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Shiloh's Puppies

"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



March 2018

Tony Bahnick

Spring greetings EGRR Members: Given EGRR's experience over the past several years of steadily decreasing numbers of Goldens entering rescue, that is shared by most Golden rescue groups throughout the nation, 2018 has started off bucking this trend for EGRR.

As many of you know from EGRR's Facebook page, we were fortunate to have some of our GGreat volunteers be at the right place and the right time to help a new owner of a 2-year old Golden named Shiloh (who was purchased off of Craig's List), with the unexpected arrival of 12 puppies (the owner was informed that Shiloh was just overweight). I'd like to thank Sue and Rich Randall for taking in Shiloh and her puppies and turning their basement into an 24/7 nursery where the puppies could be whelped and well cared for. Along with Sue and Rich, kudos to our intake team, including Ann-Marie Burandt and Nancy Kiesler who were involved with promptly responding to the call from the owner regarding the puppies and coordinating their immediate intake and transport that was critical to the pups and Shiloh's health and wellbeing. I'd also like to thank all of our volunteers, who have donated countless hours over the past 8 weeks and continue helping Sue and Rich care for mom and the puppies. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who staffed our booth at the Seattle Kennel Club show this past weekend and helped to provide information regarding EGRR's efforts.

I would also like to extend a GGreat thank you to Nancy Kiesler who over the past several months has spent an exhaustive amount of time coordinating with various other rescue groups in the United States, South Korea and China, regarding Goldens rescued from the meat trades in South Korea and China; and figuring out communications and logistics of bringing these very fortunate Goldens into the US to find their forever homes. Nancy's efforts have resulted in EGRR receiving our second Golden from South Korea on March 3, an energetic 6-month-old named Gracie. Our first Golden from South Korea, and young pup named Rudy (now Axle) has already been adopted and is doing very well! Nancy is continuing to communicate with the various rescue organizations involved with this noble cause, and we have the potential to bring additional Goldens from South Korea and China into EGRR as early as April.

In addition to the above, ERGG has also had two local intakes to date in 2018. Rescuing "local" Goldens in need will always be EGRR's top priority, and our current and future efforts involved in bringing Goldens in need from afar into EGRR will not diminish that priority.



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There is nothing like having actual Goldens to rescue to ramp up the excitement of being part of an organization like EGRR, and providing hands-on volunteer opportunities; not only fostering (which is still our paramount need), but also volunteering time to help support for the care of Goldens in EGRR's charge, as well as being part of outreach and fund-raising opportunities so that we can financially sustain our efforts to provide care and match the Goldens that come into EGRR with their new forever homes.

This makes a good segue for reminding that **there is still time to renew your EGRR Membership for 2018.** 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 2018!!! Renewing your membership will also help to confirm that we have your current email/contact information so that when a call goes out for a volunteer opportunity that you might be interested in, we know it will be reaching you.

Also, **Mark your calendar for the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) Annual Members' Meeting. Dogs and Humans are all Welcome!!!**

Sunday, May 20, 2018

1:00pm
Kennydale Memorial Hall,
2424 NE 27th St
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Same location as the last few years. Less than a mile east of Exit #6, off Highway I-405

The meeting will consist of a short business meeting, focusing on the annual election of the Directors and Officers to the Board, upcoming volunteer opportunities, and we will also have a guest presentation (to be determined).

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.

