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Mark you calendars for the 4th Annual Summer EGRR Rescue Picnic

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.



July 2013

"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

Rich Randall – President, Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) held its Annual Members' Meeting on May 4 and, as we enter the mid-point of 2014, we elected the Board to see the organization through to a similar point in 2015. The new Officer on the Board team is **Lee Cummings**, as Treasurer. Lee had previously served as Treasurer up to 2012. The returning Directors from last year who remain with me on the Board are **Kathy Hobson**, as Vice President, **Jean Thies** as Secretary, and **Mel Miller** and **Vicky Smith** as Directors. Our many thanks to **Brad Kammerer** who steps down as Director at the end of the five year term limit for serving on the Board. The second part, and highlight, of the May 4 meeting was an educational seminar on eye disorders in dogs presented by **Dr. Thomas Sullivan** of the **Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle**. We hope that this presentation has helped in the publicizing of specific eye disorders for which owners of Golden Retrievers should take note, in particular the very serious, but very preventable with easy screening, condition of pigmentary uveitis.

EGRR now looks forward to its **Annual Summer Picnic!!** Our 4th Annual summer gathering. More information follows in this newsletter and has been sent out earlier to members. We hope to have the same wonderful attendance as previous years and the same great BBQing. And we hope the same fabulous enjoyment with fun competitions on Rally and on Agility with our dogs. It turns out that the PREVIOUS PRESIDENT is planning again this year to form another team and has tasked the CURRENT PRESIDENT again to form a team for a second year head-to-head Rally and Agility challenge!!! Come out and participate and/or watch this **GRAND CHALLENGE**. Last year was an absolute dead tie for points in the challenge. This year (speaking for one of the upcoming teams) I am sure that one select team will this year come out on top!!! Also at the picnic, there will be a demonstration of Freestyle, which is dog dancing to music. Everyone will love it!! So mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 13**.

Thanks to all who make Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue successful each and every year – members, volunteers, donors, adopters, veterinary clinics and staff, other supporters. See you all at the upcoming Picnic!!

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.



The Star Award

Congratulations Thomas Sullivan, DVM

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.

Congratulations to Thomas Sullivan, DVM and Golden owner, and his wonderful staff, for being awarded the Star Award at EGRR's Annual Meeting on May 4, 2014 where Dr. Sullivan presented a very educational talk on Eye Disorders in Golden Retrievers. Dr. Sullivan has a long history of helping the animal community in the Seattle area. The clinic opens their doors every spring for EGRC's annual PU Clinic. Additionally, Dr. Sullivan has treated many EGRR dogs through the years. Dr. Sullivan and his partner, Dr. Landry, also participate in eye clinics at dog shows and other events, all in an effort to reach as many dogs as possible. Dr. Sullivan also volunteers at the Woodland Park Zoo. Last winter, Dr. Sullivan traveled to Bogor, Indonesia where he gave a series of lectures at the Asian Meeting of Animal Specialties. We are most fortunate to have Dr. Sullivan, and the staff of the Animal Eye Clinic, in our community and they are deserving recipients of this award.



Rich Randall and Dr. Thomas Sullivan

PU Screening Clinic A Big Success

**By
Allan Kiesler**

Another very successful Pigmentary Uveitis screening clinic, sponsored by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, was held on April 12th at the Animal Eye Clinic in Seattle. Out of 49 dogs screened, 5 were diagnosed with Uveitis including my 8 yr old Golden boy, Charlie. We are no strangers to PU as we are currently dealing with the long term effects of PU in our Mandy who has lost one eye to Glaucoma and now has it in her remaining eye. Charlie has been screened every year since he turned 4 and was clear every time so he is the perfect example of why all Golden Retrievers need to be screened every year for this condition starting at 4 years of age. If you missed the clinic, you can have your dog screened for only \$37.00 at the clinic by scheduling him for a CERF exam. To make it easy, Animal Eye Clinic's phone number is 206-524-8822.



OUTREACH

Lady's Story

By
Nancy Kiesler



Lady waiting patiently at the airport

When it became clear that our Intake numbers were continuing to decline, the EGRR Board decided to look for a way to help Golden Retrievers in need outside our area and if possible, bring some home to the Pacific Northwest. Surely there were parts of the country where Golden Rescue groups still had more dogs than adoptive homes. What we found was that virtually all Golden Retriever Rescue groups in the US have more adopters than they have purebred Golden Retrievers to place and if they are faced with a sudden influx of dogs, it makes more sense logistically to work with neighboring rescue groups than one as far away as EGRR is.

Our research did turn up the interesting fact that stray Golden Retrievers are a huge problem in Taiwan. Large scale breeding operations produce many puppies that are sold to people who live in very small apartments. When the dog gets too big for the apartment, the owner turns the dog loose on the streets or dumps her in the mountains. If the dog is lucky, she ends up at a shelter. These facilities are reportedly not very nice but better than living on the streets. Fortunately, there are Rescue groups in Taiwan who take these dogs from local shelters, nurse them back to health including providing any and all needed vet care or surgery and then pay the costs associated with flying them to a Rescue group on the west coast. Several Golden Retriever rescue groups in California have been importing Golden Retrievers from Taiwan for years now at the rate of over 100 per year!

