

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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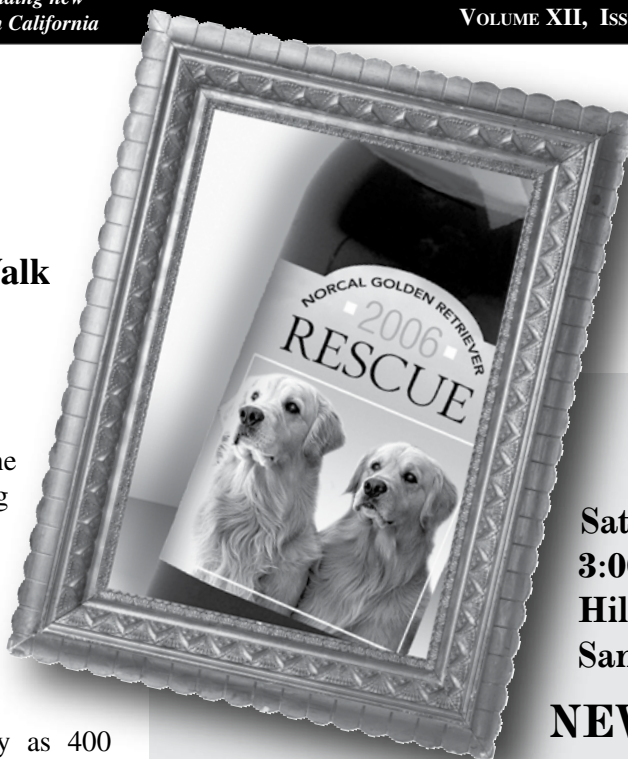
**Don't miss this year's Wag 'n Walk
at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park
in Pleasanton.**

Saturday, June 3, 2006

If you would like to be a part of the volunteer team for the 8th annual Wag 'n Walk, please contact the chairperson, Laurel Stanley, at 925-962-9255 or wagnwalk06@sbcglobal.net. Wag 'n Walk is one of our largest fund raisers of the year and an event that many consider a reunion among friends, both human and canine.

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

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



And so
is the
AUCTION!!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 7, 2006

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Hiller Aviation Museum,
San Carlos**

NEW LOCATION!!!!

This year's NGRR Auction & Wine Tasting, our major fund-raising event, will take place at a new and exciting venue this year – the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. And, the date is earlier this year than in past years, so be sure and mark your calendar now. Catch up with friends, do some early holiday shopping, taste exquisite wines, and bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items.

The cost for a fun-filled afternoon is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. We welcome donations of products or services from individuals and businesses. Past items have included art, rare wine lots, sporting event tickets, trips and more.

Volunteers are also needed. If you can help, or if you have a donation, contact this year's chairperson, Denise Faleschini at dlfa1@comcast.net or 650.773.6935. Look for your invitation by mail the end of August!

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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 could expand and continue to rescue and relocate dogs from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. We were very happy with the results of that letter. We raised over \$45,000. We would like to acknowledge those people who responded to the letter. Listed below are those donors who gave generously to this fund.

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Just An Old Golden Retriever

Thank you to Marilyn Ormand for submitting this article forwarded to her by Penelope Smith and authored by Sara Whalen, who established the animal shelter "PetsAlive" in Middletown, New York. For her website, please click www.petsalive.com.

I grew up in your average middle-class Jewish home where pets were not available. I never had a pet. There was a lot of plastic on the furniture. Basically, pets were considered dirty, unwanted things. Animals were not a part of my experience, so I had no conscience about them.

I got married in 1968, and in 1970 I had a baby. When he was 18 months old, we were living in a bungalow colony in upstate New York while waiting for our home to be built. An elderly woman and her old golden retriever lived next door. I used to see them together when the woman was outside gardening. My son liked the dog and she was a friendly animal, but that was all, as far as I was concerned.

When the woman died, her relatives came up, and they emptied her house of her treasures, her clothing, anything they thought of value. They contacted a real estate agent who put out a "For Sale" sign on her property. Then they locked the dog out and drove away.

Because I'd grown up with no conscience about animals, it didn't even cross my mind to say, "Wait a minute. Someone should be taking care of this dog" or "Who is going to be responsible for her?" It just didn't. I was not responsible for the dog.

Some of the neighbors mentioned that they'd feed her occasionally, but the dog mostly stayed near the house where she'd lived, where her owner had died. When the dog would come over to play with my son, Adam, he would feed her cookies; once in a while I would give

her some leftovers.

One afternoon I went to get Adam, who'd been outside playing in our yard - a safe, level, grassy area - and he was gone. Just gone. I was frantic. I looked for him, and then neighbors helped me look for him. We called the police. For three hours the police looked for him, then they called the state police.