New Beginnings

Shiloh's Puppies

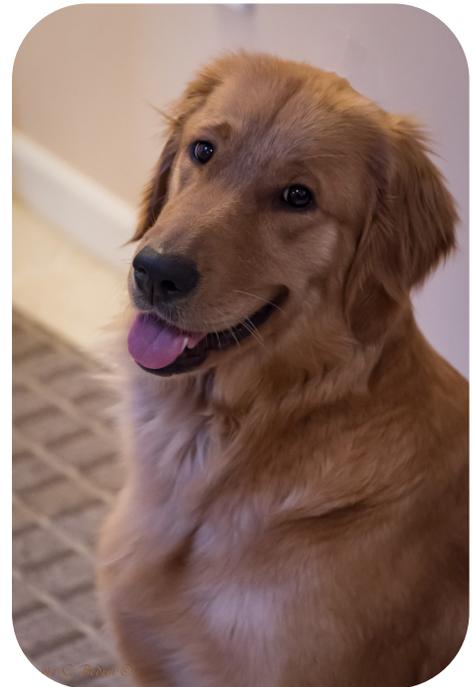
By Laurie Beden

Imagine finding the sweet young Golden Retriever of your dreams on Craig's List. Imagine taking her in for her physical, being told she's been spayed and a little overweight. Then just imagine watching her deliver, on her own, twelve puppies a little under three weeks later? I. Can't. Even. Imagine. This is the true story of Shiloh and her dad Dave. Knowing he was way in over his head, Dave contacted EGRR and angels Sue & Rich Randall stepped up to ensure these pups had a healthy beginning, given the rocky start they had as they entered this world.

Only one week in, one puppy went into distress. It was a very traumatic night for Rich who rushed puppy to the Emergency Vet. Despite all best efforts it was not to be. The remaining 11 have



was necessary as there was no way that young mother could provide enough milk for all those ravenous, growing pups. This includes night time feedings. The Bahnick family provided dinner for Rich and Sue and handled the nighttime care three times during the first month allowing Rich and Sue a full night's sleep. Volunteers June Akizuki and Dorothy Lennard stepped up to take regular shifts 3 times a week for the entire 8 weeks.



thrived under the careful nurturing and watchful eyes and love given to these sweet puppies by a myriad of volunteers who pitched in to give a minor measure of relief to the Randalls. Three loads of laundry a day for towels times 7 days a week times 8 weeks and that's just a minor taste of the labor involved. Fortunately, several volunteers took loads of laundry home to ease Sue's burden.

Such a very large litter is akin to caring for two litters at a time. Bottle feeding

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With so many pups, it was as if there were two groups: Yarn puppies were the biggest group of six and the Ric Rac five were initially smaller when born. (Collars of different colored yarn and Ric Rac edging were used to ID and be able to track their weight etc.) The physical and mental stimulation that these fast growing puppies needed were well and truly met by fun toys, including a fabulous mobile with many dangling objects as well as ingenious repurposing of plastic bottles, with fun rattling coins inside and the ever-intriguing cardboard boxes. Watching the aha moments of play these puppies experience is soul satisfying. I have spent happy hours photographing this little troupe of comedians and the world is a brighter place indeed.

This little miracle of caring for Shiloh's litter is the rare experience for EGRR and one that brings much joy. The need for funds for veterinary care is ongoing, whether for inoculations, checkups or, unfortunately, for the more chronic and serious conditions of the senior GRs in EGRR's care. I hope you will consider a contribution at this time.

(Editor's Note: I want to thank June Akizuki, Laurie Beden and Nick Thain for the wonderful pictures. I could have filled this entire issue with puppy pictures—they are just so darn cute. I hope you enjoy the next few pages. I started to add captions but the expressions on the puppies faces say it all. I am in awe of mother nature.)

First Weeks



Three Weeks



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Four Weeks



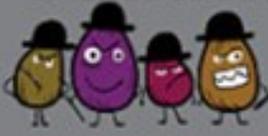
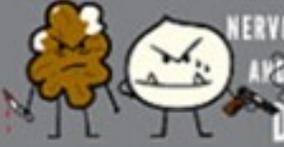
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Six Weeks



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<p>MEDICATIONS  (TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.) KIDNEY FAILURE GI ULCERS</p>	<p>If you think your dog ate something dangerous, CALL YOUR VET or: ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4435 NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680</p> <p><small>Illustration by LILI CHIN layout by DESIGN LAB CREATIVE STUDIO DOGGIEDRAWINGS.NET DESIGNLABCREATIVESTUDIO.COM</small></p>	

Happy Endings



Dillon

By Gena Lovell

Dillon is the third golden we have been so fortunate to give a forever home to from EGRR. Mo and Floyd will never be forgotten but cancer was stronger than our love for them.

When we met Dillon, Bob and I were so taken with his beauty and his friendliness. We were told he was always underfoot and clingy, so we were aware, but didn't know much of his history, which we have in time been able to surmise.