Armed with this knowledge, EGRR teamed up with Golden Bond Golden Retriever Rescue from Portland Oregon, as they, too, were interested in bringing in some dogs. We were then hooked up with Lingling Wong and Bata Wu, volunteers in Taiwan. They e-mailed us pictures, bio's, x-rays and health records on several dogs. From these, EGRR chose a 4 yr old female named Lady and Golden Bond took 3 Golden Retrievers and a Lab. In an effort to get to know the Golden Bond volunteers better, they joined the EGRR volunteers for dinner before going to the airport to pick up the dogs. Everything went incredibly smoothly and although clearly confused, Lady was happy to be out of her kennel and to be able to go to the bathroom after a 13 hour flight!

Due to the heat in Taiwan, they shave all of the dogs so Lady arrived looking more like a lion than a Golden Retriever. Fortunately, despite her rough life, her temperament is all Golden and she does well with everyone. She's gradually learning English and has an amazing "sit" now especially a meal time. We knew that she had a chronic leg injury but had no other specifics. It turns out that she must have gotten her right leg caught in a snare trap which resulted in severe damage to her Achilles tendon. She is able to walk and even run if she's motivated enough but the right leg tires quickly. The damage to the muscle was so extensive that surgery is not an option so she has a brace that she wears on her walks which she is getting used to and which seems to help. The next step in Lady's journey will be to her forever home and whoever that lucky person is, they will be getting a wonderful dog.



Happy Endings

The Difficult Choice of Giving Up a Dog

By Lynne Sleeper-Evans

I got the call from my sister-in-law, late in November of 2012. She'd gone to visit friends, and met their beautiful new Golden, Ellie. Her friends had bought Ellie on Craig's List for \$50 from an exhausted young mother who could not keep up with a newborn and a young, high-energy dog at the same time. Her husband had gotten the dog a few months before, then had been deployed back to Afghanistan, leaving his wife to cope alone. My sister-in-law's friends had lost their old, mellow black Lab a few months before, and were looking for a replacement dog. They had expected Ellie to be just like their previous dog - undemanding of their time and attention, sleeping most of the time. Ellie was most certainly not like their old Lab. Ellie was young, high energy, and, like all Goldens, wanted to be close to her new owners. Added to this was the dismaying fact that Ellie was not housebroken. And she liked to chew. Chair arms, rugs, and table legs were particular favorites. So instead of becoming a welcomed new member of the household, Ellie was banished to the great outdoors, except for a very limited time at night, when she was allowed to be inside with her owners. When my sister-in-law went to visit, the dog was so starved for attention that Ellie literally crawled up in her lap. My sister-in-law is a big dog lover, and could tell this was not a good match. As tactfully as she could, she asked her friends if they wanted to find Ellie a new home. They said yes. She called me to ask if I were willing to take on another Golden. I said of course. I already had two Goldens: River, a mellow young male, and Grace, a quiet, athletic female.

As if not being housebroken and loving to chew inappropriate things wasn't enough, poor Ellie also had a cataract in one eye, making her effectively blind on one side. She was forever going headlong into door jambs and furniture, because of it. She was terrified of going through doorways - I suspect it was because she hit the doorjamb so many times on her blind side. A trip to Dr. Sullivan gave us the good news that he could fully restore Ellie's eyesight with a simple operation. I had that done, and it was wonderful to watch Ellie realize she could see everything again.

Relations with Ellie and River, my young male, were great. They roughhoused, slept together and were great pals. Sadly, that was not the case with Grace. Ellie and Grace were tense in each others' company. The tension erupted into a dog fight just a few weeks after Ellie arrived. Both needed stitching up. The catalyst of that first fight, and the ones afterward, was a ball. Both dogs had tremendous prey



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drives, and if they were going after the same ball, they would fight to the death to get it, and keep it away from the other dog. In the house, they had made a sort of wary truce with each other. I was cautiously optimistic that the truce would blossom into true friendship.

But it was not to be. Instead, Grace slowly withdrew into herself. Ellie and River had formed a bond and were a pack together. Grace stopped playing, even with River alone. It was plainly apparent that I had gained one dog, but was losing another. I made the very hard decision to rehome Ellie.

Nancy was very, very patient with me. The first time I called to ask her to list Ellie, I had a change of heart, and decided to keep trying to make it work. I ended up calling poor Nancy three separate times before making the final decision to move Ellie to another home. It was for the best. The third time was truly the charm, because Cindy and her family were the absolute perfect match for dear Ellie. Cindy and Dave are saints - they had taken old and ailing Goldens, and had given each a wonderful home for their last years. When, after losing Bear, their family decided they were ready again for a new dog, their sons requested they adopt a younger, healthy dog this time. Ellie had spent a year with us; in that time, she learned to limit her chewing to dog toys only, was completely housebroken, and knew basic commands. She was ready to be a star in someone else's home.



