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*"Saving one dog will not change the world, but, surely for that one dog the world will change forever." - Unknown*



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## From the President's Desk

2009 brought us many challenges which we met head on thanks to our GReat volunteers. We saw more dogs with significant health problems which resulted in longer foster home stays and higher vet bills. Fund-raising efforts were intense and helped us to bridge the gap and end the year in the black. For this we have our Fund-raising Coordinator, Diane Murphy and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club to thank.

Most of these dogs with "issues" are now enjoying life in their forever homes because of the hard work of our Placement Team. We have seen similar extraordinary effort from our Intake Team, our Foster Homes and those volunteers who help in other ways. Each and every one of you is needed and appreciated for your contributions. We have also been the beneficiary of some extraordinary generosity from several of our supporting Veterinary Clinics which has significantly helped our bottom line. We could not function without these GReat Vets.

2010 will hold some surprises for us, I'm sure. We have no idea what impact the upcoming closure of the King County Animal Shelter will have on us. Seattle Humane Society will take over housing the animals but will this result in a shortage of space and our being asked to step in? I know that EGRR we will meet this or any challenge placed before us.

One continuing challenge is our persistent shortage of foster homes. This becomes very apparent when several foster homes are not available or are caring for long term foster dogs. No sooner do we gain a new foster home than we seem to lose another. Fostering is a very rewarding experience and in an effort to share the excitement and entice people to consider fostering, a new column called the Joys of Fostering is making its debut in this edition. For each edition a different foster home will share their reasons, challenges, experiences and rewards of fostering Golden Retrievers.

Education will be another focus of EGRR in 2010. A new training video has been purchased and will be used along with new reading material for our Volunteer and Foster Home training. Since we all are open to learning, I have asked our Behavior Coordinator, Jean Whitehead, to write a column on dog behavior and training issues which also begins with this edition.

The EGRR website will very soon have a totally new look. Webmaster Brad Kammerer and his colleague, Arwyn Todd (who is a professional web designer) have been hard at work creating a website that will "knock your socks" off.

As you prepare for this holiday season, please remember that it tends to be one of our busiest periods. I understand how hectic and stressful our lives become at this time of the year and that the idea of bringing in a strange dog may be overwhelming. Unfortunately, this is also the season when people decide to simplify their life by getting rid of their dog. Please consider this thought – that the joy and satisfaction you experience having a Golden house guest for a couple weeks knowing you have changed his life forever may ultimately be the best gift you receive this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

Nancy Kiesler

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## From the Vet's Desk

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### Holiday Food and Dogs.... They don't always mix well

By

Sheri Belau, DVM

Animal Hospital of Newport Hills

With the holiday season fast approaching, it seems appropriate to address some of the potential food related concerns for our canine companions that coincide with the season. Most veterinarians would likely agree that we typically see an increase in the number of cases of gastrointestinal upset at this time of year, often associated with ingestion of various "people food" items. Some of these foods can cause stomach or intestinal upset simply because they are unusual for our pet's digestive tracts, while other can actually be toxic or lead to GI obstruction and cause more serious problems. Some things to avoid include the following:

**Too many table scraps** While many dogs would do absolutely fine with a little snack of leftover turkey meat, it is very important not to include any of the fat or bones (from a turkey or other kind of meat or roast). Ingestion of fatty foods, sometime even in small amounts, can cause acute pancreatitis. This is a painful, inflammatory condition of the pancreas with symptoms ranging from a decreased appetite to severe anorexia (inappetance), vomiting, abdominal pain and lethargy. The treatment for a severe case often requires hospitalization with IV fluids for several days and the prognosis is variable. Blood work, radiographs and/or abdominal ultrasound may be necessary in order to obtain a diagnosis.

Ingestion of bones (of any kind) can sometimes lead to gastrointestinal obstruction if the bone gets lodged in the stomach or small intestine. This can cause symptoms similar to those of pancreatitis but in many cases will require surgery to treat. Any time you are suspicious that your dog may have ingested a bone (or multiple bones) you should contact your veterinarian right away.