Dillon came home with us the first day we saw him and we settled into our lives together. We knew he had anxiety problems, but felt he would be calm in our bedroom with his bed, while we went out. That was us, not Dillon, when we came home he had torn curtains trying to get out the window and the rest of the room was a mess. He taught us a lesson for sure, he was not to be alone. So the next step was to get a kennel, but Bob would not have it. So Dillon began going everywhere we went and to our surprise, he was good as gold in the car, when we would leave him and go into a store. Well, we got the kennel and used it once and when we came home, the metal door on the kennel was torn off, so then we knew Dillon was an escape artist too, among his other talents. We ordered a new door and tried again, but Dillon had other plans and needed to teach us another lesson and the door promptly was tom off the kennel. Well, we finally understood our lesson and once again Dillon went with us everywhere we went. After some time, we chanced leaving him alone in the house and got a busy buddy and gave him a dose of peanut butter. Lo and behold when we came home, all was well and both Bob and I had learned Dillon's lesson, that he would be good in the house and he didn't want to be in a kennel or locked in a room. Sometimes, we adults are hard to train, but Dillon did train us!

This past June, Bob passed away and it was traumatic for all of us, and Dillon seemed confused not seeing Bob in his chair or around the house. Dillon would go from room to room and when I noticed, I would pull him close and we would talk about our loss together. I again was to learn a lesson from Dillon. He never left our yard, which only had an opening on the carport side, but about two weeks after Bob left, Dillon started running away. We would find him in the farmer's field about 2 blocks from the house and neighbors or us would bring him home. This went on for about two weeks and each time, I would pull him close and we would have a conversation about where Bob was, because I firmly believe he was looking for him. We put up a fence and Dillon hasn't left home since, even though the fence is often down. The other thing that made me know Dillon was having anxiety over Bob was that when family came and would sit in Bob's chair, Dillon would become very anxious and pace around the person, as to say "get out of that chair, it's not yours". So we all listened to Dillon give us our lesson again and no one would sit in the chair. This anxiety has finally subsided and he is comfortable with the chair being occupied. Another lesson learned!



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Dillon and I have settled into our lives together, and he goes most places with me and each day we go for our coffee and he get his biscuit. If the barista doesn't give it to him right away he crowds me from the back and gets his head under the seat belt and hangs out the window to be sure he is noticed, Everyone at the coffee stand loves him and pets him too.



We have children in our family from age 2 to 17 and Dillon plays with them in the yard, and he comes to Robert, my son, when he claps and does anything Robert asks him to do, sit, run, and play. The two year old, feeds him pretzels and tries to ride him, and when we say no no, he puts his cheek on Dillon and pats him. Dillon takes it all in stride and even shares his bed with who ever wants to lay beside him.

The one lesson we have tried to teach Dillon is how to play ball, because, of course, all goldens love ball. Not Dillon. We surmise, that since he was kenneled mostly, he never learned to play ball. It is one lesson we humans are still trying to teach Dillon, but he is having nothing of it. Ball thrown, Dillon walks slowly to it, sniffs and lays down! We are all still working on this, haha! Lesson learned is Dillon is the teacher we are the student!

I don't know what training Dillon had before he came to us, but he had an the basics. The one surprise, is that a few weeks ago, in the middle of the night, the smoke alarm started tweeting. Of course being hard of hearing, I did not hear it but Dillon did. I woke up with something patting my head. It was Dillon. I thought he was having a heart attack or something, as he was shaking and his heart was going 90 miles an hour. I sat on the side of the bed, as Dillon was antsy and wanted to leave the room. Then I heard the tweeting. We got up and I thought he needed to go out so I opened the door, he went out and turned around and came back in the house and circled me towards the door, like he was herding me. Another lesson learned by me, that he was trying to get me out of the house. I got the smoke alarm stopped and then he settled down, but was still anxious. So we had a conversation and he got on his bed but was very watchful of me. I don't know how he knew it was an alarm and to get me out of the house, but I know Dillon taught me another lesson about him.