Keep Your Best Friend Safe On The 4th

With the 4th of July rapidly approaching it is a good time to review the ways to keep your dog safe if you live in an area that allows fireworks. If your dog is significantly stressed by the noise the safest thing to do is to leave him at home. Provide him a secure place such as a crate or inside room and leave the radio or T.V. going to help block out the noise. It may also help to exercise him well several hours before you go so he's tired. Feed him dinner before you go so that he is content and leave him with some distractions like his favorite toy or a stuffed Kong. In extreme cases a dog may need the assistance of sedatives to deal with the loud noises and this should be discussed with your vet. If you decide to take him with you to join in the festivities, make sure he has on a secure collar or harness that includes an ID tag and you use a sturdy leash. Do watch him carefully while at the party because many common picnic foods are unhealthy or even dangerous for dogs. If the weather is hot, make sure he has a shady spot to rest in and plenty of water. Often the safest and most comfortable place for your dog on the 4th is at home where he feels the most secure and comfortable and you can enjoy the activities without worrying about him.

EGRR received this note via email——

Hello- I was just messing around with my ipad to-night and found the story of Star- the golden who was rescued from some deplorable conditions. Foremost, now that my tears are dried up- thank you for your work with such dogs. The physical transformation in Star was very evident- from a scowling, unhappy looking dog to a beautiful dog with that classic "golden" smile. Thanks for your work!

*You can see Star's story on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcUa_YvCAgE
Or do a search for stars story evergreen golden retriever club*



Prudent Parasite Prevention

By
Nancy Kay, DVM

Did you read about recent worries pertaining to a popular flea/heartworm/intestinal parasite prevention product called [Trifexis](#)? Some folks in the Atlanta area felt certain that this product caused the [deaths of their dogs](#). Although autopsy examinations did not implicate Trifexis as the cause, such stories can create significant stress and anxiety for people, particularly for those already experiencing stress and anxiety about giving so many medications to their dogs for parasite control. Is all this recommended prevention truly necessary?

Below, I have provided you with my feelings about parasite prevention. Please keep in mind that the following thoughts represent simply one veterinarian's opinion. This information should not replace discussion and decision-making with your own vet. Your choices should be based on your pet's potential exposure to various parasites as well as your own personal preferences.

Heartworm prevention

It used to be that I could tell you that if your dog lived in a particular state, city, or community you could skip heartworm prevention for your pets. Not so anymore. Heartworm disease now exists in every state within the United States. While it is intuitive to believe that a thick, long coat or exclusively indoor lifestyle will protect an animal from heartworm disease, this is not the case. Wherever an animal lives and whatever the plushness of their hair coat, [year-round heartworm prevention](#) is a good idea.

Here's the good news about heartworm preventive medications. With rare exception, they are exceptionally safe. Adverse side effects are few and far between. Now, the bad news- heartworm resistance to commonly used preventive drugs has become a real phenomenon, documented most clearly in dogs living in the Mississippi Delta. [The American Heartworm Society](#) is currently funding research to learn more about heartworm resistance. For this reason, it is important to have dogs tested annually for heartworm disease even when heartworm preventive is being conscientiously administered.

Heartworms can cause serious damage and treatment of this disease is no walk in the park. I strongly recommend year-round heartworm preventive medication for your dogs and cats. The main exception to this recommendation applies to very elderly or infirmed pets who are not expected to live more than six months or so. This is the approximate amount of time it takes for significant symptoms to arise following heartworm infection.

FYI- my pets receive heartworm prevention once a month year round. I reside in the mountains of western North Carolina where the temperature drops below freezing during the winter.

Prevention of intestinal parasites (worms)

Dogs and cats are most likely to have intestinal parasites when they are puppies and kittens. This is because dormant stages of some intestinal worms are activated in the pregnant dog or cat and then "shared" with their offspring. Geography and lifestyle tend to dictate whether adult animals harbor intestinal parasites. For example, a dog living in North Carolina who frequents a busy dog park is far more likely to have intestinal worms than a Wyoming dog who never sets paw where other dogs tread.

Talk with your veterinarian to determine if intestinal parasite prevention is truly needed. Simply checking a stool sample for parasite eggs (this test is referred to as a fecal flotation) once or twice a year may be the way to go. Such testing is inexpensive and efficient. Worst-case scenario and your pet develops intestinal parasites- know that the treatment for this issue is safe, effective, and relatively inexpensive. If you are looking to thin out your pet's menu of preventive medications, this would be a good one to consider dropping.

FYI- my pets do not receive intestinal parasite prevention. Rather, I run a fecal flotation once or twice a year to assess whether or not worms are present.

