

# Golden Nuggets

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Nothing like a refreshing bite of watermelon on a warm day!

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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

In many ways, EGRR's New Year starts in June. The Annual Meeting is held in May and this year we had the best attendance yet – both human and canine. Board elections were held and three new people were elected. I want to welcome Mel Miller, Desiree Gibson and Rich Randall to the Board. They join Lee Cummings, Jean Whitehead, Diane Murphy, Roy Talbot and Brad Kammerer. My sincere appreciation to all board members including the three departing board members, Kim Condrin, Leslea McLean and Susan Randall, for their service on the Board. I want to also thank Dr. Dan Kennedy of Woodinville Veterinary Hospital and Jean Whitehead for their very interesting and informative presentations. Every board member and committee chairperson attended the meeting as did many of our foster homes and volunteers all of which reinforced something I have known for some time – that we have GReat people in EGRR.

Like most non-profit groups, EGRR has experienced challenges these past years due to the economy and we continue to struggle in some areas. For unknown reasons, the number of adoption applications has dropped off considerably. This, combined with the continual shortage of foster homes presents the potential for a serious problem. To that end, one of our main projects this year will be to find several boarding kennels where we can board our dogs at high intake times thus reducing the stress on our foster home system. At the same time, efforts will continue to recruit foster homes because they are a critical step in every dog's journey to a new home. Please help us in this endeavor even if you are not an active foster home.

You will notice a new face to our website. We recently changed hosts and management of the website is now back in the able hands of our webmaster, Brad Kammerer. We will see updates and changes happening in a much more timely fashion now.

I am most excited that we will be hosting the first of what I hope to be our annual Rescue Reunion Picnic on July 31, 2011 at OO Denny Park in Kirkland. This will provide our volunteers the opportunity to see the fruits of our labor – our dogs, happy and bonded with their families. It will also give the volunteers a chance to connect and interact with each other which we rarely get to do. Nick Thain is the Chair and since he heralds from “down under”, he should know his way around the “barbie”! We will hope for good weather but either way, I hope to see a lot of you there.

Nancy Kiesler

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## Copper Retires



In March it became official - it was time for Deputy Mel Miller and his partner, Copper, to hang up their badges. After over 30 years in law enforcement, it was time for Mel to retire and he was looking forward to it. Copper, however, might have preferred to work a little longer. This is no surprise given Copper's work ethic and the distinguished career he had with Mel.

Copper began his training in June of 2005 and completed the course in August. He immediately made a name for himself working not only for the Sheriff's Department but assisting Federal Agencies like the DEA, ATF, FBI and U.S. Postal Inspectors. Copper also assisted other local agencies such as the Seattle Police Department, Washington State Patrol and several smaller police departments. He was a frequent visitor at several of the schools in the region and was the most requested canine for the local Narcotics Task Force groups. During his 5 ½ years as a narcotics detection dog, Copper was responsible for more arrests, over 650, and more seizures of narcotics, over 3,500 pounds, than any dog in department history. His nose led to the seizure of narcotics and associated cash and property valued at nearly 13½ million dollars. He also retired having had more applications than any other canine in department history.

These accomplishments resulted in Copper being named K-9 of the year for King County in 2006 and 2007. Copper also won the GRACE Award in the area of Law Enforcement which was presented after the Parade of Rescue Dogs at the 2007 National Specialty in Snohomish, Washington.

Statistics like these would be impressive for any dog but they are even more so for Copper because he is a "special needs" dog. Copper was found abandoned in the woods near Eatonville. When Rescue was notified about him, we were told he had a "raspy" bark. It turned out to be much more serious condition called Laryngeal Paralysis. Mel assumed that this condition would prevent Copper from being a working dog so his attention turned to how to give Copper a long and happy life. He consulted with Dr. Thomazin, one of EGRR's vets, who felt that for Copper to be happy, he should work and that Mel could manage his condition. Due to the Great care that Mel, and his wife, Gail, have provided including working closely with their veterinarian and Copper's love of his job, Copper has enjoyed a long and successful career.



