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**Mia, Sonic and Jackson at
The Seattle Kennel Club Show**



"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



Happy Spring! More time spent outdoors and less muddy paw prints in doors (at least we can hope). As referenced in this issue of Golden Nuggets, we have several EGRR-related events scheduled for the upcoming months, and I hope many of our volunteers will be able to participate. Even though EGRR has continued to experience the trend of a reduction of Golden Retrievers entering rescue, our need for active volunteers to participate in rescue-related activities has not been reduced. We are looking for volunteers to help support many of the vital functions essential to rescue; including, but certainly not limited to intake, foster placement, and adoption placement.

We are also looking forward to bringing in new ideas to help guide the future direction and goals of EGRR. With this in mind, we are planning to have a **volunteer "strategy session" on Sunday, April 9 at the King County Library in Shoreline, WA from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.** The address of the Library is:

345 NE 175th Street, Shoreline WA 98155 small meeting room.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- Current volunteer needs and opportunities
- Options to bring Golden Retrievers into EGRR, including from overseas and from other rescues
- Supporting other rescue groups in need
- Opportunities to serve on EGRR's Board of Directors
- Cooperation with other local rescue groups

If you are interested in being an active volunteer and contributing to the rescue and well-being of Golden Retrievers in need, then I encourage you to attend this strategy session. Even if you're not quite sure what specific areas of rescue you would like to be involved with, this will be an opportunity to learn more about the various types of volunteer activities we are hoping to fulfill. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP me at seabahnick@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

A reminder that there is still time to renew your EGRR Membership for 2017. It is wonderful to think of all those that have kept their memberships going year after year, and we kindly ask everyone to do so again for calendar year 2017!!!

Enjoy the warmer weather; hopefully the sun will figure out it's supposed to be spring soon!

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.

Seattle Kennel Club Show

EGRR and EGRC Joint Educational Booth

By Nancy Kiesler

Once again, the Evergreen Golden Retrieve Club (EGRC) teamed up with EGRR to have an informational booth at the recent Seattle Kennel Club dog show. The purpose of the booth is to educate the public about all aspects of Golden Retrievers including how to acquire one whether it be from a reputable breeder or rescue.



What will come as no surprise is that the true stars of the 2-day event were the Goldens who attended with their owners. By schmoozing everyone who stopped at the booth, these dogs demonstrated what is arguably the best quality of the breed – a love of people. Whether it was a dog resting his head in the lap of a person in a wheel chair or a dog stretched out on his back getting belly rubs from children, these ambassadors of good will brought smiles to a lot of faces.

What has now become a tradition, on Sunday Jackson Pampiks and Mia and Sonic Shaw “begged” for donations to EGRR and truly dazzled every person who passed by and in the process raised over \$200.00. Thank you, Jackson, Mia and Sonic and their skilled owners. A special thanks to Sandy Scudder and Diane Murphy for chairing the event again this year. We appreciate all the EGRC and EGRR volunteers who worked at the booth and the photographers who took these great pictures.



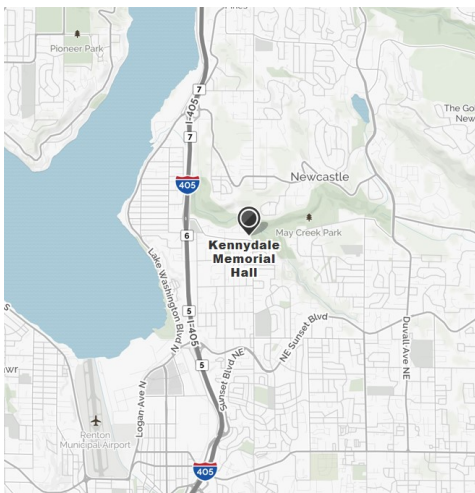
Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, May 7, 2017

1:30pm

Kennydale Memorial Hall
2424 NE 27th St
Renton, WA 98056

Same location as the last few years.
Exit #6, off Highway I-405.



Dogs and Humans are all Welcome!!!
We hope to see you there!

