

# NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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## Save the Date:

**September 11, 2010  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

## WAG 'N WALK

Don't miss this year's Wag 'n Walk at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton – Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you would like to be part of the volunteer team for this year's Wag 'n Walk, please contact the chairperson, Frank Castro at (510) 601-1812 or cell (510) 209-1163 or [fjcastro@yahoo.com](mailto:fjcastro@yahoo.com). Wag 'n Walk is one of our largest fund-raisers and an event that many consider a reunion among friends – both human and canine. And this year, it's even more special as the annual raffle drawing (previously held at the auction) will be part of the event.

In years past, we have seen as many as 400 walkers and 300 dogs of every breed, age, size, and shape. The full day includes Wag 'n Walk mini raffle, silent auction, demonstrations, an alumni parade, a walk around the reservoir, and of course a canine swim!

## Drawing for the Annual Raffle!

Your 18<sup>th</sup> annual raffle tickets will be arriving in your mailboxes in August. Buy 10 and get 1 free! Mail your donations and completed ticket stubs to NORCAL for more chances than ever to win a cash prize:

**1 lucky winner  
will get \$5,000**

**5 lucky winners  
will each win \$1,000**

**Drawing to be held  
AT THE RAFFLE.**



## It's Calendar Time

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the 2011 NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue Calendar. If you would like your rescued Golden to appear in next year's calendar, please submit a photo and short (3-4 sentences) story about your pup. The story should include current age and life before and after rescue. The photo preferably should be digital but hard copy film will also be considered. The digital camera needs to be Hi Res so the picture will be 300dpi at 8 x 10 inches high resolution. Please consult your camera manual for high res print setting. Send all photos and stories to BOTH:

**[patswally@comcast.net](mailto:patswally@comcast.net)  
and**

**[cathy@etypeworks.com](mailto:cathy@etypeworks.com)**

**The deadline is June 25, 2010**

Thanks,  
Pat Lynch

**Mark your calendars now for this  
exciting event you won't want to miss!!**

# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

**A**t the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose of the letter is to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter **having raised over \$57,531.** We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

NGRR would like to pay special tribute to Patricia and James Dahl of the Dahl Foundation who generously donated \$15,000 and to Mark Benioff who donated \$10,000. We gratefully appreciate their devotion and generosity, which helps NGRR offset the expenses for caring for our beloved Golden Retrievers who need new homes.

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# K-9 Cancer Walk

*Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this.*

We love our Goldens. We endure their hair, their wagging tails that clear a table, their exuberant greetings, their endless fetch sessions, their wet muddy paws that just couldn't go around that water feature, and we endure the loss and the pain when they pass. And then, we do it again. Knowing each time, that these wonderful members of our family are prone to cancer, which is the number one killer of our breed. Did you know that 1 in 4 dogs will die of cancer regardless of breed or mix?



**Jill Morgan's dog, Mikie, whom she recently lost to cancer.**

We do what we can. We can feed them premium food, we can give them filtered water, we take them in for regular checkups – there isn't much we won't do for our four-legged family members. With all that done – we can still get that heartbreaking diagnosis. Welcome to my world. My Sampson, an NGRR alumni, was diagnosed with lymphoma in December of 2009. I know more about chemo drugs and grades of cancer and types of cancer and cancer in general than I ever wanted to know. But I also know more about treatments available, tests, and remissions and possibilities that didn't exist just a few years ago. I know a little more about alternative medicines and cancer and I know a little more about supportive therapies. Once you are in the "know" it's impossible to ignore that it is there. So, if I can't beat 'em, I guess I'll join 'em.

On April 19, I lost Sampson to this disease and on April 24 I honored him at the Sacramento K-9 Cancer Walk supporting the Morris Animal Foundation. I am proud to have put together the #1



**Shirlee Thomas' 4 Goldens, with Sampson on the right.**

team at this event with 67 team members raising \$6,947!!

The Morris Animal Foundation ([www.morrisanimalfoundation.com](http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.com)) funds research for canine cancer, early detection methods, effective treatments, and ultimately a cure! This respected foundation has been around for over 60 years, with actress and animal activist, Betty White, on the board of directors for 40 of those years. The K-9 Cancer Walk raises money so that they can continue to support science in the search for a cure. 100% of all walk registration fees, vendor fees, and donations go directly to support Morris Animal Foundation. After the walk, participants are treated to vendor booths and exhibits, plus a variety of speakers that discuss canine cancer, prevention, wellness, and other topics.

I am also putting together a team for the Bay Area K9 Cancer Walk to be held October 10 in Los Gatos. If you are interested in joining the next team of Goldens, please contact me at 916-727-7068 or [shirleet1@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleet1@yahoo.com). Mid to late June you will be able to join the team online at [www.k9cancerwalk.org](http://www.k9cancerwalk.org) and look for the Norcal Golden Retriever Team. And, if you can't attend the walk but want to help, register for a "Virtual Walk" with the Sit and Stay option that lets you still support this great cause. 🐾

## Joy of Fostering, II

*Thanks to Eve Nyren and Koichi Okawa, Sacramento, for submitting this.*

A few years ago, I wrote an article The Joy of Fostering about Shasta, a lovely blonde girl golden whom we fostered. Her forever owner wrote us about a year later that Shasta had had a rare thyroid cancer, which was curable but very expensive. Shasta by then was cured and a beloved member of her family. Hearing back on fosters makes it all worthwhile!

Fostering is our way to thank NGRR for all the great work it does, and especially for saving the lives of Rusty and Lili Marlene, the lady golden who now shares our lives. In the past few months we have fostered several Goldens, fell in love with all of them and missed them when they left. When we hear back that they are doing well, we are so happy!

Most recently, we fostered Buddy, who was a stray at a shelter. That was supposed to be a quick and easy foster since he is young and handsome and had several people interested in him—but then he was diagnosed as heartworm positive. Taking him through the early part of recovery from heartworm treatment made us cherish him specially. Last Sunday we drove him to his new home, and were thrilled by how caring and affectionate his new owners are. The next day we got an email:

"...It was wonderful having you and Eve visit our home yesterday,

and thank you for bringing Buddy!!! We look forward to bringing Buddy by to visit your home when he makes his first trip to Sacramento."

On our way back home, we stopped by Shasta's home and saw her for the first time in three years, still well-loved and a bit plumper. Maverick was another youngish golden we fostered recently. This is an email we received from an NGRR coordinator upon his adoption:

"... This is really a wonderful home. Hank just walked right in and up to Jim and stayed by his side being petted. He then explored the house, finding the kong, tennis ball and bone which he brought into the living room and started his own little pile of toys. He explored every inch of the backyard always going back to Jim for some more pets, wasn't interested in the pool, then back into the house. When Pris came home he went up to her, sat down as she bent over to pet him and gave her a bunch of kisses..."

If you haven't experienced the joy of fostering, I advise you try it. 🐾



**Buddy and his new owner, Michael Wolf.**





# The Life and Times of Cutter

*Thanks to Barbara and Bob Richards for writing this.*

Cutter was not the dog we intended to adopt. After having raised from puppyhood three Golden Retrievers over a 30-year period, we decided to adopt a more mature dog, perhaps 3 or 4 years old. We were visited in early 2002 by Ann Mitchell of NGRR who was fostering Cutter at that time. Cutter was 6 years old and a “good-sized dog.” It didn’t take much for Ann to convince my wife Barbara that we should at least take a look at him. Barely a minute after he walked in the door the decision was made. “Good sized” was an understatement. He was 29-inches tall at the shoulder and a slim 115lbs! His previous owner had taken great care of him. Besides his toys, there was an extra large L.L.Bean bed with his name embroidered on it. The only blemish on his vet records was an incident of having eaten 20 Hershey kisses, which had been set out for cookies. Apparently his philosophy was “if something is set out on the table and I can reach it, then it’s meant for me to eat.” He was tall enough to lay his muzzle on the kitchen table so we were forewarned. It was hard to believe how polite and well-behaved he was. My wife likened it to giving birth to a 35-year-old. All maturity and education issues were complete. His rather reserved personality simply required being near “his people.” There was no digging up, no chewing, and he seldom barked. By seldom I mean the barks per year could be counted on one hand. I guess he just didn’t see the need.

