

N O R C A L Golden Retriever R E S C U E



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

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Spotlight on Adopters



therapy work, and then the crazy play can happen with the boys and their friends. 🐾

Linda LeBoa and boys

Maggie – You're the Best!

(Thanks to Linda Gomoll and Kathy Quiroz for submitting this.)

I just wanted to take a moment to follow up and thank you both for all of your support. Things are working out really well with Maggie. She is a wonderful girl, filled with love and happiness.

My personal challenge has abated, leaving me able to be here rather than fly off. That is a blessing and the timing worked out. Everyone and every four-legged that meets Maggie is greeted with an abundance of joy from her. The things we have discovered about her:

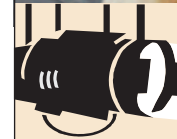
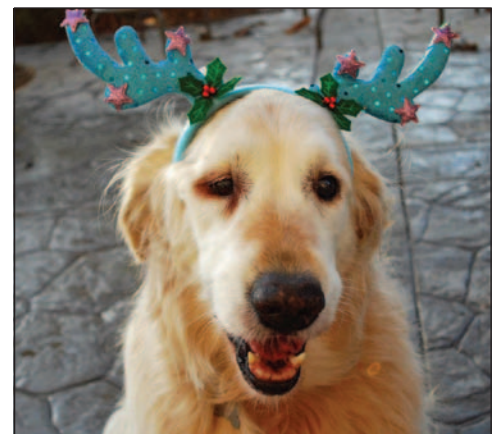
- She does have a voice, will bark with a deep throated warning or defense.
- She is only beginning now to pee on walks and hikes. She would only pee and poo in our yard, actually with ALL of the wonderful space here, she prefers the gravel path instead of the vinka. We figure that she didn't have a lot of space to 'go' where she was raised so she is just habitual but learning, it is ok to go in other

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Chico – You're the Best!

(Thanks for Shirlee Thomas for submitting this.)

Hi Shirlee – I just wanted to thank you again for thinking we were the right home for Chico. He is doing well, and receives much love and hugs from my two boys, husband, and me. Chico recently finished his training and is now a certified therapy dog, and so far we have visited two convalescent homes and an Alzheimer's facility. We are scheduled later this month to appear at the library as part of the PAWS program, where beginning readers get to practice their reading to the dogs. His calm behavior and infinite love of getting petted was the perfect match for



Spotlight on Fosters

Thelma

(Thanks to Lynn Hall for submitting this.)

Back in June 2011, two wonderful girls were found wandering the streets of Stockton. When we got them out of the shelter, we named them Thelma and Louise. They were quite the girls. They were both severely overweight and heartworm positive. Thelma weighed 118, and Louise 90. Thelma is 12+ years old and Louise is 7 or so. They showed us how wonderful they were with their super sweet personalities. They went into foster care where they were treated for their heartworm. I took in Thelma. Louise was adopted by a wonderful family.

Thelma was also found to have a

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NORCAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE FUND

At 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 dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We are very happy with the results of the letter **having raised over \$55,000**. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!!

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It's Calendar Time!!

It's time to start thinking about the 2013 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 high resolution so the picture will be 300dpi at 8 x 10 inches. Please consult your camera manual for high res print setting. Send all photos and stories to BOTH:

patswally@comcast.net and cathy@etypeworks.com

The deadline is June 1, 2012. Thanks!! Pat Lynch



Puppy Mills – Our Story

(Thanks to Linda Gomoll for submitting this from a recent local applicant; the breeder's name has been changed but otherwise it is an accurate account of this person's experience in dealing with local puppy brokers/millers.)

After the loss of our Golden boy, our family was ready to bring a new Golden to complete the absence in our life. We searched Golden rescue organizations for months hoping to find a young adult in need of a home. We did not succeed in finding a match. Excited and impatient, we thought to look for a puppy from a breeder, hopefully local. After researching many options, some even out of state, we were convinced to get a pup. We located a breeder and a litter was in the process. We were told to meet the mom and dad of any pup in order to see what we were getting. The process made sense however we were impatient and that led us to an Internet puppy search. We

felt we had enough knowledge to find a good pup. My cousin, who knew we were looking, forwarded us an advertisement from eBay. It was awesome. In the photo was a beautiful pup in the arms of a woman wearing an AKC apron. The blue AKC apron

They claimed that the litter was not registered because they did not want them to turn into breeders.

was, to us, the approval to move forward with a phone call. We spoke to a man named Jim. He answered our questions; the parents were both on the premises, both owned by he and his wife, both AKC registered, and pups guaranteed for two years against hip,

eye, and elbow defects. They claimed that the litter was not registered because they did not want them to turn into breeders. The pups would become registered with “American All Breed” once the new owners provided spay/neuter certificates. They claimed their pups were raised with manners and indoor dogs only. The pups were being sold for \$1,500.

We made the appointment and then ventured to the Peninsula. We had no intention of purchasing a pup, just wanted to implement the checklist of “How to pick a pup.” When we arrived, we could hear the excitement. We entered the home. Jan directed us to the room with the pups. We asked to see the parents first. Jan quickly responded that they had to leave early to go to the barn (she also raises horses). We were disappointed, however the smell and chatter of the pups was luring us to see them – four pups, all beautiful! With only two females left we were able to perform our checklist. After two hours (remember Jan had to leave early to go to the barn) we were sold. The “puppy cute factor” set in, the breeder and her husband were so kind, they shared with us they had donated three pups to Canine Companions...what good people. Disregarding many of the ‘warning signs,’ we walked away with our new girl. Another couple walked away with their guy. To add to our excitement we discovered the other couple lived near us. We quickly exchanged phone numbers and addresses.

Within one day our girl was not feeling well and we discovered worms. We called Jim and Jan and they recommended a cheap wormer you could purchase at most pet stores and said there was no need to see a vet. We called our neighbors and their guy was just fine. The worms got worse so off to our vet we went. Our girl had a bad case of tapeworms. This was a surprise as Jan had said the pups never had fleas. Upon our return from the vet, our neighbor called and her guy had worms!

