

# NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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Our brother/sister duo (Pilot & Molly) reward us daily with their golden smiles & loving companionship.  
*Thanks, Pat & Carole Stewart*



## Man's Best Friends Make Our World Go Round



*Don't be Fooled For A Second  
He knows you left that loaf of cinnamon bread on the  
counter and is waiting for the one second needed when  
you leave the kitchen...*

*Bobo...*

*Thank you to Stephanie Haley for submitting this.*

We had made a decision to sell our home in the foothills of California and move to Florida, so we could be closer to my family and to establish residency for our son's college. As a Realtor, I understand the complications of such a huge lifestyle change. For us the biggest questions were: "How can we bring our two senior Golden Retrievers?" and "Will they be able to stand the heat and humidity?" Ultimately, we made the difficult decision to adopt them out to a loving family who would take both dogs, as they grew up together and we couldn't think of separating them.

I contacted Amanda at Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue once we agreed this  
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## Furry Caregivers and Foster Care Angels

*Thank you to Judy Johnson for submitting this.*

On September 3, 2014, I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a bone marrow plasma cancer. During my 6 months of chemotherapy I had Sammy age 9 and Holly Berry age 10 by my side. Day in and out my furry Golden caregivers were by my side on the sofa with me or joining me in bed for the night. The comfort and unconditional love I received from them lifted my spirits daily and gave me a reason to get up in the morning. Love, loyalty, and

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# NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

**A**t the end of last year, we sent out our Rescue Fund letter. The purpose was to raise funds so that we can expand and continue to rescue and relocate Golden Retrievers from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. Our donor support last year was wonderful with record high donations of more than \$78,000! Below are the names of those who contributed using the green donation card in that year-end mailer. Many thanks to all of you – and to those of you who contribute throughout the year.

## Best Friend: \$1000 and up

Alan Carter  
Bruce Christ  
Joanne Christ  
Sudhir Ganti  
Julia Gould  
Mary Ann Graziano  
Mike and Bev Groeniger  
Stephen Hansel  
Karen and Rick Hargrove  
Gregory Koll  
James and Leena Krasno  
Catherine Kruttschnitt  
Kim Lorz and Sarah Shreve  
Pat Lynch  
Jayne McCann  
Bruce Stiely  
Don Tornberg  
Norm Wallace  
Jeff Westmont  
Kristine Williams

## Pure Gold: \$500 to \$999

Carole Beeton  
Cheryl Berner  
David and Elia Borbas  
Art and Miyuki Bray  
Nick Bricaud D.M.V.  
Jacki and Cindi Crowder  
Douglas Del Paggio  
Robert Diestel  
John and Deborah Edack  
Valerie and Paul Erickson  
Kim and Jay Fulcher  
Robert Fulton  
Helen Gladden  
Ken Haugen and Dawn Nageawagast  
John Knechel and Joyce Felch  
Nancy and Ed Mendell  
Wayne and Janelle Monahan  
Hollis O'Brien  
Greg and Candace Osborn  
Rick Partridge and Jack Black  
Harriet Ross  
Lydia and Michael Sathy  
Carl Shannon  
Clarence Stringer  
Donna Venziano  
Bill and Nancy Wilson

## Wet Kisses: \$250 to \$499

Anthony Adair  
Pamela Adams  
Mary Lou Atkins  
Carol Beck  
Deborah Bevilacqua  
Jackie Boccabella  
JoAnn Bonner  
Lois Breton  
Pam Catlett  
William and Diane Dorsett  
Ann Fairbanks  
William Flaherty  
John W. Fox D.V.M.  
Dianna Hermann  
Robert Higbey  
Joanne Jacobs  
Dan Kaplan  
Albert Knorp  
Russ and Alice Koesterich  
Cliff Lange  
Steve and Molly Lopez  
Janet Lynch  
Stuart MacKenzie  
Mary and Gerard Marquez  
Glenn McGhee  
Susan Messinger  
Paul Miyashiro and Teresa Chinn  
Dan Morehouse  
Heather Murphy  
Laura Nielson  
Stephen Richmond  
and Theresa Chapman  
Michael Russell  
Tom and Adrienne Silvester  
Frits and Letty Vanderlinden  
Michael Vanlonkhysen  
Janet Wood  
George Young  
Susan Zunino

## Wagging Tails: \$100 to \$249

Donna Albini  
Herman and Sharon Alcalde  
Susan Alfaro  
Jason and Julia Allen  
Fred and Maureen Allen  
Valerie Anderson  
Sue Anderson  
Nancy and Keith Anding  
Emanuel and Lucy Aron  
Lynn Backlund  
Anne Bacon  
Ruth Bailly  
Dave and Kathleen Ball  
Roberta Ballard  
Jim and Tina Bareuther  
Keith and Fiona Barner  
Joan and Bob Bea  
Fran and Rex Beach  
Robert and Marion Beattie  
Beauchamp Kenneth  
Neil and Connie Bell  
Dan and Chris Bell  
Robert Bigelow  
Cheryl Birnie  
C. Blamires  
Jennifer Hughes Boch  
Craig Branting and Ida Koh

Christine Brink  
Stephen Broccoli and Laura Nakashima  
Gary Brown D.V.M.  
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Francine Burnham  
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Doug Chalmers  
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Diane Cincotta  
Jeannie Clancy  
Ian Colson  
Don and Catherine Coluzzi  
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Dawn McNeil Cornelisu  
Gordon Craig  
Veronica Damon  
Ron Davidian  
Marilyn Day  
Brian and Lisa Doty  
John and Sue Downey  
Martha Downey  
Newton Drury  
Richard Duncel  
and Paula Tokugawa  
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Nancy Fedders  
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Bryan Foertsch  
Raymond and Joan Folla  
Kathleen Ford  
Suzanne Fortner  
Carole and Barry Frank  
Jim and Janice Freeberg  
Richard and Pat Garland  
Lyn Gentry  
Tracy Gibbons  
Joanne Glidden  
Bonnie Goodman  
Bill and Julie Grant  
Ellie Green  
John Gretz  
Melinda Griffith  
Firmin and Jan Gryp  
Tom and Marilyn Guerin  
Paula Gutierrez  
Terry Haber  
Tim and Stephanie Haley  
James and Nicole Healy  
Friederike Heidger  
Karen Hellender  
Denise and Stewart  
Herskowitz  
Mark and Dale Hillard  
Cheri Hitchcock  
Debra Hitchcock  
Aron Hoffman  
Virginia Holmes  
Carla Holmes and Pete Chow  
Nancy Honig  
Roger Alan Humpherys  
Evelyn Hunt

Deborah Jacobi  
Mary Jessen  
Donald Jones  
and Gladys Adachi  
Joann Jordan  
Rolf Kaiser  
Kathleen Keller  
Jenny Kenton  
Joyce and Ron Kinton  
Connie Koehler  
Louise Korn  
Elisabeth and Nelson Lampert  
Judi Lane  
Kathy Langbein  
Anne Latta  
Pam Laughlin  
Donna Leonard  
Linda Loper  
Deborah Lubeck  
Bette Lucey  
Michael and Patricia Lum  
Doug Lynn  
and Pauline Rheume  
Murdock and Wendy  
MacDonald  
Michael Madden  
Steven Mahl  
Richard and Eileen  
Maldonado  
Charles and  
Barbara Marcenaro  
Rich and Brenda Mashburn  
Richard and Valerie Matthews  
David and Judy McCarroll  
Denise and Leslie McCoy  
Christine McInerney  
Kathy McIntyre  
Kristina McKean  
Lois and Glenn Mills  
Patty Mitchell  
Holly Morales  
James and Louise Morris  
Al Mueller  
Charity Mulford  
Bill and Linda Mullen  
Arthur Nathan  
Suzanne Krakover Nickel  
Roy and Susan Otis  
Mary Palmer  
Pilar Parducci  
and Tony Richmond  
George Paris  
Neil Parrish  
Caren Patrick  
Judith Peake  
Valerie Peck  
Conrad Perez  
Dick and Jan Petersen  
Robert Poindexter  
L.T. Portwood and Jim Lauber  
Brenda and John Radcliff  
Cheryl Ramos  
Lynn and Paul Randelman  
Michael Robinson  
Laura Rogers  
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Michael Roman  
Michael and Rhonda Ross  
Janet Rudolph



