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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



Golden Nuggets Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) held its Annual Members' Meeting on May 5 and we have a new Board to see the organization through to 2014. The new Director joining the Board team is Jean Thies who will take on the position of Secretary, replacing Diane Murphy who has wonderfully fulfilled that role for the past five years. Many thanks, Diane! The returning Directors who remain with me on the Board are Kathy Hobson, as Vice President, Meg Brooks, as Treasurer, and Brad Kammerer, Mel Miller and Vicky Smith. The Annual Meeting also saw obedience training courtesy of Gayle Sackett and Gail Miller, and a grooming demonstration from Frank and Deb Pampiks and Claudia Shaw, with able assistance from Gayle Sackett, Diane Murphy and Sue Randall. Thanks to everyone for adding to the meeting output!!!

On the Rescue Front - The Year Continues with Elder Dog Highs

Abbey, who we nicknamed "Abbey Road" came into Rescue in April at age 13 years old having lived her life entirely as an outdoor dog, sleeping on hard surfaces. Happily, Abbey is now adopted into a great household already home to two other senior dogs. Yeah! Here is the new "Indoor Abbey Road".



Willie (right in photo), rescued at age 14 in mid-May from the Tacoma Shelter, is now bedded down in a foster home in Seattle and with a smile on his face. Sadly, we lost his brother, Sampson (left in photo), also rescued from the shelter at the same time. Sampson suddenly succumbed to his lymphoma a mere 8 days after coming into Rescue a week – But..., it was one very wonderful, happy go lucky, kick up the paws week of chasing frisbees and eating a hearty diet. Thanks a lot to Allan and Nancy Kiesler for springing Willie and Sampson, and to Jean Thies and Laura Keim for fostering them and seeing to their enjoyment of life!!!



From the President's Desk *continued from page 2*

These are two perfect flagship examples to showcase the Rescue Mission:

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Successful Education Booth Held in March

On the activity front, March saw Rescue participation in a two-day educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club dog show in downtown Seattle. Lots of good information on Rescue at the booth, and lots of foot traffic and questions on how to adopt a dog, how to help out, signing up to volunteer and just general interest. Of course there were plenty of people stopping just to pet the Goldens helping out at the booth!! Many thanks to all those who came out to man the booth and dedicate their time, and to Maddy Wiley for putting out the word and garnering enough volunteers for the two days! Appreciated!

Now... - Mark Your Calendars!!!

Helpers needed for the Macy's Shop for a Cause day on Saturday, August 24 which raises money for charities. Contact Gail Miller. EGRR Rescue benefits financially through selling and keeping the entire proceeds of the tickets to the Macy's sale day and shoppers benefit through sale discounts!! A win-win all around.

Thanks to all our volunteers for participating in these Rescue events and lending those wonderful helping hands! These all make for another 50 or 60 happy rescued dogs in 2013.

3rd Annual Summer Rescue Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 14 for the 3rd Annual Summer Rescue Picnic. Same place as last year at the Lions Camp on the Cedar River in Maple Valley. Noon to 3 pm. Lots planned to do to engage the dogs, and to thank our volunteers, adopters and members. More on that in this Newsletter. See you all there!!



Starfish Award

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean.

“Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?,” he asks.

“Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don’t throw them further in they will die.”

“But, old man, don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can’t possibly save them all, you can’t even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won’t make any difference at all.”

The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and throw it into the sea. “It made a difference to that one.”



Congratulations, Team Randall

Every year the Golden Retriever Club of America’s National Rescue Committee chooses an individual or individuals and a Rescue group to receive the Starfish Award. The purpose of the Starfish Award is “to recognize individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to Golden Retriever rescue efforts, either in their own local rescue program, through the assistance of another rescue organization, or through individual effort.” ***Congratulations to our own Richard and Susan Randall for winning the 2012 Starfish Award in the individual category!*** It is certainly well deserved and EGRR is very proud of them!! The award will be presented to the winners during the Rescue Parade at the National Specialty in Wichita, Texas in October and Rich and Sue hope to travel there to receive it in person.





