

# Golden Nuggets

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## Ahhaaaaa!!!! The Dog Days Of Summer



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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

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) held its Annual Members' Meeting on May 20 and, as we enter the mid-point of 2012, we have a new Board to see the organization through to a similar point in 2013. New Directors joining the Board team are Kathy Hobson, as Vice President, Meg Brooks, as our new Treasurer, and Vicky Smith. The returning Directors who remain with me on the Board are Diane Murphy, who continues as Secretary, Brad Kammerer and Mel Miller.

The new Board looks forward to continuing and strengthening an organization developed by the previous Board and Boards. In that regard, it is a fitting time to reflect on prior contributors to the development of EGRR, two in particular, Nancy and Allan Kiesler. Nancy and Allan have been the foundation of Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue for certainly the last couple of decades. They worked in the early days to rescue Golden Retrievers in our area when doing so involved only a handful of volunteers. They were the drivers of establishing a formal membership and volunteer base, and in generating networks of influence and contacts in Washington and in the US and Canada that were essential to be successful in achieving the goals of helping Golden Retrievers. That phase then shifted to incorporating EGRR as a formal non-profit charitable organization in the first decade of this millennium. This incorporation resulted in the need for a Board of Directors, and Nancy assumed the role of the first President of EGRR. At that time EGRR still had only about three dozen members. But, under Nancy's and the Board's leadership, the organization now proudly claims a volunteer base alone that dwarfs that original three dozen and a total full and supporting membership count starting to approach three hundred.

As Nancy steps down from her role as Board President, even if she will still be highly involved as a valued member and volunteer, we all think she and Allan rightly should be proud of the changes they have fostered over the last approximately 20 years of leadership. And in making sure that EGRR was equipped to handle external changes imposed upon it - the greatest being the shift from helping homeless Golden Retrievers left at shelters or found wandering many years ago, to the situation today of helping Golden Retrievers of multiple needs, including those who cannot remain with their current families for a host of reasons. And equipping EGRR to handle the huge financial shift from intake of Golden Retrievers who largely needed a few vaccinations and maybe spaying and neutering to intake today from owners who are burdened by the surging medical costs with their aging or ill Golden Retrievers.

A great legacy. And one that the new Board accepts as a challenge to live up to and to build upon for the next year. With that the new Board thanks in advance all those members today of EGRR and those volunteers who so readily devote their time and support to our mission:

***The primary focus of Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) is on rescuing Golden Retrievers in need. Driven by our belief in responsible pet ownership, we are dedicated to ensuring for dogs such as these a future of care and affection.***

Richard Randall

President, EGRR

# The Story Of Jack

We adopted Jack from the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue on June 26, 1999. Jack had been turned into a shelter and was in a foster home in Bellevue when we fell in love with him. Jack greeted us at the door with a tennis ball in his mouth and it was love at first sight! Jack had been turned into a shelter because he “supposedly” had bitten a child. After weeks in his foster home, his host family said they couldn’t believe that about him because he was sweet, affectionate, shy and rather timid. Having young children ourselves we were a bit apprehensive, but we decided to give him a second chance and assume he had been “falsely accused”.



Jack went on to live a life of great love and selflessness. He was not only a beloved member of our family, but was also loved by hundreds of school age children at the school where I teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Jack sadly passed away last December at the age of 12, having lived with us for over 10 years. Jack left a legacy of great love.

Every year, my elementary school has an annual walk-a-thon to raise money for our school library. Each year Jack would challenge my class of students to meet or beat his pledges, but every year he was awarded the “Top Dog” award for bringing in the most pledges and being the biggest supporter of the library! He would walk every year with his punch card around his neck and the PTA volunteers would punch each of his laps, just like the students. The PTA volunteers always had a bowl of water for him at the water station where the students picked up cups of water. Jack loved being in the walk-a-thon and loved having lots of kids fight over who would get to hang onto his leash each lap. Jack was honored every year at the awards assembly and this year, our school librarian named the walk-a-thon the “Jack Hathaway Memorial Walk-A-Thon”. Jack’s picture was on every pledge sheet telling about his legacy and every child got a book mark with his picture on it.



Besides being in the walk-a-thon each year, Jack was an “unofficial” therapy dog at my school. My principal gave Jack his own “backstage pass” to come to school whenever I needed him to come. Jack loved the students and he would be a frequent visitor to my classes over the years. Jack had the uncanny 6<sup>th</sup> sense to know which children were the neediest, the saddest or the ones needing love. Jack would gently nudge them to focus in class and pay attention if he noticed they were drifting. He also would snuggle up and have students read to him when we had read-a-thons or quiet reading time in class.