Dogs on Leashes:

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

Please also remember to pick up if walking your dog outside the Hall!! The owners of the Hall respect our leaving the facility in very clean condition the last number of years!

Board of Directors Elections

At the *Annual Members' Meeting on May 7*, we will have the annual election of the Directors and Officers to the Board for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR).

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

Mark Your Calendars May 7, 2017

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Happy Endings



Luna and Ellie



By Tim Randall

It was in 2009 when my wife, Kirsten, and I decided to adopt a dog. We mentioned this casual thought to my parents, and with the connection to the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue Club, my mum immediately went to work on educating me on the process of adoption. Luckily for us, there was a 9-month-old golden named “Polly” that had been given up by her previous owners. We decided to take a drive up to Arlington, WA, just to see Polly, of course. Well, how could you turn down adopting such an adorable dog, which was only given up by her previous family because she “jumped up too much”? We adopted her immediately, and became dog owners on the spot!



Fast forward 6 years and Polly had been renamed, Luna. Luna had been living the life with us as the only child in our family, and she’s an awesome pooch. She has, however, become the perfect Jekyll and Hyde personality – loves to lounge on the couch, but also loves to chase balls like no other out in the yard. Luna’s main passion is sleeping and also pretending that she is the alpha in our pack. She will also get insulted if she’s not the center of our attention and will nudge your arm, or lay next to you on the couch, just to make sure she’s connected with

us. We love it of course, but we also know that Luna has a unique personality, and my parents remind me of it every time we ask them to dog sit.

Happy Endings

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For some reason, at that time in 2015, we decided that Luna needed a playmate, and Kirsten and I were interested in getting another dog. We put in another application to EGRR, and we were fortunate enough to be matched up with another younger golden, Ellie (9 months). Ellie's owner had been deployed overseas in the military, and unfortunately, he could not take Ellie with him on his deployment. Fortunately for

us, EGRR helped connect Ellie with a new home, and Kirsten and I were so happy to have another dog in our life.

Luna, however, took a little while to get used to her new roommate. Couch time for two? No way. Share that bone with you? Think again young pup. Sharing attention from my owners? You need to earn your stripes. Luna had become used to a slower pace of life, in her older years (she was 7 years old at the time). And having this young fur ball of energy in her life took a little time for adjustment. It was absolutely hysterical to see Luna's realm get tossed upside down.

Another 2 years later to today, and the boundaries between the two dogs have started to blur. They are like two peas in a pod. Luna teaches Ellie how to get off the couch when Kirsten and I get home. She also has taught Ellie how to dig way too many holes in our yard, where they are not needed. Ellie has also rubbed off on Luna, where the senior golden now acts like a puppy – running around the yard. And they have both bonded to Kirsten and I just as much as they have bonded to each other.

Kirsten and I are so grateful for non-profits like EGRR that help connect dogs with the right owners. Luna and Ellie have become a part of our family, and we couldn't be happier about making the choice to adopt from EGRR.



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Thank you to the many foster parents and volunteers that help make it happen!

The Dangers of Xylitol

By Nancy Kiesler



A good amount of information has been published about the dangers of xylitol for dogs as it relates to sugar free products like gums, mints, candies and chewable vitamins. Other foods that you might not realize contain xylitol are baking mixes, packaged food, protein bars and flavored waters. These products were mostly things that you would not give your dog so instances of poisoning were due to the dog "getting into things". However, what many people do not realize is that xylitol is now present in several brands of peanut and other nut butters. How many of us have given our dog a pill by putting it in a little peanut butter or given our active dog a Kong filled with peanut butter to keep him busy.

It does not take much xylitol to produce a negative response in a dog. The amount needed to cause hypoglycemia is approximately 50 mg per pound of body weight. In ounces this is .00176 ounces per pound of body weight. Several sources listed the dose that could cause liver failure to be 2000 mg (.071 oz.) per pound of body weight but one source suggested a dose as low as 227 mg (.008 oz.) per pound of body weight could lead to liver failure.



