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Reunion Picnic Fun For All !!



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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

Summer has come and gone, but not some great memories of team efforts for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)!

EGRR held its second Annual Summer Picnic on August 19. The event was held this year at the Lion's Day Camp in Maple Valley. This was a great location on the Cedar River, and we had it all to ourselves! A wonderful turnout from members, volunteers, adopters, and of course all the dogs. In between eating and chatting and holding our raffle which raised several hundreds of dollars of welcome funds, we had an agility demonstration and a rally demonstration and a find all the tennis balls doggie game. What else... group photos, individual photos, well anyway it was abundant fun as a picnic should be. It was also great for various foster homes to meet again several of the dogs they had hosted, and to see how well they are doing with their adopted homes. The weather was perfect, mild and overcast but absolutely dry as much of our summer has been. Many thanks to our Chairman and chief BBQer, Nick Thain, and to Nancy Kiesler for finding the site and laying the foundation for the event. Also many thanks to all those volunteers who helped out in organizing the specific activities and just pitching in to make the day go smoothly. Very much like all our volunteers make the chain of events in Rescuing dogs go smoothly!

Another event of note was the first time participation of EGRR Rescue in the Macy's Shop-for-a-Cause day on August 25. Gail Miller suggested the participation and then led the charge to do so. This was a means for raising moneys for charities by selling tickets to the Macy's shopping day which then allowed the shoppers sale discounts in the store. The ticket sales could be kept by the charity. So a win-win for everyone, charities and shoppers alike. Tickets were sold at the picnic, but then a team of EGRR Rescue volunteers went over to the mall and sold tickets outside the Macy's store before shoppers entered. I should more correctly say that a team of Golden Retrievers sold tickets outside the store that day – who can resist a request from a Golden? Well, lots of shoppers couldn't and, after copious petting of the Goldens, they ended up buying \$400 of tickets, which was a great way to contribute to the EGRR Rescue cause!

So a couple of Summer 2012 examples of how a large number of people – AND dogs- make the EGRR Rescue organization zing. Although these two Rescue events are highlighted, it is greatly appreciated what all of our volunteers do all 12 months of the year long. The Goldens we rescue certainly say thanks.

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

REUNION PICNIC 2012

The weather was as perfect as the location and about 80 humans and 45 canines had a GReat time at our second annual Reunion Picnic on August 19th.



With the pleasant temperatures, some dogs and owners enjoyed playing in the Cedar River.

Thanks to the availability of a large sports field, Agility and Rally courses were set up and anyone interested had the opportunity to try their paw at each.



REUNION PICNIC 2012



Our master chefs, under the skilled direction of Nick Thain, provided perfectly grilled hamburgers, garden burgers and hot dogs. These, in combination with the bounty of side dishes provided by the attendees, resulted in quite a feast.



Bobbing For Hot Dogs

Overall, the most popular and participated in event was relaxing and chatting with fellow Golden people.



REUNION PICNIC 2012



Agility Tunnel—in one end and out the other!



Rally



Shake!

On behalf of all of the EGRR volunteers, a sincere “Thank You” for coming to those who were able to attend. The opportunity to see the dogs with their forever family is the fuel that keeps us going.

Thanks also to those volunteers who worked so everyone else could enjoy the event – Nick Thain, Allan Kiesler and John Chatham for their culinary skills, Ginny Partridge for managing the flow of food and clean-up, Jean Thies for handling check-in and helping with clean-up, Diane Murphy for another super raffle, Rick and Rhonda comfort for supervising the “hot dog dunk” game, Kendall Formo for throwing the balls for the Great Tennis Ball Hunt, Gail Miller for schlepping the Agility equipment and doing a demo and Rhonda Coombes for the Rally set-up and demo.



Remembering Kathi

Kathi Goertzen

For the past 14 years, Kathi publically shared her ongoing battle with a recurrent brain tumor and of pictures of her often showed a Golden Retriever at her side. First it was Kahlua and later it was Oliver. Both dogs were Rescue dogs from EGRR and both were special needs dogs. In 2007, just months before her first surgery, Kathi accepted our invitation to be the MC for the Rescue Parade at the National Specialty dog show held in Snohomish. Kathi, with Kahlua at her side, did a wonderful job which was no surprise to anyone. What was a surprise was that she brought a cameraman to film the event. She put together a wonderful piece which aired twice that night on the KOMO evening news.



