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#### From the President's Desk \_\_\_\_\_\_ President's Report – June 2016

Tony Bahnick - President, Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

I am honored to be your new President of EGRR and I will do my best to at least partially fill the shoes of my predecessors who contributed (and continue to do so) so much to this GReat organization. I'd like to thank Rich Randall for his valued leadership over the past 5 years and for making my transition much smoother than I was envisioning.

I would also like to thank all of our volunteer officers, group leaders, foster homes, transporters and other active volunteers that continue to keep the rescue wheels turning. Even though there has been a recent downturn in the number of intakes we've received doesn't mean our need for volunteers has decreased, and your efforts are much appreciated!

There are very few dogs I have met that I don't like, but for me there has always been something special whenever I see a Golden. Chalk it up to a past life or something, but it's been that way for as long as I can remember, and instead of trying to explain it, I've just grown to enjoy meeting Goldens. I knew there were shelters, but until the early '90's I never thought of the concept of Golden rescue until I ran across Helen Redlus' Golden Retrievers in Cyberspace (GRIC) website that introduced me to rescue. Soon after that I became associated with EGRR and started adopting Goldens and eventually volunteering with transports, temperament tests, home checks and fostering. Naturally with Helen, but also with the people associated with GRIC and EGRR, I've been enamored with their love and dedication to Golden Retrievers in general- specifically rescue....and their knowledge!!

Fostering has been the most rewarding and challenging part of volunteering for me, in heavy favor of the rewards, especially when getting to meet one of our foster dogs after they have been adopted with their new forever family. The inherent knowledge of our EGRR community has certainly helped with the challenges of fostering, be it introducing the new foster to the house "pack", medical, or moral and objective support in making that never easy decision to release a hospice foster on to the Rainbow Bridge. I always enjoy the EGRR events and get togethers and often leave with valuable information from discussions with other EGRR members – as recently as the PU eye clinic.

One of those events, our annual picnic, is rapidly approaching on Sunday July 17th, 2016, 12 noon to 3pm at Lion Day Camp. I hope to see you at the picnic!

Tony

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

#### Mister

By Shirene Peterson

We adopted Mister in November of 2014. We live on a farm and adopted 9 goats from the Puget Sound Goat Rescue in the summer of 2015 to train for pack goats.





Mister has taken it upon himself to become our livestock guardian dog. He loves "his" goats and will lay next to their pen all day to keep an eye on them. When I need to bring the goats in at night, he proudly rounds them up for me and herds them back towards the barn. He was never taught to do the goats – he picked it up on his own.

Mister will only come in the house for the night after making sure every last goat is put to bed. We also foster kittens all year round so once inside the house at night, Mister gets busy checking on all the kittens. We adore Mister!!





## Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue Fantastic Summer Picnic

Plan on joining us for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rescue Picnic – here are the details

When: Sunday, July 17, 2016 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 by June 30th to Michelle Bahnick at <a href="mbahnick@gmail.com">mbahnick@gmail.com</a> 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). Also a few bucks to spend on raffle tickets.

**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.

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 17th!

Picnic Coordinators: Tony & Kathy Bahnick seabahnick@gmail.com



# 2016 Annual Meeting The "Baton" Is Passed

By Nancy Kiesler



Congratulations to Tony Bahnick who was elected president of EGRR at the Annual Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tony, and his wife Kathy, are long time volunteers with EGRR and have worked in many capacities including fostering, transport and doing home checks. For the past two years they have chaired EGRR's Annual Picnic and are doing so again this year. They started out as EGRR adopters (Hops and Sadie) and currently have two EGRR dogs, Abby and Seamus, and are the hospice home for grumpy old Miss Dottie. They are one of a small network of foster homes who will open their home and hearts to dogs needing hospice care which is so needed and appreciated.

It is with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge the five years that Rich Randall has served on EGRR's Board, the last four of which as president. During his tenure as president, Rich steered EGRR through changing times and undertook some significant administrative challenges. Thank you, Rich, for your commitment to and hard work on behalf of Rescue.