# The Story Of Jack

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When my class earned class points, the students would vote to have anything involving Jack, such as a read-in with Jack, extra recess with Jack, pizza party with Jack, movie with Jack, or to my surprise last Valentine's day; "Hot Cheetoes with Jack". Jack wasn't a huge fan of Hot Cheetoes, but he never turned down the opportunity to be a party guest!

Besides the children in my classes, Jack especially loved his family. My own children gave Jack lots of love and attention over the years and he never missed going on a family vacation. He went on many camping trips, hikes and even made it to Yellowstone National Park! He especially loved going on walks and spent many happy times at the Edmonds Dog Beach.

Jack was also a great comforter...when my son had his wisdom teeth taken out, he slept by his bed and wouldn't leave his side. When our daughter had her tonsils taken out, Jack camped out by her bed and spent every moment by her side, too.

Jack lived a great life and proved to me and others that he was indeed falsely accused. Jack loved well and he was always so grateful and appreciative of what he had, especially the love his family gave him. When Jack finally passed away in December 2010, he was held in the loving arms of all four of his family members.

Thank you Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue for giving us the gift of Jack! He will never be forgotten.

Patti Hathaway



# IMPORTANT DATE

## Rescue Reunion Picnic

Sunday, August 19, 2012 12 Noon—3 PM

Lions Day Camp

21230 SE 184<sup>th</sup> St. Maple Valley, WA 98038

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.

This is a wonderful setting right on the Cedar River with covered picnic areas, real bathrooms and plenty of fun things to do for you and your dogs.



Go wading in the Cedar River— it is a very quiet stretch

Explore the woods

Games

Watch the Agility demonstrations and even try it with your dog

Enjoy the good food and Other Golden Lovers.



We will have a raffle for a Booster Bath

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)

# 6TH Annual Meeting

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Over forty EGRR members attended the Annual Meeting to celebrate our accomplishments, to welcome new Board Members and to learn about disaster preparedness for their pets. Our sincere appreciation goes to Lee Cummings for her excellent presentation and to Roy Talbot for conducting an impromptu discussion group for new foster homes. Also thanks to Peggy Vogt DVM and Vicky Smith DVM for handling the microchip clinic. There was also the important socialization time – human and canine – and a good time was had by all.



# The Joy Of Fostering

By  
**Roy Talbot**

My wife and I found out that fostering is both fun and rewarding. Every Golden Retriever that you foster is different in both temperament and energy. They give you a mixture of challenges and satisfaction in starting the journey toward their forever home.

I have never fostered a Golden Retriever that I didn't cry when the forever family adopted it. Crying is the true wellbeing of knowing that you have bonded with the Golden Retriever and worked with it to becoming the dog that everyone wants to have. I guess I would liken it to weddings when family's cry when they see their child move to a new forever home.

The beginning for me was scary knowing that your new foster dog is in your care. I never felt alone as there are many knowledgeable people in Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue that were there for me. Through the years I learned a vast amount of information from them. I now share my experience and knowledge with new foster homes.

Records are very important I have discovered. I keep everything, either scanning it into the computer or putting it in the dog's folder. Even records from where the foster dog came from become part of their file.

Along the way you email your coordinator the daily progress report of what you and your foster dog have accomplished. I always include photos so that the coordinator can see the size and shape of the dog.



**Roy meeting with prospective new foster home volunteers during the Annual Meeting.**

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# The Joy Of Fostering

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Below is a list that I have complied to help with the task of fostering.

### Puppy proof your home.

Move everything up high or protect what you don't want the dog to get into.

Keep food off the counters unless you are right there.

Keep toilet lids closed.

Never leave a foster dog loose at home alone unless you have tested the dog.



### Establish the house rules

Always watch new foster dog even if previous owner swears the dog is housebroken.

Even though the dog is trained this is a new place and they will not know which door to stand at to let you know that they need to go out.

Watch them for the first day like a new puppy as you will need to show them where they will go to potty. Set a timer to remind you to potty them every couple of hours and praise them when they go.

Don't let them up on furniture or in bed with you as the next owner might not want this.

No feeding from the table.

Everyone in the household has to agree by the same set of rules for the dog.

### Prepare a safe haven

Keep your dogs separate from the foster dog until you are sure that there will be no conflict.

Remember that this is your dog's home and territory and some dogs need time before they are willing to share it or you with the foster dog.

You can purchase baby gates from Goodwill and use them to separate areas.

A crate is a wonderful tool if used properly. We have extras so ask. Ex-pens work well too.

### Equipment needed

Leash

Dog treats and food; bowl

Tags with your cell number on it. Such as "I'm lost call xxx-xxx-xxxx". Rescue has temporary ones you will be given.