# Spotlight On Our Volunteers

## Terry and Karen Jenkins

We are introduced to many things in life through our children and for Terry and Karen Jenkins, the love of Golden Retrievers was one of them. When they accompanied their adult daughter, Lisa, to pick up a puppy she was buying, one of the puppies there picked them out. That was their Belle, whom they just recently lost to cancer 12. Since then, they will tell you that they have acquired more Goldens and more knowledge about Goldens. After Belle was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia at 4 months of age and underwent bilateral hip surgery at a year, they realized that buying a puppy from a backyard breeder is not a good idea. In their effort to learn more, they found the website Golden Retrievers in Cyberspace which was created by one of Golden Retrievers best friends, Helen Redlus. Sadly, Helen is now at the Bridge but she helped to educate many people about Rescue, especially the needs of the seniors, and Karen and Terry are two of them. From a Golden specific e-mail list they heard about a senior female that Tony and Kathy Bahnick were fostering named Copper and they decided to adopt her. Copper lived to be 16 years old.

Adopting Copper made them think about fostering and soon after that, they stepped up to be Foster Home Coordinators. They adopted their first foster (like so many do), Snickers, who was then 4 and is now 7 years old. Snickers is currently recovering from knee surgery. They then fostered and adopted white-faced Ginger who was recently diagnosed with osteosarcoma and is undergoing chemo. They also have 4 yr old Sophie, whom Terry bought for Karen to train in Agility only Sophie had different plans which did not include Agility! They have fostered other dogs that they have not adopted which goes to show that it is possible to be a foster home failure and live to foster again!

On the human side of the family, Terry and Karen have 3 grown children, Doug, Lisa and Dan (all dog

owners) and 8 grandkids. Terry is retired and Karen is the Administrative Coordinator for the President of Franciscan Health System. Both Terry and Karen were born in Indiana, grew up in California but met in high school in Washington State. They've had dogs since they were first married and these were also Rescues. Karen is quick to point out that the best part of doing Rescue is what it has taught two of their grandchildren as they have accompanied them on many of their Rescue runs. What a wonderful way to teach such an important life lesson!

*Thank you, Terry and Karen, for your commitment to EGRR!*



# Sharing the Joys of Fostering

## HOME AGAIN

Co Written By

**Leslea McLean & Megan McLean**

He jumped out of my car and went straight to heal at his new owners side with a confident grin that said to me..."I'm home...you can go now." And truly, he was home again for the first time, and the last time.

People often ask how I can do it, give them over to a new life after investing my heart. And I tell them the joy of fostering outweighs the bittersweet goodbye ten fold.

We have a crazy household of three Golden's, three cats a bird and a rat. Not to mention my supportive husband and two dog loving daughters. I started us out on this journey thinking we might be able to do some good and help out a dog or two. I had no idea 8 years ago how much our family would learn and grow because of the fostering experience.

One of the best parts of fostering is that my family and I are privileged to encounter many different "dog"onalities. When you foster a dog of any kind, even for a night, you become aware of the various things they love to do. Weather it's snuggling up to your feet or giving you those puppy eyes; they all know just how to warm your heart.

The memories we have of the puppy we had to get up and potty early in the morning to the feral dog that bonded with one of our cats. The shy dog who gained confidence and poise to the biggest golden I've ever seen, who now has his canine good citizenship paperwork, and is setting a perfect example of golden behavior with his new owner. They always remain in our hearts and prayers and our photo album.

Of course giving a dog up after a long or short foster is the trickiest thing to do, but when you know that Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue interviews every possible owner and matches the dog with the perfect family, you get through it. Every step on the journey of fostering, you have been preparing that golden for success in its forever home. All of the love, care, attention, and even a little bit of training will have all paid off when you see your pal look so happy with its new family.

I have to say each time we have fostered a dog has been a new experience. No two are alike and some capture my heart or the heart of one of my family members more that others. But somehow, they all seem to know they are on their way to a better place. Knowing that we played a part in some small way of creating a new loving family for both the canine and the humans, makes it more than worth while.

*"Every animal deserves a great home,  
and every great home deserves an animal,  
our job is to decorate the lives of both  
with the company of each other."*

*~ Megan Mclean ~*

# A Nugget of Training

By

**Jean Whitehead**

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

## Leashes Do Funny Things

Perhaps you have already experienced a personality change in your dog when a barrier is involved. Maybe you are familiar with the idea of barrier frustration when your dog is behind a fence or window. Leashes are a barrier too and can create an overt response. You know the dog that plays well with others at the dog park but lunges and barks at other dogs while on the morning walk. For many dogs being able to see another dog but not interact with it can cause frustration and this frustration can quickly lead to aggression.

