

NORCAL Golden Retriever RESCUE



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

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 3, 2007, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

This year's NGRR Auction & Wine Tasting, our major fundraising event, will take place at another exciting venue – the new Veterans Memorial Building (completed just 2 years ago) in Lafayette. Be sure and mark your calendars 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 this fun-filled afternoon is \$20 in advance and \$35 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, contact Laurel Stanley at laurel-stanley@sbcglobal.net or (925) 962-9255.



Raffle Tickets Are On Their Way!

Your 15th Annual Auction raffle tickets will be arriving in your mailboxes in early September. Buy 10 and get 1 free! Mail your donations and completed ticket stubs to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue for your chance to win a

\$10,000
CASH PRIZE!

WE NEED art, wine, trips, gift items, Golden memorabilia, services, or anything else you can think of for this year's auction.

If you can make a donation, contact Jeff Wilson at jw406@sbcglobal.net or (510) 450-1744. Convenient drop-off locations in Oakland, Belmont, Danville, and San Anselmo.



NEW LOCATION:

The Veterans Memorial in Lafayette, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

My Maximillian – I Love Him a Jillion!

Thanks to Candy Anderson from Yolo County for submitting this article.

I've always been a Pyrenees person so when my last Pyr passed four years ago, everyone assumed that someday I'd get another Pyr or that I would get a small dog. I had the great opportunity of dog sitting for some of the most wonderful Golden Retrievers and fell in love with the breed. Not that I don't also love Pyrs, always have and always will, but when I began researching the NORCAL Rescue Web site and saw all those doggies it brought me to tears nightly! At last I called and Shirlee came out to meet me soon after. The very next day, Angela called to tell me that there was a Golden who she was picking up that day. She wondered if I'd like to meet him the next day. Naturally I did! After taking him for a walk with Angela's dogs, I decided he should come home with me and so he did on January 22, 2006.

Max is a big boy, weighing almost 90 lbs. with a gorgeous red coat. He was badly matted and needed a bath, had ear infections, etc. When I brought him home, he was shaking severely. I felt so sorry for him. I took him to the vet to get his shots current and he was also treated for a long-standing ear infection in both ears. He actually whined whenever I'd pet his ear area! Poor guy really hadn't been cared for properly for sometime it seemed. The vet loved him! And, Max was really good with her. I also took him to a groomer and he got all clean and shiny!

Then I took him out to the convalescent home where my mom



lived. She adored Max and he stayed close by her wheelchair, but he growled at others in the hallways. I only took him there one more time because it seemed too dangerous. His growling continued with all strangers and sometimes with people he knew. This concerned me greatly so I contacted Angela and Shirlee about it. It wasn't possible for me to keep an aggressive dog. They asked if I'd foster him and take him to the behavioral analysis unit at the Vet Med Teaching Hospital here in Davis. I was more than happy to take him as I knew in my heart that Max was a really special guy and deserved a great home. Besides, he and I had bonded by this point so it would have broken my heart to let him go.

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A LESSON LEARNED (Rosie's Story)

Thanks to Lynn Jennings, a long-time NGRR volunteer now living in Arizona, for writing this article and to Jill Morgan and her assistant Barb for submitting it.

The morning began like any other. My beautiful 8-month-old Golden Retriever puppies began their playful rough-and-tumble, and then their daily "Ring-around-the-Rosie" chase around the patio table in my outside courtyard. For the past 5 months, this has become a daily frisky morning exercise for my girls.

The pups were rescued from a shelter after being dropped off at an age of 12 weeks. With the intention of "just fostering" them, I went to the shelter this past June to pick them up. When I approached the

kennel and saw those beautiful blond female littermates sitting so quietly on the cold, wet cement floor, my heart began to say to my head, "Uh oh, you're in trouble."

I sprung them from that awful place and began my ride home. All the way there, I thought about how I might convince my husband to keep them, as we already had two male Golden Retrievers that we rescued 2 1/2 years ago through NORCAL. I'm happy to say the pups have stayed with us since then, and we formally adopted them a few months ago.

Anyway, back to the story at hand, the morning routine was suddenly filled with the most awful sounds of the worst dog fight you've ever heard. I ran outside to the courtyard to find the two pups in

what appeared to be a battle. Jumping into the middle of the fray to separate them, I realized that they were somehow connected at the collar. Rosie's collar was caught over Sandy's bottom teeth, or one of Sandy's teeth was caught on one of the buckle holes. I couldn't tell what was caught on what, but I tried frantically to release them. Nothing I could do would break them apart. The collar was the type that buckled like a belt, not the kind that you could release by pinching with two fingers. I could not get to the buckle because of the frenzy and because of how tight the collar was.

This went on for about 2 minutes. I knew I needed to do something fast as Rosie was obviously being strangled. I

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Remembering O'Reilly (aka Bob)

Thank you to Debbie Claussen for sharing O'Reilly with us in this beautiful story and for your generous support of NORCAL.

Who would have known that when Colette Agresti asked me to evaluate her litter and asked which was "my pick," I would say, "Well, I like three, but there's just something about the one with the spiked hair that keeps staring at me. If someone drops out and he is last pick, call me."

You can imagine how surprised I was when Colette called a few days later and asked if I really wanted the puppy because someone had dropped off the list. That night I couldn't believe we were driving home with this little ball of fur . . . totally unprepared. Thank you Colette and Jack for our special boy.

