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Welcome Summer!



“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 _____

President's Report – June 2015

Rich Randall – President, Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) held its Annual Members' Meeting on May 3 and, as we enter the mid-point of 2015, we elected the Board to see the organization through to a similar point in 2016. The returning Directors from last year who remain with me on the Board are Kathy Hobson, as Vice President, Jean Thies as Secretary, Lee Cummings as Treasurer and Mel Miller and Vicky Smith as Directors. The second part, and highlight, of the May 3 meeting was an educational demonstration on important things to for all of us to be mindful of when caring for the basic health of our dogs. This hands-on demonstration was led by Dr. Elizabeth Hardy from Woodinville Veterinary Hospital. Many thanks to Dr. Hardy for the easy and practical pointers!

On May 9 the annual eye screening clinic for pigmentary uveitis (PU) in Goldens was held by Dr. Thomas Sullivan of the Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle. This clinic was arranged through the great cooperation of the Golden breed club, Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC). We hope that this clinic has helped in the publicizing of this very serious condition in Goldens which can lead to glaucoma and blindness, but which is very preventable with simple eye screening after about age 4. The 7 year old foster, Oscar, who is currently here at the Randalls, was diagnosed at the clinic with early stage PU and is now on his easy to administer eye drops to prevent further progression.

EGRR now looks forward to its **Annual Summer Picnic!!** Our 5th Annual summer gathering. More information follows in this newsletter. We hope to have the same wonderful attendance as previous years and the same great BBQing. So mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 19.**

And on August 1, 2015, EGRR will be raising its adoption application fees and its adoption fees starting with adoption applications received on or after this date. Further information is in this newsletter.

A very special note to those who donate and to those who volunteer !! The time of our volunteers is precious to EGRR. And the financial support from donors is gratefully received to help offset what are increasing year-on-year veterinary expenses for the rescued dogs, many of whom are seniors or with special medical needs or both.

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.

Happy Endings

Adventures with Charlie

as told by Sandy and Marilyn Hargraves

We are so overjoyed with Charlie who was placed in our family last September. He is a remarkable dog with a very easy-going disposition. He has captured our hearts as well as those of our neighbors. Several have volunteered to dog sit for us whenever needed.

The children next door come over to visit after school on a regular basis. He turned three this spring and is very well adjusted in all areas. He is friendly to other dogs, always ready to play. If other dogs bark or growl he will patiently wait until they are receptive to his playful antics. He doesn't react to their actions, but rather seems to respond with a fun-loving attitude. If a dog is not receptive to him he simply ignores them and moves on. This makes him a pleasure to take on a walk or to the dog park.



Happy Endings

He has been trained well, obeys commands (usually) and always comes when called. He rarely barks which is the sign of a self-assured and secure dog.

Charlie is also very good with people as most Golden Retrievers are. He wants to be acknowledged and interact a bit, but then will lay at their feet contently. He was wonderful with Sandy's clients during tax season as he works out of our house. He spent most of each day in the office under his desk by his feet. Charlie was especially therapeutic for those who owed money, serving as a comforting distraction from any anxious moments. Meeting Charlie was mentioned in several thank you notes.



Charlie loves to run and hike, so he is the perfect dog for Sandy's outdoor activities- particularly his hikes. He took Charlie on several 10+ mile outings and seemed right at home on the trail. He is very good off-leash and stays close, not wandering too far off the trail. It appears he did some hiking with his previous family. Charlie ends up traveling at least three times the distance of the actual hike.



Charlie is very affectionate but not overpowering or smothering. He has commandeered the couch, but mainly so he can nuzzle up to us and place his head on our laps. It melts our hearts. We are so blessed to have Charlie in our lives. He is the epitome of unconditional love.

Thank you EGRR!

Bloat - Know the Symptoms

Animal Emergency and Trauma Center

Poulsbo, WA

Case of the Quarter

Merlin is a 3 year old, 150 pound Great Dane that was referred for treatment for GDV (gastric dilation and volvulus) or “bloat”. Upon presentation he was depressed and his abdomen was moderately distended and painful. A repeat radiograph showed the typical pattern associated with GDV and surgery was recommended. Surgery consisted of decompressing and evacuating the stomach, placing the stomach in its normal anatomic position, and the affixing the stomach to the abdominal wall to prevent recurrence. More about GDV can be learned below.



