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Dedicated to the memory of Ted Jamieson

Rescue lost a good friend on March 30, 2011, when Ted Jamieson passed away at the age of 88. When Ted adopted his heart dog, Mandi, from Golden Retriever Rescue in 1994, he brought home a young dog who still wore her puppy collar that was so small it made a sore in her neck. When Mandi, who had been tied up outside 24/7, barked her previous owner squirted her with the hose. Touched by her situation and knowing that other dogs were in need, Ted became a foster home and eventually headed up Golden Retriever Rescue for several years. He also recognized that Mandi was very active and intelligent and needed a job to do so he trained her for Search and Rescue for King County. They became such a successful team that upon their retirement from SAR work, the Ted Jamieson Award was created with Ted and Mandi being the first recipients. In 2000, Mandi received an award from the American Red Cross for her search and rescue accomplishments and the American Red Cross used a photo of Ted and Mandi on the cover of their 2002 Pet First Aid Manual. In 2003, Mandi won the GRACE Award (Golden Rescue and Community Excellence) which recognizes the accomplishments of Rescued Golden Retrievers. After Mandi's retirement and subsequent passing, Ted and his partner, Dorothy, continued to foster for many years making a point of taking the seniors and dog with medical problems that made them difficult or impossible to place. Ted certainly received a royal reception from the many dogs he helped as he crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



*“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

As the end of another successful year approaches, it is time to first reflect on that year before looking forward to the next. Looking objectively at what went well and what could have been done differently is a key ingredient to growth. 2011 presented us with the continued challenge of being asked to step in and take responsibility for dogs whose families could no longer afford to care for them. There are rescue groups who would turn these dogs down but EGRR's stance is that these are some of the dogs who need us the most.

If we calculate our cost per dog, it comes out to be more than our adoption fee. However, I felt that this figure was skewed by those dogs that had extraordinary vet expense and it makes it appear that we are operating in the red. Using figures from our profit-loss statement that was provided at the October Board Meeting and a spread sheet with veterinary costs per dog, I calculated the average veterinary cost per dog for all of the dogs except those eight dogs who required either surgery or extensive veterinary care. The resulting "per dog" cost of \$229.00 more accurately represents what we spend on the "average" Rescue dog. If we add administrative costs which include insurance (liability, group accident and D&O) plus postage, PO Box, phone line, etc, that adds approximately \$72.00 per dog.

So based on figures from 2010 which were similar to the above, the Board voted early this year to increase our adoption fee to \$300.00. We do take in application and listing fees which offset some of the administrative expenses. Thanks to the generosity of many of the vets we use who discount their fees, our veterinary costs are significantly lower than they would be without their generosity.

So what does this all mean? It means that our expenses are higher because we do not hesitate to take in those dogs who have no other option but EGRR and their expenses are covered by fundraising, grants and donations – just the way it should be. The intake of such dogs is certainly tied to the economy and the good news is our veterinary costs in 2011 are actually slightly less than in 2010. However, as recently as October 22 we took a call from a couple whose one year old female Golden was ill and they could not afford to take her to the vet. They had lost everything in California and were living in a trailer on a family member's property. They had been given some fresh salmon at the food bank and had no idea that salmon can carry a parasite that if untreated is 90% fatal to dogs who ingest it. After signing Daisy over to EGRR, she was hospitalized for 4 days for salmon poisoning costing EGRR over \$1200. Suggestions were made to the couple how they might be able to find some funding for her bill but they were unsuccessful and ultimately grateful that we stepped up to save Daisy. This is what EGRR does and will continue to do for years to come with your help. So when you include EGRR in your charitable giving, know that your money is going directly to help the dogs who need it the most. Additionally, as you'll see in the article about Star, these dogs return our financial investment many times over.

Nancy Kiesler, President

Copper Honored By American Kennel Club



Even in retirement, Copper and his partner and best buddy, Mel Miller, continue to receive recognition for the work they did from 2005 – 2011 for King County Sheriff's Department in the area of narcotics detection. Copper was awarded honorable mention for the 2011 American Kennel Club's ACE Award in the field of Law Enforcement and received a letter of recognition and a medallion. To qualify for the award, the dog has to have performed some outstanding act or acts which significantly benefited an individual or community. Copper's previous awards include the GRACE Award (Golden Rescue and Community Excellence) which recognizes the accomplishments of Rescued Golden Retrievers. It was presented to Mel and Copper at the National Specialty Show which was held in Snohomish, WA in 2007. He was also twice named K-9 of the year for King County.



Fur Angel on Four Legs

“Star of Wonder, Star of Light....”



As I hum the tune to the familiar Christmas carol, I can't help but change the wording a bit to “the Wonder of Star”. I wonder how a dog that was so neglected the first seven of his ten years of life could be such a sweet, sensitive and giving presence to all he encounters. He radiates goodness and gratitude from every ounce and wag of his handsome ginger-golden seventy-eight-pound body!