On August 13th, Kathi passed away but she will always be remembered as an adopter, friend and supporter of EGRR. We are quite certain that Kahlua was right there at the Rainbow Bridge waiting to escort her Mom across.



FIND THE **MAGIC** OF GIVING BACK!

Saturday, August 25, 2012

In August, EGRR participated for the first time in this annual non-profit fundraising event hosted by Macy's and it won't be the last. Gail Miller, Chair, reported that the Macy's representative whom she worked with was thrilled to have EGRR attend. She encouraged the attendance of dogs and gave us a very good spot by the door for our booth so the dogs could go outside if necessary. Although ticket sales prior to the event were slow which made Gail a bit skeptical, her fears were quickly allayed the day of the event.



All day she witnessed a steady flow of people stopping at our booth at Bellevue Square to pet the dogs and buy a ticket. In five fun hours, EGRR made almost four hundred dollars and plans are already underway to participate again next year. The Golden ambassadors who did an amazing job representing EGRR were Copper Miller, Herc Thain, Ginger Albitz and Mandy Kiesler.

Happy Endings

Graham's Story—Part 1

by Martha Brockenbrough

We'd always been a one-dog family. My first Golden, Misty, preferred to have all of the attention lavished on her, which always led to a funny shenanigans when she was with other dogs. She made sure none came between me and her. Misty died of cancer when I was about four months pregnant with my second daughter, Alice. I was utterly heartbroken and still remember every painful step of that day, from holding her while she was put to sleep, to the meal I tried to eat afterward, to explaining to Lucy, who was then three years old, that Misty was not coming back. At the time, Lucy asked for a new dog. A big, purple one who'd never die. (In related news, Barney was banned shortly thereafter.)

We weren't planning on adopting another dog right away, but the same breeder who'd given me Misty (who had congenital eye problems and could not be bred), had a litter of puppies on the way. We ended up with a dog and a newborn at the same time—something you really can only do with Golden Retrievers. Both babies liked to nap on the same blanket.

But, surprise, surprise. Rosie turned out to be nothing like Misty. Every time she saw another dog, she'd start to cry. This gave me pangs for years, and I knew we ought to get another dog as soon as the family was truly ready.

When the time came, we added our names to the EGRR waiting list. As cute as puppies are, we wanted to find a dog who really needed us. We'd initially asked for a girl. And we waited. And waited. While I was standing in the paint store trying to get just the right shade for the attic we were remodeling as an office for me, the call came in. A dog was ready for us. A male. Would that be OK?

Of course it was—especially after we'd heard what a rough time he'd had. Graham, who loves fetch more than anything, had swallowed a golf ball and had gone days without eating. Nick and Angie Thain did an incredible job nursing him through his recovery. And the moment we saw Graham when we visited with Rosie and our two daughters, we knew he would be our boy.



Graham and Rosie get along splendidly, and Rosie has stopped crying at the sight of other dogs. The kids love him more than anything. Graham has starred in their videos. He sleeps on our 12-year-old's twin-sized bed, and he's never more than a few feet from us. He carries two tennis balls easily, and sometimes manages a third. He has jumped over the couch in pursuit of a ball. And he recently slayed a rat that ventured into the backyard. He is an orange ninja—and he's ours. We'll always be grateful to EGRR and to Nick and Angie for giving our family such a gift.

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Happy Endings

Graham's Story—Part 2

by Lucy Brockenbrough

Graham has brought many changes to our life—funny ones, too!

Now, I finally have a roommate who doesn't talk all night. Now, I can finally get lots of exercise throwing balls for Graham. He is so gentle with Rosie, our other Golden. She ignores him, but she's fooling nobody. They love each other very much.

Graham can be very comedic. He has an arch-nemesis. A squirrel.

But mostly, Graham loves to follow you wherever you go. He is so sweet and cuddly and when you are sad, he puts his head in your lap! He is my best friend and the kindest boy ever.



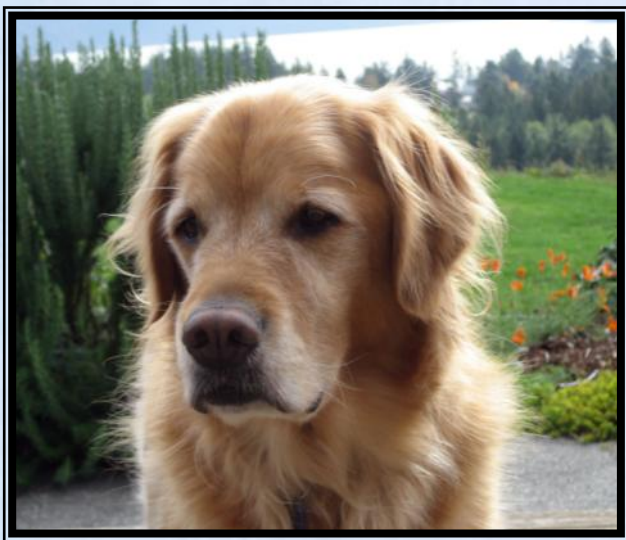
Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the 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 together.....