I always carry an extra dog tag on my key chain just in case.

Otherwise I'll have my collar to put on the dog and always remove his previous owner's tags. We don't want the dog going back there.



### Paper work

File folders. Dogs name with date p/u and date delivered

Get release form signed by previous owner and all vet paper work you can obtain.

Keep all paper work here.

Also create a Folder on your computer called EGRR and keep records there as well.

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# The Joy Of Fostering

## Continued

### Contact Veterinarian

Check to see if the dog has a chip and record it.  
If requested, have vet give exam of dog. Keep all vet papers in your records.  
You will need them to get reimbursed for your expenses.



### Taking records and photos

Photos of your foster dog will assist in getting the right family.  
Take various photos from different angles to show off the best of your foster dog.  
These photos could end up on the web site so don't photo anything that would show your expensive things.

### Feeding your foster dog

When you receive your foster dog you will have to judge if the dog is over or under weight.  
Contact your local vet or pet food store for guidelines on feeding.  
We can also assist you in proper feeding guidelines.

### When the forever family comes for a visit

Remove your pets to make the interaction more comfortable to the foster dog.  
If for some reason you don't believe that the forever family will not fit in just mention that someone from EGRR will contact them. Then contact your coordinator with your thoughts.

### Keeping the foster dog

We generally discourage foster home from adopting their foster dog.  
The length of time that a dog will be in your home varies on vet care and available adopters.  
I have had a few leave within a week and some stay for a few months.  
If you have a vacation coming up or just need some time off let your foster leader know so that arrangements will be made to take over care of the foster dog.  
Some dogs can be more than the foster home can handle. Let your leader know this so that a foster home with more experience can take over.

You can always contact us for questions or assistance.

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Note: Roy will be presenting a mini-seminar on fostering at the Reunion Picnic for anyone interested in fostering.

## Help EGRR and Save Money Shopping



# FIND THE **MAGIC** OF GIVING BACK!

**Saturday, August 25, 2012**

Since 2006, Macy's Shop For A Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$42 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, August 25, 2012.

Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and to help our organization. Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass\* for exclusive savings in every Macy's store on Saturday, August 25, and we keep 100% of the proceeds. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card.

Find the magic of giving back, as Macy's celebrates a national day of support for our community.

\*Some exclusions and restrictions apply.



**For more information or to purchase a pass contact: [macysfundraising@egrr.net](mailto:macysfundraising@egrr.net)**

# Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who are hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they miss someone very special to them; who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to break away from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. YOU have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face: your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart. Then you cross Rainbow Bridge to-



**Max** – Jay and Kris Salmon 2004; Max came to us as a foster in July 2004 at the age of four. He was quite a nervous dog apparently because he never got out of his previous owners backyard. He was such a sweet dog though with so much love. Although he was afraid of loud noises and would hide in the shower from guns, fireworks, noisy cars and motorcycles he grew more confident. We taught him how to swim in the lake. He learned all about TOYS, YUM-YUM's, CAR and BOAT rides, WALKS and joined me on my runs up until about a year before his death. Max was a GReat companion and we're so grateful for our 8 years together!

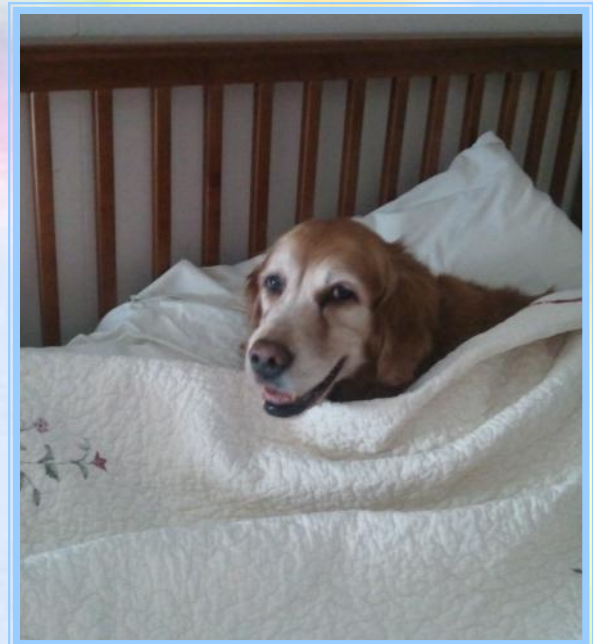


# Rainbow Bridge



**Lily** – Patricia Fuhrman 2007 – Royal Golden Glacier Lily; From the time we picked up Lily, she was my dog and quickly became my best friend. Not only was she beautiful and loving, she was always willing to do whatever was asked of her. She always had a smile on her face. Lily was the light of my life and just thinking of her brings tears to my eyes. She loved everyone and everyone loved her and I miss her terribly.

