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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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President's Report - February 2014

Rich Randall - President, Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Our Rescue efforts for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) in 2013 are now behind us, but the memories are not. The overall story was one of fewer dogs than past years, but increasing veterinary costs. We continued the pattern of a trend to more senior dogs and more medically-needy dogs coming into the Rescue program.

Thanks to those who volunteered in the Rescue activities for EGRR during 2013, we had some fabulous rescue success stories with dogs having double knee surgeries and with placing of 10 year olds, 11 year olds and 13 year olds into new adoptive homes!!!! Hurray for a great set of teamwork by volunteers on those outcomes, and hurray for the dogs rescued. But, we felt the losses in foster homes to seizures and to old age and to that scourge that we are all familiar with known as hemangio. Again to those who supported the volunteers in EGRR in 2013 through donations and kind words, a wonderful thank you. To those volunteers involved, they are the ones who make it happen. We keep in mind that all of the lucky dogs give a very big woof of appreciation!!

The 2014 year will see some upcoming important events. An educational booth will be held again on March 8 and 9 at the Seattle Kennel Club show. This effort on the booth is led, as is the case each year, by the breed club sister organization, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC). Several EGRR Rescue people have already volunteered to come out to work at the two day booth exhibit and talk to people interested in Goldens and interested in Rescue.

We will also hold our annual EGRR Rescue members' meeting on Sunday, May 4. The highlight at this annual meeting will be a presentation on eye disorders in dogs by Dr. Thomas Sullivan of the Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle. We hope for a great attendance to hear this educational session which will also focus on specific disorders affecting Goldens, such as pigmentary uveitis. Mark your calendars!!

Also mark your calendars for our annual EGRR Rescue summer picnic on Sunday, July 13. This picnic is always a well-attended highlight of the year, and we trust it will repeat as such again in 2014.

Another quick reminder that the 2014 Membership renewal period is happening as we speak. Thanks to those who have already renewed and their support!!!

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.

NOTE TO SELF: RENEW EGRR MEMBERSHIP

Is renewing your **membership** for 2014 still on your **TO DO** list?

As Rich says, we are being asked to take in more elderly Goldens, more Goldens with medical needs and some with the need for behavior training. We rely on memberships and donations in order to be able to provide what our beloved Goldens need and deserve.

Many of you have joined for the first time, renewed for 2014 or even rejoined after missing a year. Thanks so much to all of you.

But, many of you still have it on your **TO DO** list!

There are several ways to renew

Complete the form below and send it with a check to **PO Box 3088, Renton, WA 98056.**

Use PayPal.

Come to the annual membership meeting on Sunday, May 4 and join in person.
Meet your EGRR family, bring your dog and hear from our special guest Dr. Sullivan.

Volunteers Needed!!!
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Home checks are an important part of our adoption process and help insure that EGRR dogs go to appropriate forever homes. To be able to get these accomplished, we need more volunteers who can visit a family who lives near them to do a home check. It does not matter where you live – we need volunteers from all areas of western Washington state from Chehalis to Bellingham and the Peninsula to Ellensburg. Please sign up to help. More than likely, you will be asked to do a home check no more than once a month if that. We also need a volunteer to assist with scheduling home checks. This job would require only about 1-2 hours a week of your time.

Please e-mail our Volunteer Coordinator, Maddy Wiley, at mwiley@familycareofkent.com if you can help with home checks or in any other way.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)

2014 Annual Membership Application



Your financial support is very welcome and always needed!!!!