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 Sharon Sala and  
 Bruce Diggins  
 Terry Sechirt  
 Kathleen Shaw  
 Audrey Sheeley  
 Al Sheridan  
 Lorraine Simoneau  
 Bonnie Speckels  
 Cathy Spratling  
 Philip Staley  
 Mary Stark  
 Peg Stevenson  
 Shirley Stewart  
 Nancy and Neil Stipanich  
 Lermitt Sveen  
 Cynthia Swainbank  
 Shirley Sword  
 David Taft  
 Scott Taylor  
 Connie Thompson  
 Arlin and Esther  
 Timberlake  
 Janet Trigg  
 Nancy and  
 Jerry Tsukamoto  
 John and  
 Ulla Van Gerrevink  
 Harvey Veon  
 John and Kathryn Vercelli  
 Leslie and Chris Wallace  
 Bette and J.K. Walters  
 Faith Walton  
 Caroline and Fong Wang  
 Irene and Dan Weakly  
 Linda and  
 John Weatherholt  
 Carol Weinbrock  
 Linda Whitley  
 Marcia and Jeremy Wire  
 John and Barbara Witt  
 Tom and Pat Wong  
 Rose Wright  
 Sam and Terry Wright  
 Adrienne Yarnold  
 Kevin and Barbara Zaney

### Cold Noses: Up to \$99

Gary and Susan Allison  
 Gordon and Vicky Aloiau  
 Judy Amado  
 Peggy Andrews  
 Richard Anstruther  
 Chris Aslin  
 Mary Ayala  
 Mike Bachman  
 Rick Baggelaar  
 Kenneth Bailey  
 Sheila Bammann  
 Mary Baron  
 James Bartlett  
 Kenneth Beauchamp  
 Michelle and Ray  
 Beauchamp  
 James Bellotti  
 Norma Bennett  
 Mike Bachman  
 Rick Baggelaar  
 Kenneth Bahmann  
 Sheila Bammann  
 Norma Bennett

Mark and Laurie Berman  
 Deborah Best  
 Bradley Bettencourt  
 Stephanie Bigelow  
 Lisa Boden  
 Marilee Brand  
 Matthew Bronson  
 Karen Burlingame  
 Pauline Bury  
 Kathy Butala  
 Noelene Byars  
 Denise Cahalan  
 Ann Caird  
 Donna Campagna  
 Stephanie Canessa  
 Clarke Carey  
 Catherine Cavey  
 Gordon and Kathy Civetz  
 Jan Cole  
 Dorothy Connelly  
 Sara Connolly  
 Doug and Sue Cooper  
 Heather Cornelison  
 Teri Cosby  
 Anne and Dave Croshere  
 David Cumpton  
 Katherine Currin  
 Michelle Czaja  
 Kimberly and William Daly  
 Richard Damon  
 Philip Darney  
 Gene DeMauro  
 Charlotte DeVito  
 Marcia and Jeremy  
 Dezwarte  
 Susan Diego  
 Donelle Doan  
 Midge Dobbins  
 Robert and Jean Downey  
 John and Margie Dullea  
 Barbara Dutcher  
 Bob Edwards  
 Anne Eggleston  
 Leonard Fadeeff  
 Charles and  
 Elizabeth Farnsworth  
 Carla Filgas  
 Brett Foley  
 Don and Donna Forst  
 Carole and Barry Frank  
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 Dan and Barbara Freeman  
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 Harold and Janet Frieman  
 Ingeborg Fuller  
 Cindy and John Garcia  
 Richard and Julia Geist  
 Susan Gilbert  
 Kathleen Gimber  
 Betty Ann Geist  
 Gilbert and  
 Barbara Gordon  
 Collier Granberry  
 Phyllis Greene  
 Mary Grimm  
 Angela Guenther  
 Sandy Hakala  
 Suzanne Hale  
 Mike and Gloria Halliday  
 Karen Hansen  
 Marcia Harper  
 Jean Harrell

## 2016 Upcoming Events

**2016 Danville Summerfest:** downtown Danville | Saturday, June 18, 2016 – Sunday, June 19, 2016 (10am – 5pm) | Visit their website:

[https://www.festivalproductions2.com/event/93/2016\\_Danville\\_Summerfest.html](https://www.festivalproductions2.com/event/93/2016_Danville_Summerfest.html)

**Doggie Dayz of Summer:** San Ramon Memorial Dog Park | July 9, 2016 (9am – 1pm) | Visit their website: <http://members.sanramon.org/events/details/doggie-dayz-of-summer-a-day-at-the-park-4044>

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden in the Park:** Laguna Lake Park | Saturday, July 9, 2016 (1pm – 3pm) | Visit their website: [www.slocountygoldenretrievers.com](http://www.slocountygoldenretrievers.com)

**2016 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival:** downtown Lafayette | Saturday, September 17, 2016 (10am – 7pm), Sunday, September 18, 2016 (10am – 6 pm) | Visit their website: [www.lafayettefestival.com](http://www.lafayettefestival.com)

Kate Harris  
 William Haskell  
 Patrick Hazen  
 Ron and Alexis Helm  
 Ken and Linda Henderson  
 Stephen and Sallie Hodges  
 Paul Holzberger  
 Linda Honeysett  
 Marlene and Gary Howerton  
 Dorothy Hudecek  
 Roger and Janet Huff  
 Margaret Hynds  
 Kathryn Ischinger  
 Tony and Barb Jackson  
 Rbo Jajoie  
 Steve Jones  
 Norman Jouppi  
 Bhavna Kapoor  
 Brian Kearns  
 Nancy Keith Kelly  
 Gloria Kennett  
 Dick and Doris Kessel  
 Gordy and Marsha Kjer  
 John and Linda Knowles  
 Susanne Lampert  
 Pamela Lawrence  
 Brent Leboa  
 Phyllis Leech  
 Edwin Leidholt  
 Ron and Lois Leonard  
 Linda Leong  
 Judith Lindberg  
 Robert Lint  
 Robert and Janet Looney  
 Lyn Lossow  
 Ruth Loucks  
 Kristin Lucker  
 Robert Ludkiw  
 Pete Luich  
 Beverly Magar  
 Janet Leong Malan  
 Jim and Pat Mann  
 Rosie Mann  
 Ron and Floy Marks  
 Carol Martin  
 Marc and Sheila Martin  
 Sharon Mathog  
 Cheri Matter  
 Claire McAuliffe  
 Roger Mc Berty  
 Ann McBride

Charles and Pat McCarthy  
 Gail McCollom  
 Christine McDaniel  
 Sloan McDonald  
 Janet Mc Donnell  
 Laurie and  
 Michael McGrath  
 Sandra Meiser  
 Joe and Sara Michelena  
 Karen Mier  
 Belinda and Peter Milford  
 Janet and Ryan Monger  
 Kathy Moodie  
 Andrew Moore  
 Brenda Morgan  
 Robert Muncey Jr.  
 Thomas and Julie Murphy  
 John Murray  
 Camille Nevins  
 Lynn Nickles  
 Susan Nix  
 David Orris  
 Ardith Osborn  
 Michelle and Peter Palko  
 Terrie Pane  
 John and Kathleen Parkin  
 Janet Peacock  
 Sally and Douglas Peck  
 Luanne Peters  
 John J. Pinelli  
 Carol Ann Quigley  
 Gail Raper  
 Vicki Ratner  
 Leal Reinhart  
 Robert Reuter  
 Bob and Barb Richards  
 Pris Ridgway  
 Diann Riggs  
 Merrilyn and Lani Ritchey  
 Mary Roberts  
 Eric Rodewald  
 Ann Rosenthal  
 Denise and Stewart  
 Runneals  
 Erik Ruppe  
 Gloria Russell  
 Jennifer Russell  
 Virginia Ruth  
 John Rutkowski  
 Kenneth and Valerie Ruud  
 Art and Cheryl Sakata