Flea prevention

Flea prevention falls on the "optional" list in terms of parasite prevention. Some environments simply don't propagate much in the way of fleas. For example, a strictly indoor kitty may remain flea-free. Fleas don't thrive at high altitude, so flea prevention medications would be unnecessary in mile-high Denver, Colorado. Additionally, for some pets and their humans, living with a few fleas simply isn't much of a nuisance. For your situation, use of flea prevention medication

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only during the “flea season” may work well. Or, it may be that year-round administration is required. Here's the bottom line. Assess your pet's environment and tolerance for fleas. A few flea bites may be the lesser of two evils when contemplating fleas versus flea prevention.

FYI- my pets receive monthly flea prevention during our “flea season”. They do not receive flea prevention during the winter months.

Tick prevention

The incidence of tick-borne diseases is on the rise throughout much of the United States. Of all of these diseases, Lyme seems to get the most attention, perhaps because this disease is so common in people. Other significant tick-borne diseases include Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichia, Anaplasma, and Bartonella. The incidence of these diseases varies widely from region to region within the United States. These infectious organisms can cause significant symptoms that may be life threatening. Additionally, in some cases they can be difficult to diagnose and/or treat effectively. The way to prevent these diseases is via effective tick prevention. This can take the form of avoidance of tick habitats during the tick season, “tick collars”, preventive medications, and/or careful tick surveillance (literally going over your pet with a fine tooth comb at least once a day).

To determine the best course of tick prevention in your household I recommend the following two things. First, determine if your pet has tick exposure. Have you ever seen one on your pet? Secondly, talk with your veterinarian about the incidence of tick-borne diseases in your community.

FYI- my pets receive monthly tick prevention medication, but only during the “tick season”.

Summary

Here are some important take home messages to help you create a prudent parasite prevention program for your pets:

- Year-round heartworm preventive medication is important regardless of where you live.
- Not all pets require year-round medications to prevent ticks, fleas, and intestinal parasites. For some animals, they may be important only during certain times of the year. For others, they are not needed at all.
- Double check that the prevention product you are using contains only the medications your pet truly needs. Avoid giving unnecessary medications simply because this happens to be the product on your veterinarian's pharmacy shelf.
- Any parasite prevention medication is capable of producing an adverse or idiosyncratic response in any particular animal. If your pet develops symptoms on the heels of administering such a product, contact your family veterinarian right away.

Editor's Note: Normally I would not include two articles from Dr. Nancy Kay, but I felt both articles were important summer information. The following article is very important to those of us in the Northwest, as we easily forget how warm it can get in a vehicle.



“Arwen”

Dog Days of Summer

When the outdoor temperature is 82 degrees the inside car temperature can soar to well over 100 degrees (even with the windows open).

Some of us take “dog days of summer” literally- we want to go everywhere accompanied by our beloved canine companions! As tempting as this may be, keep in mind that when temperatures are soaring your dog’s well being is best served by staying home. Heat has the potential to be hazardous to your dog’s health.

Dogs are incapable of significant sweating- their only sweat glands are located on the undersides of their paws. The major mechanism by which dogs dissipate heat is by panting, but this cooling system is easily overwhelmed when the temperature climbs. Panting becomes even less effective in humid conditions or for dogs with underlying respiratory tract ailments (collapsing trachea, laryngeal paralysis, lung diseases). Bulldogs, Pugs, Boston Terriers, and others I lovingly refer to as “smoosh-faced” breeds readily overheat because of their unique upper respiratory tract anatomy.

What happens when dogs get too hot? The result is heatstroke, a life threatening condition. Symptoms of heatstroke tend to occur abruptly and can include increased heart rate, labored breathing, weakness, collapse, purplish gum color, and even seizures and coma. Of all the “summertime diseases” veterinarians dread heatstroke the most because we know that, even with aggressive therapy, many heatstroke victims will succumb to organ damage and death.

Most cases of canine heatstroke are a result of confinement in cars. Perhaps the vehicle was parked in the shade, but the sun shifted, or a well-intentioned person thought that leaving the windows cracked or returning to the car quickly would be a safe bet. Over activity in the heat is another common cause of heatstroke. For some dogs the desire to chase the ball trumps all else, and the person throwing the ball doesn’t recognize when it’s time to quit.

If you suspect your dog has or is on the verge of heatstroke, spend just a few minutes cooling him off with water from a hose or covering him with towels soaked in cool water. Then get to the closest veterinary hospital as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence- the earlier heatstroke is treated, the greater the likelihood of a positive outcome.

Heatstroke Prevention

Knowledge is power when it comes to preventing heatstroke. Here are some pointers to help keep your best buddy safe during the hot summer months:

- Never leave your dog inside the car on warm or hot days. A panting dog in an enclosed space quickly creates a muggy greenhouse environment that can quickly cause heatstroke. Even with the windows down, temperatures inside a car can rise to 120 degrees or more. If you happen upon a dog confined in a car on a hot day, find the owner of the vehicle or contact a police officer- whichever will most rapidly liberate the dog from danger. If the dog is clearly in trouble and help is not quickly forthcoming, it is appropriate to break a car window.
- Exercise your dog early in the morning or during evening hours to avoid the heat of the day.