Our seven grandchildren, now ranging in age from 5 to 11, all thought Cutter was their dog. Since children represented petting, play, and treats, he greeted them all enthusiastically. We did not need to worry about them doing him any physical injustice, as he was bigger and stronger than any two of them. The little ones in particular would dress him in all manner of costumes and delighted in “reading” to him and showing him pictures. I often marveled at his patience with the little ones. His ears and gums were pulled and his nose and mouth were explored and he was totally stoic about it.

Shortly after I retired in early 2005, we had the idea of doing pet therapy with Cutter. During his yearly check-up we discussed it with our vet. He agreed Cutter seemed suited for it and wrote him a letter of recommendation. I don’t know if Cutter had previous training in therapy work but he passed the interview and went straight to the practical test. This is when we found out what a tremendous asset his tall stature was. You didn’t have to reach down to stroke Cutter. The majority of the residents of the places we visited were confined to beds or wheelchairs. Cutter would simply lay his head in the lap of the wheelchair bound or on the side of the bed for those who couldn’t get up. We would visit three

facilities every other week in Livermore, CA. At one, Hacienda Care, Cutter had a fan club of ladies who would save graham crackers for him. He would sit and be stroked for graham crackers all day long. It was, I think, his idea of heaven. The joy that this big, lanky guy brought to these people still brings tears to my eyes. One older gentleman, who we knew only as “David,” had been there for some time and had not responded or participated in anything since suffering several strokes. By taking extra time with him he gradually came to recognize Cutter’s presence and after some time would actually wait for us in the hallway to be sure he didn’t miss Cutter.

The PAWS to Read program at the Pleasanton Library usually has at least seven Golden Retrievers among the 20 dogs at a time that participate in the program. It involves two half-hour sessions of primary school-age children who have been referred for reading practice. Dogs are not judgmental or critical of a child’s reading skills. Cutter was an enthusiastic participant. He greeted every child with a lick and surprisingly stayed awake and attentive throughout the sessions. It also gave him the opportunity to socialize with the other dogs on the program, all of whom got his trademark greeting of a face-lick, which is apparently dog for “Hi, I’m a friend.”

At the age of 13, Cutter was having a rough time on smooth floors as arthritis was setting in and we had to retire him from therapy work. With the aid of arthritis medication he continued on for another year. Eager to take walks, which got shorter and shorter, and always having to be in whatever room in the house we happened to be in. Finally we had to do what was best for him, no matter how painful it was for us. To us, Cutter was a thoroughbred in body and soul. He was our friend and we miss him. Thank you NGRR for giving us the pleasure of 8 wonderful years with Cutter. 🐾





## Spotlight on Seniors



*Thanks to Kathy Quiroz for submitting this and to Lennart and Jean Nordstrom for writing the story.*

Consider a senior golden and learn that there is nothing quite like the love of “Old Gold.” Sadly, many shelters have no choice but to euthanize dogs over the age of five because the adopting public is not willing to take those “older” dogs. Unlike some rescue groups, NGRR takes in senior dogs and finds them safe and loving homes for the rest of their lives. NGRR is very fortunate to have found wonderful adopters for two 13-year-old golden sisters, Maddie and Lizzie. Without them, these senior girls may not have had their second chance for a loving home to live out the rest of their lives – even if only for a few months or years. Thank you to all of our adopters who open their hearts to our seniors and to the many donors to our Senior Fund for dogs 8 years and older.

### A Tail of Two Senior Sisters

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times for Maddie and Lizzie, two senior 13-year-old Golden Gals who adored each other and needed to find a home that would take both of them. It could only be that way during their sunset years. While their “owners” had changed, their affection and bond for each other had only grown stronger and was now the only constant in their changing environment. The search for

a Forever Home was underway.

Teddie, our beloved, had just passed away from cancer. He was a handsome boy, a man’s man, and a gentleman – Clarke Gable disguised as a Golden. We had adopted Teddie two years ago when he was seven; we knew we wanted someone approaching the senior years to make the integration with Heidie a little easier – our 14-year-old and still relatively active Golden. Heidie immediately got along with Teddie and they did everything together. We were all mourning Teddie and started thinking about adopting another Golden, or even a pair, and soon.

We love the white faces of the seniors and the faithfulness that an older Golden brings to any home. They have their manners perfected and there is no “need” to teach them new tricks – they know what to do and let us know accordingly. The walks are a bit slower, but that affords the time to unwind and really sniff the flowers along the way. There is something just very special about being entrusted to ensure that a Golden in his/her sunset years has a forever home and all the creature comforts that they so deserve. It is a very rewarding endeavor.

We got a call almost immediately from NGRR regarding the Golden Sisters. We loaded Heidie up in our SUV and drove to meet and greet the sisters. We agreed that Heidie would have Veto power. We held our breath and rang the doorbell.

Imagine the recent events for Maddie and Lizzie. Surrendered after many years with their original owners, placed with one foster family for a few months, now at yet another foster parent’s house and new unfamiliar surroundings. They hear the doorbell and what do they do? Start wagging their tails and run to gather up available tennis balls because someone is obviously outside the door waiting to play with them!

Did I mention that they had just wonderful personalities and were gorgeous? One of them looked like a twin of Heidie. What beautiful

mayhem then ensued. Just a big blur of fur, slobbering, light barking, and tennis ball retrieving took place and when all the dust had settled we now had two new beautiful Golden Girls to add to the family. It was a “deal” when Heidie snuck in to the kitchen and raided some left over food in the bowls



and the sisters were just so happy to share their good fortunes with her.

Throughout this adoption process the volunteers at NGRR were just amazing, bending over backwards to make this a successful adoption and most of all caring for the well being of the two sisters. This adoption had a very happy ending.

It is certainly not for everyone to care for three white-muzzled Golden Retrievers at the same time. We would just like to encourage you to really consider adopting a Golden Oldie. There is something very special and unique about caring for a Senior. Things are never rushed; the Seniors show such gentleness and dignity that it just puts you in awe of their ability to love and trust people. People, and especially kids, are going to want to pet them as they gently stroll in the neighborhood or wherever you take them. There is nothing intimidating about their white face and gentle manners. In the evening when you sit on the sofa, a gentle nuzzle and if need be, a paw, to remind you to keep petting them. Their needs and desires are few, but most of all, they want to be with you and your family for the rest of their lives. 🐾



# Spring Fling 2010!

*Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this.*

It was a beautiful day – perfect weather for an Easter biscuit hunt! Once again the Golden Retriever Meetup group got together at Performance Dogs in Action in Pleasant Grove, California. We had over 20 Golden Retrievers and their friends join together for a very fun playday. Doug & Cathy, with their Golden Molly were with us as always getting some great shots of the fun and excitement. More pictures can be seen at [www.goldenstarphoto.com](http://www.goldenstarphoto.com).

The dogs had fun retrieving the ball in the pond as well as in the 6+ acre open grassy area. Their noses are really put to the test as they check out the llamas, goats, ducks, geese, pigs, horses, sheep and a variety of birds and bunnies. The Easter Bunny showed up early with his eggs filled with goodies. It was great fun watching everyone get excited when their dog found an egg hidden in the tall grass, behind a fence post or hiding in plain sight!

Congratulations to Clara Belle for finding the Golden Egg. Clara won a lovely basket of treats and toys to share with her mom, Marcy Hutchinson and her doggie housemate Stanley. We have a great time at Performance Dogs and hope you can join us in our next adventure. Lots of things are planned through the summer and into the fall. Our next meetup at this venue will be our Howling Good Time – this year a Halloween costume contest might be in the plans – check us out at [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) and search for Golden Retriever Roseville or call Shirlee at 916-727-7068. 🐾

**Scenes from this year's Spring Fling in Pleasant Grove.**





# Me and Max

*Thank you to Andrew Blake, age 11, for "writing" this and to Lynn Parapar for submitting it.*

If you are reading this article, you know how great Golden Retrievers are, but you can never really know until you have met the newest addition to my family, our Golden, Max.

