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Presentation of Starfish Award to Rich and Sue Randall

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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 almost ready to bring to a close the Rescue efforts for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) in 2013. Not quite as many dogs this year as last, but still the ongoing pattern of the last several years of senior dogs and medically-needy dogs.

So thanks again to everyone who has volunteered in the Rescue activities for EGRR during 2013 and to those who supported EGRR in 2013 through donations and kind words. All of the lucky dogs give a very big woof of appreciation!!

The year has seen some important events. An educational booth was held in March at the Seattle Kennel Club show, which was led by the efforts of the breed club sister organization, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC). Several EGRR volunteers came out to work at the two day booth exhibit and talk to people interested in Goldens and interested in Rescue. The annual clinic organized through EGRC and sponsored by the Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle in April for screening for pigmentary uveitis, a known disorder in Goldens, was well attended by dogs of Rescue adopters. We also held our annual Rescue members' meeting in May and highlighted a grooming demonstration and hands-on learning, as well as a session on one-on-one obedience skills advice and training. Thanks to the EGRC and EGRR members who led those two sessions. Mark your calendars for next year's members' meeting which will be on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Our annual summer picnic was extremely well attended, and several EGRR members and volunteers organized a fun rally meet and a fun agility meet, as well as cooking and preparing lots of good BBQ and accompaniments to enjoy. We plan to continue the picnic in 2014, probably for a date in July. Thanks to those who donated at these events and certainly those that donated their time and energy.

A fast reminder that the 2014 Membership renewal period is now upon us. It is wonderful to think of all those that have kept their memberships going year after year, and we kindly ask everyone to do so again for calendar year 2014!!!

Have a great upcoming Holiday period and certainly all the very Best Wishes for the coming New 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.

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Renew your membership or join for the first time.
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Help Rescue Golden Just Like Me!



Hi: My name is EdGRR and I would like to tell you a little of my story. I was in a situation that wasn't the best. My health was not as good as it could be and my family was struggling. But I was really lucky. My family did the right thing and we ended up being helped in so many ways by EGRR. Because lots of humans, Golden and other animals became full or supporting members of EGRR by contributing just \$10 for an annual membership, or even more, I was able to get the medical care I needed. My foster family took care of me until my forever family adopted me and gave me the chance to be everything a Golden can be. Now I greet everyone with the happiest smile; we go for long walks and I love to swim. Please sign up as a supporting member of EGRR for the first time or renew your membership for 2014 so other Golden just like me will have a chance to tell the same story. A full membership allows you to participate in activities, decision making, vote at the Annual Meeting, and hold office.

Woof! (Thanks in Golden Talk!)



Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)

2014 Annual Membership Application
(Washington Residents)



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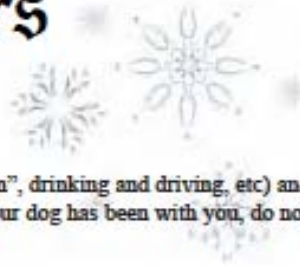
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Holiday Dangers



We all know the usual warnings for humans at the holidays ("all things in moderation", drinking and driving, etc) and this is no time of year to forget the special needs of our pets. Especially if this the first Holiday that your dog has been with you, do not assume you know what his/her behavior will be.

DANGER: Stress

WHY: Dogs thrive on routine and human attention. During Holidays, both decrease.

REMEDY: Keep routines regular (meals, going to bed, getting up, walks, yard time). Give Rover a place to escape from guests and the usual turmoil. Don't think you are being unkind in creating some distance between Rover and guests, merriment, etc. Watch for changes in behavior and bowl and bowel patterns

DANGER: Holiday Tree

WHY: Dogs eat things including tree decorations, knock things over, and chew electrical cords. Tinsel is particularly dangerous.

REMEDY: If your dog eats things you might label "inappropriate" - and remember that stress leads to new and different behaviors - create a dog-free zone around your tree. Use gating if necessary and this is cheaper than surgery. And more than one male dog has considered the tree his personal tree as though it were in the yard - this doesn't endear the dog to his people.

DANGER: People food.

WHY: Some guests think its OK to feed the dog. Some dogs think its OK to take human food from the table (well, maybe not Ok but he can get away with it). Vomiting, diarrhea and pancreatitis can result. It's no time for a trip to the veterinarian and a possible in-hospital stay. Toxic foods: chocolate, raisins, some nuts, garlic, onion and artificial sweetener.

