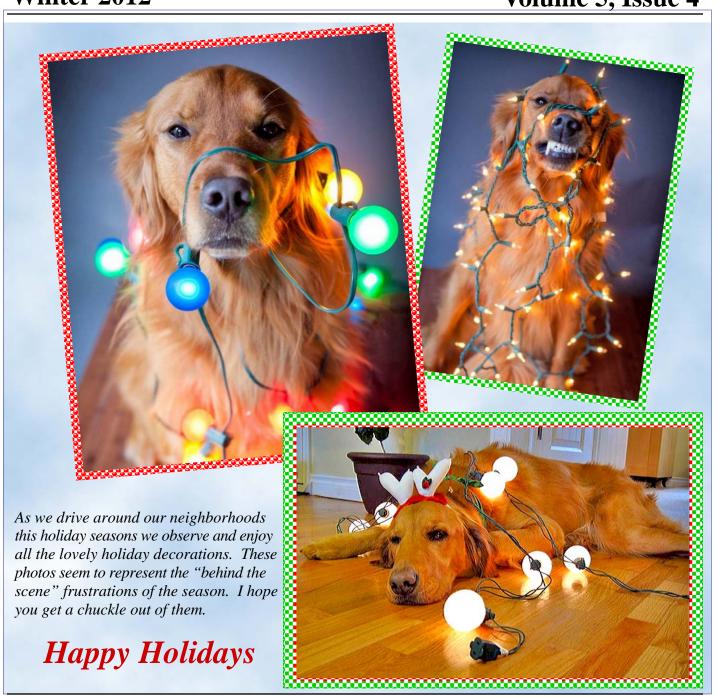
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From the President's Desk



We are almost to the end of 2012, and it has been another busy year for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)! And another year of success stories – Happy Endings. These success stories are due to the wealth of volunteer support, and the good fortune of financial support from members, outside people, our local EGRC Golden Retriever breed Club, the national Golden Retriever Rescue organization and from multiple fund-raising activities. We also must give a tip of the hat to the wonderful extra efforts and generous backing of veterinarians in our area, all of whom seek to have EGRR reach its Rescue goals.

EGRR is on track to place about 45 to 50 dogs this year. This number has been about the same as the past three or four years, but all of which are lower than the numbers historically from several years ago. While the numbers of dogs may be a little less than ten years ago, the incidence of more serious medical conditions is much higher and we are taking in more dogs that are older. As a result the outlay for the costs of veterinary care continues to increase. Intake of Rescue dogs has come in waves this year, which is quite typical. During the summer we were into a very quiet lull. However, within a week or so in September, we took in about ten dogs. This swamped our foster home situation and we had doubling up and tripling up in some foster homes. The good news is that almost all of the Goldens in this influx and almost all other dogs coming in throughout the Fall have been placed in very, very nice homes.

At an organization level, we have a new Board in place since May. In fact, it is the first Board that does not contain any Directors on it that were part of the originating Board several years ago when EGRR was incorporated as a non-profit, 501c3 charitable organization. So a testimony to being able to bring new people into the organization, people who are willing to lead various functions. We have a healthy membership, and a growing number are stepping forward to help with volunteering, which really helps – more hands make light work. As an example, we have recently received more applications for homes to be Foster Homes, and all we can say to that is "Many Thanks". Without foster homes, there is no intake of needy Goldens, and during these waves of intake, it is great to have the homes available to accommodate Rescues for a few days until an applying adopter is contacted.

So as 2012 comes to a close, it is time to think about our membership drive for 2013. We sincerely look forward to the continued support – it is great!!!

All the best for the Holidays, and may everyone have a Happy New Year in 2013! EGRR intends to make sure another 40, 50 or 60 Rescue Goldens have a Happy outcome next year!

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

2013 Membership Drive

Gudday All, Nick Thain here, your new Friendly Neighborhood Membership Guy. I'd like to say thanks for being members of EGRR, as members you promote responsible dog ownership and in 2012 you've all helped more homeless Goldens find their forever home. Pat yourselves on the back - Y'all Rock.

Thing is, 2013 will no doubt bring many more needy Goldens our way, and they're going to need our help. The first thing we all need to do is renew our annual memberships, and the good news there is yet again we've kept the fee down to \$10. Yep, we're nuts, but we're generous (we ARE a Rescue, after all...) We made it real easy too; just renew on-line from our website (www.egrr.net) or fill in the Application Form (in this newsletter) and mail it in to Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue, PO Box 3088, Renton, WA 98056. (Non-WA residents, please use the special form we made just for you ①).