**Onions, garlic, chives and leeks (allium)** Ingestion of too much of any of these goodies can lead to a hemolytic anemia in dogs. The toxicity varies with the type and amount ingested; raw, crushed, cooked and dried forms can all pose threats to our pets with dried forms presenting greater risks. Clinical signs or symptoms occur 24-72 hours post-ingestion and can include inappetance, pale or jaundiced mucus membranes, weakness, rapid breathing and heart rate, diarrhea, staggering and collapse. Treatment may include aggressive use of IV fluids, vitamin E and blood transfusions.

**Macadamia Nuts** The estimated toxic dose ranges from 5-40 whole kernels for a 40-50 pound dog. Symptoms of toxicity are typically seen within 6-24 hours and can include weakness (rear limbs more affected than forelimbs), depression, vomiting, uncoordination, tremors, fever, joint pain and stiffness. Treatment is supportive and dependent on the severity of symptoms. Regardless of therapy, recovery is generally complete within 24 hours.

**Chocolate** Exposure to chocolate products continues to be a problem for pets, although many exposures never lead to any signs or symptoms. The actual ingredients of concern in chocolate are caffeine and theobromine. Their content varies among chocolate products, but in general, the more bitter the chocolate, the more potentially toxic it is. Signs are most commonly seen within 12 hours or less of ingestion and can include excitement, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst and urination, muscle spasms and seizures. Like most things, there is no specific antidote so treatment is supportive and dependent on the symptoms. It is always best to contact your veterinarian right away if you are suspicious or know that your pet has ingested any type of chocolate.

**Xylitol** This is a sugar substitute which is more recently recognized problem in dogs. They can become poisoned from the ingestion of baked goods, desserts, gum, candy, toothpaste and other oral care products. Ingestion of small amounts can lead to low blood sugar, while ingestion of higher amounts can lead to liver disease. The low blood sugar is typically observed within 30-60 minutes following ingestion and may cause symptoms such as weakness, uncoordination and seizures. Within 9-72 hours, liver failure may occur so it is important to contact your veterinarian right away if you suspect xylitol ingestion.

While this is in no way intended to be a complete list of potential holiday food problems, hopefully it is helpful. The best thing to do if you think your pet has ingested something potentially dangerous or toxic is to contact your veterinarian or an emergency hospital right away. If you are unable to do so, you might also consider calling Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

*Happy Holidays!*

# The Joys of Fostering Golden Retrievers

by

Karen Jenkins, Foster Home Coordinator

As I think about the “joys” of fostering, there are many. With the joys there also come sorrows and challenges. A combination of those things make up the reasons I choose to be involved in Golden Retriever Rescue.

I sort of fell into Golden Retriever ownership about 11 years ago. I have had dogs in my life forever, but this was my first introduction to Golden Retrievers. It took some getting used to the inevitable hair everywhere, but I’ve since learned that hair is a small price to pay for the love these Golden dogs give back.

First let me acknowledge that fostering is definitely not going to be for everyone. That said, I can not think of a better feeling than that moment you “connect” for the first time. That moment when a foster dog learns he or she can trust you and looks up with that twinkle in their eye, with that famous golden smile as if to say “thank you for taking care of me”.

Now to be fair, that unforgettable “moment” usually has been preceded by potty accidents, perhaps grumbling at your own dog, maybe a little counter surfing, vet visits, meds to give, wounds to treat, baths to wash away the smell of the shelter, days spent training and stepping over baby gates, excess hair, whining, barking, and yes - a little stress.

So, how do you know if you are cut out for fostering a Golden Retriever? I think that your heart will likely tell you so. So you think you might want to foster? First get total family support – fostering is a family affair. Consider the environment you have to offer, is it safe and appropriate? Are you up for the extra golden hair? Do you have time available for training, vet visits, visiting with prospective adopters? Do you have patience to work through the baggage that almost always comes with rescue dogs? Can you work and foster? Yes, many people do it. It takes some creativity and everyone’s situation is different, but it can be done.