Boston and Lucy watching the Nose Works demonstration

# 2016 Annual Meeting The "Baton" Is Passed

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Joan and her Golden

EGRR's by-laws include term limits. After all, everyone needs an exit plan!! Thanks to these term limits, Rich will have a lot more free time to work on his "honey do" list! The same goes for Mel Miller, who also completed his Board commitment. Sincere thanks to Mel for the work he has done as a Director and the many other jobs he has done in the past and will continue to do for EGRR.

After the business meeting, Joan Fetty and her able assistant, Donna Day, presented a most interesting and inspiring seminar on Noseworks. The best part is they invited people to try it with their dogs which several did. This made everyone feel like this was something they could actually do.

This was in evidence by the many positive comments that were overheard afterwards like "this doesn't look as hard as I thought it would" and "I'm going to try this!". Thank you, Joan and Donna!

As a side note, Joan is a long time Golden Retriever owner, trainer, competitor and Rescue supporter. She has her own training facility in Woodinville called Positive Dog Training School. Donna, who is the volunteer who handles all of EGRR's email, competes with her Golden, Sadie, in Noseworks.



Gail and Molly

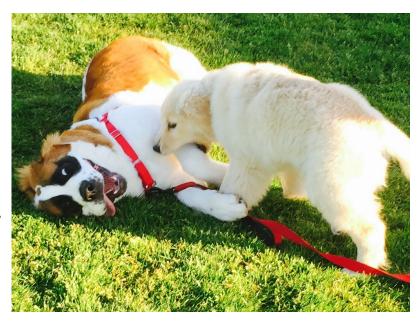
## A SAD REMINDER

By Michael Walker

On a typical Sunday in late November 2015 we took our 1-year old Golden Retriever, Quincy, on his weekly outing to Marymoor Park in Bellevue. Quincy loved Marymoor - he could run, play, and swim with other dogs for hours and always came back filthy, happy and exhausted.

Unfortunately it was salmon spawning season. Unbeknownst to me, spawning

salmon carry eggs that contain a fluke that is toxic to dogs if ingested. While the signs and fences at the park warned of the dangers of dogs to salmon during spawning season, nothing warned of the dangers of salmon to dogs. And, like all "gutter gut Goldens", Quincy put everything in his mouth. A dead salmon must have been his final treat on this fateful day.



Within a week, Quincy

became seriously ill. Lethargy, confusion and lack of appetite soon were accompanied by explosive diarrhea and vomiting. An emergency visit to the vet revealed positivity for salmon toxicity and he started the standard antibiotic. But it was too late: a few days later, he was rushed to intensive care where he would spend the next week in horrifying deterioration. Oxygen tubes, feeding tubes, over 20 medications at one point administered by confused and misinformed veterinarians. Ultimately he went septic and died 10 days after original diagnosis.

Perhaps it was his young age. Or perhaps the body of medical knowledge around dogs in general - and salmon toxicity in particular - are so limited that nothing could have saved him. But at least owners should be aware of the dangers of salmon toxicity. It is unique to the Pacific Northwest and becoming far too common so please beware.

## SALMON POISONING DISEASE

By Sarah Hoggan

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

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

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

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

Common symptoms of salmon poisoning include:

vomiting
lack of appetite
fever
diarrhea
weakness
swollen lymph nodes
dehydration



Be careful in cleaning salmon around your Golden

### SALMON POISONING

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If untreated, death usually occurs within fourteen days of eating the infected fish. Ninety percent of dogs showing symptoms die if they are not treated. Thankfully, salmon poisoning is treatable if it's caught in time. A key to its diagnosis is telling your veterinarian that your dog ate raw fish. If you have a dog that wanders, or raids trashcans and you are unsure of what it's eaten; consider the possibility of salmon poisoning. Salmon poisoning can be diagnosed with a fecal sample or a needle sample of a swollen lymph node. Detecting the parasite's eggs as they are shed in the feces confirms its presence. The rickettsial organism can be detected in a needle sample from a swollen lymph node. The combination of symptoms, and the presence of parasite eggs or the rickettsial organisms, are enough to justify treatment.