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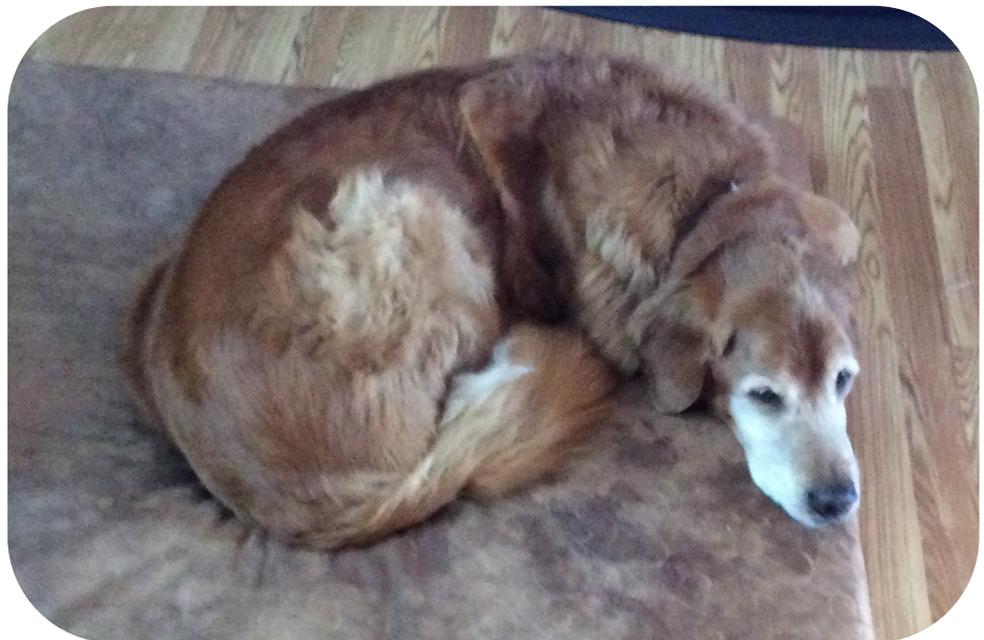
Dillon

He is an alert dog too. Dillon has never barked since we had him and I saw an article about how kennels debark their dogs and I believe that in Dillon's time at the breeders, he was debarked. The smoke alarm incident, makes me know that even without the ability to bark he knows how to wake a person up by patting them on the head and being protective.

I cannot even begin to tell you in this story about Dillon, how much he means to me. He and I go everywhere together. In the summer, when I garden Dillon finds a cool place in the yard, but I know he has his eye on me, because when I move around the yard, if he is not close enough he will settle in closer to me. We eat our dinner each night together and settle in to watch TV and he is on his bed next to me. Every once and awhile picking up his head for a pat and a little conversation. When it is bedtime, we talk about it, that the day is done Dillon and now to bed and he goes right to his bed in the bedroom with me following, of course he is the teacher in charge. He sits beside the bed, many times putting his paws on my lap as I sit and say my evening prayers. I would like to think he knows what I am praying and of course it always includes a big thanks to God for my Dillon.

I don't know if I comfort him or he comforts me, but my life has become more Dillon's life; we just reach day with him prancing down the hallway, as he knows its breakfast and then off to coffee, or whatever the day brings, but I know for sure, Dillon will be at my heel no matter what happens ever so watchful and protective.

I was thankful to EGRR for Mo and Floyd, and once again, I am thankful for a loving, dedicated and comforting companion in Dillon. I only can praise my lesson teaching Dillon for he is beyond the moon in his love for me and visa versa. I just need to be a more alert student, as Dillon has firmly set the rules, he is teacher and I am the slow to learn student.



Why is EGRR Importing Golden Retrievers

By Nancy Kiesler

Thanks to the modern technology, the world has become a very small place. The internet allows us to learn about life in other countries and communicate with people living there. These opportunities were not conceivable to most people 28 years ago when I first got involved in Rescue. As a result of these technological advances, we in EGRR have become aware of the dire straits of dogs in many foreign countries. In Asia, for example, dog meat is still consumed by many in some countries and dog meat farms exist to meet the demand. The Humane Society International has shut down 10 dog meat farms by assisting the farmers in finding a new way to make a living. You can read more about this in this article on CNN. <https://flipboard.com/@flipboard/-in-the-shadow-of-the-olympics-a-brutal-f-670247d29d%2Fcnn.com> If you do read the article, you'll notice that a Golden Retriever is featured in the article. Yes – our beloved breed is one of the many dogs subjected to horrible practice.