One question that I am quite often asked is; “how can you let them go”? Having the strength to say good-bye when your foster dog finds his or her forever home is not the easiest part, I will admit. Saying good-bye is harder with some dogs than others, but it

feels so good when you see your foster dog happy with his or her forever family. [One of ours was particularly hard for us to give up. He went from a scared little dog we pulled from a laundry room, which had virtually been his world for all of his 18 months, who was too scared to even walk past a crack in the sidewalk, to become a confident dog in his forever home. Now living with his 3 little girls, boating in the summer, going on family ski holidays in the winter. Yes, we loved him and we miss him, but seeing his smiling face with the wind blowing his gold fur as he stands on the bow of his family’s boat is affirmation that letting him go was the right thing to do]. This is what opens up your home to be ready for the next dog that needs you.

The joys of fostering come from the commitment and the effort, that little part of yourself that you give to that one dog that needs you at that moment - it comes from within. It is something that only others who foster will truly understand. Your friends will think it is very cool that you foster or they might think you are crazy. Whether “cool” or “crazy”, fostering a Golden Retriever may just be the most rewarding gift you can give yourself. Yes, fostering is definitely not for everyone. Is it for you? Look inside yourself, then into the eyes of a Golden Retriever that needs you, and then listen to your heart.

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## Welcome New EGRR Foster Home

Welcome to **Maureen and Michio Nikaido** and their 2 canine companions. This is a great couple from the Carnation area with plenty of great dog experience and a desire to help rescue Golden Retrievers in need..... a great recipe for success! We are pleased to have you aboard!

I know you all join us in welcoming the Nikaido family to our team

Terry & Karen Jenkins  
Foster Home Coordinators  
EGGR

## Spotlight On Our Volunteers

### Gayle George-Sackett

Gayle George-Sackett, our newsletter editor, is a person of many talents. Her creative side is immediately evident in the wonderful job she does with the Golden Nuggets. She also put it to good use in the slide show, Star's Journey, which she created for our grant application.

Gayle has owned dogs of various breeds her entire life. She started training dogs in the 1960's and had her own business until 2007. In addition to Goldens, the breeds that Gayle has owned and loved are Corgi's, Shelties, Lab's, Cockers, Kee-shonds, Flat-Coated Retrievers and German

Shepherds. Gayle got into Golden Retrievers in the 1980's and her involvement included showing them in Conformation and Obedience. Sadly, Gayle lost her last Golden in 2000 but shares her home with Roxy, her 2 yr old German Shepherd and Kasie, her 10 yr old Flat-Coated Retriever. In addition to training dogs, Gayle was an Agility judge for both NADAC and AKC until 2008.

It was US West who brought Gayle to the



Seattle area in 1991, a job she retired from in 1993. She then worked for the City of Lake Forest Park until 2002. Gayle may be technically retired but she is not about to let any moss grow under her feet. In her free time, she works at the Mariner games, does photography and needlework, is an active member of

the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club and travels in her motor home. In addition to her job as newsletter editor, Gayle also provides behavior and training advice to EGRR.

Although Gayle does not currently have a Golden Retriever in her pack, she is quick to say that she has "soft spot in her heart for Goldens and Golden owners". Those of us in EGRR are quick to point out that the feeling is mutual!



## RESCUE OF THE MONTH

### “Ginger”



Ginger had a myriad of medical problems when she came into Rescue in 2002 at the age of 5 years old. Used solely for breeding, Ginger produced one litter after another until she was worn out and then she was dumped at the shelter. She had a mammary tumor, chronic ear infections, Entropion and skin problems. Despite her miserable life and physical problems, her temperament had remained truly Golden. Ginger received the care she needed and eventually became a happy and healthy dog. She was adopted by a couple named Bill and Beth. Bill was a pilot so he traveled quite a bit and they wanted a companion for Beth when Bill was gone. It was a perfect match. They were aware of Ginger's history and kept in touch through the years each time telling about what a happy and healthy dog she was. This eased our minds about Ginger's longevity and how it might have been affected by her health issues.