The Star Award

Congratulations Nancy

The award is named after a rescue Golden, named Star, who was taken in by EGRR several years ago and whose fitness and condition were in dire straits. After a year of intensive nursing by several EGRR volunteers, Star's health improved dramatically and he was adopted into a loving forever home. Star has since passed away, but his memory remains. He was also renowned for having been the first Golden Retriever to formally join EGRR as a Supporting Golden member. His forging of a pathway to membership has caused almost 100 other canines to follow his lead and join EGRR as official members!

The Star Award was instituted by Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue in 2011 to recognize and show appreciation for outstanding generosity, support, dedication or efforts on behalf of or for Rescue. The decision on awarding a Star Award is made by the Board of Directors.

The 2013 award was presented to Nancy Kiesler for her noble services to the cause of Rescue, and to EGRR in particular, across many years. The Star Award was presented to Nancy at the Annual Members' Meeting on May 5th.

Congratulations to Nancy on a well-deserved award!

Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic A Big Success!!

Thanks to the efforts of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) and the dedication of Dr. Thomas Sullivan from the Animal Eye Clinic in Seattle, 49 Golden Retrievers underwent screening for Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) at EGRC's annual PU Clinic in April. Of these 49 Golden Retrievers, more than half were EGRR dogs. EGRR adopters rock!! This year only 5 dogs were found to have PU probably because many of these dogs had been screened previously. Dr. Sullivan believes that as many as 30% of all Golden Retrievers have PU and recommends yearly screening starting at age four. If you were not able to bring your dog to this clinic, you should make an individual appointment with the Animal Eye Clinic or a canine ophthalmologist near you. Leah from the Animal Eye Clinic reminded us that the cost of an individual appointment to check for PU and other genetic problems is only \$37.00 at their clinic and is money well spent. If your dog does not have PU, you will gain peace of mind in knowing this. If your dog is diagnosed with PU, early treatment is critical and will reduce the likelihood of it progressing to Glaucoma which can progress to blindness and pain which then requires surgical removal of the eye. This condition is largely unknown by pet Golden owners so spread the word among your Golden friends.



And where are they now???

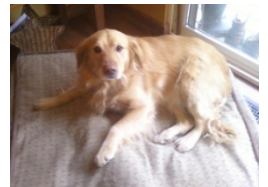
By Sue Randall

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

Benji Age approx. 10 to 12 YO Neutered M. This GReat old man originally came into rescue at the beginning of 2012. His then owner was moving & unable to take him. After some surgery due to a large abdominal mass removal, & then recovery time in his foster home, he rebounded & showed himself to be a very sweet & amicable dog. Benji was adopted & much loved in his new home. Unfortunately he later became unable to live with his owner as he had incontinence issues & his owner worked a long day with no doggie door. His foster home was happy to have him come back. He was then vetted & diagnosed with Cushing's disease, for which he was treated & he did show improvement. Benji lived happily with his foster family & their dogs for about 3 more months. Sadly one morning it was apparent Benji was not doing well. He was at the vet immediately where it was confirmed he would not recover, x-rays showing disease had taken over his body. He crossed Rainbow Bridge at the end of January. He had a happy life for the year, loved by many for the time he was known to rescue, especially his foster family.



Daisy Age 2.5 yo spayed F. that came into rescue from her then owner as a very timid poorly socialized young dog, originally adopted by them as a pup from a shelter. She is adopted by a family that has other dogs that include 2 small Papillion's as well as a very calm Rhodesian Ridgeback. Daisy will benefit greatly from the companionship of these other dogs & her new human family.



Rusty Age approx. 9 yo neutered M. He was given up by his owners & in a foster home for several months due to some medical issues needing attention. He is now adopted & has a loving home that are very experience in ownership of Golden Retrievers & having senior dogs.