Courageous volunteers in Taiwan, South Korea and China have stepped up to rescue these dogs sometimes taking them right from the slaughterhouse. These volunteers must move these dogs out of the country so that they can make room to save more. For several years now, larger Golden Retriever Rescue groups around the country have been importing Golden Retrievers from Turkey, Egypt, Taiwan, Puerto Rico, South Korea and more recently, China. This effort has been aided by the fact that all Golden Retriever Rescue groups in the U.S. have more adopters than dogs due to the reduction in intake numbers we that we all are experiencing.

EGRR brought one Golden in from Taiwan in 2014, a delightful 4 year old named Lady, but then, because of resource issues, had to stop doing so. We have decided that it is time to resume this effort and to do our part. We are blessed to have an abundance of wonderful adoptive homes in our area. We are also fortunate to have the benefit of learning from the experiences of the groups who have been importing dogs for some time.



Lady

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Golden Bond Golden Retriever Rescue, who operates out of Portland, Oregon, has put us in touch with some rescue volunteers in Seoul, Korea. EGRR has also teamed up with Golden Bond, Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue (New England) and Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland to bring in 23 Golden Retrievers who were rescued from a slaughterhouse in China. EGRR is scheduled to take two or three of these adult dogs.

An argument that has been used against importing dogs is that Rescue groups are not meeting the needs of local dogs. This is not true here – or in other areas. I can assure you that we take all dogs suitable for our program including some Golden mixes.



Rudy

Some people have expressed an understandable concern as to the health risks associated with importing dogs. EGRR is following all federal and state regulations and have had multiple communications with the Washington State Vet. All dogs are temperament tested, fully vaccinated, dewormed and shown to be Heart Worm negative before arriving in Seattle. Additionally, these dogs are quarantined in their foster home for 2 weeks upon arrival. Two dogs have arrived from South Korea so far – 6 month old Rudy and 7 month old Gracie. Rudy totally charmed his foster family so they adopted him. Gracie is in foster care (with me) and as I write this, efforts are under way to find an adopter for her. Whomever adopts her will be extremely lucky.

Importing dogs is very expensive. Funds have been allotted by EGRR's board toward this project thanks in large part to a generous donor. This effort will undergo continuous evaluation as we take this decision very seriously. Once these funds have been spent, the decision will be made as to whether or not we continue and how to fund the effort. All decisions will be made based on resources available, what is best for the dogs and what is best for EGRR.

This is a wonderful opportunity for many on our waiting list but potential adopters need to know that if they choose to not adopt an imported Golden, it will have no effect on their sequence on the waiting list. It should also be noted that the adoption fee for an imported dog will be more due to the cost involved in transporting him to the US.



Gracie

Happy Endings



Gus

By Mike Briggs

Over the years we have owned several dogs. Sometime probably around 1990 we obtained our first Golden Retriever; a young dog that we named YoYo. It was thought to not be a good fit for the original family who acquired him so in a sense we rescued him from them. We instantly fell in love with both the dog and the breed. After YoYo we had Boomer, Tucker and then Augie Doggie, all Golden Retrievers. Augie was just seven when he started slightly limping one day. After a couple of days he was still slightly limping and we became worried about the possibilities of a bad hip so we took him to the vet to be checked out. The vet only spent a couple of minutes with Augie and said, "I think he has bone cancer." Exploratory surgery and just twenty days later Augie was dead from bone cancer!!!



We were just devastated as he was our fourth Golden, three of which died way too young of cancer. My wife suggested that we maybe change breeds as the heartbreak of cancer in Golden Retrievers was really taking its toll on us. I said, "No, it's not their fault, I won't give up on the breed that we both loved so much."

So after we finally recovered from Augie's death we turned to possibly adopting and found the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue. After all the paperwork and inspections were completed we finally got the call that a Golden named Gus was now available for adoption. Gus had no history, was old as maybe eight to ten at the time, and he had a thyroid condition that needed lifelong medication. Gus had been with different EGRR families for about six months getting him well enough to adopt. He was older than what we probably wanted going in but we went into this adoption thinking that if we could give Gus a couple of the greatest, loving last years possible, then we would have done our job.