Given the severity of the condition, treatment is relatively simple. Your veterinarian will prescribe an antibiotic and a "wormer". The antibiotic kills the rickettsial organisms that cause the illness, and the wormer kills the parasite. If the dog is dehydrated, intravenous fluid are given. Once treatment has been started, most dogs show dramatic improvement within two days.



This could be deadly for your Golden

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

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

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## Look Into My Eyes

By Honey Kiesler

My goodness – what a time I had at the annual PU screening clinic sponsored by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) and held at the Animal Eye Clinic in Seattle on May 7<sup>th</sup>. First of all, I had to take a pretty long drive and a ferry ride just to get there. Then they squirted something into both of my eyes which didn't hurt but did make the sun much brighter. And it was a beautiful, sunny day that day. After that, they put me to work greeting people, explaining to the dogs what was going to happen and coordinating with the staff. I mean – the staff was great to come in on a Saturday morning so that this event could be held and I was determined to make sure they





knew that we appreciated it! Dr. Sullivan too – what a guy!! He can look into my eyes any time!! And the best part is he told me that my eyes are perfect!

They really needed my help because 42 dogs were checked by Dr. Sullivan (that's 84 eyes – wow!) and eight of the dog's humans were told that their dog has PU. These dogs now need to get eye drops once a day. Eight might not seem like a lot but thanks to my super math skills I've calculated that to be 20%. That's a lot!

Dr. Sullivan says it is actually more

because dogs who already have PU cannot come to this clinic so if you count them, the percent is even higher. Yikes! So I am going to tell every Golden Retriever I see (after I sniff their butt) to get their eyes checked and I hope that you do the same.

Well....you might skip the butt sniffing part.



#### **Tips For A Reliable Recall**

By Sharon Colvin

It's important that you never give a command you can't follow through on. If your dog thinks he has a choice about coming to you, teaching a recall is going to be much harder. That's why it's really important in the beginning to use a 4- to 6-foot leash when training. As your dog progresses, go to a long line, and then let the dog drag a 20-foot line. If he doesn't respond immediately, you can get hold of the line and give a pop. That enables you to work distance on your recall but still control things if your dog chooses not to come.

Practice recalls in many different settings, not just your backyard. Great places include playfields at schools, tennis courts, or parks. Increase distractions as the dog gets better.

Never correct a dog that comes to you, even if it didn't respond to the first command.

And don't call your dog to you in order to punish it. It's important that your dog think coming to you is always a wonderful thing, so always reward this. The reward can take the form of praise, a game with a toy, or food. Your dog will determine what he finds the most rewarding. If your dog is highly food motivated, then use food. If his prey drive is strong, then use toys.

Also, practice calling your dog to you from a play session, putting the leash on, and then taking it off and releasing him to go play again. If the only time you call your dog is when you are ready for play time to be over, your dog will quickly figure this out and not come to you. After all, he doesn't want the play time to end! Releasing the dog to play again after he comes to you will help him learn that coming doesn't end the fun. (Although sometimes it does, and this is okay too—just be random in your training.)



Sharon is a licensed veterinary technician, an experienced trainer, a long time member of EGRC and an EGRR foster home and volunteer. Sharon has her own training facility in Snohomish called InStep Dog Training. She has competed with her dogs for years in many events and she gave a demo on Free Style at EGRR's 2014 picnic.

Special Thanks to Lisa McCoy for assistance in writing this article and to Gayle Sackett who took the picture.

#### A Successful Joint Effort – Again!



The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) again teamed up to sponsor and work a booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show that was held at Centurylink Events Center on March 12-13.

Volunteers from both groups fielded questions but the real work was done by all the dogs who forced themselves to be petted during their 2 hour shifts. Even more heroic actions were taken by Jackson Pampiks, Mia Shaw and Sonic Shaw who "begged" for donations for EGRR.



Charming Mr. Jackson



No one could resist Mia and Sonic

Thank you to everyone who worked at the booth and especially Diane Murphy and Sandy Scudder, co-chairs for the event.