As we get ready for a busy summer with our dogs we need to be getting our dogs ready before we take them with us. Just as we would evaluate our dog and their participation in off-leash dog parks, we should also assess taking our dog to events on leash.

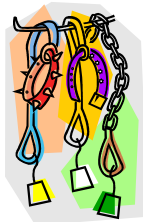
Taking our dogs with us to events or even on a walk is a responsibility we need to prepare for. Before we head out with our dogs the first thing we should do is ask ourselves some questions. The first is the most important – is my dog ready to attend this event? This is especially important for rescue dogs. Just as we need to build up to physical activities, dogs need to build up to social activities. For me I work toward building my dog's experiences so they can someday join me for Dog-A-Thon, the HUGE dog walk here in Tacoma to raise money for the Humane Society. Before I take a dog I ask myself: are dogs allowed? is my relationship with the dog strong enough for them to pay attention to me there? is their behavior good enough to go? have we done other smaller events and been successful? If you aren't sure, don't take your dog!

Should you decide that you and your dog are ready to go to an event such as our upcoming picnic, the next decision is one of responsibility. Are you ready to be responsible for your dog and their actions at the event? And I don't just mean checking the weather and bringing poop bags and water. Do you have time to pay attention to your dog at all times? Are you ready to help (train) them to be more comfortable in the new situation?

Holding onto a dog's leash is not enough. We need to be paying attention to our dogs at all times. We need to be aware of how our dog is interacting with other dogs and other dogs with our dog. Holding onto the end of your dog's leash and letting them do whatever they want on the other end is asking for trouble. Allowing your dog to blunder up to other dogs or other dogs to charge up to yours is likely to lead to trouble.

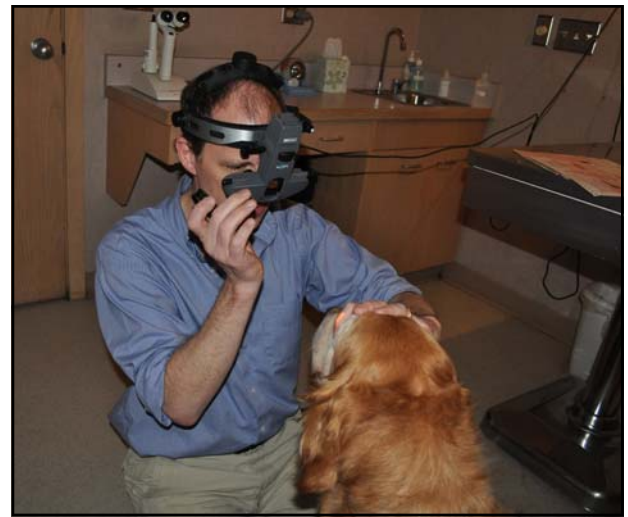
Trouble on leash can come in many forms. The most obvious is actual aggression - dogs having a physical altercation, perhaps even inflicting injury. Trouble can also be more subtle such as one dog being rude or pushy to another who can't get away because they're on leash. Even if the owners don't notice and the interaction doesn't lead to a fight, rude and pushy dogs may get away with such behavior and soft dogs can be intimidated.

Our rescued canine family members need special consideration as they may not have the social history to handle the frustration of the barrier the leash creates while mingling with new dogs. As we go into summer activities, please be careful to set your dog up to succeed and take care to avoid potential negative interactions by paying attention to your dog throughout the event. We'll see you all at the picnic!



## Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) Screening Clinic

On May 7, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) sponsored their annual Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) screening clinic. The examinations were conducted by Thomas Sullivan DVM at his clinic, the Seattle Animal Eye Clinic. This screening clinic is strictly for pet Goldens and 52 dogs were examined many of whom were Rescue dogs. Only six dogs were diagnosed with PU which is fewer than in previous years. Dr. Sullivan thought this was due to two reasons. First, some of the dogs had attended the previous screenings and were still free of the disease. Secondly, many of the dogs examined this year were 4 years old and unfortunately this disease often cannot be detected until the dog is 7 or 8 years of age. The important thing is that every year more people become aware of the need to screen their Golden for PU and this clinic makes it very easy and affordable. If your Golden is 4 years of age or older, plan on having him screened at next year's PU Clinic or make an appointment with Dr. Sullivan's office or your local veterinary ophthalmologist for a CERF exam.





## New Membership Categories

### \*\*\*Announcing Two New Supporting Membership Categories\*\*\*

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) now has four membership categories !! These are the **Full** Membership and three categories of **Supporting** Membership. All four membership categories can be found on the annual membership application form.