Joey – Mary Dickerson (2005) I adopted Joey from EGRR in 2005 when he was 2 years old. He was very shy and reluctant to come with us. He soon settled in and hadn't left my side since. He went with me everywhere. He died suddenly in July 2012 from Lymphoma. He was my shadow, my companion and best friend. His absence has left a huge hole in my life. Thank you Nancy & EGRR for letting me share the last eight years with Joey.



Rainbow Bridge



Candy – Julie Mascavage (2007) We lost our 13 year old Candy to cancer in August and miss her terribly. A Golden Oldie at age seven when she came into our lives, she was the best dog ever! Her former life was not so good, but the Candy we knew was a sweet soul who made friends wherever she went. She was a regular greeter at the bus stop and even had her own "ministry" spreading good cheer at our local Home Depot. She was loved by all and is now missed by all, even the cats.

Amber – Patricia Boyle (2006) Sweet Amber was a joy to have as my friend and companion. Whenever I did not feel well, she sit by me leaning on my leg and look up at me as if to say "feel better". She took care of me in other ways. Once I got on the floor to cut out a pattern and she nudged me with her nose and tried to help me get up. Thank you so much for finding Amber for me.



Belle – Susan Towner-Larson (2006) Belle loved the water! Here she is at Canon Beach with her two favorite people, my daughters. You can see she still looks longingly at the water. She was also a great "leaner," full of affection and remarkably able to sense when someone needed comforting or coaxing back to a good mood. She was always ready for a walk! With her gentle, loving nature she instantly worked her way into each family member's heart and won over every vet at the clinic where she was treated for lymphoma for several years. She was an amazing dog, a loving companion and is missed every day.



Rainbow Bridge



Moose – Duane and Barb Parry (2003) Our lives changed forever when Moose, an 18 month old Golden Retriever arrived at a shelter in Tacoma. The shelter called EGRR because he had Kennel Cough and the Kiesler's cared for him until he recovered. It was love at first sight and we took Moose home and started our life together. Life was full of excitement and enjoyment with Moose until a few months ago when we lost him from renal failure due to Lyme Disease. I cannot say any more, as it is too difficult, other than to thank EGRR for bringing such a beautiful spirit and so much enjoyment into our lives.

Jack – Barb Hale (2004) Jack was a great guy who loved life. A tummy rub, a butt scritch, and a nap on the sun were his favorite things. For Jack, that was the good life. His smiling face and silky fur made every one of my days better. He will be missed immensely.



Daisy – Roberta and Robert Hansen (1999) Daisy was an 80 pound lap dog. She loved to be loved and loved to give love. She was never without her red ball. When she lost it in the back yard we had to buy her a new one. Daisy was a kind and gentle soul and so very, very sweet. We miss her terribly.

Rainbow Bridge



Bo - Roger and Renee Dunaway (1999). Bo was a very important part of our family as he grew up along with our children. We took Bo with us on our family camping trips and trips to the mountains. Bo especially enjoyed running along the beach on the Pacific Coast (chasing Sea Gulls). We also took him to local waterfront parks on Bainbridge Island as he loved to swim and fetch sticks in the Sound. Our neighborhood had lots of children and Bo was loved by all of them. He would stand at the door “whimpering” whenever he heard the kids outside wanting out to go play with them. Bo is truly missed.

Bear – Cindy and Dave Yager (2010) Bear was just a joy to have around. He is the goofiest dog we have had and could always put a smile on our faces. He was also one of the bravest dogs I know. Before we adopted him, EGRR had a large growth removed from the top of his head. In the last year, through the relapses with his Myasthenia Gravis and his battle with cancer, he would forge ahead like nothing was wrong. He was truly an inspiration. We dearly miss him.



Where are they now???

By Sue Randall

The following dogs found their forever family during the past 3 months. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Lakota Age 6yo NM Lakota was released to rescue due to his owners inability to care for both he and his GR 'brother' following an accident to her back. As described to us he was said to be "an Eeyore... a how ya doing type". Also, though GR look alike, he was GR/lab mix. Now he is showing his ---how ya doing personality with his new Mom & Dad & older 'sister.