Since chewing gum is one of the most readily available items containing xylitol, I wondered how much a dog would have to ingest to get ill. Brands vary greatly in the amount of xylitol they contain ranging typically from .2 grams up to 1.15 grams (Ice Breaker by Hershey). That means, 14 Ice Breaker pieces of gum contain .568 ounces of xylitol and could bring deadly consequences for a 70 pound dog. It would take much less, of course for a smaller dog.

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Only certain brands of peanut butter contain xylitol so please check the label on what is in your pantry. One brand, P-28 Food, has published the amount of xylitol contained in its peanut spread. 6 ounces of P-28 Peanut Spread contains 170 grams which is a potentially lethal amount of xylitol for a 75 pound dog.

If your dog ingests a dangerous amount of a xylitol containing substance, symptoms can occur within 15 to 30 minutes and include weakness, tremors, difficulty standing or walking, lethargy, vomiting, seizures and even coma. If xylitol poisoning is caught early and treated, prognosis is good for a full recovery.



Planning Session – April 9th

Annual Meeting – May 7th

Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic – May 13th

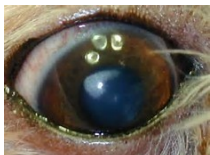
Annual Picnic – September 17th



Annual Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic

The much anticipated PU screening clinic will again be held under the sponsorship of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club. All Golden Retrievers, regardless of how they were acquired, should be screened annually starting at age 4. If your dog is clear for the first screening or two, do not assume that he is clear for life. Many dogs have passed several exams only to be diagnosed with PU at age 6 or older.

Left untreated, PU will likely progress to Glaucoma which can then result in severe pain and blindness for the dog. It is felt that as many as 25-30% of Golden Retrievers will be diagnosed with Pigmentary Uveitis in their lifetime. This condition cannot be diagnosed by a regular veterinarian and the redness that sometimes accompanies PU is often mistaken for allergy symptoms. The test for PU is quick, easy and painless. Please share this information with friends, acquaintances, colleagues and strangers who own a Golden Retriever. All pet Goldens are welcome. This clinic is not, however, for CERF exams or for dogs who have already been diagnosed with PU or other eye condition. Registration will be limited to 50 dogs.



Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 Time: 8:00-12:00

Place: Animal Eye Clinic, 5339 Roosevelt Way, Seattle

Phone: 206-524-8822 Cost: \$28.00

To schedule your dog **call the Animal Eye Clinic now**. Those attending the clinic are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to the appointment so that your dog's eyes can be dilated. Please allow ample travel time due to Seattle traffic. We recommend that you have the staff come to your car to put the dilating eye drops in and then wait there or take your dog for a walk as the waiting room can get very crowded and not all dogs tolerate this well. Please keep your dog on a short leash and under control.

Remember to be careful exercising your dog after the appointment while his eyes are dilated especially if it is a sunny day. If you are unable to attend this clinic, you can have your dog screened at an eye clinic held at a dog show or by making an individual appointment with an Ophthalmologist. Questions? Contact Nancy Kiesler at goldnresq@aol.com.

Spring Renewal

It's Not Too Late to Renew Your EGRR Membership for 2017

Have you been too busy or just keep forgetting to renew your membership? No problem – it's never too late! And it is very easy. Here's how:

Go to the membership page on our website: <https://www.egrr.net/membership-application/>

Send an e-mail with the name(s) of those who are renewing, the type of memberships and how you are paying. You can pay via PayPal from our website or you can mail a check to:

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Oh No, Not My EGRR Renewal!

The 4 types of memberships available (remember it is only \$10 each person, dog, etc.) are:

Full membership for those who want to actively participate in EGRR and vote at the annual meeting

Supporting membership for those who purely wish to express their support

Supporting membership S-G for the savvy Golden Retriever who supports EGRR

Supporting membership S-O for other dog, cat, horse... don't leave anyone out!!



Whats Your Golden Story?

