

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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News from the Board

Deborah Bevilaqua, Director, is our new Outreach and Education Coordinator. She will be putting together strategies and ideas on how to educate the public and work on closing down puppy mills and backyard breeders. She will also be helping to educate the public on Puppy Auctions. As a first step, we will be adding various links to the website of legislative actions where we as an organization, and you as an individual, can become involved.

Liz Berry, Director, is our new Aggressive Dog Coordinator. She will be a resource to all the Area Coordinators for dogs already in our custody who show aggressive behavior without provocation.

Kathy Quiroz, Director, is looking at how other rescue groups raise money especially in light of the economy. We have already incorporated Escript into the website – a company where you sign up your credit cards like Visa, MasterCard, or cards at retail stores like Macys. These businesses will then donate to NGRR a percentage of your purchases at no cost to you. *See article on page 3 on eScrip.*



The 2010 NGRR Calendar “California’s Gold” is here!!

THANKS to Pat Lynch, Director and Area Coordinator for Alameda County, and graphic designer Cathy Stashuk for making this happen. The new calendar spans 15 months beginning with September 2009, so you can start using it any time. This fabulous calendar is filled with gorgeous photos and heart-warming stories selected from over 100 submissions. **And remember, the calendar makes a great holiday gift item at just \$15!**

To order yours, visit www.ngrr.org.

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2009 Meetup Swim Party

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for writing and submitting this article!

August 2008, our first year, we had 12 Golden Retrievers and about 18 people. This year we had 28 Golden Retrievers and 35 people! The word is out that this is golden bliss. Our Roseville Meetup group is 90+ golden lovers strong and growing.

Once or twice a month our Meetup group gets together for a nice walk on a local trail. We average 6-8 people and 8-12 dogs at any one time. It's just too hot in the valley to go for a walk in August so we threw in a little water and some great BBQ and wow what a turn out! With about an acre of room to run and a pool to cool off in – the dogs had a great time. Not one single scuffle in the bunch. Golden Retrievers just know how to have fun I guess. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old ones.

NORCAL adopter, John Skelton, provided the BBQ skills and the food was enjoyed by all. Everyone brought something to share and the variety was excellent. We even had someone generously bring biscuits for the doggies. Many of the dogs are NORCAL alumni and it was great to see them again. We had three Golden Retrievers that recently moved here from NY and their mom has become our new and welcome volunteer, Kristine Wallace and her golden boys Logan, Zachary and Cooper. The daughter of two NORCAL rescues, Reeses perfected her jumping skills at the party and recently received certificates in official dock jumping contests. Congratulations Reeses and her mom Serena Saris.

The pictures here are just a few taken by Golden Star Photo. These great folks, Doug and Cathy, generously donate a portion of the sales of their photos to NORCAL and have done a great job capturing the fun at all of these Meetup events. If you would like to see more of the party please go to their website at www.goldenstarphoto.com and look for the 2009 Swim Party.

The get-together was from 10am-2pm and by the time it was over the pool had lost so much water the pump shutdown! It couldn't refill fast enough. I could have made two Golden Retrievers with the amount of hair we pulled out of the trap, it took almost until the next day to refill it to the normal level and it took 3 days to filter it clear again. Worth every single one of those days, that's for sure.

The Meetup group has been a great way to get the word out about rescue. NORCAL has taken in a couple of dogs from the group and we have placed a couple as well. If you would like to start a Meetup group in your area, it's easy and it's fun. Just log on to www.meetup.com and create your very own Golden Retriever Meetup group. We can't wait till next year!!! Join now so you don't miss it next time. 🐾



Beaubear – A Rescue Superstar!

Thanks to Loretta Miller, Santa Clara County North volunteer and Beaubear's mom, for submitting this!

Beaubear doesn't know he's a rescue. He, his mom, and litter mates were rescued from a puppy mill in Yolo County when he was just 11 days old. Our wonderful volunteer in Sacramento County, Shirlee Thomas, fostered mom and pups, and because we had adopted our sweet Bigbear through Shirlee a few years earlier, we were lucky enough to get one of these pups.

Beau is a handsome boy, and when I saw that Orvis (one of my favorite catalogs for clothes and dog stuff shopping) was holding a "Make Your Dog Famous" photo contest last fall, I entered his cutest puppy picture.



Winners would be featured on the cover of the Orvis Dog Catalog. I didn't really expect much because one of the contest rules was "the photo should exemplify the Orvis lifestyle (hunting, fly fishing, outdoor activity in New England) and mine was just an adorable puppy picture not exemplifying much of anything else.

I had forgotten all about the contest when I received an email from the Orvis Director of Advertising informing me that Beau's picture had been selected as a finalist, and though not a winner who would appear on the cover, he would be featured along with other finalists in the Orvis Dog Catalog for Fall, as well as on their website (www.Orvis.com).

Orvis states dogs are always welcome in their retail stores, and when I was reminded that we have an Orvis store in Santana Row [San Jose], where NGRR had been invited to have a table, it was obvious a personal appearance by the "local boy who made good" was a smashing idea. At a year and a half, Beau is still very much a puppy (as Golden owners will recognize), but he behaved beautifully even with all the excitement of crowds, good smells from the sidewalk cafe tables, and his first ride in an elevator. He was well received by shoppers and Orvis store staff.



For those of you who get Orvis' "The Dog Book" Fall 2009 catalog, on page 50 is one of our own NGRR doggies who won a "Featured" spot in Orvis' "Make Your Dog Famous" photo contest.

These pictures show the winning 'puppy shot,' along with Beau at home with his new stuffed chicken, which he claimed for his own from a bottom shelf at the Orvis store. Be sure to look for Beaubear in the Fall Orvis Dog Catalogs. He's our own RESCUE SUPERSTAR! 🐾

The eScrip Program – 10 Years and \$200 Million!

eScrip helps schools and non-profit organizations earn thousands of dollars for much-needed programs and activities. Based on your shopping, participating merchants contribute directly to up to three organizations that you chose. It costs you absolutely nothing! And you'll be amazed at how many merchants you are likely already using – like Safeway, Macy's, Round Table Pizza and tons more.