His show career was very exciting. I remember his first point in the conformation ring when he was 13 months. Dale and I decided to take O'Reilly and Salsa for a test run in the ring and get a little experience before we really started showing down the line. O'Reilly had spent the night on the bed and had "pillow hair" (of course on the judge's side) and we thought, "Oh well, this is just for experience." Dale had a look of surprise and disbelief when the judge pointed to her . . . she thought he must have made a mistake and then she also took Winner's Bitch with Salsa . . . a great start for both of them.

The rest is history . . . he finished fairly quickly, we took a year off to grow up and work on field and obedience, and then did his Show Dog Hall of Fame. We did only one show where we did both obedience and conformation at the same

time . . . big mistake. He had been with his handler for the weekend, so he hadn't seen his Mama for a couple of days . . . I had to grab him as soon as he finished in breed and run to obedience with no warm-up (considering my handling skills, not a good idea).

He was so revved-up that on the off-lead slow I could hear his jaws clamping and he bounced around in front of me and was heeling backwards until normal pace was resumed and he bounced around back into heel position . . . on the come, I could see him



for a while, but I entered him anyway. He finished his Show Dog Hall of Fame on one day and the next day I took him to the test.

His last mark was a long run to a ditch and the bird was on the other side. He ran out and we saw him stop at the edge of the ditch and pick something up (the judges said, "Did he pick something up?") . . . his conformation handler used a stick to bait and to play with him in the ring. I knew what he picked up! He looked at me and must have received the "you're in BIG trouble if you bring me back a stick" look. He spit out the stick, got the bird, and returned. He always made me laugh even when he was naughty.

Then at the young age of 11 (after utility) he started tracking. He was trained by Debi Best, who has the patience of a saint because he was such a clown and not getting down to business. So we sent him off to relatives, Terry and Steve Southard, for the finishing touches. He loved living with them and his "harem" as Terry called the girls. Mission accomplished, he got his TD! We would never have gotten all the titles without the encouragement, training, and support of my friends . . . so it goes in life I believe.

The memories are endless. Thank you all for being a part of O'Reilly's and our lives . . . and thank you my baby boy for giving us the privilege and honor of making life's journey with you. Goodbye for now. 🐾

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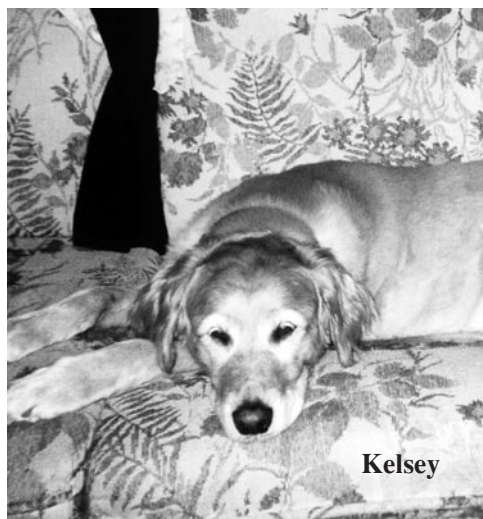
leaning w-a-y forward and I just whispered "come" and he came like a bullet. I closed my eyes as he came screeching in and bounced off my legs . . . and I remember his last Utility leg when Mary made me get to the show early to work on a problem area. On the last go-out my knees were knocking together and I could barely raise my arm . . . but he did it with his jaw starting his pre-barking clamping. Plus, she patiently trained the two of us for our field work . . . I was the toughest to train. She showed him for two of his JH legs and his WCX because of my work schedule at the time.

For his last JH leg he hadn't trained

Kelsey & Cinnamon

Thanks to Anita Harkleroad from Seaside for submitting this article.

We adopted our first Golden from NORCAL in July 1995. Kelsey was underweight and flea bitten, but a real sweetie. I was with her almost 24/7. She followed me everywhere during my daily chores – loved to go “bye bye,” wrestled with my husband, and played hide and seek



with the kids. She always helped me get my granddaughter, who lives with us, up for school in the mornings.

In April 2006, at 13 years of age, she died from laryngeal paralysis. We thought we should wait a while to get over

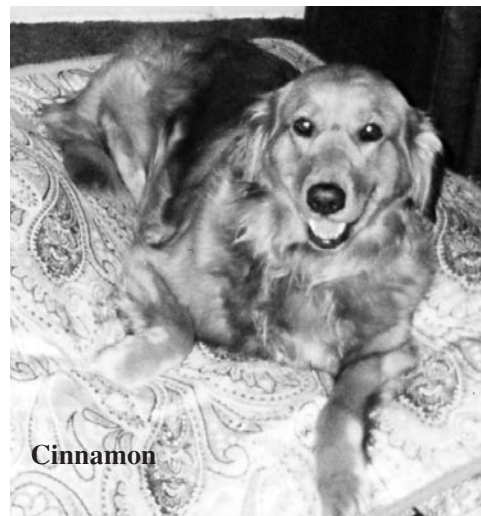
losing our Kelsey girl before contacting NORCAL again. A week passed. We weren't feeling better and in fact we were feeling worse! No doggie nails clicking on the floor as I did my work; no doggie tags jingling behind me as I went from room to room. Waiting wasn't working.