Editors Note: We are always looking for interesting stories and pictures of our wonderful Goldens. I am sure many of you have real "tall tails" to tell and pictures to share. 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, stories, pictures or submissions to:

Nancy Kiesler
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Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the 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 the Rainbow Bridge together.....

Toby – Kae Peterson (2012)

Toby came us when he was 6 years. He had no idea how to "be a dog". His first home did not exercise him and mostly kept him on the patio. He weighed 82 lbs.!!! We slimmed down with long walks and eventually runs at the dog park to a svelte 65lbs! He even started chasing the ball! He loved riding in the car and going to visit friends. His best friend was another adopted rescue golden named Keegan and they spent many weekends together. He developed Uveitis in his right eye and eventually lost most of his site in that eye. That made it difficult for him getting in and out of the car and managing steps. But it did not deter him from wanting to go riding and standing in the back of the car looking out at all that went by!! He surely was slowing down but I did not expect the stroke that took him from me on Saturday, February 25th. I miss my boy so much.



Rainbow Bridge

Reba – Jen Streit (2016)



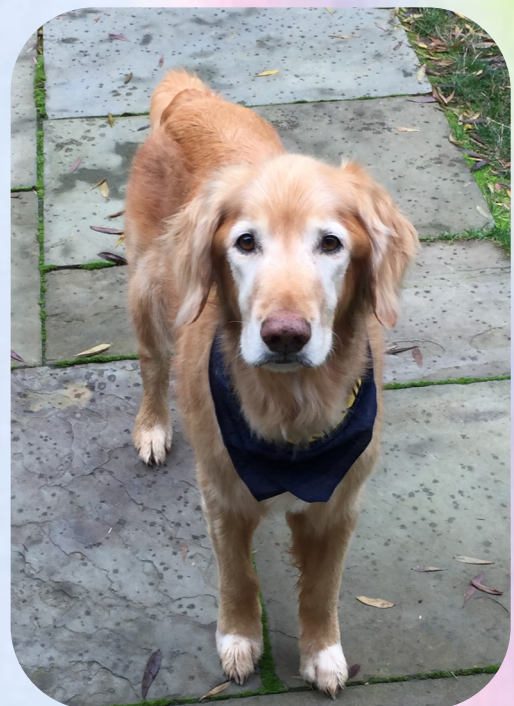
Sweet Reba, at the age of 12, came into our lives a year ago. She was a gentle soul whose dad had died. She loved Bentley and the doxies. Reba had some old neurological issues and facial paralysis. When she arrived she had been shaved. Over the year she grew her beautiful coat. Last fall Reba stopped eating well, and then not much at all. She had an adrenal tumor that metastasized to her liver and spleen. We said good-bye to her in February. I miss her sweet spirit. Thank you Evergreen for bringing her into our lives.

note: EGRR would like to thank Jen for providing a loving hospice home for Reba

Jake - Stacy Tannheimer (2014)

Jake came to us as a slightly nervous bundle of energy, who didn't walk well on a leash and was a poor swimmer. What he instantly brought to our home was an abundance of love and energy! He had his quirks, such as bringing every stuffed animal into the yard one by one, being obsessed with sleeping in our bed and riding in the car, and breathing by puffing out his cheeks as a self-soothing technique.

As he adjusted to our home he became a tremendous swimmer at the lake and the ocean, and had a love of long walks in the high grass at the park. He was a good looking boy who worked his charm on everyone he met. He was a ball of love and energy and was an absolute loyal companion and beloved family member. We wouldn't trade the short time we had with him for anything!