We picked him up at about 4pm and the last thing that was said was... "We needed a name and someone started calling him Gus so Gus it was. But he does not come to his name or even recognize it so if we wanted to change his name that was probably not a problem." We did not know we were going to get to name an eleven year old dog so we had nothing in the way of a possible name going into this adoption. So Gus it was, Gus it is!

The Gus-buster immediately became best buds with our all black cat named Snowball. We all got to know each other but by ten o'clock the next morning I came to the conclusion that Gus was totally deaf. This was a real hmmm moment for us. So like anything else, if you don't know what's going on you find out what the internet knows about the subject.

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Well there was actually quite a bit of information out there on deaf dogs and one of the things that I read was that a lot of owners will use the “clinchd fist” as the sign to sit. So I got Gus’ attention, held up a clinchd fist and he immediately sat right down. Hmmmm I thought, I better keep reading! Overall I found probably five hand signals that Gus readily “admitted” to knowing so we were off and running! We had a vet check his ears and we were told that everything was found in order but we were right, Gus was totally deaf.

One of the things that we learned, first by reading and then by doing, was that probably all dogs react to body signs, facial expression, etc., but a deaf dog REALLY reacts to body signs and facial expression. With Gus, if you act happy, do your happy dance, happily wave your hands, and have a “happy face” then Gus is very happy, wagging his tail, wanting to be petted, etc. But if you look mad, using choppy and deliberate hands signs, as if you are really mad, Gus will immediately sense a problem, back right down and look like you just had just yelled at him or something.

If we wave just our fingers at him, that tells him hi, we love you, you don’t have to get up, kind of like talking nicely to a normal dog. Gus will usually wag his tail and look happily back at you. If we wave our hands, that means come to us and the further he is away the more animated we wave our hands and arms. If Gus is “over there” he will keep his eyes on us for the most part and come when asked. People around us will look funny at us and sometimes wave back because they think we are “talking” to them.

Gus loves kids!!! The younger the better. We have two grandkids who were three and five when Gus came into our lives and it is the highlight of his day when they arrive. What is kind of funny is when Gus is “over there” maybe with some other adults he will keep an eye on me and come when he gets his sign to do so. But when he is “over there” with kids he will not only not keep an eye on me, he will sometimes get to the point of walking sideways to not have to see me so he does not get his sign to return. Children can run with a sandwich in their hand and he will run right beside them, stop when they stop, run when they run, but he will not roll him for their food. In fact, you can leave a sandwich on the edge of a table and he will sit right next to it and stare at it for a long time. Maybe five minutes or longer before he will possibly decide that it is maybe his, but maybe not.

I work from home and Gus spends most of the day on his bed in my office. What is sad is that when I leave the office for a minute, five minutes or for good I have to decide whether I should wake him or I hope that I can get back before he wakes. If he finds me gone he goes into a search mode prance throughout the house looking for me. He can’t hear the TV going in another room, he can’t hear us maybe banging around in the kitchens so he goes into “search mode” from room to room looking for us. We can tell the “search mode prance” when he is on our hardwood floors. If he comes looking and misses the room that we are in at the time my wife and I have to play “rock, paper, scissors” as to who is going to get off their butt this time and go let him know where we are.



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GUS

He is always so happy when we connect with him. Kind of like the old joke... "If you lock your wife and your dog in the trunk of your car for two hours, which one is happy to see you when you open the trunk?" It used to be if we left the room he would follow right with us every time. Then he would first count to ten to see if you came back. I guess because he is getting older and less concerned that we will return, Gus will now count to 100 and if we don't come back in that 100 count he gets up and comes looking for us.

Gus has always spent the night on his own bed in our bedroom. Our bed is higher off the floor than most and when we first got Gus he would wake up in middle of the night and first come to my side of the bed and stretch upward and quietly see if I was still there. Then he would walk around the bed to my wife's side and do the same thing, to see if she was still there. If all was right in his world he would then go back, lay down and go back to sleep. Two hours or whatever later, probably when he woke up the next time, he would get up and then repeat this action, again checking to see if we were both where he thought we should be at the time. It took eight or nine months before he stopped checking on us several times a night.