Star is a ten-year-old golden retriever who was rescued by EGRR a few years ago from a shelter. He was one of the most neglected dogs EGRR had seen and cared for in over twenty years of Rescue. He is completely deaf due to past extreme neglect. Many kind angels from EGRR, including a shelter worker, lovingly tended back to flame the embers of the flickering life light of this angel boy on four legs with a heart as big as the world. Living with Star for the past two and a half years tells me he has been sharing the light of his name ever since being rescued, and I suspect even before that time.

The season of giving and sharing in all manner of ways is certainly one to ponder, reflect and act upon. Speaking of acting upon, I would like to share what a few of us affectionately refer to as “Star stories and moments”. Many have told me on numerous occasions that Star is a “bright spot” in their day.

He has become a companion as well as a visiting dog. I am a Spiritual Integration and Life Values Consultant who works in an office in my home. Star and I work together with the people who come seeking assistance and direction in their lives. Star seems to know when to lie on someone's feet, bring them a stuffed toy, or just be a gentle and sweet presence in the room. He cannot hear due to his deafness, but he can sense what is needed in the moment. People share their stories and concerns while rubbing Star's ears, patting the top of his head, or giving him a pet. It is heartening to witness the softening and relaxation that happens so naturally because of his presence.

Star is not only a companion to people who come to the house. He also visits residents of an Adult Family Home.

Star regularly visits my brother who is very ill due to liver failure. The first time we took Star to visit John in the home where he has lived for over a year and a half, our sweet golden went right up to John who was sitting on the side of the bed with his walker in front of him. Star walked right under the bar of the walker and put his head on John's lap. John and Star have been buddies ever since! As of this date, John has two EGRR t-shirts, gifts from his friend, Star. Star now also visits other residents who live in the home as well. One is a bed-ridden woman in her mid-80s, who lights up with delight and laughter when Star saunters into her room. There are two other men who have recently moved in. It won't take Star long to find a way to brighten their days as well. Star is a phoenix who has risen from the ashes. It seems as if his great work is encouraging others to rise and live as he continues to do.

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Fifteen Years Later

**By
Nancy Kiesler**

Some of you may remember the closure of Mt. Top Kennel located in Newport, Washington which occurred the weekend of January 4-5, 1997. After multiple complaints from across the country, the sheriff's department made the decision to arrest the owners, Jeanette and Sven Bergman. They bred Golden Retrievers, English Bulldogs, American Bulldogs and a cross between the two that they called the Mighty Bulldog. They also bred Bullmastiffs, English Mastiffs, Cane Corsos, Dog de Bordeaux and Neopolitan Mastiffs. They sold the dogs locally, nationally and internationally. I was asked to be in charge of caring for the Golden Retrievers with others covering the remaining breeds. We were told they owned as many as 60 dogs so were shocked to find over 250 which included 57 Golden Retrievers. Needless to say, we were ill prepared for what we found. We arrived on the property on Saturday morning with some crates and personal vehicles and left Sunday night with two large U-haul trucks with crates full of dogs stacked two high and not one of the dogs was a Golden. The decision was made to leave the Golden Retrievers behind because they were being cared for by members of Inland Empire Golden Retriever Club. Approximately 20 adult Mastiff's were also left behind with some going to Spokane animal shelter and the rest going to the WSU Vet School. Early the following morning, my husband, Allan, and Ane Brusendorff flew to Spokane where they bought crates and rented another U-Haul truck. They then transported 26 Golden Retrievers, five adult Bulldogs and a litter of Bulldog puppies (the latter traveled with them in the cab so they would be kept warm) to Seattle, a trip that included crossing Snoqualmie Pass in a snow storm. The rest of the Golden Retrievers remained in the care of the volunteers in Spokane. After this many years, some of the numbers escape me but approximately 15 Mastiff's were euthanized on the property due to health or aggression issues.

We were told at the time that it was the largest puppy mill closure to date. What I can tell you it was an extreme challenge and test of the fortitude of myself and the others involved. As we drove back, volunteers over here scrambled to find kennel space and ultimately we filled a boarding kennel in Monroe with most of the Mastiffs. The Golden Retrievers, Bulldogs and some adult Mastiffs filled half of a boarding kennel in Kent. Some of the Mastiff puppies were so sick that volunteer vets staffed the Monroe kennel around the clock for weeks. Volunteers did most of the work at both boarding kennels including socializing the dogs under the directions of trainers who donated their time. After about four weeks the Golden Retrievers were moved to a ranch in Eatonville where they were housed in horse stalls and in mid-March, they went to foster-to-adopt homes. Three of the Golden bitches were pregnant one of which stayed in Spokane where she whelped 6 puppies. The two who were transported to Seattle, Cayla and Coco, each whelped 8 puppies. There were also two litters of Mastiff puppies and one litter of Bulldog pups born locally. Getting the Golden Retrievers into homes was a relatively easy job compared to the Mastiffs. Just the sheer number of them saturated the available local market so quite a few were moved to other parts of the country. While doing research for this article, I found a nice story about one named Stormy who ended up in Massachusetts. To deal with the huge project of overseeing the care of these dogs while they were evidence in the criminal case and their eventual placement into homes, an independent Animal Welfare Committee was hastily formed which Ane and I were a part of. This committee met weekly for over a year until all of the dogs were placed.