Gastric Dilation and Volvulus “Bloat”

GDV is a disease in dogs in which the stomach dilates and subsequently rotates around its short axis. The exact mechanism involved is poorly understood but factors thought to contribute include ingestion of a large amount of food or water, delayed stomach emptying, and/or excessive activity after eating. However, these factors do not occur with all cases. As the rotation occurs, gas and fluid become trapped in the stomach and progressive distension of the stomach occurs.

As the stomach becomes progressively distended, intra-abdominal pressure increases and can cause compression of the major blood vessels coursing through the abdomen. This may lead to decreased blood flow to the heart and hypovolemic shock. Decreased tissue perfusion can lead to serious systemic effects as well.

Bloat - Know the Symptoms

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GDV has an increased incidence in large and giant breed dogs. Any large, deep chested breed is at risk and the condition can occur at any age but the risk increases as the dogs get older. Symptoms include nonproductive vomiting or "dry heaves", anxious behavior, abdominal pain, depression, distended abdomen, drooling or collapse.

THIS SYNDROME IS AN EMERGENCY AND DELAYED TREATMENT OFTEN PROVES FATAL!!

Treatment includes aggressive treatment for shock, surgery to correct the problem and postoperative monitoring for any complications such as heart arrhythmias.

Editor's note: a friend shared AETC's newsletter with me and I thought this article was well written and perfect for our newsletter. Thank you to Dr. David Burgess, author of this article and clinic owner, for allowing us to use it in the Golden Nuggets and thus educate more people about this serious condition.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Picnic July 19, 2015

Lions' Day Camp,

21230 SE 184th St., Maple Valley



Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, May 3, 2015

From Nose to Tail – Education at the Annual Meeting

Those attending EGRR's annual meeting on May 3 were treated to an excellent presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Hardy from Woodinville Veterinary Hospital about how to be observant with your dog while doing basic grooming or just loving them. Dr. Hardy even stayed late to make sure she answered all questions. Thank you, Dr. Hardy!



Congratulations also to the six EGRR board members who were all re-elected and a very sincere "thank you" to them for their commitment.



Dr. Hardy demonstrating on Dijon Randall



Mel and Gail Miller and foster dog Molly

Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic

On Saturday, May 9th, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) again hosted a Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) screening clinic at the Animal Eye Clinic in Seattle. Thirty-eight dogs attended and as a result, four owners now know that their dog has PU rather than being totally unaware of the problem brewing in their dogs' eyes.



Remember that if you were unable to have your Golden checked at the clinic, you can schedule a “genetic eye screen” exam with Dr. Sullivan or Dr. Landry of the Animal Eye Clinic and the cost for this is only \$45.00. If north Seattle is too far for you to drive, there are other animal ophthalmologists in the Puget Sound area so do get your Golden checked annually once he turns 4 years old. Thank you to BJ Modrell and EGRC for sponsoring this clinic and to Dr. Sullivan and his staff for opening their clinic on a Saturday.



The traditional Dr. Sullivan kiss on the nose!



David and June Akizuki with Brodie & foster dog Sassy waiting for their appointment

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.....



Sadie Mae – Ann and Jim Gibson (2010) When Sadie Mae arrived as a foster dog, she walked in and laid down on a blanket like she had been here all her life. I guess that should have been a sign she was here to stay. A year later we formally adopted her. She was a perfect fit for our lifestyle. She was happy to work outside, go in the car to do errands, go for walks or take a snooze on one of her 4 dog beds throughout the house. She could break out a silly streak at any time. She didn't really know how to play with toys but she did the best she could. She loved everyone she met and expected them to show their love for her in return by petting her until their arm fell off. When we said our final good bye, April 11th 2015, she was 3 months short of her 17th birthday. She touched a lot of lives and will be remembered by many. We were better off for having known her. I will miss her and all the others that have gone before her until the day I die. How does it go, "when you rescue an animal, who really gets rescued"?

Rainbow Bridge



Bentley – Dave Neugesser (2008) In a lot of ways Bentley was like every other Golden - happy, smiling, enjoyed people and of course enjoyed food...meaning anything and everything. But in a few ways he was very different. Tennis balls meant nothing to him - he didn't retrieve and simply wasn't interested. Plush toys only for Bentley, which was always funny for a 100 pound dog. He also didn't bark. In the 7 years we had him he barked 1 time, when he came face to face with a huge raccoon in front of the house. And it wasn't out of anger, he simply thought he met a very different kind of dog and wanted to say "Hi". The best compliments we ever heard were from people who really didn't care for dogs, because over and over he was the one dog they loved. He was awesome, a great companion, and the best friend. We're glad he's with many other friends now and forever in the sunshine at Gasworks Park, his favorite place. Thank you EGRR for bringing us together.