Rex Samson  
 Ray and Katherine Schilling  
 Kristi Schneider  
 Fritz Schnel and D. Nilsen  
 Robert Schumacher  
 Steve and  
 Catherine Seagrave  
 Vance and Sonia Shandonay  
 Calvin Shapses  
 Scott Sherwood  
 Laurel Schroud  
 Andrew and Kristi Sickler  
 Judy Simberg  
 Sue Siragusa  
 Alice and Jeff Smith  
 Patricia Smith  
 Janet Souza  
 Steve and Shelaugh Spafford  
 Beverly Stout  
 Bernadine Strader  
 Frances Sun  
 Dave and Nikki Svoboda  
 Bettie Swan  
 Nelson Tandoc  
 Jeanne Thatcher  
 Dianne Thomas  
 Julie Tomasin  
 Jan and Joe Trippi  
 Gary and  
 Marchita Troedson  
 Cheryl and Henry  
 Trowbridge  
 Patricia Turnquist  
 Edwin and  
 Darcy Van Siclen  
 Donald and Charlene Vorous  
 Randy Wagner  
 Harry and Betty Waldman  
 Kim and Jay Warner  
 Carton and  
 Choa-Yee Watson  
 George Weber  
 Carol Wells  
 Eric Welty  
 Pamela White  
 Shawn White  
 Lynn Williams  
 Beck Williamson  
 Mae Lyn Woo  
 Gary Yant  
 Steven Zavell

# Charlie, Shana & Moose

*Thank you to Janis and Raymond Musante for submitting this.*

*Charlie and Shana were adopted through NorCal Golden Rescue specifically through the efforts of our wonderful friend, Carol Porter. Moose was adopted through SoCal Golden Rescue. In two years, we lost all three to cancer, and I am submitting the following tribute in their memory.*

To My Golden Angels: Thank you for the years of love and devotion you gave to Ray and me. No words can ever convey



how much you meant to us. Charlie, there has not been a day that has gone by since we lost you in December 2013 from cancer that I do not mourn you. Who would have imagined that your beloved pet-mate, Shana, would have left us some five months later, in May 2014, again from cancer. Moose, you were our surviving Golden boy, and such a gentle, kind old soul were you. You came into our lives having been bounced around from home to home and being given up for having accidents when no one took the time to train you. You were a big boy weighing in at 96 pounds when you came to us. You were so tall, we thought you were the star of the basketball team.

For a while, you tried to make yourself as small as possible until you realized that we loved you just the way you were. You were so very patient when we adopted Buddy from the San Bernardino Animal Shelter and Toots from Lab Rescue. You loved going to the dog park, and turned heads with your beautiful prancing, so handsome were you. I'll never know why you developed bone cancer. We watched your diet and what you were fed and you saw the vet on a regular basis. Why cancer has to attack Golden Retrievers is beyond me. It is under study, but a lot of good that will do



you or Charlie or Shana.

I tried to keep you out of pain and we elected to not amputate your leg. It would have been so hard for you to have adjusted. The vets all said you would let us know when it was time. To be honest, it never could be the right time, but I did not want you to suffer. So, with heavy heart, if not broken, we brought you in on December 30<sup>th</sup> and said our goodbyes. You left us in peace with the same gentleness and calm you lived your life. We held you until the end, and I do hope you knew how very much we loved you. As Agnes Sligh Turnbull said..."dogs lives are too short. Their only fault really..."

Missing you so, Janis and Raymond Musante. 🐾

## Man's Best Friends Make Our World Go Round

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would be best. Amanda was so sweet, caring and understanding of our dilemma. She mentioned it could take a while to find a family that would commit to two big guys that needed some medical help, special diets and outdoor play. However, within two weeks we got a call from Amanda. She said, "I have a couple that wants your dogs."

The call came so unexpected and fast, we didn't have time to cry, argue or back out of our decision – it was made. We knew we needed to leave Bo and Jack in Cali with a good home. We continued to list our home and many other life changes occurred in that two month period. We ended up taking our home off the market, my husband landed a new job and our son continued his senior year of high school. Ugh, but our home and hearts were not the same without our hairy Golden's that jumped on our beds, ate guests' sunglasses and grabbed any food that was dropped – and any that wasn't.

My husband called Amanda and asked whether we could see recent photos of the dogs to see how they're doing. After clearing with all parties, Tim found Kevin and Laurie on Facebook. They

friended each other and a whole new friendship began. It gave Tim such joy to meet Bo and Jack's new parents. We have met some of the nicest people who have big hearts for animals in need. Now Tim and I have new friends to visit and we get the joy of dog sitting for them when they go on long trips.

We also get to watch and love their other adopted dog Maggie. She is a joy, too and I have a little favoritism toward her, because being Bo and Jack's sister is no easy feat. Maggie has only one eye but she can see all Bo Bo's moves around the counter, trying to get food. When they stay with us, Maggie shares our Master bed while BoBo and Jack have learned to stay on the floor ... kind of funny. Now all three dogs get the best of of us. 🐾





## President's Message

**IT IS ALWAYS AMAZING** to me how fast time flies by. We are staring down at March 2016 as I write this message and it seems only a few days ago we were struggling with updating our by-laws. Well, now those by-laws are done and they will be sent out for a vote by our membership along with the new slate of board nominees. We have much work ahead of us for this 2016 year as we update our

policies, procedures and website.

We already have plans to have a booth at the National Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) Specialty Event in Placerville, CA; October 2 – 9. We hope that many of you will come out and just say hello, and enjoy the events of the week. Looking forward to an invigorating 2016!

*Gayle Jackson, Board President*

## Betty Boop

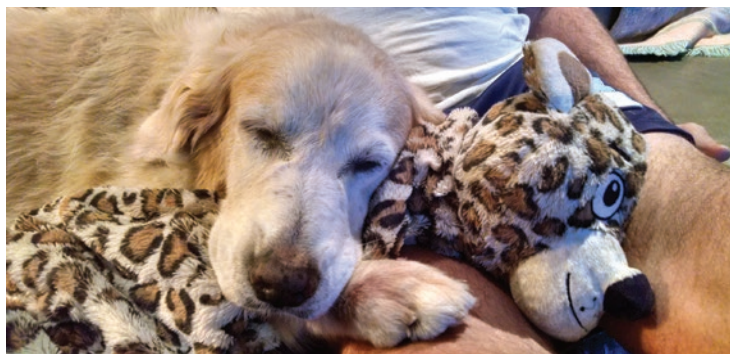
*Thank you to Cindy McCown for submitting this.*

On May 3, 2015 our world changed. Our beloved Golden Retriever Buddy died. It left a hole in our hearts and his “dog sister” Bridgett (Burmese Mountain dog) was lost.

By the end of summer, we were open to looking for a new dog. We were not sure if a puppy would be a good fit for our other dog, since she was a senior. We went on the NorCal web site and saw the picture of Betty Boop looking out at the Golden Gate Bridge. She piqued our interest; she was from Taiwan, about 10-years-old, and blind in one eye with very limited sight in the other eye.

We met Betty at the “Golden Field of Dreams” event. What a WONDERFUL day! We had some reservations if we could provide her a safe home, given her sight limitations. But we soon decided to move forward with the adoption process.

Betty’s “foster mom” Peg Aten was exceptionally helpful in giving us ideas on how to make our yard and home safe for Betty. After “passing” our home visit by Gayle, we were on our way to adopting Betty.



In September, Betty entered our home and won her way into our hearts and neighborhood. A local girl even made her some special dog treats as a welcoming gift. She has gained command of new words in English such as “stop,” “easy” and “sit.” Our other dog Bridgett has found a renewed zest for life. The girls love to sit at our feet, go for walks, roll in the lawn, help us garden, eat and nap. Bee Bee (her nick name) loves our other dog’s (Buddy’s) toys and balls!

Thank you for giving us such a wonderful new family member!!! 🐾

## Furry Caregivers and Foster Care Angels

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kindness plus an ever happy smile always got me through the day. Nothing can compare to a paw on your lap letting you know that you are needed and loved.

Sammy and Holly Berry are my number 3 and 4 Norcal Goldens. I love adopting senior Goldens and making their final years the happiest years ever. Also, I’m a senior myself, so we have lots in common!

And now for the second part of my story. . . After six months of chemotherapy, I found out that I qualified for a stem cell transplant at UCSF. The cancer attacked my kidneys and for a while it was a touch-and-go as to whether I would be able to have the transplant. Because the chemotherapy worked, my kidneys came back into normal range and I was put on the transplant list using my own stem cells. I entered UCSF on April 11, 2015, and was back home in Tahoe on May 31, 2015. But now who would care for Sammy and Holly Berry for

seven weeks while I was in transplant? I was beside myself with fear and anxiety as to who would care for my furry kids! And my heart ached to think that they would be confused and in the end not remember me. These are all scary feelings, but we all know our dogs never forget us.

