

Love a Golden Rescue

Golden News

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Shades of Gold

Did you ever wonder where the golden retriever originated? Did you ever ponder—did the first golden come from England or from Ireland? Or did these wonderful dogs simply drop down from heaven?

Golden retrievers were established in 1868 and were first bred by Lord Tweedmouth at Guisahan Estate in Scotland. The first litter of 3 puppies were named Cowslip, Primrose and Crocus; they were sired by a yellow wavy-coated retriever named Nous and by Belle, a Tweed water spaniel. The beginning of our beloved breed is thanks to Nous and Belle. All golden retrievers are descended from this original twosome. If you'd like more information, please go to <https://friendsofguisachan.org/welcome>



The colors vary, from dark golden to almost white.

The dark gold-colored retrievers are generally smaller-framed dogs. They have more energy and are driven, with strong hunting and retrieving instincts. These dogs are considered field goldens. What is considered the American golden retriever range from light gold to a darker color, but most tend to be a golden color.

The American golden retriever is larger than the field golden, but smaller than the English crème.

The English crème or white golden retrievers are usually larger than the AKC standards. They boast big bones, larger blocky heads, and are generally calmer than the field and American golden. The majority of these dogs do not come from England but are bred right here in North America, or they are descended from dogs imported from Scandinavia, New Zealand or Australia.

The golden is a great family pet. Their loyalty, gentleness, and love of being around their people make them one of the most favorite breeds. All golden retrievers have an undercoat, making them double-coated, but coat types vary. Some of these loveable dogs have a curly coat, some have softer hair, some sport a straight topcoat and there are many coat variations in-between. Shaving a golden is not recommended as it ruins their coat, but a nice puppy cut can be advantageous.

Thinking of getting a puppy and wondering what shade that puppy will be when it's all grown up? Just take a look at the tip of the ear. Eventually, that cute puppy will grow into those big paws... and that color.

Whatever your preference, your golden will be a loyal, loving and forgiving member of your family. When you gaze at your golden, with your heart brimming over with love for your four-legged friend, think of Nous and Belle... those two dogs who started it all.

President's Message

Hi,

How times flies. Here it is, fall again. Our reunion picnic was just wonderful—91 adults, 14 kids and 57 dogs. What a sight. The theme this year was Shake, Stay & Roll. Jennifer did a wonderful job planning the decorations and menu to take us all back many, many years. I cannot wait to see what is up her sleeve for 2016. Also, special thanks to others who helped make this event a great success and everyone who attended.

Our numbers are down again this year, but this appears to be a countrywide trend. Led by Adopt a Golden of Atlanta, rescues are working together to save stray goldens from Turkey. This is a win-win situation. We have families in the United States who want to adopt a rescued golden, but don't have the supply of goldens to meet the demand. In Turkey, they have a surplus of stray goldens roaming the forests and streets. We're going to work on solving both problems at the same time.

At the end of October, there will be 18 goldens coming from Turkey. We will get three: Truman (6 years old), Bess (1 year old) and Harry (2 years old). We are working in tandem with Adopt a Golden of Minnesota, who will be getting 15 goldens. (Adopt a Golden of Minnesota is a large rescue covering many states, and they have a long waiting list from people wanting to adopt goldens.)

You may wonder why 18? Is 18 a magic number when it comes to transporting dogs? 18 isn't just random--this is how many dog crates fit on a pallet. The hope is next year in late March or early April, we will be able to bring more. With other rescues joining up, we hope to be able to save two pallets worth of goldens. The Atlanta rescue estimates that by the end of 2015, 175 goldens will have started their new life in America.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to help cover the expenses of transporting these deserving dogs. However, we haven't reached our goal yet. We are still in need of additional funds and have a Go Fund Me page named "Rescue of Goldens from Turkey(gofundme.com/ju2h2g28), and donations can also be made through our web page. Simply click on the airplane, and you'll find additional information and a way to donate through PayPal.

Thanks to all of you for your support. We couldn't do it without all of you.

Golden thoughts,
Jan



We can now recycle the following with eScript Recycling.

The following items that you no longer want can be dropped off at any of our events or email adoption@loveagolden.com to make arrangements.

Music CD's
Movies on DVD/BLU Ray
Video Games

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

Would you share this with your friends? I see lots of people walking around and grumbling about little, insignificant things. I just wonder—are they living life to the fullest? Are they ignoring the small stuff and finding joy where they can? I wonder...