Though not adopted from EGRR, the following dog was owned and loved by one of our volunteers and is therefore part of the EGRR family.

Kodi – Roy and Linda Talbot -Twelve years ago we brought this little male puppy home. When he walked his back end would sway like a Kodiak Bear so we named him that with Kodi for short. He came storming into our life and never slowed down. When I temperament tested a dog for Rescue, I always took Kodi along as he was the perfect dog for the job. When he was two, we received a gift from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to train Kodi to be a hearing service dog and a year later, we got our certification. As a hunter, Kodi took me hunting. He and Annie knew where the birds were so I just followed them. We never missed a year of hunting pheasants and ducks and they never lost a bird. His place on the couch is now vacant but I see him lying there every day smiling at me. We recently lost him to cancer and I laid him to rest next to his sister Annie. He joins Annie on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. As in life they will be together forever. They will both wait for me to join them so we can hunt for eternity.



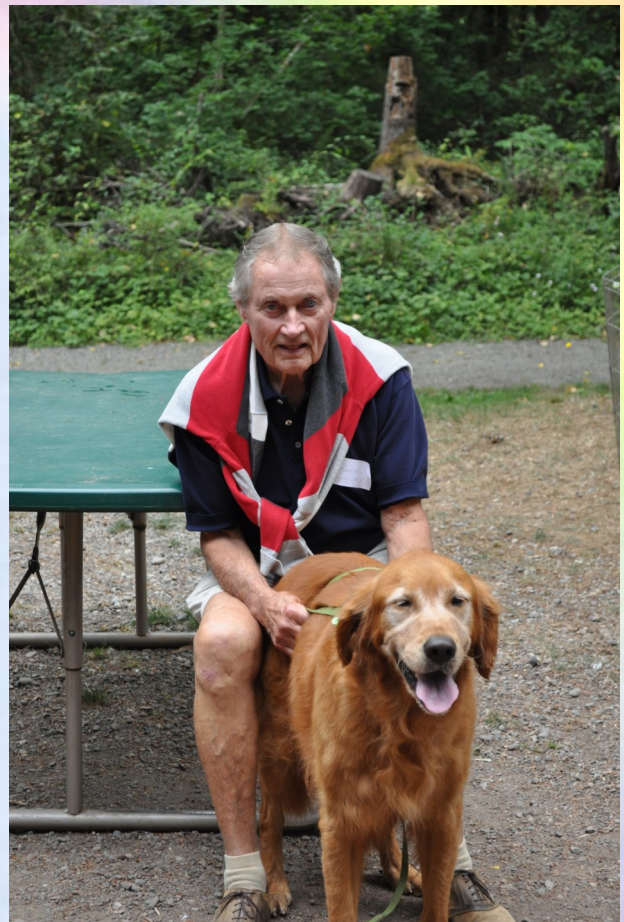
Rainbow Bridge

Barrie Simonson

1929-2015

We were saddened to learn of the passing on February 14 of Barrie Simonson, EGRR adopter, volunteer and friend. Barrie lived a very full life first as a fighter pilot in the US Air Force and then as an Orthodontist. Barrie's best friend and constant companion was his 11 yr old Golden named Merlin. When asked why he named him Merlin, Barrie said it was because he made things disappear! At the request of Barrie's family, Merlin came back to EGRR and was welcomed into the home of Tony and Kathy Bahnick who have a special fondness for the seniors. We all felt that Barrie would be very happy to know that. Sadly, Merlin decided it was time to join Barrie at the Rainbow Bridge last week and we're sure that Barrie was there to welcome him with open arms.

Merlin – Barrie Simonson (2006) Saying EGRR made the perfect adoption match putting Barrie and Merlin together was an understatement – they went everywhere together, including to church, often arriving in style in a convertible. Merlin led quite the life with Barrie! Barrie's recent and unexpected death brought Merlin back to EGRR and we were quite honored to have the privilege of fostering him. Merlin immediately fit right in with our "pack" and was not bashful about expressing his opinion early and often. He loved to meet people and his severe arthritis in both front legs did not keep him from enjoying walks, going to the beach, or getting in the car to go on rides. All too soon, we noticed life starting to slow down for Merlin and he quickly succumbed to lymphoma that had spread to his bones. Though we only had him for a short time, we will dearly miss him but are comforted knowing that he is back with Barrie riding around in the Cadillac convertible in the sky!