As the decision was being made about what dog to feature for this edition, the news we always dread arrived. They had just lost Ginger to cancer. Bill went on to explain that Ginger had become the best companion for his wife, Beth, who had been diagnosed with a type of Alzheimer's Disease just prior to adopting Ginger. Beth and Ginger were inseparable. If Beth left the room, moments later Ginger would get up and find out

where she had gone. Whenever possible, they took Ginger on trips with them. If they were unable to do so, Beth always wanted to return home after one day because she missed Ginger.

Bill and Beth are retired now and live in Arizona and have applied for a Golden through two Rescue groups there but he wanted us to know what a wonderful dog Ginger had been and how much they loved her.

With Bill's permission and omitting their last name, we are printing a story that Beth wrote about Ginger, with Bill's help, for a newsletter article. This is a wonderful example of how we save much more than the dog's life when we rescue a Golden.

*Ginger is my best friend.*

*She's not one those high-priced, pure-bred, high-strung, high maintenance Golden Retrievers. Ginger's a rescue-Golden Retriever with some mixed blood because she has white feet. She was abandoned, in a pound, or somewhere with dim prospects. She appreciates that someone has taken her in and returns her affection to me every minute of every day.*

*Each day we go out on walks and if ever I should wander in the wrong direction – which I have never done – Ginger knows the way home and would take me there. Ginger is by my side all day long and thinks she is my protector. All she ever asks for in return is a “cookie” – about once every five minutes. If my husband, Bill, my second best friend, becomes annoying, all I need to yell is “Ginger” and she starts madly barking to send him on his way.*

*That's my Ginger. There's no better dog in the world.*

*Beth*

# A Nugget of Training

by

**Jean Whitehead**

**EGRR VP, Shelter Checker and Behavior Coordinator  
Positive Approach Dog Training and Daycare Instructor**

## Growling

- Your dog is at the door when you get home, toy in mouth growling.
- You're playing tug-of-war with the dog, suddenly he starts growling.
- You get up to use the bathroom in the middle of the night, trip over the dog in the dark; she quickly picks up her head to look at you growling.
- Your dog is playing with another dog, suddenly the other dog is growling.
- While trimming nails, your dog stiffens and growls.

EKE! What do you do? Punish? Stop the activity? Soothe the dog? Train? Hopefully, you are already thinking of different solutions for each situation. Right?

Growling is probably one of the most common and misunderstood dog behaviors. I like to think of growling as a way for the dog to communicate they are stimulated. It can be a greeting, excitement, during play, being startled, social, and a caution sign. It may even be a precursor, a warning, to aggression.

Whatever the reason a dog is telling you something when they growl. Getting to know your dog and paying attention to the dog's body language and the surroundings is key to how you respond to a dog's growl. Look at the dog's body, is it stiff? Relaxed? How is the eye contact? Is it a new situation? Are you calm?

One of the most dangerous things you can do as a dog owner is to punish a dog for growling, and stop your dog from growling – especially if your dog is growling as they are getting aggressive. When dogs are becoming aggressive they don't go from relaxed to attack directly. They typically go through a series of warning steps (body positioning, eye contact, etc.)

so subtle most of us humans don't notice anything is amiss until we hear the growl. If the perceived situation continues the dog will continue to escalate, perhaps snapping or even biting. When a dog is stopped from growling it then appears to the person that the dog goes straight from normal to aggressive. This is very dangerous.

Knowing how to handle the potentially aggressive growling dog may take the help of a behaviorist. In most cases the first thing the dog owner needs to do is reduce the stressor, if it's another dog – move, if it's a toy they don't want to give up – call them away instead of reaching in, if you're trimming nails – relax, handle the foot but don't cut the nail. Once you and the dog are calmer you can come up with a training plan to help the dog be more comfortable with the activity in the future. In other words listen when your dog tells you something is too much for them, reduce the stress on the dog, then help them learn how to deal with it in the future. Punishing your dog will make them more dangerous; protecting your dog from over stimulation and training them to better handle stress in the future will make them a more comfortable and safer companion.

