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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



We are just past the half-way mark of 2013 and EGRR has handled just over 25 dogs, so we are more or less on the same track as the past several years of intakes/ placements.

Cooper is one of those Recues currently in foster. He is 9 years old and has been mainly an outside dog most of his life. Cooper has torn ligaments in both of his knees, and so is a good example of the recent years' trend to high medical expense dogs. But what a happy soul!!! Loves, just loves to go for a car ride, can't wait. ☺ He was one of the 45 dogs and 75 humans who insisted on going to the EGRR Annual Summer Picnic in July on the banks of the Cedar River near Maple Valley. Cooper did not participate in the Agility fun competition nor in the Rally fun competition, but he was barking his cheer for the other 40 dogs who did. For concerted cheering he received one of the stuffy prizes awarded to all the hard working competitors on that sunny Sunday afternoon!!! ☺ Cooper had his right knee operated on in June and so is just finishing the confinement period for bone healing. What a wonderful patient he has been. It is now on to the doggie walks and leg strengthening. Then, poor guy, Cooper is back in for surgery on the left knee, oh my goodness... But here he is, one very cooperative fella!!!



"Gosh, just get my other leg fixed, grow back my coat and feathers, and I'll be back in top form!!!"

Cooper

So thanks again to everyone in EGRR for the 2013 support to the current lucky dogs.

Rich Randall
President, Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

Golden Celebration in Scotland

By Carole Johnson



Guisachan Estate



Guisachan today

Photo by Joy Viola



Lord Tweedmouth

Two hundred twenty two Golden Retrievers and their owners from around the world attended a gathering in July at the birthplace of the breed in the village of Tomach in the Highlands of Scotland near Loch Ness. The three day event, sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club of Scotland, included a championship show held in the nearby town of Cannich.

The celebration took place on the grounds of Guisachan, the actual estate of Lord Tweedmouth, who in 1868 bred the first litter of what became the Golden Retriever. Imagine having been there 145 years later for this event! The original Manor House of the huge estate of Guisachan (pronounced Goose-a-kin), now standing in ruin, is still a testimony of how great and magnificent it was.

The 20,000 acre Guisachan estate was purchased in 1854 by British aristocrat Sir Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks (in 1883 he was granted the title Lord Tweedmouth), because he loved hunting in the Scottish Highlands. He turned this into a tremendous estate, building a magnificent home, farm, dairy, kennels, a school, and the town of Tomich for the people who worked for him – much like the one portrayed on the favorite TV show “Downton Abbey”.

He became a breeder of superior horses and dogs, particularly interested in breeding dogs better suited for hunting and retrieving.

In 1864 Lord Tweedmouth purchased Nous, a yellow wavy coated retriever from a cobbler in Brighton. Nous was the only yellow in a litter of black wavy coated retrievers. Such a dog would have come from an ancestry of spaniels and setters, which had been long established in England as hunting dogs, and crossed with St. Johns dogs, imported from Newfoundland.

Four years later, 1868, Nous was bred to Belle, a Tweed Water Spaniel, a breed that is now extinct. This litter produced four puppies – Crocus, Cowslip, Primrose and Ada.

Lord Tweedmouth methodically line bred down from this mating from 1868-1890, using Tweed Water Spaniels, and out crosses of black retrievers, one red setter, and possibly a bloodhound. He carefully guarded his puppies, giving them to friends and relatives, and never sold. He died in 1894, and his family continued breeding yellow retrievers.

In 1893 Lord Tweedmouth's son, Archie Marjoribanks, moved to Texas. His "Lady" could well be called the first American bred female.

In the early 1900's some Golden Retrievers were brought to Canada by retired British Army officers. About 1918 Gilnockie Kennels was established in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



In 1930 Sam Magoffin and Christopher Burton, Vancouver, B.C., imported from England "Speedwell Pluto", who became a great influence in the breed in North America. "Pluto" became the first Champion Golden Retriever in Canada in 1931, and the first American Golden Retriever Champion in 1932, also winning Best in Show at the Puget Sound Kennel Club, now called Seattle Kennel Club, show.

In 1935 Carnation Farms, in Carnation, Wa., bred Golden Retrievers under the name of "Carnation Gold".

Many well-bred females were imported from England during this time, and used in breeding programs. In the 1940's and 50's the upper Midwest of the U.S. was the area of the Golden Retriever, proving their hunting abilities. In those days there was no difference between "show dogs" and "working dogs", there were just Golden Retrievers who might hunt on Saturday and show on Sunday – if there was no retriever trial.