So we contacted NORCAL again and anxiously awaited hearing from our area coordinator. I checked with her almost daily by email. I know she must have been tired of hearing from me. But then, around the middle of May, I got the message I was waiting for. Two Golden Retrievers had been picked up on a Friday night. They had both been living in cages and having puppies their whole lives. We set up an appointment to see them on Sunday afternoon.

The reddish Golden girl, Cinnamon, immediately took up with my 7-year-old granddaughter. She was a little leery of me and didn't want to go near my son or husband. The foster mom said that they thought she had been treated badly by a male so was very cautious around them. It was very hard to choose only one girl to bring home and leave the other behind, but our landlord would only allow one.

We chose Cinnamon and on Wednesday morning, after being spayed, she was ours. Cinnamon was a little nervous, but since we were going “bye bye,” she came along willingly. She finally relaxed and fell asleep on the 2-hour ride home. She didn't wag her tail or hold her head up, and if you reached for her, she would flinch and drop her head. She wouldn't come when you called her and she didn't know how to play. We had some work to do!

I would get on the floor with my front-



half down and my rear-end in the air in play pose to get her going. She would get a treat when she would come when called, but we learned that she was very stubborn and had a dominant personality. A friend thought that she may be hard of hearing because she wouldn't come so I went into another room and quietly said “treat” and there she came!

Almost a year later, Cinnamon is a different girl. Head up, tail wagging, a bundle of energy and joy! She still loves kids and has to be right in the middle when my granddaughter and her friends are playing. She lays next to us and always has a paw touching us. She is still learning that I am the alpha dog around here and to come every time she's called – not just when she feels like it! We still miss Kelsey terribly, but Cinnamon has helped so much in our healing. She is very much in our hearts now too. We can't thank NORCAL enough for the love, fun, joy, and companionship our two Golden girls have given us! 🐾

Don't Get Burned with a Puppy Mill Puppy or Dog!

Thanks to Rolf Thorson for finding and submitting this anonymous article posted on Amazon.com.

What is a puppy mill? A puppy mill is a large-scale breeding operation that produces large numbers of puppies for profit. The dogs are raised in inhumane conditions, usually crowded in cages, never handled or socialized, and never receive proper veterinary care.

Profit is the main motivation – pump out as many cheaply bred litters as possible, produce sick and genetically defective puppies, and sell them through pet stores and Web sites to an unsuspecting public. When the parents' breeding usefulness is over, they may be killed or dumped. The pet owner gets stuck with high vet bills, a dead puppy, or a genetic cripple.

So how can you avoid buying a puppy mill puppy? Pet stores sell puppy mill puppies because they are cheap to buy, and because no truly reputable breeder would ever sell a pup through a pet store. Good breeders care about where their puppies go! Web sites sell puppy mill puppies. All those Internet puppy ads? Puppy mills!!

Puppy mills want you to give them a credit card number or send them a check, and they will ship the puppy to you. Why? They don't want you to see the horrifying conditions that your puppy was raised in. They want to keep their operations hidden from sight. A good breeder will never send a dog to you sight unseen. They want to meet you, and they will welcome you to their home. Never order a puppy through a Web site. 🐾

TWAIN HARTE PLAY DAY

Thanks to Justine Eller for submitting this article.

On Sunday, May 20th, NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue held its third annual Twain Harte Play Day at the Eproson Park baseball field in Twain Harte. Over 120 dogs, mostly Golden Retrievers, romped and played in the sun while their owners munched on brown bag lunches.

This year's event was held in memory of Jack Quinton and his beloved Golden, Teddy. Jack was a longtime contributor and supporter of NORCAL and is truly missed for all his love for our Golden Retrievers. Teddy was Jack's love and went everywhere Jack went. All of Twain Harte knew both Jack and Teddy. This year's event represented everything that Jack loved about Golden Retrievers and was truly special.

This year's event was organized by Jill Morgan (NORCAL's area coordinator). Jill and her fine team worked for months in advance to prepare for Play Day. Local Golden Retrievers and business owners Deborah and George Hart (owners of Dusty's Den in Sonora) worked diligently with other local businesses and supporters in preparing for the festivities. Bonnie and Mike Warzee (who are the coordinators for the Twain



Harte area), along with volunteer Carol Butler were instrumental in working with local establishments and adopters to make the afternoon such a success.

Play Day was open to anyone that loves their dog, and many of those in attendance were NGRR adopters and supporters as well as those interested in home visits and the adoption or volunteer process. With over 120 loving dogs, Play Day required a well-coordinated afternoon. Rules were read and signed upon park entry. The

afternoon started out with introductions and an agenda of the events to follow. Controlled off-leash playtime, as well as timeouts for unruly dogs, were all part of Play Day. Only one new adoptee Golden tested the rules and his proud new owners and Jill

Puppies of just over a couple of months up to our beautiful seniors all played together in the afternoon sun and in the pool.

Morgan quickly took control. He is a little too excited and we're sure he'll be back next year showing all his new manners.