We then decided to look into the breeder who sold us our puppy. Nothing! Not

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Spotlight on Adopters

Maggie

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- places. “Hey Maggie, the World is your bathroom.”
- She is learning her commands, definitely loves rewards, and knows the difference when I have something in my hand versus when I don't. Yes smart!
 - She has been to Danny's baseball games and is a very good fan along with other dogs that come to watch their brothers play ball. She is even learning how to climb the bleachers to say hello to devoted fans...all on a leash.
 - She is not as comfortable being outside in the yard alone yet, rather prefers being inside the house near a warm body. Wait till she learns she can enjoy spreading her wings, out of crate, out of mind!

You do an incredible service, protecting these amazing Golden retrievers and we



are grateful to have chosen a rescue dog rather than a new puppy. She is still a puppy though learning her do's and don't's and that she lucked out into a land of freedom that is safe and loving for her. Our departed Rio would approve of such sweetness to ‘fill his paws’ here. 🐾

Fritzi, Debra, & Danny

Canine Cancer Test Available Now

(Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for writing and submitting this.)

My boys are getting older. Dillon is 10 ½ and Bear is 9 ½. When they turn 10 they get their 100,000 mile checkup. Both dogs have a chest x-ray, ultra-sound, blood work, urinalysis, blood pressure, teeth cleaning, and new this year – a cancer test.

Dillon was a tad over-due for his workup, but I waited for February's dental month. Everything overall looked good with the exception of a small quarter size spot on his spleen – let's see, a Golden with a spot on the spleen – my heart sank and my mind went straight to hemangiosarcoma. The dread took over – I had already lost one this way.

I made the decision to have Dillon's spleen removed. I've spent the last couple of years working with the Canine Cancer Campaign and I had heard about a new cancer test. It's a blood test. We decided to run the test before the surgery and then again after the removal of the spleen and compare the results we get back from the pathology.

This doesn't mean that they will never get cancer. It just means for now, we are good to go.

How The Test Works

There are actually two types of tests, one for presumed healthy dogs and one for suspected cancer dogs. Basically the test looks at inflammation and proteins. The company Veterinary Diagnostics Institute (www.vdilab.com), created a test that measures at very small concentrations, low levels of abnormal cell replication. This test can find malignant growth before there are any signs of the disease. We all know that early detection is key to survival.

Once cancer is detected and confirmed, the test can be run periodically to track the cancer's progression or remission. Is the chemo being effective? Is the cancer spreading?

The healthy dog test can give you a baseline and a small bit of peace of mind. My Bear got his 100,000 mile checkup a little early because he had a limp and it needed an x-ray. I decided to run blood work since I was there. Imagine my dismay when his results were less than wonderful. He was in renal failure! No symptoms, no signs, no nothing! After much testing and examination we have determined it was an infection of some kind that has caused irreparable damage and I will just have to manage his care accordingly. I wanted to be sure it wasn't cancer since we were not going to biopsy the kidney. We ran the test.

I am delirious to announce that neither of my boys have cancer. Dillon's cancer test and pathology came back negative. Bear's cancer test came back negative. What a relief. This doesn't mean that they will never get cancer. It just means for now, we are good to go. This cancer test will be a ritual for us along with our standard yearly checkup. With luck, it will be negative again and again – if not – we might catch it early enough to make treatment an option.

Please take some time to learn more about the test at www.vdilab.com and be sure to talk to your veterinarian. My vet had not heard of it, but was willing to check it out for me. The cost of the test in my area is under \$175. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me and I will be happy talk with you and put you in touch with Kyle from VDI. 🐾

Spotlight on Fosters

Thelma

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thyroid problem. With the medication and a restricted diet, she has dropped to 83 pounds at her last vet visit. She has learned that life as a Golden can be very good. She is still with her me, her foster Mom and has a couple of Golden brothers, Jack and Ryan. At first, she did not know what to think of all of the hugs and kisses. She would put her head down as if in shame. She now looks up and has even gives kisses back on occasion. As soon as she comes inside after being out, she sits and waits for her hugs and petting. With all of the weight loss, she has become much more active. She even runs when the mood strikes her. Meal or treat time is her favorite time of course, and she doesn't hesitate to tell me

with a Woo, Woo, Woo. She loves going for car rides, rolling in the grass or on the carpet, and lounging in the pool. Life has certainly changed for this girl. She enjoys all of the attention, love, food, and a nice warm house.

Even though Thelma may not have a lot of years left on this Earth, she will have all of the love and care that she and every Golden deserves. Thelma is the perfect example of why I do rescue. She will probably never be adopted, but she will live the rest of her life with LOVE. 🐾

Chance

Thanks to Ken Raith for sharing this.

Hi Ken – I just wanted to let you know

that I am truly, truly loving Fostering! Watching Chance bloom from a neglected filthy dog that was never talked to let alone touched, who couldn't look you in the eyes, who pee'd anywhere he was standing outside – to a beautiful golden that watches my every move, hopes it is belly-rubbing-time all day, loves to be cradled, petted, brushed, and who goes out to the dirt to pee – and all in just a few days...amazing what love can do! Thank you for getting me started with the best first dog.

I am not sure if my "calling" is to keep Chance or not, but I DEFINITELY want to continue rescue/fostering. It is an amazingly fulfilling feeling. Thank you. 🐾

Marcia Hadler, Napa

In Memory of Morgan Marcy

NGRR would like to extend a special tribute to Morgan Marcy, 28, who died on February 25 in a car accident. Morgan and her parents, Mike and Mileva, are longtime supporters of NGRR having adopted 3 Golden Retrievers – Rocky, Baxter, and Sandy. They attend many of our events and especially love the wine and art auction. In lieu of flowers, donations in Morgan's name were suggested to NGRR, many of which are shown below. We thank you.