Where will that \$10 go? I'm so glad you asked, as I had some bullet points ready to roll:

- EGRR is staffed by volunteers.
- We'll spend around \$20,000 in vet bills this year, and around \$10,000 in other operating costs.
- Adoption fees from adopters cover around \$10,000.
- Once you do the math, it's clear that EGRR depends on other funding sources, namely **Donations.**
- EGRR is a 501c3 charitable organization so WA residents, we ask that you consider **donations as they are tax deductible!**

The Pacific Northwest is FULL of dog lovers, so ask friends, relatives and colleagues to become members. Do it for the doggies! Cheers!





"I love having a nice warm bed and a family to care for me!"

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)





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It's All About the Dogs

By Nancy Kiesler

In Rescue circles across the country, there is the widespread feeling that breed clubs and their membership do not support Rescue. Sadly, in many cases this is true. Admittedly, when I started in Rescue I had similar feelings but fortunately I have good friends who both breed Goldens and are involved in Rescue and they have shown me how compatible these two activities can be. After all, we all love our breed and are committed to its welfare. Responsible hobby breeders work to produce dogs that are true to the standard for that breed in structure, health, intelligence and temperament. They also require the puppy

buyer return the dog to them if they are unable to keep the dog at any time in the dog's life. Therefore, their dogs do not end up using Rescue resources. Without these reputable breeders, there would be a greater market for backyard breeders and large scale or puppy mill type breeders whose sole goal is to make money.

EGRR is very fortunate to have a close relationship with the local breed club, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC). Many of our EGRR volunteers are also EGRC members and several have held office in EGRC including being President. In fact, I like to brag about this relationship whenever the opportunity presents itself because sadly too few Rescues groups are as fortunate.

This relationship and spirit of teamwork was very apparent at the Pet Expo which was held November 3rd and 4th in Puyallup. Each shift was staffed by volunteers from EGRR and EGRC. During the 4 hour shift that I worked, I was impressed by the fact that whether the topic discussed was purchasing a puppy or adopting a Rescue Golden, all of the volunteers fielded the questions with confi-

dence and diplomacy. Additionally, two EGRC members came with their dogs prepared to work for Rescue. Both do obedience and field training with their dogs and part of the training is teaching the dog to pick up and hold an item. These volunteers put this training to good use by having their dog hold a basket in their mouth while they explained to those visiting our booth that all donations were for Rescue. Basket in mouth, sometimes taking turns and sometimes teaming up, Mia and Jackson worked the crowd like a



couple of pros. Most people who stopped to look fell victim to their charms and happily reached into their wallets to extract a donation. In four hours, they made over \$200 for Rescue!!! Thank you Mia and Jackson, and their Moms, Claudia Shaw and Deb Pampiks, and all of the volunteers for your hard work and for providing a perfect example of what can be accomplished when we work together.



And where are they now??? By Suc

By Sue Randall

The following dogs found their forever homes during the past 3 months. Thank you everyone that helped.

Ginger Age 6yo SF Given up by her owner due to illness. Ginger, now Jin-Jin is a loving companion to a person that wanted a Velcro dog which she is.

Daisy Age 640 SF Sibling to Ginger, she is now known as Diva and is doted on by her now owner being wonderful companion to her.

Roxy Age 4yo SF had to share her life with visiting dogs that the owner cared for as a dog sitter. She was not a happy dog doing so. Now she has owners that have no other dogs & is a happy dog by herself.

Hunter Age 4yo NM had 3 homes in his short life. He came into rescue and now is part of a family with younger adults as well as older family members who will be his constant companions.



Roxy Age 7yo SF who was a member of a 2 dog pack that did not get along. Roxy became an individual canine with her new forever home that and she appreciates life as an only dog.

Chloe a 2yo SF was with a family that ran their own business & now have a new infant to care for. Chloe's owners did not think they had enough time for Chloe. She now has 2 teenage boys to keep her busy and adults that love her a lot.



Porter Age 640 NM came to rescue from the same home Chloe came from. He too now has a teenage young person to love him and be a constant companion.

Greta Age 10-12yo SF. Another wee old lady that was a stray the shelter asked for our help to place her. Her happy demeanor & activity level was no indication of her apparent age, though her many health issues were suggesting she could be such a senior. Now she is a loved companion of an older person. May they have a long & happy life together.



And where are they now???

Daisy Age 11 yoSF GR mix. She was companion to her homeless owner. Now she is one of a family who adore her & she has a bed to lie oneven the guests bed if she can manage it. ©





Jefferson Age 15 month old NM His military family were unable to take him with their relocation. He is now with another young family who keep him busy.