The state police brought in helicopters. My husband rushed home from the city. I was hysterical. We could not find Adam. We didn't know if he'd been abducted. We didn't know if he was alive. We could not find him. The search had been going on for six hours when

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a neighbor, who'd just returned home, said, "Where's Brandy?"

Brandy? The dog? Why was he asking about the dog? Someone else said, "Maybe he's with Adam." What did I know about animals? I said, "Why would she be with Adam? What does that mean?"

One of the troopers recalled that he'd heard a dog barking, deep in the woods when they were doing the foot search. And suddenly everybody started to yell, "Brandy!" including me. We heard faint barking and followed the sound.

We found my 18-month-old son, standing up, fast asleep, pressed against the trunk of a tree. Brandy was holding him there with one shoulder. One of her legs was hanging over a 35-foot drop to

a stream below.

Brandy must have followed Adam when he wandered off, just as a dog will with a child, and she saw danger. She was a better mother than I; she'd pushed him out of harm's way and held him there. This was an old dog. Adam was an 18-month-old child. He struggled, I'm sure, but she'd held him there for all those hours. When I picked him up, she collapsed.

As the trooper carried my son back home, I, sobbing with relief, carried Brandy. I knew in that instant that she was coming home with me, too. Brandy spent the rest of her life with us, and I loved her completely; she lived to be 17 years old.

From then on, I made it a point to learn everything I could about animals. My focus at the time was Golden Retrievers. Obviously, I thought they were the smartest, the best, and there was nothing like them. I started the first golden retriever rescue and have had as many as 35 of them in the house at a time, and it mushroomed from there.

Because of Brandy, I had a calling. I have a reason to get up in the morning. Because of Brandy, thousands of unwanted animals have been given safe lives. I can't save them all, but I can make a difference.

We now have 300 animals. All kinds, including birds and pot-bellied pigs. We are a well-recognized humane animal sanctuary. We take the animals that other shelters won't take. The ones my mother would have said were dirty; the old ones who are incontinent, the blind, the ugly ones; they're all beautiful to me. So many organizations feel it's easier to euthanize these animals. I don't agree. How could I? If someone had put an abandoned 11-year-old golden retriever to sleep 29 years ago, I would not have a child. I wouldn't have a son who is the light of my life. 🐾

DINNER FOR MELE

Thanks to Shirlee Thomas, volunteer, for submitting this article and to she and Angela O'Neill, volunteer, for all their fundraising efforts!

Imagine, five months old and already in pain. The pain would last a lifetime if left untreated. A life limited in walking, jumping, running, playing that could eventually lead to a shortened life span. Mele has severe hip dysplasia.

A kind and caring couple went out to purchase a golden retriever puppy they had seen for sale in the paper. A man had bred his goldens and there were two adorable female puppies left available for sale. These big hearted people felt the conditions that these pups were living in were less than acceptable and quickly negotiated to purchase both of the girls.

Life makes changes for us sometimes and there were big ones for this couple. Cancer crept into their lives and raising and training two puppies was more than they could handle. They called Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue and asked us to find a home for one of the girls. Mele came into the organization at five months old. Mele was quite thin, and timid. She was very mellow and quiet for a puppy. After her checkup it was determined that she definitely had hip dysplasia. The radiographs confirmed the suspicions. Her walk, the way she hopped when she ran, her low activity level and she was slow to potty train – all signs of hip pain.

When a dog has hip dysplasia, the joints develop abnormally. The head of the thigh bone does not fit properly into the hip socket. These “ball and socket” joints become malformed and unstable, causing inflammation and weakness. Depending on the severity of the problem, this can lead to painful and sometimes crippling arthritis. There are four procedures that can be done to treat hip dysplasia. Various conditions are met to deter-

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mine the optimum treatment. For Mele, total hip replacement has been recommended. Mele's pain is being managed with medication and she is feeling and getting around much better. She is still growing and must wait until she is at least one year old to be scheduled for surgery.

The success rate of total hip replacement surgery is 95% or better. After 6-9 weeks Mele should be able to have a pain-free normal life. Once healing is complete she can return to normal activities, running, jumping, and playing ball. The price of this surgery is quite high. The cost for both hips is between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue is committed to Mele and providing the surgery she needs.

Norcal is an all volunteer organization that is funded completely by donation. Financial support through adoption and surrender donations and fundraising events allow us to care for the basic needs of the dogs that we take in on a daily basis. Norcal takes in and places 350-400 goldens each year.

For situations like Mele, we take an extra step to raise money to help defray the costs associated with her surgery. In December, we did gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble and raised \$1,874.57. **In March, we have a pasta dinner planned (see inset invitation) and all proceeds will be used for Mele's surgery.**

What we would like to leave you with is that dysplasia, whether it is hip or elbow, is a genetic defect. This means that it can be prevented. If people would not breed their dogs unless they have been tested and certified to be free of the defective gene, there would not be puppies left to live a life of pain and disability.

IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of Bev Cobb

"Congratulations to Bev on her 50th anniversary as a club member and founder of the Santa Clara Dog Training Club."

Donation by the SCDTC Board and her friends from the club

In Thanks to Cade Deverell

"Thank you for helping me find a home for 'Sophie.'"

Donation by John Reese

In Honor of Jeff Bryan, DVM

"Thank you for all your hard work continuously making the lives of our companions better. Your unfailing patience, rescue work, helping hands and love is appreciated and admired. You are a real life hero. Thank you for everything."

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald

"Merry Christmas!"

Donation by Gerald & Mildred FitzGerald

In Honor of "Gunther"

"The reason I sent \$25 is because my Mom, brother and I got a Golden Retriever named Gunther. He is having a lot of fun and I am glad we got him, I am glad you are taking care of those dogs!"

Donation by Peter McElearney, age 9
Peter – You don't know how your hand written message filled my heart with a smile. It made me happy to know a young man of 9 knows when there is something special in his life and appreciates it!
Stephanie

In Honor of "Ribbon" and Janet Hellums

"In a few short days, I'll be visited by Janet and her Golden, Ribbon. I love to see and renew acquaintances! I'm so elevated by the visits at the time and afterwards! Lois and I are too old now to be owners of another Golden, but we have fond memories of the six Golden we had! What a wonderful breed. God bless your work!"

Donation by Lois & Earl Ball

"...for the Golden Oldies!"

Donation by his loving owner, George Morley

"Happy Birthday to Rick Partridge!"

"In tribute to Rick Partridge on his 50th birthday. He's a wonderful dog owner who lost two Golden in the last 8 months. He and Jack are dog-less for the first time in 20 years. We know he admires NGRRescue, so we decided to donate in lieu of a birthday gift."

Donation by Susan Tatro and Clint Moore

Merry Christmas to Jeff Hasson!

"This is part of a Christmas wish list from Jeff. He has two Golden Retrievers, who are now seniors. This is a breed he loves and is devoted to helping."

Donation by Nadine Ream

In Honor of "Daisy"

"Daisy, my Golden girl, is 15 1/2 and I feel so lucky that she is doing so well for such an ancient lady."

Donation by Mary Durantini

In Honor of Janet Hellums and "Ribbon"

"Thank you for all your many rewarding visits! God bless the NGRR organization!"

Donation by William Earl & Lois Ball

In Honor of "Amber"

"Our Amber came into our lives two years ago from NGRR Tahoe-Donner. We love her so much and are very thankful there are so many Golden lovers out there helping."

Donation by Linda Bueno

In Honor of Shannon & Tom Aiken

"Tom and Shannon, thank you for the kindness and compassion you live by and all the wonderful dogs you help save."

Donation by Laura & Ray Gann

In Honor of "Laurie"

"I was very fortunate to rescue a Golden myself this week. (We lost our Laurie when she was 14.) Bonnie on our block is a NGRRescue person so I know about rescue. I was driving and I saw a tagged Golden on the street. I just pulled over, talked to him, opened the back part of our Explorer and he hopped right in. He was very sweet and happy and even happier when his family came to pick him up. It was really fun. Thank you for your work."

Donation by Alonna Rose

P.S. Thanks from NGRR, to you, Alonna

In Thanks to the Robert K. &

Patricia A. Dahl Foundation

In Honor of Jean Connors

Donation by her friend, Terry Sechrist

In Thanks to the McCoy's and

Ackerman's Servicing Volvo's who give a portion of their services to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue.

In Honor of "Rufus" and "Miss Fanny Rose"

"They are the best of friends!"

Donation by their happy parents, Allen & Elizabeth Long

In Honor of "Hobie"

"Hobie was in your 2005 calendar. He gives us great joy and we are all looking forward to playing in the snow at Tahoe. Thanks to all for helping our Golden."

Donation by Hobie & Ruth Bailly

"Happy Anniversary to Carole and Barry Frank"

"Wishing you continued health and happiness on the road to your 60th anniversary!"

Donation by Joy & Stan Davies

In Honor of "Cody"

IN MEMORIAM

"I was called by NGRR in December 2001 regarding a two and a half year Goldie named Cody and asked if I would foster him for a couple of weeks, with the option of adopting him. Needless to say, we bonded quickly. He is now 7 plus years and having a ball with life. Wishing all of you a very happy holiday and sending you a pat on your backs for your efforts for our Goldies."