Renewal *** **New Member “”**

Name(s) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail (Please Print in Capitals) _____

*** Renewal - Please check (√) if: Address _____, Phone _____, e-mail _____ has changed since last year.

“” New Member – How did you hear about us? _____

Membership in EGRR has many benefits. As a **Full member** you can vote at the Annual Meeting and participate in EGRR’s future by holding office. Choosing **Supporting member** is a way that you can show your support and be tail waggin’ GGreatful you could help. ☺ A **“Supporting - Golden” membership** is for, ...well..., Golden who support Rescue ☺!!! And for all canine and feline pals of Golden who also support Rescue, there is the **“Supporting - Canine Kinship” membership** ☺!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership (\$10 each member) | \$ _____ |
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Additional Donation Amount \$ _____

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Please make your check payable to E.G.R.R. and mail with this page to Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue, PO Box 3088, Renton, WA 98056. EGRR is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Remember - We can always use volunteers to help with the following

I am not currently a volunteer but am interested in becoming one. Please send me a Volunteer Application; I have checked the items below that I would like to help with. For a Foster Home Application, check Foster Care below. If you are currently a volunteer nothing is needed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Grooming	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Visitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer/IT
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Screening
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art/Graphic Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits	

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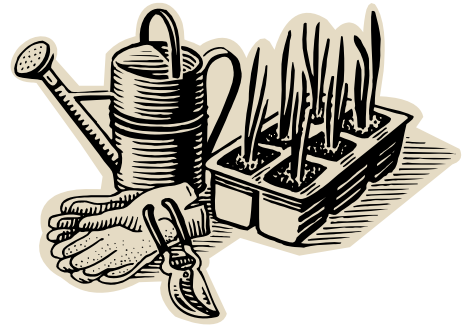
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Dog Safe Gardening

It is that time of the year when we get the bug to work in the garden. It is important to realize there are a number of plants that can poison our pets. Not only are many plants poisonous but fertilizers, Cocoa Mulch, Insecticides and composts are also unsafe.

There are several web sites that list poisonous plants:

- ✿ ASPCA.org (has a very complete list)
- ✿ Petmed.com
- ✿ Dogpack.com
- ✿ Petpoisonhelpline.com



This list of some of the plants and seeds that are poisonous:

- American bittersweet roots, leaves, berries
- Apple seeds, in large amounts
- **Autumn crocus** - Its active ingredient, colchicines, triggers an anti-metabolic effect that can cause rapidly dividing cells, shedding of the gastrointestinal tract, bloody diarrhea, and vomiting. [Learn more>>](#)
- Avocado leaves
- **Azalea** - This popular plant can harm a dog's cardiovascular system and trigger vomiting or gastrointestinal upset.
- Black-eyed Susan
- Bleeding heart leaves, roots
- Boston ivy
- Buttercup
- Caladium
- Castor bean seeds, leaves
- Chinaberry berries, fruit, bark
- Chokecherry bark, leaves, seeds
- Christmas rose leaves, roots, sap
- **Daffodil** (*Narcissus*) - Toxic ingredients in the bulbs cause convulsions, tremors, lethargy, weakness, and upset stomachs.
- Diffenbachia
- English holly berries
- English ivy leaves, berries
- Foxglove seeds, flowers, leaves
- Glacier ivy leaves, berries
- Golden chain flowers, seeds, pods
- Hemlock seeds, stems, roots
- **Hyacinth** - This popular plant can cause severe vomiting, bloody diarrhea, depression, and tremors.
- Hydrangea leaves, buds
- Iris roots
- Jack-in-the-pulpit
- Jerusalem cherry

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- Jimson weed
- Jonquil
- Larkspur
- **Lily of the valley** - This plant can cause heart failure, coordination problems, and vomiting.
- Mistletoe berries
- Morning glory seeds
- Mountain laurel
- Nephthytis
- Nightshade
- Oak acorns, foliage
- **Oleander** - Extremely toxic, this popular outdoor plant contains cardiac glycosides that harm the heart, decrease body temperature, cause abnormal pulse rate, and can cause death. Beware: Even people have died from eating hot dogs roasted on an oleander twig.
- Philodendron
- **Poinsettia leaves, flowers** - Irritating to the mouth and stomach and can cause vomiting.
- Pothos
- Potato leaves, stems
- Privet berries, leaves
- Red sage green berries
- Rhododendron
- **Rhubarb leaves** - Although the stalks are used to make pies, the leaves pack the potential to cause kidney damage.
- Rosary pea seeds
- Sweet pea seeds, pods
- Tulip bulbs
- Wild black cherry leaves, seeds
- Wisteria seeds, pods
- Umbrella plant
- Yellow jasmine
- **Yew** - Extremely toxic to dogs, this group of ornamental plants can cause seizures or cardiac failure. The plant and red berries are toxic.