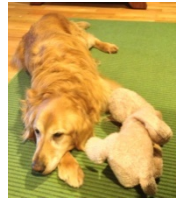


Forest Age 6 months old Intact M. He came into rescue due to medical issues of continuous gastric problems despite continuous vetting by his owner. Forest was a typical happy rambunctious young Golden who showed no sign of illness during his weeks in foster care. He is adopted by a family with a young human sibling that can keep him amused, & each can do training together. Rescue expects to follow up making sure Forest will be neutered at an appropriate age of approximately 1 year.

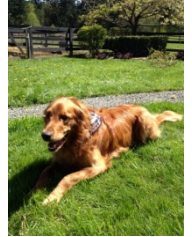


And where are they now???

Cody Age Approximately 6 or 7 yo Neutered M, a stray that was adopted by a gentleman who reported 'he was tired of speaking to the raccoons.' Now he has Cody to speak to & Cody is all ears! ☺.....well his owner believes so.



Harley Age 5.5.yo Neutered M whose family found their lifestyle no longer could give him the time they thought he needed. He is now with a young family getting all the attention that makes him a happy dog.



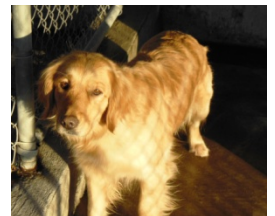
Abbey Age 13 yo spayed F This matriarch was given up by her elderly owner who due to his medical issues found he could no longer care for her. Quite active & agile, still enjoying chasing balls, Abbey now lives with 2 other senior dogs where she enjoys her new owners, her Dad particularly, I have been told. ☺



Mitzi Age 7 yo spayed F is a dog that prefers to have her owners undivided attention. Her new owner has no other dogs or cats which is just fine Mitzi believes. She wallows with the undivided attention of her new owner.



Honey age approx 2 yo Intact F came into rescue via first the shelter, then animal control after she went walk about for a few weeks Collars that slip too easily can do that folks!! This is/was one rather shy, skittish young dog who's not telling what her past history is that created her sad demeanor. Honey spent time in a foster home well able to work with her shyness, & wouldn't you know she decided they HAD to keep her. ☺ You'd never know Honey is the same dog now & so very much loved by her Mom & Dad & canine siblings.



Sam(pson) Age 14 yo Intact M. Sam came into rescue recently from a shelter where his homeless owner had left both he & his 14 yo sibling. Both needed a soft bed & some TLC that they received willingly from their foster family. It was only a week later Sam crossed over Rainbow Bridge. It was long enough that he received the love & attention from his new family, no longer a homeless dog, & leaving his sibling in their care. Rest well Sam, you will be missed!!



Happy Endings



We are fortunate to have two Happy Endings articles this month. Enjoy both of them

A Dog With a Job to Do

By Rhonda Coombes

Tristan's new life began when EGRR called me and told me that I should go check out the 26 inch, 86 pound, 13 month old male pup that had just been surrendered. He was larger than I originally wanted but I went to meet him anyway. His foster mom, Bobbie Miller, told me about the walks that they had taken and how well he got along with children. We talked about her bringing him to the Highland Games that coming weekend, and decided to go for it. I knew that seeing his reaction and behavior there would tell me all I needed to know about him. After passing that with flying colors, he only had 2 more hurdles to clear, hip and elbow X-rays and a second opinion. His hips and elbows cleared and my vet fell in love with him, so off to Paws-Abilities we met with Dana Babb. Dana was very impressed by him so he was enrolled in Basic Obedience. By the end of the 6 weeks he had gone from Basic to Beyond Basic. Teaching him to retrieve was next and.... well, he is a Golden Retriever.