In Honor of "Sophie", "Buddy", and "Rusty"
"Sophie, Buddy, and Rusty are three well, happy, rescued Golden Retrievers who live and love with Anne Tiry and Robert Young. Merry Christmas! Wishing you holidays that are bright."
With much love, Penny & Jack Courtney

"Happy Holidays to Althea, Michael, Michelle and Nick!"
"A donation has been made to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue in your name. We hope you have a wonderful holiday!"
Donation by Matt, Marla, Nick & Aly Dolcini

"Merry Christmas to Mrs. Anne Belisle"
Donation by Diane Head

"Happy Holidays to Janine & Don Matheson!"
Donation by Diane Head

In Honor of Peter FitzGerald
Donation by Virginia Atwood

In Honor of Carol Gray Weihman
Donation by Elaine J. Weihman

In Honor of "Zeke" and "Stella,"
Dayna Marr and Andy Talbot
Donation by I. Inglis

"Merry Christmas to Ray Odell!"
Donation by Ted, Jeanine, and the kids Odell

In Honor of our Foster Dogs "Sammi,"

"Rockee," and "Reno"
Donation by Kirsten Witesman, Christine Harrison, Casey & Lady

In Honor of Carole Gray-Weihman
Donation by Anna Weihman

In Thanksgiving for "Buddy," "Rose," "Cody," & "Annie"
Donation by Fay & Frank Putnam

In Honor of "Bonnie"
Donation by Margie & Raymond Einberger, Sr

In Honor of "Teller"
"In gratitude for our beautiful Teller, with love. We are so thankful he is a member of our family!"
Donation by Susan & Charles Rothschild & Family

In Honor of "Sonny"
"Thanks to NGRR. I adopted Sonny in November 2004 and he is an absolute joy to us. Sonny is our 3rd Golden (the prior two lived to 14 years!) Happy New Year!"
Donation by Lois Wilco-Owens

In Honor of Christine Harrison
Donation by Elizabeth Harrison

In Honor of "Niko"
Donation by Diane & Paul Thomson

In Honor of Karyn Hunt Ellis
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In Tribute and Thanks to our Lake Tahoe friends, Linda, Jeanne, Joan and Phil
"Thanks for all the good work you donate to Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue."
Donation by Astrid Olson

In Honor of "Buddy"
Donation by Elaine Arke

In Honor of Kyle Allgood

"Happy Birthday!"
Donation by Lyle & Fran Sprain

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Beauregarde"
Loved by Dorice Ordway

In Memory of Gideon
Donation by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of "Spam"
"We will always remember SPAM who brought so much joy to you."
Loved by Danny Castellano & Heidi Karnofel
Donation by Marilyn & Jack Goodman

In Memory of Karen Lindstrom
Donation by Cathryn Terrell – Renegade Golden

In Memory of "Bear" and "Tessa"
"We miss our Golden Retrievers more than words can express. Thank you for all the great work you do."
Loved by Joan & Bob Bea

In Memory of our dear, sweet "Winston"
"Winston brought so much joy to our lives. We will always remember his gentle soul and loving spirit."
Loved and missed by the Knowles Family

In Memory of "Webster"
"My dear Webster, another Kiska baby gone. I'm so very sorry for your loss. The puppy who got his own brand new truck to drive home in and whose Dad loved him incredibly."
Missed by Peter Theriot & Family, and myself
Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Abby"

IN MEMORIAM

"Abby, sweet little gentle one, taken too soon from your family. My sincere condolences and gratitude to the Colla's, for making what time she did have a Golden dream. You are great parents."

Loved by the Colla's

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Jerry"

"Mike Kenneth, I am so happy that you had your beloved Jerry as your companion when I could not be. Yes, he was special, and his memory will continue to follow in your footsteps and his soul live in your heart."

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Malcolm"

"Taken away too soon and sorely missed by all. A rising star who took a shortcut to heaven. So sad and so sorry."

Condolences to Linda Giorgi and Tamra Howard

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Belle"

"Belle was a beautiful and sunny girl who charmed all who came into her sight. Thank you for making her time on earth so happy."

Lovingly cared for and incredibly missed by Sandi & Derek Roe and her brother, Beau

Donation by Nacina Dawn

In Memory of "Bailey" Bauer

"Bailey was beautiful. She was the best Golden ambassador ever created. Thank you, Jim and Linda for sharing her with all of us."

Loved by Linda & Jim Bauer

Donation by Babs, Dan & Ruby Bloom

In Memory of "Miles"

"Miles was a golden who spent his life surrounded by love and affection. He will surely be missed."

Miles – much loved, always missed."

Cherished by Carl Gustafson & Hedi Aster

Donation by Karen Topakian & Peg Stevenson

In Memory of John Joseph McAuliffe
1919-2005

"Professor Extraordinarius of History at Balboa High School, San Francisco!"