Last year all I wanted for my eleventh birthday was a pet dog and when my family signed-up for NGRR that's just what I got! The very next day, and just a week before my birthday, my family got a call from NGRR saying that they thought they found a good match for us. We fell in love with the big dog with the cute eyes we saw at the home of Lynn Parapar, the nearest representative of the rescue to us. At the time he was five and was the biggest, sweetest, and most loving dog I had ever seen.

We immediately said yes when my parents asked my brother and me if we wanted to take Max home. That very first afternoon



we were blown away by how intelligent a dog could be. It is almost as if Max speaks English in a sense that he seems to understand every word we say such as, "Max, go to your bed" or "Max, it's dinner time." He instantly goes to his bed or rushes to his food bowl the moment he



hears those words. In less than a week, we knew Max was the one, so we went ahead and formally adopted him.

A wagging tail and a toy in the mouth of our beloved Max welcomes us home each day to brighten our spirits. I will never forget the first time he rolled over onto his back and waved his paws asking me to rub his belly. Ever since Max has assumed the role of "Sheriff of the House," the amount of fights between my brother and me has drastically decreased. All one of us has to do is lay a hand on the other and Max is on the job, barking until we stop. Although I must say it is hard for certain love birds to share affection because Max wants to make sure that nobody is fighting or getting hurt.

As my twelfth birthday (and Max's sixth) approaches, I look back on the previous year filled with many memories of fun, happiness, and laughter my family has spent with our dog Max! 🐾

## In Memory of 'Bonnie Lass'

*Thanks to Gil and Barbara Gordon and Tay for writing this about their special Golden*

Time was Bonnie, a dark rust-colored Golden Retriever.

I remember over a decade ago the dark eyes of a puppy staring at me from inside a small kennel. Traveling over 2,000 miles, I nervously waited at the Delta Airlines cargo office. Home at last I freed her from the kennel. She ran to me, never hesitating – she picked me for her lifetime.

Clumsy, slipping, crashing, she chased tennis balls down the hall, proudly returning, refusing to yield her prize. Time passed, she returned found towels, shoes, and socks to my hand, waiting for a rewarding stroke on her head. She retrieved unerringly

every fallen game bird with dignity and joy.

Summer fun contests, trials, and many ribbons turned into September's tall grassy fields to hunt again. Nose into the wind, marking the scent, tracking the trail, pouncing into tall cover, she raised a colorful rooster pheasant. Raucous cawing and wild flapping of wings, she watched patiently as it streaked fast and high, marking the fall and returning it to me, hardly a feather ruffled. Cold and gray winter skies, not wanting to stop swimming the freezing waters, the two of us, a team, for many years in a Los Banos duck blind, bringing back pintails,

widgeons, and green wing teal.

Sharing a sandwich and her favorite biscuit. Years later in Gustine, many long water retrievers, green head mallards, redheads and canvasbacks, and her first goose surprise. Again the chill and colors of autumn, more precious time spent together seeking the elusive wild pheasant in distant fields, patches of stubble, and overgrown grasses along farmland fence lines.

Year after year, again and again she returned to me and stood proud, her job well done. I hunt no more. As evenings grow late, I often reach down to the empty space beside my chair to stroke the head of my faithful companion and best friend.

Time was Bonnie, a dark rust colored Golden Retriever. 🐾



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

2009 was another great year for NGRR. We found caring new homes for almost 300 Golden Retrievers, and in doing so, brightened the lives of the 300 families who adopted them. Seeing the lives of these wonderful dogs and the lives of their new families being made so much richer and happier because of what we do is why we all work for NGRR.

Due to the state of the economy, we didn't have a wine and cheese auction in 2009, but in terms of fundraising, we did have a very good response to our end of the year Rescue Fund letter. We did not have the Wag 'n Walk in 2009 either, but we are on track to do it this September. This is a chance for all of our happy adopting families to bring their dogs, share wonderful stories, and have a little fun in a large public park setting.

Other highlights of last year were all the local events around northern California we either sponsored or had major participation in. These occurred from the Bay Area to Sacramento to the foothills of the gold country. My thanks to all of our people who organized and participated in these events.

Also in 2009 we rolled out our new website [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org) with lots of pictures of available dogs, news and events, and all the on-line applications for adoption, surrender, volunteer, and foster. I urge you to see the video on the homepage "Who we are/what we do" to understand more about us. For our volunteers, the new website distributes and tracks all the applications and lets us stay current on the status of all dogs. Early in 2010 we also started a Facebook page and are thrilled with people's contributions.

My heartfelt appreciation for all of our volunteers: to those that do the hands-on work of the surrender, foster, and adoption process, but also to all behind the scenes people who serve on the Board, serve on the Vet Committee, sell our merchandise, print the calendars, write our thank you notes, coordinate the volunteers, handle our mail, publish the newsletter, keep the mailing list up to date, and do all the other activities it takes to run a successful rescue organization. I salute you all.

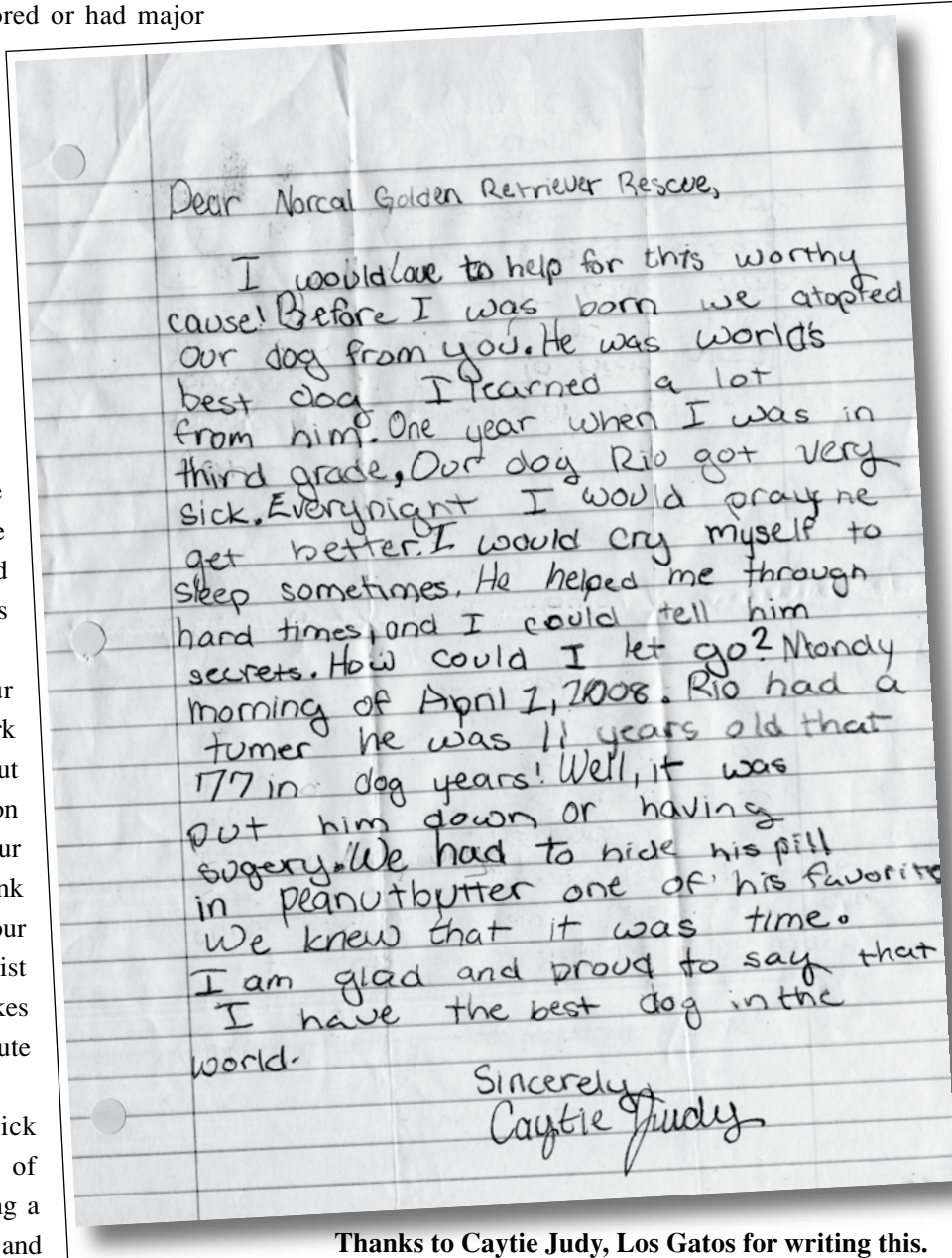
As you probably know, we take old, sick and/or injured Golden Retrievers and try to place all of them. We fix hip and other problems following a detailed review of the dog's medical condition and

second vet opinions in some cases. We also take bonded pairs even if one is not a Golden and try to place them together.