A **Full** membership in Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) is for those who wish to participate in activities, contribute to decision making, be able to vote at the Annual Meeting of members, or for those who wish to hold office, such as on the Board of Directors.

A **Supporting** membership is for those who purely wish to express their support for the goals of Rescue.

A **“Supporting - Golden” (“S-G”)** membership is for, ...well..., all Golden Retrievers supporting Rescue !!! ☺ In January of 2011, EGRR had a membership application unexpectedly come in from “Star”. Star is a former EGRR Rescue who has been happily living in his forever home for some time. It appeared he was so happy there, that he wanted to join Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) as a member. And so he did !!! Well, that provoked several other Golden Retrievers to bark up and ask if they could also become members. In fact, Star started a movement, and in 2011 we had to create a brand new Category of Membership – The **“S-G” (“Supporting - Golden”) Membership**. This has been a VERY popular membership category. ☺

Then, at the announcement of the new category of S-G membership, EGRR was immediately petitioned that other wonderful breeds should not feel left out. EGRR really did not want anyone feeling blue about not being able to be a member. So, for all canine pals of Golden Retrievers who also support Rescue, there is now the **“Supporting - Canine Kinship” (“S-CK”)** membership ☺☺ !



### Would you like to be a volunteer?

Check out our web site <http://www.egrr.net/>

The greatest need of any Rescue group is foster homes for without an adequate number of foster homes we would have to turn away some dogs. If you think you don't have the time or energy to take on a young Rescue Golden, consider fostering a senior as they are very easy to have in your home. They do take longer to place and could be with you for some time but we can eventually place a senior if we have a foster home for them. EGRR covers all veterinary expenses for your foster dog. We also provide training prior to your first foster dog and experienced volunteers will mentor you when you are fostering.



# *Annual Meeting May 15, 2011*



**MINUTES - EGRR Board of Director's Meeting**  
**5/1/2011**  
**Kiesler's Home**



Meeting called to order: 1:44pm

Attending: Nancy, Sue, Jean, Diane, Kim, Brad, Lee, Roy (guests: Alan and Rich)

**I. Minutes from 10/10/2010 meeting**

Motion to approve as published - MSP

**II. Report of the President**

Six board members step down in the coming year: Kim, Sue, Jean, Roy, Leslea and Lee

More volunteer coordinators sought for next year

Looking to find a boarding kennel to work with us

**III. Committee reports**

**A. Treasurer – Lee Cummings**

Report given – detailed report submitted to board

\$24,411.84 – vet expenses

Income down – lower adoptions

Member donations up

We now have to pay State of WA Excise tax (only on adoption fees) – tax of \$166

IRS requires reporting/taxation of income over \$50,000

Our income was \$25,000

Donations are not taxed – so “taxable” income was under \$10,000

**B. Intake – Desiree Gibson (not present) – report given by Sue Randall**

4 dogs declined

1 possible incoming (Emma – previous EGRR dog) We are working with owner to help her keep dog

**C. Placement – Sue Randall**

17 adopted this year (down from last year)

8 dogs in foster now

Waiting list of 22 potential adopters – 5 want males, 11 want females and 6 will take anything

20 people found dogs elsewhere

**D. Foster Home – Karen Jenkins (not present)**

Written report furnished

We have a handful of reliable foster homes (hopefully we are not wearing them out!)

Two new foster home applicants (from the Seattle Kennel Club Show) – both are unable to foster at this time but will be checking back periodically

Survey of EGRR membership did not yield any new information – other than recruiting new volunteers to increase number of active foster homes

Contacted other rescue organizations to see what works well for them – everyone is in the same situation – we’re doing everything “right”

Will attend Orting Bark May 21<sup>st</sup> (hopefully will recruit members)

**E. Fundraising – Diane Murphy**

*Minutes continued from page 10*

- Stepping down as Fundraising Chair
- Will continue April Grants
- Turned down June agility trial raffle
- Will do September agility trial raffle (Labor Day Weekend)
- F. Publicity – Kim Condryn
  - Possible new mailer (postcard?)
  - Window decals (\$10 ea) 4.8” x 4.8
  - Large (\$12) 19.3 x 12.6
  - Will order a sample for upcoming General Meeting
- G. Membership – Rich Randall (detailed report furnished)
  - 205 this year (so far) (204 people and 1 “SG” – Supporting Golden Membership)
  - 48 new members
  - 6 “complementary” (given to new adopters) members renewed
  - “Word of mouth” is still our best recruiting tool
  - Supporting Golden Membership will be added as a membership category (non-voting ☺)
- H. IT – Brad Kammerer
  - Our pro bono website hosting is not working out for us
  - We are dependent on their schedule to make any updates/changes
  - Still need another 25% done
  - Are waiting for downloadable forms to be added
  - Database driven is still to come
  - Brad is working on our desired changes. We will review our contract with the current website host before terminating contract
  - Previous correspondence has been sent voicing our concerns and unmet needs.