After exhausting many avenues for help, I contacted Kris Williams, the Lake Tahoe Area Norcal Coordinator, and asked her if just possibly Holly Berry’s foster family might be able to help. She felt that they would try to help and that I should give them a call. There is no way to express my feelings when Shannon Aiken responded in a very joyful voice that she and her family would LOVE to care for Sammy and Holly Berry for however long I needed. I just remember saying, “Thank you Lord” and there were lots of tears of thankfulness coming from me!! You know how we all love our Goldens and would do anything for

them! So without question the Aiken family stepped in as the doggies’ Caregiver Angels. For seven weeks Shannon, Tom, and Alex Aiken along with Nico, Amelia, and Jensen took great care of Sammy and Holly Berry. I think my two thought they had gone to Golden Camp, and they did!! One can only imagine how they loved being two out of five Goldens in the Aiken family!!

How could I ever thank the Aiken family for what they did for me and my “kids”? They are truly Angels!! By telling you my story, you will know how wonderful Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is as an organization and how their Foster families are so amazing.

I am now in remission, and hopefully the transplant will give me 10 more years of caring for and enjoying many more Norcal Goldens.

My life is so full when I have a house full of Goldens!!! 🐾

# IN TRIBUTE

**A NOTE** to our wonderful donors...our apologies to those who had donated earlier, but are only now being acknowledged. We appreciate your love and dedication to our wonderful Golden Retrievers and your desire to help!

In Honor of "Mia"

"To our sweet, wild girl!" We are so glad you're a part of our family and that you will grow up with our sweet boy. Here's hoping this gift will help other dogs find happy, healthy lives with their forever families, too!  
Donation by Jennifer Ballerini

"Happy Birthday to my favorite dog lover, Pam (Catlett)!"

Donation by Lynn Thompson

In Thanks to Claire and Don Mittelstaedt for their continual support to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue!

In Thanks to Karyn Kessler

In Honor of Susan Marchant, Stephanie Sanders-Badt and "Ellie"  
Donation by Lindsay Beaven and Grenn Nemhauser

"Holiday Greetings" to Bob and Kim Young  
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

"Wishes for a great holiday" to the Sharon Brechtel Family  
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Tribute of "Michi" and MaryAnn Graziano  
Donation by Theresa McTague

In Honor of Kathy Britt  
Donation by Wendy Mani

In Thanks for my "Niko"  
Donation by Joan Kanady

## 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.

*"In Honor of all the volunteers with Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue; without them, there would be no rescue despite people like me donating. The volunteers who make up this great organization are the true heroes; we just write the checks..... :)"*

Donation by JoAnn Golden

*"Happy Birthday to Steve Johnson! May wonderful Golden Retrievers benefit from your being one year older."*

Donation by Laura Iwanaga

In Thanks to Maggie Wickstrom  
*"Maggie watched our dog, Nikki, and in Maggie's honor we make this donation. Thank you, Maggie!"*

Donation by Robin & Michael Despotes & "Nikki"

In Honor of Joanne McGrail  
*"Merry Christmas to you, Willow, and Spirit!"*  
Donation by Sharon Hall

*"Merry Christmas to Tara & Tad"*  
With love from the NC Wilson's

In Honor of "Shadow"  
Adopted in October of 2011  
Loved by Rachel and Loren Kertz

*"Merry Christmas, Lynn!"*  
Lovingly donated by Bob Backlund

Merry Christmas wishes to "Tucker," Brian & Pennie Kelley  
Donated with love by Lois & Tom Herbert

In Honor of Kelly Takemoto & Gordon Durand  
*"Happy Holiday and best wishes in the New Year"*  
Donation by Karra Canum

In Honor of May Misnor  
In Gratitude for our dear Golden, "Francie"  
Donation by Candace & Greg Osborn

In Honor of "Beau"  
Loved by Phyllis Leech

In Thanks to Nicholas Bricaud, DVM

*"Merry Christmas to you, Dan (Fink)!"*  
Donation by Susan Harris

To Honor "Sunny," "Midas," "Sophia," "Roxie," "Chase," and "Petie"  
Loved by Sharon Breimhorst  
Donation by Ruth Dunne

In Honor of Misato Weber  
Donation by Christopher Weber

In Honor of "Jenny Linn"  
*"Jenny is the 6th Senior Golden that Judy & Howard Guild have adopted through NGRRescue! They just keep getting sweeter!"*  
Donation by Linda Knowles

In Thanks to NGRRescue  
*"Thanks so much for letting us bring 'Oliver,' 'The Best Dog Ever', into our family. We adopted him in 12/2014 and he had been such a wonderful addition to our family. He is so loved and receives so many hugs and kisses from the 3 kids, their friends, myself and my husband. He is the sweetest dog, just adored. Keep up the great work! We will only adopt senior dogs - Ollie is almost 12, but healthy and doing well."*  
Loved forever by the Sathy Family

In Honor of Karyn S. Kemp  
Donation by Andrew Moore

In Honor of "Mollie"  
Loved by Sharon & Herman Alcalde

In Honor of "Lady" (Banana)  
*"I love Lady (Banana) who I adopted from Rescued Love from Taiwan."*  
Loved by Mary Jessen

In Honor of "Rocco" and "Leo"  
*"This donation is made in the names of our two rescues, 'Leo' and 'Rocco.' Thank you."*  
Loved by Lorraine Simoneau & David Jean

*"Merry Christmas to Janet Peacock"*  
Donation by Laura Best

In Honor of Judy Guild  
In Honor of Howard Guild

*"Merry Christmas to my wife. We adopted 'Cooper' through NGRRescue."*  
Donation by Christian Janzen

In Honor of the Baxter Family  
*"This donation was made in honor to the Baxter Family, for everything they have done for me. They love golden retrievers and have rescued/adopted. As they helped me, I wanted to pass it on and help an organization that helps the dogs they love."*  
Donation by Corina Cahue

In Honor of "Buddy," "Sunny," and "Bella"  
*"With our thanks"*  
Loved by Bev and Mike Groeniger

In Honor of "Henry"  
*"Henry is a wonderful dog...in that Golden sort of way."*  
Loved by Ken Haugen and Dawn Nagengast

In Honor of "Stella"  
Loved by Douglas Del Paggio

In Honor of "Tierra"  
In Memory of "Libby"  
*"We are blessed with sweet Tierra from Guatemala. What a blessing that she was given to us!"*  
Donated with love by James and Leena Krasno

In Honor of "Essie," "Spyder," and "Shelby"  
*"Mom was busy taking care of all of us this year. Essie broke dad's ankle at a trial so mom took care of him and I took care of Essie and Spyder. Mom still makes me go to obedience class even though I know it already. I hope mom's check brightens my brothers' and sisters' Christmas."*  
 Wags and kisses to all from Shelby Marquez  
 Loved by Mary & Gerard Marquez

In Honor of "Chylee" and "Bailey"  
 Loved by Jenny & Jonathan Kenton

In Honor of Gayle Jackson  
 Donation by Veronica Barreras-Damon

In Honor of "Barney"  
 Loved by Christine McInerney

In Honor of "Ollie"  
 Treasured by Carolyn and Fong Wang

In Honor of Jean Kucic  
 In Honor of "Beau"  
*"Thank you for your year of caring for so many animals!"*  
 Donation by Patty Mitchell

In Honor of "Goldie"  
*"Goldie was from Cabo and the first international rescue adoption."*  
 Loved by Louise & James Morris

In Honor and In Thanks for "Rainier"  
*"Celebrating one year in my 'fur-ever' home. Thanks for finding me the best dog ever!"*  
 Cherished and loved by Laura Rogers

In Memory of "Honey" and "Daisy"  
 In Honor of "Timmy"  
 Loved by Sloan McDonald

In Memory of "Truffles"  
 Remembered with love by Bhavna Kapoor  
*"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"* to Ann Holmes  
 Donation by Matt Benardis

In Honor of my aunt, Sharon McConnell  
*"A friend of Golden Retrievers everywhere"*  
 Donation by Kimberly Daly

In Memory/Honor of "Gabriel" and "Connor"  
 Loved by Molly & Stephen McArthur  
 Donation by Douglas Bergman

In Honor of Kathleen & Dave Ball  
 Donation by Christine & Don Carlin

In Honor of "Truckee"  
 Loved by Lynn & Randy Nickles

In Honor of "Cutter"  
 Loved by Barbara & Robert Richards

In Honor of "Dixie"  
*"Dixie is doing great!"*  
 Adored and loved by John Rutkowski