REMEDY: Confine the dog in a quiet area. If your dog is mingling, even a small note on your table saying, "Do not feed Fido" can help your guests know that you mean it. (Consider not inviting guests next year that just don't get the idea.)

DANGER: Candles.

WHY: Candles cause fires and dogs knock over candles.

REMEDY: Place Menorahs and other holiday candles above reach. Extinguish as soon as possible and appropriate.

DANGER: Packages and gifts.

WHY: Paper, string, ribbon, staples, plastic tape all can cause intestinal blockage. Packages may contain toxic and dangerous items. And a ruined gift doesn't improve your holiday mood.

REMEDY: Unless your dog is 100% reliable, keep the dog, tree and gifts apart. Gate or otherwise confine if necessary.

DANGER: Toxic plants.

WHY: Many of the most popular Holiday plants, if eaten, can lead to gastrointestinal irritation, cardiac problems or even death. This includes Poinsettia, Hemlock, Ivy, Christmas cactus, Lilies, and Mistletoe.

REMEDY: Avoid or place high and out of reach. Remember that even dropped leaves, stems and berries can mean danger for your dog

DANGER: Open doors and gates.

WHY: Some dogs bolt out doors and gates if given the chance. Remember that stress leads to behaviors you may not usually see.

REMEDY: Place your dog in his crate or a quiet room during the coming and leaving of guests. Make sure your dog is wearing a collar and ID tag. Don't forget the delivery person at your door and the opportunity that provides for your dog to bolt out the door.

DANGER: People who don't like dogs as you do.

WHY: It's hard for a reader of this Newsletter to know why. But you've invited Joe and Rita to your home to show them a good time. You know that they are not as dog-loving as you are. While they may not put your dog in danger, they may not be as conscious as you of what danger Fido can get into. And the dog hair on new black slacks can be annoying to some.

REMEDY: Confine Fido while Joe and Rita are there. Do what you need to do to make their stay pleasant. Remember - they leave after awhile and Fido stays.

Ten Tips for Winterizing Your Pets

by Nancy Kay, DVM ©

Oh, the weather outside is frightful! Winter weather is rapidly approaching and you've likely begun layering your clothing and weatherproofing your car. When organizing for winter, don't forget to think about your pets. They too are deserving of special treatment this time of year. Here are ten tips for keeping your pets cozy, comfortable, and healthy this winter:

1. Just as arthritis can be more problematic for us when the temperature drops, so too does this apply to our animals. If your best buddy appears stiff first thing in the morning or is more tentative when navigating stairs or jumping up and down off the furniture, I encourage you to contact your veterinarian. These days, there are so many beneficial treatment options for soothing arthritis discomfort. For your pet's sake, make the effort to learn more about them.
2. When the temperature drops, outdoor kitties like to snuggle up against car engines for extra warmth. Be sure to provide plenty of notice before you start up your engine lest a "kitty squatter" sustain serious injury as a result of moving auto parts. Vocalize and tap the hood a few times. Better yet, lift the hood to alert any slumbering guests of your intentions.
3. Antifreeze is terribly toxic for dogs and cats. Even a few licks of the stuff can cause kidney failure and severe neurological symptoms, usually resulting in death. Unfortunately, most antifreeze products have a sweet flavor making them appealing to dogs. Cats are too discriminating to voluntarily taste the stuff, but should they step in antifreeze, they will ingest enough to be toxic during their grooming process. Please prevent your pets from having any access to antifreeze by checking under your vehicles for leaks and storing antifreeze containers in a safe place.
4. Wintertime is definitely dress-up time for dogs, when the clothing is functional rather than just adorable. Just like us, many dogs are more comfortable outside when wearing an extra layer. Smaller dogs in particular have difficulty maintaining a normal body temperature when exposed to freezing conditions. If the love of your canine life happens to be an arctic breed (Malamute, Husky, Samoyed), no need for canine clothing!
5. Regardless of season, all animals need access to water round-the-clock. If your pet is reliant on an outdoor water bowl, strategize a way to prevent the water from freezing. Water bowl heaters work well. Additionally moving water is more resistant to freezing- consider creating a little "drinking fountain" for your pets.
6. Sure the weather is cold, but your dogs still need plenty of exercise for their physical as well as their psychological well being. Besides, there's nothing quite like the feeling of relaxing by the fire with a content and tired dog at your side! If the weather is truly too inclement for both of you to be outdoors, look for an indoor dog park or consider doggie day care, assuming your dog enjoys such venues.
7. I'm all for hiking with dogs off leash, but in winter, be extra cautious around ponds and lakes for fear of thin ice. Not only is falling through the ice life threatening for dogs, it creates a situation that often becomes life threatening for the humans involved in the rescue operation.
8. Salt on sidewalks and roads and even ice that adheres to all of that fuzzy hair between your dogs toes can create irritation and sores. Inspect and rinse your dog's tootsies as needed.
9. I strongly encourage having dogs and cats live indoors. If your living situation absolutely prevents this, and there are no other viable alternatives, please provide your pet with an enclosed shelter that is warmed by a heating device and contains plenty of clean, dry bedding. Also, remember that your pet needs just as much attention from you in frigid temperatures as during the warmer seasons.
10. 'Tis the time of year when we humans tend to overindulge, eating all kinds of things we shouldn't. Don't allow your pets to become a victim of this holiday spirit. In addition to adding unwanted and unhealthy pounds, eating rich and fatty foods predisposes them to gastrointestinal upset and pancreatitis either of which could land your four-legged family member in the hospital for several days (not to mention create some significant rug-cleaning expenses for you).

Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM the author of "Speaking for Spot" and "Your Dog's Best Health". She also has a web page and a blog that is very informative, <http://speakingforspot.com/blog/>

Way to Go!!!!

In May, EGRR's own Rich and Sue Randall, were told that they had been chosen to receive the Starfish Award which is given annually by the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) to an individual or in this case, a couple, and a Rescue organization. The purpose of the Starfish Award is to recognize those who have made a significant contribution over time to Golden Retriever rescue. Those who know Sue and Rich know that this award and the accompanying accolades are well deserved.

The Starfish Award is presented to the winners in conjunction with the Rescue Parade at GRCA's National Specialty which is held annually in the fall. The location for this prestigious dog show varies and this year it was held in Wichita Falls, Texas. Feeling somewhat adventurous, Rich and Sue decided to rent a motor home and travel, along with their Golden Retrievers, Dijon and Finley, to Texas to receive the award in person. The trip was fun, interesting and educational and we have pictures to prove it. Golden congrats, Rich and Sue!!



All Paws On The Ground

by Anna Bolick



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Dogs jump up on us for many reasons. The most common reason is that they want to greet you. But they also jump to play, if you have something they want and to be dominant.

It is important that the dog knows that their happy friendly personality is not discouraged but rather the way the dog expresses it, by jumping.

Under no circumstances should a dog be allowed to jump up on people. Sometimes we may encourage this behavior by giving the dog positive attention when two paws are on the floor and two paws are on you. You may not mind jumping so much when the dog is a puppy and you are wearing jeans and the paws are dry and clean. The same dog at full size will also jump up with muddy paws on a stranger wearing white pants while out on a walk. If a dog is allowed to jump up in some situations, then it is wrong to correct a dog for jumping in other situations as well. To take the confusion out, it is best to teach your dog to keep all four paws on the ground at all times.

A common mistake is to “push” the dog away. This actually communicates to the dog that you like what the dog is doing and the dog will jump again. It is because it is instinctual for dogs to push when they are happy or want more as this goes back to the nursing behavior by pushing when they nurse. This is also why most dogs push their paws on you when they get their bellies rubbed and they want you to continue.

Also you want to avoid saying “Down!” while the dog is jumping, they get used to hearing that word while jumping and soon they will think that jumping up is what the word “Down” means.

There are many different situations where dogs have a tendency to jump up if they don’t know they shouldn’t. Each situation may require a different technique. Here are a few scenarios.

Everyday situations:

When your dog jumps up on you, immediately correct with a stern NO! and turn around immediately, (you may have to step one step away to prevent the dog from jumping up on your back while you turn away) and as soon as all four paws are on the ground, turn back around and give lots of praise “Good Off”. Then you may have to repeat the process, since dogs will test to see what behavior will get the best attention, positive versus negative. This is why it is so important to praise the dog immediately after all four paws are on the ground.