Perplexed and curious,
Keeper

Dear Readers,

The below thoughts are from my deep-thinking brother, Keeper. I hope you enjoy them.
Ever-so-mischievous,

Elsa

When asked if my chew bone is half gone or half remaining, I think you've got to be kidding me. Does it really matter? If history repeats itself, when this bone is gone, Dad will give me another. And if he doesn't, life will still go on. I will still feel loved and will be just as happy.

As I see it, we have a choice in the way we approach everyday events. We can be concerned about what we expect others to do for us, or we can take the approach of finding enjoyment with what we *do* have. If I were to take the first approach, I would go around being bummed-out about how everybody did me wrong, I'd gripe about the things I don't have... and all the while, others go about enjoying their lives.

I'm a dog that believes in wagging his tail. It's super great when Dad presents me with a new treat, but if he doesn't, there's always the grass that I can roll around in. (And occasionally, a dead animal... but that story is for another day.)

Live life to the fullest. Find joy in the everyday things. Above all--be happy!

---Keeper

Happy Endings



Hank (formerly Benjamin) was adopted about 5 years ago. We love him so much.



Athena (formerly Lanie) loves belly rubs.



Kia is one of Tater's Tots. Like all of his brothers and sisters, he is a wonderful looking golden.

Boone is doing just fine – he's got a big personality for sure. He's getting better on the leash and absolutely feels at home around here. We took him to Table Rock last weekend



– here's a photo of him on the boat. At first he was timid, but by the end of the day, he was leaping from the dock right into the boat in one big jump.



Cora is doing fine. She is feeling right at home and seems to enjoy her new home as much as we enjoy her. She gets along great with her new brother Dudley who was rescued 5 years ago. She's eating good, plays hard, is eager

to learn new things and is very affectionate. She loves running in the back yard and is a great walker on leash. Car rides are still an issue, but we're working on that.

Queenie has come a long way from the shy breeder girl that came to rescue.



Little Bear has moved to Michigan and has a wonderful yard to relax in.



My little girl Penny is doing just fine. She loves John and the boys, and she loves to sit in my lap after dinner every night. She still loves her squeaky toys, and I have had to fix several of them. She is so strong when we play tug that they have ripped!



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Happy Endings-CONTINUED

Chief and Levi:

Just wanted you to know how things are going. They are going great! It is like we have had Chief forever! He has made himself right at home here! We love him! He and Levi have bonded; they both enjoy each other...playing together all the time! Chief lies with Levi and follows him everywhere....it's so cute.

Both the boys go to work with me, and they love having a "job"! Many thanks again for letting us know about this boy! We are very happy to have him, and so is Levi.



Emma Lee (with too many nicknames to list) has brought joy to our home for over five years. At 8½ years old, she still thinks she is a puppy. She defends her yard against everything and everyone and loves to chase deer, drink from her outside water bowl and lay in the sunshine. We can't imagine our lives without her and hope that every family gets the chance to love a golden. Love A Golden Rescue is an amazing organization! Thank you for all that you do!



Jeffrey is a pretty happy love sponge!



Recent Events

Trivia

Our 2015 Trivia Night was a rousing success. The hall was filled with families and friends, auction items, raffle tables, and enough food to feed an army. Tim and Eric kept things moving along to ensure 10 great rounds of trivia questions would be completed. The evening was so successful, because everyone came together. Some people helped procure auction/raffle items, while some golden friends snagged table sponsors. Some volunteers set up at the beginning or cleaned up at the end, some people sold 50/50 tickets or judged, and some volunteers transported all the "stuff" to the hall that made the evening extra-special. However without the great people who attended, this event would not have been such a great success. Thank you

Picnic

Once a year, Love a Golden Rescue's volunteers host a reunion picnic for all our adopted alums. This year's was held on a gorgeous



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September day and was a 1950's theme "Shake, Stay & Roll." Such fun it was! Contests, awesome games, a silent auction, great food and even an amazing costume Contest. (Yes, there was even a golden Elvis sighting!) Thanks to all who helped and attended!



PIC ME! - Golden currently available for adoption.
All of our adoptable Golden retrievers can be found on our web site at: www.loveagolden.com

JoJo is the happiest 8 year old golden you will meet. She is very well behaved, housebroken, and gets along with other dogs. JoJo would be very happy to be an only dog, so she could get all of the attention. She does like to help her foster mom with chores, like moving things from one room to another.



Miss Emma is a 6 year old golden retriever mix who weighs 75 pounds. One of the first things you'll notice about Emma is that her tail is always wagging. Need a companion? Emma's your girl. She follows her foster mom around the house, so she can be where the action is. She is calm, rarely barks, rides well in a car and loves to go for walks. She needs a little practice on the leash but responds to corrections appropriately. She gets along with the other dogs in her foster home, but it seems like she would prefer to be the only dog.