On a warm afternoon, the pool in center field provided the most fun and entertainment not only for the dogs, but for everyone watching. Puppies of just over a couple of months up to our beautiful seniors all played together in the afternoon sun and in the pool. We even had a few
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IN TRIBUTE

In Honor of "Shasta" and In Thanks to Jill Morgan
"Shasta" was found by Jill Morgan, an NGRR volunteer. The owners were located after an ad was placed in the local newspaper, and the owners and "Shasta" were reunited. The following is a note sent to Jill.
"Thank you so much for finding and keeping Shasta for me to come pick up. I was praying all night that someone nice would find him and we'd make a connection."
Donation by Mary Hoff

In Honor of Jennifer & Erik Masterson
"Thanks for your kindness with 'Tess.'"
Donation by Donald Boscacci

In Honor of "Quincy"
"Adopted in 1996 and still a happy boy!"
Donation by Ann Geiger

In Thanks to Loretta Miller and Shannon Road Press for donating a portion of the profit from her book about a rescued Golden Retriever, "Blind Puppy Five Dollars."

In Thanks to "Pi" and Nancy Corbin for donating their filming fee

In Honor of "Cooper," the main character of the book, "Blind Puppy Five Dollars," by Loretta Miller
Donation by Sheila Carrassi

In Honor of "Lucy"
Loved by donor, Patti LeVine

In Honor of the marriage of Mary & Buck Gee
"Congratulations!"
Donation by Paula & Lief Koepsel

In Thanks to NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue
"What can we say. Words are not enough for what you have done. Thank you for your donation. Without your help, we could not have supported all these dogs."
Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota

In Thanks to ALL who have donated and participated in the matching gift programs at their work. It is greatly appreciated by all our needy Goldens!

In Honor of a Friend, Lynne Parapar
Donation by Starr Fenn

In Honor of "Cloey"
Loved by Anne Rowinski

In Honor of Jennifer Klatt
Donation by Amy Blanchard & Jessica Usrey

In Honor of Joan & Phil Fisher's 25th Anniversary and In Honor of Joan's Birthday
Donation by Phyllis & Jack Anderson

In Thanks to NGRR for being there for our wonderful dog, "Sadie."
Donation by Jack & Tomeko Kellner

In Celebration of Jeff Wilson's Birthday!
Donation by Denise West

In Honor of "Marley"
"We adopted Marley in February and couldn't be happier."
Donation by Kathryn & Everett Ai

In Thanks to NGRR
"Thank you soooo much for all your hard work in helping our beautiful Goldens."
With lots of love from my Goldens, "O' Ruby Rose" and "Bella"
Donation by Kathy Boyes

Happy Birthday to Sharon McConnell – a loving aunt and loving supporter of Goldens!
Donation by her niece, Kimberly Daly

In Honor of "Jack"
"Our new Golden, Jack, is a positive delight. It's an honor to be able to support NGRR. You are the best!"
Donation by Marty & Stephen Johnson

In Honor of Jeff Wilson's 50th Birthday
Donation by Diane Kush

In Honor of Britney's 6th Birthday!
Donation by Bonnie Goodman & Dr. Robert Negrin

In Thanks to Holly Stevens Crisp

In Thanks to Jack C. Quinton and Family

In Honor of "Moxi"
Loved by her new mom, Peggy O' Neill

In Thanks to all the participants at the 3rd annual NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue Play Day in Twain Harte!

"Thank you for 'Koby.'"
Loved by Linda & Mark Yates

In Honor of "Daisy"
Her 9th anniversary of her adoption and her 10th birthday
"Daisy brings continual joy each and every day. It is with pleasure that I look at those beautiful eyes and laugh at her quirky behaviors. The daily walks we share bring total enjoyment to the two of us."
Loved by Louise Korn

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Issabeau" and "Gideon"
Lovingly missed by Shirlee Thomas

In Memory of "Chopper"
Emberain Red Storm Rising MH
Owned and loved by Chris Ostrowski & Randy Their

In Memory of "Ciara"
Raykist Irish Mist CD
Loved and missed by Jennifer & Ken Workman

In Memory of "Splash"
Missed and loved by George Troughton & "Buck"
Donation by Stephen & Pam Rechter

In Memory of "Dusty"
Search Dog Extraordinaire
"In memory of Dusty, a true hero – so that others may find their calling."
Loved by Randy Gross
Donation by Miki Klocke

In Memory of "Fletcher" Stout
"Though your soul roams Heaven's beaches your spirit remains with us as a guiding light comforting us and strengthening our spirit each day and every night."
Loved by Suzanne Stout & Lee Stipic

In Memory of "Splash"
Loved by George Troughton & "Buck"
Donation by Norma Scarlett

In Memory of Laurie Edwards Brown
In Memory of Douglas Brown
Donation by Wendy & John Stevens Jr.

In Memory of "Hogan"
"Hogan was a handsome, joyful, and wonderfully loving Golden Retriever...a special member of the family. He provided so much companionship, unconditional love, sunny days, and was a TRUE BEST FRIEND. Everyone who knew him adored him both in California and Illinois. His incredible disposition lives on in his offspring. He'll always be remembered as a very special dog."
Cherished, missed with aching hearts and deeply loved by Laura & David Howard and Tamra & Ken Howard

In Memory of Ed Sessler
"Ed Sessler was one of the finest men to walk this planet. His spirit will live on in the hearts of all the people he touched."
Donation by Tim, Kathy, & "Shadow (the Wonderdog)" Toschi

In Memory of Dr. Richard C. Singleton
Donation by the DeGoff Family

In Memory of "Beau"
Loved by Marilyn & Bob Ormond
Donation by Judy, Howard & "Millie" Guild