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"Mike and Mileva, We are so sorry for your loss."
Love, Jacob and Helena Begorgis

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
Donation by Glenn Weaver

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
Donation by Andrew Bloom

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Rita Peth

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Jan Elberse

In Honoring the Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Peter Pang

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"Morgan's father told me that Morgan told him that the Norcal dogs were her second family because they loved her so much."
Donation by Charles & Margaret Marcy

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"Morgan left us too soon."
Donation by John & Nancy Pordon

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Margaret & Ken Dara

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by G. & V. Kohler

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Mary & Francis Millar

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"We are so sorry for your loss."
Donation by your Friends at Western States Petroleum Association

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"In memory of a beautiful, young, and intelligent young woman who possessed so many talents and lived too short a life. One of your passions was your family's Golden Retrievers. For those beautiful Golden souls who crossed the Rainbow Bridge before you, may they welcome you and help you find peace in heaven. We love you very much."
Donation by Lin & Heidi Tam

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"I have never met Morgan but anyone who loves dogs as much as she did had to be a spectacular person. Mike and Mileva our prayers are with you."
Donation by Skunk & Dixie

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"All of our love and prayers are with you."
Donation by Lynda R. Keeton CPA, LLC

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"The sparkle in your eyes and smile on your face lives on in our memories and hearts. May God keep you in his loving care."
Donation by Monika & Ace Stojanovski

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Walt Gill

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"In memory of Morgan's time here, which was so short. She and her family are in our thoughts and prayers."
Donation by Claire & Howard Spencer

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Richard White

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"With love, we'll miss you, Morgan."
Donation from the team at ELV Oregon

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"Heartfelt sympathy to your family."
Donation by Cinda & Arthur Gobeille

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"To dearest Morgan with love."
Donation by Aida & Goran Ribar

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"Mike and Mileva – You are both in my thoughts and prayers."
Donation by Jamie Moore

In Thanks to the Katherine Keane Trust...
forever and always

In Thanks to ALL who donate to NGRRescue through United Way or other charitable organizations!

In Honor of "McCovey"
"Words cannot express our appreciation for all you do."
Lovingly donated by Dianne Harvey

"We got a little sister earlier this year. I really love her and like to play with her ALL the time. Tazzy wants to know if she is ever going home."
Donation by "Shelby," "Tazzy," and "Essie"
Marquez

In Honor of "Cooper"
Loved by Leslie & Mike Curtis
Donation by Linda & Jim Hannah

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"Morgan – Your beautiful spirit will live on forever. You will be truly missed. In the hearts of those who loved you, you will always be there."
Donation by Liz & Laura Benson

In Honor of Mike & Mileva Marcy
Donation by Margaret & Charles Marcy

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
Donation by Sara Martinez

In Memory of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
"We are good friends of Morgan's Aunt Sonja and Uncle Paul. We are so sorry to hear of Morgan's passing, and would like to help the organization that helps the breed she loved so much. Our condolences and prayers for her family and friends, including her furry ones."
Donation by Leslie & Steve Davis

In Remembrance of Morgan Elizabeth Marcy
Donation by Ken Dami

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Dorathea Gropp

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
Donation by Rob & Wendy MacDonald

In Memory of Morgan Marcy
"Mileva & Mike – Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God bless you."
Donation by Jamie Moore

In Thanks to Shirlee Thomas and Beth Lewis for helping find "Willow." He's great.
Donation by Mary Panetta

"Happy Birthday, Elizabeth!"
Donation by Valerie Peck to Elizabeth Stewart

In Honor of "Sierra" Anderson and the Sierra Seven litter sired by our "Finnegan"
Donation by Suzanne Bria

"Happy 80th Birthday to Jan Croad and Bob Grant our special friends who are great dog owners. We're looking forward to your special party. All our best wishes."
Donation by Carole and Barry Frank

"Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear Janis, Happy Birthday to you."
Donation by Linda Peltz to Janis Musante

"Merry Christmas, Mom!"
With love Di, Gord, Lucy & Frosty Head

"Merry Christmas with love, Janine, & Don Matheson & Boys"
Di, Gord, Lucy & Frosty

In Honor of "Cassie's" 12th Birthday
"She is a pure joy. We are so very lucky to be her people."
Loved by Kelly & Michael Hollingshead

"I got 2 Golden Retrievers from NGRRR at different times many years ago and would love to get another but after "Tommy" died I knew it would be my last. I am 91 years old and I do miss having a precious doggie with me every day of my life! Bless you and all you do for those wonderful animals."
Donation by Lorraine Ditta

In Thanks to John King, the Niehaus Family and "Teddy" for thinking of NGRRescue as a cause so worthy.

With thanks to the team that helped to rehome the 2 Golden Retrievers from Los Cabos, Mexico, especially the blind Golden, whose prospects looked grim had she stayed in Cabo.
Donation by Maggie McLean

Merry Christmas to Pat & Chuck McCarthy
"We love you! Happy Holidays."
Donation by Michelle Hughes

Happy Holidays to Lee Rusconi
"Thank you for all you do for Golden Retrievers and raptors."
Donation by Jane & Jim Keltner

In Honor of the Young Family
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of the Brechtel Family
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Honor of Keith LaHonda
Donation by Lynn Ballou

In Honor of "Renner," "Maddi," "Murphy," "Hayden," "Alex," "Indy," and "Dusty"
Donation by Mary Demby & Alan Johnson

"Merry Christmas to my dear friend, Jean Connors!"
Donation by Terry Sechrist

"Happy Holidays" to Felix Yeung
Donation by Greg Zlotnick

In Honor of "Holly"
Donation by Wendy Rodriguez

In Honor of my Aunt, Sharon McConnell, lover of Golden Retrievers and a terrific auntie, too.
Lovingly donated by Kimberly Dally

In Gratitude for our precious "Francie!"
Loved by Candace & Greg Osborn

"Merry Christmas" to Carolyn Curry
Donation by Dick Lang

"God Bless you for your work for Golden Retrievers!"
Donation by Virginia Ruth

In Honor of "Busby"
Donation by Janet Rudolph & Frank Price

In Tribute to "Ruger" & "Dixie"
"Happy and doing great!"
Donation by Camille & John Rutowski

In Honor of Misato Weber
"Given in recognition of her special love for Golden Retrievers."
Donation by Christopher Weber

"Thank you all for continuing on with the hard but very important work of caring for our beloved Golden Retrievers. We are happy to be able to continue our support to such a wonderful group of people and dogs."
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Donation by Cheryl Birnie

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With much love from Jennifer, Scott, Sophia, Lukas & Stella Frank

In Honor of ALL Golden Retrievers
Donation by Mary Frances & Rex Beach

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Donation by M. Kristine Williams

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In Honor of Don & Barbara Tornberg
"Wishing you both a Merry Christmas."
With all our love, Terry Sandi & T.J. Bishop

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"Nine wonderful years!"
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Donation by Lori Straley

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"My beautiful senior boy!"
Loved by Marta Moreno

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Donation by Lindsey & Scott Bolton

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Donation by Constance Koehler

In Honor of "Flossie" and In Memory of our past Golden Retrievers
"At this time we have our sixth Golden, "Flossie." Naturally, she is a charmer and belongs to Furry Friends and visits nursing homes and convalescent hospitals. Keep up the good work!"
Donation by Richard & Pat Garland

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IN MEMORIAM

"Thanks a bunch for our 3 beautiful Goldens, 'Buddie,' 'Sunny,' and 'Bella!'"
Donation by Bev & Mike Groeniger

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Donation by Pauline Bury

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In Honor of Carole Weihman and Sangha
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"Please continue your good work helping to rescue and place Golden Retrievers that come to you for home, food and care. Keep up the good work!"