All you have to do is enroll in the program, which includes identifying NGRR (group ID 139618522) and your grocery cards, credit/debit cards, and retail cards. Register for the program and read all about it at www.escrip.com. Remember, it's absolutely FREE to you – and NGRR will really benefit! We'll get an electronic deposit into our bank account every month with contributions made possible by all of you! 🐾

DEADLY FOODS

Did you know that grapes, raisins, and chocolate can all be deadly to your Golden? Grapes (of any kind) and raisins can cause acute kidney failure and chocolate can cause theobromine poisoning, which is an over-stimulation of the nervous system and may be fatal. Don't leave these items anywhere near where your Golden can get to it – and especially this coming holiday season when more food is left out than normal. 🐾

NGRR is on TV!!!



NGRR was featured on "Eye on the Bay" on September 18. Every Friday at 7:20 pm on CBS (channel 5 in the Bay Area), Pet Food Express sponsors a segment devoted to educating local pet owners and encouraging the adoption of homeless Bay Area pets. Check it out on the home page of our website (ngrr.org) and be sure and click on Episode 7.

Thanks to Kathy Quiroz, Christine Beard, Phil Fisher and all the volunteers, fosters, and adopters who participated in this great publicity for NGRR! 🐾

The Story of Bindi the Dog

Based on a true story

Thanks to Doug & Artemis Furman for writing this and to Marilyn Ormand for submitting it!

Hi, my name is Bindi. I'm a golden retriever and here is my story. I don't really remember my early days very well but when I was young I ended up in the Sandoval household with Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval and Ricardo, age 8. They live in a nice house in Guatemala. I know it is a nice house because only people with money or prestige have purebred golden retrievers in their houses. We are a status symbol. I am 4 months old.

I got fed regularly and got to play with Ricardo when he wasn't at school. Everything was going along pretty well until one fateful day. One of my favorite things to eat is beef jerky. I just love the stuff. Well one day Ricardo was teasing me and when I tried to get the beef jerky, he pulled it away. I started to get excited and at one point I jumped for the jerky. When I jumped I must have scratched Ricardo's face and knocked him down. When he fell he knocked over a lamp that busted on the floor. We made quite a lot of noise and Mrs. Sandoval came rushing into the room. First she looked at Ricardo, then the lamp and then she looked at me. Ricardo said it was all my fault and that he wasn't doing anything when all of a sudden I came into the room, jumped on him and then ran into the table knocking over the



Bindi at Animal Aware in Guatemala.

lamp. Then he started to cry.

I guess I was in trouble as I was locked out of the house that night. I've never slept outside and was scared. I kept thinking Ricardo would tell them about the jerky and then they would realize that I'm just a puppy. I finally fell asleep thinking tomorrow all would be fine. I woke up to the feeling of cloth. I was being lifted and placed inside a pillowcase. Next thing I heard was the sound of Mr. Sandoval saying, "Take this to the dump and leave it there!" I heard the sound of Pablo Garcia's garbage truck and the next thing I knew I was riding in it.

Pablo and I knew each other. He came to the house every week to gather the trash and take it to the dump. He would pet me and rub my chin; I liked him very much. Once inside the cab of the garbage truck, Pablo untied the rope and looked inside and there I was. He looked surprised and then upset. I crawled out of the pillowcase and onto his lap. I was very scared and kept my tail tucked between my legs and my head down. Pablo reached over, rubbed my cheek and said, "You will be OK Bindi."

We got to the dump and I heard barking sounds. Pablo got out of the truck and didn't come back for a long time. When he did, he grabbed me and held me in his arms. He walked to a spot and soon a bus came rolling up and we got on. Next I knew, we were at a place called Animal Aware (www.animalaware.org). Three nice ladies who wanted to help dogs like me established this place. There were a lot of dogs here and Pablo took me to the front gate. A woman greeted him and thanked Pablo for being so kind hearted and for going so far out of his way to bring me to the shelter. Pablo smiled and left. I never saw Pablo again.

At first it was really scary being in this new place, but we got fed every day and got to run around and play.

One day a woman came up to me and told me I was going to go on a trip and that it would be good. We drove somewhere and then I was handed over to a couple of guys. I heard them say I was going to go on an airplane ride to Houston and then to San Francisco. They called me a lucky dog.

All of a sudden things got really loud



with the sound of engines. After a while we stopped and then a door opened. At this new place they talked in a different language but I still understood. Soon a nice lady opens my crate and in front of me is this nice man, so I go to him and lick his face. He seems happy to see me and he holds me in his arms. He says to me "It is all over. You'll never have another bad day."

Later, I find out his name is Stewart and he is my new owner. We leave the airport and go to Stewart's house but they won't let me go into the house just yet until I have a chance to meet Snout, who will be my new sister. She is very nice and we get along right off the bat. Once everyone saw how we reacted to each other, they let us go into the house and out into the back yard. I found out the new dog is going to be my new best friend. She is 9 years older than I am and she has lived in the house, so I follow her lead. We go out into the back yard and I find all sorts of toys and new things to smell. I'm happy and take a huge drink of water. Stewart is very nice and seems pleased to be with me. He tells me I'll soon meet my new mom, Patty. I am very happy to be with them.

I'm kind of tired and think I will sleep well tonight. After all, I just got through riding from the shelter in Guatemala to the airport, flying on an airplane from Guatemala all the way to San Francisco, meeting new people and my new sister, Snout. It has been a long day. Stewart tells me that there are only good days ahead. I believe him and wag my tail. 🐾

Clifford's Success Story

Thanks to Cathy Retterer for writing this (and adopting Clifford) and to Phil Fisher for submitting it.

I just couldn't believe that I was in a shelter and everyone there knew my name was Clifford. They were nice, but I did not want to be there. But very soon a wonderful NGRR volunteer, Kris Williams picked me up and we drove to her home where I stayed for the next 9 months. I guess I was overweight because I sorta waddled, but Kris helped me lose 48 pounds. Even though I knew my foster mom loved me, I knew I needed my forever home. One day she drove me to Sparks, Nevada, where I met that special someone, Cathy Retterer. As soon as I walked into her house, I knew I was home. And I have been in my forever home for almost a year.