So what prompted this trip down memory lane? Most of the Golden adopters have kept in touch with me through the years including sharing the sad news when their dog crossed the Bridge. Several of them then adopted a Golden from EGRR. A local volunteer who did Boxer Rescue whelped Cayla's litter and adopted a puppy she named Libby. As the years went on, I decided that Libby was likely the last surviving dog. Not surprised but saddened nonetheless, I received the expected e-mail in November from

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Cindy telling me that Libby had died on October 31st at the age of 14 ½. The next day I received another e-mail from Cindy telling me she had just heard from Cayla's adopter that Cayla had died on November 12th. She had to have been at least 16 years old! Cayla and Libby got me thinking of the 250 plus dogs whose lives changed forever that weekend in January. Not only were they removed from a horrible situation but by stopping the breeding many more litters were prevented. All of this happened because a local vet kept complaining to authorities, unhappy consumers wrote letters and a young sheriff's deputy cared enough to put it all together.

As we approach the holiday season and the 15th anniversary of the event, I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to help change the lives of so many dogs. I am also thankful because the idea of creating EGRR was born from our experience with the Mt. Top closure. Unfortunately, the ending of my story is not totally happy. The Bergman's were banned by the AKC for 10 years but my research unfortunately confirmed rumors I have heard – that they are breeding again their focus this time on small, designer dogs.



Fur Angel on Four Legs *(continued)*

Just a final Star story: there is a wonderful teenage boy who lives in our neighborhood. He is probably in the eighth grade this year. Most mornings he rides his bike to school. Whenever we are out on a walk with Star, this boy rides up along side of us and says hello to Star. He gets off his bike to hug and pet Star. There have also been times when he has leaned over and kissed Star! He then hops back on his bike and says, "See ya later, Star! I gotta go. Bye Bye!" Star brings out the best in people because of his own vulnerability and sensitivity. He is a happy dog with a forever home who creates "home" for others by his very presence. He really is a fur angel on four legs to many, especially to Jean and me who have the pleasure of sharing our home with such a Star angel.



Laura Keim

You can see Star's Journey on YouTube—http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcUa_YvCAGe

Sharing the Joys of Fostering

Lee Cummings

I can't remember when we starting fostering for Golden Rescue, but it has been many many years of Joy! Since 1980 when we got our first golden, an anniversary present from my husband, we have had at least 3 Golden Retrievers, sometimes more and sometimes less.

Finally when our children were in their teens we were down to only one Golden and we were worried that he would be lonely and would need some doggy company. Golden Rescue filled that need.

People have asked me how I can let our foster doggy children go. Sometimes it is hard and we have wanted to keep several of our fosters. One Christmas we had a cute little golden girl that my son KC wanted to keep. I had to work hard to tell him that we have a golden to keep us happy and that she needed to go and make some other family as happy as we are.

Fostering has helped our children learn responsibility of caring for dogs, and also see the importance of helping animals that can't help themselves for a variety of reasons. If it was up to the kids we would have had every stray animal have a permanent home at our house.

Studies have shown that dog owners actually have better and healthier lives because of their pets. Our fosters have helped keep this family healthy and happy. I love watching the dogs play in the back yard, retrieve balls thrown to them, smile (yes Golden's smile) and come running into the house in a heap. Followed by cuddling at our feet or stretched out in front of the fire.



Our senior Golden Jenny at 16+ has helped raise many a foster. Teaching manners and putting rather ram-bunctious youngsters in their place. I truly believe having the foster dogs around have kept her young. The Cummings household is usual the place where the dogs that need a little weight reduction come to stay. The constant exercise with the pack and careful watching of food and treats has helped many a golden get down to their fighting weight.

I can't imagine our house without a pack of Golden's in it. Now we have a little granddaughter to help new foster pups and dogs learn how to handle small children. It was a joy to see her go up to Cooper (16 months) when he was eating and have him not even flinch when she reached for his food, of course I flew out of the chair as he eats raw food and I certainly didn't want her having a bite.

Fostering a Golden is the most joy our family can have. We are giving a wonderful dog a second chance at life. Plus instilling in our family the importance of giving back to the community we live in. Whether we have the dog for a day or several months, our home is always open for the chance of giving that one special Golden the gift of a second chance.



A Nugget of Training

By

Jean Whitehead

EGRR Director, Shelter Checker and Behavior Coordinator

Positive Approach Dog Training Instructor

Animal Placement Coordinator for the Tacoma-Pierce Co. Humane Society

All By Myself

Three times this week I have been reminded of one of the skills we tend to forget our dogs need to learn. This is especially important for our rescue dogs. The skill is being alone or sometimes just separated from their people.

People love to tell stories and even some TV programs depict the worst of the worst damage dogs have done when alone. Destroyed pillows, chewed walls, items pulled off the counter, pee and poop in undesirable places, barking to the point of neighbor complaints, etc. We even had a client who showered with her dog to avoid poor canine behavior. It can be very stressful and expensive to have a dog who can't be alone.

When people come home to this kind of a mess, they often label their dogs as having separation anxiety. Truth is some of these dogs do have separation anxiety – a medical and behavioral condition. Also true is that many of these dogs simply have been set up to fail when alone. They need to learn how to be alone successfully.