Toby my first Service dog, also a rescue, crossed the Rainbow Bridge in December and, as if Tristan and Toby had discussed it, he started doing the things that Toby had figured out for himself. In addition to retrieving the things I drop, he helps me with the laundry and tells me if I am going to have an asthma attack, headache or if I am in pain. Sometimes I know that he is telling me and sometimes I miss it as I am still learning to recognize his signals. If I miss it someone else will catch it and ask me if I am feeling alright and without fail something is happening.

Tristan has made many friends since he started working. He has been to Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, NW Trek and of course, stores and restaurants, he always receives compliments from either people walking by or the employees.

A story I would like to share about him concerns a little girl Tristan and I met one Sunday morning while we were greeting people. She came over to me and asked me, "What does he do for you?". I had her drop her bulletin and he picked it up and gave it back to her. She laughed, thanked me and left and I thought that was the end of it but I was wrong. She brought her little brother over and wanted Tristan to do it again and of course he was very happy to do so. In the last 10 months Tristan has gone from being a 13 month old pup his first owner couldn't handle to my constant partner. No matter where I am Tristan is close by ready to give me a helping hand. In his "down" time he plays with my rescue Sheltie, Tigger or with whatever dog or dogs happen to be visiting. He was especially good with the two pups that stayed with us for ten days. Tristan has become more than a pet and companion but someone who makes my life better.



Happy Endings



On May 9th we celebrated our one year anniversary of the adoption of Max (formerly known as Mace), into our family. When Max came into our family he was just barely 8 months old. He was slightly neglected by his previous caretaker, before being turned over to EGRR, being around 10lbs underweight, and having some undiagnosed tummy troubles, but the fact that he was so sweet and happy and already had some manners told us he was definitely loved by his original owner, and we fell in love instantly.

Max came to us with an intense love for tennis balls, only tennis balls, no other kind of ball suits his fancy. Max has the luxury of growing up on Lake Tapps, and his most favorite game is to drop the tennis ball in to the shallows of the lake and sink it (whether by chewing a hole in it, or waterlogging it), then scoops it back up to the surface.... Over and over, and over again. And of course because he's a Golden, getting him to stay out of the water is absolutely impossible.

Max's tummy troubles continued after we brought him home. At first we thought it was the antibiotics, then the stress of a new home, and the stresses of the new food. We had so many vet visits, blood tests, de-wormers, food changes, and visits to the specialists, in Max's first several months home. We were exhausted and so was he. We remembered that we had listed, on our application, that we were not capable of handling a rescue that had 'special needs', and more than once we prayed for strength enough to continue? He was our baby, one of our children, a member of our family.

Our next step was to undergo more invasive and aggressive tests, when we looked in to our hearts and stuck with the instincts that had guided our decisions with our five other 2-legged children. We decided to go back to basics. For about the last 8 months we have been making Max's food, homemade (two hours, every two weeks). From the very first day of the homemade food diet, there was immediate and drastic improvement. Through the help of pet nutritionists, we have learned more about our Max's digestive track than we ever thought imaginable. It works for our us, and we're all happy and healthy!

We've enjoyed showing Max the world. He has met new friends (2-legged and 4-legged alike), been hiking, and swimming, and is our 'Pampered Pooch'. Our 10 year old son is currently trying to teach Max to give high-fives and my 20 year old (who swears he doesn't like dogs) volunteers to take Max out to fetch the tennis ball every day...Max was bound and determined to make a dog-lover out of him. Max has learned that the neighbor's vegetable garden is not an all you can eat buffet, that grandmas do not like to be jumped on, and that no matter how much fun it is to roll in dead things at the Lake, nobody wants to pet you afterward.

We have enjoyed all of the love and companionship Max has given to us, and the challenges have only solidified our bond. We look forward to many, many more years ahead together. We are eternally thankful to EGRR for allowing us the opportunity to be a forever family.

"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 - TAIL/SHOULDERS

TOOLS:

Thinning shears

PREPARATION:

Brush the tail thoroughly, making sure all traces of tangles or mats are removed.