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- Allow for plenty of rest and water breaks during play activity and exercise. Your dog may not know his limits and will continue to enthusiastically chase the Frisbee even when his internal thermometer is getting ready to blow a fuse.
- Keep your dog indoors, ideally in air conditioning, on very hot days.
- If your dog is left outside, be sure he has plenty of shade and provide him with access to a sprinkler, wading pool, or sand pit soaked with water.
- If it's necessary to transport your dog by airplane during the summer months, schedule your flight for nighttime or early morning. Check with the airlines to find out whether or not the cargo hold is temperature controlled.

Check out other ways to keep your dog safe this summer at [The Dog Fence DIY Safety Round Up](#) .

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Newton enjoying an outing

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.



Beau Age ~ 2 years old Neutered Male came into rescue via the Olympia shelter . While there it was realized that Beau had hip dysplasia . He's one happy fella despite this, and now lives with his forever home that have adopted from rescue more than once. His canine in house buddy appreciates having a playmate too.

Kelsey Age 6 year old Spayed Female. Kelsey had a tough time living in her home with several small breeds and became one of rescues dogs after her owners realized it was best for her that she be placed through rescue. Now she is lapping up the attention from her forever home family and soooo appreciates not having her attention divided with another in house dog.



Zeus Age 4 years old Neutered Male came into rescue via the Tacoma HS as an owner release. He was in pretty bad shape with several orthopedic abnormalities that included a congenital luxated patella on one leg, with hip dysplasia on the other, as well as skin dermatitis from goodness knows what. Following surgery to correct the patella abnormality and lots of TLC in his foster home Zeus is now a much loved companion to his new forever family that included his buddy Will, another foster since wa....aay too long . Learn more about Will later....Such a happy ending for both these dogs.

Will (aka JD) Age ~ 9 years old Neutered Male came into rescue approx. 3 years ago. It's almost debatable as to why so long, and may well be argued it's because he's SUCH a special boy. JD became 'Will' according to the quote "where there's a will there's a way" He arrived in rescue via a shelter having multiple physical and neurological issues, this from previous trauma as a pup. Over time Will', with the TLC in foster care, showed GReat improvement in his physical ability and mental acumen, all be it within his own capabilities. Now he's living with his forever family who are such special people too. He and buddy Zeus so...ooo love their new home.



Will's chosen resting place



Hm...mm.. some things never change

Will and Zeus

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Arwen Age 6 year old Intact Female. She is another dog that came to rescue via the Olympia shelter picked up as a stray. She became a long stay foster as she arrived in Dec 2013 until she was adopted in April this year (2014). Arwen became her chosen name that Mel, our transport volunteer in her case, decided was appropriate for her. Certainly it was her temperament that was remarkable and suiting the name rather than her appearance back then. She showed what is typical of a dog with low thyroid having coat that was almost none existent, especially showing her rat like tail. Also it became obvious that she had recently whelped a litter. It was a pleasure to have her in their home per the foster Mom and Dad even though she required many vet visits to be spayed and have her medical needs addressed..

Now Arwen continues to delight the humans and the young man who have become her forever home. She is healthy and soooo happy to have a playmate in this young man.

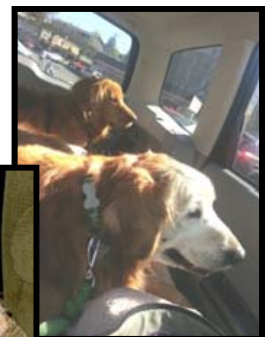
Rusty Age 7 year old Neutered Male, again a rescue ... 'import' via the Kitsap Humane Society found as a stray. Once in foster care it became apparent this guy was one sick dog having developed kennel cough that became pneumonia. Despite feeling so sick Rusty showed his temperament to be that of a wonderful Golden. Over many weeks with much TLC he improved and is adopted. Now he is in his forever home having a young man as his playmate and getting all the attention he so deserves.



Beauty (AKS BB) Age 8 year old Spayed Female. This dog was relinquished by her owner since they felt unable to work with the dog. She had a history of having seizures and some behavioral issues. After having BB, as she was called, evaluated and temperament tested by a professional trainer rescue did accept her and foster her. BB became a long stay foster staying for about 4 months. As far as the foster home is able to determine she has just one seizure during this time. However she did develop a foot issue that required surgery with several repeat vet visits. BB is now adopted and living with her family who have adopted from rescue before. She is a very happy and much loved companion.

Chief; Age approx. 10-12 year old Neutered Male. This old guy was a stray that when picked up was in pretty poor shape. Rather flea ridden and quite filthy being some of his cosmetic needs, though his physical shape was also showing some severe arthritic changes. In foster care it became apparent he was also pretty deaf!...maybe selective hearing ...hmmm....??