In Honor of "Maya"  
 Cherished and loved by Vicki Coe & Scott Mitchell

*"Merry Christmas to Seamus Wilson!"*  
 Donation by DeeDee Perry

*"Merry Christmas to Marcia & Jeremy Wire!"*  
 Donation by Mary Roberts

In Honor of "Mia"  
 Cherished by Anne Croshere

In Honor of "Bebe"  
 Loved by Beverly Mager

In Honor of "Jax"  
*"He is a blast!!! We are very happy we adopted him."*  
 Loved by Sharmini Muralitharan

In Thanks to Valerie Peck  
 Donation by Sally Hoye

In Honor of "Mica"  
*"After our Golden died earlier this year we were able to get Mica from you this past August. He has been the best addition to our family. We love him dearly and take him everywhere. Thank you for all the great work you do. And thank you for helping us fill a void in our lives."*  
 Lovingly donated by Hollie & Daniel McGee

In Honor of "Abbie"  
 Loved by Helen & Tim Gladden

In Honor of "Luke," "Sabra," and Jan Dreyer  
*"Thank you so much for all you do for the beautiful Golden Retrievers in this world! We are so blessed to have enjoyed the fruits of your efforts – Luke and Sabra. They are healthy and happy, keeping our home warm with canine love. We are particularly thankful for Jan Dreyer's continued efforts here in SLO county."*  
 Lovingly donated by Loris & Glenn Mills

In Honor of "Brodie"  
*"Thanks to everyone for all that you do for our fur kids. Our big, beautiful, funny, cuddly Brodie is living the good life, thanks to you."*  
 Cherished by Beverly & Don Eddy

Merry Christmas wishes sent to Jean Connors  
 Donation by Terry Schrist

In Thanks to Lynn Jennings and Jill Morgan  
 Donation by Bette & Christ Lucey

In Honor of "Boomer"  
 Cared for and loved by Paul Gutierrez

In Honor of "Cassie"  
 Adored by Angela Guenther

In Honor of our Rescue, "Cooper"  
 Loved by Kristen Angel & Mariam Mirgoli

In Thanks to Georgine Nordin  
*"Thank you for your assistance."*  
 Donation by Linda & Bill Desler

In Thanks to Pat Lynch for her devotion to "Charlie"

In Honor of "Tucker" aka "Oliver"  
 Donation by Valerie Erickson

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In Honor of "Molly McMo"  
 Loved by Mildred Dandridge

In Thanks to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue

In Honor of "Gummy"  
*"In 2010, we had to put our Golden Retriever, Gummy Ng, up for adoption. Thanks to NGRRescue and a loving family, he found a forever loving home. We want to thank that family for taking care of him all these years! Gummy, we miss you and we still think of you every time we see a Golden!"*  
 Donated with love by Win & Michael Chang

In Honor of Anne Ripke  
*"Thank you for being there when Abbie needed you."*  
 Donation by Sidne & Ron Gray

In Honor of Mindylee  
*"Love her to pieces!"*  
 Loved by Gwennie Preston

In Tribute to Beverly Lawrence and her poodle, "Pepper"  
*"In memory of Beverly and the great love we shared for our furry children."*  
 Donation by Kimberly Ogle-Anderson & Family

In Memory of "Spencer"  
*"Spencer, a rescue dog, was a very loyal and loving member of the Norvelle family, and he in turn was greatly loved. He passed at the age of 13 1/2 years old and joined his friend, Cody. They are both terribly missed."*  
 Adored and loved by Linda & Doug Norvelle  
 Donation by Valerie Marchand

In Memory of Thomas J. Berry  
*"In Memory of a wonderful man!"*  
 Condolences to Pamela Pearson and Family  
 Donation by Pamela Hanna

In Memory of our Beloved "Amber"  
*"We will never forget you!"*  
 Loved by Donald and Dorothy Hensinger



# IN MEMORIAM

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In Memory of "Cooper" Donnelly  
*"Cooper, Coopie, The Pooper, your mohawk, squeaks of joy when Mom and Dad returned home, sleeping on our head, your sweet tooth, your taste for the finer things in life (lobster, champagne, random socks) will forever be in our hearts. We love you so unconditionally and will continue to carry on your adorable Golden legacy. We love you, Coop."*  
Missed and loved by the Donnelly's

In Memory of "Copper"  
*"Sweet Copper was adopted by Linda and Gary. He really loved his new family and all the attention! He liked going for walks and car rides, playing with his toys, attending family dinners and taking the pillow off the front room couch. Copper was so brave during his illness that it was sometimes hard to tell he was feeling badly. He left us much too soon and will be sorely missed by his entire family."*  
Loved and cherished by Linda Gibbons & Gary Brown  
Donation by Denise Monroe

In Memory of Rick Shull  
Kelsey and Tucker's Dad  
*"In memory of a loving father that will be remembered for his compassion, sense of humor, and vibrant smile."*  
Condolences to Kelsey Koucos  
Donation by Carin Martens

In Memory of Allan Porter  
*"The Porter's are such wonderful people and we were saddened to hear about Allan's passing. He is now with the angels. Our thoughts are with Carol."*  
Donation by the Musante's

In Memory of "Bella"  
*"Two years since her passing and always loved and remembered."*  
Cherished and loved by Sydney Broussard

In Memory of "Amica"  
*"Amica brought joy to many throughout her life...and as her name indicates, she was a friend to all."*  
Loved by Dorana Prohaska  
Donation by Jean Connors

In Memory of "Megan"  
*"Megan will be truly missed. Her playmates will always remember her."*  
Loved by Nancy & Steve Johnson  
Donation by Judy and Dan Magaw

In Memory of "Merlin"  
*"Merlin passed this May. He was the most loving companion dog in this world. He was a great teacher to our Golden pup, 'Daisy.' She is now passing this education on to our new Golden, 'Sky.' Merlin was very much loved and is still missed."*  
Cherished and missed by Jo Ann Bonner

In Memory of "Hunter"  
*"He was a great dog!"*  
Fostered and missed by Davette Berry

In Memory of "Sophie Blue"  
*"In memory of our beautiful Golden Girl, Sophie Blue. We will hold in our hearts forever the nine years of love and devotion you gave us. We miss you every day."*  
With love – Mama, Dada, Nana, Papa and Andy Blue

In Memory of "Mr. Lukey"  
*"Mr. Lukey was our beloved canine companion. He passed away in March 2014. We adopted him on September 2nd, 2004 through Norcal Golden and had ten delightful years of the pleasure of his company. We miss him so much, but are thankful of the many happy hours we had as his caretakers. It has always been an annual tradition since 2004 to donate to Norcal and I hope that is something we will continue into the future."*  
Loved and missed by Iain Johnston and family

In Memory of "Riley"  
*"About 4 years ago we adopted a wonderful senior Golden called 'Riley.' He brought much joy to our lives. He was a very well trained dog when we adopted him at 11 and a half. He was silly and always, always a joy to be with. He was with us for 2.5 years. I just wanted to give something back to an organization that gave us such a lovely companion. Thank you."*  
Cherished by Martha and Eliot Hudson

In Memory of "Sunny" and "Bubba"  
Loved by Bernadine Stader

In Memory of our Beloved Furry Babies  
*"Gold Digger," "Boomer," and "Sandi"*  
Always loved by Susan & Don Ludwig

In Memory of Oz Olsen  
Donation by Jean Fine

In Memory of "Beamer"  
*"Beamer was very special in many ways: charming, sweet, cute, smart, endearing and well behaved as I rarely used a leash as he was always responsive to me. I rescued him a little over 8 years ago at 14 months of age and he was a raw talent with no basic discipline skills. We had an extraordinary bond and could communicate in so many verbal and non-verbal ways. In many ways we became alter egos of each other as we were together almost 24/7. He was a renaissance boy in many ways, riding the waves at Rodeo Beach, giving love to residents at a senior home, a nursing home and the VA Hospital, solving math problems, and doing an agility course. He was truly one in a million, a SuperDog by those who know dogs. He will be missed by all the people and hearts that he touched as he walked through life."*  
Loved, adored and cherished by Ronald Davidian

In Memory of "Amber" and "Daisy"  
*"Missing my girls every day"*  
Loved by Louise Korn

In Memory of my loving daughter, Jody Stiely  
*"Jody rescued 'Sunny' from your organization."*  
Lovingly donated by her dad, Bruce Stiely