In Loving Memory of our best girl, "Ember"
UD, RN, CGC, TDIA
"Ember will be missed by her friend, Mischa. Hugs go out to Bea and Journey on their loss."
Loved by Bea & "Journey" Moore
Donation by Mary A. Graziano

In Memory of Dick Singleton
"We will all miss you in the field!!"
Donation by Chris Hempel, "Angel," & "Keeper"

In Memory of "Barkley Ginther"
"We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss him as well."
Cherished and loved by Dave, Lori & Alexis Ginther
Donation by Brian, Amy & Tyler Port

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Dan & Dimity Mueller

In Memory of Richard Collom Singleton
Donation by Diane Scariot

In Memory of "Phoenix"
"We had to say goodbye to Phoenix, our rescue dog, last week. We had him for 8 years and loved every minute. He was a wonderful friend and we miss him tremendously. Thank you for making it possible for us to have such a special gift."
Donation by the Brooks Family

In Memory of Ed Sessler
"Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Your relationship with Ed was very special."
Love, Mark & Renee Simon

In Memory of Bud & Peggy Parked & their beloved "Cassie"
Donation by Jim & Helene Brodrick

In Memory of Sue Bighouse Saria
"Her smile will always be with us when we see a Golden playing on the beach."
Donation by Jim & Helene Brodrick

In Memory of our love, "Indy"
U-CD OTCH Autumn
Hotwheel Spectacular
UDX, JH, WC
"Indy was the sweetest and happiest girl we have ever known."
Treasured and loved by Bonnie Speckels & Penny Cavallaro

In Memory of "Kero"
"Our rescued Golden Retriever, Kero, didn't fit in the front seat of our car, but he fit perfectly curled up in front of the fireplace. He thought he could fit under the kitchen chairs as he did when he was a puppy, but in truth only his head fit; just the way it fit quietly in the hands of kids going through leukemia treatments. There was no room left when he tried to share a bed with us, but there was always enough room for an old man to sit with him on a sofa to reminisce about his childhood. When he tried to ride in our boat he was all tail and legs, but he could hang onto the seat of a tiny folding chair while a wheelchair-bound kid petted him. Unfortunately, his abundant love and affection would no longer fit in his earthbound body. We'll miss you, Kero."
Achingly loved and missed by the Brown Family

In Memory of "Sammy" Law
"Sammy was a Golden Retriever and a friend with a big heart."
Loved by Linda Law
Donation by Mink

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Jim and Barbara Browne & "Dreyfus"

In Memory of Richard Singleton
Donation by Richard Mann

In Memory of "Shasta"
"We miss seeing your happy face at 'Happy Trails to You.'"
Loved by Sandy Bishop
Donation by Dave, Mary & Jack Kemnitz

In Memory of Richard Singleton
Donation by Marcus Wood

In Memory of "Hope"
"Your young life was a bright light to us albeit far too short. You were one of the sweetest Golden's ever! We miss you terribly..."
Marsha & Jim Dandridge

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Billy, Dee Dee, Christopher & Kevin Anderson

In Memory of Dick Singleton
"Dick Singleton loved his Golden's, especially the first, Midas, who received an outstanding sire award among other obedience and hunting awards. He was working with Jason (our 3-year-old Golden) on his senior hunter until he was too ill to continue training."
Sibyl Singleton

In Memory of "Riley"
"Riley was a dear boy who made us smile. He'll always be with us in our hearts."
Loved and greatly missed by Jim, Stacey & Hayley Steele
Donation by Valerie Thompson & Janet Gilberg

In Memory of my beloved husband, Dino Restelli, "Pretty Boy Floyd" and "Precious Senzi"
Donation by Jude Restelli

In Memory of "Daisy"
"My most loving, mellow girl; she would take tennis balls over food. Cancer took her at just shy of her tenth year of life in January of '06. Isn't it wonderful how each of us feel we have 'the greatest Golden ever.' That must mean they are all great."
Loved and missed by Millie Day

In Memory of "Bentley"
"You shared a special bond with Bentley and it will leave many wonderful memories."
Cherished by Madeline & Bob Walters
Donation by Terrie & Chris Pane

In Memory of Edward Alan Sessler
"Jackie and Josh – We are deeply sorry for your loss and hope you know that Ed is in our prayers. We will remember him as an avid baseball fan, a lover of his dogs and a wonderfully supportive father. Reading the article in the paper made us wish we knew him better. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you both."
Donation by Diane & Steve Randesi

In Memory of "Hope"
"Hope was a beautiful Golden Retriever. She will be missed."
Achingly missed by Marsha & Jim Dandridge
Donation by Valerie Thompson

In Memory of "Cider"
"She was always 'Sweet Cider.' She was adored by us. She was our 'Cider Boo.'"
Lovingly cherished and missed by Diane & Don Terry

In Memory of "Roka"
"Roka was a wonderful Golden girl!"
Loved and missed by "ZsuZsi Hamburger," Mark Weinswig & "Lily"
Donation by Pete, Carla, John, "Zinfandel" & "Custer" Chow

In Memory of "Charlie"
"In memory of Charlie and with thanks to the Ormsby's for welcoming a Golden Oldie into their lives."
Affectionately loved by Theresa & Ted Ormsby
Donation by Carla Holmes

