly found out what it takes to heal a broken leg—caging, special equipment, time, and a lot of love. It was a hard road for this energetic pup and for the foster, but they got through it. We are so pleased to say Corey is now with a family and has three boys as playmates.

So, when you wonder how your donations help, remember this beautiful boy who received his second chance. 🐾



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Tulip

Tulip:

Tulip was surrendered at eight-weeks old because she was 'leaking'. Since Tulip was our third puppy with this condition, she was immediately scheduled to go to UC Davis. When she was evaluated they also found she had a heart murmur and missing tear ducts. As we experienced with Poppy, the surgery did not totally resolve the problem. The supporting veterinarian fell in love with Tulip and has adopted her and is continuing her care. 🐾

Lily:

Lily was our fifth case. We were luckier with her. She was evaluated by UC Davis, and putting her on the medicine, Pronin, resolved the leaking without surgery. She is with her forever family. 🐾

Lucy – I'm Getting Svelt

I was pretty tubby when I was adopted by my new family. They gave me lots of love, and got me on a healthy diet. In the first month I lost six pounds and I'm still losing! That's my slim sibling eyeing the food. 🐾



President's Message

Our volunteers have been working hard to rescue a record number of Golden Retrievers in 2024. In some cases, unimaginable situations leave these beautiful dogs with soulful eyes without a home. I'm continually inspired by, and grateful for our volunteers who go to great lengths to help out a Golden in need, from taking in an older dog who has a terminal illness who gets to live out their final weeks or months with a loving family, to bringing in puppies who haven't had a chance to figure out what it means to be a treasured family member, to all the dogs in between who need an opportunity for compassion and an indoor warm bed, or vet care before finding a forever home. Our volunteers take time from their responsibilities to support Norcal through home visits with potential adopting families, vet appointments, fostering, and infrastructure support,

among other things. I've also been grateful for the generosity of those who donate financially to support our mission. Your donations allow us to ensure that Golden Retrievers in need have every opportunity to live a whole and healthy life. Each time we read a Tribute or Memorial on one of our placements, it leaves an imprint on the lives they've touched because there is nothing quite like the unconditional love of a Golden. We count ourselves lucky for our wonderful community, brought together by our passion for these wonderful dogs with hearts of gold.

On behalf of Norcal, thank you for your generosity and love for these wonderful Golden Retrievers. We are lucky to have loved and been loved by them.

Georgine 🐾

In Memory of Steve Schomberg

From Caroline McGrath
Steve was a tireless advocate for animals and an all-around great human. He will be missed.



Minnie

From her Foster

Minnie has lived up to her name, weighing only 44 lbs. She came to Norcal after Animal Control picked her up when she was running loose on the streets. With a pocket full of treats and coaxing, I got her out of the kennel and home. She was shut down, and laid quietly on the dog bed for hours. I was counting on my two Golden boys to help calm her, and make her feel safe. It took two days to get her to eat quietly in a covered crate. She started to follow the dogs outside, but rushed back in when no one was looking. She claimed all the toys, blankets, and Jaxson's crate. She was terrified of the garage, but if you walked out the front door, she was ready for a walk and tried her best not to be afraid.

Many people were interested in our Minnie because of her small stature. A wonderful repeat adopting family in Sonoma was selected because they also had two adult Golden Retrievers and three older kids. Minnie finds so much comfort in this family. She has learned to take long walks, swim in the pool, and cuddle on everyone's bed. Minnie has a big brother, Wilbur, who taught her how to play hard and trust her new family. Thanks to the adopting family for their patience and love while helping Minnie become a Golden. 🐾



Lacie – Dreams Come True

Lacie had a very rough start to her life. When she was surrendered at four-months old, she had Parvovirus. When Norcal picked her up, she was in the family room confined to a playpen. We called a potential adopter and asked, “Would you like a puppy?” Can you imagine seeing Lacie run free in the backyard when she got to her new home? Can you imagine seeing her in the new family with tons of love and two kids to play with? Yes, it is very sweet. 🐾