Don't let this task daunt you, it isn't that hard, just do a little at a time, over a period of several days, until you have the effect you desire. The Breed Standard reads that the tail should just reach the dogs hocks, and though some dogs will have a slightly longer tail, your goal is to trim the tail to the length as closely as possible, and still not have the tail look noticeable sculptured. The Goldens' tail has a rounder, fuller look when groomed, and the triangular wedge seen on an Irish Setter with a "break" at the base of the tail, is NOT the look desired. The area at the base of the tail is customarily not groomed to separate the tail from the feathering on the butt, as is done with the Setters in particular for the show ring, although on a heavily feathered dog, some shortening of the length can be done to keep the dog cleaner.



Hold the tail down to the hock and place your thumb at the point where the end of the tail meets the hock to mark the length you will trim the tail to match. Note: in the photo, an imaginary line drawn from the thumb will just meet the top of the dogs hock. This will be the final length of the tail.



Using the thinning shears, start trimming just past that point, giving yourself some leeway, especially if you are a beginner.

Grooming Your Golden continued...

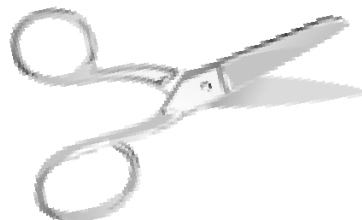


On the majority of dogs, especially if having never had their tails trimmed before, you will have quite a ragged edge of sometimes quite lengthy feathering, often much longer at the tip, and also very long at the point in this photo that my thinning shear is just beginning to come to. I make the initial cut the length this way, then come back, moving side to side across the tail breadth, making light and fleeting cuts to blend up the sides of the tail, so blunt cuts are not glaring at you. More extreme length of the feathering at the tails' base should be trimmed a little also, this particular dog does not have an abundance of tail feathering or coat at this time.



Lift the tail and begin thinning, rounding the length of the tail feathering slightly as you go toward the base. The dog in the illustration had his tail trimmed not that many weeks prior to the photo, so you need to look closely to see that I am trimming about 1" of feathering off.

ANOTHER SIMPLE WAY to groom the length of the tail is to twirl, or wind the feathering of the last 5 or 6 inches of the tail around the tail tightly toward the tip, then hold it tightly with one hand. Bring you thumb and forefinger to tip of tail still holding the wound feathering tightly, so that you can feel the end bone of the tail. Use your thinning shears to cut the feathering straight off, within about 1" of the tip of the bone/end of tail. Without letting go of the trimmed tail, but dropping your hold down about an inch or slightly more, begin using the thinners to trim the tail so that it looks like a half of pom-pom, by angling cuts from the sides to the center, leaving the pom-pom a little "higher" in the center, i.e. a nice ROUND shaped tip of tail. When you have accomplished that, you may drop and shake out the tail and it is unlikely that any further trimming will be necessary.

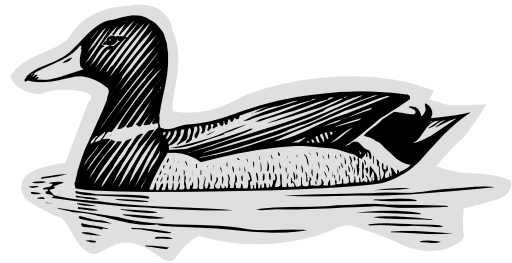


Grooming Your Golden continued...



The thinning shears are also used, inserting the blade underneath the coat and “into” or “with” the direction of coat growth as in the red lines shown on the photo. A small amount of trimming is done under the ear on the neck area and under the dogs chin where the two red lines are above.

