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YUM! ICE CREAM!!



“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



I subscribe to the proverb that "as one gets older, time goes faster" – and now fall is already upon us. During this summer we were fortunate to have the weather cooperate for a change for the EGRR Annual Picnic: we had approximately 40 people attend, and at least as many dogs in attendance (although not all of the dogs signed the sign-in sheet). Special thanks to: Maddy Wiley for organizing the volunteers, Michelle Bahnick for tracking the RSVP's, Gail Miller for setting up and running the agility course; Chris Enrico for running the raffle (we raised \$153 from the raffle!!); Kathy Bahnick for procuring and organizing the food and other items provided by EGRR and Alden McGonagle for picking the winning tickets (in appropriate attire), and for the doggy ice cream and treats. And a big thank you to all of our intended and unintended GReat volunteers who helped set up, cook, cleanup, provide the bountiful food offerings and donating the raffle prizes– we couldn't do this without you!

Over the summer, EGRR was also fortunate to receive a generous gift from the Estate of Barrie Simonson. I'm sure many of you will remember Barrie arriving at a multitude of EGRR functions in his convertible with his Golden rescue boy Merlin. His legacy of supporting EGRR will continue helping with our ever increasing medical costs caring for Goldens coming into rescue.

Through most of 2016, EGRR has had relatively few Goldens coming into rescue, however we have recently had several Goldens surrendered to EGRR for a variety of circumstances – a big thank you to our Foster home network for reaching out and quickly providing temporary homes and care for all of these Goldens in need. As fall and the holiday seasons rapidly approach it would be a good time for our foster families to communicate with Nancy Kiesler on travel plans / periods of unavailability, so that we can coordinate moving foster dogs as necessary, and know who's available to accept new foster dogs in the upcoming months.

Our Foster homes are the backbone of EGRR, and we can never have enough of them. If anyone is considering becoming a foster home, I encourage you to get in contact with Nancy or myself - one of the many benefits of EGRR is our tremendous support network for foster homes. As a veteran of many fosters, I can attest that the fostering experience can be bitter-sweet and not for everyone, however, the positives far outweigh the negatives, and the experience is very rewarding, especially when you get the opportunity to meet the dogs you fostered who have been adopted with their forever family and experience the joy and love that they are bringing each other that you helped to facilitate.

I hope you all get the opportunities to take your Goldens (and the rest of your family too) out to enjoy the fall season – early and often!

Tony Bahnick

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.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Fantastic Summer Picnic

The weather forecasters were much kinder to us this year and the result was near perfect weather for our annual picnic on August 17th. Forty+ canines and their human companions enjoyed themselves at the Lion's Day Camp in Maple Valley. An Agility course, set up by Gail Miller, was available for those who wanted to try their paws at this fun sport. Some folks and dogs chose the less energetic activity of sitting in the shade and catching up with old friends.

Thanks to Nick Thain, who was again our chef "extraordinaire", and his able assistant, Del Berg, the burgers and hot dogs were cooked to perfection. As always, there was a wide and varied selection of side dishes and desserts to suit everyone's tastes. Even the dogs got dessert this year thanks to Alden McGonagle who brought Frosty Paws for everyone. Alden works in a pet store and used his connections to get both the Frosty Paws and other treats for all of the dogs. He also dressed up in appropriate dog attire to choose the winning raffle tickets. Alden is a proud big brother to their EGRR dog Arwen and certainly appears to be preparing himself for a future leadership role in EGRR!



Thank you, Nick, Gail, Del and Alden and everyone else who helped in any way. A special Golden thanks to Tony and Kathy Bahnick for again taking on the awesome task of chairing this fun event. Great job, everyone!!



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Oldsters can still do agility

Alden helping out



Tasty reward for doing a good tunnel

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Old friends getting reacquainted



Max and Arwen



Seniors Swapping Stories



Mel Miller with
Milo and Molly

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Alden setting up the prizes



Sue Randall with Finn and Dijon



Good Eats



I love picnics!



Is that Ice Cream for Us?

Happy Endings

Eddie

By Inwon Cummings

The back bumper sticker on my car says, "Who rescued who?".



Eddie came into my life soon after I'd lost the two loves of my life, first, my husband and then my beloved golden, Sammy within a couple of months in one horrible year.

Eddie had bounds of energy and was full of love and personality when he came to me. Since then, he has gained more endearing personality and learned to be quite a talker. Eddie sat and stood by my side when I was going through endless days and nights of grief. He made me get up every day and live my life once again.