Donation by John Burgoa

In Memory of "Gideon"

Loved and remembered by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of "Cody"

"Cody was unexpectedly taken from us."

He will be greatly missed by Will, Sharon, Annie, Tonka and Wilma."

Achingly missed by Will & Sharon Banks

Donation by Mary Lou Atkins & "Kayla"

In Memory of "Caleb"

"Caleb, your cherished companion, will never be forgotten."

Deeply loved and sorely missed by

Laurie & Mark Berman

Donation by Ellie & Morrie Green

In Memory of "Chance"

"Chance's wonderful spirit will be remembered forever."

Loved and missed by the Anderson Family

Donation by Ellie & Morrie Green

In Loving Memory of "Felony"

Honor's Weststar Steal a Kiss

Owned and loved by Pam & Lloyd Little

Donation by Helene & Jim Brodrick

In memory of Marjorie and her Golden Retriever, "Beau"

(They passed a few months apart.)

"What an amazing bond you two have. Now you are together again. What an honor to know both of you."

Donation by Mary James

In Loving Memory of "Oski"

"...the world's most wonderful dog."

Loved by Judy Crum

Donation by Jane Perkey

In Memory of "Brandy"

"We loved Brandy, she was one of 'ours,' too."

Lovingly missed by Patti & John Anfibolo

Donation by Diane & Don Terry

In Memory of "Jack" Edelmänn

"Jack was adopted from NGRR."

Loved by the Edelmänn Family

Donation by Jill & Bruce Dresser

In Memory of "Daisy"

"Daisy lived a long and wonderful life."

She was one lucky little girl to live with the Smith family. We'll always remember the 'smile' she gave Mark and the attitude behind it!"

Loved by June Smith

Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Loving Memory of

James Joseph McNeill

"Jim was a man who had a wonderful connection with animals. We will miss him."

Donation by Ken, Brigitte, Griffin & Jenna Sheppard

In Memory of "Blast"

"What a fine example of the breed, not only from his many titles in Hunting and Obedience, but his outstanding personality and heart. His legacy will always live on in his offspring."

Deeply loved by Mary Vogler & her Family.

Donations by Bonnie Speckels & Penny Cavallaro

In Memory of "Bailey Gilsdorf" and

In the Name of Dr. Ingrid Hardy and the

Staff of San Carlos Pet Hospital

Lovingly donated by Kris &

Steve Gilsdorf

In Memory of "Justin"

IN MEMORIAM

Loved and still missed by S. Mona Sinha

In Memory of Helen “*Harkie*” Harcourt
“*Helen left me with many wonderful
childhood memories.*”

Donation by Elaine Bowers

In Memory of “*Casey*”

Donation by Bob & Leslie Bruce

In Memory of “*Daisy*”

Loved by June Smith

Donation by Laurie & Mark Berman

In Memory of “*Maxi*”

Loved by the Dillman Family

Donation by Gram, Linda & Edye Kaanehe

In Memory of “*Chelsea*”

Silveira’s Chelsea, RN

“*Chelsea, a Golden Retriever, was the
beloved companion of Wendy. They shared
many special moments together and she
will be deeply missed.*”

Lovingly cherished by Wendy Silveira

Donation by Deep Peninsula Dog
Training Club

In Memory of “*Gideon*”

Cherished by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of My Precious “*Callie*”

Loved and missed by Charlene Flynn

In Loving Memory of “*Tansy*”

Meadowpond Regency Fantasy

“*Sadly missed by Vic & Laura Franchi*”

Donation by Pam Rubio

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Missed and loved by Gretchen Schiffer
& Matt Borrer

In Memory of “*Dooley*” and “*Basil*”

Lovingly missed by Judy & Terry Klimko

In Memory of “*Shasta*”

Loved and missed by Marye McCarthy

Donation by Bettie G. Swan

In Loving Memory of “*Quincy*”

Ch. Golden Pine’s Pacific Panache CD, CGC
Lovingly missed by Betsy & Don Sumner

In Memory of “*Teddy*”

“*Teddy was a character whom we will
never forget. He was so lucky to have been
adopted by the Porter’s when no one else
would take him. What a great last few
years of life he had! Thank you to Carol,
Allan and Lisa for their love, patience and
wonderful care given to Teddy over the
years. We will miss his friendship and
his spirit.*”

Lovingly missed by Carol, Lisa &

Allan Porter

Donation by Dr. Anne Walker

In Memory of “*Tansy*”

“*Fondly remembered by Laura &
Vic Franchi*”

Donation by Helen & Frank Steckclair

In Memory of “*Chance*”

OTCH DD’s Takin’ A Chance UDX,
TDX, SH, OA, OAJ, OBHF

“*Chance was truly one of the best
obedience dogs ever.*”

Loved and missed by Dee Dee & Billy
Anderson

Donation by Debi Best

In Memory of “*Carmen*”