The costs for basic shots, spaying and neutering, and the occasional major surgery is where most of our money goes. Please continue to keep us on your mind for donations to allow us to continue to rescue Golden Retrievers in need and pay for their vet expenses.

Lastly, we still need volunteers to help us, especially in the San Jose/Santa Clara area. If you can help us do home visits, shelter visits, foster, or manage all of these activities as the Area Coordinator, please submit the on-line volunteer form.

Phil Fisher  
President NGRR



Thanks to Caytie Judy, Los Gatos for writing this.





## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Twain Harte Play Day

*Thanks to Jill Morgan for submitting this.*

May 16<sup>th</sup> was a great day to play in the park. The Twain Harte Golden Retriever Playday started six years ago with adoptive families with their rescued dogs getting together with NGRR volunteers, to have lunch in the park. It has turned into a community favorite with over 200 people

and 158 pooches joining in the fun. This very generous community donated wonderful items to raffle and to bid at the live auction raising over \$3,000 for NGRR!!

A huge "THANK YOU & WELCOME" goes out to the new Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties Area Coordinators George and Deborah Hart, owners of Dusty's Den in

Sonora. It also wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of our Playday sponsors Tighe Hamman, Chris Bitticks, Lynn Cornishm, Mary Kennedy, Shelly Gee, Shari Crawford, and Keoki Gallery.

We have the most amazing volunteers and couldn't have done it without their help in making this an absolutely tail waggin' good time! 🐾

## GREAT NEWS – New Bay Area Golden Meetup Group

The SF Bay Area Golden Retriever Meetup group is now active and looking for new members. It was started by Ashley & Moose. Ashley came to the Bay Area from San Diego where she was a member of a Golden meetup group that has an amazing 758 members! She was looking for a way to make some great Golden connections in her new location. There was no meetup group in her new area so she started one! Ashley knew it would be a great way to meet new Golden friends.



Ashley is also a new volunteer with NGRR and she would like to invite all the NGRR members and the adopter alumni to join the meetup group and come to some of the fun activities planned throughout the summer. The first meetup will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Seal Point Dog Park in San Mateo, located at 1801 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. For more information, go to: [www.meetup.com/SF-Bay-Area-Golden-Retriever-Meetup-Group/](http://www.meetup.com/SF-Bay-Area-Golden-Retriever-Meetup-Group/)

# IN TRIBUTE

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In Thanks to the Katherine A. Keane Trust

In Honor of Anne Beslisle

*"Wishing a very dear Mom and extra special holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year."*  
Love, Di & Gord, "Lucy" & "Frosty"

With heartfelt thanks to the Robert K. & Patricia A. Dahl Foundation for their generous donation!

In Thanks to Caytie Judy (see the letter she wrote to NGRR) in memory of her dog, "Rio."

In Thanks to Hailey Castagnozzi

*"I have been donation from my allowance and earning from dog walking/sitting. I know it will go to a good dog."*

Note: What a generous soul Hailey has at the age of 14! She has been donating to NGRR for quite a few years!

*"Keep up the GREAT work you all are doing!"*  
Donation by Mary Ann Graziano

In Honor of "Bonnie" and "Tay"  
Donation by Gilbert & Barbara Gordon

In Honor of "Jake" who makes us laugh every day!  
Loved by Dave & Mary Kemnitz

*"With your help, we adopted 'Bridget' a little over 9 years ago! She is 14 now, slowing down quite a bit, but still chases squirrels and is in a neverending hunt for doggie treats. Thank you so much."*

Donation by Steve Broccoli and Laura Nakashima

*"Keep up the good work. Both my last rescue and myself are both seniors, hanging in there."*

Donation by Grace Hyde

*"We love our Charley!"*  
Donation by Stacey & Brett Layton

In Tribute to "Lily" Reinhardt  
Loved by Jason & Les Reinhardt  
Donation by Jim & Nancy Reinhardt

In Honor of "Sedona"  
Loved by Daniel Fink  
Donation by Jeannie Burkhardt

In Honor of Janine, Don, Mac, Scott & Denver Matheson  
*"From our house to yours, every good wish for happy holidays and a wonderful New Year."*  
Love, Gordon & Di Head, "Lucy" & "Frosty"

"Thanks for all you do for us!"  
Donation by "Blazer," "Cassie," "Cody" & Rita Bonasera

In Honor of Kay McMillan  
Donation by Janet Whalen & Robert Postma

In Honor of "Koty"  
Cheers to a long and happy life!  
Donation by Lacey and Justin Wismer

"Merry Christmas" wishes to Michele & Dick Smith  
Donation by Lynne Jensen

In Honor of Carole Frank  
*"Mom, you are the best mom and grandmom ever! Have a Happy Hanukah!"*  
With love from your kids, George & Debbi, grandson Brandon and granddog, "Amber"

In Honor of "Cooper"  
*"Celebrating the amazing recovery of Cooper, that wonderful dog of Drew's! Sending a donation to help other dogs in need."*  
Donation by Elayne Azevedo in honor of Drew Azevedo's Cooper

*"Happy Birthday, Marcia, and love from us to you!"*  
Marcia Kaplan – 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Donation by Marion & Dean Boyd

Wishes for a "Merry Christmas" to Kelley McNair  
Donation by Kathleen Danielson

In Thanks to all who donate to NGRR through United Way and other company charitable organizations!

Merry Christmas to Dee & Richard Farrare  
*"This donation is a Christmas gift made in loving memory of our furry friends who are no longer with us."*  
Donation by Rosemarie Peterson

In Honor of "Madison"  
*"We got our Madison from NGRRR in 1998. She is now 12 years old – a wonderful little girl and the apple of our lives."*  
Lovingly donated by Jan & Phil Liberti

In Honor of "Lana"  
Donation by Dr. Helena Weil

In Honor of "Dewey"  
Donation by S. M. McDonald

*"Thanks for all you do!"*  
Donation by Kathleen & John Ford

"With thanks!"  
Donation by Diane & John Swanberg & "Riley"

In Thanks to "Bart"  
*"Bart (adopted in '97 from NGRR) is now 12 ½ – still swimming ½ mile per day, but arthristis has limited his walking. His owner, Jean, has Alzheimer's but still knows Bart. He is a tremendous calming influence on her, and adored by her round-the-clock caregivers. Happy Holidays!"*  
Donation by Gail Maderis

In Honor of "Bailey"  
*"We adopted Bailey from NGRR in 1997!"*  
Donation by Jan & Ian Fellerman

In Thanks for "TBone," "Cody," "Axel," and "Charlie"  
Donation by Cynthia Schreiner & John Rickards

*"On behalf of Diane Head"*  
Donation by Silvia Kehoe

In Honor of "Our Golden Oldie"  
Donation by Jeffrey & Mildred Harsha

In Honor of "Ruger"  
*"Ruger says 'hi.' He is doing very well and such a sweet boy. We overcame his thunderstorm problem and he is such a part of our family"*  
Loved by the Rutkowski's

In Honor of "Sky"  
Donation by Richard Dunckel & Paula Tokugawa

In Honor of "Chloe Sunshine"  
Donation by Pam & Mark Lee

*"Thank you for helping us find 'Ginger' and 'Annie!'"*  
Donation by Sally Peck

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald  
Donation by Mildred FitzGerald & Gerald FitzGerald