**Brandy** – Jessie Dye 1997; We adopted Brandy as a 1 yr old tripod after she was abandoned in a grocery store parking lot. For fifteen years she lived with us and the many exchange students we hosted, a being of unconditional love who welcomed everyone. Brandy walked around Green Lake until she was eight and around the neighborhood for another six years. She helped socialize ten foster dogs from EGRR! Brandy died at home in March at the age of sixteen. She had a great life and a good death and never seemed to notice that she was short a leg



**Toby** - Cindy Rowley 2011; Toby spent the first year of his life as an unsocialized, outside dog, so when he came to us he brought some issues with him. One was dog aggression but training helped that a lot. The other was a desire to chew and eat unusual things which ultimately caused his death. Toby was very attached to the whole family. He followed me everywhere. We were all very sad but we were also grateful that he had turned into the dog that he should have been if he had been treated the way he should have been when he was a puppy.

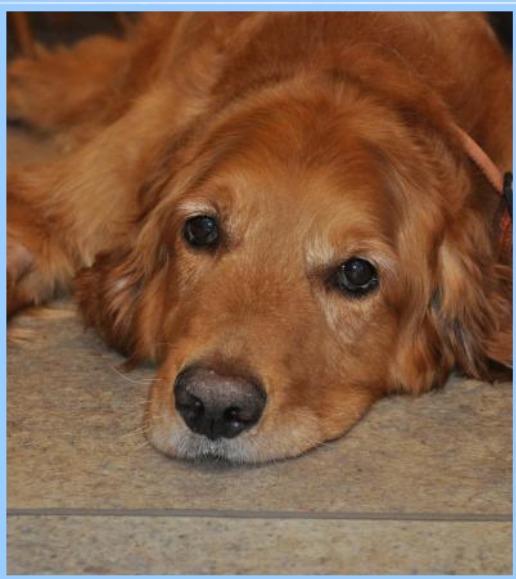
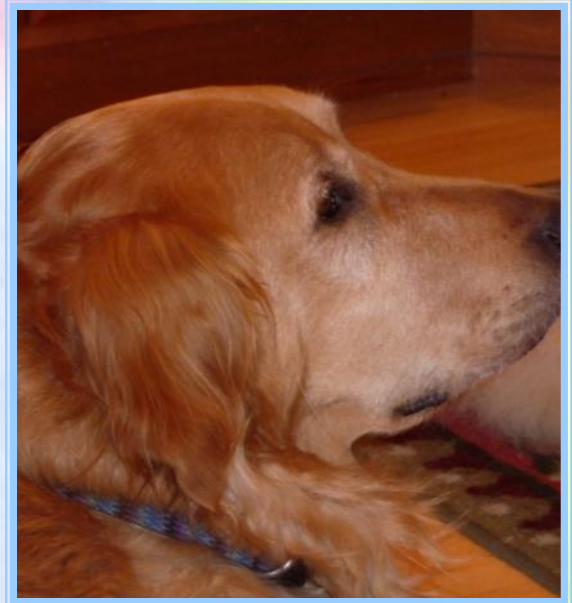


# Rainbow Bridge



**Star** – Laura Keim and Jean Thies 2009; Two months ago, our Starman lifted his big head and trotted across the Bridge to join all of our beloveds waiting there. In spite of suffering the consequences of years of extreme neglect, Star was a "working" dog--he welcomed clients, book group members and film discussion participants, family and friends into his home, as well as visiting the ill and recovering in their homes. During the almost three years he lived with us, Star took all the troubles and joys, grief and laughter, and injuries and healings of the many people he worked and played with into his own big heart and transformed them into LOVE, which he generously lavished on us all. He was our miracle-worker, our healer and our beloved companion. We miss him terribly. Shine on, dear Starman!

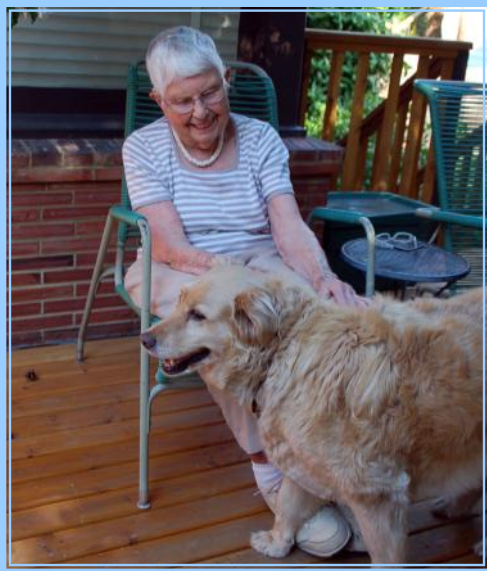
**Monte** – Gary and Anita Honaker 2009; Monte came into our lives and taught us how to cope with change and illness with nothing but love, grace, and trust. Monte was a registered Delta Therapy Pet Partner and a gentleman at all times. He helped us learn to be at peace with loss when our EGRR girl, Dusty, went to the bridge. He truly became our role model. He always knew we needed him. We miss him more than words can describe and the tears just don't ever seem to go away.