He has gained so many friends and admirers over the years. People tell me he is the most handsome golden retriever they have seen and I think he knows it too. Eddie has a girl friend named Frankie, and best buddy named Hank and he hangs out with them all the time. They are like three musketeers.

Our favorite time is daily walks and watching TV while cuddling up together in a love seat. He makes me laugh when he gets on his back and puts all four paws in the air and greets me with a shoe in his mouth and chases his tail endlessly.

He came to me around Valentine's Day in 2012 and I can't help but to think that my husband sent Eddie to rescue me. I am starting to smile now these days, life is good with Eddie, the love of my life.



From The Mailbag



Dear Evergreen Golden Retriever
Rescue Mission,

We've had Mac for 5 years now. He's a great dog because he listens, cuddles, plays, and is a good big brother to Bode. (our newest dog) We are so lucky to have Mac. Thank you for him. We had a garage sale. With our garage sale we had a bake sale. Our bake sale raised money for you. We plan to do it next year.

Love, Mac's family
Samantha
10 yrs. old

P.S. I included a picture of
Mac. He still loves you guys.



COULD YOUR DOG GET A TICK-BORNE DISEASE?

By Karen Jones

If your dog suddenly becomes lame, have you or your vet considered that he or she might have a tick-borne disease? Most of us generally speculate that our dog has injured its leg in some way. If it persists, we may consider arthritis or cancer. Lab work might reveal a low platelet count or slight anemia. Other symptoms might be photosensitive eyes or discharge from the eyes, cough, recurrent diarrhea, increased water consumption, unexplained weight loss and/or loss of muscle mass. These symptoms can be clues to any number of diseases affecting our dogs. We often do not consider tick-borne diseases, because they are rare here in the Pacific Northwest. However this spring there was a case of ehrlichiosis diagnosed in a golden in one of our rescue homes on the Olympic Peninsula.



genus	<i>Ehrlichia</i>	<i>Babesia</i>	<i>Rickettsia</i>	<i>Borrelia</i>	<i>Neorickettsia</i>
species known to infect dogs	<i>E. canis</i> <i>E. platys</i> <i>E. chaffeensis</i> <i>E. ewingii</i> <i>Anaplasma phagocytophila</i> (formerly <i>E. equi</i>)	<i>B. canis</i> <i>B. gibsoni</i> plus one or more as yet unnamed species of "small" <i>Babesia</i>	<i>R. rickettsii</i>	<i>B. burgdorferi</i>	<i>N. helminthoeca</i> <i>N. (Ehrlichia) risticii</i>
causes this disease:	ehrlichiosis	babesiosis	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	Lyme Disease	<i>N. helminthoeca</i> ... -- Salmon poisoning* <i>N. risticii</i> -- causes Potomac Horse Fever; in dogs illness is similar to ehrlichiosis

Types of Tick-borne Diseases

*Although *N. helminthoeca* (Salmon Poisoning,) is typically grouped with tick-borne diseases, it is technically not spread by ticks. It is found in fish and coyotes.

How Tick-borne Diseases affect the immune system

Tick-borne diseases affect the canine immune system. They are caused by intracellular organisms, that is organisms that live inside the cells in the animals they infect. Most are hemoparasites, inhabiting blood cells, but they can inhabit other kinds of cells. They seem to cause immune system dysfunction. Autoimmune reactions are the hallmark of tick-borne disease. There may be destruction of blood cells or blood cell progenitors in the bone marrow. Joints can become inflamed and swollen and fluid tapped from the affected joints has the characteristics of autoimmune poly arthritis. Dogs may also suffer from autoimmune disorders such as inflammatory bowel syndrome, myositis and uveitis. Some dogs suffer from skin "allergies."

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Early Symptoms

Early symptoms (the acute phase) may be low energy, lack of appetite, fever, swollen lymph nodes and nasal discharge. Other symptoms may include, but are not limited to:

Low platelet count	Photosensitive eyes	Discharge from the eyes
Slight anemia	Cough	Lameness, joint pain and swelling
Swollen lymph nodes	Recurrent diarrhea	Vomiting bile
Unexplained weight loss and/or loss of muscle mass		Increased water consumption
Neurological symptoms (possible seizures)		



Blood work may show elevated liver enzymes and low total blood protein levels. Low platelets may mean ehrlichiosis, but extremely high red cell, white cell or platelet counts have also been reported. Hemolytic anemia is a hallmark of babesiosis, but can occur with other tick-borne diseases. Not all dogs with ehrlichiosis will have low platelets and not all dogs with babesiosis will have anemia. Infected dogs may also have normal CBC values.