Because I am such a loveable dog, Kris selected me as the official Golden inspector for NGRR. My mom comes with me when we visit homes to decide if a rescued Golden can be placed with these future families. If it is a Yes, I wag my tail.

I love the hikes my mom and I take in the desert; and I love chasing rabbits. Haven't caught one yet, but I love the chase. But I especially love the summer lake cabin. Mom and I drove to Washington and spent the summer and fall at the Lake. The first couple of times I walked in the forest, I was a little scared. I couldn't see anything, too many bushes and trees; but I learned that I could chase squirrels and deer. Still haven't caught one, but I will not give up! Swimming is a perfect way to spend a hot day at the Lake. And, I also learned how to fish by walking on logs that were along the shore. I often walked several cabins away and my mom would yell at me to come home, but I just had to spend another minute or two fishing. Late one night, I was walking on our dock. There was a full moon and I could see everything. Suddenly there was a huge splash. I was going to jump in to see if I could catch this fish! My mom yelled at me to stop and grabbed my collar so fast I couldn't chase this fish. Darn. But it turned

out to be a beaver! What a tussle that would have been. Ha, Ha!!

One of my best friends at the Lake was Hoover, another Golden. We visited each other's homes through our doggie doors hoping to find food; but we never could find anything because we had already eaten it. Speaking of food, I discovered that I loved huckleberries. When my mom foraged through forest for these berries, I usually ate more than she could pick!

We are back now in Nevada and already hiking in the desert and in the Sierras. My foster Mom, Kris and one of her doggies joined Mom and me last weekend as we hiked in the Sierras. Life is great and I am so lucky. 



My Buddy

Thanks to Gary Pells and his Golden crew (Koda, Nike, Aspen, Grizzly & Sammy 'n' Buddy in spirit) for writing and submitting this story, which has been edited for space constraints. For the complete story, please go ngrr.org and click on 'Success Stories.'

During May of '09, Buddy was placed with a family in Napa who was looking for a less active, well-behaved Golden who could join the Mrs. at her job in a Napa winery. Buddy seemed a good match. He was the epitome of a gentleman Sr. Golden, age 9. He worked out well with his new family for about 8 weeks. My other two dogs, Koda and Nike, and I visited him and found him to be happy, playful and very content. Unfortunately and suddenly he developed a limp in his left rear leg. Over time and despite treatment, the limp worsened to the point where he could hardly bare weight on his bad leg. His activity level dropped and he lost weight and muscle mass. Buddy, it seemed, had severe arthritis

in his knee – so severe and that the vet advised that Buddy would either have to have the leg amputated or be put down. The family sadly contacted me and I accepted Buddy back.

I took Buddy into my vet and he noted that the knee was severely swollen and Buddy had a temp – both indicating an infection. His blood workup confirmed the infection but looked pretty good all around. A course of antibiotics seemed to clear up the infection, reduced his swelling, and allowed him to use the leg (touch down only) and help him get around. Even given his bad leg, he greeted me with woofs, wagging tail with my granddaughter's flip-flop in his mouth when I returned home from work each day or an errand. He loved to chase and bounce around with the crew – especially Koda, who became his wrestling partner.

Unfortunately the knee infection returned with a vengeance and, given the damage and bone loss, we (my vet and I) decided we faced the same decision – amputation or euthanasia. As Buddy's blood workup was still pretty good and his spirit strong and Golden we scheduled the amputation for 7/7. I would no longer be working so I would have the time to see him through

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The Best Dog & Friend I've Ever Had

Thanks to Charlotte Kim for writing this and to Stephanie Getzler for submitting it!

It's been a little over 9.5 years since I spoke to anyone at NGRR. Thought I'd give you our update. Back in early 2000 I was living in San Carlos, and I decided I wanted a dog. I thought of the name, Guster, and went about searching for the perfect dog who would fit the name. I went to three different rescues, looked at 42 different dogs – no dice. I applied to all the breed rescues with dogs that could go on long runs with me and got called by you a week later. There was this dog out in Tracy, 2 hours away, on death row. He was much bigger than I wanted, much younger, not potty trained like I wanted, but would I drive out (4-hour round trip mind you) just to see him. Don't know why, but I said yes.

That was April 20, 2000. A month later, after tearing up my home (literally and figuratively), I found out that he was very ill. When all was said and done, he had 5 different parasites, one in particular, was extremely nasty and expensive to treat, but he was worth every penny. Guster grew to over 100 lbs (weighing more than I do!) and used to go running with me on the trails – we would do this 8-mile uphill trail, he would probably run 10 because he would run up and back to make sure I was keeping up, then go ahead again. Guster came with me in my moves to LA, Seattle, and eventually NYC where we are now. He doesn't like moving, but trusts me unconditionally. He's been my best friend and constant companion.

He slowed down a lot over the years, achy arthritis, knee surgery last year. But nothing that made me think that his light cough, which I was taking him to the vet for, could be more than an allergy or the fact that he's missed his kennel cough vaccine by a month. Turns out, the cough was due to a cardiac condition. A terminal one. He's



got about 3-6 months left before he will pass from congestive heart failure. In my head I'm strong, but I can't help that my whole body is just crying, as literally a piece of me is dying. Anyone who has met him has been amazed at what a gentle giant he is. He's been a favorite at every doggie daycare I've taken him to and every apartment building I've lived in. Guster is living proof that dogs know right from wrong in that I hardly ever had to scold him. People would comment on how well-trained he was, I'd say "thank you," all the while knowing I had nothing to do with it. He's just sort of known. I suppose it's the connection you build after 9 years of living together.

I will bring Guster home from the hospital today or tomorrow, to spoil him rotten, take as many pictures as I can, and cherish every last ounce of his 107 lbs. I want to thank you NGRR, for the BEST dog and friend I've ever had. He thanks you, I know – but I thank you more. 🐾

My Buddy

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his recovery and rehab. Buddy tolerated the surgery well and returned home. He needed very little help getting around – even hours after his surgery. He recovered well for a few weeks, gaining strength, mobility and even becoming more aggressive at play as more and more of his personality emerged. About 4 weeks after surgery, he began to have a harder time making it to the field, just getting to the edge of the grass. Over the next week or so he struggled more and I felt a dog cart/wheel chair would provide him the mobility that would allow him to be more active on his walks. But he continued to weaken and I could see that his Golden spirit was fading and, although he wasn't suffering, it was

apparent that he was tired and, perhaps, it was time to let him rest, which we did this summer.