Tony & Kathy Bahnick

It's Almost Picnic Time!!

Plan on joining us for the 5th annual Rescue Picnic – here are the details

----When: Sunday, July 19, 2015

----Time: 12 noon to 3 pm

----Location: same as last year: Lions' Day Camp, 21230 SE 184th St., Maple Valley WA 98038
(Directions on page 18)

All members, volunteers, adopters, and DOGS are invited! Come and relax, socialize with other dog lovers, join in the BBQ, and activities.

Please RSVP to by June 30th 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 will supply these food items and dessert, as well as plates, cups and utensils.

PLEASE BRING: A side dish or salad to share and your own beverages. (non-alcoholic, of course)

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

RAFFLE: This is always a popular event and our goal is that proceeds from the raffle cover the cost of the picnic. To make this work, we need donated items and they do not have to be dog or Golden related. That sweater that didn't fit or item that was a killer deal and then you could not use and which is collecting dust on your shelf – donate it for the raffle so that someone else can enjoy it. Everything is appreciated so just let us know what it is and then bring it to the picnic.

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered but we still need some volunteers to help with pre-picnic set-up, cooking, selling raffle tickets and, of course, clean-up. So if you can help out please send your name and best phone number to Maddy Wiley at: mwiley@familycareofkent.com

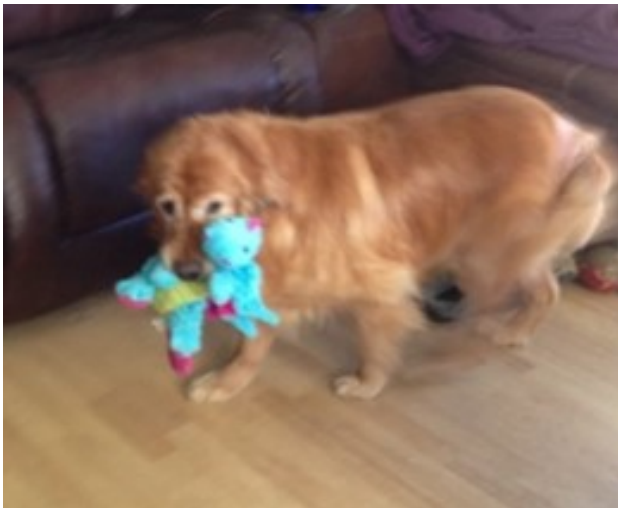
See you on July 19th!
Picnic Coordinators:
Tony & Kathy Bahnick
seabahnick@gmail.com



Where are they now???

By Sue Randall

Harley Age 3 year old Neutered Male was released to rescue by his owners whose family situation was such that Harley wasn't being given enough attention. He is a dog that needs work in understanding his boundaries. His new family have appreciation of what is needed & are continuing to work towards accomplishing the training with Harley who is now called RUDY!



Hailey Age approximately 8 year old came into rescue from the Camano Island Shelter as an Intact F. She was a stray that showed being in the shelter was very stressful for her. Throughout her time in foster care, with & much needed vetting being done, Hailey showed herself to be a delightful dog. She continued to allow all that met her to be taken in by her gentle behavior. Now, her new family also say so, & that 'she's a keeper!'

Maggie Age 4 year old spayed female was given up by her owners due to conflict within the home with the other in house dog. Her temperament was GRreat other than she did seem to prefer to be an only dog rather than share her home with another canine. Now she has the undivided attention of her owner that has had several Golden Retrievers over the years, & who is very astute with training needs. Maggie will benefit from all this attention.



Where are they now???

Continued



Teddy Age 11 month old Neutered Male came into rescue with his sibling due to a change in family circumstance. Both dogs showed they were in need of training & it was decided they would benefit from being separated from one another.

Teddy is now adopted & again has siblings to live with. These are older golden's that do let Teddy, now TRACER, know he

is expected to play appropriately.

Sometimes he can be a bad influence and encourage some naughty stuff happening per some reports we are getting.



Tanner Age approximately 2 years old neutered male was a stray that was left one night tied outside at the Olympia shelter, to be found in the morning by the staff. He did show he was stressed while kenneled there & rescue was asked to take him on. He seemed to be very ball driven dog with oodles of energy & training needed. Once he was recovered from what seemed to be a kennel cough episode, he was adopted & now gets to learn the rules in his new home. He seems to have settled in well with the boundaries they have set.



Where are they now???