In Memory of "Brody"  
*"Brody was such a sweet, good dog!"*  
Loved by Anne & Steve Portigal  
Donation by Mom, Cheryl, Bruce, Talia, & Ari

In Memory of "Molly"  
Loved and missed by William Dorsett

In Loving Memory of our Beloved Pups  
*"Rascal," "Kimo," "Cody," "Dusty," and "Lulu"*  
*"We think about you every day and keep the cherished memories close to our hearts. 'Abbie' misses her siblings."*  
With love, Paul Theresa & "Abbie"

*"Remembering our son, Todd, and his wonderful 'Dolly' and 'Teddy'"*  
Loved by Shirley Stewart

In Memory of our Beloved "Sky"  
Cherished and loved by Richard Dunckel & Paula Tokugawa

In Memory of "Casey" Fisher  
4/11/2000 – 2/3/2015  
Missed and loved by Joan & Phil Fisher

In Honor of Howard and Judy Guild  
Donation by Tina & Clint Onderbeke

In Memory of "Teddy"  
*"Our sweet Golden boy, Teddy. 2001-2015"*  
Missed and loved by Anne Caird & Jaime Arbona

In Memory of our Beloved Golden  
Coppertop Coquette UD, SH, WCX  
*"We would like to thank Terry and Steve Southard for allowing her to live with us. We enjoyed every day of the 16 years she lived with us and we miss her greatly."*  
Loved by Elisabeth & Nelson Lampert

In Memory of "Lady"  
*"We adopted a Golden some 16 years ago from you. She was 1 year old and her name was Honey. We re-named her 'Lady.' She was a wonderful family member for over 14 years. She was 15 when she died. I am so grateful for what you are doing. We miss Lady every day."*  
Adored by the Nancy & Conrad Perez Family

In Memory of Jim Ridgway  
Donation by Pris Ridgway Family

In Memory of Nancy Welch  
*"A woman with a ready laugh and dancing eyes."*  
Donation by Stephanie & David Getzler



## In Memory of "Bella"

*"Loved by Rory, Bella was a rescue and loved very much!"*

Cherished by Rory Clements

Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

## In Memory of "Max"

Loved by Nadine J. Mackey

## In Memory of "Fred" and "Ginger"

*"The darling dancing duo were adopted from Norcal at once and lived long, happy (14 1/2 year) lives among the vineyards in Healdsburg – chasing vulture, feral pigs and pool sweeps, rolling in the grass and being very loved. You are both much missed."*

Adored and loved by Sue Campbell and John McKinney

## In Honor of "Saylor Blu," "Wendy," "Whitney," "Rusty," "Cody," "Elliot," and "Petey"

*"A donation has been made to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue in each of these loved pets honor. Each patient was cared for by Pets Eternal Rest and a donation made to the rescue organization of the family's choice. I hope this donation will help honor them all, and help let their memory live on by helping a golden retriever in need."*

Donation by Cheryl Ramos, DVM

## In Memory of my Golden, "Dorado"

*"I lost Dorado three years ago. He was the first golden I adopted from Norcal and was a complete treasure to me and the rest of my family".*

Donation by Marta Moreno

## In Memory of "Gator" and "Sox"

*"Our forever loved rescue friends..."*

Adored by Joyce and Ron Kinton

## In Memory of Colette Agresti

Donation by Mary Miner

## In Memory of "Jaxson"

*"Jaxson was the best dog in the world!"*

Loved by Nicole Meyer

## In Memory of "Booty"

Missed and loved by Peg Harmon & Pat Crossen

Donation by Marilyn Day

## In Memory of Vera Finstad

Donation by Jeff Finstad

## In Memory of Cristobal Dominguez

*"Cristobal was the father to Cristina Dominguez. His companion for many years was 'Rusty,' the family's Golden Retriever. Mr. Dominguez and Rusty are missed each and every day."*

Donation by Madeliene A. Scheiman

## In Memory of "Rusty" and "Rufus"

*"Our two sweet Goldens, Rusty and Rufus brought us so much joy and love. We miss them very much."*

Loved by Ellen & David Lustbader

## In Memory of "Scarlett"

Loved by Carol Ann Quigley

## In Memory of Hanna Sveen

*"NGRRRescue Volunteer"*

Donation by Kermit Sveen

## In Memory of "Moki"

*"Moki was the most loving, gentle and sweet of all our Goldens. His therapeutic touch was felt by all who were lucky enough to know him. He loved all and was loved by all."*

Missed and loved by Keith & Fiona Barner

## In Memory of my dear sister-in-law, Marion Brink

*"Marion was a life ling animal lover and passed away in October. She was in her 90's. We have a rescue named Riley. He is 9 now and blind. He has been such a blessing in our lives after the passing of my husband in 2006. My 2 boys and I feel he rescued us and so helped us deal with our grief. He is an amazing dog."*

Donation by Christine Brink

## In Memory of "Shannon Marie" and "Amica"

Loved by Harvey Veon

## In Memory of Jane Webb

*"For Cousin Jane's love for all rescue dogs. They were her family."*

Donation by Barbara Crespo

## In Memory of Colette Agresti

*"A Golden Crusader"*

Donation by Carol Porter

## In Memory of Nancy Denton Welch

*"The words are hard to find to tell of our loss. You were my loving wife for 55 years; and Todd and Wendy's mother for over 50 years. We miss you more than we can describe."*

Lovingly, Peter Welch

## In Memory of Colette Agresti

*"We have lost a dear, dear friend. Your are greatly missed and will be remembered as a very early supporter of Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue; a willing host for many of our events; and a great friend to the local Golden world. I have genuine sympathy for those you left behind...Jack, Kim, Karen, and Linda my thoughts and prayers are with you."*

Peter Welch

## In Memory of "Walter" and "Lucca"

Loved by Judith Munley

## In Memory of "Kenzie!"

Cherished and missed by Lindsey Held and Scott Bolton

## In Memory of Fred Yost

Donation by Elizabeth Yost

## In Memory of "Brett"

*"Shining eyed, smiling, sweet, gentle, velcro, beach runner! Will miss you."*

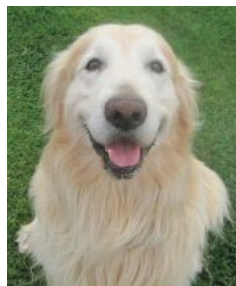
Loved by Cynthia Schreiner and John Rickards

Donation by Denise Sprague

# Bailey

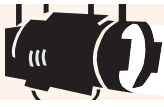
Thank you to Jan Dreyer for submitting this.

Bailey is my name but my foster mom calls me "Forest Gump." I was surrendered by my owner because of my health. However, I am now feeling much better, thanks to the right mix of swimming, exercise and doctor's visits to get the right medication. My back legs are still crooked and I have stenosis in my spine with a partial fusion, but does this stop me from having fun? No way! – too much fun to be had, now that I feel better. I love to swim, run, play ball, and be part of the mix. My tail wags all the time. I am happy. Life is a



bowl of tennis balls!

So that was my start with NGRR. No one really expected that an 8-year-old dog with my problems would ever be adopted. But would you believe it? Someone saw my picture and asked specifically for me. I am so lucky! My new Mom works from home so I can lie next to her all day long and get lots of pets. She is the most amazing woman. Shows up every week at church with donuts and hugs for the kids. I get lots of those hugs too. I am a very fortunate pooch. Thank you NORCAL for giving me a second chance. 🐾



## Spotlight on Fosters



**THANK YOU to ALL our Foster Families. WE LOVE YOU. If you are interested in being a Foster, please go to our website [ngrr.org](http://ngrr.org), click the Foster Application, complete and send. It will go directly to the Area Coordinator for your county.**

### Thank You Gary Hill

*Thank you to Amanda Schaffner for submitting this.*

Three years ago, after his long-time girlfriend died, Gary Hill became an NGRR foster in Nevada West County. Area Coordinator, Amanda, said, "He will drop everything to save a dog and has taken on our most difficult surrenders and done wonders. He's saved my button so many times. He deserves some recognition."

"A labor of love," is how Gary described his work with NGRR. A quiet and humble man, he said, "I'm in this for the love of the dogs."

Gary has also had three goldens in the past and fondly remembers them all.

When he first contacted NGRR and filled out the applications to foster, Amanda contacted him right away and shortly asked him to foster "Sammy," an 18-month-year-old male who had lived most of his days in a crate.