Most infected dogs will have more than one, but not all of these signs of infection. During the acute phase, the symptoms may be mild or severe or go unnoticed.

Can a dog be infected, but have no symptoms?

Yes. Acute symptoms may be so mild that they are not recognizable. Following the acute stage of infection, untreated dogs may enter a sub-clinical stage. In this stage the dog is asymptomatic and appears healthy. This stage can last for weeks or years. If a dog has a strong immune system, it may be able to keep the organisms in check, thus maintaining a sub-clinical state for a long time. Eventually the dog may experience stress that weakens the immune system enough that the infection becomes active again and the dog enters a chronic stage of infection.

Chronic Stage Symptoms

In the chronic stage, the organism may penetrate the brain and central nervous system tissues, internal organs, such as the liver, spleen, kidneys, reproductive organs and bone marrow. Many symptoms are possible, making diagnosis a difficult process. These symptoms include:

Severe anemia	Low platelets (thrombocytopenia)	Bone marrow failure
Muscle wasting/weight loss	Kidney failure	Liver failure
Enlarged spleen and/or liver	Cardiac damage	Autoimmune disorders
Abnormal thyroid function	Meningitis-like symptoms	Uveitis
Seizures and other neurological problems		

*There is speculation that tick-borne organisms may affect the reproductive performance of male and female dogs.

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What are some diseases with similar symptoms?

Symptoms may be similar to blastomycosis and Valley Fever. They may be misdiagnosed as lupus, lymphosarcoma, leukemia, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, epilepsy, myositis, brucellosis, inflammatory bowel disease, encephalitis and “autoimmune disease.”

How do you test your dog for tick-borne diseases?

There are two major types of tests available for tick-borne diseases: **direct** tests such as PCR testing look for direct evidence of the organism itself, whereas **indirect** tests such as the IFA titer, ELISA and Western blot tests look for the presence of antibodies against a particular organism.

Indirect antibody tests are most commonly used as they are more easily available from commercial testing laboratories and are less expensive. These tests analyze for the presence of antibodies against specific organisms. High levels of antibodies are believed to indicate active infection. The problem is how to interpret negative or low level or positive results. A negative result is generally interpreted to mean the dog is not infected, although it could also mean the dog's body simply has mounted no immune defense against the infecting organism. Low antibody levels or negative antibody test results are not conclusive evidence for lack of infection. One reason for a negative test result for dogs whose symptoms suggest TBDs is that the dog was not tested for the right species. IFA titers are the most reliable type of titer test to run for TBDs. Veterinarians have a simple in-house test kit that tests for Lyme Disease, ehrlichia canis and canine heartworm, all in the same kit. It uses the ELISA antibody testing method. They are fast and inexpensive, but not 100% reliable for Ehrlichia and Borrelia (Lyme Disease.) The test is called SNAP3Dx. Many vets will recommend running a Western Blot test to confirm a diagnosis of Lyme Disease detected on the in-house SNAP 3Dx test.



Direct testing methods can include blood smear slides, examined by a microscope for visible evidence of tick-borne organisms. Ehrlichia and Babesia can sometimes be detected in this manner. The absence of organisms is not proof of absence of infection.

PCR testing is a method that can detect the presence of DNA from a specific species of infecting organism. It is very specific to the exact species. PCR can not distinguish between DNA from a dead organism versus a living one. Therefore dogs who have been recently treated and still have dead organisms in their bodies may get positive test results even when treatment is successful. PCR testing can yield false negative results, too.

Vet schools at Cornell, Ohio State, North Carolina State, Michigan State, UC Davis and Washington State University have research programs on tick-borne disease in dogs and most offer testing services. Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM, Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Vector Borne Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at North Carolina State University, has written an excellent article on laboratory testing for the Golden Retriever Club of America website.

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Can a dog be exposed, but not infected?

Many feel the answer is NO, and that if a dog has a positive titer for one of these diseases, no matter how low a level, that dog is infected. Many dogs that appear perfectly normal but test positive, after treatment started will perk up and display a notably higher energy level and improved state of health indicating that they were infected.