Following the line of the shoulder, if a heavy “shelf” exists as shown in the photo, careful thinning of the undercoat in the direction shown by the arrows, and combing out, will blend the coat in and reduce the heavy or “over-loaded” look to shoulders and neck. Groom over a period of several days and “Stop, look, assess” as we did when doing the ears. On some dogs, similar thinning at the base of the neck at the withers is also necessary. Note: topcoat is NOT removed in any of these area’s, we are just thinning undercoat to remove some bulk. Over zealous grooming in these area, where done with thinning shears, or a stripping knife will not preserve the natural look of the dog, nor will it enhance the dog or cover up lesser qualities. The dog should not have an “hourglass” look when looking straight at the front when done grooming.



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Despite the lovely weather, 44 people learned how to groom their Golden at EGRR's 6th Annual Meeting on May 5th. Not only was there a wonderful grooming demonstration by Golden breeders, Frank and Deb Pampiks and Claudia Shaw but anyone interested had the opportunity for "hands on" practice under the watchful eyes of Gayle Sackett and Diane Murphy in addition to Deb, Frank and Claudia. In addition to the grooming class, Gayle Sackett and Gail Miller provided helpful training suggestions as they observed the dogs and their owners interacting.

One of the purposes of the Annual Meeting is the election of officers. Elected by acclamation were **Richard Randall, President, Kathy Hobson, Vice-President, Jean Thies, Secretary and Meg Brooks, Treasurer.** Additionally, **Brad Kammerer, Mel Miller and Vicky Smith** were elected as **Directors.** Congratulations and sincere thanks to all of the above mentioned for your commitment to EGRR. Thank-you goes also to Diane Murphy, for her five years of service on the Board and her work on the important job of fundraising. Speaking of fundraising – EGRR will again host a raffle at the Agility Trial in September at Argus Ranch in Auburn that is sponsored by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club. This is one of our two fundraisers and donations of any kind are welcome and needed. They do not have to be Golden or even dog related. Just let Diane or anyone on the Board know so that a convenient drop-off location for your donation can be found.



BEFORE



AFTER



More Photos from the Annual Meeting



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 together.....



Max (2007) Sue and Jim Jacobson - Max loved people, greeting them and being close to them. He also loved his walks. I knew the day we met him that he was the perfect dog for us because he walked so well on a leash. So, as the only dog on our street, he was well known and loved by everyone. His job was "head greeter" but we were the luckiest, because he was ours to live with!



Gus (2011) Leslie Schroeder - We adopted Gus and Max when they were 10 years old. Gus lived happily with us for a year and became suddenly very ill just as his hind legs weren't working very well so we decided to let our vet give him the blessing of a forever peaceful and painless sleep. Max and I were devastated, but we recovered eventually and now Max is 12 and very spoiled. I feel so blessed to have had these two wonderful spirits come into my life.



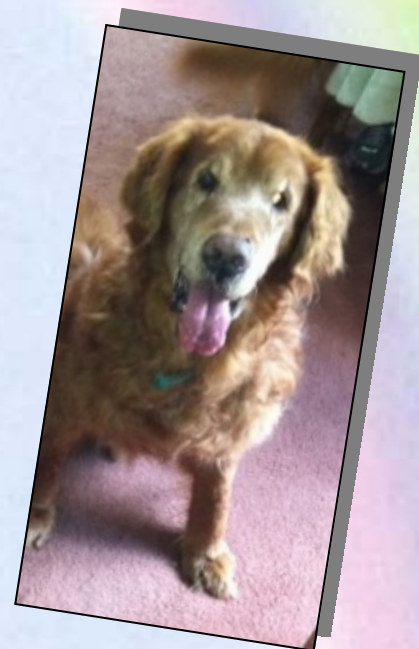
Rainbow Bridge

Hannah (2011) *Patti and Ron Inge* - Hannah came to us to foster soon after we had lost our two beloved Golden's. The intention was just to foster, our first experience, but within a very short amount of time, we realized that she was a special girl and had found her forever home. Hannah brought so much joy to our home for 1 ½ years. Sadly, our time together was far too short but she will always be remembered as a sweet, loving, trusting girl who was so appreciated her life with us. As much as we provided her a loving home, she returned her love to us twofold.