#### 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......

Will - Jean Thies and Laura Keim (2014) It was with great sadness and heartbreak that we carried our beloved Will to the path to the Rainbow Bridge on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Will was a gentle soul who lived his life with "determined determination"! He was lovingly known as "Buddha Boy" by some of Laura's clients because he had such a calming and stabilizing presence. They would seek him out and plant a kiss on the top of his wonderful head. Wilsonian, as we sometimes called him, was considered a "special needs" dog but to us, and those who knew him well, he was just "special". We were blessed and honored to share life with such a sweet 10 1/2 year old golden dog. Run free and unencumbered, dear friend! And give your brother, Zeus, a hug for us!



#### Rainbow Bridge



Sadie - Tom and Karen Jones (2015) We fostered Sadie before her leg was amputated. We worried about her mobility in our home but she immediately transitioned to life as a tri-pod including running so fast you couldn't tell that she was missing a lea. She flew up and down our stairs. She loved her walks and playing with her buddy, Henrietta. She liked to be close and snuggle. She loved to "talk" whenever she met people. Life was good for several months but then the cancer returned. It was inoperable and despite undergoing chemo, it grew rapidly. Sadie taught us so much—life had not been good to her (she was originally found after the Oso landslide) but she made the best of it. She learned to survive by being cheerful and loving. She faced being a three-legged dog with a "can do" attitude. We miss her so much but are very glad that we adopted her. There will never be another Sadie.

Copper - Jen Streit (2014) Copper arrived at Casa de los Perros April 12, 2014 and left just shy of two years later on May 30, 2016. What a character! He loved going for rides in the car. When he knew we were heading out he'd run towards the garage with the bounce of a pup! His nick name was El Grumpino because he didn't like blind dogs and would roar at them.

Copper made the best old man noises at night due to laryngeal paralysis. He slept at the foot of my bed. Everyone loved his white face. Copper's stay was short and he is in my heart forever. He was a gift. Thank you Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue for allowing him to spend his final years with me.



#### **Rainbow Bridge**

Jack - Mel and Gail Miller (2009) Jack came into rescue from a shelter in Skagit County. He soon displayed resource quarding behavior so Gail and I were asked to take on the challenge as foster parents. Jack had some additional episodes of poor behavior, including a serious one, so he received very intense training. The other side of Jack was a very loving Momma's boy that got along very well with all the other dogs in the house, especially his forever buddy Milo. Because of Jack's history, he could not be trusted for adoption so Gail and I made the decision to keep him as our own. We never regretted the decision. Jack was the best



behaved of all of our dogs with any guest and never had so much as a lip curl with the many fosters who came through our home. Jack broke our hearts when he crossed the bridge on May 31st.



Cooper - Del and Sue Berg (2013) Our beloved Cooper left us suddenly last week. He had been through so much when he came to EGRR with both ACL's needing repair, parasites, etc. After recovering from both knee surgeries, and no longer in pain, he permanently joined our family. Everyone who met him considered him a love with fantastic charisma and charm. He loved his daily walks and chasing squirrels and crows from the back yard. He was only sick one day and left us quickly and is now chasing those squirrels with all four legs operating as they did when he was a youngster. The two and a half years we had him were wonderful and we, including his best friend, JoJo, miss him terribly.

#### **Rainbow Bridge**



**Jack - Roger and Jill Curtiss** (2008) Jack was 3 year old and diabetic when we brought him to Orcas Island. Jack went to work with us every day in our jewelry store where he took his job of greeting people very seriously. Jack developed a regular following of locals and tourists who would stop in specifically to visit with him. We decided to parlay that popularity and Jack ran for Honorary Mayor of Eastsound in 2014. He handily beat the other contenders and proudly served his one year term with many people declaring that he was the best mayor since the charity event started in 2009. Jack was diagnosed with uveitis in 2012 and unfortunately treatment did not prevent glaucoma from developing which eventually required the removal of his eyes. Nonetheless, Jack soldiered on but was diagnosed in August 2015 with lymphoma which, despite chemotherapy, overwhelmed him. He is greatly missed by us and his many friends.