Misty Age 8+ yo SF Misty 's owner was moving into a facility that did not allow her to keep a large dog. She also lacked any particular training that made her somewhat high energy despite her age. She did very well with other dogs since her previous owner had several dachshunds that she interacted with very well. Her new owners have a 3 yo GR that works well as a playmate for this spry 8 year old.

Theo Age 10 YO Intact m. Theo 's family had an 8 month old child that Theo seemed not to approve of....at least when the child was allowed to crawl towards him. Theo was neutered and now lives with a family that understands a senior dog's needs & he has an 11 yo lab 'brother ' who is a companion to him. Yes he is a GR who sports a very close ... "summer cut" poor guy.



Joey age estimated to be a senior NM was found wondering & then picked up by animal control. He had a nasty paw injury that was treated and he is very much at home with his new forever home & doing well.

Where are they now???

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Sampson Age 4.5 YONM was relinquished to rescue by his family that were expecting twins. They felt he needed more attention that they were giving him. He now has anew family with 2 young children to play with. Sampson is in front in this photo.

Teigan Approx age 7+ yo NM Teigan was adopted by his family when they lived elsewhere but apparently became fearful of their young child. His new owner is a lady who has adopted several GR's previously & he loves his new home. After a haircut ! Groan !!!!



Tristan Age 13 months NM was relinquished to rescue by his owner who found him too energetic. He is now with his new family & learning to help her as a service dog.

Heidi Age 9 yo SF was relinquished by her owner who was moving. Heidi was a somewhat opinionated matriarch who was still a very active senior. Some weeks in foster care allowed her to learn some manner and then became a much loved member of a family that has adopted from rescue before.



Spotlight on our Volunteers



GINNY PARTRIDGE

Like so many of us living in the Pacific Northwest, Ginny Partridge is a transplant. Born in West Virginia, her family moved to Connecticut when she was in elementary school. After graduating from college, she moved to California to work as a television production assistant. After 10 years in that field, she realized what she really wanted to do was help people so she went to graduate school and became a Marriage and Family Therapist. In 1998, she decided it was time for a change and thought she'd see what living in Hansville, WA was like since she had friends near there and, like so many of us, she fell in love with this area. She established a private practice as a Marriage and Family Therapist and also worked part time as the receptionist in a small vet clinic.

Ginny grew up with Collies and she still has a soft spot in her heart for the breed. However, thanks to a childhood neighbor who had a Golden, Ginny wanted a Golden and acquired Shannon in 1984. Golden retrievers have been a part of her life ever since. After Shannon came Jessie who Ginny trained to do Pet Assisted Therapy. Currently, Ginny has two lovely Golden girls who make her days extra special and they are 4 year old Faith and 1 year old Briana.

Although she still has a small therapy practice and occasionally fills in at the vet clinic, Ginny is mostly retired which allows her time to volunteer with Faith in the local elementary school where they read with the second graders twice a week. She and Faith also enjoy doing Agility together including competing in many of the Agility trials in the area. Before Faith was ready to compete, Ginny volunteered regularly as a timer at many of the trials. Briana is not particularly interested in Agility and Ginny hopes that she will become her next therapy dog.



When Ginny decided to get involved in Rescue, she was concerned that her location would be a problem but as one of our Intake Coordinators, she is able to do all of the work by computer and phone. Due to Ginny's years of experience working with people and dogs and her caring and patient demeanor, Intake is an excellent fit for her and EGRR is thrilled to have her as a volunteer.



SPECIAL TAIL WAGS!!!!

A very special thank-you goes to Patty Higgins, retired Animal Control Officer for King County and long time Rescue friend, for donating most of the baskets for EGRC's Agility Trial Raffle which was held on Sept 1st and benefitted EGRR. She made and donated so many baskets that we have some for next year!



Tireless Fundraiser— Diane Murphy ran both the very successful raffle at the EGRC Labor Day Agility Trial and the raffle at the Reunion Picnic. Diane is shown here at the Reunion Picnic with the Booster Bath that was won by Gail and Mel Miller. Thank you, Diane!

Announcing – EGRR now has on-line applications available on our website. Thank you, Brad Kammerer, EGRR webmaster!



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EGRR would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Louis Ekorenrud on his passing. Memorial donations in Louis' name have been made to EGRR by the following people:

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