In Loving Memory

We are sad to announce that our Love a Golden rescue Cassie went to the bridge yesterday. She was 9 ½ and had a mast cell tumor that was caught late. She was a mischievous girl, and we loved her so much. She came from a puppy mill, and we are so grateful that she rescued us! We will miss you Cassie girl.

Rusty (Formerly Russell) crossed the rainbow bridge on August 12th. He was a wonderful guy. Here he is pictured with Stella. Thanks for giving me the unconditional love from these beautiful goldens.



Chase came to rescue in December 2014. He was 13 ½ at the time, and his family could no longer care for him. He never found his new forever home but was much loved in his foster home. What a great senior--not a single gray hair. He loved to go on his two short walks a day until the last week. His belly began to swell, and he could not get up. It was time to let him go. He was full of fluid. He went to the bridge on the July 13th. Rest in peace Chase.

We adopted Fischer in December 2001. He recently passed away in his adopted home in Florida. He loved the beach, the river and all of his toys. We loved him dearly and miss him so much. I just wanted you to know you do a wonderful job of finding forever homes for goldens in need. We are forever grateful to have found Love a Golden Rescue and especially to have had him in our lives. Thank you so much for all your hard work. You really do make a difference in so many lives!



My angel-faced Golden Greta crossed the rainbow bridge on September 13, 2015. She was adopted in 2013 at the age of 11 years. She had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma last March. At that time, she had gone in for a teeth cleaning, and my vet found a lump inside her upper left lip, which she removed and had biopsied. She was a wonderful friend.

Fonzie went to bridge August 24th, at 10 ½. He was a great dog and is sorely missed. Fonzie was part of Rachel's litter of golden beagle mixes, looking like a golden with beagle coloring.



Our beloved Ruby (formerly Sunshine) was laid to rest on June 13th, just 3 days before her 15th birthday. She came to us in 2004 and was loved by everyone who met her. She had the sweetest disposition, and we loved her every single day! Her human parents and golden sisters miss her so much!

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In Loving Memory - continued

Rosey was as sweet a golden as they come. She became our foster girl when her previous owners could no longer care for her or her brother. She was 11 or 12 years young when she arrived. There was hardly a day that went by that she didn't make us laugh. She enjoyed life, especially Petco adoption days, as everyone would come by to say hi to "Gramma Rosey" and on occasion, she would get popcorn. She never found her forever home due to some medical problems, but she was dearly loved in her foster home. We feel so blessed to have been able to have her with us for over a year. When her back legs gave out suddenly, and she could no longer stand or walk, we had to let her go. Thank you Love a Golden for rescuing her!



In December 2008, we adopted our Sophie from LAGR. She was over 6 years old at that time. She had been a puppy mill momma, very timid and afraid. She was so beautiful and had eyes that displayed her tortured soul. We introduced her to Hannah, her new sister, whom we had adopted from LAGR in June 2006. They immediately bonded. We were blessed with this exquisite creature for almost 7 years. She died in our arms on July 25th, 2015. Our vet came to our home, it was the most dignified way to end our friend's life. Over the years, Sophie morphed into a happy and content little girl. She became a typical golden chow hound, which was not the case when she first arrived. She lived for her rawhide chew each day. She loved NOOGIES! She loved us and we adored her. She won the lottery when she entered our home. She has left like a fleeting shadow but never from our hearts and minds.



We had to let Isabella go. We had her at the University of Illinois vet clinic in Urbana, and they couldn't determine what caused her lungs to collapse. There was nothing to be done but relieve her pain. We love her so much, it just hurts so horribly. I know you understand. Thank you for all the work you do to take of our loving pets.



Buddy Blue came to rescue at the beginning of March 2015. The family was unable to care for him medically as he had seizures. He went to University of Missouri veterinary school for evaluation. It was determined he had brain damage, so he became a special needs dog. His phenobarbital level was regulated. He started to have seizures at the beginning of April, and Keppra was added to his daily pills. He did great until the beginning of July, and he started to seizure again. As the month went on, his seizures got worse and longer each time. Sadly it was time for him to have peace, and he went to the bridge on July 14th. In the time we fostered him, he made us laugh a lot with his outlook on life. Because he had pills 5 times a day, my cell phone was set to go off to keep him on schedule. Buddy learned the alarm and came to find us to make sure he got his pill on time. He was such a sweet guy who was going to be 4 at the beginning of August. Rest in peace Buddy Blue. We love you.