Babe – Found by Hunters

I was found in a creek bed by four hunters, but capturing me was a different story. It took an hour and a roast beef sandwich before I trusted them. Norcal took me in, and discovered I was heartworm positive. Thanks to a patient foster and medicine, I am well and living with a loving family. 🐾



Satchmo

Satchmo was a COVID puppy, adopted by a senior couple. As you would guess, he had a ton of energy and needed more activity than the couple could provide. We are grateful the couple realized they could not meet his needs, and came to Norcal to find him a better home. He now has a Golden sister, Daisy, and a cat as friends. We are thankful to the surrendering family for realizing Satchmo needed a new home to be happy. 🐾



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Melvin's Corner

Melvin's Food Critic Corner will return in the fall of 2025 with a new editor.

It is with sadness Norcal wishes to inform Melvin's fans that he passed away in 2024 at the age of 13. Interviews are underway for an epicurean Golden to step into Melvin's shoes. This month's column will remain dark in Melvin's memory. R.I.P. sweet boy.



NORCAL TRIBUTES

In Memory of "Hank" from Janine Zacharia

In Memory of "Cooper" from Patty Walters

In Memory of "Zoe" from Angelina Green to Jackie and Steve

Beautiful Zoe gave her family so much joy. She is so missed but carried in the hearts of her mom and dad forever.

In Memory of "Annie" from Vivian Ricci

In Memory of Brandi Thomas from Nancy Sanchez

In Honor of the Adoption of "Eevee" from Andy and Kimberly Bailey

In Memory of Misty Horton from Dave and Shirley Guidi

In Memory of "Winston" from Richard and Gayle Goldberg

We adopted Winston from Norcal in October, 2005 at about 1 1/2 years old. Like all Golden, he stayed a puppy until his death in 2018, despite his grizzled muzzle. We still miss him terribly.

In Memory of "Will" from Sharon Nearn
Will was and still is joy and understanding in canine form. He brought us calm and made us present even from a distance.

In Honor of the adoption of "Arctic" from Veronika Kehoe

In Honor of Don's Birthday from Catherine Coluzzi and "Candy"

In Honor of Jonathan Eropkin's Birthday from Kyle Oakes

In Honor of the adoption of "Willow" from Cristin Gondak

In Memory of my Dad, Vern Schuette, a Golden lover his whole life. He had six. From Mike Schuette

In Memory of Vern Schuette from Robert Martin
Vern was generous, kind and very inventive. After you met him, you were friends forever. He loved his Golden Retrievers; they went everywhere together.

In Memory of Vernon Schuette from Robert and Dona Frank

In Honor of Jan Dreyer from Jonelle McCallister
Jan helped us search for a Golden in the Spring, 2020. There just weren't any dogs but she directed us to POMDR (Peace of Mind Dog Rescue) where we found Valentina. Tina was 11 when we got her and passed at 16. Jan expedited the adoption for us.

In Honor of Sharyn Mitchell from Penny Schaefer and "Babe"

Sharyn helped and advised me on the health of "Babe" and the adoption process. Sharyn is a godsend to us all.

In Honor of Heather Ross from Penny Schaefer who helped me out and fostered "Babe"

In Memory of "Gracie" from Mary Pridham
Everyone but everyone loved Gracie. She was a "Golden Greeter" to Seniors at the park and to kindergarteners who would read stories to her. There was no one like our beloved Gracie.

In Memory of "Carly" from Kathleen Fetters
Carly was more than a beloved pet, she was family and friend to all she met. No matter if they were on two or four legs. She will be most remembered for the love and joy she brought to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her.

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom from the Lindstrom Family

In Honor of "Einstein" from Frank Leidman
Einstein has grown from a 7-week old baby to a 19-month-old king-of-the-park. He is loved!