From 1970 and on, with the growing popularity of Golden Retrievers, the number of American Kennel Club registrations jumped, with a great increase in activities of show, obedience, tracking and field. The AKC now recognizes the Golden Retriever as the second most popular breed.

The dogs and people of the past have brought us to where we are today. They are our foundation. The dogs and people of today are the foundation of the future. We have the great responsibility to do the best we can for our beloved breed at this time.



Editor's Note: I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Magoffin on several occasions and thoroughly enjoyed our Golden conversations.



The ruins of Guisachan Estate



FRIENDS OF GUISACHAN

The Friends of Guisachan is a project administered under the aegis of the Golden Retriever Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization. It is a part of the Rachel Page Elliott Educational Fund within the GRF. The Friends was created to share information about Guisachan, the ancestral home of the Golden Retriever and to share news of the 2018 world-wide celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the breed. A bronze-life-size statue is planned and will be erected along side the Lord Tweedmouth's memorial.

Read more at <http://friendsofguisachan.org/>

Salmon Poisoning Disease

This information is not meant to be a substitute for veterinary care. Always follow the instructions provided by your veterinarian.

Fishing can be wonderful recreation, but sharing the catch with your dog can be an act of kindness that kills. Salmon Poisoning Disease is a potentially fatal condition seen in dogs that eat certain types of raw fish. Salmon (salmonid fish) and other anadromous fish (fish that swim upstream to breed) can be infected with a parasite called *Nanophyetus salmincola*. Overall, the parasite is relatively harmless. The danger occurs when the parasite itself is infected with a rickettsial organism called *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*. It's this microorganism that causes salmon poisoning.

"Salmon poisoning occurs most commonly west of the Cascade mountain range," says Dr. Bill Foreyt, a veterinary parasitologist at Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He adds, "Canids (dogs) are the only species susceptible to salmon poisoning. That's why cats, raccoons and bears eat raw fish regularly with out consequence."

Generally clinical signs appear within six days of a dog eating an infected fish.

Common symptoms of salmon poisoning include:

- ◆ vomiting
- ◆ lack of appetite
- ◆ fever
- ◆ diarrhea
- ◆ weakness
- ◆ swollen lymph nodes
- ◆ dehydration



If untreated, death usually occurs within fourteen days of eating the infected fish. Ninety percent of dogs showing symptoms die if they are not treated. Thankfully, salmon poisoning is treatable if it's caught in time. A key to its diagnosis is telling your veterinarian that your dog ate raw fish. If you have a dog that wanders, or raids trashcans and you are unsure of what it's eaten; consider the possibility of salmon poisoning. Salmon poisoning can be diagnosed with a fecal sample or a needle sample of a swollen lymph node. Detecting the parasite's eggs as they are shed in the feces confirms its presence. The rickettsial organism can be detected in a needle sample from a swollen lymph node. The combination of symptoms, and the presence of parasite eggs or the rickettsial organisms, are enough to justify treatment. Given the severity of the condition, treatment is relatively simple. Your veterinarian will prescribe an antibiotic and a "wormer". The antibiotic kills the rickettsial organisms that cause the illness, and the wormer kills the parasite. If the dog is dehydrated, intravenous fluid are given. Once treatment has been started, most dogs show dramatic improvement within two days.

Next time you are fishing or purchase raw salmon and you hear the familiar begging whine of your dog, ignore it. They may not understand it, but not sharing the fish is the best thing for them. This will save them from suffering salmon poisoning, and save you from a veterinary bill.

This Pet Health Topic was written by Sarah Hoggan, Washington State University, Class of 2001. It was reprinted with permission from Washington State University.

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A Cautionary Tale

by Nancy Light

Reprinted from Golden West

“Friendly, reliable, trustworthy”. Those are the hallmarks of our breed and it’s so easy to take for granted that your well-bred dogs are no danger to anyone. We had a terrible incident occur at our Agility trial and it brought to the forefront how easy it is to get complacent. The Club member involved was brave enough to share the details, with our members and agreed also to share it through this column, though many in her situation would have wanted to hide and not speak of it again.

Here is what happened. This was at about 8:30 pm on Saturday night, well after the trial was over for the day, but still plenty of light at this time of year. The Club member, who I will call Mary, and her friend were letting their Golden Retrievers have a run in the large lure coursing field adjacent to the trial site (which was in an indoor arena). The dogs had been in their crates most of the day and the field is considered a designated off leash area. The field was empty and the dogs were having a wonderful time chasing the low flying birds and each other. Their owners were equally enjoying watching the always lovely sight of Golden Retrievers running freely in a field.