**Kona** – Allan and Nancy Kiesler – Kona came to us as a foster dog and was truly one of the nicest dogs we have ever fostered. He immediately fit into our pack giving everyone the respect they deserved. He loved the availability of toys and off leash walks in the woods. Sadly, he developed a blood disease which did not respond to treatment including several blood transfusions and we had to let him go. He will forever be a Kiesler since no dog should die without a last name.



# Rainbow Bridge



**Molly** – Carolyn Kruse 2009; Molly was 10 years old when she came to Rescue and had lived her entire life in the backyard. Molly was my 6<sup>th</sup> Rescue Golden since my husband passed away in 1982, the last 4 coming from EGRR. When I started having health issues, Molly adjusted to them including learning to use a dog door. When I had to move into an assisted living facility, Molly stayed with friends and brought them much happiness. She was a special girl and I miss her a lot.

*Although not an EGGR dog, the following was a volunteer's dog and therefore part of the EGRR Family*

**Kenai** – SUNBURST FANCY FOOTWORK, RN, TD, NW1 – Donna Day; Kenai was my heart dog and I know she was the same for Vince. She quite literally changed our lives when she charged in. She was a girl filled with boundless love and enthusiasm which she happily shared with anyone in her vicinity. When I look at photos of my best girl, they make me laugh— because that's the kind of a girl she was!



# Seattle Kennel Club Show Combined Booth

**Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
And  
Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue**



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club members put together a raffle at the SKC show with proceeds going to the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue and raised over **\$1,000.00 !!**

A big Rescue Thank You goes to EGRC and the members who helped with the booth and raffle.

A Super Big Thank You goes to Diane and Clay Murphy who worked so hard in setting up and staffing our booth.

## Important Dates

- August 17 - Evergreen Golden Retriever Club Specialty, Enumclaw**
- August 19— Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue Annual Reunion Picnic, Lions Camp, Maple Valley**
- August 31- September 1 —Evergreen Golden Retriever Club Agility Trials, Argus Ranch**

Watch [www.egrr.net](http://www.egrr.net) for more information

# Where are they now???

By Sue Randall

In 2012 thus far **20 dogs** have found their forever homes with caring families through EGRR. We thank each and every one of them for their initiative & thoughtfulness in adopting these dogs that are in need.

*Spencer, age 2yo M* whose owners felt they had not enough time for him. He is now with a retired couple & running around on their 10 acre property.



*Jasper, age 8yo M*. His family had a 2 yo child that they said Jasper growled at. His new owners were looking for a mellow companion for their current older dog. Jasper is just that!

*Ekko, age 5 yo F* whose owners were moving & decided she could not go with them. She now has other canine companions & a young family to keep her busy but well trained.

*Ginger, age 7yo F* who came to us from another rescue & is an alpha girl. She became companion to a lady who could give her all the attention she wanted and even take her to work with her.



*Leila, 1.5yo F* came to us from the shelter as a very poorly socialized pup. Her new home is with a retired couple who spends the day with her & provides her

*Eddick, age 2-3yoM*, whose owner states had issues with other in house dogs. His new owner needed a companion & had lots of love to give a GR in need.



*Seraph, age 8yoF* released to us from a shelter where she was placed when her owner died. She needed surgery for an adominal tumor. Her new owner found she was talking to herself since losing her previous GR that she spoke to all the time.. Now she had 'Sara' to talk to.

*Leo, age 5yoM* whose owner felt they did not have enough time for him. His new family give him companionship & attention from its young members.



*Duke, age 3yoM* whose owners were divorcing. We responded to a Craig's list advertisement to help him. He, Duke, gets to go to 'help' his new Dad with chores..