Cocoa Mulch is attractive to dogs because of the sweet smell. A better choice would be pine or cedar bark. It is important to read the labels on any fertilizer, mulch or insecticide before using it around your pets. Besides using caution with the above, be cautious with your garden tools. You know Goldens love to carry things and we don't want them to pick up sharp tools nor do we want them to step on something that can cause a puncture wound.



Although crocus mean the start of spring and they are very pretty, they are also poisonous to your dog. Keep a watch on your dog and make sure you are not planting items that can make him/her very sick.

Happy Gardening

Two Special Awards

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue



On February 9, in New York City, Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue received the Dog Writers Association of America Award in the category of “Canine Newspapers or Newsletter” for their newsletter.

The attached picture is of Katie Dyer receiving the award on behalf of Homeward Bound.

Congratulations Homeward Bound



Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue (DVGRR)

Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue has been selected as the Shelter of the Year for 2013, a special industry award presented by Purina Veterinary Diets Fortiflor and was honored at the 59th annual Purina® Pro Plan® Show Dogs of the Year® Awards ceremony on February 8th in New York City in conjunction with the Westminster Dog Show.

“Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue is a shining star in the purebred rescue world,” said Lisa MacDonald, Event Chairperson. “They have grown from a foster system to a true shelter model and created many innovative programs such as Project Home Life, in which they rehabilitate former puppy mill breeding dogs. We applaud their efforts on behalf of all dogs in Lancaster County, across the state and beyond.”

The award recognizes excellence and innovation in rescue and adoption and, in recent years, considers the aggregate good a shelter or rescue has done in naming the annual winner.

Project Home Life (PHL) was launched in 2009 to address the many dogs coming into DVGRR’s program from puppy mills that were unaccustomed to the typical sights and sounds of a normal household as well as human interaction. Based on the success of PHL, DVGRR most recently created Hutch-to-Home, a full-day workshop offered to other rescues and shelters to enable them to create programs similar to PHL.