I profoundly thank Liz Berry and the NGRR vet committee for supporting my decisions to continue care as long as his Golden spirit shone and giving Buddy a chance. To me, our efforts – my work and NGRR's support – define our mission as a rescue. We take in the Golden Retrievers who are sick and injured or who have special needs and we make every reasonable attempt to rehab them and give them a chance for a happy life. We achieved that with Buddy – if only for a summer – but that's what makes his story a success. My summer was spent caring for and

working with Buddy to help him rehab and recover. I can think of little else I'd rather have done and know my life is richer from his being a part of it – even though the pain of his loss leaves an emptiness that looms huge like a black hole. Buddy spent his summer loving and enriching yet another family – this time me and my crew's lives and home – with his loving, gentle spirit, often goofy, playfulness, how he loved to wrestle and play "Bear" and his all embracing, wonderfully Golden attitude. And that's what makes his story a success...not a lost battle. I will remember him fondly...often with a smile, sometimes a tear...for the rest of my life. 🐾

A Howling Good Time in 2009

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas for writing and submitting this article.

What do you get when you put a pond, 10 fenced acres, agility equipment, great people, and a big bunch of Golden Retrievers all together? Yep, you get a Howling Good Time!

Performance Dogs in Action in Pleasant Grove is a wonderful venue and offers their facility to NGRR at a discount. The group gets to use the agility equipment with the help and guidance of owner, Nola Jones. Nola teaches herding, obedience, agility, dock jumping – you name it and she lets us in as a group to take advantage of her great facility. If you are looking for classes for your Golden – check it out at www.performancedogsinaction.com.

Our group this year was about 15 Golden Retrievers and 20 people. A great group that was able to let their dogs off leash to run and play. The area is fenced and cross-fenced so if you needed to get the dogs dry some before you left, there is a huge 6+ acre open space. The dogs run like crazy, play ball, Frisbee, check out the llamas and sheep and don't forget the pig farm in the back! With these Golden noses and all these new smells, they were a bunch of very happy dogs. Oh yeah, and a donkey.

This year was a brown bag lunch affair. Lots of picnic tables (away from the pond) to enjoy lunch under the trees. Halloween cookies for dessert were snatched up fast. Peggy Green, a Golden girl herself, brought fresh homemade delicious doggie treats from her company, Bowwowlicious Biscuits. Peggy is a huge supporter of NORCAL and always participates and helps us with fundraisers too. The holidays are coming and I would encourage you to check her out at www.bowwowlicious.com and help us thank her for her generosity. The dogs loved the liver treats, the organic wheat carob pumpkins, and the pumpkin spice biscuits.

Winston fell in love with Lily, Reeses practiced her dock jumping skills, Logan and Zachary didn't want to get out of the pond, Clara and Stanley ran and ran and ran in the open space, Bear followed close to his mom the whole time, Simon was a white blonde

that really stood out in the crowd, Molly was pretty in pink, and it was just an endless sea of Golden delight. We hope you enjoy the pictures and if you want to see more of the fun – go to www.goldenstarphoto.com. Doug and Kathy are our event photographers and do a great job for us.

We would love to have you join us at any of the events up in the Sacramento area. We plan to do this again in the spring so if you would like to come just let me know via email at shirleet1@yahoo.com and I will help you get connected with the group. There is plenty of room for more and we would love to get many more of our rescue families together. 🐾



IN TRIBUTE

NGRR wants to give a special thanks to our young donors:

Michael and Matthew Bluestein for donating \$205 of their allowance money in memory of their Golden – “Cola,” “Bear,” and “Ramsey.”

Hailey Castagnozzi, age 11; \$67, “My favorite breed is the Golden. I don’t have any dogs but I am the neighborhood dog walker/sitter. I hope you all had a very successful year so far. I hope to continue donating for years to come!”

Thanks Michael, Matthew, and Hailey!!!!

HAPPY 8th BIRTHDAY to Lexi Butler from her friends and NGRRescue!

“Lexi worked very hard to pass information to her friends that she wanted them to donate to NGRRescue instead of receiving gifts. Thank you for your continued good work. Our Golden “Sparkle,” is dearly loved by all.”

Donations in Lexi’s honor by Madigan Ocano, the Yniguez’s, the Kittle’s, the Butler’s, the Duca’s & Lechler’s, the Scott’s & Solano’s and Samantha Allott

In Honor of “Rico”

“Thank you for your great work. We adopted Rico with the help of Diane a NGRR volunteer in San Jose. We have been having a wonderful time with Rico and we can’t thank you enough!”

Loved by Brian Tan & Yui Tan
Donation by Kwan Wan Tan & Yuchun Ku

In Honor of “Cody”

“We love our Cody!”
Donation by Rita Bonasera

“Keep up the wonderful work!”

Donation by Marilyn Gray-Raine

In Thanks to Kimberly Case & Kevin Kalkhoven

“Thanks to Kimm and Kevin for their hospitality and generosity at the Grand Prix of Long Beach. The Overpass and race tickets were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Meeting people who share similar passions (Dogs and Indy Racing) was outstanding. Wishing the KV Racing Team the Best of Luck at Indy this year.”

Donation by Mary Lascuola and Barb Kreisel

Happy Birthday wishes to Peter FitzGerald
Donation by John & Mary Fisher

In Thanks to Loring Slivinski
Pacifica Pet Hospital

“Thank you for the insight for our pet project team. We learned so much.”

Donation by Mike Smith and the team at Jump Associates

In Honor of “Scoobie”

Loved by Sigvard & Mary Louise Richardson

In Honor of “Carly”

“Carly will be 13 years old in August. We adopted her from NGRRescue on April 9, 2000. She has been a wonderful dog.”