A very good example is a dog who is visiting with me this week. Anytime people aren't close enough for her to see, she whines and barks. Her family picks her up when she does this and is concerned she has separation anxiety. Let's look at this from the dog's perspective. She has learned that when she makes noise, she gets what she wants. While she has been visiting with me I have been very careful not to give her attention or even move in her direction when she is noisy. More importantly when she is quiet she does get attention. The reality is many dogs have been inadvertently rewarded for the exact behavior we don't like or want. Sometimes we see this kind of behavior in dogs who come into rescue. As a foster home or new family it is important to look for and reward the behaviors you do want in your dog and to the best of your ability prevent the behaviors you don't want.

For dogs that make more noise than you'd like this means you are looking for quiet and rewarding it. Problem is we tend to ignore quiet dogs. If you want a quiet dog, you must reward the silence.

There is a warning about this kind of training – changing behavior that has already been rewarded is really tough – the undesired behavior is very likely to get worse before it gets better. The technical term for this is an extinction burst. For my little houseguest, because being noisy had worked in the past but was not now since we were ignoring her, she tried harder. In other words she got louder. At this point you have to be very, very careful because if you reward this new level of obnoxiousness it becomes the new normal. In the case of my screeching friend she is improving, I can use the restroom without her making noise, we can even eat dinner in quiet even though the dogs are not allowed in the kitchen, but we're still working on the homecoming – she's not going on as long, so I know were on the downside of the tough hill we had to climb.

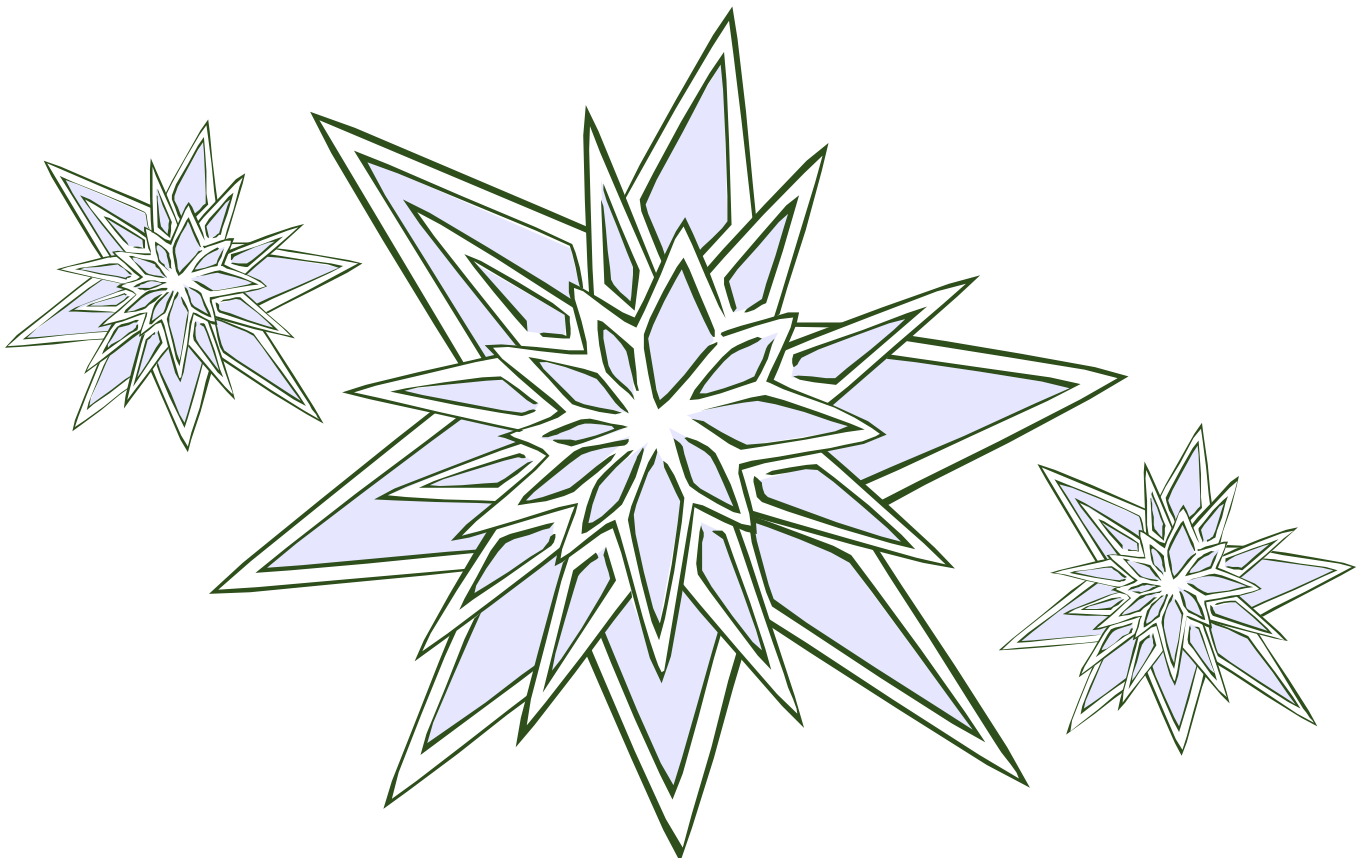
The other two dogs I dealt with this week are very similar - young dogs that can't be left loose in the house. Truth is any dogs new to your home can have the same issue. They haven't earned the privilege of being loose in the house; they need a constructive way to fill their time and an outlet for their doggie energy. While we would never think of leaving a 14 month old child alone in the house without a diaper on and nothing to do, we often expect our dogs to just "know" how to behave and what they can and can't chew, where digging is appropriate and how much barking is acceptable. It takes time for our dogs to learn proper behavior and many of us use crates to help with this process. Crates are a great idea. The dog is confined and set up for success. If you leave your dog with interactive toys such as a stuffed Kong, filled Tug-a-Jug or yummy bone we are further helping them be successful. My goal when I first have a new dog is to leave them so engrossed in something they don't notice or care when I leave. Actually my leaving means something good is happen-