"Happy Santa time to 'Maddie' and 'Michi'"
Treasured by MaryAnn Graziano
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Donation by Sharon Hall & Carl Fricke

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In the Name of "Millie" Freiman
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In Honor of "Dawson"
"I have had Dawson seven years and he is doing great!"
Donation by Daniel Fink

In Honor of "Josh"
Donation by Julia & John Fuller

In Honor of "Mason"
Donation by Deborah Mullan

In Thanks and with Golden Gratitude for everyone who gives to NGRR through their employers, work, and matching donation programs!

In Honor of "Ruby" and "Clifford"
"Ruby and Clifford are our two Senior Goldens and the joy of our lives, both adopted from NGRR."
Donation by Betsy McGinn & Family

In Honor of "Buster"
Lovingly donated by Robert Deutsch

"Happy Valentine's Day, Cela!!!"
Donated with love by Holland Smith

In Honor of "Maggie"
"We adopted our Maggie, now 10 years old, through the help of Jan Dreyer. Maggie is one of the sweetest, kindest dogs we have ever met. She is a great walker and always ready to go out. If we aren't able to take her, she enjoys a sun bath in the garden. But she does think that walking is a team sport and put the brakes on if we both don't go with her. She is a great companion and part of our family."
Loved by Sandra Jenkins & Bill Broadbent

Happy 12th Birthday to "Casey"
Loved by Joan & Phil Fisher and by his rescue sister, "Callie."
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Cherished, loved and missed by Kathleen & James Anderson

In Memory of "Penny"
Loved by Jan & Firmin Gryp
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In Memory of "Freddie"
"We adopted Freddie when he was 11 and did all we could do give him the wonderful life he deserved. In return, he brought joy to our lives every day. We will always love him and are grateful to NGRR for bringing us together. Thank you."
Loved and achingly missed by Marla Miyashiro & Bruce Tompkins

In Memory of "Cassidy"
"Cassidy was a wonderful friend."
Cherished by Dianne Thomas

In Loving Memory of "Taffy" my dog
Missed and loved by Muriel Butler

In Memory of "Bodie"
"Bodie will be sorely missed by all who he made smile and laugh, not to mention by the makers of Frosty Paws."
Lovingly missed by Ellyn Bush & Tom Davis
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In Memory of "Kona" – Quest's Music of the Pacific
"Kona was 13½ years old – a real sweetheart and we miss her so much."
Loved well by Betsy & Don Sumner

In Memory "Maizy"
"I had the pleasure of being Maizy's Pet Sitter for the last three years of her life. We shared fun walks rain or shine. I will miss her dearly. I am sure she is up there running after a cat."
Loved by Jenny West
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In Memory of "Daisy"
6-26-97 to 10-3-11
Adopted through NGRR in 5-23-98
"Memories of Daisy will always bring a smile to my face. We had such a strong bond and I will cherish all our years together. Her smiles, her gentle lean against my body, her winking, her turning in circles at mealtime, and our long walks will live in my heart forever."
Lovingly missed by Louise Korn

In Memory of "Kozmo" Brechtel
"Kozmo will be missed by everyone who knew him but especially by his wonderful family."
Cherished and loved by the Brechtel Family
Donation by Barbara DiGiorgio

In Memory of "Sadie"
"Sadie was an NGRR girl. She was the loving pet of my parents, Pat and Robin. She was their first Golden and had a wonderful life. Her sudden passing caused them great sadness. Thanks for all you do."
Loved by Barry & Pat Robin
Donation by Tracy & Gary Carrasco

In Memory of Gerri Lonergan
"Gerri had great love for her Golden Retrievers – "Conner" and "Riley." They adored her as well."
Donation by Nancy Thompson & Andy Kerr

In Memory of Gerri Lonergan
"Gerri was a wonderful wife, mother, teacher and true Golden lover."
Donation by Anne Carey & Steve Frie

In Memory of "Daisy"
"Daisy, beloved companion to Louise Korn for over 7 years, is at rest. She will always have a very special place in Louise's heart."
Cherished, loved and cared for by Louise Korn
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In Memory of our beloved *"Belle"*
Cherished and loved by Deborah Badger and family

In Memory of *"Beaux Bower-Mohme"*
"Beaux was a sweet, kind, loving older rescue. He brought joy to a family with two other wonderful younger Golden's and a black cat named Dory. They slept, ate and played together. He helped to set an example of the happiness and harmony that is possible in this world."
Lovingly donated by Lynne Morris

In Memory of *"Jack"*
"Jack was a dog's dog and a Golden's Golden. He left his humans with priceless memories to fill the Golden-size void. To be in Jack's presence was to feel calm, happy, warm and deeply loved even if you're a cat! Jack wasn't just a dog – it's the word for a wonderful state of mind!"
Loved by Chris Madden & Bill Trollinger
Donation by Jeannie Burkhardt

In Loving Memory of Gerri Lonergan
"Grandma Gerri – a Golden Retriever's #1 Fan!"
Loved by Ann Lindahl

In Memory of *"Connor Orion"*
"Connor – my true "Golden Prince" and noble companion of almost 12 years. While we lost you to cancer your love and lessons stay with us always. You have inspired me to give on your behalf to share the constant love and warmth you gave so willingly all these years. We love you Connor."
Cherished and missed by Michael Burton