Sammy needed Gary and Gary needed Sammy. Gary said, "It was love at first sight." Sammy had been cheated out of living his young life as a puppy playing, exploring, chasing, digging, going for long walks, getting tons of ear rubs and all the rest a golden loves. Sammy was so ready to live, love, learn and start his new life. Eventually, Gary adopted Sammy.

Because Gary served proudly in the Army in Vietnam, perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise that he and Sammy took classes to be trained as a Certified Service Dog/

Companion. "Sammy is so eager to please and learn that he passed with flying colors."

Gary continues to foster and loves it when the adoptive family sends him pictures and emails about how much their furry companions have brightened their lives. Thank you Gary, paws up to you from all your doggie friends! 🐾



### Thank You Anita and Brian

*Thank you to Peg Aten for submitting this.*

After their 13-year-old dog, perfect boy, Butch died, Anita and Brian Donaldson from Alameda County looked into fostering and found NGRR. They soon adopted a senior dog, 9-10 year-old Lucky, from us. He enjoyed their love for a year before passing from cancer.

Over three years, they have affectionately fostered each new golden that came into their home and these

experiences made them increasingly in love with the breed.

Today they care for both fosters as well as their own dogs. Anita and Brian will take all types of goldens: young, middle age, senior and hospice. They currently have a hospice boy that will stay with them until the end. They also have a senior boy, 12-year-old Shadow who is available for adoption.

Anita is an exemplary NGRR volunteer, caring full-time for all the dogs. Brian

helps out after work and looks forward to his walks with the retrievers. They are a great team.

Rex was the first foster who came to them with many medical issues: horrible skin allergies and badly infected ears. But with daily medicated shampoos, medicines, and a commitment to get him well enough to be adopted, he is now healthy and happy.

Thank you Anita and Brian! We are so very grateful to you. 🐾



*Thank you to Karen Swanson for submitting this.*

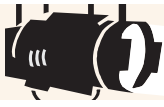
Maylee came from a troubled home and faced many challenges. One child with medical challenges kept the family very busy over the years; they were frequently away to Stanford, and Maylee was often left home alone. When the family was home, she dealt with stress overload and, no doubt, Maylee tried to 'rescue' the family. Maylee is a dear heart, full of love, but she became extremely

### Maylee

leery of strangers. Her fear was reinforced by a chihuahua that 'protected her.' After several weeks of confidence building in foster care, NGRR found a wonderful home among adoption applicants. Maylee continues to blossom in this peaceful, loving and low-stress home. She even has a daily Labrador playmate. Yippee!

The distinguishing midline hair pattern on her muzzle shows as a darker streak of golden fur; this pattern has been called a 'zipper nose.'





## Spotlight on Fosters



### Thank You Maggie Wickstrom

*Thank you to Peg Aten for submitting this.*

Maggie Wickstrom, a dedicated Special Education Teacher for 23 years, is a foster mom in Contra Costa County. She loves having a dog around but, being in her 80's, doesn't want a full-time dog of her own at this time.

Maggie has been a lifelong "Breeder Keeper" for Guide Dogs, and her family enjoyed the company of various dogs throughout the years. "They all bring their own individual personalities, like a toddler," she says.

Maggie has fostered for NGRR for about 3 years and takes just about any type of dog into her care; all ages and types of

medical. Many foster dogs have come through her home. She loves them all until they are ready to join new families.

When asked about her most memorable Golden, she replied, "Probably Lily." She had many medical challenges and complications, including severe heartworm and Golden Retriever uveitis.

The heartworm treatment was about four months long, and when the pressure in her Uveitis eye got too high, emergency surgery was required to remove the eye. Throughout the treatment and recovery, she and Maggie were together and their love grew stronger every day. Finally, Lily was available to be adopted. She went to her new home and is loved and adored just as she should be.

Thank you Maggie for the love and care you give our Golden kids. They love you and so do we. 🐾

### Maggio

*Thank you to Shelley Eberle for submitting this.*

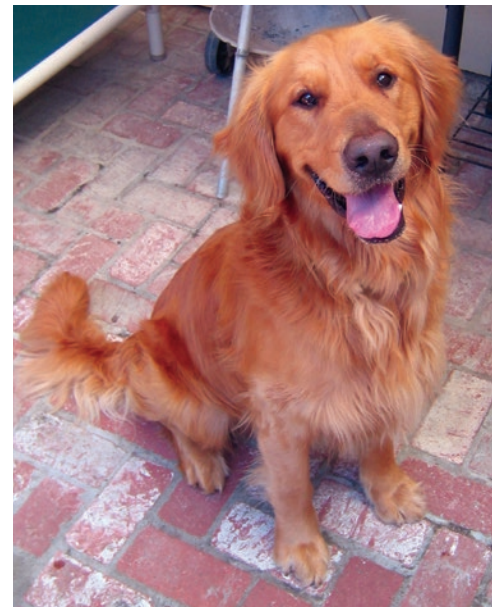
I adopted Maggio from Norcal in May of 2011. He was about 2-years-old, so pretty young for a rescue. As for fostering, I first contacted Joan in the spring of 2015 and I fostered in April and July.

I decided to foster because I am recently retired and felt that I would now have time to care for a second dog, especially one that might need a little extra love and attention. Maggio is a sweet boy but not very engaged with people or other dogs. I also wanted to foster because I believed

that having a second dog around would help Maggio become more socialized.

I have now fostered two goldens from Taiwan, Lindsay and Zoe, and it has been an extremely rewarding experience. Both were females, breeders that were believed to come from puppy mills and therefore likely spent most of their lives in a kennel. Knowing that these girls were not raised in a home with a lot of human contact, I was amazed at how affectionate they were, as well as exhibiting many of the traits that goldens are known for: fetching balls, wanting belly rubs and loving to be with people.

Lindsay and Zoe both got on well with Maggio; they tolerated him but preferred to be with people. Happily, Maggio, not wishing to miss out on any of the attention that was flowing, became much more engaged with people while I was fostering. Because of the breeder history of my fosters, this has also been a learning experience for me as I improved my skills in training adult dogs in becoming housebroken, walking on



a leash and understanding basic commands like "sit" and "come." My experience has disproved the old adage that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." In fact, you CAN. Goldens, like many dogs, really want to please people and they will try their hardest to understand and learn what they need to! 🐾



### Thank You Johanne and Yves

*Thank you to Peg Aten for submitting this.*

Johanne and her husband Yves had been fosters for many years in North Carolina, and they recently become fosters for NGRR. All the animals are cared for equally, though sometimes certain animals reside in the memory in an extra special place.

They said, "It's just that the circumstances surrounding a particular rescue or adoption might have certain elements to it. One that comes to mind is when we received a call one Wednesday evening." A couple south of Gilroy had found an

abandoned Golden on the side of 101.

They rushed to get her, fostered her and it turned out she was eventually adopted by a young man whose mother also found a dog at the same spot about 15 years prior. "What are the odds he would end up with another dog found on the side of 101 at the same exit?"

"Of course we have to cut the umbilical cord at one point and we keep in touch with only a few adopters. But it is always nice to hear back from them," they said. 🐾

# Too Beautiful for Words

*Thank you to Pat Lynch for submitting this.*

I have been the Area Coordinator for Alameda County and a foster for many years. Alameda County has 5 shelters with which I work very closely. The shelters know to contact me whenever a Golden or possible golden mix comes in. After being contacted I go to see the pup. Many times what the shelter thinks is possibly a Mix is really a pure Golden Retriever.

Such was the case with "Charlie." The shelter tech with whom I've worked for many years phoned me about Charlie. I went to see him and burst out laughing!! Charlie was not only very pure but also very beautiful. He was an owner surrender because the owner had just lost her home during the mortgage melt down. In addition Charlie had a strange looking tumor on his right shoulder. The tumor had a huge scab and was actively bleeding. I took Charlie straight to my veterinarian who was able to remove it.

The pathologist classified the tumor as benign for cancer but since the tumor was so large he listed Charlie's prognosis as "guarded." When I brought Charlie home he immediately

went to my family room and sat down on the couch. I could tell he had been very well cared for and very loved.

My own dogs fell in love with Charlie and he with them. Charlie loved to wrestle with my dogs and all was good. He appeared to be in good health, very happy and active. After approximately 4 months my own dog Toby began sniffing and licking Charlie's tail area. This caused a "hot spot" to form. When I took Charlie to my vet for the hot spot a tumor was found in his anal sac. Apparently Toby can sniff out cancer.