Henry Age approx. 8yo NM Named as such by his foster home as his girth was that of Henry VIII. © He was a stray who was such a very gentle giant weighing 130#.. Now he is a family member with a diet restriction that is getting his weight down with much love & attention. I hope the name stays none the less.





Moose age approx. 8yo NM was part of a canine pack of 9 dogs. His owner had to downsize with her move & gave him up to rescue. He became 'MO' and has learned to appreciate that the people in his life are ones he can interact with and he can show an attachment to.

Champ Age 5yo NM whose owners went through some hardships in their life and Champ had to go!! He is a very sweet dog whose lack of socialization was apparent in his submissiveness. Boy, could he run though. © His new Mom will work to have him gain confidence & trust the people he meets.





Molly Age 6yo SF whose owners found they did not have time for the dogs anymore. Her brother is also in foster care waiting for his new forever home. Molly is now with her new family who will give her the attention she deserves.

Finding the Perfect Therapy Dog

By Kathy Hobson



When I was 23 my Mom had a massive stroke and was bed ridden for over 20 years. I use to sneak my first golden Jake into the nursing home to visit her. She would light up and her smile would fill the room when he walked in. Everyone loved Jake and would stop by to say "Hi", even nurses and doctors. But sadly, Jake would not have made a good therapy dog. Having a ball crazy golden would not work, especially when they would put tennis balls on the bottom of the walkers so they don't slide on the floor. Try telling that little old person "it's ok, it's ok - he just wants the balls on the bottom of your walker!" So several years later I took the Delta Society class with my rescue golden, Jessie. She was a field breed with a lot of energy and a love for people. Even at approximately 7 yrs old she had too much energy to be the perfect therapy dog.

Australian Sheppard's are not known to make good therapy dogs but Mason was well socialized at a very young age. I got him with the plan

to do agility but knew right away that something was different. I thought that it was strange how he just wanted to be with people and get attention, just like a golden! Ah! I'd found my perfect therapy dog.

So I took a special preparation class for the test administered by the Pet Partners (formally Delta Society), an organization that promotes the expansion of therapeutic and service roles for animals in human health, service and education. Pet Partners focuses not only on the dog, but on the handler. They want to make sure the handler is going to be able to help the dog succeed. You have to show you can handle your dog and that your dog trusts you.

Mason has a special vest he wears when making therapy visits. When visiting the VA hospital or UW Rehab center, I work with the nursing staff to get an idea which rooms would be good for us to visit. Then we simply knock on patients' doors, and ask if they would like a visit from a therapy dog. I visit with the patient letting them pet Mason or just have him sit near them. It's a stress reliever for the patients and a nice break in their day.

We also visit the Ronald McDonald house (RMH) and are involved with Reading with Rover. Some organizations (Reading with Rover and RMH) have their own classes and test if you want to just visit them,

but under Pet Partners we can visit all of these places and more. I recommend taking the Pet Partner classes at Healing Paws with Christi Dudzik. Christi has been involved with Pet therapy since 1993 (www.healingpaws.com) and there is a lot of good information at Pet Partners website www.petpartners.org.

Mason has his own webpage and trading cards with his picture and some statistics—his breed, favorite toy, date of birth, etc. (http://bit.ly/Ty1RHE)

The picture was taken at a Howl-a-ween party at RMH. There was a little boy that was so ill he could not go out trick or treating so the dogs came to him! I love seeing people smile, especially the kids and I love sharing Mason with them.



Happy Endings



By Claire Williams



Adopting Max from Golden Retriever Rescue is one of the best decisions we've made. We adopted him when he was about three and we've had him for three years, so he six years old now. Max is a loveable and sweet dog. He's fun to be with and easy to take care of. Max likes to "talk" to tell us what he wants. It's kind of a howling sound. He does it when he's hungry, if he's excited about something or just misses us. We take him wherever we can and when we can't we have a house sitter that will stay with him until we're back and we make sure Max likes them. Every morning he gets a long walk to the park and he chases his tennis ball. Max is obsessed about chasing his tennis ball like any other dog. He has a basket of tennis balls and a basket of chew toys, and everyday he picks out the toy or ball he wants to play with. Every night he sleeps on my parent's bed and occasionally mine. He's a part of our family and we are very glad we found him.