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tilling

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Nikki & Robert Ayers

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by R. & Virginia Callaham

In Memory of "Baxter" Rogers
"In honor of a loyal companion, loud-talker, and mischievous soul...Baxter."
Missed and loved by Linda Rogers
Donation by Jennifer Rogers

In Memory of "Durham"
"Durham was a 'Distinguished Dog' and was loved by everyone. He will always have a place in our hearts."
Treasured and loved by Ken Fulk & Kurt Wootton
Donation by Kimberly & Abdi Nunn

In Memory of Dick Singleton
Donation by Janet Bartsch

In Memory of "Beau"
"Beau was a beautiful Golden boy loved and missed by Marilyn and Bob. We send our sympathies to you both."
Loved by Marilyn & Bob Ormond
Donation by Joan & Phil Fisher

In Memory of "Millie"
"Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog."
Loved and missed by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of Golden "Saber"
"My heart is broken with yours."
Missed and treasured by Dee & Richard Farrar
Donation by Rosemarie Peterson

In Memory of Dr. Richard C. Singleton
Donation by Stephen & Arlene Greenberg

In Memory of "Kirby"
Loved by Cade Deverell
Donation by Judy & Howard Guild

In Memory of "Emma"
"What a 'Golden' event we shared one special August afternoon."
Loved by Holly & Mike O'Brien
Donation by Julie Rennie

In Memory of "Tenaya"
"Tenaya was a wonderful Golden Retriever."
Cherished by Sherri & Kerry Rieck
Donation by Jane Rieger

In Memory of Richard C. Singleton
Donation by Mr. & Mrs. Peter B. Weisser

In Memory of "Tommy"
"To a wonderful dog, Tommy, who brought lots of love and much joy to Anthony and his family. Tommy will be missed but remembered with love."
Treasured and loved by Anthony Fusaro & Family
Donation by Myke Judd

In Memory of "Maple"
"Sweet Maple dog lives in our hearts forever!"
Loved by Jim & Dee Fiato
Donation by Mark Merrill & Peggy Lynch

In Memory of "Jesse"
Donation by Deborah & Michael Murray

In Memory of "Kirby"
"Kirby was a great friend and companion to Cade."
Forever loved by Cade Deverell
Donation by Carla Holmes, Peter Chow, John, "Zinfandel" & "Custer"

In Loving Memory of "Skeet"
OTCH DD's Explodes on Impact
UDX, MH, WCX
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My Maximillian – I Love Him a Jillion!

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After visiting with Dr. Eranda I. Rajapaksha at UC Davis, I was given information about fear-based aggression, a training plan and a Gentle Leader headcollar to use with him. His walks became much more enjoyable without him pulling me around. The collar actually calmed him down significantly. I can't say enough about that collar and about Vet Med! They were great. We had another appointment and by this time, I was completely attached to Max. His behavior had improved 100%.

My mom passed away in February 2006. I can't imagine going through that entire situation without the love of my Maximillian. To have a big dog who loves you is the nicest comfort I can think of – and I was blessed to have him help me through it.

Max is now a permanent member of our family. He goes everywhere with me. It's almost as if he has always been with me even though it's only been one year. He sleeps on the bed instead of outside in a run, which was his past. He has lost weight from



proper diet and exercise (he's the king of the dog park). His coat is perfect and so is he. What a beautiful personality he has. Who knew that a dog would enjoy sitting next to me on the sofa and watching TV? When dogs are on (Animal Planet, dog shows, etc.) he tries to "find them" by looking behind the TV. Hilarious to watch! We recently watched "Lady and the Tramp" and he was quite upset when Lady was being mistreated and put outside. I wonder if his memories of a not-so-pleasant past surfaced? This boy is gentle with my grandchildren and playful with everyone!

I cannot say enough about my appreciation of the NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue folks. Max came into my life only 3 weeks before losing my mom. Fortuitous? I think not.

Because of the wonderful gift of this dog and the caring of the volunteers at NORCAL, I decided to join them. I'm proud to say that as of now, I've found homes for 5 lucky Golden here in Davis and hope to find more soon! 🐾

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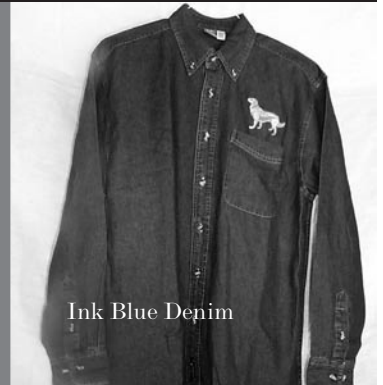
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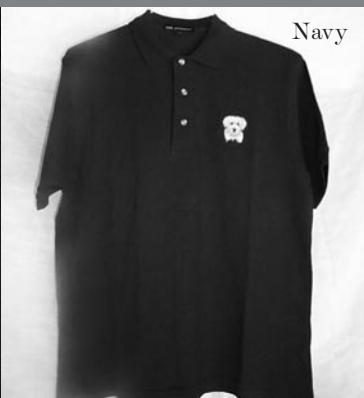
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Thank You!

Play Day

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surprises with Golden Retrievers who were never intrigued before, jumping right in to enjoy the cool water with their new friends. It is so interesting to see so many Golden Retrievers and the different looks and personalities they all have. Maybe that is why we love them so much and they play with our hearts so.