Congratulations DVGRR

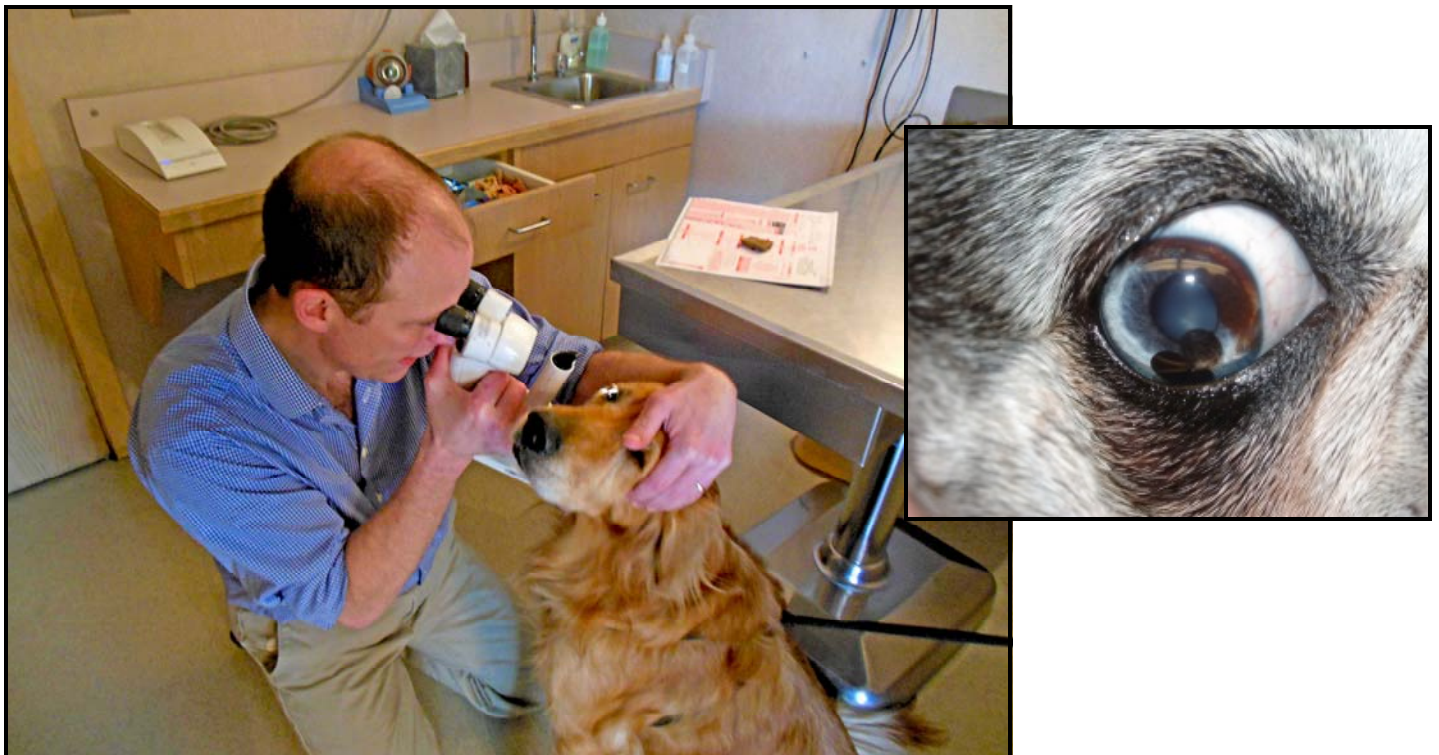
Pigmentary Uveitis

Have Your Dog Checked

Pigmentary Uveitis (PU), also called Golden Retriever Uveitis because it occurs almost exclusively in Golden Retrievers, is a serious condition. If left untreated, PU can progress to Glaucoma which can eventually result in blindness and extreme pain necessitating removal of the involved eye. Goldens are typically very stoic dogs and will not convey that they are in pain until it is quite severe. Some estimate that as many as 25-30% of Golden Retrievers have this condition. You can read more about PU on the Golden Retriever Club of America's website www.grca.org.

Treatment for dogs diagnosed with PU is typically one drop of medicine in each eye, once a day. In many of these dogs, this treatment will prevent progression of the PU and the development of Glaucoma but early diagnosis is very important.

On **April 12**, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club will be hosting their annual Pigmentary Uveitis screening clinic at the **Animal Eye Clinic in Seattle**. All Golden Retrievers should be checked yearly for this condition starting at 4 years of age. Currently we do not have the cost for the clinic. To register your dog for this clinic, which fills quickly, call Rachel at 206-524-8822 starting March 12th. This screening clinic is for pet Golden Retrievers only and not for dogs already receiving treatment for PU or used as a CERF exam. If you are unable to attend the clinic on April 12, schedule a separate appointment for a genetic eye screening or attend an eye clinic held at a dog show or event but do get your dog's eyes screened as his vision could depend on it.