A Tribute to Carol Winter from Richard Burke.
Thank you for letting us adopt "Bailey"

In Honor of "Corfu" from Richard Ruggieri

In Honor of "Buckley" from Al and Anne Code

A Tribute to Renee Erle from Julie Jaccard

In Memory of "Cookie" from Gordy DelFaro

A Tribute to Marty's 20th Anniversary with Harry K. Wong Publications from Rosemary Wong

In Memory of "Noodle" and "Champ" from Linda Scheffel
Two Golden who will always live in my heart. May they run happy and free over Rainbow Bridge.

In Memory of "Ruger" and "Dixie" from John and Camille Rutkowski

In Honor of Rita from Leslie Lloyd. Thank You for getting me "Abbie"

In Loving Memory of "Sky" from Paula Tokugawa and Richard Dunckel.

In Memory of "Melvin" from Laurel Mechling. The best dog ever. RIP dear boy.

In Honor of Doreen and Steve Werthmann from Mary Wolf

In Honor of Georgine Nordin and Jan Dreyer from Laura Nakashima and Steve Broccoli

In Honor of the Norcal Volunteers from Dan Fink.
Thank you for your time and efforts saving our beloved Golden

In Honor of "Luke" from Susan and Matt Pandolfi

In Honor of Carole Mason from Kurt Brombacher

In Memory of "Millie" from Janet Freiman
Our sweet girl, Millie, passed years ago, but her time with us meant everything. We're forever grateful to Norcal for bringing Millie into our lives.

In Memory of "Truckee" from Lynn Nickels
Your story of "Faith" hit home as we lost our Norcal "Truckee" in 2018 from megaesophagus and pneumonia. He was gone in 36 hours, so suddenly. He made an impression on many and people still talk about him. We were truly very lucky to be his guardians for 5 and one-half years.

A Tribute to "Charger" from Don Williams

In Memory of "Molly" from the Reynolds Family

In Memory of "Bella" from Cynthia Brammer
Bella was a very sweet and loving Golden. She lived to be 13 years old. Brad and Meribeth Chadderton were her dog parents who loved her dearly. She will be missed by all who knew her for a very long time.

A Tribute to Holly and Mike O'Brien from "Honey Bear" (and Erin)

Mom and Dad: Thank you for choosing me. You didn't just open your home, you opened your hearts. From the moment you brought me into your world, I felt something I had almost forgotten: love. You didn't just rescue me; you gave me the family that I and all your rescues before me always dreamed of.

Furever yours, Honey Bear O'Brien

In Memory of "Scout" from The Daniel Family
Thirteen and one-half years of companionship and love. She was the best of the best. We'll never forget her. Merry Christmas Scout!

In Memory of "Sophie" from The Hughes Family

In Honor of the Adoption of "Bella" from Bettina Kohlbrenner

In Honor of the Adoption of "Lucy" from The Walkers

In Memory of Barbara and "Cutter" from Bob Richards

A Tribute to "Hannah" and "Kyzni" from Larry Patten
Hannah was our first Golden, the best dog ever, who died in 2014. Kyzni followed, now the best dog ever, who continues to bring us joy.

In Loving Memory of Paul Banayat from Joann Banayat. I miss you every day.

In Honor of Bobbie LaPorte, “Possey” and “Nilla” from Carl Dockhorn

In Honor of Jean Connors from Terry Sechrist

In Memory of “Rose” and “Hannah” from Joyce Kinton

Sweet Rose and Sweet Hannah were neighborhood friends. Thanks to remarkable Amanda of Norcal, Sweet Golden Daisy and Sweet Golden Lucy now warm the neighborhood with Golden love and friendship. May our neighborhood never be without our Golden friends.

In Memory of my Goldens: “Lanny”, “Taffy”, “Tasha” and my honorary Golden “Chloe” (a Standard Schnauzer) from Janice Tisovec

In Memory of “Maggie Mae” from Fritzi Schnel
We got Maggie from Norcal at 6 and one-half years old. We had three Goldens before her. She was our first rescue. She was an amazing gentle soul with the personality of a royal queen. She was just a beautiful, regal and un-doglike companion. She passed in February, 2020, right before Covid hit. How we miss her still.