## Where are they now???

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*Seamus, age 4yo M, whose owner had an illness, allowing the dog to become a problem. His adopters allow him to stay with his extended foster family who will continue to work with the training he needs.*

*Dozer, age 3yo M whose owner was being evicted. His new family is very large and have owned Golden Retrievers for many years. Dozer gets to swim daily off his back yard.*



*Benji, age 10-12, M whose owner was being evicted. Benji had surgery to remove a 2.4 pound tumor before he was placed to be a companion to a single man*

*Nick, age 5yo M The child in his family had allergies. His new owner is a young man who grew up with Golden Retrievers.*

*Tonka, age 3yoM. His family was expecting a baby. He came in as a very obese dog. His new young family think he is perfect and is continuing his exercise and weight loss program.*

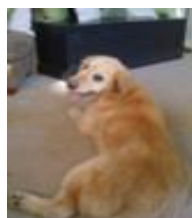


*Mason age 6 months. His family did not have enough time for his training. His new family will give him lots of attention, including training, playtime & plenty of company with extended family being close by.*



*Sadie, age 4 yo F whose growing family did not have time for her. She now has a canine companion & an energetic family that give her lots of attention.*

*Cooper, age 8 months, whose owner found him to be dog aggressive. His new owners are able to dedicate time to his training & find him to be a GReat dog*



*Jules, age approx. 8yo. She was adopted from a dismal situation to be placed in rescue later. She now has a young family & a canine companion to give her a life she deserves.*

*Maggie age 12 yo F. Owners were moving. She came with multiple issues not least of which being her weight of 165#. Maggie is being loved by her foster home that adopted her & will give her all the care she needs in her old age.*



**We in rescue have GReat satisfaction realizing that these dogs are now in a Forever Home that caters to them being well cared for & loved.**

## General Donations

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
 Virginia Wright DVM  
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## *In Honor Of*

Happy Birthday to Joe Frank  
 From George and Josie Taylor

## Memorial Donations

**Michael Shiflet**  
 by the Group Health Eye Care Center

**James Smith**  
 by the Woodland Park Zoo Education Department

**"Starman"**  
 by Diane and Clay Murphy

**"Starman"**  
 by Allan and Nancy Kiesler

**"Monte Honaker"**  
 by Diane and Clay Murphy

**"Petey Cress"**  
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**"Rudy Willingham"**  
 by Kit Thayer

**"Jersey Mitchell"**  
 by Stephen Kinholt and Kenneth Timmons

**"Buffi"**  
 by John Chapman

Donations given via I-Give, Just Give, Golden Retriever Foundation or United Way of King County are very much appreciated but they arrive without donor information which means we are unable to thank or acknowledge your generosity. Thank you, whoever you are!

**EGRR is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible so please consider helping us in our efforts. If your employer will match your donation, consider EGRR in your charitable giving.**

**Send a check, payable to EGRR to:  
 Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue  
 P.O. Box 3088  
 Renton, WA 98056**

## EGRR Board of Director's Meeting – 4/29/2012 Home of Nancy & Allan Kiesler

**Attending: Roy Talbot, Mel Miller, Rich Randall, Nancy Kiesler, Brad Kammerer and Diane Murphy.**



Called to order 1:39pm

I. Minutes from 1/29/2012 meeting - Motion to approve - MSP

II. Report of the President

See copy

Thanks for your service to members leaving board

Running Rescue like running small business with all volunteer work force

Superb team managing day-to-day operations (intake/placement/fostering/screening applicants)

We are on firm financial grounds

We are close to being totally electronic

New board has a vision to grow and improve

III. Committee reports

Intake – Ginny Partridge (Kathy Hobson assists in intake)

Report submitted - presented by Nancy

Since middle of January, we have processed 17 dogs. 10 have been adopted, 3 are in foster care and 2 will be entering foster care in near future.

Owners have been grateful – as they are sincere in their wish to do what is best for their dog.

No major trends as far as age or reason for relinquishing.

Suggested we setup a Craigslist word file to review previous listed and relisted ads

Placement – Sue Randall

Report submitted via email

6 dogs in foster + 2 possible more intakes

5 placed in April

15 placed this year (as of April 2012)

24 applicants on file (8 specific for female/3 specific for male)

Foster Home – Mel Miller

New applications to become foster home have been received

Jules & Heidi are currently fostering dogs they are placing

Rescue needs to have a cat to “test” dogs with. Anyone have a “dog savvy” cat up for the job?

Suggests presenting something on fostering at the annual picnic (Roy & Mel)

Possibly have Jean give “foster home training” event

Fundraising – Diane Murphy

Thanks to Evergreen Golden Retriever Club members, \$1066 was raised at the Seattle Kennel Club dog show

(Special thanks to Tonya Struble's remarkable Champion “Lincoln” and his basket holding skills J

Agility trial raffle is coming up Labor Day Weekend.

Rescue has received \$1600 so far this year from the Golden Retriever Foundation's “April Fund”.