After surgeries for leg fractures under LAGR care, Forest was able to be adopted into our family. She initially was so timid, she would hardly come out of her crate. She quickly showed confidence and trust in us. In her 11 years in our family, she was a sweet natured, loving, happy dog. She blossomed further when we moved to North Carolina. She walked farm trails with us with a sweet hop-a-long gait and ears flapping.

We miss her terribly but are thankful for the time we had with her. Sally & Gail

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In Loving Memory - continued

Chili came to me as a foster dog named Trevor. He and Chad had such fun together that I couldn't let him go. He was my first foster failure. I adopted him on September 16, 2006 (after about one week at my house). I changed his name to Chili Pepper because of his beautiful red coat. Chili was the sweetest dog I've ever had and was such a fun boy. He enjoyed running at the dog park, long walks and sleeping with his head on the pillow next to me. He was a big fan of food, too. He would stand near the kitchen counter and nod his head toward the treat jar to remind me to give him a treat. He loved his babies - the bigger, the better. He carried them everywhere and rested his head on one when he slept. In August 2014, Chili broke his leg running in the yard with Chad and was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma. We decided to remove his leg, and he was given 3-5 months. He made it 10½! Losing his leg didn't slow him down for a minute. He could still go for walks, visit our neighbors and go for rides. He always had such a zest for life. I tell everyone he taught me to live life to the fullest. Chili's cancer spread to his lungs, and we had to let him go on June 30. I still miss him terribly, but he will always be in my heart.



Foley came to LAGR seven years ago. He was found running the fields in Foley, Missouri. For the next seven years of his life, he was obsessed with balls... or anything slightly round. (He even tried to gnaw the tennis balls off a walker at a local nursing home.) For a golden, he was quite aloof, but also quite stoic. (At the vet, he once had a toe nail yanked out--without any pain killer--and didn't even yelp or whimper.) Scared of thunder storms, he'd invariably end up in the bathroom and would sit in the tub--like he was the captain of his ship.

When he died, both of us cried. He *will* be missed... Michael and Sioux Roslawski

Rocco 10/12/2003-9/12/2015 My dearest Roc,

I can remember the day I picked you up... it was May 1, 2005, and I was presented with this wild and crazy young boy, but there was something different about you, something that made me go ahead and bring you into my home, and thus our journey began. Since then we have had quite a ride. Through you, I learned how to live life, I mean *really* live life. All you ever asked in return was my love, and that I did my best to fulfill... you..were true to your name and became my "Roc," just as I became yours. We accomplished a lot, you and I. You opened my world to competitive dog sports, and because of that I met many new friends along the way. Now as I sit here crying, because of your loss, I can only hope that one day I will not be sad when I think of you but instead will smile at the road we travelled. I suppose you can say I saved your life, because you were a rescue... But Roc, you saved my life right back. God speed big buddy and some day when the time is right, we will see each other once again. Hill



Finn joined our family in September 2012 as a foster. It took him a while to adjust to our pack as well as our home, since he was blind. It never stopped him from finding tissues in waste baskets and tennis balls to chew. By early 2013, we adopted him into our family. He was loved by all of us (even though he never learned to love Codee, he just tolerated him). He lived with us for three years, and we were always amazed how he could find what he wanted. He would find Champ to lie beside or Ozzie to walk over. If he or Codee got too close, he would growl (which is the only time he ever did). He could find the water dish whenever he decided he wanted a drink. Our friends were always amazed to see him walk in and out the front door and down the couple of steps with no problem. He loved to go for short walks until last spring. His legs were starting to give out, and he developed "Old Dog Vestibular.". Our vet was afraid that he would not live through this disease, but he made a complete recovery and was back to doing the things that he liked to do. He was just weaker. The last week of his life, he started having neurological issues and could no longer stand. On September 24th, he went to the bridge with Mom and Dad at his side and all of his brothers and sister (yes, even Codee) telling him goodbye. We loved you and miss you Finn. Rest in peace dear little buddy.



Love A Golden Rescue - supporters

Love a Golden Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters who, since the publication of our last newsletter, have given new "forever homes" to our homeless Golden Retrievers and who have generously helped our Golden Retrievers with their financial support, gifts in kind and donated services.

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Upcoming Events

Pattonville High School Craft Fair

December 5th, 9am - 3pm

2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road

Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043

Pet-acular Holiday Bazaar

December 12th & 13th 11am - 4pm

Purina Farms

200 Checkerboard Drive

Gray Summit, Missouri 63039

Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

**Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM
PETCO in St. Charles located near Zumbuhl and Hwy 70.**

**Last Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM
PETCO located at Clarkson and Baxter Roads.**

See the LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the events:

www.loveagolden.com/events.htm

For information on any of these events, please email adoption@loveagolden.com

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