If you have visitors that frequently interact with the dog, teach them this technique so there is consistency.

Don’t use the word ‘NO’ and dog’s name together. For example “Buddy NO!” When they hear their name

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and turn their attention to you, then hear “No”, this will teach the dog that paying attention is bad. Instead use the dog’s name in association with positive experiences.

You can also help prevent the jumping when you are coming home and the dog is happy to see you, by bending down to the dog’s level and greeting the dog there.

While walking outside:

While on a walk and outside and you stop to talk to someone, step on the leash so the leash is slack between the dog’s collar and your foot. If the dog jumps up, correct with a “No” then “Good Off” when all four paws are on the ground again and the leash is slack. Avoid holding the dog down with your hands as this will not teach him not to jump, only prevents it and it also makes the dog more energetic, trying to get loose from your hold.

People will often say “Oh- It’s Okay, I don’t mind”, tell them that you appreciate that, but you are trying to teach the dog not to jump at all. Ask them to help you by not giving the dog attention when the dog is trying to jump up, but rather give the attention when the dog is on the ground.

Stranger at the door, Jumping up on small children/toddlers:

In these situations it may be necessary to place the dog on a leash. As soon as the dog jumps up, give a tug in combination with “No” then ‘Good Off’. You are now doing the correction and the praise rather than the person that the dog is jumping on. Corrections for jumping can also be combined with a “shake can” (empty soda can with 10-15 pennies and taped shut). Immediately when the dog jumps up, rattle the can in combination with the “No” correction then praise after when the dog gets startled from the sound. Avoid allowing the dog to see the can, or they may think it is a toy and it will not be as effective.

Jumping on Children:

Have children turn around and just freeze in place when the dog jumps up. By screaming or running away, they will only make the jumping worse and this encourages the dog to follow. Prevent children from holding things like treats, dog toys etc. above the dog’s head as this will encourage jumping up and instead teach children to throw the toy quickly to prevent the jumping up behavior.

There are many cruel old-fashioned techniques that are surprisingly still used for correcting dogs for jumping. Never step on a dogs paws or use an electrical collar or knee a dog in the chest for jumping up as this can cause serious injury to the dog’s paws, throat and chest and/or they can fall backwards and injure their backs seriously. These are very old-fashioned methods that do not work, since it just teaches the dog to avoid this specific person and that friendliness equals pain, which can lead to aggression.

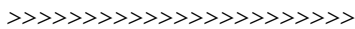
Good Luck and if you are consistent your dog will be too!



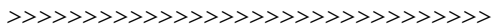
And where are they now???



Max Age 7 yo NM (as well as an older Golden Feebi Age 11 yo,) was given up by his original owner as they were moving into a Condo. Mainly he was an outside dog. He did need some vetting but seemed to be in good health in the main.
 His foster family found Max to be very fearful & skittish. Being with the in house pack & through interacting with his foster family Max gained confidence & seemed to enjoy the life of being a 'family' dog. His new family are previous adopters from EGRR & do currently own a Golden. Max is enjoying life with them all.



Feebi Age 11 yo SF Came into rescue with Max mentioned above. She had some of the typical issues of older dogs with a few extra lumps & bumps. A concern was that she had a growth on one eye. Her temperament was sound, even to tolerating a 'overly' friendly....young in house dog ☺. The listing by the owner commented "she'd rather not be bothered" in answering the question of how she reacted other dogs. Feebi proved herself to be otherwise & did well with the 2 in house dogs. Feebi had eye surgery to remove the growth & generally recovered from some medical minor issues. She was just adopted this week & has the full attention of her new owner as well as all the office staff that she keeps company with during the day "at work". You go girl !!!



Happy Endings

THE GOLDEN (RETRIEVER) TRIANGLE

By Annie Zeller-Horton



Fortunately, not all triangles are equilateral. As long as they contain three sides, they qualify as a triangle. And that's what we have at the Horton household on Whidbey Island. Three old Golden Retrievers comprising one un-equilateral triangle. And no matter how hard we try to make it equal, we seem to be the only ones who want it that way. These old Goldens will try to make absolutely sure that each has the most and each in their own way.