The Joy of Fostering

By Nancy Kiesler



“The 3 Amigos” foster dogs: Rusty, Will and Zeus

I have always said that fostering is the most important job in Rescue and this is even truer now even though our intake numbers have slowly declined through the years. Allan and I started volunteering in Golden Retriever rescue 24 years ago this month and when we reflect on those years we agree that fostering has and still is our favorite job. The effort invested in a dog to build their confidence or teach them manners or restore their health is rewarded tenfold when you witness the resulting change. Sometimes it is as dramatic as a butterfly emerging from a cocoon! Add to that the joy that your foster dog brings to their new forever family and one quickly realizes that fostering is the best job in Rescue.

“If EGRR is taking in fewer dogs why would we need more foster homes” I can hear you asking. The reason is that more of the dogs coming into our program are older or have health problems or both or have behavior issues. As a result, their stay in foster care is considerably longer. Since most dogs are already spayed or neutered when we get them, a young and healthy Golden without behavior issues will likely be in foster care for no more than two weeks. An older dog or a dog who requires surgery or has an on-going medical problem or behavior issues can be in foster care for three months or longer. Incidentally, this is a trend that is occurring in most Golden Retriever Rescue groups across the country. These older dogs, despite their medical problems which can require more than a few visits to the vet, are typically easy house guests so foster homes don’t mind their lengthy stay but it does “clog” up our foster care system, so to speak. At this point in time, we have twelve dogs in foster care and every one of them has a behavior or health issue that requires extra care and time. We have a saying in EGRR – if we can place almost any dog if we can hold onto them long enough

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– and so far, this has held true.

EGRR is fortunate to have a wonderful team of foster homes and as a result, we are able to care for the dogs who need us because we know that someone will step up to foster that dog. Perfect examples of that are 14+ year old littermates named Sampson and Willie who were taken from the Tacoma Humane Society in 2013. Sampson lived only a week succumbing to Lymphoma but it was a good week. He was clean, warm, well fed and surrounded by love from his brother and foster parents, Jean Thies and Laura Keim. Willy lived 3 ½ months and adjusted to the move much better having Sampson at this side the first week. Just two weeks ago Rick and Rhonda Comfort took 7-8 year old Rusty from the Kitsap County Humane Society and recognized immediately that he was very ill. The emergency vet confirmed their suspicions – Rusty had pneumonia. As I said, we have GReat foster homes!

I am pleased to welcome four new foster families to our foster home team. Kathy and Jim Chorey have had Golden Retrievers in the past but do not own one now. This made them the perfect foster home for Kelsey who came into Rescue because she had issues with the Chihuahua's in her family. Kelsey is doing very well with Kathy and Jim and will soon be in her forever home. Jamie and Charlotte Myxter adopted one of my foster dogs in 2000 and when Roger went to the bridge this past year, they decided that they wanted to help other Golden Retrievers in need. They were the perfect foster home for Hannah, an eleven year old EGRR dog who was adopted 7 years ago and was being returned because of her owner's health. Sadly, we learned at her first vet visit that Hannah has cancer. Jamie and Charlotte did not want to see Hannah moved again and decided that she would spend her last days with them.

Filling a need in Tacoma is Sal Greenberger who is anxiously waiting for her first dog. Tricia Demarest comes to us complete with grooming equipment and lots of experience and she is almost ready for her first foster dog.

As you can no doubt tell, sharing the stories about our dogs and their wonderful foster parents is another of my favorite things to do and there are many, many stories that I could share. What I really want to see is for our foster home numbers to continue to increase so that more people can experience the incredible joy of fostering and create their own stories to share.



The Kiesler pack with foster dogs Will and Benji

Happy Endings

Dear Friend who is placing your dog with EGRR,

I can only imagine how difficult it must be to make the decision to give up your dog. I want you to know how it is from the other side of the fence, and how deeply appreciated your loving decision is to us.

We adopted a dog a few months ago from EGRR. Our home and yard had been carefully checked and we had spent a lot of time with the volunteer who coordinates the dogs with waiting homes, to make sure the fit would be a good one. And it is truly the best match that could possibly have been made.