Lovingly missed by Verna Pingrey

In Memory of Carol A. Shellhorn Massey

Donation by Margie & Matthew Brown

In Memory of “*J.W.*”

“*We are so sorry for the loss of your great
boy, J.W. He was so loved and will be
missed.*”

Cherished by Susie & Rick Rodgers

Donation by Janice Barbary &
Ed Kalbaugh

In Memory of “*Dancer*”

Int. Ch. Saffron’s Pop Star CD, WC

“*...and Debbie said to me ‘either we find
a special person for this puppy, or you
or I will take her.’ We were thrilled and
honored to have Steve and Lisa Newton
take this puppy into their home and
hearts. So this fantastic and awesome
little ‘Dancer’, at the side of her devoted
trainer Lisa went on to capture the hearts
of all in and out of the ring. At four and a
half years old, the music stopped. Cancer.
Lisa and Steve – Mary, Papa Blast, Snap
and Chips send our eternal sympathy
and love.*”

Heartfelt sympathies to Lisa &

Steve Newton

Donation by Mary Vogler

(“*On Dec. 7, ‘Blast’ left us and is now
with his daughter, Dancer, at the special
Golden Gait Bridge.*”)

In Memory of “*Thunder*”

Donation by Doreen Baleria

In Memory of “*Jake*”

Lovingly donated by Mary & Dave Kemnitz

In Loving Memory of “*Tansy*”

“*We shared 15 1/2 wonderful years with
Tansy. We miss you so much.*”

Lovingly donated by Vic & Laura Franchi

In Loving Memory of “*Casey*”

Magicgold Rockets O’ Cotton JH, WC

Loved by Cheryl Baca and everyone
she met

Donation by Jim & Helene Brodrick

In Memory of “*Tansy*” Franchi

“*Tansy will be missed by many as she
made a lot of friends on her journey
through life. We can still hear her
‘Who – Whoos’. Tansy we love you.*”

Loved by Victor & Laura Franchi

Donation by the Taggart Family

In Memory of “*Thunder*”

IN MEMORIAM

Wagne's Blast of Thunder MH, CDX

God saw you suffering,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,
And saw you fall away.
Although we couldn't bear to lose you,
We could not ask you to stay.

A Golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working paws laid to rest.
God broke our heart to prove to us
That he only takes the best!

*"We will miss our boy, with the most
beautiful brown eyes and loving
personality, very much!!"*

Lovingly missed and cherished by
Pat & Steve Klim

In Memory of Charlie – 17 years old

In Memory of Wally – 9 years old
Owned and loved by Pat Lynch

In Memory of "Casey"
Magicgold Rockets O' Cotton JH, WC
*"Always so happy and carefree, Casey
wasn't a dog that would have been happy
not to run and play. She was the fastest
dog on land and water that I have ever
owned and her whole life was spent
running and jumping with joy."*

Donation by Maureen & Don Johansen
Owned and loved by Cheryl Baca

In Memory of "Annie" Grigsby
*"This is a gift in memory of our
sweet Annie (Annabelle), who came to
Jennifer, our daughter, from NGRR. She
brought us all so much love
and affection."*

Loved by Jennifer and all the Grigsby's
Donation by Larry & Jean Grigsby

In Memory of "Carmel" Jackson

*"Carmey, strong until the end. You
brought us many laughs. We will miss you."*
Loved by Tina Jackson
Donation by Joan & Doug Taggart and the
Gang at San Martin Grooming

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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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Remembering Carol Shellhorn

*Thanks to Carol's friend, Ian Patrick Sobieski, for submitting
this lovely tribute.*

Carol Shellhorn was born in High Point, North Carolina, in 1966 and died in the great Asian Tsunami on Dec 26, 2004. Many of the biographies published since describe her as a native of North Carolina, as a resident of Half Moon Bay, as a high technology marketing executive, as an adventure traveler, as a wife, as a friend, as just 38 years old....she was all of these things and she is missed today by many people, in the quiet way that we remember what we have lost.

One of her values was a profound love for animals. In her life, she had the usual pets: cats, rabbits, and birds; but she also took in injured raccoons and squirrels and nursed them back to health. And while she loved animals in general, she had a profound love of Golden Retrievers. Her dog of 14 years was the runt of a litter of Goldens, which she adopted and named Maggie.