Ginger (2004) *Bob and Pam Davies* - We adopted Ginger to be a companion to our incredibly neurotic 2 year old Golden. Jasper didn't like other dogs much so we were delighted when Ginger and Jasper took an immediate liking to each other, running laps around the huge yard and playing together. It was a perfect match! Ginger was an escape artist but with adequate exercise, this stopped. She absolutely loved water and put on a wonderful show dunking for rocks. She was always good companion to Jasper, and his successor, Danny. We remember Ginger warmly. Rest in peace, good dog Ginger!

Samson (2013) *Jean Thies and Laure Keim* - We had the great honor to share life and love with Samson for one week. He and his brother Willie, (both 14 years old), were rescued from a Tacoma shelter this past May 19th. Samson gave and lived a lifetime of love in the week he was with us. He was truly a "Samson" in nature as well as in name. He was a noble soul who had resilience, curiosity and a playful spirit. It is fitting that he died (of complications of lymphoma and leukemia) on May 27th--Memorial Day. Rest In Peace dear and valiant Samson!



Rainbow Bridge



Beau (2012) Mel and Gail Miller - Beau came to rescue in June of 2012 when his family surrendered him due to repeated seizures. When we picked him up, we recognized that he had far more problems than just seizures. He could not walk without stumbling and appeared to be drunk. We took him home and began a long process of trying to find the right medications to control his seizures without producing harsh side effects. Over the next ten months, the true Beau came through, a loving, goofy "momma's boy" that loved a soft chair and his foster sister Tippi. He loved to roam his big yard soaking up all the smells and following his foster brothers as they hunted for the rabbits who had invaded the yard overnight. Unfortunately, in the end, his seizures could not be controlled by any medication that also left him with quality of life. He passed on to The Bridge on April 12th as one of the Miller Pack. He is deeply missed.

Although not an EGGR dog, the following was a volunteer's dog and a part of the EGRR family.

Molly – Jim and Eliane Cruickshank and Bob Marley (rescue Lhasa and brother) - In March we lost our Molly at 14 1/2. She exemplified the perfect golden temperament, always happy and eager to go and do, especially car rides, walks, hikes, and swimming. She was adopted as a rescue at 13 months thru our vet clinic. She did all events for just for the fun of it - agility, rally, obedience and tracking. A gem of a dog from the day we brought her home. Mentored many other rescue dogs we adopted over the years and taught them the ropes (and several cats too). Sweet and gentle Molly, we miss her terribly, but I know she will meet us at the bridge.



EGRR Annual Members' Meeting

Sunday, 05/05/2013

1:30 pm

Renton

Obedience Training

Gayle George-Sackett and Gail Miller worked with members and their dogs as they entered the building.

I. 2:05pm Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Guests

Gayle summarizes obedience training by saying we all need to have our dogs under control when entering a room. We should not allow our dogs to run up to strange dogs. "Meet-and-greets" should be done with both handlers in control of the dogs.

II. Motion to approve previous Members' Meeting Minutes of 05/20/2012 – MSP

III. Report of the President – Rich Randall

On track with last year with the number of intakes.

IV. Committee reports – presented in binder for all to read (copy attached at end of minutes).

- A. Treasurer – Meg Brooks
- B. Intake – Kathy Hobson
- C. Foster Home Coordinating – Nancy Kiesler/Mel Miller
- D. Placement – Sue Randall
- E. Fundraising – Diane Murphy
- F. Membership – Nick Thain/Allan Kiesler
- G. Volunteers – Maddy Wiley
- H. IT – Brad Kammerer

V. Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 14, 12-3pm, Lions' Day Camp on Cedar River, Maple Valley

VI. Old & New Business

None

VII. Election of Officers & Directors for 2013-2014

Nominations from the floor – none

Ballots passed out to voting membership

Election Slate: Pres-Richard Randall, VP-Kathy Hobson, Sec-Jean Thies,

Treas-Meg Brooks, Brd Mem-Mel Miller, Brd Mem.-Brad Kammerer,

Brd Mem-Vicky Smith

Motion to accept entire slate by affirmation –MSP

Entire slate was elected.