Loved by Doug & Ana Buckmaster

In Thanks to Jill Morgan and her Crew for the donation earnings made at the annual Twain Harte Golden Playday Event!

In Honor of “Brandy”

“We want to thank you for allowing us to adopt a beautiful Golden. Brandy has brought us so much joy and love. We hope in return we are giving him the happiest of homes. We feel so blessed.”

Warmest regards, Cherie, Larry & “Brandy” Day

In Honor of “Daisy”

“Daisy is celebrating her 12th birthday and 11th year of adoption. I am so thankful to have her as a companion each and every day.”

Loved by Louise Korn

In Honor of “Charley”

“We love our Charley who was adopted in January 2008. Thank you for all your great work. There is nothing like a Golden.”

Donation by Stacey & Brett Layton

In Honor of “Buddy”

“I had lunch with my friend, Frank Castro, who is a volunteer for NGRR. Frank’s stories inspired me. I am an animal lover and was thrilled to hear some of the success stories. Thank you for such fine efforts by supporting these outstanding animals.”

Donation by Patricia Brown

“Thank you for helping the best of all dogs!”

Donation by John & Leona Mc Cabe

In Thanks to Canine Wines and those who purchased wine from them. NGRRescue is a beneficiary of a portion of their sales. Their motto: *“Drink good wine, save good animals”*

In Honor of “Nala”

“Nala, welcome home! You are more than we could have asked for!”

Donation by Maril Pitcock

In Thanks to the Adam Richter Charitable Fund

In Honor of “Sunny”

Loved by Leona & John McCabe

In Thanks to All those who generously donate to NGRRescue through United Way or their companies matching donation programs. It is greatly appreciated!!

“In Thanks to Lenny Jones and Crew”

Thank you for holding the 2nd annual “Golden in the Park” in San Luis Obispo. There were over 150 Golden in one place at one time. Besides being a family fun event, it was also a fundraiser for Woods Humane Society, Animal Services Adoption Partners and Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue.

In Celebration of the Wedding of Sherrill Gregory & Tony Trovato

“We know this is the wrong part of California but the organization is for the right cause. May your lives be filled with happiness, joy and Golden love.”

Donation by Suzanne & Jack Perry

In Honor of Leslie & Mike Curtis

Donation by Linda & Jim Hannah

“This is a collaborative donation from all who participated in the Annual Destiny & Me Reunion. Thank you especially to Don & Tami Benson of the Rivertown Feed Store in Petaluma, who continue to provide strong support to all Golden” ...Nacina Dawn

In Appreciation of Kathy Quiroz (who was heroically patient) and Justine Eller for the assistance and guidance they provided with our adoption of “Buddy.” Buddy has settled in nicely and quickly claimed our hearts.

Donation by Bob Anderson & Mike Schmitt

In Memory of "George"
"George was a great NORCAL senior. Jennifer adopted George at the age of 7 and he left us just 2 weeks ago at the age of 13½. He changed my way of thinking regarding the adoption of older dogs. They have so much to give! Even though the first half of George's life was a mystery, the last half was under the best circumstances possible with Jennifer as his most caring guardian. George arrived overweight and sluggish with, at best, an undefined personality. As he got healthier, his personality grew and he had a way of making everyone he met feel so incredibly special. It was as though everyone was THE favorite person he'd run across. It was truly a special gift. He was a special guy and we miss him terribly."

Loved and cared for by Jennifer Klatt
 Donation by Maggie Isherwood

In Memory of Connie Danielsen
"...a loved one."
 Donation by Rick & Jeanne Ricketts

In Memory of "Miss Molly of Mt. Shasta"
"We will miss Molly's kind and gentle presence at our S.M.A.R.T. Dogs Visits. She inspired us all!"
 Loved by Neil & Connie Bell
 Donation by Lynne & Lefty Armstrong

In Memory of "Sage" Campbell
 Loved and missed by Beth Campbell, VMD
 Donation by Elisa Dowd, DVM & Douglas Graver

In Memory of "Chloe" Blumberg
"Chloe was so sweet!"
 Lovingly donated by Maria, Erik & Sophie Amundson
 Loved by Gail Blumberg

In Memory of "Molly"
"Molly was a very special dog and a good friend to Michael."
 Donation by Vivian Ricci & Gart Brooks
 Cherished and loved by Michael Nielsen

In Memory of "Toby"
 Donation by Bette Nakagawa

In Memory of Glenn Hoage
 Donation by Devcon Construction

In Memory of Glenn Hoage
"Our hearts ache for you."
 Donation by Jerry & Karen Ybarra

In Memory of Glenn Scott Hoage
 Donation by the Pierce's

In Memory of our beloved "Herbie"
 Cherished and loved by the Parker Family

In Memory of Ed Nelson
 Donation by Bradley & Judith Hutting

In Memory of "Megan"
"Megan was the faithful Golden companion of Nancy and Pete and the sister of our great dog, 'Bo.'"
 Lovingly missed by Nancy & Pete Welch
 Donation by Ann Marie Mix

In Memory of "Chloe"
 Companion of Gail Blumberg
"Gail and Emma, I am so sad at your loss of Chloe. What a great dog! I really loved her and will always remember her fondly."
 Missed and loved by Gail & Emma Blumberg
 Donation by Ann Mandelstamm

In Memory of Glenn Hoage
 Donation by Len & Ditty Smith

In Memory of "Sprite"
"A cute, sweet, talented Golden who was loved by Debi."
 Loved by Debi Best
 Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Memory of "Gracie"
"A sweet, gentle, kind Golden. The best puppy swim teacher ever."
 Loved by Dale Miskelly
 Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Memory of "Ginger"
"Ginger passed away after a valiant struggle with lymphoma at age 8. She was the matriarch of our family's 3 other Goldens. She taught them all their manners and set a good example for the younger ones. We miss her, as well as her sister, 'Bella,' a Boston Terrier, who thinks she is a Golden, too."
 Achingly missed and loved by Joan & Joan Demgen

In Memory of "Nessie"
"Official greeter at the carwash. Important part of the Stevens' family. Always a joy."
 Loved by Eric & Denise Stevens
 Donation by Debbie & Mike Claussen