In Memory of *"Sierra O'Shea"*
"Sierra was a special Golden, a sweet and loving girl, who loved her Tahoe vacations and playing ball in the park with her family. We won't forget you."
Loved by Nina O'Shea
Donation by Pam, Robbie & Finnegan Catlett

In Memory of *"Jamie" Hooper*
"Jamie was the best dog I ever knew."
Missed and loved by Karen, David & Katherine Hooper

In Memory of *"Niner"*
"Niner was a wonderful companion who blessed our lives longer than we thought possible and did it with dignity and love; not to mention a lot of fun!"
Treasured and loved by Margaret & Harry Robinson

In Memory of Gerri Lonergan
Donation by Baywood Elementary School Teachers

In Memory of *"Hunter"*
"Our first Golden Retriever from NGRRescue"
In Honor of *"Sammie"*
"Our current Golden Retriever from NGRRescue"
Loved and cherished by the Kilburn Family

In Memory of *"Madison"*
Loved and missed by Lisa Kearns

In Memory of *"Heidi Ho"*
Cherished and loved by Michael Roman

In Memory of *"Felice"*
"Felice was my love. He was 13."
Donation by Sharon McCaslin

In Memory of *"Casey"*
"We miss her every day."
Loved by Kirsten Witesman

In Memory of *"Bianca"*
Loved by Elia & Dave Borbas
Donation by Sue Sheehan & Sue

In Memory of *"Sampson"*
"We adopted Sampson from NGR in 2001. We are so appreciative that we were able to have Sampson in our family. He was the most kind and gentle dog we have ever known. He loved to play ball and was especially fond of his stuffed animals which he carried around the house. He had health issues all his life. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to love him and care for him. He is greatly missed and forever loved."
Loved by the Bischoff's

In Memory of *"Lady"*
"I was blessed with Lady, a Norcal Rescue, for 10 yrs. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge in September. We miss her every day."
Greatly missed and loved by Kirsten Witesman

In Memory of L.T. Rabjohn
"L.T. was named Little Turbo because he was so full of life and enthusiasm. He loved his family of Grant, Sep, Nick and Sammy so much and valued every day he had to spend with them. L.T. wants them to know that he will meet them on the Rainbow Bridge when the time is right. L.T. thanks his loving family and wishes them Godspeed in their recovery and loss."
Adored and loved by Grant & Sep Rabjohn
Donation by Penny Geoff Rabjohn

In Memory of *"Casey"*
"We miss her every day."
Loved by Kirsten Witesman

In Memory of *"Zoe"*
"Zoe was our best buddy and never ending source of joy."
Cherished and loved by Kathryn Coffey & Michael Carboy

In Memory of *"Lexi"* – Golden Girl of Ken & Keith
"You were loved for the two years we all knew you. You will be missed by us all. Say Hello to Jake, Peanut and the Grandma Chickens for us."
Donation by Janet Nottley

In Loving Memory of *"Charlie"*
"In loving memory of what would have been Charlie's 3rd birthday – November 30th."
Missed and loved by Flo Kristofferson

In Memory of *"Rubi"*
"May others experience the unconditional love of a sweet, sweet girl like Rubi. Though her passport was filled with exotic locales, her favorite spot was with her loving family. Our hearts go out to you, Rex, Nancy, Adam, and Laurel as you remember your dear and faithful friend."
Lovingly missed by Nancy & Rex Dunn
Donated with love by Kathy & Mark Klins

In Loving Memory of *"Zoe" Coffey*
"Zoe was an incredibly sweet girl. Our family was so blessed to have known her and spent so much time with her over the last several years. She was a beloved companion to Kathy & Michael and a dear friend to all of us who knew her. We know she is in a better place, but we will miss her sweet face running up to our door, counter surfing and playing with our beloved dogs. Rest in peace, sweet girl!"
Cherished by Kathy Coffey & Michael Carboy
Donation by Amy Clausing

In Memory of *"Lady"* and In Thanks to South Davis Veterinary Center
"Lady 'Bug' was our first Homeward Bound rescue. You are greatly missed but will always be in our hearts. Thank you to the doctors and staff at the South Davis Veterinary Center for taking such good care of our girl through the years."
Loved & affectionately donated by Christine Harrison & Kirsten Witesman

In Memory of Anne Cato
Donation by Jill & Steven Fugaro

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In Memory of Nancy Welter
Donation by Susan & Don Vinicor

In Loving Memory of “Stabler” and “Otto”
Loved by Dad, Linda and Sandy
Donation by Welma Mallory

In Memory of “Sadie” Dominguez
“You will be missed...”
Cherished and loved by the Dominguez Family
Donation by Kathleen Martins

In Memory of “York”
Missed and loved by Jane & Rich Cunningham
Donation by Paul Cunningham

In Memory of “Carry”
“Carry was the perfect nurse – never wanting to do anything bad. Sweet, kind and patient with her little brother, Zin.”
Loved and missed by Sio & Jeff Wilson and her Granny
Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Memory of “Charley” (Chuck)
“My ‘perfect child’ – who produced some perfect children. Chuck was always a joy and a blessing to all who came in contact with her. She was so loved and will be missed by Lisa and Steve and her first mom.”
Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Memory of “Toby” and In Honor of “Robbie”
“Thank you for the excellent work you do. Although I do not have rescue dogs keep up the great work and services you provide.”
Donated with love by Sylvia Chou

In Memory of “Bart”
“Bart passed on in June, 2011, one month shy of his 14th birthday. He led a full life, swimming, eating, and loving his family to the end.”
Treasured by Gail Maderis

In Memory of our beloved Golden Boys: “Rascal,” “Kimo,” & “Cody” – Always, forever in our hearts!
Lovingly donated by Teresa Chinn & Paul Miyashiro

In Memory of “Maggie” & “Mandy” and In Honor of “Lucy”
“You and your organization must be so lucky to be surrounded by so much love. Granted there are many sad stories you encounter, but the sheer weight of affection must be a godsend. On that note, I would suggest that a Golden is sitting at God’s feet at the entrance of the pearly gates.”
Donation by Cathy & Lou Ures & Lucy

In Memory of Nancy Welter
Donation by Susan & Dan Vinicor

In Memory of “Maggie”
Loved by Susan Marchant

In Loving Memory of “Maya”
Cherished and missed by the Neff Family
Donation by Heather McCoy