In Memory of “Max” from Susan Collins
I adopted Max four years ago from Norcal and he was such a wonderful addition to my family. He survived surgery for a salivary carcinoma and lived two more happy years before the cancer returned. He went across the Rainbow Bridge in November and we are all heartbroken.

In Memory of our beautiful Goldens who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge – “Lucy”, “Charlee” and “Brandon” They are forever in our hearts and memories. From Tessie Spagna

In Memory of “Rico” from Yuchun Ku
Rico was our beloved golden retriever of 14 and one-half years. Although we didn’t adopt Rico from Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue directly (we were qualified for adoption by Norcal in 2007), Norcal helped us adopt Rico from San Jose Animal shelter in January, 2007. We are forever grateful for your help. Norcal volunteer, Diane, also guided us in training Rico after the adoption.

A Special Needs Tribute to “Luna” and “Remy” Larson from Diane and Rick Larson

In Memory of “Noah St. Clair” from Kate Halper. A golden boy gone far too soon. His memory will make us happy for the rest of time.

In Memory and Tribute to Steve Schomberg from Linda Scheffel
He was a recent adopter of a bonded pair of female Goldens who was taken too soon. Thank you, Steve, for your love of Goldens.

In Memory of Bill Berry from Julie Smith

In Memory of “Kerby” from Robin Bencie

In Memory of “Bailey” from Jan Fellerman
Our beautiful Golden mix, Bailey, who we adopted from Norcal in 1996. Thank you, Norcal, for your love and devotion to these lovely animals.

In Memory of Michael Wheeler from Sarah Burghardt

A Tribute to “Mochi” (aka “Finn”) from Nao Jones. We love her so much

In Memory of “Bailey”, a beautiful Golden Retriever, from Mayra Rosales

In Memory of Pat Lynch from Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of “Carly” from Abigayle Ferdon. Thank you for her. We miss her so much.

In Honor of “Boomer” and Richard’s birthday from Renee Erle

Boomer is the happiest pup because he has Richard and Cindy to play with every day; not to mention his new pal, the cutest baby around.

In Memory of “Alfie” and “Amber” from Ana Martins-Deneys

In Memory of “Whisper” from Linda Meyer

In Memory of “Buddy” from Pamela Ehlers

In Memory of “Rosie” from Jarred Pellat

In Honor of “Beulah” from Margaret A. Stevenson

A Tribute to “Daisey” and “Goldie” from Jose Martinez and Ardith Taylor for their continued vet care.
They were our first experience fostering and we were glad to help them prepare for their new forever home. They remain in our hearts.

In Honor of Jody Steily from Denise Lowney

In Honor of Andrea Stewart from Joane Yates-Halla

In Memory of my husband, Thomas, who passed in 2023, and our rescue “Rocky” who died in 2021 from Christine Gillett

In Honor of “Pilot” from Ellen Fenichel. She keeps truckin’ along.

In Memory of William Haraf from Jo Haraf

In Honor of “Decker” and “Seymour” from Carol Prezel

In Memory of Bill Bell, lover of all Goldens, from Lisa Rocco-Richards.

Bill left us for his journey, but had his three Goldens at his bedside. What could be better?

In Memory of “Sunny” from Sandra, John and Hilary Wagner

She passed over Rainbow Bridge in October, 2024, leaving behind a family that misses her, and a paw and nose print that reminds us of the love we shared with our Golden girl.

In Memory of Robin Suzuki, Jeff Gossard, and Greg Gossard from Cynthia Suzuki

In Memory of my cousin, Alison F. Greene, from Loren and Rachel Kertz

In Memory of “Emmy”, “Gracie”, “Bailey” and “Kayla” from the Silicon Valley Community Fund

In Honor of “Belle” from the Nehls Family on the one year anniversary of her Norcal adoption.