My husband Ross and I have been adopting old Golden Retrievers for about ten years now. Puppies are just a little too much for us and middle-year Goldens find homes easily. But it's the old Goldens that need a

place to live out the rest of their lives that call to us. As a consequence, we invite these stranger Golden Retrievers in and then have the treasure hunt of finding out who they are. Right now our threesome consists of Sarah, Bella and Libby. The base of the Golden Triangle now rests on Sarah, age 11. Not that she's the 'Leader of the Pack' by any means. More that she has been with us the longest, since February of 2012, and she is the most mellow Triangle base you've ever seen. Her heritage seems to be English Cream and she's not a small dog. She's a big block of relax-ment and only has an excitement session with 'Dad' at the foot of the stairs once a day when they bark and cuff. Both of them. Sarah loves her breakfast and dinner and treats but she isn't the noisemaker that her companions are. Sarah says it all with her eyes. "If you love me, you'll give me that cookie." She needs to lose weight.

The first leg of the Triangle would be Bella. Bella came to us in January of this year as a pointy red Golden who was really not sure what was happening. She is an explorer, this one. She learned early on that what was on the counter was none of her business but she thinks if it's in the wastebasket, it should be fair game, right? She and I are still discussing this because I can kind of see her point. If I don't want it any more it should be considered up for grabs. My feeling is that once she learns to use the vacuum cleaner, more power to her. She's smart enough. I just don't know if she's tall enough. Bella is also our musical dog. Triangle indeed. If I had one to play, she'd be singing right along with it. Actually, she only sings at dinner time. Only once in a while at breakfast. She is also an 'early to bed' dog. Bella likes her own bedtime and when she's ready, she goes on up the stairs and lays down at (not on) my side of the bed – her spot. I come up later, step over her, slide in and give her a pet good night. But she's already asleep.

Now Libby is our most recent addition and completes our 180° formula. She was born in October of 2003 and has only been with us a few months. She's our 'young' Old Golden. And young she is. Libby came to

us with a box of squeaky toys and boy is she a squeaky toy dog. She squeaks her pink octopus or her Angry Bird and she jumps and frolics and has a wonderful time. Libby is the oldest puppy I've ever seen. When you scratch under her chin, she melts to the floor apparently not understanding that you can't reach her chin anymore. For a little while, one of Libby's favorite spots was at the top of the stairs. I suspect that she just wanted to have a perch from which she could see what was going on in the house before knowing and settling down into our routines.

That's probably what all of us in this house do when a new Old Golden comes in. Because we all have stories and reasons for doing things a certain way and things that we're set on and things we can change. And no matter what we've been told about our new dog's history or her behavior and quirks at a wonderful foster home, we're all starting all over. I can make up stories about why Bella likes to sleep in a safe corner or why Libby's mouth is the most gentle mouth in the world or why Sarah lets the cat lick her head for the longest time and doesn't seem to mind. The fact is that we have safe corners for Bella and cookies for Libby's soft mouth and we have a dog-licking cat. The triangle is un-equilateral but it's balanced. And we are so lucky that we have these funny, sweet loving Old Goldenes to keep us company while we're turning into golden oldies ourselves.



Our Best Buddy

by Ginette Dalton

For the past two years the house had been quiet and free of small blonde tumbleweeds gathering in the corners of my floors. We had said goodbye to our 16 1/2 year old Golden, Timber and our 9 year old Daisy the year before and thought it would be impossible to find another dog to love half as much as we did them. Then along came Buddy. We met him at his foster home and we felt our hearts just melt open. He had a big happy smile and came right over and bowed his big head down and just snuggled with us. We were in love.



Since that sunny July day we have become a family. He brings us such joy and we can't get enough of him. This summer his favorite thing to do was go on walks around our property and stop along the creek to watch the fish. He also spent a lot of time in the garden, eating apples when we weren't looking. Now he spends fall days keeping Mark company while he paints in his studio. Thank you EGRR and foster parents, Bobbi Miller and John Chapman, for taking such good care of him until you brought us together and made us a very happy family.



PIGMENTARY UVEITIS

Reprinted from the GRCA web site

Leading experts in pigmentary uveitis recommend annual eye examinations for all Golden Retrievers, beginning in young adulthood (see "Expert Ophthalmologists Answer GRCA Member Questions About Pigmentary Uveitis," <http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/eyes-health.pdf>) These regular screenings may play an important role in preventive health care because early diagnosis and treatment of pigmentary uveitis may prevent or delay the most serious complications of the disease.