NGRR does not treat cancer since the cost is prohibitive. But I took Charlie to an oncologist who started chemotherapy and paid for it myself. After a full year of trying 3 different chemotherapy drugs, each drug failed. And actually the cancer had gotten into his lymph nodes and spread throughout Charlie's body. Charlie crossed the Rainbow Bridge in September of 2015. He was happy until one week before he died. Both of my two dogs went into deep mourning and so did I.

You can see Toby and Charlie in the NGRR 2016 Calendar in the month of November. 🐾

## Oliver and Coco

*Thank you to Lydia Delaney-Sathy and Nick Ward for submitting this.*

Well, this is Oliver's first Halloween with us, and I cannot believe he has only been with us for 10 months now. He is such a part of the family and so adored.



He let us put on the Rufferee costume today and he is so cute in it. My oldest did not dress up (going to a party), but my Tigger and Skeleton were happy to pose in their costumes with Ollie, and my oldest allowed us to take a picture with him in it also (likely because of Ollie being there :)

As you can see, we ended up keeping Coco, the stray 10-year-old dog we found on our street. The no-kill organizations were all full. She went to the Palo Alto Animal Services Shelter for a brief stint. Mike had become attached to her and he was so depressed and upset that he cried every night, waking up multiple times each night crying, missing Coco and worrying about her. I could not stand to see him that way, so the first day she was up for adoption, we adopted her. Oliver helped to save her, because he is so accepting and the best alpha dog/good example she could have for a big brother.

We are working with a dog trainer, Gloria Post (who trained under Trish King), to teach us how to train Coco and Gloria keeps telling us how lucky we are to have Oliver, what a great dog he is, and how much Coco likes him. Gloria says that Ollie is a great influence on Coco. Mike has been working hard to train Coco (who was not even house-trained at 10 years of age), and the trainer is surprised at how much progress Coco has made. Coco will never be an Ollie, but if it were not for Ollie's wonderful nature, we would not have been able to save poor Coco.

Ollie is doing well, perhaps slowing down just a bit, but that is to be expected. He is very cherished and hopefully will have many more Halloweens with us. He is, as my kids tell him every day, "The best dog in the whole wide world!"

Thanks again for all your work helping the Golden Retrievers in our area! 🐾

## Dog Food Recall

Carnivore Meat Company of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has announced it is voluntarily recalling a single lot of its **Vital Essentials Frozen Chicken Entrees for Dogs** due to contamination with **Salmonella bacteria**.

To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall/vital-essentials-dog-food-recall-2016/](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall/vital-essentials-dog-food-recall-2016/)

Please be sure to share the news of this alert with other pet owners.

*Mike Sagman, Editor, The Dog Food Advisor*



# Colette Agresti, September 15, 1939 – December 3, 2015

Sometimes, if we are lucky enough, we have a person like Colette Agresti come into our lives. She changes the ordinary into the extraordinary, and has us believing that “better and best” is possible with humor, hard work, a smile, and a little Irish charm.

Colette loved her Goldens and the breed and because of this Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue developed into the great organization that exists today.

When NGRR was floundering in 1992, a friend, who was a foster, expressed concerns for more volunteers, more funding, and better communication. That was all Colette needed to know; she jumped in to help. Along the way, she enthusiastically convinced friends and



family that we could make a difference and we joined in for the NGRR ride!

The first of many Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue Auctions was envisioned and hosted by Colette. She helped initiate the first database and newsletter, spearheaded the first annual campaign, and was always present with creative and intelligent ideas.

Colette was special and had the gift of making a stranger feel like a long time friend. She was passionate, artistic, loving and fun, a wonderful wife, a fantastic mom, loving grandmother, and loyal friend. How blessed we all were to be touched by her life, her joy, wit, and spirit.

Barks of delight, a flurry of tail wags, and gentle Golden kisses greeted Colette. She was and always will be simply, truly Golden! 🐾



*Thank you to Susan Toper for submitting this.*

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we drove 60 miles through a raging storm to meet Bear and it was worth every minute of the nerve-racking drive. For them, it was love at first sight. Bear calmly rode home in the back seat, walked in the front door and almost immediately made himself at home. He is smart, affectionate and well-behaved and, although we've been together for only a month, it seems as if he's always been part of our family. We are so lucky to have been chosen to adopt him from the Ward family. We feel this is the beginning of a happy ending for this lovely boy! 🐾



**This is seven-year-old Beau and four-month-old Amanda (Mandy). He is showing her the ropes. They have the same father, but different mother. She wants to be just like her big brother when she grows up.**



## 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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Menlo Park, CA 94025-5240



# Mark your calendars for the 2016 GOLDEN RETRIEVER NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW OCTOBER 2-9

Once a year the National Golden Retriever Club puts on a dog show somewhere in the United States. This year the show will be in Placerville at the County Fair Grounds from October 2 – 9. The show is being sponsored by our sister club Norcal Golden Retriever Club. This show attracts Goldens from all over the United States as well as Canada, Mexico and other foreign countries. Hundreds of beautiful dogs will be in attendance. For more information about the show and a calendar of events, go to [www.2016national.com](http://www.2016national.com).



On Friday, October 7 at approximately noon there will be a Golden Retriever Rescue Parade in the main ring. This parade is open to all rescued Goldens throughout the country. Their histories will be read as these dogs walk around the ring with their owners. Participation will be on a limited level. If you are interested, please request an application before May 30 by sending a request to [miscnow@comcast.net](mailto:miscnow@comcast.net).

The entire show is open to the public. There will be different activities ongoing along with food, information and retail booths.

**[www.2016national.com](http://www.2016national.com)**

- Agility
- Rally
- Obedience
- Conformation Certification
- Show Competition
- Field Trial
- Working Dog Certificate
- Tracking Test
- Health Clinics (heart, eyes, PU, and DNA)
- Education Seminars
- GR Foundation Gala
- Rescue Parade and National Rescue Committee meeting

## Max

*Thank you to Richard and Wendy Graham for submitting this.*

Max came to us from NGRR on October 24, 2015. He was 8½ years old and quite a bit overweight. He has lost 12 pounds and has a beautiful coat. The vet says he is in perfect health. He acts like a puppy most of the time, I'm not kidding. He jumps around and runs like crazy, mostly after birds. He runs circles around our Phoebe who is just four months older than Max. He is a sweet boy and very well behaved around other people, dogs and cats. Mostly, he is a clown and we are very fortunate to have him in our home.



### Dear brothers and sisters in need,

*Mom was busy taking care of all of us this year. Essie broke dad's ankle at a trial so, mom took care of him and I took care of Essie and Spyder.*

*Mom still makes me go to obedience class even though I know it already. I think she should take Spyder to extra classes so she stops humping my head.*

*I hope mom's check brightens my brothers' and sisters' Christmas. Mom wishes she could bring home an older brother, but Spyder hasn't been spayed yet. Whatever that is.*

Wags and kisses to all, Shelby Marquez

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## **Calling All Volunteers!**

Would you like to get involved with NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue? We are always looking for volunteers. Perhaps this newsletter will inspire you to help out. If so, please contact Peg Aten at [pegsgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:pegsgoldens@gmail.com).



### **Is Your Golden a Calendar Girl or Boy?**

It's time to start thinking about the 2017 NGRR calendar and we would love to see your photos. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Photos need to be hi-res.
2. No iPhone or iPad photos because the photos do not enlarge well. If you were to use the iPhone or iPad the photos would need to be in the small picture areas of the calendar.
3. When you send us an email, please make sure the attached story and photos are labeled with your dog's name. (So, instead of attaching a photo where your camera named the file IMG00076.jpg, please rename each photo with your dog's name, for example: JackandSuzy.jpg.) When files aren't named, it is very difficult to identify them and organize the calendar.
4. Each story should tell what your dog's life was like prior to rescue and what your dog's life is like after adoption – just a short story of 3 or 4 sentences.
5. Please include your dog's approximate age.
6. Action photos are best. Please no humans in the photos though we love photos with your cat or other dog breeds.

**Thank you in advance for 2017 calendar submissions**

**The deadline is June 30, 2016. Please send to:**  
[patswally@comcast.net](mailto:patswally@comcast.net) and [cathy@etypeworks.com](mailto:cathy@etypeworks.com).