**Next newsletter:** The biggest mistake people make when training their dog.

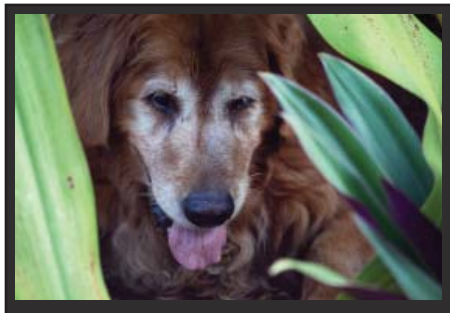
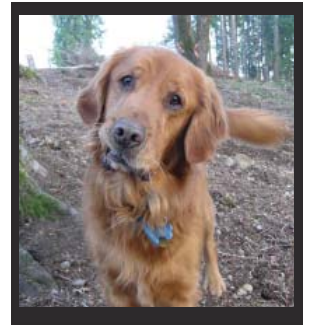


# Rainbow Bridge



*Nine of "our" dogs made their journey to the Bridge this past quarter and we want to let their owners know that we share in their loss.*

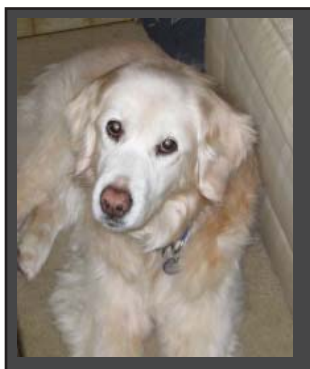
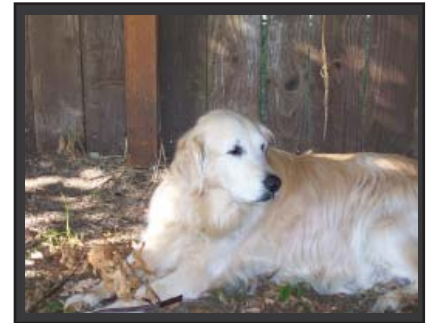
**"Kobe" (2006) 1/17/2000 - 8/25/2009** *He was a gentle dog with a quizzical smile. He moved so gracefully about the yard, it would take my breath away to watch. Kobe was a loving, loyal companion. He is dearly missed and will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Bobbi Miller and John Chapman*



**"Casey" (2006) 12/12/1993 - 9/4/2009**

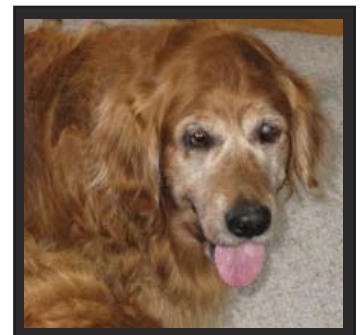
*A sweet old man. We were lucky to be able to share 3 years of his life us. Every moment was filled with love from the lovable old bear. We took him to Colorado, and thru the snow on the Rockies and lakes in Utah. But he was most stoic when he would stand in the middle of the large grassy yard, nose pointed into the wind with the sea air combing thru his long read hair and the afternoon sun on his back. The Sylvestre Family*

**"Buckeye" (2007)** *"Bucky was deaf but everywhere I went he was there. I never figured out how he did that since he couldn't hear. He truly was an amazing animal." Nancy Maxson*



**"Duchess" (2005)** *"Duchess' most outstanding feature was how gentle she was. Whether she was accepting a cookie or asking to be petted she was always a lady. Her favorite game was hide and seek. She would run back and forth between people and rooms until we ran out to treats. That girl lived for treats!" Dawn Moran*