However, GRCA members have expressed that this can be a difficult topic to discuss with puppy buyers and families adopting older dogs. This is partly because most pet owners and many of their veterinarians are not familiar with the disease, but also partly because such a recommendation from a breeder could lead prospective owners to incorrectly believe that the breeder is aware of a specific risk in the line. Yet we know that at this time there can be no assurance that any Golden is safe from developing pigmentary uveitis, so essentially all Golden are at risk.

The following page of this document is intended to assist breeders, rescue organizations, or anyone placing a Golden Retriever, in providing appropriate information about pigmentary uveitis to new owners and their veterinarians. It may be downloaded and printed, and it is encouraged that copies be included in puppy packets and go-home information. It is also suggested that new owners have a copy placed in their Golden's veterinary chart for future reference.

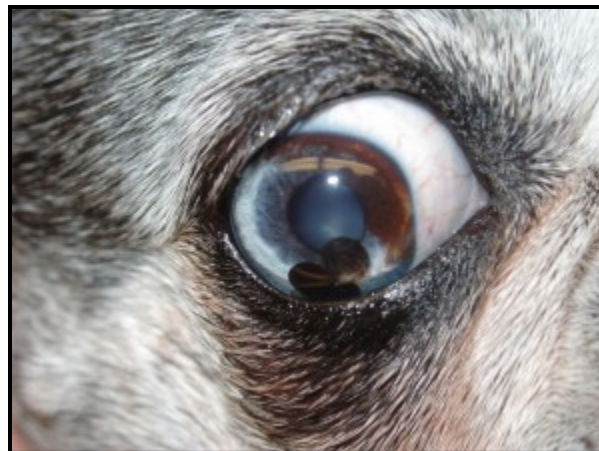
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GRCA Research Facilitator

You can read more concerning Pigmentary Uveitis on the GRCA web site:

<http://www.grca.org/health/uveitis2.html>

http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/PigmentaryUveitisRev_10-08.pdf

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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.....

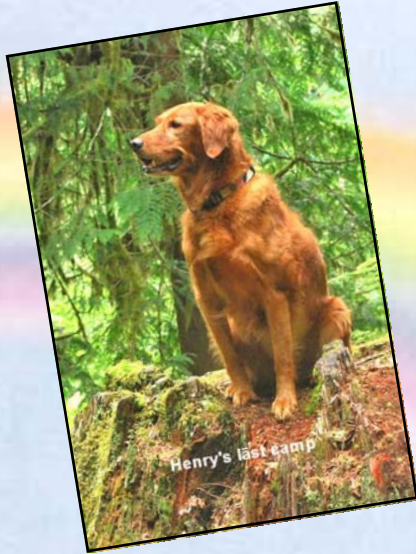


Floyd (2007) Gina and Bob Lovell - Floyd was a very special guy who came into our lives when we needed him and he gave so much to us. He loved to scrunch up his pillow, put his stuffed toy in his mouth and immediately fall asleep. He was there to greet us in the morning, nudging us awake if we didn't get up fast enough. He greeted everyone who came to our home with a warm welcome. Floyd loved to go for rides in the car and I am sure hoped that that ride would end in a field where he could run free of his leash. Floyd was the best dog, no, the greatest dog to live and I know we will feel his presence each and every day of our lives to come and we miss him beyond measure.

Chloe (2010) Ann Mosley - My wonderful Chloe was my fourth Golden so she had a lot of expectations to meet—which she did with flying colors! I called her my Happy Dog as that is exactly what she was. She had the brightest and biggest smile of all my Golden Retrievers. She loved life, whatever the moment, and she loved everyone she met. That tail would wag and she would show off her wonderful smile and hearts would melt. It goes without saying, her loss has left a huge hole and I am sad. I know she would want to bring me more happiness, but that can't happen.



Rainbow Bridge



Henry (2006) Jenny and David Hamilton - We met Henry at 6 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 8 years of our lives with him.

Walter (2007) Jan and John Murdoch- Walter was a beloved member of our family. We enjoyed six years of love and companionship with Walter before he passed away with cancer. We enjoyed daily trail walks, car rides and cuddles on the sofa. Walter was a big, loving presence in our lives and he will always have a special place in our hearts.