Some ideas I am currently looking into:

Christmas card design by Gayle Sackett

Pictures with Santa day

Sympathy card (using the rainbow at Guisachan ruins)

Highland Games – booth?

Small raffle at picnic (booster bath donation?)

## Board Minutes (continued)

Membership – Rich Randall  
Allan & Brad have updated spread sheet  
200 members (250 last year)  
40 new members  
83 “supporting” dogs (45 dogs last year)

IT – Brad Kammerer  
Brad dazzled us all with a presentation of the website updates, including the online forms

Treasurer – Lee Cummings - report given by Nancy  
Detailed statements were given (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Prev. Year Comparison)  
Assess \$51,273.11  
Income YTD \$8,823.32  
Expenses YTD \$8,147.56  
Almost \$7,000 of our YTD total expenses was for veterinary costs.

## IV. Old Business

- Microchipping – report presented by Nancy  
Nancy researched the major microchipping companies/scanners/chips  
Homeagain - Best scanner but higher cost to us and to clients  
Avid – chips are not good as they are not “read” by all scanners  
AKC - gave us a free scanner, chips are easily “read”, competitive pricing  
Motion to buy EGRR’s chips from AKC - MSP
- Craigslist/Social Media/Google  
EGRR is still learning and assessing the use and benefits of electronic media
- C. Assess-a-hands  
2 “hands” were made using Jean’s prototype as a model.  
Discussion of making more and/or buying Assess-a-Hand’s has been tabled for now.
- D. By-law review  
We will consult with lawyer on few issues.  
Will also check with other rescues re “area serviced” description.  
Committee formed (Rich/Brad/Lee) who will formalize the discussed revisions/amendments for review of the board and formal vote by the membership at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
- E. Board continuity/nominating committee:  
Reviewed continuing board members and heard proposed new members as suggested by the nominating committee.

## V. New Business

- Update on Sky  
Doing well (after 5 week training program) Acad. of Canine Behavior
- Star Award  
To be awarded to Dr. Thomazin at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
- Dog World Magazine  
New issue is featuring the Golden Retriever. Asked if we wanted to place an ad? - No
- Spoke of a donation to DVGRR (to help with the huge expense they incurred taking in 20 goldens – most needing extensive vet care.)  
Motion to donate \$1000 – MSP
- Need to review and/or revise our mission statement to bring it in accordance with EGRR’s vision for helping Golden Retrievers.

Board Minutes (continued)

VI. For the good of the order  
None

Motion to adjourn 4:50 - MSP

Reminders:

Annual Meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Reunion Picnic: August 19<sup>th</sup>  
EGRC Agility Trial with EGRR Raffle - Labor Day weekend (Raffle on Saturday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Murphy  
EGRR Secretary

EGRR Board Meeting 5/20/2012  
Kennydale Memorial Hall  
Renton Washington

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EGRR Annual Meeting 5/20/2012  
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Call to order 1:50PM

1. Introductions and welcome

Members, volunteers, foster homes, guests and dogs were introduced.

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Motion to approve previous minutes as published in the Golden Nuggets - MSP

3. Report of the President

"All good things come to end..."

Since 2007 EGRR has taken in over 300 dogs

Intakes have gradually declined since then. So far, 2012 intakes are down 12%; however, vet expenses have doubled since 2007

In previous years, the #1 reason for giving up a dog – "no time"

This year tied, for the first time, "no time" was tied with "financial"

Social media is used more so number of intake dogs declined.

Special thanks was given to Sue Randall for all her work with intake/fostering/placement.

4. Treasurer's report

Hard copy of financial statement was given to all present.

Last year's income was \$40,000 and expenses were \$25,000

So far this year, income is \$17,000 and expenses to date are \$12,000

This year a new expense category was added – "BEHAVIOR"

Over \$1000 for spent on training for just one dog – with great results

## Annual Meeting Minutes (continued)

## 5. Committee Reports

## A. Intake – Kathy Hobson

Since mid January, we have processed twenty-three dogs  
Three are waiting for placement and three are waiting assessment  
Resource guarding and aggression are becoming more prevalent. We will have these dogs assessed by a professional before we decide EGRR will accept these dogs.  
Shelters contact SPDR and EGRR, SPDR will take the lead. If our help is needed, SPDR will contact EGRR.  
We will also keep a Word file of Craigslist ads to research if an ad had been placed previously and to monitor any changes.  
Owners have been grateful and pleased with the help EGRR provides.