In Memory of our beloved Goldens. “Rascal”, “Kimo”, “Cody”, “Dusty”, “Lulu”, and “Abbie” from Teresa Chinn and Paul Miyashiro

In Memory of “Addie” from Jennifer Schmidt
Addie was the best dog I have ever loved — a high bar for someone who has loved many Goldens. My best friend for more than a decade, she was, as Walt Whitman said, so much sunshine to the square inch. She left us in August 2024; we miss her terribly.

In Memory of Dan Blanke from:

Joan Rogers

Susan Roberts

Winona Smyth

In loving memory of Dan, who shared his amazing wife, Barb, with us for so many years. We are deeply sorry for the loss of Dan. His unwavering spirit and love for dogs, especially “Kala” and “Libby”, brought joy to us all — from Leslie Lederman

Dan was a great man and Golden lover — from Julia and Scott Starkey

Memorial & Tribute Donations

Donations may be made to memorialize or pay tribute to a special person, Golden, or pet of any kind. Donate online at www.ngr.org or 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:

Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue
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 Norcal. Give us a call if you have any questions.



Sam – a New Home

Sam started her life living outside with a busy family that didn't have enough time for her. The family realized she needed someone who could give her the life she deserved, and we were there to help find the perfect home. She now lives with a family that hikes every day, and she lives next door to a Golden playmate. 🐾

Winnie – Sweet Little Winnie the Pooh

Winnie came to our rescue in August 2024 at a year old. She was found along the side of the road in over 100-degree weather with burned feet from the asphalt. A wonderful, good Samaritan picked her up, brought her home, and allowed her to heal. They posted her as a lost dog, but when no one came forward, they reached out to Norcal.

Winnie was only 50 pounds and very scared with all the changes in her young life. She got great comfort from the stuffies in the foster home, and would move them from her bed to the crate to the desk upstairs. She would find blankets and drag them along for comfort.

Winnie has moved to a loving forever home in Napa, and has a basket of toys, Tiger the cat, chickens, a duck, and a rabbit. She was named Winnie after Winnie the Pooh because her family thought she was the sweetest little bear. She gets cozy on the couch, and now has enough confidence to go on adventures where she meets new people and their dogs. We wish her the absolute best in her new life. 🐾

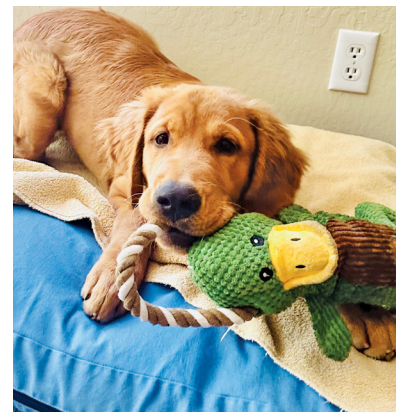


Obie and Family

Obie is one of several dogs surrendered by a single owner. Obie was surrendered first, and was very sick with "puppy strangles." Puppy strangles is a condition that starts with sudden swelling of the face, especially around the muzzle and eyelids. This is followed by swollen lymph nodes in the neck, and the development of painful, pimple-like lesions on the skin. Because of his condition, the shelter wouldn't take him and Norcal was contacted. Of course, we could help, and off to a foster he went! The foster was tireless in getting this pup healthy and was adopted by a family in Shasta county. Shortly after Obie was surrendered, we received a call that Bella Rose (in photo), and three additional puppies plus the Mom needed to be surrendered too. All these dogs are now in wonderful homes, healthy, and doing great. 🐾

Rexie

Rexie came into rescue in 2018 at 4 ½ years old. He was adopted by Tiffany and Wes, who gave him so much love. When he passed away last year, they honored their beloved boy by donating his gently used toys, bowls, food, bed, shampoo, treats, blankets, poop bags and medication etc. to Norcal. These gifts were passed on to recent surrenders which will help them transition into their forever homes. A couple are in these photos. We are forever grateful to Tiffany and Wes and their beloved Rexie. 🐾