Sharing The Joy Of Fostering

Saving a Dog's Life Is a Big Deal! By Leslea McLean

I can tell you from experience that in addition to being extremely fulfilling, becoming a foster home with EGRR is really much easier than most people think. You don't need to be rich or talented. You do not have to be a professionally trained dog whisperer or have the perfect home and tons of spare time. If you can offer a warm place to sleep, a little fresh air and exercise, and a reassuring pat on the head, you can be the gateway to the start of a Golden Retriever's brand new life of love and happiness. You supply the heart and home, and we'll supply the dog and a mentor to give you support and guidance whenever it's needed.

I don't think it's a stretch to call our foster parents angels on earth, but in reality they are people just like you, with a little time and a lot of love to share. Find out how you can be a part of our Golden Guardian team and start the process of saving a Golden Retriever's life today by contacting EGRR at goldenrescue@egrr.net







Editor's note: Thank you for all the great photos. Although I could not use all of them I will have them in the archives for future use. Please send me nice quality photos to use in future issue.

"Grooming Your Golden"

by Morningsage Goldens
Photos and Text - Joanne Lastoka Jan. 18, 2001
GRCA would like to thank Joanne Lastoka for donation of these pages on Golden Retriever grooming.

Thank you to the Golden Retriever Club of America for allowing EGRR to reprint this article.

GROOMING TUTORIAL - FEET

TOOLS: Straight shears Thinning shears

PREPARATION: Trim the nails first!

Nail trimming, is easily done with a good quality Large Dog nail clipper, which I prefer over the guillotine type clippers. Have some Quick Stop powder or other styptic powder for stopping bleeding if you do accidentally cut too short. If you don't have that, some cornstarch or baking soda will also work, just pack it into the nail, and keep the dog quiet and out of water for a few minutes. With the this photo as a guide, you are unlikely to have an accident happen, if you trim a little at a time, and don't have a dog that is jerking and trying to pull away. Do NOT yell at your dogs or whack on them during your grooming sessions! Keep the sessions short, talk calmly and authoritatively to them, insisting that they hold and "S T A Y- Y" while you work on them, the give them lots of praise!

On some very overgrown nails, you might also double check the length of the quick by looking under the nails. If the nails are extremely over-grown, you may have to trim a little at a time and often to get them shortened. A nail grinder is also wonderful tool, and often I find that dogs that are frightened, and fight having their nails trimmed with a regular hand trimmer, are perfectly fine with the electric grinder!

The red arrows on the photo show where you should make your final trip. Note: if you are using grinders, do not grind for more than a couple of seconds at at time on one nail, as the heat from the grinder friction on the nail can also be painful. Do a little at a time on all nails and take special care not to catch the grinder in feathering or other hair!

Do not forget to trim the Dew Claw, which sits higher on the inside of the front leg. If this is not trimmed, it can literally turn and grow back into the dog's foot and cause real problems.



This is a light colored toenail, that you can see the "quick" easily, Note the nail begins to curve downward just past the pink "quick"...so the rule is, even with a black nail, trim it just to where it begins its downward curve. In most cases, you will not cut the quick if following this rule.

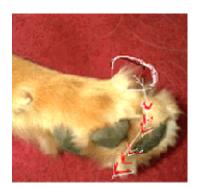
Editor's Note: This tutorial is excellent but don't expect miracles as it takes practice. I suggest you do the front feet and take a break (even a day or two) and then tackle the back feet. After doing this several times you will find it is easier and your dog's feet look better each time.

Grooming Your Golden continued...



Here is a photo of a fuzzy, untrimmed front foot, about 3 weeks' growth

The fuzz growing from between toes, circled here in this photo should be pushed down through the dog's toes with your finger.







The foot should be held backwards. (whether using a grooming table, or grooming on the floor), and the straight edge sheers are then laid flat (parallel) to the pads of the dogs foot and all of the unruly hair trimmed even with the bottom of the pads, including the fuzz you just pushed through from the top of the foot (Fig 1a) Do NOT trim the hair from between the pads either from the top, or the bottom of the foot! If you make that mistake, you will have a splayed and flattened foot; ugly to look at, and not in keeping with the Breed Standard, that says "tight and cat-like", and certainly not ready for the show ring!

Grooming Your Golden continued...

Next, use the straight shears around the outside perimeter of each pad, working for the most part, with the foot held backwards and working from underneath. This is an additional view to the left, just to show how you are skirting the edge of the pads on the outside of the foot.