A Nugget of Training (continued)

ing for the dog. The problem I tend to see is people do this at first and then get lazy and after a couple of weeks stop setting their dogs up with something to do. (My busy gal solution: pre-stuff items, freeze them and hand them out as you leave.) The other aspect is giving too much freedom, too soon; we go from the crate to loose in the whole house. Suddenly the dog has less to do and more space to explore. It's a formula for failure.

One of the owners I talked with this week was disappointed his dog was barking as he left for work and at any neighbor who walked down the hall. His dog had done well in his crate but now that he is a year old, he really wants his dog to be able to be loose in the home. I understand that desire, it is mine too for my dogs. However, I don't expect them to be successful until they are 18-24 months old at best. And with new, older dogs such as our rescues dogs, I expect to spend at least six weeks teaching them how to be successful in my home. In all cases I am exercising my dogs, giving them fun stuff to do when I'm not home and slowly giving them more and more freedom **IF** they have earned it. I also think it is important to be realistic. For example, we live in a quiet neighborhood with few people passing my yard, so my dogs can have a dog door to go outside at will. I would have to re-evaluate that if I were in a busier neighborhood.

Separation anxiety is a very real condition, but an overused term. Teaching your dog to be comfortable alone is an important skill which requires commitment, training, management and patience on our part. If you do have concerns about whether or not your dog has separation anxiety, consult a behavior specialist as there are treatment plans.



A Pet Safe Holiday

Thank you to the Doctors and Staff of Animal Hospital of Newport Hills for sharing this information.

Lights, decorations, good food..... Every year, as we celebrate the holidays, we fill our homes with seasonal cheer for ourselves and our families. However, what may seem beautiful and harmless to us may pose hidden dangers to our pets. Don't let an emergency spoil the festivities! Below are some holiday hazards for dogs and cats and way to prevent them.

Holiday Hazard	How to keep your pet safe
Dangerous Foods	The following can be toxic to pets: chocolate, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, garlic, onion, alcohol, caffeinated beverages, bread dough, and sugar-free candy and gum containing the artificial sweetener xylitol
Regular Foods	Despite tradition, bones should never be given to pets. Even beef, ham, and other “regular” foods that are not considered toxic can cause illness in pets. If your pet is a moocher, keep a saucer of his regular treats on the table to offer when he asks. He probably won't know the difference!
New Treats and Toys	Even a pet-safe treat can cause stomach upset if it is new to your pet. Offer only one of these at a time (ideally, separated by a few days). If your pet becomes ill after eating a holiday treat, it will be easier to trace the source and discontinue it. Also, check new toys for sharp edges, pieces that can be chewed off, or other potential hazards
Plants	Hazardous plants include mistletoe, some evergreens (including some types of pine), and holly bushes and berries. Try to keep these plants away from pets, or at least supervise pets when dangerous plants are nearby.
Decorations	Tinsel, tree ornaments, ribbons, string, and garlands are some items that can be dangerous if eaten by pets. Keep these items away from pets—especially when pets are unattended. Don't forget to cover any electrical cords or keep them out of reach.
Fire and Carbon Monoxide	Monitor pets near fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, candles, and portable heaters. Also, don't forget to check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are functioning properly. Space heaters, furnaces, and idling cars (in a garage) can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in pets and humans.
Christmas Tree	Monitor your pets when they are around your holiday tree. Pets may eat the needles (even from artificial trees) or drink water from the base of the tree, which can be toxic (especially if there are preservatives in it). Keep electrical cords and decorative lights out of reach, too.

In many cases, if your pet has eaten or drunk something toxic, warning signs will include gastrointestinal problems, such as vomiting and diarrhea. Other signs may include tiredness and lack of appetite, especially in cats that have eaten lilies. If your pet shows any of these signs, or if you he or she has eaten something dangerous but is not showing any signs yet, please call your veterinarian immediately. Treating your pet as soon as possible is essential!

2012 Annual Membership Drive

Thank you all so much for being members of Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR). Great, great help toward promoting responsible dog ownership and - above all - helping more and more homeless Golden Retrievers!!

We are starting our 2012 Annual Membership Drive for EGRR !!!