In Memory of "Halo"
"Thank you, Lisa and Steve, for loving and caring for this sweet Golden soul."
 Loved by Lisa & Steve Newton, Debbie & Mike Claussen and Gene Hopper
 Donation by the Claussen's

In Memory of "Shiloh" Pepper
 Cherished and loved by Sharon & Clifford Pepper
 Donation by Betty Simon

In Memory of Glenn Scott Hoage
"Glenn was a lover of Golden Retrievers and especially 'Jessie' his long time friend and pet."
 Donation by Emily Dorr

In Memory of "Crickett"
"Our famous Granddaughter! Always a joy to watch performing and to be around."
 Loved by Terry & Steve Southard
 Donation by Mike & Debbie Claussen

In Memory of our Beloved Family Member,
 "Cooper"
 Achingly missed by the Eagan Family

In Memory of Joan Doss
 Donation by Barbara & Clarke Carey

In Memory of "Shayna P." Baumann
"Remembering Shayna and thinking of you."
 Loved by Lissa Baumann
 Donation by Barbara, Sara, and J.J. Clemons

In Memory of "O'Doul"
 Loved by Jude Restelli
 Donation by Carol & Allan Porter

In Memory of "Holly"
 Cherished and loved by Jennie Kelsey
 Donation by Carol and Allan Porter

In Memory of "Sumo"
"I am sorry for your loss. You gave Sumo the best 4 years of his life."
 Loved and sadly missed by Eileen Johnson
 Donation by Vicki Henderson

In Memory of "Tanner"
"Tanner was 50% human and was all heart and filled with much love."
 Missed and loved by The Lehman's
 Lovingly donated by Ellen, Deb, Marc, Em, Sarah, Bob, and Sandy Lehman

In Memory of "Sumo"
"Sumo lives on in our memories."
 Cherished and loved by Eileen Johnson
 Donation by Fauniel Clawson

In Memory of "Sumo"
 NGRR Alumni
"Remembering Sumo – a wonderful, sweet companion who with the help of NGRRescue 4 years ago, became a cherished member of his new family. He left way too soon and will be forever in our hearts."
 Loved by Eileen Johnson and Alan Polanger
 Donation by Patty Johnson and Chester, Tyler and Phoebe

In Memory of Joan Doss
"An exceptional friend to all old-timers in need."
 Donation by Marc Karody

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Bart"

"Bart had a long wonderful life with the Getzler's."

Achingly missed by David, Stephanie and Laura Getzler

Donation by Jenny Kelsey

In Memory of "Mikie Morgan"

"You will be missed."

Loved by Jill Morgan

Donation by Marc Karody

In Memory of Joan Doss

Donation by Cynthia Choate

In Memory of "Bart"

Somerset's Get Out of Town

"He was a beautiful boy."

Loved by Stephanie, David and Laura Getzler

Donation by Jennifer Workman

In Memory of "Maggie" and "Otis"

"They were truly loved!"

Missed and loved by Kathleen Wescott

Donation by Brady Wescott

In Memory of "Hobie"

"Hobie had a fulfilling life that was filled with joy and happiness due to tremendous love and the best home a dog could wish for. He's finally caught that light he's been chasing all these years. We'll miss you Hobie!"

Cherished and loved by Ruth Baily

Donation by Bill & Babct Baily

In Memory of "Kiva"

"May you suffer no more."

Remembered by Marc Karody

In Loving Memory of Lil Picolo-Christiansen

Donation by Karen & Mark Hellender

In Memory of "Jakob"

"Jakob was brave, bright, caring, funny intuitive, kind, loving and so sweet. He will be missed by Doug."

Loved by Doug Duell

Donation by Bettie Swan

In Memory of "Ben"

"Ben was our tall and handsome Golden neighbor. He is gone much too soon."

Loved fur child of Mary Bernt and Omi Hoppert

Donation by Susan Gleason, Ross Martin, "Shadow," "Lily," "Yuki," & "Maxine"

In Memory of "Einstein"

"Einstein was our special friend."

Cherished and loved by Mil Day

Donation by Marilyn & Suki Day

In Memory of "Rhett"

"Rhett was just mesmerizing to watch at the trot. He was beautiful and loving and attentive. Thank you Nancy Hoskins for sharing him with me."

Loved by Nancy Hoskins

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Holly" Kelsey

"We are all mourning the loss of Holly. We have wonderful memories of her. She was one special tennis ball-loving dog. She will be greatly missed."

Achingly missed and loved by Jenny Kelsey, "Summer" & "Heather"

Donation by Rick, Martha & "Jamba" Kessler

In Memory of Joan Doss

Donation by Jean Kudlick

In Memory and with Grateful Hearts to Joan Doss

"Joan came to do our home visit back in 2003. She approved us as a suitable home for a Golden and since then our lives have been enriched and filled with love by "Lucy." Joan was a friend to many older dogs in Santa Clara County and she will be deeply missed."
With Gratitude – Diane, Gord, and "Lucy" Head

In Memory of Joan Doss

Donation by Monika's Grooming

In Memory of "Bart" Getzler

Loved by David, Stephanie, Laura, "Rita" & "Harvey" Getzler

Donation by Janet Zimmerman

In Memory of Glenn S. Hoage

"He loved his Golden girl, Jessie, very much."

Donation by Donna & Cornie Linerud

In Memory of "Mikie" Morgan

Missed and loved by Jill & Richard Morgan

Donation by Starr Fenn

In Memory of Wally Weisler

Donation by Brian, Stephanie, Conner & Jack Stearns

In Memory of "Sneakers" and In Tribute to "Freddie"

"Two seniors adopted years apart from NGRRescue. Both with their own distinct personality, and both dearly loved."

Donation by Marla Miyashiro

In Memory of "Terra"

OTCH Terra UDX, SH

"You were one very special dog and you will be greatly missed."

Loved by Sue Stauffer

Donation by Chris Hempel

In Memory of Mike Mullen

"A dear friend and lover of Golden!"

Donation by Ross Martin and Susan Gleason

In Memory of "Terra"

"Sue lost her precious Terra this month."