Now... back to the fuzz on top of the foot. I had you push it down through the toes and then trim it flat and even with the pads on the bottom of the foot. NOW I want you to pull it back to the top of the foot with your fingers so it is straight out as in the photo to the left. Then with the thinning shears make one thinning cut, making sure you are making your thinning cut only in the fuzz. Then STOP. Brush the hair down with a bristle brush, or push down with your fingers. Look at your progress with the dog standing on the grooming table. You may also pluck a small amount of this fuzzy hair out with your fingers, but remember don't remove a lot of it! Not done yet, but we will come back for finishing!

In this photo, I am showing the angle of the straight shears held perpendicular to (and actually laying on) the large pad on the front foot. I am holding the toes with my thumb and forefingers, to enable laying the shears on the large pad. The pasterns are usually only trimmed up from the pad about 3/4" to 1" max for show purposes, so as not to give the dog a weakened look to his pastern. You do not do this trimming closely, either with scissors or with an electric clipper, this is why you are trimming even with the level of the large pad. In my opinion an electric clipper has no place in the Golden Retrievers grooming tool box.





Here again, with straight shears: showing the trimming of the front pastern. I prefer using the 3/4" trim only, and of course you are trimming across the width of the foot while doing this.

Grooming Your Golden continued...

This photo is showing the perpendicular final trim on the fuzz over the toenails of both the front & back feet. You may use either the straight blade shear, or the thinning shears for this, but I suggest the thinning shears until you are well practiced. Do not lay the shears in toward the foot when doing this, keep them coming straight up from the table. This must be done with the dog standing. The thinning shears may be used with rapid-consecutive cuts (held perpendicular to table) as shown above, around the general shape of the toes (outside edge of front & rear feet).





This is the final trim around the feet, front & back, with the dog standing on the table. The tip and bottom blade of your straight shears should be resting on the table. When trimming around the nails, depending on the type of foot the dog has, I may decide to trim more away from the toenails, to shorten the appearance of the toes, but in most cases, you do not want to expose the toenails, and should not need to, especially on the back feet. Just slide the shear along the nail to trim as shown.

If at this final look at the foot, you are still not satisfied because you still have "fuzz" on top of the toes, pull the fuzzy hairs out away from the foot once again, and at the outside edge of the fuzz, angle your thinning shears so they will make the cut closer (or shorter) near the toenail, and longer near the top of the toe as shown in this photo. Thin one stroke or cut at a time, brush the foot and look, with the dog standing on it; this should take no more than 1 very light thinning cut, possibly two.





Finished front foot

Trimming the hock is simple. Brush the hair out from the foot and hock. Using your straight edge shears, make a vertical cut, perpendicular to the table the total length of the hock, leaving the hair length at least 3/4" to 1" long at the back of the hock as an end result. If the dog has an excess of hair, you may thin it a little with thinning shears. The dotted blue lines in the photo give you an idea of where to trim, then brush down, and neaten up at the back of the pad. You are neatening up the "line", but you do not want to trim too short...note the actual hock is a good distance away from my dotted line!





Finished rear foot

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven is a place ealled 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 together......



Rocket - Brett and Laurie Beden (2005) Rocket was a stray picked up in the Shoreline area and turned over to EGRR. We saw him at Sue Randall's house while he was 'suds up' getting his bath. We took him home that afternoon. From 01/05 to 05/05 Rocket went to work with me almost every day. He and I made numerous road trips to AZ during the next 5 years. He was a neurotic mess when we got him, but continued training and attention brought him around to being the best dog I have ever had. Rocket's gone, but he'll never be forgotten.



Rainbow Bridge



CJ – Arlene and Mike Dannat (2003) Our family was blessed to have CJ for 9 wonderful years, he was truly what you would expect a Golden Retriever to be - THE BEST DOG EVER!!! Life without him leaves a giant hole in our hearts, but we are so thankful that he didn't suffer and was met at the Rainbow Bridge by Brandy. CJ you were such an amazing, loyal, wonderful part of our family and you will be forever in our hearts. Thank you for being such a big part of our lives and for always greeting us with your "bouncy" ways...We love you and miss you.

Shasta – Kristi and Ron Bennett (2001) Shasta came to us as a 2 year old in 2001. He immediately became an integral member of our young family (a 6 month old and 2 year old human brother and sister). He went everywhere with us. He loved to take walks all over the neighborhood and was known and loved by all! We lost him this fall at almost 14 yrs of age to osteosarcoma. He will always have a special place in our hearts.





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IMPORTANT DATES

Mark you calendar

Sunday, May 5, 2013 EGRR Rescue Annual Members' Meeting

EGRR Rescue Third Annual Summer Picnic will be held during the summer months. The date will be announced in a later issue.

Memorial Donations

In memory of Louis Ekorenrud Cecile and Anita Lipscomb

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