Chief became a member of a pack of several Golden Retrievers in his foster home. He was a happy camper while there and seemed content to just have a pillow to lay himself down on. He is now in his forever home that will continue to make sure he has a place to rest out on, though he apparently loves to go for car rides also.



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Shelby Age 8 year old Spayed female arrived in rescue in Aug 2013. Her owners were moving and had placed her with SCRAPs who then asked EGRR to help. Shelby had severe ear infections that required months of treatment trying a variety of meds. Finally showing significant improvement it was decided she was ready to be placed though conspicuously an appropriate forever home was determined to be necessary. Shelby would always need her ears to be carefully cared for with appropriate maintenance. The forever home for Shelby is well known to rescue and Shelby was adopted after approx.. 8 months and continues to have the best care as well as all the TLC she received in the months with her foster home .

Jessie Age 7.5 Spayed female

Razor Age 7.5 year old Neuterd male.

Both dogs were relinquished to rescue as the owners were moving overseas. Rescue had to jump on this as 'the move' was taking place just days after rescue was notified and received the listing. We are grateful for the support of the foster home that readily accepted these dogs as a pair. It was deemed they could be placed separately though rescue preferred to work with the possibility of continuing to keep them together. Both seemed to be in fairly good shape though a good grooming and clean-up was needed. You will see in the photo what a smart looking pair they are now.

It's apparent their new forever home thinks so also. Only one objection is that they are particularly alerted to squirrels running around. Hm...mmm, that might not be restricted to them say I... !!



Bella Age 18 months Spayed Female. Her previous owners adopted Bella from the original owner through an ad. on Craig's list. Though it was known Bella had allergies, it was the extent of the allergies that allowed the now owners to know they had to give her up even after just a few months. Bella has been in foster care for about 2 months and managing her allergies continues to challenge the foster family with vet approval of various approaches. Food allergy seems to be the focal point and hopefully will eventually see some satisfaction. Never to be deterred, foster mom and dad have decided Bella should become a permanent member of their family. How GReat is that!!



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.....



Henri – Jean Thies and Laura Keim (2014) Henri (pronounced Henry) “the Hunk” was such a pleasure to share life with. He was a handsome English Cream Golden Retriever who was as sweet as he was good looking! He came to us from the Kent Shelter, a 12 year old stray who didn't even have a name. We were treated daily to his loving presence for 3 months. (Far too short a time, Henri!) Everyone who met Henri fell in love with him and wanted to take him home with them! Even our vet jokingly wondered if she would be able to lure him with treats to her car for a get away! :-) This big guy's greatest joys were eating, chasing squirrels and snoring contentedly wherever he might have fallen asleep. He even took a nap as he was on his way to the rainbow bridge on Christmas Eve. He was with us for such a short time but every minute was chock full of love and life. We miss you, Henri!

Boomer – Gayle Balingier and Art Steward (2007) Boomer lived life on the vibrant, radiant edge, full speed ahead and all-in, all the time. Whatever was the task at hand, Boomer did it whole-heartedly. Incredibly brave and friendly, Boomer delighted over everything and everyone he met in life, big or small, important or not, he approached life with the joyous abandon of a child, thrilled to be a part of it all. Boom cuddled and share his love enthusiastically, and enjoyed going to Grandma's house as much as possible. The Boom was gentle and respectful of our older Samoyed/Golden, Amber, who found him quite entertaining in her old age and he later welcomed Dancer as a puppy with open paws. You have forever touched our hearts, for which we are truly grateful. Love you forever, and we will see you again soon. Watch out Heaven, here comes the Boom!



Rainbow Bridge



Joey – Regina Caretta (2007) Joey had a happy life, filled with chasing tennis balls for treats, walks to Lake Washington, napping in front of the fire or in the sunshine on the back deck..... Joey worked as a Therapy Dog in my Special Needs classroom for a few years. His inherent sweetness and calm nature helped students who had anger management, cognitive delay and physical disability issues. Joey would sit by students who needed calming or he would allow students with fine motor challenges pet and hug him. His story of rescue and adoption through EGRR also helped students who were dealing with loss or change in their lives. This year, his story encouraged a student to do her Junior Project on Pet Rescue and Adoption. We miss Joey's presence, but as my sister said, "he is still right here, sitting at my knee, near the fireplace".....thank you, EGRR, for finding homes for these precious friends.

Katie - Bill and Ann Waters (2002) Katie was as calm and gentle as any dog could be. She was our "Meet & Greeter." Like many goldens, she would approach all visitors with a stuffed animal in her mouth, not as a gift but to tease. Katie's favorite place in the universe was Marymoor Park. She would swim forever, bark at all the people throwing balls, greet the great danes and the miniature poodles, run through the fields and then roll in the sawdust until her coat was a mass of wood chips. Katie's summer afternoons also included illegal dips in the neighbor's fish pond, although nary a fish was ever harmed in the process. We conversed by way of Katie, she was our medium. It was: "Tell your dad he shouldn't do it that way," etc., etc. She was the glue that held the family together. That family is now in need of more glue. We will find it...probably in the form of another golden.