The afternoon ended with the excitement of the raffle and silent auction. When it was time to go, everyone was excited for next year's event. One note for next year . . . remember to bring plenty of film! We learned that we never can take enough pictures when it comes to remembering fun times and sharing them with others.

NORCAL has received great support in the community thanks to Deborah, George, Bonnie, and Mike in working with local establishments, volunteers, and adoptees. This year's event helped raise \$2,500 in donations in support of Golden Retrievers. Thanks to Bonnie and Mike and all the



Golden Retrievers in the community. They've more than doubled the number of adoptions for the year, versus last year!

Jill Morgan would like to thank everyone that made the day such a spectacular one and hopes to see everyone again next year. Put the fourth annual Twain Harte Golden Retriever Play Day on your schedule for Sunday, May 18, 2008. There

are great places to stay as well as sites to see while in the Twain Harte area. Please contact one of the Twain Harte folks and they will be glad to help you make accommodations. Hope to see you there next year!!

All of us want to give many thanks to all of the businesses that were so gracious in their donations and time this year. 🐾

Rosie's Story

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ran into the kitchen to get a pair of scissors to cut the collar off. The collar was so tight, and Sandy was shaking Rosie so violently that it made it difficult to even get the scissors under the collar to cut it off. As I was attempting to cut the collar off, Rosie gave off the gurgles of her last exhaled breath and went limp. I cut the collar, hoping that I wasn't taking an ear with it. Rosie immediately fell to the ground, unconscious and not breathing. She appeared to be dead. No amount of name calling or shaking would revive her.

Having seen the same thing done before on television by a fireman who brought a dog out of a burning building, I grabbed her snout in my hand and began slow, deep breaths into her nostrils. I can't remember how many times I did this, or what the first sign was that she was

When I approached the kennel and saw those beautiful blond female littermates sitting so quietly on the cold, wet cement floor, my heart began to say to my head, "Uh oh, you're in trouble."

regaining consciousness, but it worked!! She started breathing again, and Sandy came up to Rosie and began licking and

kissing her face and mouth as if to say she loved her and was sorry for the accident.

I am happy to say that Rosie is fine – happy, healthy, and none the worse for her life-threatening ordeal. I also want to say that there will be no old-fashioned buckled collars in my house ever again. The new collars I have ordered are called "breakaway" collars. Having read the Web site testimonials, I have come to realize that what we experienced, and what I've described, is not an isolated incident. Some animals have not been as lucky as mine.

I encourage every dog owner to go to the Web site www.breakawaycollar.com or just do a search for breakaway collars to prevent a potential tragedy from happening. It almost happened to my dog. Don't let it happen to yours. 🐾



Spotlight on VOLUNTEERS



Jill Morgan **Area Coordinator,** **San Joaquin County**

NORCAL's own Jill Morgan was featured in a recent 2-page article in the *Lodi News-Sentinel* newspaper. Here are some excerpts.

"Jill Morgan happened to be wandering around a pet fair eight years ago when she came across a sign reading, 'NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue.' She thought it meant the dogs rescued people trapped in emergencies, but soon learned that the dogs themselves had been rescued. 'Those dogs had been thrown away, abused, abandoned. And that was it,' Morgan said of the day when she decided to get involved with the non-profit group.

"So far this year, she's seen 79 purebred Golden Retrievers who no longer had homes and were abandoned. And that's just in the San Joaquin Valley. She buys 300 pounds of dog food at a time and is well-known by her veterinarian."

For an emailed copy of this great article in its entirety with lots of stories, email jayne@marketingdesigns.net.

Pat Lynch **Area Coordinator,** **Alameda County**

NORCAL's own Pat Lynch was quoted in a recent multi-page article about puppy mill dogs in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on June 12. Pat was a volunteer involved in the rescue of 49 dogs from a puppy mill in Oklahoma. A group of veterinarians, vet techs, and volunteers from rescue groups, like Pat, worked together to get the dogs here, cleaned up, cared for, and placed in new homes.

Most of the dogs were suffering from severe health problems. This article is an excellent exposé on puppy mills and Internet dogs best summed up by a quote from Dr. Helen Hamilton, "It's a money-driven industry and the only way to stop it is when

people become educated not to buy puppies from these sources."

For an emailed copy of this article, email jayne@marketingdesigns.net.

Pam Lavin **Volunteer,** **Santa Clara County**

Thanks to Pam Lavin for writing this article.

As a NORCAL volunteer for 14 years, there are many, many stories to report. Our Santa Clara County team has worked on surrenders, adoptions, and home visits. This all started well before the Internet made communication easier. There was no craigslist.com, few microchips to identify pets, and rare foster homes. No matter what, there's always been a lot of paperwork! Adoption forms, surrender forms, vet records, and AKC registrations piled high on our desks.

I remember once a legally signed surrender form saved me during my first assignment. A woman called me about a puppy she had received from a breeder friend. She had no time for it. The youngster was kept in a small crate from which I released her after having the surrender signed. I had barely arrived home when the ex-owner called to say she had changed her mind. More likely, her friend told her she could SELL the dog. I refused her request and shortly afterwards, the local police phoned me with an accusation of dog-napping. Fortunately, the signed sheet was valid enough proof to have them back off.