Continued

Goldie Age 11 year old intact female was given up by her long term owner due to illness in the family. Goldie was said to be fearful of noises such as gunfire & fireworks. In foster care she was vetted needing some surgery, and spayed, and showed herself to be a delightful old lady that got along with everyone and everything. Her new family are delighted to have her with them including the small dog that appreciates a new playmate, despite the size difference. Don't you just love a happy ending like this for a senior dog!



Change In Fees Approved By EGRR Board

EGRR is a non-profit organization and depends on the required fees associated with adopting a dog to fund our important work. We therefore have established the following fee structure for applications received on or after August 1, 2015:

\$500 for puppies up to and including 12 months of age

\$400 for adult dogs.

Seniors and special needs dogs will be handled on a case by case basis.

Application fee **\$25** Listing fee will remain at **\$10**



Mail From Our In-Box

Dear EGGR Friends,

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- > **Our lives revolve around our hairy rocket, "Newton." He is such fun! We took him to the Animal Eye Clinic in Olympia this last week as Newton is turning five and we wanted to make sure everything was fine. The vet did find early pressure and signals of Golden Retriever Uveitis and prescribed drops to keep the condition at bay.**
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- > **Thank you, thank you for all the articles and education on this eye disease. We are catching it early and that should make a huge difference in the years ahead.**
- >
- > **Ellen Rice, Olympia**

Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege

Giving all purebred dogs a chance to compete

by: Hermine Scolnik, Everglades Golden Retriever Club, Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue

The AKC, PAL/ILP, GRCA, and You

Many people have discovered the fun of teaming up with their dogs and competing in AKC Events. But not all of those wonderful canine athletes that you see at these events are registered with the AKC. Some might be enrolled in the AKC's Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP), a program that allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. Golden Retrievers fall into the category of registerable breeds.

If you have a purebred dog that cannot be registered with the AKC and have a desire to see what your dog can do in real competition, a PAL/ILP number is your ticket to the world of AKC events and clubs!

Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP): The program that provides purebred dogs a Purebred second chance.

There are various reasons why a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration. The dog may be the product of an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents. The dog's papers may have been withheld by its breeder or lost by its owner. Sometimes, it is the dog itself that was "lost." There are many dogs enrolled in the PAL/ILP program after they have been surrendered or abandoned, then adopted by new owners from animal shelters or purebred rescue groups.

When a dog comes into a Golden Retriever Rescue organization, registration papers are not passed on to the adoptive owner but become part of the dog's file. The PAL/ILP program allows the dog and owner a second chance at discovering the rewards of participating in AKC events.



What AKC events may a PAL/ILP dog Participate in?

The Purebred Alternative Listing Program/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP) is designed to allow dogs to participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. The AKC Events that a PAL/ILP Golden Retrievers can participate in are:

Agility Trials
Hunt Tests
Obedience Trials
Tracking Tests

Coursing Ability
Junior Showmanship
Rally Trials

Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege

Giving all purebred dogs a chance to compete [continued]

What GRCA events may a PAL/ILP dog Participate in?

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)
Working Certificate Tests (WC/WCX)

Once enrolled in the PAL/ILP program, entering AKC or GRCA events is as easy as with a registrable dog. The only difference is that instead of an AKC registration number, you would list the dog's PAL/ILP number on the Entry form.

How can you apply for a PAL/ILP number?

Applications for enrollment into the Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege can be downloaded or by emailing:

<http://www.akc.org/register/purebred-alternative-listing/>

Remember, PAL/ILP numbers can only be issued to AKC registrable breeds. The following must be submitted with a completed PAL/ILP application:

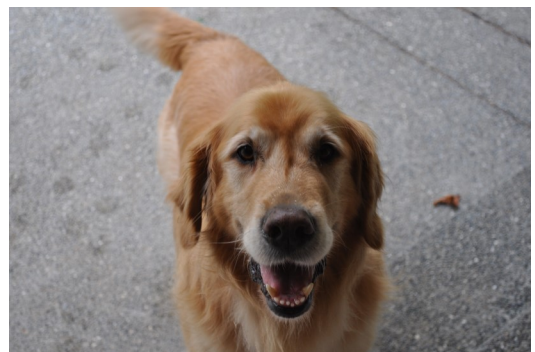
Two recent and clear color photographs of the dog:

***One full front view showing the facial characteristics of the dog;
One view showing the full side profile of the dog standing on a flat surface (not grass).***

(ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT EYE LEVEL IN A STANDING POSITION, INCLUDE THE WHOLE DOG IN THE PHOTO. DO NOT SHOOT DOWN ON THE DOG.)