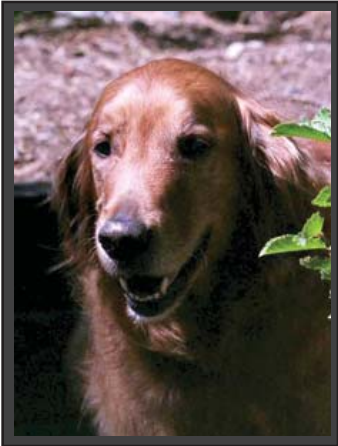
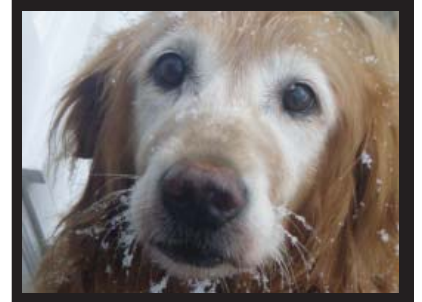
**"Toby" (2009)** *It was a total pleasure having Toby come into our lives. He touched the hearts of many in his 5 short months with EGRR...God Speed sweet Toby... you can now run free of pain.. forever young. You will not be forgotten. Hospice Foster - Tony and Kathy Bahnick*





# Rainbow Bridge

**“Peaches” (2000)** *Peaches was such a sweetie and we miss her dearly. This is my daughters favoriet picture. Kay Forrester*



**“Murdoc” (2002)** *“We will miss profoundly his unbounded enthusiasm and his loving nature. He was one of a kind and will make us smile everyday when we think of him. Thank you again for giving us the opportunity share his life.” Ken and Candy*

**“Rusty” (1998)** *“Rusty was the absolute best dog anyone could have ever had. We were blessed and very lucky to have had him for so many years. Our son will have many good memories to share with his kids.” Jan Berlin*



**“Ginger” (2002)** *See Rescue of the Month*



## General Donations

*Rick and Kathy Jensen  
Kathy Rall  
Donna Becker  
Cindy and David Yager  
Tom and Karen Jone  
Harry and Carol Mackin  
Kathleen Baillie  
Charles Peterson and Holly Krohn  
Larissa Murphy*

*Ernest and Susan Kevin  
as a thank you for Dr. Henry Kaplan*

*Anita Honaker  
in appreciation for the efforts of Diane Murphy*

*Elaine Berryman  
in appreciation for finding "Bentley" a good home*

*Renee Dickey  
in appreciation for finding "Sienna" a good home*

*\$250 grant from Group Health Cooperative*

*Lee Cummings - United Way  
Allan Kiesler - United Way  
Jim Wallace - United Way*

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*Karolin Beck  
in memory of "Peaches" Forrester*

*Patricia and Kirk Nelson  
in memory of "Harley" Brown*

*Thank You*

## 2010 Annual Membership Drive

We would ask for your continuing support in 2010 by renewing your annual individual memberships at only \$10 for each individual member!

The 2010 membership application is on the EGRR website ([www.egrr.net](http://www.egrr.net)), under the link for Forms, in two different formats. Please mail to the Renton P.O. Box that is listed on the application.

EGRR has spent about \$22,000 in the first ten months of 2009, the vast majority of which was for veterinary care on approximately 70 rescued dogs. The total donations by adopters covered about three-quarters of this amount. Therefore, sustaining the very existence of EGRR depends on other sources of funding. As EGRR is a 501c3 charitable organization. Donations by members as well as others are tax deductible and are very gratefully received.