In Memory of Charles “Chip” Kenney
“With gratitude for the support and enthusiasm Chip shared with us for the education of girls at Katherine Delmar Burke School.”
Donation by the Faculty and Staff of KDBS

In Memory of James and “Kelsey” Compton:
“Dad, I miss you so much. I heard you were up there with Kelsey. Thanks for watching over her for me, this brings me so much comfort. I love and miss you both so much. I know you will be waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge when it is my time. Give her a big hug and rub her belly for me.”
Lovingly donated by Melody Compton

In Memory of “Riley”
“It was an honor to be one of Riley’s veterinarians. He was such an amazing dog and will be missed by all who knew him. He was lucky to have had such a wonderful family who always gave him so much love and excellent care. I will sure miss his enthusiastic greetings.”
Donation by Dr. Annie Walker
Loved by Melissa & Curtis Leviant

In Memory of Tamara Lewis-Benson
“Tammy we will miss you.”
Donation by Rachel and Loren Kertz
Loved by Don Lewis

In Memory of “Irie”
“Irie, you will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved you.”
Donation by Psyche Clark
Cherished by Irie’s Family

In Memory of Ron Snyder
“Thank you so much for teaching Ms. Daisy Mae to lovingly and protectively take care of Shirley. I miss you!”
Donation by Nancy Foster

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“Ranger was the sweetest, most loyal Golden boy ever.”
Adored by Roger Humphreys

In Memory of Sharon Cotter
“In loving memory of Sharon who truly was a great animal lover and a warm and delightful person, who was taken away from us too soon.”
Donation by Michael Kafka

In Memory of “Shelby”
“It was on a Memorial Day that you became part of our family. It was a very sad day when we had to let you go. You will forever be in our hearts. We miss you.”
Cherished by Lisa Warren & Family

In Memory of “Trapper”
“My sweet Trapper left us almost 2 yrs ago and his absence is felt every day. Golden leave deep prints in our hearts, they are the purest form of love.”
Loved by Juli Siegfried

In Memory of “Gracie”
“Gracie was our loving Senior Golden we adopted through Carol Robins in 2006. She filled our home with love and laughter for the 3.5 years she was with us. Gracie was a very special girl.”
Cared and loved by Arlene Chan

In Memory of “Copper” and “Maui”
“Copper and Maui, were two special Golden who were well loved and are still missed.”
Affectionately loved by Michele Fuller

In Memory of Mollie - 7/11/99 - 12/14/11
“The Golden that stole our hearts and our loving family member.”
Devotedly loved by Linda Benedetti & KT

In Memory of “Sunny”
“Sunny was my beloved King Among Beings. I miss you and love you to pieces.”
Dearest love of Sharon Breinhorst

In Memory “Riley”
“Thanks to NGRR, we adopted Riley (1998-2011) when he was 5 and he brought joy to our lives for 8 years.”
Loved by Gina Rieger

In Memory of “Oliver”
“Oliver was with us for barely a year – a big, smiling, goofball of love. Fate was not too kind to him and we lost him when he was only three! We miss you, Oliver, and we hope that the squirrels there are fat and slow!”
Loved and affectionately loved by Maya & Tim Misner

In Memory of "Dixie"
OTCH Coppertop Celebration UDX11,
OM7, RN, TDX, JH, WCX, CCA, VCX,
CGC
"Our sympathy to Terry & Steve Southard"
Donation by Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert

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his "Dolly" and "Teddy"
Donation by Shirley Stewart

In Memory of "Dixie"
WR Smithhavens Southern Belle
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In Memory of Charles "Chip" Kenney
Donation by the LeBlanc Family

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In Memory of Chip Kenney
*"It is with great sadness to learn of Chip's
death. I served as a trustee at his daughter's
K-8 school with Chip. No one worked harder,
or cared more about his family than Chip."*
Donation by Carole Holman

In Memory of "Rondo"
*"One is always sad when an old dog dies but
the event cannot be unexpected. Rondo was
only four years old, had earned a Master
Hunter title and had just placed in a qualifying
stake. For him, life was just beginning."*
Loved by Debbie & Nelson Tandoc
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Donation by Kathy & Ken Fandetti

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Donation by Scott & Sandra Naumann

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On Behalf of Our Two Golden Girls
In Memory of "Peaches"
In Honor of "Gracie"
"We love you!"
Donation by Sally & Scott Evans

In Memory of "Roxie," "Chase" and "Sunny"
Loved by Ruth Dunne

In Memory of "Visa"
*"Visa was Jamie's precious and wonderful
girl. My heart goes out to you."*
Missed and loved by Jamie Warren
Donation by Penny Hurley

In Memory of "Savannah"
"World's best Golden!"
Cherished by Aileen Walton

In Memory of "Daisy"
Adopted June 1998 - Died October 2011
Loved by Louise Korn

In Memory of "Sonny"
Adored by Bernadine Stader

In Memory of Chip Kenney
Donation on behalf of Margaret Roisman,
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In Memory of "Jasper"
*"Jasper was adopted from NGRRescue in
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very lucky to be able to adopt him. Thank you
for helping Golden find new home,
and for everything else you do for these
beautiful dogs."*
Loved by Cheri Hitchcock

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In Honor of our prince, "Beau"
"Forever in our hearts."
Loved by Joanne & Bruce Crist

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In Memory of Jack Wilson
*"I know you, Bob, and Sarah are enjoying
catching up."*
Donation by Laura, Frank & Sebastian James

In Memory of Kenneth Gibbons
"... and all the dogs he loved!"
Donation by Donald Rogers

In Memory of "Dylan"
*"Dylan crossed the Rainbow Bridge with his
dad and mom with him. His friends, Eddie
and Patches and their parents want to help
other Golden have good homes, too."*
Cherished by Cathy & Don Carter
Donation by Bob & Bonnie Newman,
"Eddie" & "Patches"

In Memory of Charles Kenney
Donation by the Katherine Delmar Burke
School

In Memory of "Tikaani"
*"Today I lost my Golden, Tikaani, of ten
years to cancer...I hope this helps another
Golden."*
Loved by Chris Sereno

In Loving Memory of "Brinkley"
*"We continue to remember precious Brinkley
with love and gratitude for the joy he brought
to your lives, Donna and Don."*
Adored by the Forst's
Donation by Vicki & Larry Ross