Community Outreach

2025 Outreach Events

April 12 – **SPCA Doggie Dash**, Williams Park, Sacramento

July 19 – **Annual Niles Dog Show (Sponsor)**, Niles Community Park, Fremont

September – **Bark in the Park (Sponsor)**, Williams Park, San Jose

September 27– **Bow Wow Days**, Orangevale Community Park, Orangevale

October 18 – **Golden Palooza**, Redding Convention Center, Redding

October – **Paws and A Cause (Sponsor)**, Nevada City Rotary Club, Nevada City

Doghood 2025 Bay Area Events - Dates TBD

- Goldens Park Meetup
- Goldens Hike
- Goldens Beach Play
- Dog Yoga
- Halloween Event
- Dog Portrait Night
- Dog Holiday Party

“Let’s Help Goldens” Birthday Party

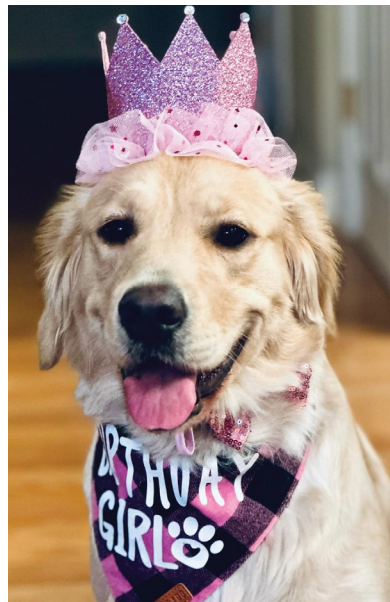
Two of our Golden-Lover supporters had surprise birthday parties, and the gifts were donations to Norcal! We are so happy to honor the birthday people and their wonderful friends who helped Norcal.

Happy Birthday Nancy Canning from:

Suzanne and Geoffrey Ashton
Barbara and Joe Collins
Denise and Ramsin Ganji
Vicki and Mike Odello
Eileen and Steve Schloss
Cheryl and Mike Wecker

Happy Birthday Richard Lassus from:

Susan and Ken Brown
Renee and David Erle
Beth Fernbacher
Paul Castro and Nikki Cavalier
Chris Wuthmann and Allison Rock
Marguerite Meyer
Celia Fushille



Norcal’s Help for Southern California Fire Victims

The Norcal Sacramento team received notice of a Rotary Club effort to deliver items to SoCal fire victims including dog food, leashes and collars. Norcal volunteer, Robin, immediately tapped into her social network, asking for donations for the cause. Within 10 hours, dog food began showing up including a delivery of dog food through Amazon. Further away people and organizations donated money, including a donation from Norcal. With all the donations, Robin purchased almost 1000 pounds of dog food for the SoCal dogs. The food was promptly delivered to the people making the run to Southern California, and they were overwhelmed by the generosity of Robin’s group and Norcal. It was an outstanding collaboration and outpouring of love and generosity. Norcal remains committed to responding to community needs, and making an impact in the future!



Dear Abby-Gold

By Deborah Armstrong

Q: My Golden loves to put his teeth on everything. He's not aggressive, he just plays with those sharp teeth, and sometimes his bite is hard.

A: Golden retrievers love to use their mouths to explore and enjoy the world. But you have to teach them to have a soft mouth.

First, ensure he has plenty of toys he can carry, bite and toss about. He should always have something handy he can put in his mouth. Pet, praise and play with him when he is chomping on a toy. Toss it if he likes to bring it to you.

Second, if he uses his teeth when playing with you, ignore him and stop playing. Do not scold or shriek or anything that will give him attention, and reward him for not using his teeth. If his teeth touch your skin you must give him a time-out. This way he learns it's no fun to use his teeth on people.

Third, reward him when he uses his mouth on you without teeth. If you play tug, and he keeps his teeth away from your fingers, make the game exciting and praise him. If he presses his face against you, minus teeth, give him a treat.

Fourth, give him a lot of attention. Behavior problems result when a social Golden is left alone for long periods with no human interaction. He should be played with, petted, snuggled and walked. Make sure you reward behaviors you like, and step away from behaviors you dislike. 🐾

Candy – Neighborhood Ambassador

By Don and Catherine C.