Daisy – Jason, Kara and Gavin Crum (2013) Our sweet and very loved Daisy Mae passed away on May 23rd. While she was only with us a short time (little over a year) she was incredibly gentle, charismatic and loved her walks to the park with our son. Her most unique and very special feature were her funny ears which always proved to be a great conversation piece. A card we received from a friend had this perfect verse on it "You were such a great companion, constant, loyal and true. My heart will always wear, the paw prints left by you." We cannot thank EGRR enough for bringing Daisy into our lives. We will truly miss her but we know she is in a wonderful place now.



Rainbow Bridge

Polly – Randy and Janis Moore (2009) EGRR referred us to PAWS in Lynnwood to meet Polly who had been found wandering the streets, weak and undernourished. Polly's belly was completely black but with antibiotics and a generous portion of love, it all cleared up. Although aged at 8 year, Polly may have been closer to 10 but she gave us 4 ½ years of unconditional love, longer than any of us thought she would. From the day we brought her home, everyone said how lucky she was that she had found us but they obviously did not know Golden Retrievers for we were the lucky ones.

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

Phoebe - "Rainbow's Glenlaurel All That Jazz CGC"
(9 May 1996 – 19 March 2014) **Suzy and Jim Miller**

Phoebe rescued us - humans and fuzzi-butties alike - when we were all devastated at the early passing of her grandma, Chloë. Phoebe joined our family, brought the sunshine back into our lives and kept the glow going for almost 18 wonderful years. We miss her terribly, but know she is happily romping at the Bridge with all our furkids who have gone before, and we will all be together again someday.



Shelby – Leslea McLean Although not an EGRR dog, Shelby was a rescue none the less and she was the perfect fit for our family. She was also the perfect EGRR volunteer when she visited adopters during home checks, helped temperament test many incoming dogs and taught foster dogs the rules of the house. Shelby was always able to see and communicate the real story behind the dog or the adopter and had impeccable judgment with I trusted without question. Even as she dealt with failing health toward the end, she did so with grace, patience and style. Our family will remember her forever for her loyalty and fun loving spirit.



TO DO: JOIN/RENEW EGRR MEMBERSHIP



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' GReatful you could help. ☺☺! A "**Supporting - Golden**" membership is for, ...well..., Goldens who support Rescue ☺!!! And for all canine and feline pals of Goldens who also support Rescue, there is the "**Supporting - Canine Kinship**" membership ☺☺!

Go to www.egrr.net and under the tab "How You Can Help". Send your completed application to Send it to **Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue, PO Box 3088, Renton, WA 98056**



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Hope you have all marked your calendars for the 4th Annual Summer EGRR Rescue Picnic!!

Sunday, July 13, 2014
12 noon to 3 pm

To be held at the same location as last year:
Lions' Day Camp, 21230 SE 184th St., Maple Valley WA 98038

All members, volunteers, adopters, and DOGS are invited!

Come and relax, socialize with other dog lovers, join in the BBQ, and doggie games. We are going to have a fun Agility meet (thank you Gail Miler for hosting) and a fun Rally meet (thank you Rhonda Coombes for hosting). Everyone gets to try their hand and have a great time in this fun - emphasis on FUN – “competitions”!!!

In addition, Sharon Colvin (and Blaze) will be doing a freestyle demonstration. The attached links are examples of what Freestyle is:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musical_canine_freestyle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNVvvx0_EaU

Please RSVP to by June 29 to Michelle Bahnick at mbahnick@gmail.com to let our Chef know how many are coming and what each will eat – i.e. how many would like a hot dog, or hamburger, or garden burger. EGRR Rescue will supply these food items and a dessert, as well as plates, cups and utensils.

PLEASE BRING: A side dish or salad, and your own beverages.

Dogs, please, should be on leash. If there are dog to dog introductions, the doggie courtesy is there should first be a request from the other owner and then done very carefully and slowly on a short, controlled, leash.

Also, we still need some volunteers to help with the following activities at the picnic:

Pre-Picnic set – an early-bird opportunity to pick out that perfect spot for the picnic and get a sneak preview of the food and raffle items – no heavy lifting required! Show up 1030-11

Cooks – here's your opportunity to cook with world-renound (or at least Renton) Chef Allan Kiesler who will be leading the group again this year – Allan has new and improved strategies to implement with the camp grills that won't involved Maple Valley Fire and Rescue this year! Show up about 11:30 am

Sell Raffle tickets – a GReat ice breaker – a chance to meet everyone at the picnic and help EGRR continue to fund critical rescue needs at the same time!

Help setting up / taking down events – this does not take much time, and provides a hands-on approach to learning more about agility, rally and free-style from the experts!