One thing that has been very frustrating for us is that we have never found something that is fun for Gus. He has no interest in balls, playing fetch or tug, frisbees, chewing on a bone, toys of any kind, etc. We live on a lake and he has no interest in the water and only probably tolerates going on the boat because I am going on the boat. If someone else takes the boat out onto the lake he will pass. We have tried everything and spent a lot of money attempting to come up with something he enjoys other than being petted. And so far, two and a half years in we have been defeated at every turn. We have had multiple friends in the past who trained Golden retrievers for guide dogs. For this training they never let the puppy get interested in some of these reindeer games and it is like that is how Gus was raised. One theory is that he was a guide dog that went deaf? But, someone had taught him sign language before they became separated so to us that suggestion does not make total sense.

We recently had a scare with Gus in that a large tumor appeared in Gus' groin area. The vet removed it and the test came back as the dreaded cancer. I asked the vet... "What do you think going forward?" The response was... "Well... Gus is an older Golden with a lot of lumps." Having three of four prior Golden retrievers die of cancer, he didn't need to say anything more. But we have now had Gus for two and a half years, we are hoping for two and a half years more! Someone became separated from a great dog and we are living up to our promise of being the best damn parents possible for the time that Gus has left!



Editor's note: We are very sad to share that Gus crossed the Rainbow Bridge on March 22nd.

Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, May 20, 2018

1:00pm

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 20**, we will have the annual election of the Directors and Officers to the Board for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR).

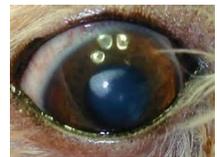
If anyone wishes to stand for election to the EGRR Board, wishes to nominate another person, or just has questions, please contact one our current Board Members.

Annual Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic



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.



The clinic will be held in **June** and the date will be sent out via email and posted on our FB page as soon as it is available.

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.

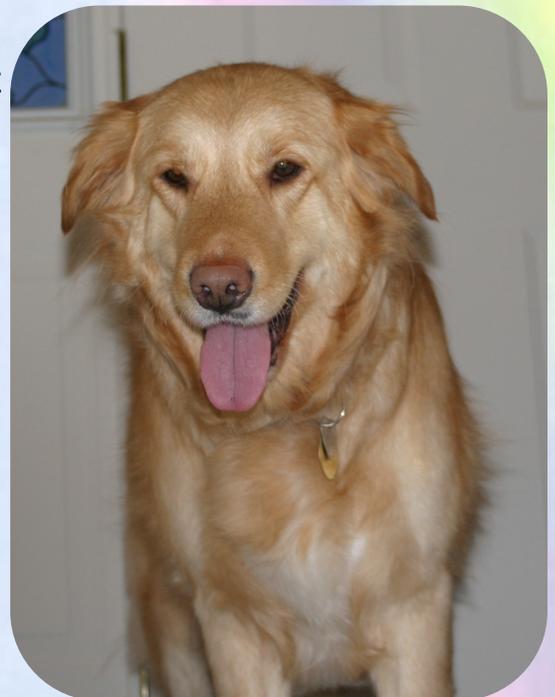
The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they miss someone very special to them; who had to be left behind.

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.....

Goldie – Merwin Dooley (2007)

She was 4 years old when she came to us. The best canine companion I have had in all my 82 years. Calm, steady and a loving dog. My whole extended family loved her. She would receive Christmas cards from relatives that had dogs. The picture shows the huge grin she had on her face every time she met us when we came home. Every time without fail.

She loved to share a nap with her very best 4 legged friend, a Boston Terrier. He misses her as much as we do. She was 13 years, 8 months 3 days old when she crossed the rainbow bridge. We miss her terribly.



Rainbow Bridge

Dottie – Tony and Kathy Bahnick (hospice 2015)

Dottie entered Rescue weighing over 165 pounds!! When she arrived at Woodinville Vet for her first checkup, everyone stopped what they were doing to meet Dottie, as they had never seen a Golden this large. Dottie just loved the attention!