"A gift in the name of Maggie Holmes"  
Donation by Randy Kalie

In Honor of the Cynthia & John Lovewell and their Golden Retriever  
*"Thanks to the Lovewell's for their 'rescue' of us at Lake Tahoe in our disabled boat!"*  
Donation by Sue & Gene Chaput

# IN TRIBUTE

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*"In Honor of the hard work and dedication of Shannon and Tom Aiken and their Love of Goldens!"*

Donation by Laura & Ray Gann

In Honor of "Oliver"

*"We love our Oliver who is 2½ now. He is a lovely fellow."*

Donation by Val Erickson

In Tribute to Barbara & Don Tornberg

*"We wanted to let you both know how very much you mean to us this holiday season. We know this organization is very close to your hearts. So we thought it would be fitting to donate to them in honor of you. You both bring so much joy and love into so many people's lives; we are all truly blessed to have you."*

With lots of love Terri, Sandi, T.J., Snickers & Roxi Bishop

*"Merry, Merry Christmas"* wishes sent to Danielle Dana

Love, Ginny DeMaria

In Honor of "Sunny" and "Midas" my two beautiful nephews

Cherished by Sharon & Heinz Breimhorst

Donation by Ruth Dunne

In Honor of Paul Lindstrom

Donation by Aren Luo-Lindstrom

In Honor of "Mika" and "Annie"

Donation by Patrick Kelley

In Honor of Carole Frank

*"This donation is in honor of your hard work and dedication to NGR. Happy Hanukkah! Love, Scott, Jennifer, Sophia, Lukas and Stella Frank"*

In Honor of Dr. James Srebro

*"At Christmastime, we remember our furry friends that gave us endless love and devotion. We will make this Christmas special for the Golden dogs. We have sent a donation in your name to ensure this. You are a very special friend to us."*

Merry Christmas wishes for Lee & Jean Middleton

In Honor of Sr. Sharon Hasler

Donation by Laura & Mark Callagy

In Tribute to our NGR dog, "Dawson"

*"He is the greatest dog on the planet. We have had him 5 years!"*

Lovingly donated by Daniel Fink

In Thanks from "Bodhi" and Suzanne Stout

*"Merry Christmas wishes to my friend, Jean Connors"*

Donation by Terry Sechrist

In Honor of "Rusty" and "Krissey"

Donation by Suzanne Krakover-Nickel

In Tribute of Norcal Golden Retriever

Rescue Volunteer, Myra Kelley

Donation by Virginia Van Kuran

Merry Christmas wishes to Peter FitzGerald

and the Bruce FitzGerald Family

Donation by Virginia Atwood

In Honor of all the sweet Goldens everywhere in need of help. And in honor of the Golden in our lives: "Morgan" and "Hannah" and Angel dog, "Keeley" and Angel German Shepherd, "Whitney"

Donation by Claudia Guild

In Honor of Dr. Perry Heffelfinger

Donation by Marc Benioff

In Honor of "Buddy" and "Sunny"

Lovingly donated by Bev & Mike Groeniger

In Honor of "Cassidy" and "Slyder"

Loved by Pat & Chuck McCarthy

Donation by Nancy Bolger

In Honor of Pam Strametz, Dale Root and "Derby"

In Memory of "Teller"

*"Pam and Dale have given us two of our very best friends, Teller and Derby. Teller, our wonderful and beloved Golden passed away at age 13, October 10, 2009. On December 20, Derby became part of our family, thanks to Pam and Dale. He is a beautiful sweetheart and we love him dearly. We are making this gift in memory of Teller and in honor of Pam, Dale, and Derby, in the hope that many other wonderful Goldens will find loving forever homes through NGR."*

Donation by Susan & Charles Rothschild

In Honor of Tana Lingvall

*"To honor Tana's love and compassion for Goldens. Happy Holidays!"*

Donation by Audrey Down

In Honor of "Mason"

*"Our NGR Golden"*

Donation by Deborah Mullan

In Honor of "Maddie"

*"Maddie – we would like to support Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue with the hopes of helping others in your name. You and your parents are an inspiration to us all. We love you!"*

Donation by Torrey Gane & "Mackenzie"

In Honor of Pat Lynch

Donation by Constance Koehler

In Honor of "Sadie"

*"We love our Norcal Golden! Sadie, at 9 years, is a sweet and wonderful companion. She still adores chasing balls in the bay!"*

Donation by Wendy & Robert Bergman

In Honor of "Reyna"

*"Reyna-Roo, we are blessed to have you!"*

Donation by Tamara & Donald Benson

In Honor of "Violet" and "Teddy" Connell  
*"Thank you Violet for teaching us about the power of rescue, and to Teddy, for the love and joy you bring to our home on a daily basis."*

Donation by Sarah Connell

In Honor of Carole Gray-Weihman

Donation by Elaine Weihman

In Honor of "Sequoia"

*"Sequoia is a wonderful, loyal, beautiful Golden adopted 6 years ago through NGR. He is still happy and healthy."*

Donation by Robert Schmidt

In Honor of "Zeke," "Baker," and "Lizzie"

Loved by Dayna Marr & Andrew Talbot

Donation by Jacqui Inglis

In Honor of Mike & Mileva Marcy

Donation by C. William & Margaret Marcy

In Honor of Robert Blackburn

Donation by Karen Fontanella

In Honor of "Maddie" and "Itchie"

*"Congratulations at 13 to the bonded Maddie and Itchie who got adopted by a wonderful forever family. Special thank yous to the Nordstrom's for opening their home to these two wonderful seniors."*

Donation by Marc Korody

Happy Birthday to our son, Peter FitzGerald!

Donation by Mildred and Gerald FitzGerald



# IN MEMORIAM

In Thanks to Debi Best and "True"  
*"My dog, Edgar, and I are taking a tracking class with Debi. She gave me a beautiful leather tracking harness that once belonged to 'True' – DD's True Crossing to Safety UD, TD, JH. Thank you!"*  
Donation by Nicola Clark

In Thanks to the Gustafson's and NGRR  
*"Micah is happy with the Gustafson's."*  
Donation by Margaret Person

In Honor of Daniel V. Fink  
Donation by Jeannie Burkhardt

In Honor of Kristine Williams who does so much for Golden and those who love them.  
Donation by Bourne Morris-Buss

*"With Special Thanks to Kristine Williams and Kevin O' Grady for getting us connected with our 'Bella.'"*  
Donation by Irene Babcock & George Drews

In Thanks to Adobe Animal Hospital  
*"Thank you to everyone at Adobe for chasing down 'Serra' this morning after she escaped from my car. You're all great and we won't forget this '3rd' chance of thanking you."*  
Donation by Robert Diestel & "Serra"

In Honor of Joan Buxton  
Donation by Gary Buxton

In Honor of Larry Shapiro's birthday  
Donation by Susan Steve Goldenberg

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Murphy"  
*"We lost our Murphy on October 21<sup>st</sup>. He came from Norcal Rescue and we had him 11 years. He was so adorable and so sweet. At 3 p.m., he would bring out his big St. Bernard toy from FAO Swartz which was so big and it was so funny. We had that toy 30 years and Murphy thought it was his from the first time he saw it. He was such a great Golden boy. Thanks for 11 great years...we miss him so much."*  
Loved by Jack & Cara Quinn

In Memory of "Sydney" Southard  
*"We are all going to miss Sydney, but her and TC are now together and happy."*  
Donated lovingly by Judy & Bob Terranova and Judy & Chris Christofferson

In Memory of Betty Jane Gildersleeve  
1942-2009  
*"Her beloved Golden, Casey, was with her always."*  
Donation by Jessica & Mike Del Nero

In Memory of "Bart"  
*"Bart was an amazing dog accomplishing every TOP Field dog achievement possible. Our sympathies to his family, friends, and many admirers who enjoyed his incredible companionship, potential and performances. His and his super daddy, Luke's genes and drive will live on in all their wonderful puppies."*  
Lovingly treasured and missed by Glenda & Richard Brown  
Donation with deepest sympathies from Janet & Bill Hellums