Post-picnic clean up – Thanks to the GReat people associated with Golden Retriever Rescue our picnic/event areas are usually already cleaned up before cleanup begins, but it's good to have a few people check out the areas just to make sure, so to camp hosts will invite us back again next year!

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered; if you can help out please send your name and best phone number to Maddy Wiley at mwiley@familycareofkent.com

See you on July 13th!

Picnic Coordinators:

Tony Bahnick

Kathy Bahnick

seabahnick@gmail.com

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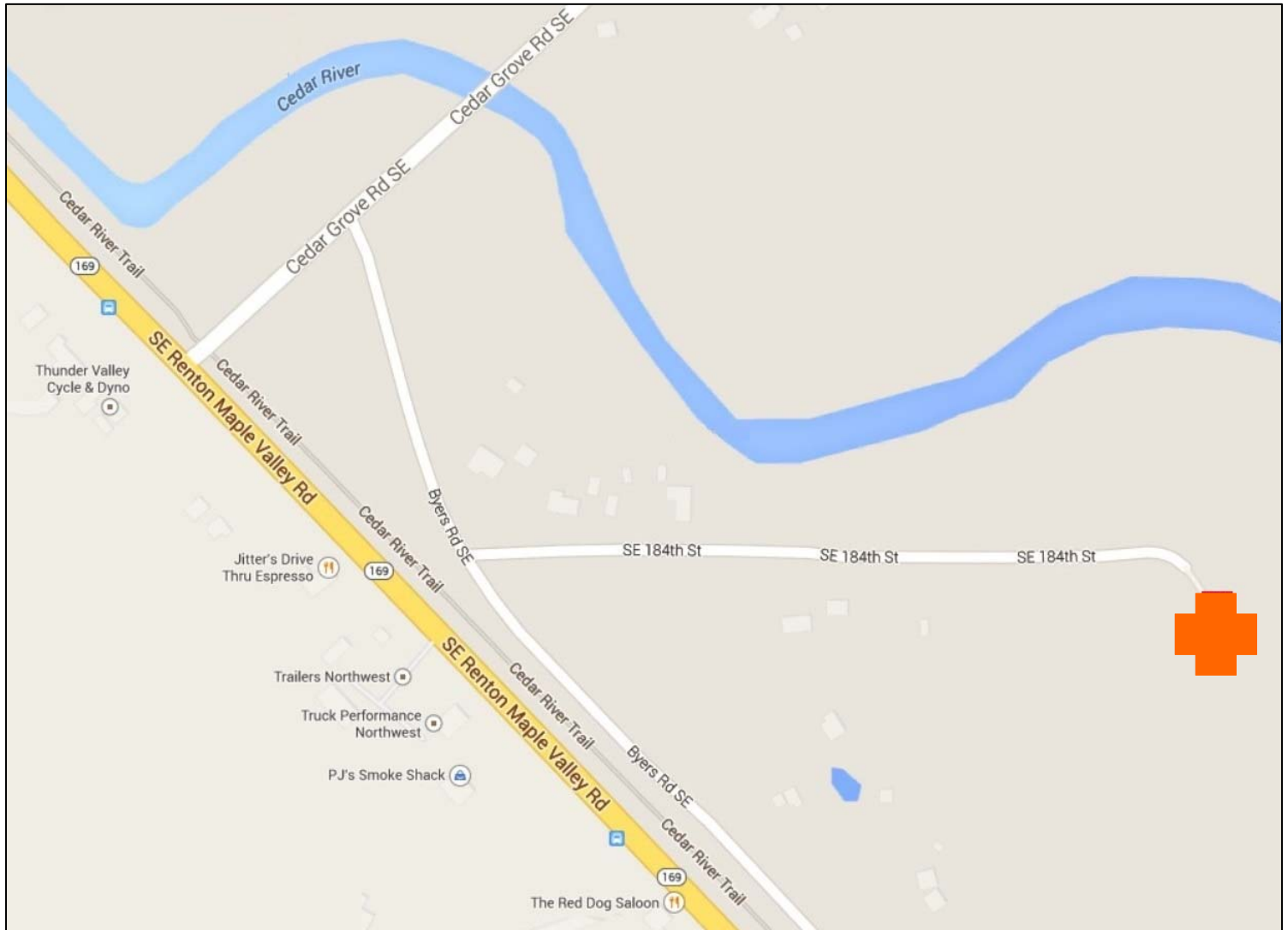
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**Send a check, payable to EGRR to:
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 P.O. Box 3088
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Summer Picnic Directions

Approximate Address: ~8 miles from Renton, [21202 SE 184th St Maple Valley, WA 98038](#).

From SE Renton Maple Valley Rd (WA-169 S): 1. Left onto Cedar Grove Rd SE, 2. Immediate Right onto Byers Rd SE, 3. Left onto SE 184th St to the end.



Mark Your Calendars

2015 Annual Members' Meeting

Sunday, May 3, 2015
Kennydale Memorial Hall
2424 NE 27th St.
Renton, WA 98056