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
*"Thanks to Paul for continuing his efforts
with GRWeekly."*
Donation by Tim Golan

In Memory of "Andy"
*"Andy was adopted from NGR in 2001 by
Larry Shapiro and Carol Perry. He was a
wonderful dog, so full of Golden enthusiasm
and love. He had a truly wonderful life with
Larry and Carol. I hear he was the founder
of the Maui Golden Retriever Club! Such
a guy..."*
Missed and cherished by Larry Shapiro &
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In Memory of "Lott"
*"Lott was the biggest and the best! His gentle
spirit reminded us all of the unconditional
love he was willing to give, despite a rocky
start in life."*
Loved by Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Redner
Donation by Margaret & Harry Robinson

In Loving Memory of "Fred"
*"Fred came to NGR in July 2009 as a
lonely stray and he quickly became the BFF
and constant companion of Chad Hamilton, a
foster for NGR. Fred blossomed with Chad
and was a wonderful Golden ambassador
for NGR. 2011 was a year of tragedy,
heartache and pain for Fred and Chad and
their circle of supporters. Fred passed away
in early January 2012 and he is now running
like the wind and without any pain on the
other side of the Rainbow Bridge. He will
be fondly remembered and the warmth of his
love can be seen reflected in the eyes of so
many rescued Golden just like Fred."*
Prized and loved by Chad Hamilton
Donation by Kathy Quiroz

In Memory of "Gracie" Riley
*"We will all miss Gracie - the sweet,
energetic and beloved Golden of Marci, Jim,
Caitlin and Patrick Riley. Wishing you lots
of belly rubs and treats up in doggie heaven,
Gracie Girl!"*
Cherished by The Riley Family
Donation by Kelly Chow

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Maya"

"Your website has provided me with a lot of comfort in knowing there will be another wonderful Golden in my future after my heartbreaking loss of my wonderful Golden girl, Maya."

Donation by Teresa Kludt

In Memory of Vandy Jane Foutz

"We will miss your pumpkin bread, delicious fudge, and your beautiful sense of humor."

Donation by John & Sandii, Rebecca, Rone & Anthony, Jeremy & Family, James & Family, and Leigha

In Memory of "Huka" Beisel

"Huka, you were the first Beisel Baby and such a sweet little girl. You will be terribly missed and always remembered as a special part of our family!"

Loved by the Beisel Family

Donated with love and fond memories by Paul, Cheryl, Alli & James Beisel

In Memory of Chip Kenney

Donation by Jeri Block

In Memory of "Snap"

"What a great and special girl whose time had come. And I know how much she will be missed. We all know she will be waiting for you at the Bridge with all of your other friends. My heart and love goes out to you."

Loved by Mary Vogler

Donation by Penny Hurley

In loving memory of Frances Durantini

"Frances loved her family, both human and animal members, loyally and fully. She was one in a million and we miss her."

Donation by Rod and Georgia Maslowski

In Memory of "Roxie"

"Roxie – There will never be another angel like you! You were like a big fur ball of love all the time. To send you onto the Rainbow Bridge took all the strength we had but, we knew you would be healthy and young again. Rest, sweet baby girl, and know that we will meet again."

Love for you always, Daddy, Mommy and Bella Tornberg

In Memory of "Cruzer"

"Cruzer for all the love and the joy that you gave, your memory will live on."

Loved by Sue Fallis

Donation by Marsue MacNicol

In Honor of Joan Green and "Sophie"

"Joan is a wonderful caring person, who made the situation easier for us."

Donation by Jeanne Stoyko

Happy Birthday to Peter FitzGerald!!!

Donation from Mom & Dad/Millie & Jerry FitzGerald

In Honor of "Hank" and "Daisy" (who are with us now) and all of the senior Golden's we've been blessed with over the years!

Donation by Pris & Jim Ridgway

In Memory of Ron Shaffer

Donation by Joan & Garry Deuel

In Memory of "Remy" Oster

"Rest in peace, Remy. Your mom and dad miss you."

Cherished and loved by Darlene Oster

Donation by Debbie Gee-Merkle

In Honor of Joy Sacco

"Happy Birthday to my forever mom with all my love always, Rusty."

Donation by Barbara Nardone

In Honor of Brooke Brownback

Donation by Elizabeth Graham

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

"...and his love for his Golden's!"

Donation by Diane Rodrigues

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

Donation by Carol Sampson

In Memory of "Kelsey"

Missed and loved by Gina & S. Grossman

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

Donation by Bette Reid

In Memory of "Sweet Pea"

"Such a sweet dog – taken too soon."

Loved by Meredith Deason

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

Donation by Nancy Hartounian

In Memory of "Brandy" and in gratitude

for our rescued Golden, "Maggie"

Loved by Shelley & Joseph Eberle

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

"He was a great lover of Golden's and owned several wonderful dogs."

Donation by Paula & Wes Nelson

In Memory of Dorice Eddy Ordway

Donation by Anne Porter

In Memory of "Abby"

"Abby was a beloved friend and family member, forever cherished by the Argyres family."

Missed and loved by the Argyres Family
Donation by Emily Chow

In Memory of "Martin Wank"

"Marty and Champ will live within us forever."

Loved by Jonathan Wank

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In Memory of "Scoutie"

"In recognition of a good dog, and a life well lived."

Cherished by Matt Marquis

Donation by Canice Flanagan

In Memory of Dave Pehrson

Donation by Carol Gerich

In Memory of Bruce Goronsky

"At this time of year all of us (Bruce's friends) who follow NCAA basketball remember our dear friend. We miss him very much, especially his commentary of the NCAA tournament."

Donation by Bruce's Friends

In Memory of Starchaser's Hopalong Cassidy

"Cassidy will be missed by all who knew him but especially his family. Thank you for giving him such a wonderful life."