We and your sweet dog, given so lovingly when you could not keep her, are enjoying daily games of chase-the-ball and tug-the-rope. Your dog won our hearts completely the first moment we saw that wagging tail. Both we and she refuse to believe she's too big to be a lap dog! Naps have been enjoyed and there are long walks every day. She loves to be brushed, she loves to stick her nose out the car window and most of all she is enjoying the other animals, our family and the abundance of neighbor children.

Thank you for thinking not of yourself, but of your dog's future. Thank you for being unselfish, for not selling her on Craigslist to a stranger, but giving her instead to EGRR, who placed her in a home where you knew she would be safe.



We would like you to know that she is going on long hikes and chewing plenty of bones. We like to think that somehow you know she will never forget the love you showed her at the beginning of her life, and that you know that she's being loved by a new family who think there is nothing sweeter than the dog you gave us.

Many, many thanks to you and to the volunteers at EGRR. We absolutely love the wonderful golden who is napping by the fire. We are so very grateful.

Sharyn Sowell



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.....



Ellie – Sue Daley (2006) – When we lost our Golden, Coady, to cancer, after 2 years of aggressive treatment I was devastated. I wasn't really ready for a new dog, but someone suggested I apply to EGRR. I was told that if I asked for a young dog, I would be put on a waiting list. Little did I know that Sue Randall would call within a few weeks! I visited and Ellie stole my heart. She was 2 years old, and beautiful! Ellie joined our family of rambunctious boys and helped me raise them with lots of outings and playtime. She forced ME to be healthy with daily walks. Ellie was my training buddy as I prepared for the Susan B. Komen 3 Day. Someday, I hope to add a Golden to the family again. But for now, it is quiet. I will continue to support the work of EGRR and the wonderful dedicated volunteers that run it!

Rainbow Bridge

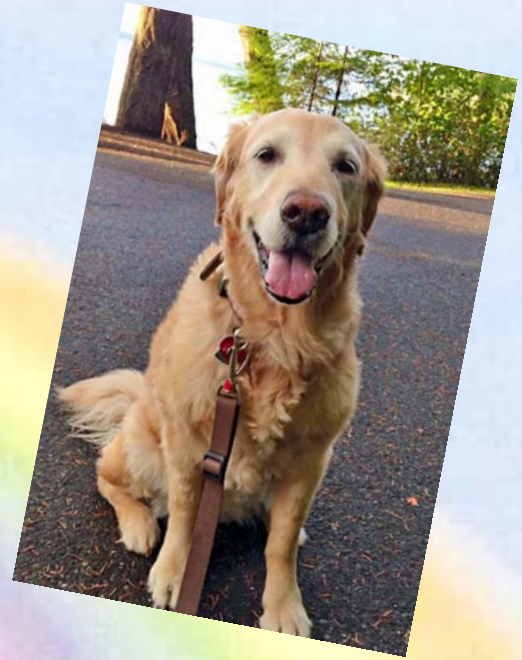
Danny – Bob and Pam Davies (2009) - Danny went running full-tilt across the rainbow bridge when he collapsed and died suddenly (due to Hemangiosarcoma) on Saturday evening Jan. 18. He came to us four years ago as a very timid dog, but his daily outings with dog-walker, Gwen, and his buddies were a big confidence-booster. Gwen's arrival was the highlight of his day. Danny was the most "vocal" Golden we've ever met—he would greet you with a "happy growl" that just grew louder if you started talking to him. He always had to have a soft toy in his mouth, and was almost never without his favorite—even when he was taking a nap. He was a real cuddler, and loved nothing more than a long tummy scratch. He also hated fireworks; if he heard a loud one on a walk, he would freeze and refuse to take another step until we turned around and went home. Danny, you brought lots of love and joy into our lives, and we will all miss you very much!