Unbeknownst to them, another woman had entered the far end of the field with her four Shelties and elderly Pomeranian. Two of the Golden Retrievers saw them and before Mary could stop her two boys, ran down the field as she called and called, running toward them as fast as she could. When she arrived, the other woman was holding the Pom in her arms. Mary got her boys on a down stay and talked with the Pom owner (who I will call Jane) about what had happened. Apparently Jane had not worried initially and thought the Golden Retrievers were just approaching as a friendly meet and greet. The Golden Retrievers did just that with the Shelties. But then the older male caught sight of the Pom in the grass. What triggered him to grab the Pom is not clear, but there is some thought that he just saw her as a small animal prey. It put him into prey drive and he grabbed. Jane ordered him to let go and he did, but then the Pom ran away, likely from fright, and the Golden grabbed again, and again released when she yelled “no”. There were no puncture wounds, but later the Pom was not doing well and Jane took her in to the emergency vet. She spent the night, and was released to her home later the next day. But she was not eating and Jane returned to the vet; later that day the Pom died.

Mary and Jane were both heartbroken—Jane of course for the sorrow of losing her beloved dog, and too with the thought (as she later said) that she should have protected her little dog better. Mary too was devastated, feeling terrible for Jane and the Pom, and with guilt for having lost control of her dog and for the momentary lapse of attention when Jane entered the field. (It should be understood that Mary never placed any blame whatsoever on Jane and took full responsibility.) There is nothing like a tragedy to make one stop and think about what might have caused it and how it could be avoided in the future.

As friendly and loving as our Golden Retrievers are, it is important to remember that they are still dogs, and hunting dogs at that, some with a fairly high prey drive. Mary said there had been a previous incident when this dog had attacked a possum in their yard. He grabbed that too and “gave it a flying lesson”. (The animal played possum and later got up and ran away). I think too that many people overestimate the degree of control that they have with their dogs’ recalls. When a dog is in drive, it is a far different thing than a recall with no serious distractions around. Initially, the Golden Retrievers may have been in social drive; I suspect with Golden Retrievers in general, the social drive is as strong as the prey drive in other dogs. I know that is a very difficult thing for me to call my dogs off of running to greet a person or dog to play with, especially my older girl. That is not a good situation as the dog on the other end may not be happy about a strange dog running up, even if her body language indicates the approach is friendly. A tune up on recalls is something many of us could be spending time doing. But you might not know what may come along at an unexpected time that will trigger that prey drive, so if you choose to run your dog off leash, or be in an off leash area, it is always with a degree of risk. No doubt her size, age and frailty made her more vulnerable. It’s something owners of larger dogs are not always aware of, but it’s something like having a young puppy to protect only they stay that way their whole lives. No one can change what happened, but if it makes people a little more mindful of what is going on with their dogs, perhaps a future incident might be avoided.

2013 Annual Picnic

Sunny weather with temperatures in the low 80's greeted the 72 humans and 44 dogs who attended EGRR's 3rd Annual Picnic which was held July 14th at the Renton Lion's Youth Camp in Maple Valley. There was a raffle of Golden Retriever artwork and other fun items. Many participated in rally and agility events while others just relaxed and chatted with friends but all enjoyed the wonderful food and spending time with fellow Golden Retriever owners. It really was a "Golden Day"!

As with any event, hard working volunteers are the reason for the success and deserve to be acknowledged. Tony and Kathy Bahnick did an amazing job of chairing the picnic along with their daughter, Michelle, who was their most able assistant. Nick Thain and his culinary crew consisting of John Chapman and Allan Kiesler manned the grills while Max Porpylev and Alexandria Lyutenko kept the food organized. Jean Thies and Laura Keim handled check in and Elaine Cruickshank and Shirlee MacDonald sold raffle tickets for the Golden-related items that Diane Murphy put together. Rhonda Coombes set up and supervised the Rally course and Gail Miller did the same with the Agility course. Seattle Agility kindly allowed us to use their agility equipment for the picnic. Rich Randall was in the midst of things as MC and Chief Kahuna but rumor has it that his math skills are lacking and the "ex-president's team" really won the competition!!

A huge Golden thank-you and tail wags go out to all of the above people and to everyone else who helped in any way (many assisted with clean-up at the end) and to all of our adopters and volunteers and friends who attended. I hope to see you there next year!

Nancy Kiesler



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.



Sunny Age 14 month old NM whose owners seemed unable to control what might be termed a 'wild child', is now adopted & doing very well in his new home. He is learning to understand rules are rules !!

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Cookie Age 6 yo NM Through no fault of his Cookie sadly came back to his foster home shortly after his first adoption. The in house dog did not appreciate his presence. Now Cookie has a name change to Buddy & his new family seem to think he's pretty terrific & he is learning to appreciate his new home again.