Treatment

For most tick-borne diseases, doxycycline is the treatment of choice. Most vets who have successfully treated tick-borne disease agree that the dose needs to be high and the duration long. Babesia may or may not respond slightly to doxycycline, but doxycycline will not cure it. Imizol is currently the drug of choice in the USA for treatment of Babesia infection.



Imizol may be effective against some Ehrlichia species. Sometimes Imizol and doxycycline are used concurrently for treatment of ehrlichiosis.

Doxycycline is often the first line of attack against Lyme Disease, but there are other antibiotics that may work as well or better.

Prednisone—to use or not to use?

This should be researched carefully and discussed with your veterinarian.

Diet Considerations

DO NOT give a dog with tick-borne disease any foods or nutritional supplements that may be immune system stimulants, such as garlic, excessive doses of vitamins E and C or herbals that stimulate immune function. These dogs are already vulnerable to autoimmune problems (an over-stimulated immune system) and their immune system needs to calm and regain normal control functions.

Diet suggestions can be found by joining the excellent TICK-L list on the internet. It is an excellent source on the latest information on tick-borne disease and provides some links to other FAQ pages on various tick-borne diseases.

Should I consider the Lyme Disease Vaccine?

Probably not in the PNW. They are short-lived (one year or less.) Their efficacy is debatable. There are reports of vaccine reactions causing immune-mediated symptoms that for all practical purposes are identical to Lyme Disease itself. A number of veterinary school vaccination protocols call for NOT using the vaccine at this time, unless one lives in an area where there is a lot of Lyme Disease. The vaccine does not offer protection against other tick-borne diseases. There are numerous documented instances of dogs being co-infected with multiple tick-borne diseases.

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How can I protect my dog?

It is important to do a “tick check,” often on your dog, particularly if you have been in brushy areas, but your dog can pick up ticks in any location. Ticks can start to spread disease three to six hours after they have attached to the dog. Using one of the “spot on,” tick and flea preventatives year round is recommended. Ask your veterinarian about the ones that seem to be doing the best job. Some owners have tried “natural or holistic” approaches, such as citronella, but there have not been studies as to their efficacy. A golden owner I know in California had used citronella and other remedies and her dog contracted ehrlichiosis, despite her best efforts. Ann Hubbs, PhD., DVM, reports in her excellent article in the Golden Retriever Club of America’s Website, that research shows a statistically significant reduced risk for Hemangiosarcoma and Lymphosarcoma on dogs that are treated with “spot on” (such as Frontline Plus,) flea and tick preventatives.

*I am grateful to Anne McGuire, PhD., owner of Vintage Golden Retrievers, for permission to use information from her excellent research, “Jasper’s Canine Tick-Borne Disease Information Page. Every dog owner should read the page and also “Jasper’s Story,” which shows how difficult it is to diagnose and treat a TBD. Thanks to her article, I now consider TBDs in our dogs when seeing symptoms that could be cancer or other diseases.

Resources:

<http://www.vintagegoldens.com/tick.html>

Jasper’s Tick Information Page and “Jasper’s Story”

Pam Barbe’s Canine Tick Disease FAQ page

Gil Ash’s Tick Disease FAQ

LymeNet

TICK-L e-mail list

Canine Monocytic Ehrlichiosis (CME)

T. Waner and S. Harrus (PDF)

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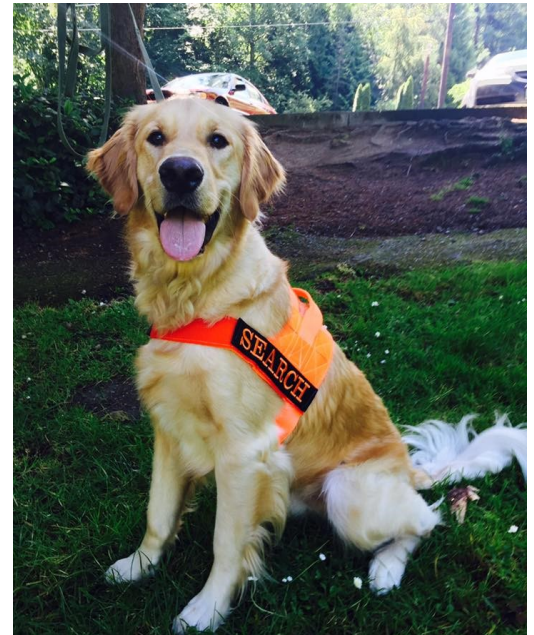
The Tail Of A Search Dog

By Kathy Hobson

I have been involved with Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue since 2002. As hard as it is to be on the front line of rescue, in the “intake coordinator” position and hear the sad stories of dogs being turned in, I wouldn’t change it for the world. My hope from the beginning was to have a rescue Golden with whom I could do Therapy work with. I used to “sneak” my first golden into the nursing home, to see my mother. That was over 20 years ago.