## B. Placement – Sue Randall

Eight dogs currently in foster  
Two being seen for placement this weekend  
Latest intake - 12 yo female weighing 160#  
Three dogs are being evaluated  
There are thirty people on waiting list  
We have placed twenty dogs so far this year

## C. Fundraising

Looking for a Fundraising Chair  
Diane is selling raffle tickets for a “Booster Bath” – drawing will be at this year’s Annual Picnic

Diane is also looking for donations for the annual raffle at EGRC’s Agility Trial , Labor Day Weekend (Saturday Sept 1). Please bring any donations to the Annual Picnic or email Diane ([wingwing@comcast.net](mailto:wingwing@comcast.net)) to arrange pickup. Tax donation forms available upon request.

## D. Membership – Rich Randall

2007- 39 members  
2012 - 211 full and supporting human members  
We have been giving complimentary one-year memberships to new adopters. Many have continued their membership and volunteered to help EGRR.  
EGRR dog “Star” started the legacy of “SG” (Supporting Golden) – 80 members this year J  
Next year will be able to fill out membership renewals online (and pay via Paypal). Many thanks to Allen & Brad.

## E. Volunteers - Maddy Wiley

Almost EVERYONE volunteers to help on all new membership applications! Maddy will work on contacting people for specific jobs.  
She currently needs help with scanning old membership applications (as we “go digital”).

## F. Webpage – Brad Kammerer

The pro-bono website work didn’t work for our needs.  
The board made the decision to do it ourselves (thanks to Brad!)  
Online forms went “Live” in April  
Foster homes & volunteers applications will be online soon  
“Surrendering a Dog” to be completed before end of year

## G. Foster Homes – Mel Miller

We have eight dogs in foster homes now  
Latest intake, Maggie 12yo 160#!! Do to her health concerns, she will remain at the vet for a week or two.  
Mel stressed how careful we assess dogs. We do not want any foster dog to cause any “issues” with in-house dogs. Foster dogs are matched to the foster home (and their training experience) as best as possible.  
There will be a short question and answer session for all people interested in fostering during the break. See Mel and Roy.

## H. Publicity

Looking for chair  
Kim made “HELP WANTED – foster homes” signs for vet offices, work etc.  
They were distributed to the membership,

## Annual Meeting Minutes (continued)

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## 6. Old Business - none

## 7. New Business

## A. By-laws and Articles of Amendment

Ratifying changes in the By-laws and Articles of Amendment (team Rich/Brad/Lee)

Copies sent out and hard copy available

44 TOTAL MEMBERS attending of 294 TOTAL MEMBERS to start the meeting and to make a quorum for voting on the new by-laws and articles.

Motion to approve by full members – MSP (Passed by unanimous vote)

Note: New by-laws specify FULL MEMBERS only to be counted towards determination of quorum.

## B. Election of Officers

Richard Randall - President

Kathy Hobson – VP

Diane Murphy – Secretary

Meg Brooks – Treasurer

Vicky Smith – Director

Brad Kammerer – Director

Mel Miller – Director

30 full members attending of 110 total full members. This gives a quorum of over the required 10%.

Motion to approve slate as presented – MSP

## C. Star Award

Awarded to DR. KENT B. THOMAZIN – Animal Hospital of Newport Hills

Given in honor and appreciation of over fifteen years of service to EGRR

## 8. For the good of the order

Rich presented flowers to out-going President Nancy Kiesler for her service to EGRR

Nancy presented in-coming President Rich Randall with business cards,

Robert's Rules of Order, and "plunger" gavel J

Also noted that our 160# dog will be used on our website as an educational "tool"

## 9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

2:34 - MSP

Break – refreshments

Presentations:

Microchip Clinic – Vicky Smith DVM and Peggy Vogt DVM

Emergency Preparedness for your Pet – Lee Cummings

Respectfully submitted

Diane Murphy

Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

EGRR Board Meeting 5/20/2012  
Kennydale Memorial Hall  
Renton Washington

Board meeting of new members immediately following Annual Meeting of Membership

Attending: Rich Randall, Mel Miller, Diane Murphy, Meg Books, Kathy Hobson, Brad Kammerer, and Vicky Smith

2:35 pm call to order by incoming President, Rich Randall  
Introduction of new board members

1. New Business

A. Treasurer is co-signer as well as one other officer  
Motion to assign President Rich Randall as the “other” co-signer -  
MSP

B. Board meetings to be held at Randall’s home (centrally located) in June or September.  
There is also meetings December/January and April.  
We need to fit in a meeting before end of summer. Rich will email perspective dates to the  
board.

C. Aggressive dogs – Board needs to define our intake policy  
We also need to review our general liability insurance and our group accident insurance.

D. The Board will need to discuss the issue of buying dogs (eg. Former puppy mill “breeders”)

2:45 motion to Adjourn - MSP

Respectfully submitted  
Diane Murphy  
Recording Secretary



**Best Friends—Julie and Charlie**