Thank you EGRR for allowing us to give Jake a final and loving home

Rainbow Bridge

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

Finlay – Sue and Rich Randall Manor's Riches For Tawelfan (June 8, 2007 to December 22, 2016)



"Finn", was our great big paradox, a handsome and bold knight of the Golden one minute and the sensitive, insecure pawn the next. One to charge to the water at the beach and bash at the waves, and one to dash for cover from the scary vacuum cleaner. He got lost on his delivery in his Mum, Dijon's, canal, correctly heading down for his birth at the start, only to head up the other canal back to his mother's womb the next. A caesarean saved him that

day for 9 ½ years of fun and frolic, mystery and worry. The treats and tummy rubs at the vet office were a treasure, the rocking weigh scale a dread from which to be saved. Finlay loved rides, the open air, bananas, and us. Chasing balls, well..., to the point it became hard work! Chasing squirrels, without fail, but never caught one. Persistent weight loss late in 2015 led to the diagnosis of a highly malignant hemangiosarcoma tumor. Prognosis was 6-9 months, but Finn was a trooper and made it one year almost to the day. Big dog, big hole, still unfilled. May he just befriend that squirrel now at the Bridge.

Sara – Susan Chidester.

My daughter found Sara on Craig's list and although she was supposed to be for me, it was "love at first sight" for Sara and Vanessa. Sara was a love bug living with 3 other dogs in a single wide trailer with a small yard. Sara loved going to the beach and playing chuck-it with Vanessa. I was an ok substitute when Vanessa went off to college and Sara made herself comfortable sleeping on my feet next to the couch in the evening, going for rides in the car, and sleeping next to my bed at night. Her prized possession was her extra-large tennis ball. She loved playing with our small and bossy Havanese boy, Charlie. Her patience with him was phenomenal especially when play got too rough and he would react to a nipped ear. Sadly, after only 15 months, we lost our sweet girl to cancer and we miss her dearly.



Where are they now???

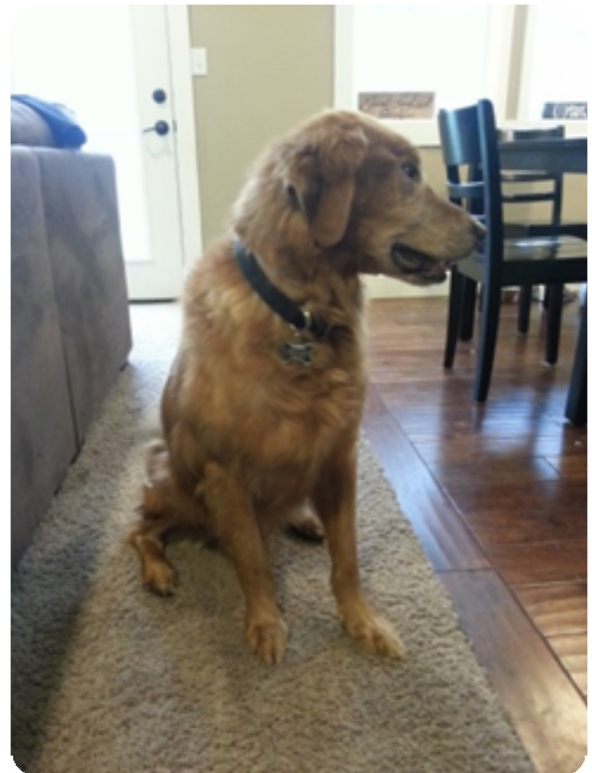
By Sue Randall

***Hank** Age 11 year old neutered male. He was released to rescue by his family . With an infant in the home this family realized that*



Hank was uncomfortable with the child crawling around him. He was fostered by our volunteer who took no time realizing what a special boy Hank was. He is now a permanent member of her family. GReat news indeed.

***Tucker** Age 10 year old neutered male came into rescue when his owners realized they could no longer afford to treat his apparent significant allergies. With 5 children in the home it was a cost they decided was no longer viable for them. This again became a foster home happy story when they decided Tucker was welcome to become a permanent member of their family. Another Great news!!*



EGRR would like to thank all of our generous donors. Regardless of the size of your donation, it is appreciated and put to good use helping the dogs. If you have made a donation and it has not been acknowledged in our newsletter or you have not received a letter from a volunteer, please let us know. We try very hard but mistakes do happen but when they do, we want to know so that we can correct them.

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Still missing their special boy,
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Remembering her
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Still missing my sweet girl,
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In gratitude to EGRR for **Dillon**"

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In appreciation to EGRR for "Sam"

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