Bella – Stephanie Woods (2001) - Bellarina, ChewBella, Hella-Bella, Beaner, GirlyGirl, B and of course 'Bella'-- just a few 'pet' names we all had for our sweet, wonderful girl. Bella came into our lives when she was just 6 months old. She was a furry dervish, demanding constant supervision lest she reduce the house to a pile of sawdust. She challenged our training skills, but with a healthy dose of patience and humor, we all came out really big winners. Her high drive and independence made her an excellent candidate for K9 search work and we served law enforcement as a volunteer K9 Human Remains Detection team for 5 years. I am blessed to have shared so many years with her, and the happy memories of them will always bring a smile to my face. Bella, give Blue, Mokie and Petie great big sloppy kisses from me—until we meet again.

Rainbow Bridge

Muchi – Scott and Moira Wasner (2006) - With very heavy hearts and countless happy memories from just over eight years of being together we sent our sweet girl "Muchi" across the rainbow bridge on February 12th. Muchi leaves us and her brother Parker (also an EGRR dog) with many-many wonderful years of love and laughter that we will never forget. Some of her most favored things were her endless hours in the swimming pool, opening her Birthday & Christmas gifts (usually a box full of countless tennis balls), car rides, and lots and lots of cuddling. In typical Golden style she never found a treat she didn't like and she was always ready for the next meal. We are so grateful to Muchi and EGRR for allowing us to be her forever home and family. Goodbye our sweet girl, we miss you more than words can say.



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



Molly – Sue and Del Berg - Molly came to the Berg house 6.5 years ago as an overweight Husky mix. She loved to hike, go for walks, play with her squeaker toys and savor treats. She and her Golden "sister" Jo were best friends with Jo alerting us if Molly, as her mobility deteriorated, needed something. Molly welcomed the arrival of her new brother, Cooper, last September and didn't mind being outnumbered by Goldens. She was a great friend and is now able to run again, with tail high, free of all of her ailments at the Rainbow Bridge.



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Scott and Moira Wasner*

*Forever remembering his special girl, Buffi"
John Chapman*

*Allan and Nancy Kiesler who miss their sweet
"Julie" every day*

Honorary Donations

*John Knapp wishing his wife, Kate
Endicott, a very Happy Birthday*

*Albert Mueller and Russell Erickson
wishing "Emme" (an amazing Golden)
Happy Holidays!*

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 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**

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Members' Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2014, 1:30 PM

Kennydale Memorial Hall

2424 NE 27th St.

Renton, WA 98056

Same location as the last few years. Less than a mile east of Exit #6, off Highway I-405.

Dogs and Humans are all Welcome!!! See you there!

The meeting will consist of two parts:

The first part of the meeting will be a short business meeting, focusing on the annual election of the Directors and Officers to the Board.

The second part, and highlight, of the meeting will be an educational seminar on eye disorders in dogs. This will be presented by Dr. Thomas Sullivan of the Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle. We hope for a great attendance to hear this educational session which will also focus on specific disorders for which owners of Golden Retrievers should particularly take note, such as pigmentary uveitis. Please refer to the article on pigmentary uveitis in this newsletter.

Dogs on Leashes:

Please remember to have all dogs on leashes, and short leashes preferably. Also remember that not all dogs appreciate, in confined spaces, to be enthusiastically greeted by another dog. So prudently consider the other dog first for potential meet and greet, before cautiously doing so!! Many thanks.

Board of Directors Elections

At the Annual Members meeting on May 4, we will have the annual election of the Directors and Officers to the Board for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR).

If anyone wishes to stand for election to the EGRR Board, wishes to nominate another person, or just has questions, please contact one our current Board Members.

Summer Picnic

Mark you calendars for the 4th Annual Summer EGRR Rescue Picnic. Same location as last year:

Sunday, July 13, 2014

12 noon to 3 pm

Lions' Day Camp, 21230 SE 184th St., Maple Valley WA 98038 (same location as the last two years)

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

Great picnic site - Woods, Cedar River, ball field. Great activities - BBQ, dog games, other fun events.