Loved by Sue Stauffer

Donation by Carolyn Blom & Margie Chick

In Memory of "Bart"

"We will remember his sweet smile and loving care given by Stephanie, David, and Laura."

Achingly missed and loved by the Getzler's

Donation by Allan & Carol Porter

In Loving Memory of Pamela Wehrman

"God bless!"

Donation by Robert & Barbara Beratta

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Donation by Brenda & Walter Stevenson

In Memory and In Honor of

Pamela D. Wehrman

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In Loving Memory of Alice Driscoll

"We miss your Irish smile."

Donation by Mary Ann Graziano

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Donation by Lynne Edminster

In Loving Memory of Darlene Condit

Donation by Kathleen Haywood

In Memory of "Opal"

Loved by Gail Blumberg & Emma Heath

Donation by Ann Mandelstamm

In Loving Memory of "Elvis"

"Elvis was our crazy, dirty, loud, needy, loving, sweet Golden, who came into our lives through NGRRescue. I am thinking of you on July 29th, our shared birthday, Elvie. I miss you so!"

Lovingly donated by Jackie Easley

In Memory of "Chip," "Tripper" & "Jilly"

"Our sweet Golden...you will live in our hearts forever."

Loved and missed by Pete & Linda Woglom

In Memory of "Max"

"Max was a wonderful companion and good friend to Shannon."

Cherished and missed by the Aiken's

Donation by Phil Fisher

In Memory of "Angel" and "Crosby"

Loved by Gina & Ed Lewis

Lovingly donated by Prudence Dreyfus

In Memory of "Sophie"

"Sophie was a beautiful Golden who is greatly missed by Rich and Brenda."

Treasured and loved by Brenda & Rich Mashburn

Donation by Karin Wiborn

In Memory of Linda Fradkin

Lovingly donated by her sister, Judith Fradkin

In Memory of Linda Fradkin

Donation by the member of Dr. Judith Fradkin's staff in the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases

In Memory of Dean Balsaas

"Dean was a life member of NORCAL Golden Retriever Club and gave much to the breed."

Donation by NORCAL Golden Retriever Club

In Memory of "Journey"

"Journey was a very special boy. He was always gentle, sweet, loving, sometimes very silly, a true gentleman at all times and always wanting to please. He was loved by everyone who knew him and is greatly missed by many, especially his Mom, Bea Moore, and his little Nephew, "TJ." His passing has left a huge void in many lives. We miss you very much, 'Journey Man.'"

Truly loved by Bea Moore

Donation by Ann, Ken, Holly & Libby Brown

In Memory of "Jimmy"

"Jimmy was a beautiful, beautiful boy and gone too soon."

Loved by Marsha & Jim Dandridge

Donation by Valerie Thompson & Janet Gilberg

In Memory of "Ruby"

"We were each so sorry to hear about your precious Ruby girl. She was special indeed. We all looked forward to visiting you and sharing time with Ruby. We are thinking of you."

Cherished and loved by the Pelayo Family

Donation by the Coate Family

In Memory of "Roxie"

"Our beloved Roxie who started the ball rolling . . . who gave life to people who had not known the love of a Golden. You enjoyed life to the fullest. We miss you."

Missed and loved by Ruth Dunne

Donation by Sharon Breimhorst

In Memory of my Friend, Pam Wehrman

Donation by Carole & Ken Markstein

In loving memory of Rusty, loving family member of Eve and Koichi who passed the Rainbow bridge on September 13, 2009

In Memory of "Max"

"Max was a warm, gentle, and loving friend adopted by my Aunt Candy Anderson. His first owners neglected him, and Candy took him in to show him unconditional love and companionship. He was my aunt's best friend and will be missed by our entire family."

Loved by Candy Anderson

Donation by Clint Pyeatt

In Memory of "Maverick"

"Maverick made his family so happy. They loved him and now miss him."

Cherished, loved, and missed by the

Petz Family

Donation and sympathies by Nacina Dawn

In honor of "Max"

"Max was my rescue dog, friend, confidant, and constant companion. He was rescued 2/06 and lived a wonderful, giving, loving life. He left this life for the Rainbow Bridge on 10/2/09 in my arms. I love him to the moon and back – always."

Achingly missed and loved by

Candy Anderson

In Memory of "Lovebug"

"Lovebug always lived up to his name and was sweetness right out of the chute. I loved the time he came to the reunion, I was so happy, I was hardly able to stop hugging him. My sincere condolences to his great family for their loss."

Loved by the Rodgers Family

Lovingly donated by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Ethel"

"It is never easy to say goodbye but younger ones are so much more difficult. Ethel was a good little girl and will be missed incredibly."

Greatly loved by the Weyl's

Donated with love by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Kele"

"My wonderful Kiska baby. So loving and so loved. So sorry you are gone. Thank you to the Friedman's for taking such good care of my boy."

Loved by Laurie & Bill Weyl

Donation with love by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "P.J."

"P.J. had to be the luckiest girl to end up with the Bryan's. They have a knack for rescue and gave P.J. the best possible of everything. She was loved by everyone."

Cherished and loved by the Bryan's

Donated with heartfelt sympathy by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Grizzly"

"Sorry, Alan, for the loss of your big, fuzzy cuddler, Grizzly. I appreciate the time I was able to spend with him and miss his visits."

Lovingly missed by Alan Bishop

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Matey"

"Matey was always such a happy and fun companion."

Loved by the Horton Family

Donation and condolences by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Woody"

"Woody was the red-headed goofy guy. So much joy and love wrapped up in one furry package. The Gavzy family was very lucky."

Missed and loved by the Gavzy Family

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Cody"

"Cody was a wiggleworm pleading for a pet but loved the hugs when you caught him. I know his family misses him."

Achingly loved and missed by the

Herz Family

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Edison"

"Edison was my buddy for many years and his silly quirks made an impression. Thank you to the Raymond's for sharing him with me."

Loved and missed by the Raymond Family

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Chip Schuster"

"He was a wonderful and well-behaved chocolate bunny."