VIII. For Good of the Order

Nancy Kiesler announced Sue and Rich Randall were just awarded the "Starfish Award" from the National Golden Retriever Club of America – National Rescue Committee

EGRR's "Star Award" awarded to Nancy Kiesler

Gail Miller will again chair the Macy's "Shop for the Cause" promotion

Diane Murphy recognized for her five years of service on the EGRR Board

2:20 pm - Motion to Adjourn – MSP

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Murphy
Recording Secretary

Grooming

Demonstration by EGRC (breed club) members, Deb and Frank Pampiks and Claudia Shaw.
Individual Stations assisted by Gayle George-Sackett, Diane Murphy and Sue Randall



FIND THE **MAGIC** OF GIVING BACK!

Saturday, August 24, 2013

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 24, 2013.

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 24, 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.



For more information or to purchase a pass contact: macysfundraising@egrr.net

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Summer EGRR Rescue Picnic

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Summer EGRR Rescue Picnic. Same location as last year.

Sunday, July 14

12 Noon to 3 PM

Lions' Day Camp, 21230 SE 184th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038

Woods — Cedar River — ball field — BBQ — dog games

All members, volunteers, adopters and DOGS are invited! Again dogs, please, on leash.

We are going to try to have a fun Agility meet and a fun Rally meet

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club Specialty - August 16, 2013
King County Fair Grounds, Enumclaw

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club Hunt Test: June 29 & 30

For further information go to www.egrc.org



General Donations

Teresa Montoya-Brower
 Deb Bullard
 Mel and Gail Miller
 Andrea Vaughn
 Connie Carroll
 Caroline McNulty
 Kirsten Smith
 Thomas Beyers
 Donna Day
 Christina Wang
 Al and Pam Sage
 Shirlee MacDonald
 Joan and Bob Fetty
 Walt and Marilyn Gearhart
 Sandy Silvester
 Suzanne Rapier
 Kathy Fisk
 Cliff Rudolph
 Tom Odle
 BJ Modrell
 Ashley Salisbury
 Susan Babich
 Tom and Karen Jones
 Wayne Miller
 Anita and Gary Honaker
 Gloria Miller
 Mary Fisk
 Brent and Laurie Beden
 Stacia White
 Vida Piera
 Yuriko Eads
 Angel Audette
 Galen Flynn
 Scott and Ellen Menshew
 Sue Fox
 Bernice Giles
 Ken Matthews
 Andrea Hogle
 Sue and Steve Lusa
 Fred Skidgell
 JoAnne Johnson
 Louise Long
 Marvin Wolfson
 Carla Jurczyk
 Linda Kriegel
 Diane Murphy (CFD)
 Howard Jacobs (CFD)
 Robert Calkins (CFD)
 Susan Clemen (CFD)
 Howard Stephan (CFD)
 Dottie Shaw (matched by Microsoft)
 Kefei Lu (matched by Microsoft)
 Myron Wan (matched by Microsoft)
 Brett Flegg (matched by Microsoft)
 Dianne O'Brien (matched by Microsoft)

Memorial Donations

*In memory of "Casey" Butler
Jeffrey & Roberta Coppersmith*

*In memory of "Sampson" who found his
forever home just in time
Cindy Russell*

*In memory my wonderful girl, "Buffi"
John Chapman who still dearly misses his
special girl*

*In loving memory of their special girls,
"Lucy" and "Katy"
Tom and Karen Jones*

*In memory of all of his dogs at the Bridge
Christopher Enrico*

Honorary Donations

*Jennifer Jackson in honor of
"Kiros Welcome to the Jungle"*

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**