#### IV. Old Business

- A. “Rex” aka “Jack” - adopted by Mel and Gail Miller
- B. Star Award – certificate (and honorary membership) Designed by Kim
  - Diane will print & frame for presentation at General Meeting in May
- C. Annual Meeting May 15 at Kennydale Memorial Hall 2:00
  - We’ve been invited to attend the church service that morning at 11am at the Kennydale Methodist Church for their annual “Blessing of Animals” Dr. Kennedy will give presentation
  - C. Jean Whitehead will give presentation on how to train dog for vet appointment and for meeting other dogs (and people).
- D. Events this year
  1. SKC show was a huge success and raised over \$1000 for EGRR
  2. Reunion picnic at OO Denny Park in Kirkland on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Hot dogs/hamburgers/plates/utensils will be furnished by EGRR
    - Everyone invited to bring a dish to share
  3. Other events
    - Orting Bark May 21 - Karen Jenkins will attend
    - July Chehalis dog event – Anita Honaker will attend
- E. Micro-chipping –
  1. We will be receiving a scanner for free courtesy of the AKC Companion Animal Recovery organization (scans most types of chips)
    - We are still investigating brands for the possibility of EGRR chipping our dogs
- F. Healthy Paws Foundation – up and running (written report furnished)

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G. Shelter issues – Chris not present

1. Stray holds now “quarantined” until stray hold is up. EGRR has agreed to this change as we will be given a “heads up” about potential dogs

V. New Business

- A. Board Positions and the future - 6 Board Members will need to step down by next year.
- B. Change/adjustments in Coordinator positions
  1. Leslie Bratspis is now Home Check Coordinator (Gig Harbor)
  2. Maddy Wiley will transition to Volunteer Coordinator
  3. Diane Murphy will step down from fundraising (will continue with grants)
- C. Max – foster dog at Barb H.’s with issues (previous owner’s son “tormented”)
  - 4.5 yo male – Jean will evaluate
  - Panis (eye disease)
  - Need complete vet records

VI. For the good of the order

- A. Poster for cell phone recycle program available for anyone interested in collecting phones at their workplace etc. (phones only –not chargers)

Motion to adjoin 3:46pm – msp

Respectfully submitted

Diane Murphy

EGRR Recording Secretary



## Rainbow Bridge

**Duke** – Jan and Chris Glanister (2004) Duke was our friend and companion and Jan’s “baby”. He came to us scruffy and needy, but quickly ingratiated himself into our lives. He put Chris to bed every night and was great company for Jan when Chris was away. He had a large vocabulary and was the smartest dog we ever had. He loved hanging with us and all our friends came to know and love him as well. We miss him.



**Dani** – Diane and Clay Murphy (2009) We all have ways of spoiling our dogs and Dani sure had a good time here with us. It was a good thing she managed to fool the authorities into believing she was some kind of golden retriever, getting herself into their rescue group and finding us. Otherwise what are the chances she’d get to realize her dream of being a beautiful red head? As you can see she really liked the look and we were quite taken by it too. Just one of the many ways she brightened our days.

**Will** – Marti Noakes (2010) Will was an incredibly sweet soul who suffered with Epilepsy his entire short life until it became too severe for him to endure. He loved his family and canine brother, Muffin. Will really enjoyed his walks and playing with his toys but his favorite thing was to have visitors over whom he would serenade with his “Will talk”! (see Will’s story in the Sept 2010 Golden Nuggets)





## Rainbow Bridge



**Sisco** – Cliff and Ellen Rice (2000) Sisco came to us as a typical Rescue dog -- he was big, young, male and without manners. Until the end Sisco was a gentle, kind, foodaholic. Surely his middle name was "Oliver", because he always wanted just a little more. We could not have had a more steady and gentle friend.