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Bart"

FC/AFC Glenhaven Htrs Mn Baronet MH, OS

"You left your imprint on many hearts and you will be greatly missed, especially by your Mom, Glenda."

Loved by Glenda Brown

Donation by Christine Hempel

In Memory of "Buddy" Lau

"Buddy was the love of our lives, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his passing. He was truly and outstanding Golden Retriever."

Loved and missed by Catherine & Collin Lau

In Memory of "Casey"

"Casey moved with us three times. He truly left paw prints on our hearts. We had him for 15 years. I've had numerous dogs, but he will always be special."

Missed and loved by Loyd & M.J. Ellis

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Bart," "Chickie," "Maggie," "Cody," "Amy," "Rosie," "Sunny," and "Harley"
"There will never be such a special litter loved by such extraordinary families. Each one of you embraced Lola's babies with a love that was true and strong. Raised by hand, these pups had an exceptional capacity to love, and true to the Golden spirit cherished and worshipped each of you. Thank you for making them a part of your family and a part of your lives. We miss you every day, Bart. You were our boy."
With love to the Christensen's, the Tagle's, Melody Lane, the Thompson's, the Loughran's, the Sellman's and the Mendell's. Lovingly donated by David, Stephanie & Laura Getzler, "Rita" and "Harvey" and the "Cats"

In Memory of Jody Stiely
Donation by Andrew Palk

In Loving Memory of "Lyra"
"Lyra was an incomparably beautiful girl who blessed the lives of Mary, Mae, and Ellora."
Lovingly missed by Mary Coombs
Donation by Gale Justin

In Memory of "Patrick"
Loved and cherished by Pat Lynch
Donation by Ann Fairbanks

In Memory of "General Custer"
"General Custer was a unique gentle soul and senior citizen who was rescued and loved by Carla Holmes."
Missed and loved by Carla Holmes
Donation by Ginny Holmes & Shadow

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:

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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.

A Thank You for Casey

Thank you to Shirlee Thomas for submitting this and for being in Casey's life. (Editor's Note: have Kleenex ready!)

On Saturday, August 1st I was called to rescue Casey. A pet sitter had grown alarmed at the condition she was in and discussed options with the owner. At 12+ years old her family didn't want to care for her any longer. They said she was not well and they couldn't afford to take her to the doctor. She was too needy and always pretended that she needed help getting up, just to get attention – she could do it herself.

With the help of another volunteer, we scooped Casey up into our arms and carried her to the car. She was a pretty girl with long feathers and a sweet white face, light golden fur. We got her to my house and carried her in where we put her on a soft bed. I tried to get her to eat a little something. I sat with her for a while until she went to sleep and I left to let her rest.

There was a party at my house the next day with 28 Golden Retrievers and 35 people – I placed a bed outside for Casey so that she could be with us and be comfortable. Lots of people

came over to ask about her and pet her and comfort her. She enjoyed the attention and wanted to make her way into the center of things for a little while. Then, we helped her back to her soft bed. Monday came and I carried Casey to the car to see Dr. Cindy Hurst from Cirby Ridge Animal Hospital in Roseville. It wouldn't be a long visit. Dr. Hurst gently checked Casey over and then with great compassion helped relieve Casey from her pain. You see, her shoulder was about three times the size it should be, there was no use of her leg, her blood pressure was almost non-existent and most likely was suffering a great deal with bone cancer.

I held her in my arms and kissed her good-bye. I knew Casey for just this brief time, but I cried like I had her all my life. She deserved that – to have someone grieve for her. Casey touched Dr. Hurst as well and I want to thank her for the donation she made to the UC Davis Companion Animal Memorial Fund, in memory of Casey. Rescue can be joyful and sometimes very hard – but if not for volunteers, compassionate vets, observant and caring pet sitters, where would the Casey's be without them. 🐾

Spotlight on Adopters



Hello Marcy (Hutchinson), just wanted you to see the girls and how cute they are! Katie on the right is the one you let me know needed to be rescued. She has been with us for about 8 months now and is one of the two loves of our lives. Thank you for making the connection, because of you there is one more Golden that has a very loving home and a new sister.

Hope all is well with you and your family!
Carol Hamilton

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

Contributions to this fund will pay for ordinary veterinary care, food, and other expenses directly related to our 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.)

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

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- Wag 'n' Walk
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 - Event Coordinator/Worker
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 - Catalog

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

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

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We Need Volunteers!!

NGRR is an all-volunteer organization. We are always looking for people with a soft spot for Golden Retrievers who can help us. If you have some extra time, please join us in our Mission to place adoptable Golden Retrievers in loving new homes. Fostering takes a special kind of person who can take a surrendered or rescued Golden into their home on short notice, care for it, see that it gets vet care including neuter or spaying and the required inoculations, and otherwise prepare it for adoption. NGRR pays for all the vet care. Hands-on Positions include such things as home visits, phone interviews, surrenders, and transportation. Support Positions are many, such as website, writing thank you notes, merchandise, and public relations. **Here are some current openings we are actively in need of:**

1. Fosters - We need fosters in all areas.
2. Help with adoptions and surrenders in Solano County, Sacramento County, Mendocino County, and Lake County

For the Love of Bella – and Dario

People often ask us where we get our dogs and worry about the environment they come from. Bella came from a loving family that wanted to do what was best for Bella, thinking of her needs even during the most difficult time in their lives. You see, their son Dario Ledesma is 12 years old and he has cancer, neuro-fibro mitosis. Things were looking good for a few months when Bella, an energetic Golden puppy, came into his life. Sadly, it was short lived and Dario is no longer able to keep up with Bella. The family is away at the hospital more often than not and decided that it just wasn't fair for Bella to be alone so much.

Like most puppies, Bella loves toys and if you would like to help Dario and his family by purchasing some great dog toys for your Golden, please check out www.getpawpets.com. Owner, Ian, has generously offered to donate 10% of the sale to Dario and his family. Use the coupon code Golden when you order. Paw Pets will honor the code until the end of December, so do some Christmas shopping for your Golden and help this young boy with a heart of gold. You can contact Shirlee Thomas at shirleet1@yahoo.com if you have any questions. 🐾



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