She definitely had her quirks, such as wanting to attack all things moving while on a walk, including cars, bikes and especially metro busses! Over the years Dottie steadily lost over 60 pounds, gained stamina, and always enjoyed meeting new people. She did not care much for other dogs, but she did tolerate living with Abby and Seamus.

Dottie arrived with early-stage leukemia and was given about 3 months to live. We had the privilege of enjoying her antics for over 2½ years, but finally in December she succumbed to various forms of cancer.



Sassy – June and David Akizuki (hospice 2013)



Sassy came to us as a permanent foster over 4 years ago. She overcame many health setbacks, with a strong will to live, we called her the dog with nine lives. She was our sweet girl, greeting us with a stuffed animal in her mouth when we came home.

Stoic and shy most of the time, always willing to please you especially when the reward was a treat. She would dance in circles for her food and would often lead us to the cookie jar. She had a questionable start in life but she was so trusting and loyal, a true 'golden'. We'll miss you little girl!

Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who make it possible to give senior and health compromised rescue dogs another chance at a new life knowing they will be loved and cared for to their last breath.

Seattle Kennel Club Show

Teamwork Pays Off

EGRR teamed up with the local breed club, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) to sponsor and staff a booth at the annual Seattle Kennel Club dog show March 10-11, 2018. In addition to speaking about Golden Retrievers to the many visitors to the booth, several EGRC/EGRR member's dogs went to work to fundraise for EGRR.



Sizzle

A huge "tail wag" of appreciation goes to Diane Murphy for setting up the booth the day before the show (note: she redesigned the booth several years ago) and to Gloria Kaczmarek and Sandy Scudder for supervising. Thanks also to Maddy Wiley for scheduling volunteers and to everyone who worked a shift at the booth or helped with take-down.



Claudia (left) with Mia

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Jackson Pampiks, Sonic and Mia Shaw

Special thanks to Sizzle and his mom, Sharon Colvin; Mia and Sonic and their mom, Claudia Shaw; and Jackson and his mom, Deb Pampiks for their fundraising efforts. They worked the crowd "begging" for money for EGRR.

Who can resist a sweet Golden with a basket in their mouth? Apparently, no one because in a few hours each day they raised over \$400 for EGRR.

General Donations

Conrad and Jody Gehrmann
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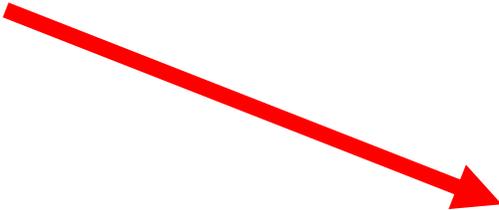
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Mark Your Calendars

May 20, 2018, 1:00 PM

EGRR Annual Meeting

Kennydale Hall, 2424 NE 27 St, Renton



MAY 2018						
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Annual MFC	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Memorial Donations

Mel and Gail Miller
In memory of Mel's partner,
K9 Narcotics and EGRR dog,
"Copper"

Tom and Karen Jones
In memory of their sweet neighbor Golden
"Travis" Gordy

John Chapman
In loving memory of his heart dog
"Buffi"

Barry Lieberman and Maria Larionoff
In loving memory of their EGRR boy
"Randolph"

Michael and Arlene McLaughlin
In memory of their sweet Golden boy,
"Marty"

Kathy Rall
In loving memory of her special Golden
"Cooper"

Kara, Liz, Stevan and Larry
In memory of their friend
"Annie" Cassell

John Christensen
In loving memory of his EGRR dog,
"Micah"



Dawson (a Shiloh Pup) at his forever home

Honorary Donations

Regina Carretta
Grateful for her friend and neighbor,
Annabelle Fitts

The Brockenbrough –Berliant family
In appreciation for our EGRR boy,
"Graham"

Andrew Stevenson and Christina Gutmacher
who are thankful For their EGRR girl,
"Cleo"

Marv Wolfson
In appreciation for his EGRR boy,
"Finneas"

Donations given via I-Give, Just Give, GR Foundation, Benevity, Network for Good, Truist, Your Cause, or United Way of King County are very much appreciated but they arrive without donor information which means we are unable to thank or acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you for your support!

EGRR is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible so please consider helping us in our efforts. If your employer will match your donation, consider EGRR in your charitable giving.

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