We – AND all of our Rescues - would ask for your continuing support in 2012 - By renewing your annual individual memberships, at only \$10 for each individual member!!! Please mail the application which is found in this newsletter to the Renton P.O. Box noted on the form. For those who are not residents of Washington State, please use the application form designated as such.

While EGRR is staffed entirely by volunteers, it may be on track to spend more than \$20,000 in veterinary costs this year, and possibly a further \$4,000 in other operating expenses. But, the total adoption fees from adopters might only cover about \$9,000 of these costs. *This pattern has existed for the last few years.* Therefore, sustaining the very existence of EGRR depends on other sources of funding, and many wonderful members and previous adopters “pay it forward” to help new Rescue Goldens find their new forever home. As EGRR is a 501c3 charitable organization, additional donations are tax deductible and are very, very gratefully received!! This donation appeal goes out to all who are residents of Washington State.

Lastly, ask a friend, ask a relative, ask a colleague to join, and they can become new supporters as **New Members!!!**

Thanks kindly !!!

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) Membership Categories 2012

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 2012 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 !

Applications are following. Please note that there are two applications. The first one is for in-state members and the second is for out of state members.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)



2012 Annual Membership Application

Renewal *** New Member ""

Name(s) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail (Please Print in Capitals) _____

*** Renewal - Please check (✓) if: Address _____, Phone _____, e-mail _____ has changed since last year.

"" New Member – How did you hear about us? _____

A **Full** membership is for those who participate in activities or decision making, vote at the Annual Meeting, or hold office. A **Supporting** membership is for those who wish to show support for Rescue. A **Supporting - Golden** ("**S-G**") membership is for, ...well..., Golden supporting Rescue ☺ !!! And for all canine pals of Golden who also support Rescue, there is the **Supporting - Canine Kinship** ("**S-CK**") membership ☺☺ !

The benefit of membership is knowing that you are helping to sustain the key efforts of EGRR – to help homeless Golden Retrievers and to promote responsible dog ownership.

For those interested in active participation, below are the areas in which we could use your help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/IT | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Screening | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care |

____ I am interested in being a general volunteer – send me a Volunteer Application.

____ I am interested in becoming a foster home – send me a Foster Home Application.

Membership: Annual Dues \$10.00 per each individual member. Please make your check payable to **E.G.R.R.** and mail with your application to the P.O. Box address below.

Enclosed (Your financial support is very welcome and most needed):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership (\$10 each member) | | \$ _____ |
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2012 Annual Membership Application (For Members Not Residents of Washington State) ___ Renewal *** ___ New Member ""

Name(s) _____

Street _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail (Please Print in Capitals) _____

*** Renewal - Please check (√) if: Address _____, Phone _____, e-mail _____ has changed since last year.

"" New Member – How did you hear about us? _____

A **Full** membership is for those who participate in activities or decision making, vote at the Annual Meeting, or hold office. A **Supporting** membership is for those who wish to show support for Rescue. A **Supporting - Golden** ("**S-G**") membership is for, ...well..., Golden supporting Rescue ☺ !!! And for all canine pals of Golden who also support Rescue, there is the **Supporting - Canine Kinship** ("**S-CK**") membership ☺☺ !

The benefit of membership is knowing that you are helping to sustain the key efforts of EGRR – to help homeless Golden Retrievers and to promote responsible dog ownership.

For those interested in active participation, below are the areas in which we could use your help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Visitation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Screening | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care |

___ I am interested in being a general volunteer – send me a Volunteer Application.

___ I am interested in becoming a foster home – send me a Foster Home Application.

Membership: Annual Dues \$10.00 per each individual member. Please make your check payable to E.G.R.R. and mail with your application to the P.O. Box address below.

Enclosed (Your membership is very welcome):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership (\$10 each member) | | \$ _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> "S-G" Supporting Membership (\$10 each) | "Supporting - Golden" | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "S-CK" Supporting Membership (\$10 each) | "Supporting - Canine Kinship" | \$ _____ |

Total enclosed \$ _____

Signature

Date

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Rainbow Bridge

Gus – Bill and Bonnie Hubbard 2006 This is a picture of Gus enjoying the first snow of the year. He was a great dog. He was found abandoned near the Canadian Border with no collar or chip. He had been well trained but nervous around cars when we first got him. We think he may have been in an accident because somebody had spent a lot of time training him and I cannot believe he would have just been abandoned. I tried speaking French but that did not work so I guess he was an American.



Maggie – Byron and Patty Bakke 2003 Maggie was our faithful companion for eight wonderful years. She loved to go on hikes and looked forward to the special treat that she would get once we made it to the top. She was more of a people's dog than a dog's dog but patiently tolerated other dogs and puppies. The picture we've included is our darling Maggie in one of her favorite past times – resting at the end of a long hike.. She loved to be wherever we were and we thought that was great!

Ginger – Renee Parisio 1992 Ginger was in every way the most perfect companion - loyal, loving and devoted. What more could I have asked for? I'm a hobby photographer and would spend hours looking for bugs and birds and plants to photograph at Magnuson Park while Ginger sniffed and peed and rolled in the grass to her heart's content. We truly had a special bond, one I don't expect I'll find with another dog. But, of course, I'll have another dog, a house without a dog is just a house. I was fortunate to have her for so long...she was 15 and truly a Golden Girl until the end Thank you so much for bringing us together, we had nearly ten wonderful years. Ginger was truly something special.