My life took a change four years ago when I rescued an Australian Shepard to do agility with. He had other plans for me. We took the Pet Partners exam and started visiting places like UW hospital, VA hospital, Children’s Hospital, Ronald McDonald house and started up two reading programs at public libraries for kids. As much as I love doing this with him, I have always wanted a “Golden” to do my therapy work.

Two years ago, my Pet Partners friend told me about a teacher that had to rehome her dog, due to losing her home and job. She heard about our reading program for kids, and wanted him to do that when he grew up. At the time, I wasn’t “looking” for another dog and was perfectly happy doing my therapy work with my Aussie until she told me it was a Golden! My heart skipped a beat, and I remember saying “I’ll just meet him” but what I was really thinking is “I had my therapy Golden, Tate”.



It became very clear from the start that Tate had a different plan for me. I would watch him run with his nose to the ground around our twelve acres, thinking “what in the world”, and all of a sudden a bunny would pop up! This dog had no intention of sitting still and letting patients pet him. As he grew and grew so did his energy. Soon enough I realized I needed to find something to keep him busy.

I’m very involved in several FB pages to help reunite lost pets with their owners. I came across the page “Missing Pet Partnership” and read about a K-9 officer turned Pet detective, and thought “I’ve always wanted to be a detective!”, and what could be better than working with my Golden. So I did more research and found a 10 week Missing Animal Response (MAR) course and signed up immediately. I completed the course in May and, shortly thereafter, a previous student of MAR was offering to test dogs for training in how to find missing cats or dogs. Out of 63 interested, he picked seven to be “dog detection dogs” and two to be “cat detection dogs”.

The dogs were put through a variety of tests, from obedience to watching how they reacted to other dogs and cats. Tate passed all the tests, so the hardest part for me was to decide if we would look for dogs or cats. He showed a strong interest in cats, without harming them, so my instructor mentioned that there aren’t a lot of dogs with his ability, so we decided on cats. In the future, he may be a “dual” dog, looking for both dogs and cats, which is rare.

We’ve been in training for 3 months now and Tate will be certified very soon. I will be starting up a business – “**4 Paws Lost Pet Services**”, so look for us if you or someone you know is missing a cat.

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.....

Charlie – Allan and Nancy Kiesler (2008) Charlie, aka “Chuck” and “Num-Num”, was quite the character. His taste in food was unique as he loved all fruits and veggies. He looked forward to his slice of banana in the morning, his slice of apple at lunch and his piece of kale or lettuce at dinner time. One year we wondered why we were not getting any cherry tomatoes until we caught Charlie eating them. Another favorite of his was Kleenex so wastebaskets and my purse had to be kept up out of his reach. He also loved visitors of any kind but especially children. When our cousin from Boston and her daughter visited, he snuck out of our bedroom early in the early morning and took turns sleeping in bed with each of them. He was an equal opportunity schmoozer and we miss him dearly.



Rainbow Bridge



Chester – Dawn Wilson (2005) Chester, aka *Chester Bester Boy*, *My Love*, and *Fu'dog* (short for Beautiful Dog) was part of the Wilson family for almost 11 years; we adopted him in Oct '05 when he was 2-3 years old and sadly, with broken hearts, we laid him to rest on July 9, 2016. Chester was no less part of our family than any of our 3 children and he loved nothing more than being with his people, 100% of the time: taking walks, being brushed, playing, licking the kids' feet. Where I (mom) was, he was, unless of course somebody else had food he hoped to share. Chester knew no strangers and instantly won the hearts of all who encountered him; he was so handsome, smart and gentle. He was such a blessing to our family and I can only hope that we brought him as much love and joy as he brought us each and every day. We miss him terribly.