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Fay age 3 yo SF came into rescue from a 'breeder' situation. Her previous life was to live outdoors in a kennel run, already having had 2 litters. She now lives with her new family having a soft bed & thoroughly enjoys swimming off the property next to a lake.

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Oso Age 4 yo SF whose older owners had health issues now lives with her new owners having daily walks & lots of attention & love. She's not telling where those ears come from but her owners couldn't care less. ☺



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Hank Age 6 months NM was very happy with his owner but work change made it impossible for Hanks owner to keep him. Now he is just as happy with a family that enjoy his energetic behavior & plan to continue his training .

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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.....



Abbey – Annie and Ross Horton (2013): Abbey was our Spring and Summer girl. She had been a hunter's dog so had always slept outside. We brought her home in May and she immediately fell in love with Ross, the first "Golden Oldie" girl who didn't look to Mom first. Ross was thrilled. She loved the afternoon walks in the woods. At night, despite our efforts to coax her upstairs, she chose to sleep by the back door. Abbey learned to sit in a row with Bella and Sarah and wait for a cookie and she took it with the softest mouth ever. We had to say goodbye to Abbey this July so we had only a very short time to know each other but it was worth every minute.



Angie – Rick and Rhonda Comfort (2009): In July, we lost our sweet Angie girl to liver cancer. She came to us 4 1/2 years ago through EGRR after being a stray dog on the run. She was so sweet, it was hard to believe that someone just let her go. But it was apparent with her lack of knowing how to play, or even to knowing what to do with a tennis ball or stuffed animal, that her life before us was lacking. It is no wonder that she quickly adjusted to her new life with us and learned to trust again. The love and companionship Angie gave to us is what we will miss the most. And our daily walks, which were her favorite thing to do. We love and miss you Angie!

Rainbow Bridge

Roger – Jamie Myxter (1999): Roger was about 2 yr old when we adopted him. He had a slight limp and Rescue determined that he's been shot because x-rays showed several shot gun pellets in his side and a 22 slug behind his shoulder. This never stopped him from chasing a tennis ball which he always refused to give up. If he worked at Walmart (dog forbid), he'd be a greeter and an exuberant one at that! Roger was the best damn dog and 14 years with him was not long enough!



Henry—David and Jenny Hamilton (2006): We met Henry at 11 months of age. He hit it off immediately with our older rescue, Charlie, and bonded to me immediately. I described him early on as "always up for fun and adventure" and so he was until his last day. He was my life's most fun, devoted, companion and agility dog and I still miss him constantly. He collapsed on his way to the park due to complications from lymphoma. Thanks to EGRR for letting us share 7 years of our lives with him.

Willie – Jean Thies and Laura Keim (2013): Willie journeyed to the bridge on a lovely Sunday afternoon on August 25, 2013 to join his recently deceased brother, Sampson. Fourteen year old Willie was rescued with his brother, Sampson (also 14!) by EGRR from a Tacoma shelter on May 19, 2013. Sampson went to the bridge after a short but rich week with us this past May 27th. Willie was a sweet, gentle and lumbering presence in our lives. Jean, our rescued golden retriever Heidi and I are the richer for having shared life with him for three months and six blessed days. Willie gave so much by his calming presence. It became very clear to us that he knew his "forever home" was with us. Run free, Sweet Willie!



Rainbow Bridge

Although not EGRR dogs, these were volunteer's dogs and therefore part of the EGRR family



Hattie Mae - Nancy Maxson "Hattie Mae was an amazing friend, full of joy and unconditional love. She was always the protector, taking her job very seriously. She'd herd the rescue goldens that came to our home, directing them to where she thought they should be. I'll forever smile when I think of her nightly patrol of every room in the house ensuring everyone was safe before going off to her own sleep. She was a beautiful girl and I miss her terribly.

Katy – Tom and Karen Jones - (August 15, 2001-May 1, 2013): Until Katy, we never understood the term "having a 'heart' dog." All our dogs held special places in our hearts because of all their different personalities. But we now realize Katy was our "heart dog." She schmoozed shamelessly and always cozied up to everyone and told them, "YOU are my very best friend." She pranced, waved her sassy tail, snuggled endlessly and was so gracious to all the foster dogs. She was the perfect puppy and perfect dog--very lady-like and proper. We miss her!



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*In memory of their heart dog,
 "Katy"
 Tom and Karen Jones*

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Next Year's Annual Members' Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2014
 Kennydale Memorial Hall
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As usual we hope to have training sessions
 and/or seminars on topics of interest to
 Goldens



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