Loved and missed by the Burke-Miller Family

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Wrapping for Rescue in Sacramento ...

by Shirlee Thomas

What a wonderful holiday season we had. Norcal volunteers in Sacramento raised \$717 for rescue. Borders Books and Barnes & Noble opened their stores to allow us to wrap books for donations. It was a great time had by all and a wonderful opportunity to tell people about our fabulous dogs. Without the help of the following people it would not have been possible. Norcal thanks you from the bottom of our paws for the hours and efforts you dedicated. Shirlee Thomas, Doug & Cathy Mowatt, Serena Saris, Barbara Winston, Apryl Winston, Loretta Miller, Eve Nyren, Donna Butler, Amanda Schaffner, Melissa Foster, Claudia Zink, and Marguerite Galvez.

...And in Gilroy ...

by Gayle Jackson

The Monterey-San Benito-South Santa Clara Team did five stints of gift wrapping at the Gilroy Barnes and Noble. We collected a total of \$903; more than half of that was in one day. Woo Hoo! The staff at B&N could not have been nicer. We put our banner out on the car as you enter the store, since this year we could not have it in the store. Reba and Sophee (golden doodle) were our team mascots. Didn't get a picture of our honorary Pug mascot, Amethyst who was a little peeved at us because she was late for her dinner, but here she is!

... And Also in San Mateo

by Daniela Boer

My total amount was \$110 – not as much as last year, but I was alone with my dog most of the time, so hard to accommodate all the shoppers (hint: we'd love more volunteers to help next year). We did reach out to many people though, and we gave out a lot of info. Orso did a good job showing how good Golden Retrievers are in retail places. 🐾



Puppy Mills – Our Story

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one thing turned up on these people. In addition, nobody in the local golden retriever breeder community had ever heard of them. We then called the AKC and only one of the dogs belonged to Jan. We had our cousin respond to the ebay ad and come to find out there were four more pups available one week after we took the two. When we left with our pups, there were only two pups left. I contacted Canine Companions and was told they had never heard of these people.

We tried to get answers from Jim and Jan, defensive, combative, and offended, she offered us our money back and we could return the pup. My husband, daughter, and I had already found Lucy to be our girl. We hope she will grow up strong and without health problems. It's too bad we really know nothing about her lineage, our neighbors feel the same about Bear. If we had it to do over again, or advise a friend, we would strongly recommend taking your time and don't disregard details! 🐾

Pigmentary Uveitis

(thanks to Mary Beth Wilson for writing this and to Nancy Fedders for submitting it)

The Golden Retriever Foundation is very excited to announce that plans have been finalized to pay for Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) for Golden Retrievers 8 years and older to be added to online registries. With the designation of Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) as a very serious hereditary disorder in Golden Retrievers and the realization that most dogs with this serious condition will not present with the disease until after many are no longer being bred, the newest recommendation is to check dogs annually for life.

Additionally, since PU is such a serious and painful disease, we want to encourage everyone with older dogs to get them checked even if they have never been used in a breeding program. Paying for the CERF registration is our way to encourage and support this effort.

The program involves printing out a simple voucher (see link below) to be included with the CERF form you send in for registration in the database. It is understood that all dogs will be included in the public database so the owner must agree to results being published. Lets all work together to help reduce the occurrence of this painful eye disease. For more detailed information on this project, subscribe to GRF Updates. Please share this update with anyone you feel may be interested! To join, simply send a blank email to: grfupdates-subscribe@yahoo.com 🐾

Guidelines for Responsible Pet Ownership

(thanks to Marilyn Ormond for submitting this article from Nancy Kay, DVM)

Below is some very interesting and thought-provoking information from my favorite Vet, who unfortunately has moved to North Carolina.

The Executive Board of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recently approved the content of the following brand new, hot-off-the-press pet ownership guidelines. Owning a pet is a privilege and should result in a mutually beneficial relationship. However, the benefits of pet ownership come with obligations. Responsible pet ownership includes:

- Committing to the relationship for the life of the pet.
- Avoiding impulsive decisions about obtaining pet, and carefully selecting pet suited to your home and lifestyle.
- Recognizing that ownership of pet requires an investment of time and money.
- Keeping only the type and number of pets for which an appropriate and safe environment can be provided, including adequate and appropriate food, water, shelter, health care and companionship.
- Ensuring pets are properly identified (i.e., tags, microchips, or tattoos) and that registration information in associated databases is kept up-to-date.
- Adherence to local ordinances, including licensing and leash requirements.
- Controlling pet reproduction through managed breeding, containment, or spay/neuter, thereby helping to address animal control and overpopulation problems.
- Establishing and maintaining a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- Providing preventive (e.g., vaccinations, parasite control) and therapeutic health care for the life of the pet in consultation with, and as recommended by, its veterinarian.
- Socialization and appropriate training for pet, which facilitates their well-being and the well-being of other animals

and people.

- Preventing pet from negatively impacting other people, animals and the environment, including proper waste disposal, noise control, and not allowing pet to stray or become feral.
- Providing exercise and mental stimulation appropriate to the pet's age, breed, and health status.
- Advance preparation to ensure the pet's well-being in the case of an emergency or disaster, including assembling an evacuation kit.
- Making alternative arrangements if caring for the pet is no longer possible.
- Recognizing declines in the pet's quality of life and making decisions in consultation with a veterinarian regarding appropriate end-of-life care (e.g., palliative care, hospice, euthanasia).

"AMEN!" is my response to these guidelines and kudos to the AVMA for issuing them forth to the public. Now, if only they were rules rather than mere guidelines! With all due respect to the AVMA, I would add one more item to their guidelines as a means of working towards the extinction of puppy mills. That item would be, "Never, ever purchase a puppy from a pet store or online site and sight unseen."

What do you think of these AVMA guidelines for responsible pet ownership? Do you have any suggested additions for the AVMA to consider? If you would like to respond publicly, please visit www-speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=3115 🐾

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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.

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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.

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.)

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
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Sunday, April 29th, Elk Grove K9 Cancer Walk. For more information go to www.k9cancerwalk.org

Sunday, May 20th, Twain Harte Picnic. For more information contact Jill Morgan at rhmorgan95240@yahoo.com

Wednesday, May 23rd, Elk Gove, An evening with Luis and Tuesday discussing the book *Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him*. Raffle benefits NGRR. For more information, contact Shirlee Thomas at shirleet1@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 8th, WAG n WALK. For more information contact Frank Castro at fjcastro@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 15th, Bark in the Park, San Jose. For more information go to www.barksanjose.org

www.dogtrekker.com

(Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for bringing this great web site to our attention!)

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