*Although not EGRR dogs, the following dogs were nonetheless members of the EGRR*

**Dawson** – Kathy Hobson - I got Dawson because I wanted a dog well suited for Agility but Dawson had another idea about things. Instead he turned into my protector and best friend. He also befriended Uno (now Kelly) one of the 3 feral dogs and taught her how to be a dog and trust hu-



**Belle** – Terry and Karen Jenkins - We have had Belle since she was a puppy and although we love all of our “girls”, she was our heart dog. She shared her home with her two canine sisters, our daughter’s Golden retrievers for several months and the occasional foster dog. She turned 12 in January and lived every day of her life with a genuine “golden smile” on her face.

**Kasie**—Gayle Sackett—Although she was not a Golden, her best friends were. I always cry when putting this column together but this month there are a lot more tears. Kasie was my heart dog. I got her when she was 8 weeks and at her passing she was 11-1/2. She taught me it was OK to hold a dead bird. ☺ She would lay by my feet while I put the Golden Nuggets together. I miss her more than words can say.



*Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.....*



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Wendy McGee & Beth Simon  
 In memory of Don & K Morrison's Golden  
 "Mollee"

Randall & Kathleen Shelley  
 In memory of their Golden  
 "Duncan"

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 Thank you, whoever you are!

RELATIVE AGE CHART			
Human years - Dog years			
Pet's Age	Relative Human Age		
	Small breed	Medium breed	Large breed
1	15	15	15
2	24	24	24
3	28	28	28
4	32	32	32
5	36	36	36
6	40	42	45
7	44	47	50
8	48	51	55
9	52	56	61
10	56	60	66
11	60	65	72
12	64	69	77
13	68	74	82
14	72	78	88
15	76	83	93
16	80	87	120
17	84	92	
18	88	96	
19	92	101	

Senior

## **IMPORTANT DATE**

**Rescue Reunion Picnic—Sunday, July 31st**

**12 Noon—3 PM**

**OO Denny Park**

**12400 Holmes Point Dr NE, Kirkland**

**All EGRR adopters, volunteers, members and their dogs are invited**

**EGRR will provide eating utensils, hamburgers, garden burgers, hot dogs and dessert**

**Please bring a salad or side-dish to share and your own beverages**

**Also bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on**

**Dogs should be on a short leash with a secure collar or an x-pen to contain them when you're busy**

**If your dog is not comfortable at events like this, please leave him/her home as it will be very stressful for him/her**

**Remember to bring poop bags and clean up after your dog so we're welcome at this park next year.**

**We will have a small raffle and EGRR t-shirts available for purchase.**

**Please **RSVP by July 20th** so we know how much food to buy**

**RSVP to: [patcarrj@gmail.com](mailto:patcarrj@gmail.com) and let her know how many people will be coming and what each will eat**

**(hamburger, hot dog or veggieburger)**





## Cell Phone Recycling – a “green” Fundraising Event

**EGRR** has started a new fundraising effort which involves collecting used cell phones and recycling them through GRC Recycling. GRC Recycling accepts a wide variety of used phones, with few exceptions, and pay anywhere from \$2 to \$10 for the average phone with Blackberries, smart phones and iPhone-type phones paying considerably more. A Golden Retriever Rescue group on Los Angeles raised nearly \$2000 doing this. So please share this with your family members, friends, neighbors and colleagues at work. If you're able to put out a collection box at any location like work or your neighborhood pet store or coffee house, we can obtain signs for this purpose. We will soon have a list of volunteers in various locations where you can drop the phones off. We will also collect them at our Annual Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> or the Reunion picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Information about this will also be available on our website. This is an easy fundraiser for EGRR and we incur no cost because GRC Recycling even pays the shipping costs. This is handled through their Shelter Alliance [www.shelteralliance.net](http://www.shelteralliance.net). They are a Miramar, Florida firm that specializes in the logistics and underwriting of fundraising programs through the collection and responsible recycling of used cellular phones. Shelter Alliance currently works with over 2000 social service organizations in 50 states and has contributed over \$5,000,000 to participating organizations.



# Wanted Your Photos and Stories

We would love to have stories and photos of your adopted dog(s)

Tell us what is special about your adopted dog

I know there are a lot of special stories out there and we would love to feature your adopted dog in an issue of the Golden Nuggets.

Send your story and pictures to Nancy at [goldenrescue@egrr.net](mailto:goldenrescue@egrr.net)