Carol kept a favorite photo of puppy Maggie, a tiny puff ball no larger than Carol's hand, displayed in her home. Carol's husband often joked that he knew where he stood in Carol's heart...loved, but not as much as Maggie. She was sweet even for a Golden and incredibly gentle; and the two were insepa-



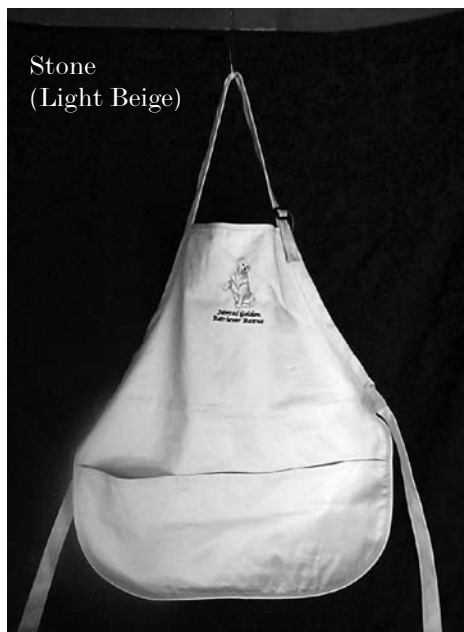
ble. Carol worked with Norcal as a foster parent for Goldens and other dogs; taking care of more than a dozen foster dogs before they found permanent homes.

In her love for animals, Carol taught all her friends something about animals and something about empathy. And, in honor of Carol, many of these friends made contributions to Norcal so it could continue to do the work Carol valued. Maggie lived with Carol for 14 years and, amazingly, she died in Half Moon Bay the same day Carol was lost in Thailand. Her friends' hope is that Maggie is with her still, wherever she is.

GOLDEN GALLERIA

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GOLDEN GALLERIA

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Thank You!

Blind, Five Dollar Puppy

Thank you to Loretta Miller, volunteer, Santa Clara County South, for contributing this article.

A classified ad in a local newspaper is how Cooper got his first home – “Blind Puppy, Five Dollars.” The well-intentioned adopters nevertheless allowed a golden puppy (who was not entirely blind, but rather only in one eye from a birth defect) to grow up, alone, in a condominium. They both worked, and Cooper was left to his own devices. Understandably, by the time he was nine months old, this wasn’t working. He was given up to NGRR and placed with a nice family (3 children) with a yard, but again, no one was home during the day (perhaps due to school or work). With no training or socialization, he proceeded to demolish their yard and within a few months was returned to NGRR. He was a happy, healthy pup who adored the kids, that no one had time for.

So when we adopted Cooper at 13 months old, he was a big, beautiful, blond . . . DISASTER. He panicked out on a leash meeting other dogs and people; he destroyed anything he could get his teeth on (including my husband’s glasses, ball caps, and part of our bedroom wall - all in the first week!) I took him to school, where he was only partially successful. He was terrified of other dogs who barked at him and would slip his leash if I let him, (which I quickly learned to overcome).

Fortunately, I was retired and could spend a lot of time with him. We went to the park across the street every day and he soon made friends with a Westie and a Scottie (I suppose because they were small and not threatening). They were his best friends and eventually a ‘playgroup’ formed, which included many other dogs, of all sizes and shapes. He learned what he could and could not chew on, but until about three, he still destroyed any soft, stuffed toys – except THE BALL.



It was a gift at his first Rescue Parade – a large, multicolored stuffed soccer ball – and he knew from the beginning it was HIS. He loved that ball and never tried to harm it, the occasional tear from normal use I sewed up. He came to love stuffed toys and after three or so would not tear them up.

Cooper was a little weird. He had some traits I’ve never seen in any other dog. He ran circles, for the sheer joy of it, he would run, always clockwise, in circles until he was exhausted, like a whirling dervish. It may have stemmed from growing up in cramped surroundings where there wasn’t enough room to run free and I believe the clockwise direction gave him the advantage with his blind eye. He was very fast and would chase other dogs in the park. He would have caught them, but every once in a while would stop, turn 360 degrees, then start out again. It took me a long time to figure out what the other dogs knew – if they ran to his left, he couldn’t see them. So he did the 360 turn to find them again. He was also the only dog I’ve ever known who would wag his tale in his sleep. I would hear a ‘thump, thump,’ and there

was Coopie, sound asleep, tail beating on the rug – some good dream!

One day on the way to the park he found a Beanie Baby someone had lost (Freckles the Leopard if you know Beanies). It became his thing. Every day after that, he had to take ‘baby’ back home. I would keep it in my pocket, always the left. When it was time to turn for home, Cooper would sit and look at me, and when I reached for the pocket leap up to grab ‘baby’. All the way home he was focused. Nothing deterred him. He would accept pets and hellos from people we met, but always kept ‘baby’ firmly in his mouth until we got home.