In Memory of "Max"  
Risewood's Premium Blend CD, RN, MH, WCX, CCA, VCX  
*"What a wonderful dog Max was. Those given the gift of knowing the quiet pleasure of sitting with our arms around these special creatures, as they look into our eyes, know the price we pay when they are taken from us. It is clear, that the tear in our hearts when they leave us is worth the time they share with us."*  
Achingly missed by Nancy & George Murillo  
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Bart"  
FC/AFC Glenhaven Htrs Mn Baronet MH, OS, FDHF  
*"We are so fortunate to have one of Bart's sons. Bart had it all. The complete package... good temperament, good looks and, of course, he was quite the athlete. He also had the best family and care. We know what a void this is for the Brown's."*  
Loved and missed by Glenda & Richard Brown  
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of "Max"  
*"Max was loved by Celeste, Jim and Andy and was Nicholas' best ball sharing buddy at Highland Park."*  
Cherished and missed by the Lennemann Family  
Donation by Allan, Carol & Lisa Porter

In Memory of "Emma" Jackson  
*"This donation is in memory of the beautiful and loving Emma Jackson, who recently left her best friend, Karen Jackson. Sleep tight, Emma."*  
Loved by Karen Jackson  
Donation by Kyla Otaegi

In Honor of our dearly beloved Golden, "Regis." who is no longer with us.  
*"Dearest Regis – You were a good friend to us all. We love and miss you so much."*  
The Wrights

In Memory of "Molly"  
*"Molly was our beloved service dog. Our Golden pup, 'Abby' carries on in her name."*  
Loved and cherished by Connie & Neil Bell

In Memory of "Claire"  
*"Our beloved Claire came to us from NGRR 10 years ago."*  
Missed and loved by Janet Grace

In Memory of my friend, Joan Doss  
*"We shared many cherished conversations about our Golden Retrievers."*  
Donation by Frances Graban

In Memory of Virginia Holmes  
*"Virginia was a wonderful lady who took my Max when I had too much arthritis to walk and care for him. She was so good to Max and his Golden Retriever friends."*  
Donation by Frances Graban

In Memory of "Sunny" LaBerge  
*"Sweet and sunny Sunny was the beloved Golden of Karin."*  
Loved by Karin LaBerge  
Donation by Bob & Gail Rosemeyer

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom and In Thanks to Paul Lindstrom  
*"Thanks to Paul for his efforts at GRWeekly."*

In Memory of our much loved "Einstein"  
*"Einstein left us this past summer but he will always be with us. May other animals receive the love he received."*  
Loved by Tony Gairnese  
Lovingly donated by Judy Jones

In Memory of "Terra"  
OTCH Mt. Meadow This Just In UDX, SH  
*"Our sympathies to Sue Stauffer"*  
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

In Memory of "Chad"  
Osprey's Dimpled Chad SH, RN  
*"Our sympathies to Lucy & Bill Bradford"*  
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

In Memory of "Max"  
Resawood's Premium Blend MH\*\*\*, CD, RN  
*"Our sympathy to Nancy Murillo"*  
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

# IN MEMORIAM

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## In Memory of "Bart"

FC/AFC Glenhaven Htrs Mn Baronet MH, OS  
"Our sympathy to Glenda Brown"  
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

## In Memory of "Spirit"

Coopertop Lil' Red Waggin' UDX, TDX, JH, CCA, VCX  
"Our sympathy to Steve & Terry Southard"  
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

## In Memory of "Peter McDuffie Lyon"

"Peter McDuffie found his adopted Golden, Casey Meister, to be the finest play buddy one could ever imagine."  
Lovingly donated by Dorothy Hilinski-Lyon & Peter Lyon

## In Memory of "Savannah"

"Savannah recently passed away at the age of 12½! I adopted her from you in 1999. She was a wonderful loving dog, whom I will never forget. Thank you for bringing her into my life." Donated with love and gratefulness by Tracey Carrasco

## In Loving Memory of our Golden Boys "Rascal," "Kimo," and "Cody"

Lovingly donated by Teresa Chinn & Paul Miyashiro

## In Memory of "Carrie" & "Maddie"

Donated with love by Julie Jepsen-Grant & Bill Grant

## In Loving Memory of...

"Cutter"... Ch. Master's Cuttin' A Rug, SDHF "Roxy"...Master's Fairways on the Rocks and "Favor"...Master's Regency Party of One  
"Cutter, Roxy and Favor are playing ball in heaven, always together."

Loved and missed by Jennifer, Erik, Devin & Jeremy Masterson  
Donation by Linda Giorgi & Colleen Randall

## In Memory of "Cassie Haggin"

Donation by Vicki Haggin

## In Memory of Jody Stiely

"In memory of Jody and her beautiful companion, Sunny, who are now eternally together in heaven."  
Lovingly donated by Bruce Stiely

## In Memory of "Maggie" Beazley

"We know how much you loved Maggie and we wanted to make a donation in her honor during this holiday season."  
Loved by Michelle & Ray Beazley  
Donation by Peter & Deborah

## In Memory of Stephen Wysong

"Stephen and his wife, Robyn, took in a litter mate of my dog, Gus. Cal Bear had lived in 3 homes before he came to live with the Wysongs. Cal had the best life! I remember Cal 'fishing' in Taylor Creek while we chatted. When Cal passed the Wysongs contacted Norcal and adopted another retriever, lucky dog. Steven was the kindest man who will be missed in SLT, but I am sure Cal Bear is now by his side."  
Donation by Janet McDonnell

## In Memory of Wayne Thalken

Donation by Barbara Brickell

## In Memory of "Rebel"

"Rebel was a Lab, but was just as loveable as a Golden. Miss u Reb."  
Loved and missed by Michelle Terronez

## In Loving Memory of "Shadow"

"Shadow was our smiling, wagging Golden rescue boy next door. Within just a few weeks of us losing our Golden rescue, Ben, Shadow was also gone. What a sad and empty neighborhood this has become. We miss you, Shadow and your happy wag as you came up the hill to visit. We loved the times you dropped by or stayed when your family was traveling. The only thing better than a Golden is 2 or more."  
Cherished and missed by Susan Gleason & Ross Martin  
Donation by Mary, Bernt & Omi Hoppert, "Toby" & "Swartz"

## In Memory of Stephen D. Wysong

"Thank you to Stephen and Robyn for all they have done for us and our community."  
Donation by Robert Fletcher & Gloria Ware Fletcher

## In Loving Memory of "Jessie Dog,"

"Carmencita" and Grandpa Don  
"This year the three of you left us. Jessie Dog, your beautiful Golden Retriever spirit made us laugh every day. Thirteen and a half years was not enough but so much more than we expected for a puppy mill puppy. Carmencita Kitty, we miss your calico face and announcement of breakfast. We are so glad we found you on the streets of San Diego. The one missed most of all was your Grandpa Don Borgen, who had a big personality and a bigger heart for the animals. We miss all three of you more than we could ever say. We hope there is a heaven for all of us together."  
Love you forever – Jen, Janet, Jake, Peanut Teyma, Quincy new kids, Annabelle, Ellie May, Lad, Lottie, Gerty, Lucy, Ethel and Millie

## In Memory of "Busby Berkeley" aka "Buzz"

"In honor of Buzz, a faithful wonderful Golden Retriever from NGRR. May he rest in peace."