Libby – Cindy Josephson 1997- (3/1997 to 10/2011) Beautiful Libby came to us as a product of the Mt Top Kennel puppy mill, where her mother Cayla was rescued from. We fostered Cayla and whelped her litter of 8 pups. As a family, we knew from the day that litter was born that Libby would have her forever home with us. We will miss those gorgeous brown eyes that seemed to always be moving and expressing her feelings. Libby had lots of favorite things – swimming, ice cream, raiding the pantry, stealing clothes and being as close to us as possible. She loved doing her trick of balancing things on her nose. In her younger days she could carry 6 or more pairs of socks in her mouth at a time! Her passing has left an enormous emptiness in our hearts. We will cherish the memories of our 14 ½ years with this sweet, sweet girl.

Rainbow Bridge

Cayla – Kim and Peter Later 1997 From the moment I met her I couldn't wait to adopt her. With every breath of her life Cayla was grace, goodness, gentleness, and kindness. The purest spirit of love and affection I have ever known. All who knew her adored her. We are eternally grateful for our beautiful golden girl and all the joy she brought to so many lives. Her gentle "love nudge" will always be remembered and missed.



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



Biz – Vicky and Greg Smith We adopted Bismark from a Malamute Rescue in Texas where he was found wandering as a stray in Houston. He was our longtime doggie pack leader, and friend to our EGGR dog Jasper as well as Daisy his faithful sidekick. We lost Biz last summer after a three year battle with cancer. He will live forever in our hearts, and one day we will meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

Chevis – Debi Hawkins Chevis was truly the most special dog. The minute I met him when he came into this world I told him "Heaven lost an angel when God created you. He was an angel and we became Pet Partners through Delta Society three years ago. He was able to spend those last three years as a therapy dog which was perfect for him and he made so many smile and touched their hearts. When he left this world I told him "Heaven gets you back and now you can grow those angel wings and I will be with you again someday". He will always be missed and never forgotten.



Rainbow Bridge

Kendall – Patti Inge 1998-2011 Everyone who had the opportunity to meet Kendall knew there wasn't a human or animal that she didn't love. Her most distinguishing feature was her ever present smile. When she met someone new or wanted attention, she would smile so large, with her nose all scrunched up, bearing all her teeth and then go into a sneezing frenzy! A typical golden girl who carried one to three toys in her mouth at all times, she loved swimming, chasing tennis balls and squirrels. When she wanted something, she'd bat those golden brown eyes and talk to you in her own language. Kendall was a loyal companion with a very sensitive heart. She was the love of our life for thirteen wonderful years!



Kiley – Patti Inge 2009 IEGRR When we rescued Kiley two years ago we realized we had a special girl. She quickly adapted to her new home and we could tell she was grateful for her new lease on life. It was apparent that Kiley had never experienced a bed or toy and her teeth were all worn down from eating whatever she could subsist off of. Kiley was a loving, sweet, trusting girl who had such a calm disposition. She never found a treat she didn't like and she was always ready for the next meal. In a short amount of time, Kiley became a loyal companion and good buddy to Kendall. Wherever one was, the other wasn't far behind sharing beds, toys and adventures. Although we only had Kiley with us for two years, she was the perfect addition to our family and a most loving golden girl.



Minutes - EGRR Board of Director's Meeting
Home of Allan and Nancy Kiesler
10/09/2011



Call to order: 1:45PM

Present: Mel Miller, Roy Talbot, Lee Cummings, Brad Kammerer, Desiree Gibson, Nancy Kiesler, Rich Randall, Jean Whitehead, Diane Murphy, Karen Jenkins
Guests: Linda Talbot, Allan Kiesler, Sue Randall

I. Motion to pass minutes from 5/1/2011 meeting as published in Golden Nuggets - MSP

II. Report of the President

Welcome

Intro new board members: Rich Randall, Mel Miller, Desiree Gibson

III. Committee reports

A. Treasurer – Lee Cummings

Reports furnished: Profit/Loss, Profit/Loss Prev Year comparison, Income/Expense, Vet Expenses

25,000 in checking/\$10,000 in savings

B. Intake – Desiree Gibson

Dogs continue to come “in spurts”

People contact EGRR, then find alternate arrangements – which adds to our work load and volunteers’ time

Intakes increasing now (Holiday season is ALWAYS a busy time for Intakes)

Desiree is first contact most people have with EGRR.

C. Placement – Sue Randall

Currently 8 goldens in foster care

2 seniors (10yo and 9yo), 1 (aggression issues), rest with medical issues

Possible intakes:

10yo male in Tacoma shelter - “nice dog”

1yo female -"issues"

13 applications for adoptions

D. Foster Homes – Karen Jenkins

We have three new foster home applications!

“Timing” is a current issue (vacations)

E. Fundraising – Diane Murphy

Small raffle at picnic covered all expenses for picnic

Smaller than usual raffle at EGRC’s agility trial netted \$500 – about the same amount as previous “larger” raffles – Lesson learned J

The raffle baskets and KoolCoat raffle organized by EGRC at this year’s SKC show earned \$1000+ MANY thanks to our “partner” breed club!