Sometimes, Realtors would phone us to report dogs abandoned at properties they represented. On one occasion an impoverished lady and her pair of Golden Retrievers had been abandoned by her husband. By herself, she raised and placed the subsequent litter and requested that the parents come to NORCAL. However, her ex and his new girlfriend also wanted the parents! Soon his lawyer was calling us, but we stood firm and the pair found a new home together.

Adoptions are usually happy, but can be equally surprising. One of our applicants took a young male who turned out to be the littermate of her recently deceased pet. Another lady, whose dog had been stolen a year earlier came to us from another county and amazingly found her own dog on our list. We traced his trail from a shelter to another rescue group to a purchase by our surrendering family. His ID was confirmed by physical marks and photos.

Sometimes a person will want to train one of our dogs to be a disability aide. These people we refer to professional canine therapy groups, since we want to keep NORCAL dogs family members, not assigned to lifetime service. However, in at least one placement, the Golden's temperament led to her training as a police dog. One former assistance dog did come to us because of abuse and spent many years as the neighborhood favorite, delighted to lead an unfettered life.

Many of our dogs come from the shelters, particularly if they are aged or have a physical or behavioral problem. Some are just dumped in the night box. It may take longer to place them, but these needy Golden Retrievers often make the best pets. They seem grateful for a second chance.

With the advent of selling dogs online, a new set of issues has developed. Puppy mill dogs go to pet shops or are sold online. They may be young or auctioned off when unable to breed successfully. Dog brokers import litters from out of state, making extravagant and false statements about health and backgrounds. One account was recently chronicled by our volunteer, Loretta Miller, in her new book, "Blind Puppy Five Dollars." Over the years we have seen more early cancer, allergies, and limb dysplasia. A breed like the Golden suffers from its own popularity. However, there is still great joy in our learning and efforts to educate the public. The years have flown by with wonderful memories, stories, and a surprise around every corner. 🐾



San Mateo County Volunteers and their Golden

Thanks to Justine Eller for submitting this!

The San Mateo County team manned the NGRR booth for the sixth annual Redwood City Pet Parade on Saturday June 2nd. This was a great idea to meet the hundreds of people and their pets as they joined the parade and/or visited our NORCAL booth. The team shared both adoption and volunteer information as well as accepted numerous donations for our Golden. It was a fun 3 hours and we plan to do this again next year.

From l to r: Christine Beard (San Mateo Coordinator) & Kathy Quiroz with rescue dog "Keeper;" Justine Eller with rescue dog "Buster;" Martha & Rick Kessler with "Jambalaya" and "Nittany" (Jambalaya is a NORCAL rescue from Hurricane Katrina).

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.)

- Hands-On Dog Work
 - Area Coordinator
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- Operations
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 - Weekly Dog List
 - Mailing List
 - Inventory Tracking
- Public Outreach & Education
 - Event Coordinator/Worker
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 - Web Programming (experienced)
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Payroll Deduction

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

Matching Gift

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

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

Appreciated Securities

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

Gifts Through Your Estate

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

Life Income Gifts

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

Gifts of Real Estate

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

Tell NGRR How to Use Your Donation

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

General Fund

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

Senior Golden Retrievers

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

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.

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.golden-rescue.org.



The Calendar is Back!!!

The **2008 NGRR Calendar "California's Gold"** has arrived!!! Thanks to **Pat Lynch**, Area Coordinator for Alameda County, and graphic designer **Cathy Stashuk** for making this happen. The new calendar spans 15 months beginning with **September 2007**, so there's no reason to wait – buy now and start using this fabulous calendar filled with **gorgeous photos and heart-warming stories** selected from over 100 submissions. And remember – the calendar makes a **great holiday gift item!!!**

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Spotlight on ADOPTERS

Hi NGRR,

“My name is Jo Ann Rosen and I live in Sonora. I want your organization to know what a wonderful experience I have had getting my Golden Retriever. His name is Emmitt. Mike and Bonnie Warzee came through with flying colors and found me Emmitt, which has contributed so much to the quality of my life. They have done an exceptional job helping me and I want headquarters to know how I feel. Mike has taken care of everything – vet exam, shots, neutering, rabies, etc. – and contacted me almost daily to find out how Emmitt and I are doing . . . and we are doing great. I couldn't be happier with my experience with Mike and Bonnie Warzee and NGRR. Keep up the great work that you do and you will make so many people happy that are looking for Golden Retrievers.”

Hi Myra (Kelley – Coordinator, Santa Clara County, North),

“Just a quick note to let you know that we are having so much fun with Charlie! We actually took him to San Francisco last Saturday for the entire day! We walked around North Beach and Union Square. He loved walking and playing ball at the parks. We ate dinner at an outdoor cafe. Later, when we were having coffee at another outdoor cafe, we counted 35 people in a half hour who stopped to pet him or comment about how cute he is. He really is super well-behaved, cute, and lovable. Complete strangers stop and hug him. We haven't watched TV since he joined our family because we're out walking him every night. We take him to Borders almost every day. He is very happy. He can play ball for hours at a time – it's completely unbelievable! I'm having trouble with the 'sit' command. He listens about half the time. Any suggestions? We are going to Santa Barbara this weekend and staying at the Marriott – they accept dogs as guests. So we're going to walk around the town and the beach and have a nice family vacation. I hope you're doing well! See you soon,” – Roberta

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