Loved by Frank Price  
Donation by Janet Rudolph

## In Memory of "Sailor"

"Missing you every day, your fluffy waddle put a smile on everyone's face."  
Loved by Wally Santos  
Donation by Rod Santos

## In Memory of "Peaches"

Loved by Sally & Scott Evans

## In Memory of "Rosie"

"Rosie was Pam Lavin's wonderful Golden girl."  
Missed and loved by Pam Lavin  
Donation by Carla Holmes

## In Memory of "Aly" and "Mitzva"

"Aly and Mitzva were our beloved Golden. Mitzva was a NGRR dog."  
Donation by Linda & Ken Henderson

## In Sweet Memory of our beloved "Zoe"

"Zoe your big smile, incredible personality, and warm, loving heart is missed every day."  
Achingly missed by the Golden Family

## In Memory of Stephen D. Wysong

"For a Man whom truly loved every retriever that he was lucky enough to encounter. Thank you for such special dogs to love together."  
Lovingly donated by Robyn Wysong

## In Memory of "Molly" and "Buddy"

Lovingly donated by Christine Elbel

## In Memory of "Sandi"

"In memory of our wonderful rescue, Sandi. She was three when she came to us as a foster. She needed me so much, we adopted her. She left us last December at the age of 16+. She brought so much to our family that we will never forget her. Even a year later my tears stain the page as I write to you."  
Donation by Susan & Donald Ludwig

## In Memory of "Bart"

FC/AFC Glenhaven HTRS MN Baronet MH, OS, FDHF  
Lovingly donated by Glenda Brown

## In Loving Memory of "Sprite" Best

Loved and missed by Debi Best  
Donation by Connie Thompson & Ama Thompson

In Memory of "Joseph Cat"  
*"In memory of our one-of-a-kind Joseph Cat, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge the day before Thanksgiving. I miss him terribly. Thanks for all your efforts to help our Golden Retrievers."*  
 Donation by Nancy Randall

In Memory of "Sadie"  
 Loved by Ardith Osborn  
 Donation by Robert Hoffman

In Memory of "Toby Nugget of Sedan"  
*"Here's to our favorite squirrel chaser and everyone's first baby, Toby. Our hearts go out to your family."*  
 Loved by the Sundberg Family  
 Donation by Julia & Mats Andersson

In Memory of Stephen Wysong  
*"In honor of a great man, who always cared."*  
 Donation by Trudi & Stephen Klitsch

In Memory of "Maggie"  
 October 1, 2000 - November 15, 2009  
 Donation by Mildred Oberkotter

In Memory of "Tucker"  
 Donation by Leonard Auletto

In Memory of "Abby Doyle"  
*"Beloved Yellow Lab of the Verson-Doyle Family"*  
 Missed and loved by the Verson-Doyle's  
 Donation by Jan & Ron Looney

In Memory of "Starman"  
*"Starman was a wonderful friend to Mike."*  
 Loved by Mike Nielsen  
 Donation by Vivian Ricci

In Memory of "Jackson"  
*"Jackson loved everyone and every minute of his life."*  
 Lovingly donated by Susan Schenck

In Memory of my dear cousin, Betty Cohen  
 Donation by Dottie & Phil Wendland

In Memory of Kenneth Gibbons  
 Lovingly donated by Tracy Gibbons

In Memory of Betty Davis Cohen  
 Donation by Marjorie Hunt

In Memory of "Bonnie Lass"  
*"Bonnie was our special Golden; sweet, mischievous, companion, stubborn, Mahster Hunter, and courageous to the end."*  
 Loved and missed by Gil & Barbara Gordon

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
 Donation by Marianne & Daniel Marx

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
 Donation by Cheryl Degolia

In Memory of Betty M. Cohen  
 Donation by Rose Buettner

In Memory of Todd Mattison Stewart  
*"Todd was always a big supporter of Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue."*  
 Donation by Emmet Cashin and Family  
 In Memory of Todd Stewart  
 Donation by Mrs. Dorothy Gravelle

In Memory of "Durham" and "Clare"  
*"They put the 'G' in Golden!"*  
 Loved by Ken Fulk & Kurt Wootton

In Memory of Joey Perlmutter and "Chloe"  
 With heartfelt gratitude to the Joseph's Journey Fund and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
*"His dog was his comfort and loyal friend and we are grateful."*  
 Donation by Rebecca Madding

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
 Donation by Debby Roth

In Memory of "Trevin" Weldin  
 Lovingly donated by Carol Weldin

In Memory of Todd Mattison Stewart  
 Donation by Shirlee M. Weinmann

In Memory of Betty Cohen  
 Donation by Evelyn & Sean Corrigan

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
 Donation by Nancy Rogers

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
*"In loving memory of my dear sister. How she will be missed."*  
 Lovingly donated by Barbara Marmet

In Memory of "Grady"  
*"My Grady went to the Rainbow Bridge yesterday. I adopted her 8 years ago from Norcal and never had a better friend. The last few years were hard for her but she never lost those special traits that Golden have. I miss her very much."*  
 Lovingly missed by Millie Harsha

In Memory of Betty M. Cohen  
 Donation by Maxine V. Davis

In Memory of Betty Cohen  
 Donation by Virginia & Roger Reynoldson

In Memory of "Maddie"  
*"For Golden Maddie, Judy and Howard's beloved friend and companion."*  
 Cherished and loved by Judy & Howard Guild  
 Donation by Birgitta & Rommel Parseh

In Memory of "Niko"  
*"Niko was our adored boy. The house is too quiet, there are no pieces of stuffed babies to pick up, and Dad has no one to walk with. We think of you and miss you every day. See you on the other side."*  
 Achingly missed and loved by Diane & Paul Thomson

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
 Donation by Virginia Philhower

In Memory of Sally Durrie and her beloved "Lexie"  
*"I know that your journey was that much easier knowing that Lexie was waiting for you. You are both missed and loved."*  
 Donation by Lisa Chasanoff

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
*"Sally showed us how to nourish the spirit, attain peace, and loved and be loved by Golden Retrievers!"*  
 Donation by Sandy & Simon OSullivan

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
*"For my son, Todd, who loved his Golden Retriever, Teddy, with all his heart."*  
 Lovingly donated by Shirley Stewart

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
*"Sally adopted 'Lexie,' a beautiful dog that died about a year after they were together; now she's gone as well. Lexie really made Sally happy, though she was sick herself and didn't have the heart or strength to get another Golden."*  
 Donation by Ronald Davidian

In Memory of "Cutter"  
 Lovingly donated by Robert Richards

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
 Donation by Marcella & Doug Connor

In Memory of Todd Stewart  
 Donation by Arvilla Manning

In Loving Memory of Gloria Price  
*"My true and wonderful friend..."*  
 Donation by Pat Mac Fadyen

In Memory of "Tucker of BAR"  
*"What joy and light you gave our friend. Mission Accomplished. Well done, Tucker, of SunSong Golden, St. Helena, Ca."*  
 Loved by Gene Tartaglia  
 Donation by Kurt Wootton

In Memory and In Honor of V. Todd Miller  
 Donation by Ted Kritikos

# IN MEMORIAM

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In Memory of Victor T. Miller  
Donation by Irv Parolari

In Memory of Sally Durrie  
Donation by Nancy Rogers

In Memory of Betty Cohen  
*"To honor Betty Cohen, a wonderful teacher and animal lover."*  
Donation by Sandy Gilbert

In Honor of "Ella"  
In Memory of "Rose"  
*"We lost Rose, whom we adopted from Norcal 13 years ago, in December. Thank goodness Ella is doing fine. We adopted her 5 years ago."*  
Donation by Linda & Russ Hayes

In Memory of "Peekaboo"  
*"A sweet Golden girl"*  
Missed and loved by Dawn Mellon & Michael Biggs

In Memory of Sally Driscoll Durrie  
Donation by Laura Foegal

In Memory of "Maddie"  
*"Maddie loved our 'Theo' and 'Jake,' who are our rescue dogs." We will miss seeing her on her walks."*  
Loved by Judy & Howard Guild  
Donation by Susan Paulus & Palmer Madden

In Memory of Todd Miller  
*"Todd had a great sense of humor and really loved Golden Retrievers."*  
Donation by Molly & Jim Irvine

In Memory of "Toby"  
*"Toby was a Golden Retriever/Labrador mix. I adopted him from you when he was 1½ years old in 1996. He lived to be 13½! He was the most wonderful friend ever."*  
Achingly missed by Bette Nakagawa

In Memory of "Maddie"  
*"Maddie was the most faithful and true, loving and devoted girl ever. She passed away on January 22, 2010, 25 days after being diagnosed with bone cancer. Until the end, she did her best to be wherever we were, even if she had to bobble on 3 legs to get to us. She never let us out of her sight for the year and eleven months we were together. We miss her loving gaze and her soft silky coat and having her to love."*  
Cherished, loved and missed by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of Victor Todd Miller  
Donation by Margaret Azevedo & Charles Franklin