F. Publicity

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Need to find a volunteer to take on this task

G. Membership – Rich Randall

Currently have 256 members [1 year "free" memberships (given when adopting a golden from us) account for 75]

Membership continues growing

We have a core group of ~100 members

Rich will write a "script" for foster homes to "say" to adopters (and for people who do initial interviews) to inform people how becoming a member continues to support our goldens

i.) Desiree mentioned Facebook as a "membership tool"

A very interesting discussion followed about social media strategy, new people, Craigslist to get volunteers. All us "luddites" were called out as we continue to "operate like we're in the 90's". We will post more current news, but be aware of "compassion overload" - we need to limit posts to 2-3/wk, but should immediately respond to comments.

We also have Twitter now. We will look into using our current Facebook volunteers to get this "going" (Desiree will spearhead)

Possibly hire a company for a free review of our social media

Define goals: more volunteers, members, money (and dogs)

H. IT – Brad Kammerer

Good news: We have "Twitter" (as of last week) (Angie is heading twitter)

Bad news: gone thru 4 people trying to setup online forms... more complicated than we thought

Brad will look into paying to have the forms created. ("Pre-packaged" programs?)

Motion made to approve budget for Brad of no more than \$2000 to acquire database driven system with online forms - MSP

Nancy and Brad will review their past research data on companies

IV. Old Business

Annual Meeting May next year it will be on May 20th at the same location. (Kennydale Memorial Hall)

"Pet Preparedness" will be the featured program (presented by Lee Cummings)

There will also be a microchip clinic

B. Reunion Picnic, July 31

Since these two events are scheduled close together, consider moving date of Annual Meeting to September? Membership input welcomed!

Possible event like a "Fun Match"?

CGC (Canine Good Citizen – AKC test/title) at Positive Approach (Jean will be the evaluator/ Diane will steward)

C. Phone recycling – we need to put information up on our Facebook page

D. Petfinder's Adoption Options

E. Events this year not yet reported on:

1. Orting: Karen Jenkins BARK IN THE PARK - not worth our time

2. Dog Days in Chehalis: Anita Honaker - not worth our time

3. DogStock in Tacoma, PetCo, PetSmart have monthly adoption events – do we want to consider attending?

F. Volunteer coordinator should contact new volunteers

G. Online applications: see above

H. Microchipping: see above

Board Minutes (continued)

V. New Business

Special Fund started for a "Named cause"

Need to keep the funds in general fund but Lee will track money specifically donated to "Where's There's a Will There's a Way" fund

Board will write criteria for these funds. Lee will chair committee. Diane and Rich committee members

Volunteer Recruitment/utilization

Nancy will talk to Maddy. Need to look at list of volunteers/plan to board on how to utilize volunteers/set goal for each group of volunteer "position". We need to "engage" our volunteers.

C. Report on Boarding Kennels

Roy checked boarding kennels - 138 from Western Washington (Blaine to Vancouver) who will give discounts. We will need to call first and arrange payment (2 will board for free). Roy prepared spreadsheet and gave CDs to people who would need them.

D. Dogs with behavior issues

Increase in dogs with behavior issues...FIVE recently!

We need policy in place. Possibly pay a "consultant" to determine if dog is adoptable. Jean has reviewed behavior assessments at Tacoma Humane Society. She says we need to "act" like a "normal" person instead of being too "dog savvy" when assessing a dog. We will form a new "behavior committee" instead of bringing every dog assessment to the whole board.

Motion to form a committee for behavior (Chair: Jean Committee Members Mel and Nancy)

Tacoma Shelter dog: Jean will check toy drive and she (dog) will possibly go to Mel's friend (bomb squad K9 trainer) - Mel & Roy will also assess

Old Dog Haven

They will take dogs 8 or older (but not any dogs with aggression issues). They will take medical issues and they take "hospice" dogs too.

We might transfer Hanna – hospice dog - lymphoma

They might take 9-1/2yo Buddy - separation anxiety – in Olympia and 10yo in Tacoma

Calendar offer

Offer for calendar listing from business in Bellingham. Nancy has more information

Estate Planning – tabled for now

VI. For the good of the order

Motion to adjourn 4:58 - MSP

Respectfully submitted

Diane Murphy

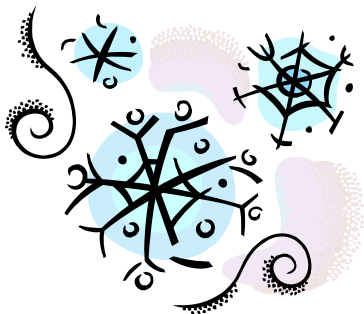
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Tom and Karen Jones for Will
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 Golden Retriever Foundation or United Way
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 but they arrive without donor information
 which means we are unable to thank or
 acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you, whoever you are!



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 In memory of Kevin Cummings

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 In memory of "Buffi" again

Kim and Peter Later
 In memory of "Cayla"

Robert Calkins (Combined Fund Drive)
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Happy Holidays