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

Joshua - " Fairwinds Walls Come Tumblin' " (July 11, 2004 to April 15, 2016) Elizabeth Thompson - The smallest of three survivors from a litter that went down to neonatal canine herpes, his puppy name was "tank" from the cheerful way he would plow through his larger siblings or anything else to get to where he wanted to be. Mentally active, incredibly mischievous, and with a mission to explore anywhere and to taste everything, he caused a number of panics, but also much laughter in which he joined to the full. He loved to be outdoors, whatever the weather; best of all was plowing his way through deep soft snow. He



started Agility young, and could have become excellent if not for his mischievous disregard for rules. For 8 happy years he played with his Golden brother and best friend, Benedict. Joshua became an old dog overnight after Benedict died from cancer a year ago. Now they are together again, running and playing, at the bridge.

### Where are they now??? By Sue Randall

With each quarterly newsletter it falls to the placement team to issue an article we call "And where are they now". This article is not one that can be written for this issue as no dogs have been placed in a forever home with a newly found family to love & care for them since the last newsletter was distributed. It would be a good thing to say that those dogs currently in foster care with EGRR may find themselves mentioned in the next issue of the Golden Nuggets.

Some dogs that are now in foster care, there are 6, will continue to stay with their foster family. Sadly all have medical needs that make them hospice care dogs. This may well be termed as relevant to the "and where are they now" article, as these foster families do consider these dogs as they would their own, caring for them as such, choosing to be a forever home. We are grateful to have such people as volunteers.

### Tick Borne Diseases

By Nancy Kiesler



A recent article on CNN about a Sheltie named Ollie who had tick paralysis caught our attention. This story led us to the website for the emergency clinic in Portland, Oregon, where Ollie nearly died due to this disease. We thought Ollie's story was worth sharing so I contacted DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital, who readily gave us permission to share Ollie's story in our newsletter. Here is a

link:

http://www.dovelewis.org/blog/landing/ollies-rare-diagnosis/12050/

Both you and your dog can become ill from a tick bite so if you frequently or even occasionally walk your dogs in wooded, grassy or brushy areas or take your dog camping, make sure that you protect both the humans and canines in your family. Washington state monitors the number of people who are diagnosed with tick related diseases and we are most fortunate, especially in the western side, that the numbers are so few. That does not, however, mean that we are immune to the problem.



Since this is the tick season, if you have not educated yourself as to the risks, prevention, and what to do if you find a tick on yourself or your dog, you can do so by going to Washington State Department of Health's website

http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Pests/Ticks.



### 6th Annual EGRR Rescue Picnic - July 17, 2016

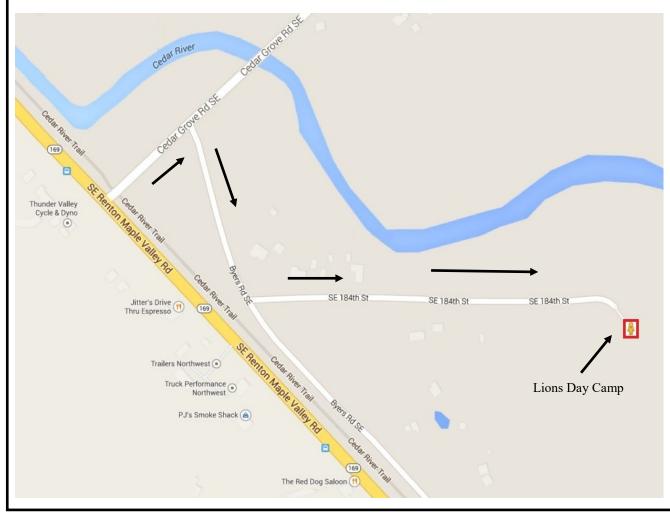
#### Directions to Lion's Day Camp—site of our Annual Picnic

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 Byer Rd. SE.

Left onto SE 184th. St and take it to the end.



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