## Holiday Shopping

*Help EGRR by doing you holiday shopping on line. EGRR receives up to 26% of each purchase you make.*

*At the **iGive** mall you will see familiar stores like Lands' End, Office Depot, Barnes & Noble, Neiman Marcus, just to mention a few.*

*At **Source Menagerie** you will find toys, supplies for you and your dogs, over 9,000 items.*

*The **Inky Paw** and **Helping Udders** also has a lot of fun dog stuff.*

*All you have to do is go on to the EGRR web site ([www.egrr.net](http://www.egrr.net)) and click on shopping.*

## A Letter From Star

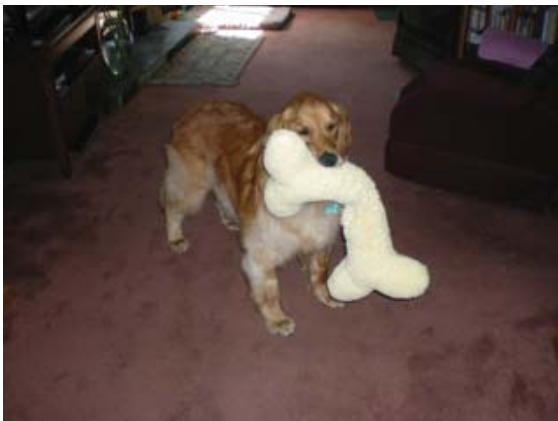
Hello Nancy, Alan, Mandy, Charlie, Diane, Murphy, Briggs and Dani,

I just wanted to let you know that I am doing super in my new forever home with Laura and Jean! As you can see, my coat is growing in real well. I am even shedding like a real dog these days and my daily brushings produce quite a handful of unneeded fur! Jean took me to the vet this week to get my thyroid level checked and Dr. Peggy was excited about how good I look. Of course I do....after all I am your Star! And my thyroid level is perfect. I am now weighing in at 77 pounds! Laura worries that that might be a bit too much, but I'm a stocky guy aren't I? I still have a waist, so I say keep the treats coming! My ears are doing good. Jean cleans them every week (not that I am into that!). But, at least, they're not bugging me too much. I have been showing off my big voice lately and scaring away the neighbor's cats. The nerve of those cats coming into my yard! I take Laura and Jean on a couple of walks a day...usually down to the local park or in the neighborhood. We also enjoy going down to Golden Gardens and walking along the water. Next week is bath week so I will be smelling a lot better (not that I am so stinky anymore...all those baths you gave me fixed that).

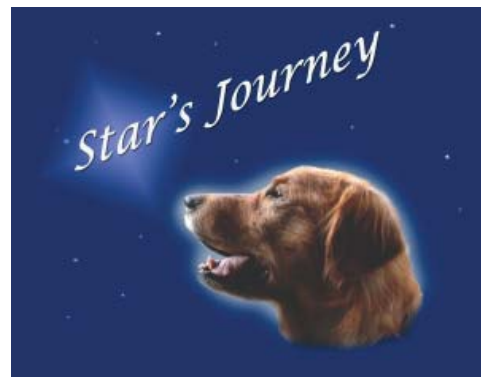
I really wanted to send you this to let you know that you are all on top of my list of things to be grateful for on Thanksgiving. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for your love and care for me, so thanks from the bottom of my big heart.

Wags and drooly kisses,  
Star

P.S. I also learned to type since I've been here.



*See Star's Journey at  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcUa\\_YvCAgE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcUa_YvCAgE)  
or do a search for  
Golden Retriever Rescue Star's Journey  
Sign on and leave a comment!*



## EGRR Board of Director's Meeting 11/1/2009 MINUTES



### I. Meeting was called to order at 2:20pm.

- a. Attending: Nancy Kiesler, Roy Talbot, Linda Talbot, Sue Randall, Rich Randall, Jean Whitehead, Alan Kiesler  
Kim Condrin, Leslea McLean, Brad Kammerer and Diane Murphy.
- b. Minutes from 4/26/09 meeting reviewed/msp

### II. Report of the President

- a. Accomplishments: Bigger better newsletter  
Donation page added  
Rainbow bridge page added  
Membership up  
Leadership load now shared  
Publicity & fundraising projects
- b. This year, we will focus on training, behavior & health issues/education