In Memory of "Phoenix"  
*"Phoenix was loved greatly by Betty and Lowell Mason."*  
Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In the loving memory of "Cooper"  
*"Cooper had a wonderful presence and will be missed by family & friends. We hope that all dogs could have such a wonderful & full life."*  
Loved by Beejay, Jean Luc & Family  
Donated by Tracy & Mark Thompson

In Memory of "Rusty"  
*"This is for sweet Rusty and to help Sedona."*  
Lovingly donated by Eve Nyren

In Memory of Todd Miller  
*"...remembering a great guy!"*  
Donation by Bruce Miller

In Memory of "Drake"  
Loved by Leena Sampemane & Family  
Donation by Leslie Hayne

In Memory of Todd Miller  
Donation by Robert & Frances Long

In Memory of "Amber"  
*"Amber was our wonderful, loving, granddog who gave us so many hours of joy. You've left us much too soon, but we shall always remember the little rescue Golden, we loved so much!"*  
Loved and missed by Debbi & George Behrman  
Donation by Carole & Barry Frank

In Memory of Todd Miller  
*"Thanks for all the wonderful memories."*  
With all our love, Debbie & Tom Birbilis

In Memory of Todd Miller  
Donation by Carolyn Hobbs

In Memory of Mrs. Sally Durrie  
Donation by Mrs. Douglas H. Ballinger

In Memory of "Forest"  
*"To our dear Forest: We love you and miss you every day! We could not have dreamed of a sweeter more loyal friend than you. We hope doggy heaven is bringing you endless belly rubs, walks around the block, games of catch, and homemade cookies. We love you!"*  
Lovingly missed by Daddy, Mommy, David & Sofia Chow

In Thanks to Jeanne Hanlon  
*"We would like to express our appreciation for Jeanne's efforts and the wonderful service provided by NGRR"*  
Donation by Jim & Mary Kleinbach

In Memory of Mr. V, Todd Miller  
*"Todd was a good man and a good friend. May he rest in peace."*  
Donation by Helen Elliott and family

In Memory of "Harley"  
*"Harley was the sweetest doggie ever."*  
Loved by Marilynn Gray Raine & Frank Barton  
Donation by Carol Nyhoff

In Memory of Todd Miller  
Donation by Carolyn Hobbs

In Memory of Anna L. Fox  
*"Anna will be missed by her family, many friends, her cat, 'Rocky', and her rescue dog, 'K.C'. She was a very loving person."*  
Donation by Membership, 77 Chapter ACPA

**Thanks to John Langer** for donating the proceeds from the sale of his car (\$1,080!!) to NGRR (via Auction City in Redwood City). John does so in memory of his loving cat Ashley, who passed away one year ago at the age of 19. Thank you very much John!

## ***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 a call if you have any questions.



# GOLDEN GALLERIA

*The Store Is Open!*  
See [ngrr.org](http://ngrr.org) for color photos

Stone  
(Light  
Beige)



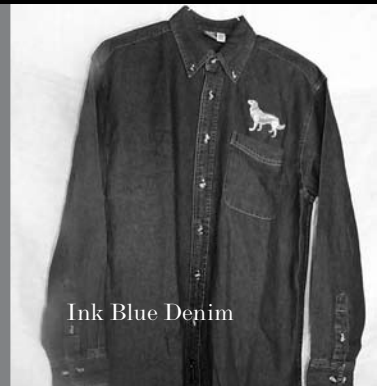
**NGRR Medium Length Apron with Pouch Pockets \$19.00**

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



Gray



**NGRR Suede Cap \$17.00**

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



Athletic  
Gold



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

White



Black



**NGRR Hanes Beefy-T™ Shirt \$14.00**

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Hunter  
Green



NGRR Backpack \$59.00

Gray



NGRR Front Zippered Fleece Vest \$36.00

Black



White



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

Item Description	Color	Size	Qty.	Unit Price	Total

If ordering by credit card, please check: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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

Print name as it appears  
on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Holder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Merchandise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Thank You!

## Donating to NGRR

*Since our organization is staffed entirely by volunteers, every penny of your contribution will help pay for veterinary care, food, and other direct expenses required in our work to rescue and find loving homes for hundreds of Golden Retrievers each year.*

### Gifts by Check or Credit Card

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

### Payroll Deduction

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

### Matching Gift

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

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

### Appreciated Securities

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

### Gifts Through Your Estate

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

### Life Income Gifts

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

### Gifts of Real Estate

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

## Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

### General Fund

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

### Senior Golden Retrievers

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

### Special Needs Fund

Inspired by "Zack," a severely dysplastic Golden taken in and treated by NGRR, this fund was established to provide extensive veterinary care, surgery, and rehabilitation to young and deserving Golden Retrievers who are critically ill, deformed and/or injured. These dogs need immediate access to funds to restore their quality of life – and, in extreme cases, to save their lives – without financially burdening their adoptive families.

### For More Information

For further information, please consult with your financial planner or tax advisor. More information about donating to NGRR can be found on our Web site at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).

## Volunteer Interest

*I would like to learn more about volunteering for NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue. I am particularly interested in the areas noted below. (Note: This form may also be submitted through our Web site at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).)*

### HANDS-ON DOG WORK

- ☐ Area Coordinator
- ☐ Area Assistant
  - ☐ Foster Care
  - ☐ Home Visits
  - ☐ Vet Appointments
  - ☐ Shelter Checks
  - ☐ Phone Calls
  - ☐ Grooming
  - ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Senior Golden Retrievers Program

### FUNDRAISING

- ☐ Grant/Letter Writing
- ☐ Event Coordinator/Worker
- ☐ Auction & Wine Tasting
- ☐ Wag 'n' Walk
- ☐ Calendar
- ☐ Merchandise Sales
  - ☐ Event Coordinator/Worker
  - ☐ Order Fulfillment
  - ☐ Catalog

### OPERATIONS

- ☐ Volunteer Coordinator
- ☐ Transportation Coordinator
- ☐ Weekly Dog List
- ☐ Mailing List
- ☐ Inventory Tracking

### PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- ☐ Event Coordinator/Worker
- ☐ Newsletter (and other literature)
- ☐ Web Programming (experienced)
- ☐ Education Program Coordinator
- ☐ Fight Against Puppy Mills

### PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

- ☐ Veterinary Medicine
- ☐ Animal Behavior
- ☐ Dog Law
- ☐ Non-Profit Corporate/Tax Law
- ☐ Non-Profit Accounting
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Public/Media Relations
- ☐ Publishing

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Phil Fisher

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Shannon Aiken

**TREASURER AND CFO**  
Jeff Wilson

**COMPTROLLER**  
John Murray

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Don't forget to check out our new and improved web site!!!

### Email versus Snail Mail?

Want to receive your next newsletter as a pdf via email? Just send an email to [mail@ngrr.org](mailto:mail@ngrr.org) to request it.

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this.

Wouldn't it be great if we could take our dogs to a baseball game? YOU CAN with these great opportunities.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** – come to Sacramento for Bark in the Baseball Park and enjoy a River Cats game. Enjoy a Sunday afternoon game on the grassy hill, walk around the field in the parade of dogs, and enjoy the game. Look for a link and more information on the Norcal website [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Oakland A's has their Baseball Dog Days at the Park and opens their doors to their canine fans. More information and a link to the A's website for more information on tickets. There are a limited number of seats and you must provide proof of rabies and fill out some forms. You will find the link on our Norcal website at [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** – San Francisco Giants welcomes you to bring your dog to their Dog Days of Summer. There is a link on the Norcal website [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org) that will take you to the Giants site so you can get all the information on attending the game with your canine pal. There are a limited number of seats and you must provide proof of rabies and fill out some forms.

## More Doggie Events in 2010

Information on all these events can be found by going to [www.ngrr.org](http://www.ngrr.org).

**August 1** – The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay to Barkers Dog Walk and Run at Golden Gate Fields

**September 11** – NGRW Wag 'n Walk at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton

**September 18** – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual San Jose Bark in the Park

**October 10** – 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Bay Area K9 Cancer Walk at Vasona Park in Los Gatos