About a week before last Christmas we learned that Cooper had a brain tumor. He was only six and there was little that could be done. Medication helped him have a good Christmas, but by New Years, he was fading and he died on Jan. 3rd. I’ve written this not as a sad memorial to my dearest friend, but as a celebration of the complete joy he found in his short life. Coop lived every day to the fullest and he brightened our lives. 🐾

BELLA

by Don and Barbara Tornberg

After losing two Golden Girls, at age 13 1/2 each, within 4 months of each other, the search was on for 2 new pets and companions. It's amazing what a huge void is left after spending so many years with this wonderful and gentle breed of dogs.

We purchased a beautiful girl from our good friend and Marin County coordinator, Linda Gomoll. Her "Twinkie" had just had a single pup who was perfect in every way. We welcomed her into our life and named her Roxie.

We've always had a pair of Goldens, and when Twinkie was bred again, we decided to wait for another girl to raise along with Roxie. Before the birth of the new litter happened, Linda called one night to tell us that an adoptee had just come into the program who was about 6 months younger than Roxie. Her name was Emma. When I met her, all I could think of was a long-legged race horse. She was tall, blonde, didn't carry a lot of

coat and had a beautiful expressive face. She and Roxie bonded immediately, played non-stop, and didn't have any issues with each other at all. We had found our second girl.

We changed her name to "Bella." She and Roxie are inseparable. They play all the time, swim the four seasons away and have taken over our home and our hearts. Bella is a talker who is very expressive in telling "her stories" to anyone who will listen. To break her



of the habit of wanting to "mouth" you when you came into the room, we taught her to get a toy in her mouth before she is officially greeted. If she forgets, Roxie gets one for her. She lives to play ball and usually has one attached to her lips constantly. She's like a velcro dog and loves to be with humans.

I can't imagine what our lives would be without these two precious fluff-butts. They are so very different in personalities and yet, they are like a pair of shoes, one not being good without the other. Giving Bella a home has been a wonderful experience. She's like a big, furry bundle of energy and love. We have definitely benefited from her presence and hope to spend many long, happy years together. 🐾



STANLEY

A Gift Of Love

Thank you to Joanne Santner for contributing this article.

I am a foster mom in San Jose and have fostered 6 dogs since I started volunteering with Norcal in Sept' 04. Because of my 2 retriever-mix girls, I prefer to take in male dogs, more on the older side than younger. I have loved every one of my foster dogs, but Stanley holds a special place in my heart and I wanted to share his story.

He was found as a stray – an emaciated weak dog, who though it was discovered that he had lymphoma, also had a wagging tail and had a will to live and to leave the shelter where he had been taken. After some testing with Annie Walker, he came to live with me. I knew that he was ill, but his gentle



spirit and sweet dignity made me want to give him the best life possible for as long as he was meant to stay with me. Each day he improved, ate better, played some with his ball and was even able to go on a few outings.

It was Christmas time and he loved the trip to the Vasona Light Show with the whole family. He was so thin that he



wore a T- Shirt the 1st week, he soon looked fuller and seemed to handle the cold better. It came as quite a surprise when he seemed ill the day before Christmas Eve and after a vet checked, they said that it may have been something that he ate and that it should improve. We found him unable to stand on Christmas Eve morning.

He lay on the cool kitchen floor and we all came to lay with him until we were able to take him in to the vet's office and free him to fly home.

He was with me for 3 weeks, but in that time, he gave us all the greatest gifts of love and hope. He spent his last weeks on Earth

doing what he loved, surrounded by people who loved him and it was our organization that let him die in those arms and not in a sterile shelter environment. No matter how hard that process was to love him and let him go, I would go through it all again in a heartbeat to know Stanley and to have the relationship we created together in that short a time. 🐾

*His gentle spirit
and sweet dignity
made me want to
give him the best
life possible for
as long as he was
meant to stay
with me.*

oOps!

In the last newsletter we mistakenly gave the wrong credit to the photographer for the Rescue Parade. The correct photographer was professional photographer, David Mohr (415.331.6623). We do apologize and thank David very much for his participation and love of goldens!!

Shop on-line at www.golden-rescue.org

Turn your on-line shopping into philanthropy! The following merchants will donate a percentage of each on-line purchase when their web site is accessed from NGRR's web site:

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<http://www.golden-rescue.org/goodies/sales/index.htm>

We Need Volunteers!

NGRR is an all-volunteer organization and we are always in search of new volunteers – area coordinators, fosters, and more. Here are some of the specific “openings” we currently have. Contact Joan Fisher, Volunteer Coordinator, at 415.925.0951 if you are interested.

- **Art & Wine Auction** – October 7, 2006; all kinds of volunteers are needed for planning, organizing, and day of event
- **Public Relations** – work with the media and press on publicity for NGRR
- **Foster program coordinator** – help to develop the current program and find more fosters
- **Kennel program coordinator** – secure kennel locations and be the point person for all kennel operations

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.golden-rescue.org.)

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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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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.

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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.

Zack's 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.

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