### III. Committee reports

- a. Treasurer – Lee Cummings (not present). Detailed reports were furnished.  
Income statement provided as was vet expense per individual dog (YTD 39 dogs with average of \$446 per dog). Net income YTD was \$639.96 (vet expenses were \$6,600 more than last year at this time)   
Insurance is biggest administration expense at \$1,600.  
Board discussed the creation of a framed certificate for recognition of “special” contributions (vets for their discounts etc.) To be called the \*STAR AWARD\*
- b. Intake – Sue Randall. Detailed reports furnished.  
10 dogs in foster now  
YTD – 67 dogs (12 went to Purdy)  
1 possible incoming (Horton)  
Discussion of Rex – behavior issues  
Discussion of dog at Tacoma Shelter – severe fence issues/decided to “decline” dog
- c. Placement – Sue Randall  
30 people on waiting to adopt list
- d. Foster Home – Karen and Terry Jenkins (not present). Detailed reports were furnished.  
Current listing of dogs in foster homes (8 dogs)  
Potential incoming (1)  
Current activities:  
Working on database in MS Access  
Refining list for accuracy (email sent to all current foster homes to update information)  
Ideas for getting new foster homes
- e. Fundraising – Diane Murphy. Detailed report furnished.

Board Meeting Minutes continued

Slideshow created for a \$5000 award competition. Board was shown the slideshow, "Star's Journey". It showcased the number of volunteers involved in the care and placement of a single dog under the care of EGRR. (Dateline 11/22/09: EGRR did not win the award)

Diane showed photos of a rainbow over the ruins at Guisachan. The photographer (Carole Johnson of Alderbrooke Kennels) has given EGRR permission to use her image for fundraising. Diane mentioned a few ideas (photo mounted in a mat to list goldens "Waiting at the Bridge" or printed on a tile insert on a "memorial" wooden box etc.)

Nancy suggested sympathy cards!

Diane also has many RARE postcard images of Guisachan we could print as a set of note cards.

YTD fundraising events brought in \$2,962.00 (two raffles at EGRC's agility trials and a silent auction at EGRC's Specialty Show.)

The Fundraising committee will continue research for new grants. We have applied (for the first time) to the Golden Retriever Foundation for APRIL FUND – rescue grants.

Two requests were submitted for \$400 each. Still waiting to see if approved.

One more "event" for this year – a silent auction at EGRC annual Christmas party.

f. Publicity – Kim Condrin

Now has a vet addresses database

New "venue" for another mailing – groomers? boarding kennels?

Roy has software to retrieve "yellow page" information (like vet addresses)

Update photo for next printing of brochure.

Something advertising EGRR for cars & groomers windows

Add something to website for Christmas donations?

g. Membership – Rich Randall (Detailed report furnished)

142 members – double of last year – triple from year before that

Increased number of volunteers...we need to start using them

2/3 are full voting members

30-32 are also EGRC

Motion to include a free one-year membership (up to 2 adults) with EGRR with every adoption. MSP

New membership form for 2010 was provided

h. IT – Brad Kammerer

New website design revealed!!!

IV. Old Business

a. By-law Changes: Missed one thing at last meeting – "set" annual meeting date in May. MSP

b. Max and Tanner:

Both were euthanized due to behavior issues.

Veterinary Transplant Services ([www.vtsonline.com](http://www.vtsonline.com)) in Kent was able to use Tanner's organs for transplants (recommended by Dr. Kennedy)

They also paid for the euthanasia.

Board Meeting Minutes continued

c. Next Board Meeting: Sunday April 11th 2010 (Sunday after Easter)

V. New Business

- a. Kaila adoption: 8-9 golden lab mix: must muzzle at vet, foster home wants to keep, shouldn't be placed. We will write a release. (Already drafted by lawyer).  
Discussion of temperament testing and if a dog isn't placeable  
Only certain our "most experienced" people to do foster home "home checks" and temperament tests?
- b. Job distribution: Nancy has help write thank you notes etc.  
Allan has list of all dogs adopted by EGRR ID# to identify any "lost/found" dogs.

VI. For the good of the order

- a. Jean's master thesis completed!
- b. Dog of Month for website

Adjourn MSP 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Murphy  
EGRR Recording Secretary