A non-refundable \$35.00 application fee.
Once compiled, the completed PAL/ILP application along with the items listed above should be mailed to:

The American Kennel Club/PAL/ILP
PO Box 900059
Raleigh, NC 27675-9059



For more information or questions about the PAL/ILP program contact:

<http://www.akc.org/register/purebred-alternative-listing/>



SPECIAL TAIL WAGS!!!!

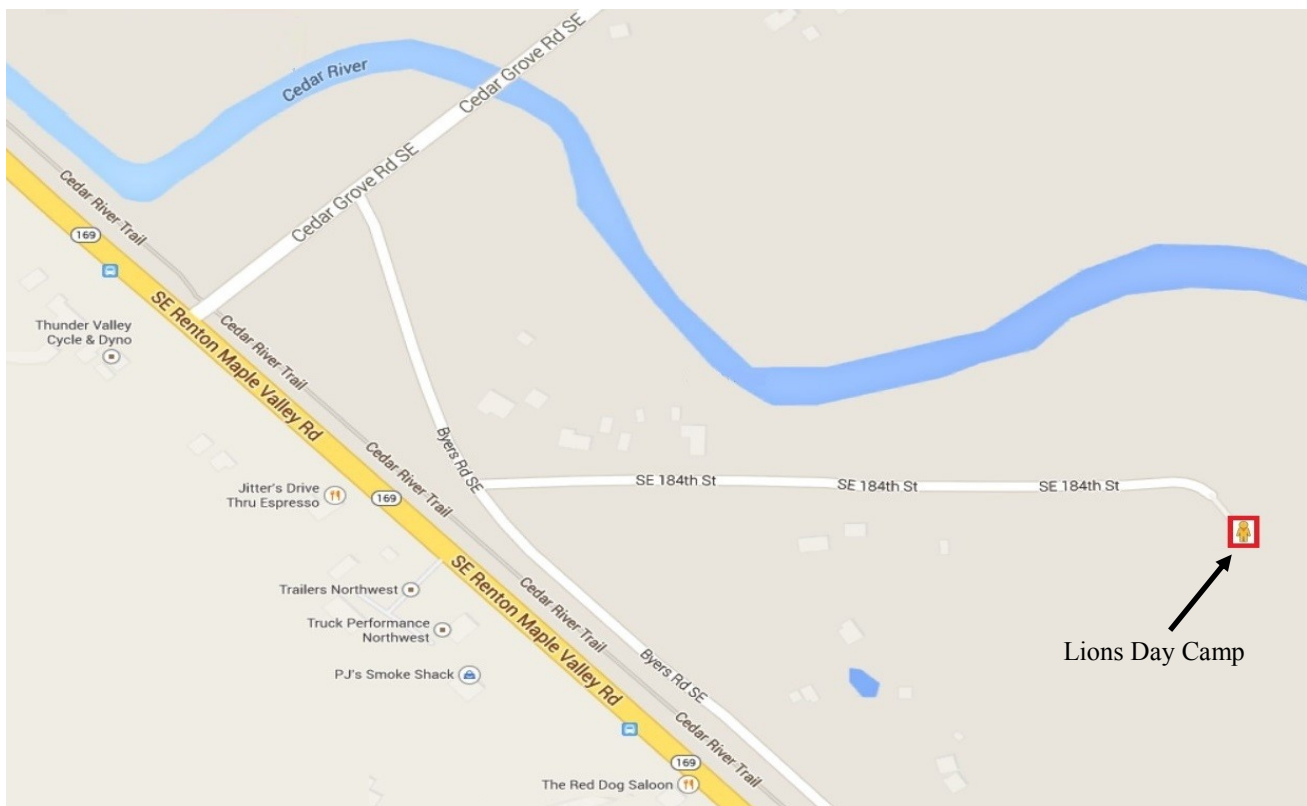
A very special tail wag goes to the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, BJ Modrell, Dr. Sullivan and his staff for organizing and conducting the PU Screening Clinic for the 8th year in a row.



Directions to Lion's Day Camp—site of our Annual Picnic

Address: 21202 SE 184th. St. Maple Valley, WA 98038 (approx. 8 miles from Renton)

From I-405, take exit 4; take SE Renton -Maple Valley Rd. (WA-169) south toward Maple Valley. Turn left onto Cedar Grove Rd. SE. (stop-light). Immediately turn right onto Byers Rd. SE. Left onto SE 184th. St and take it to the end.



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