Lucy – Anne Luiten (2008) Our sweet Lucy passed away on July 8 at the age of almost 15. She had a rough start to life having lived the first 5 years of her life in a cage to breed puppies. When she came to us she was a very active, needy girl. Her previous adopted family had her working out daily on a treadmill to curtail some of that nervous energy. At our first meeting, there she was, treading away. When we adopted her, she came to us with her own treadmill that we set up next to my treadmill and we often treaded together. Lucy was a bit shy around other dogs and mostly ignored them, but she loved people and thrived on constant attention being by our sides always, especially in the kitchen. She had a lot of food allergies so never succeeded in getting many scraps but she kept trying. She was a sweet girl and we miss her greatly.



Rainbow Bridge

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

Henrietta – “Sunkisd Henry's Fork's Finale”

August 7, 2006-July 26, 2016 - Tom and Karen Jones; Henrietta was our last dog.

Hemangiosarcoma took her far too quickly. She survived five of our other goldens and had a few happy months of being an "only" dog. She was a spirited, but very gentle girl and was always so welcoming to new rescues we brought to live with us. She always knew our moods and was the most intuitive of all our dogs. Her favorite places were the beach and walking late in the evening on the golf course where she could detect golf balls that were buried under deep brush from 30 feet away. We miss her so much and our lives will never be the same.



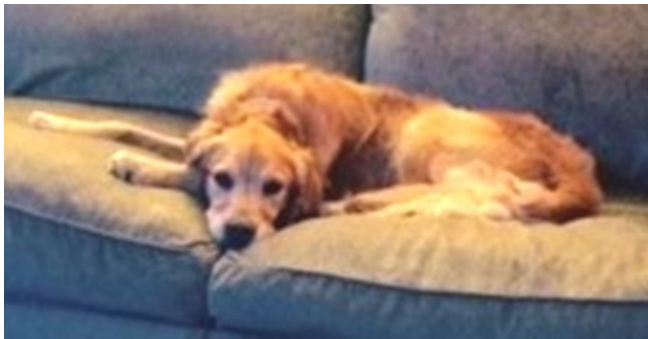
Annie – “Abelard's Pocketful of Miracles”

July 1, 2003 - August 29, 2016; Alisa and Dale Scott ; Annie passed over the rainbow bridge at age 13. We adopted her at age 1 from a local breeder who had kept her to breed. As she matured, she developed a swallowing disorder, making that unsuitable. We were lucky enough to be her forever home. From the beginning, she was extremely calm and quiet – a bit unusual for a Golden. She was a registered therapy dog for 6 years. She enjoyed her “retirement” with good food, walks and loved following our grandchildren very closely. She was diagnosed with chronic leukemia in late 2014. Sweet Annie – you will never be forgotten.

Where are they now???

By Sue Randall

Max 7 year old neutered male was adopted by his previous owners who owned him for just 6 months. They did hope that they could work with his separation anxiety issues. Max was accepted into foster care by EGRR once they realized they were unable to do so. Max benefitted greatly from the companionship of in house dog Jo Jo. Also his foster family was aware of what worked for Max from their previous



experience of dog ownership. He became comfortable with his new environment & made it known that his stay needed to be permanent. Now he's accepting his rightful place on the sofa & enjoying the comforts of home.

This is the only dog that has been placed in a forever home since the last newsletter issue. There does however continue to be dogs in foster care. It remains that some continue to need further vet care before it is hoped that a forever home might then be realized on their behalf.

Whats Your Golden Story?

Editors Note: We are always looking for interesting stories and I am sure many of you have real tall tails to tell. Heart warming, funny, sad or just plain goofy we would like to hear about your EGRR Golden. We just need you to send some pictures and explain your story. If you're not comfortable with the writing part, we can help or do that for you. Please send your ideas or submissions to:

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Is Your Dog 12 or older?

Current Veterinary Clinical Trials

OLD AGE IN GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

■ **Background**

- Many current studies are aimed at trying to identify genes associated with diseases in dogs, but we are looking to see if there might exist 'protective genes' that could help protect against these same life-limiting diseases in the dog.

■ **Participation Requirements**

- Golden Retrievers that are over 50lbs and 12 years (or older)

■ **Procedures**

- The only procedure required is the collection and submission of a blood sample for DNA extraction.

■ **Referring Veterinarian Responsibilities**

- To collect and submit a blood sample and medical records.

■ **Benefits**

- Identification of such genes may help us understand why some dogs or dog breeds live longer, and hopefully lead to lengthening the lifespans for our faithful companions.



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