After adopting five senior Norcal Golden Retrievers, we adopted one-year-old Candy. We have a secure backyard which she enjoyed, but our front yard is wide open. We foolishly let her off the leash, and she quickly wandered off. She reappeared some minutes later with a significant limp in her front leg. In typical Golden fashion, she wasn't complaining, but we rushed her to the vet who confirmed that she had broken her foot. Her bright pink cast was a good complement to her red coat! Now and then, she'll go on a 'walkabout' to visit her other friends in the neighborhood, but she always returns with all body parts intact. She is now ten and is a favorite of all the various delivery people--she shamelessly bugs them for treats. We are so happy to share our home with her, and we're always grateful to Norcal. 🐾



Max

By the Jouppi Family

We rescued Max about 10 1/2 years ago, although he really rescued us. Through him, we experienced unconditional love, daily laughter, joy, countless smiles, and true friendship. He provided us with daily walks in different places. He was quickly bored with old routes. He loved scouting out restaurants with outdoor seating. Max lived by a few simple rules: eat food whenever and wherever possible, show gentle kindness to all, shadow your human closely, and never walk cul de sacs as they waste time and energy. Our family is forever blessed having had Max in our lives. We wish we could have had him much longer, but are thankful for what we had. We will always love you, precious boy, until we meet again. Love, Mom, Dad, Mark, Matt, and Luke. 🐾

A Helpful “Bite” of Information

Did you know you can use crib sheets to cover dog beds? Easy to wash.

Josie – Still Our Delight

By Larry L.



We rescued Josie when she was three. Now we have had this gift from heaven for almost six years. She loves people, but dogs – not so much. She likes to travel and has been on adventures to Arizona, Fort Bragg, Portland and Colorado. Everyone loves our girl! She's eager to say hello to everyone she meets, but then always comes back to me and never takes her eyes off me. She had shoulder surgery followed by PT. She recently had a knee replacement, and we have started PT again. She is a trooper! Josie is a true delight. Thank you, Norcal for this gentle and loving soul. 🐾



Dax – A Better Life for Him and Us

By Meliza C.

He's only been with us for a few months, but he has truly changed our lives for the better, and has enriched our household with love. 🐾

Donating to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue

Because our organization is staffed entirely by volunteers, your contribution will help pay for veterinary care, food, and other direct expenses required in our work to rescue and find loving homes for Golden Retrievers. Ways to donate include: *Gifts by Credit Card or Check, Payroll Deduction, Matching Gift, Appreciated Securities, Gifts Through Your Estate, Life Income Gifts, Gifts of Real Estate, and Vehicle Donations.*

Tell Norcal How to Use Your Donation

There are several ways you can direct Norcal 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, Senior Golden Retrievers, Special Needs Fund, or other.*

For More Information

For further information, please consult with your financial planner or tax advisor. More information about donating to Norcal can be found on our website by clicking "Other Donation Options"— <https://ngrr.org/other-donation-options>.

Learn more about donating at ngrr.org/donation

Volunteering

I would like to learn more about volunteering for Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted to the right. (Note: This information may also be submitted through our website at www.ngrr.org.)

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- Area Coordinator
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- Phone Calls
- Transportation
- Marketing Outreach
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- Content for social media, newsletter & website



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Events and Golden Meetups are scheduled as the weather allows. Check in at the following:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ngrr
Instagram: www.instagram.com/norcalgoldenretriever_rescue
Website: ngrr.org/events

We always love to see pictures of your Golden retrievers - please share them with us!

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For questions or concerns reach us at info@ngrr.org

The Norcal Store is Open!



Fleece Vests

We continue to add Golden goodies to our store. The products we sell help support our mission to provide comprehensive veterinary care to our Golden retrievers!

www.ngrr.org/store

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Norcal is an all-volunteer organization and we are always in search of new volunteers to work as area coordinators, foster families, and more! NGRR.ORG/volunteer



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