Julie (2009) Allan and Nancy Kiesler – Julie was the strong and quiet type who was the perfect role model and friend to foster dogs. She loved to play with anyone but especially her brother Charlie. She also loved to destroy her sister Mandy's woobies and could do so in minutes. She was not a big fan of exercise and preferred to walk and sniff when on a jaunt with us in the woods or better yet, stay home with a peanut butter filled bone. She loved fruit and no one could eat an apple without sharing it with her. Above all, she was as sweet as they come and we miss her tremendously.



Rainbow Bridge



Mitzi (2013) Dagmar O'Brien - Mitzi came into my life for a very short time, but she was a wonderful, faithful and playful companion. She took life as it was, rough at times with a lot of visits to the vet. Even with all the trials and tribulations, she always was happy to see me, and her cheerful disposition made her a great friend. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Mitzi.

Copper (2009) Chris Enrico – When I brought Copper home (along with Sophia the Newfoundland), he fit right in like he'd grown up in the house. He was 10 years and 2 months old. Copper's favorite spot was the kneehole of my desk. He never really wanted to play with the others except for Gunner (died 4/16/2013). For his age he acted very much the puppy especially at mealtimes. I'll miss him. The photo shows Copper and Gunner in a playful moment, Copper playing peek-a-boo with Gunner's ear.



Sadie (2009) Linda Carman - Sadie was 6 years old when she came to us through EGRR. She came into our family for what would be her last forever home. She was a big part of our lives for the next 5 years, now she has gone across the Rainbow Bridge. She is dearly missed by Hank and I and friends who came to visit. They may not have been dog-people when they came but they were Sadie's people when they left. Her sweetness won them over. Sadie Girl, we loved you and miss you.



Rainbow Bridge



Heidi (2012) Jean Thies and Laura Keim - On the morning of November 27, 2013, the Rainbow Bridge became brighter as our sweet, sassy 11 yr old Heidi bounded across it! Jean, Henri (12 yr old Golden foster brother) and I were given the rich opportunity of sharing life with this smart, affectionate, scrappy and playful girl for the past 15 blessed months. We are all kinder beings because of her! She reminded us of a cup of Constant Comment Tea--both in her coppery color and in her chatty personality. She had an opinion and a comment about everything! When Heidi wasn't chasing her beloved frisbee, she was chewing a stick with gusto or bringing a mouthful of leaves into the house. Run free and chase frisbees to your heart's content, sweet girl! We miss you and our hearts are broken without you!

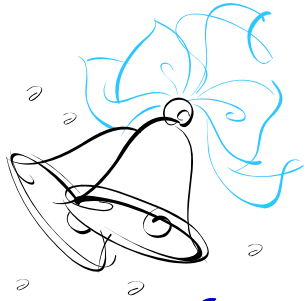
Although not an EGRR dog, Tudor was a volunteer's dog and therefore part of the EGRR family

Tudor – “Stanroph Sentry Man CD OA OAJ” (November 9, 1998 – September 10, 2013) Ane Brusendorff and Steve Peterson - Tudor loved life but was a challenge at times to live with because he had a mind of his own. I finished his CD, OA and OAJ but decided not to continue since he just wanted to do what he wanted to do in his own time frame. The last year he had been battling bad arthritis which eventually the medicine did not help so we knew at almost 15 years of age, it was his time. He was a wonderful companion, loved his canine brothers and sisters and we miss him very, very much.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Jean Thies and Laura Keim on their recent wedding and for the many Golden Retrievers who have or currently share their lives – Sally, Mike, Starman, Sampson and Willy and just recently, Heidi, at the bridge and current foster dog Henri by Erin, Fletcher, Quinn and Porter Raney

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!

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In memory of their special boy, "Floyd"
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*Martha Smith
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 P.O. Box 3088
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Mark Your Calendars

Next Year's Annual Members' Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2014
Kennydale Memorial Hall
2424 NE 27th St.
Renton, WA 98056

As usual we hope to have training sessions and/or seminars on topics of interest to
Goldens

Future Projected Events

EGRC /EGRR Educational Booth

Seattle Kennel Club Show
March 8-9, 2014

Volunteers will be much appreciated for the weekend booth, as per past years!

Annual Pigmentary Uveitis Screening Clinic for Golden Retrievers

Anticipated for approximately April 2014

4th Annual EGRR Summer Picnic

Anticipated for July 2014

