# Love a Golden Rescue Golden News

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# **Team Work**

Several weeks ago, the two golden rescues in St. Louis received a call about a breeder who had been told to shut down by the Missouri Department of Agriculture for a failed inspection. All the dogs needed to go. There were eight 8-month-old golden puppies, as well as adult doodles and a golden/collie mix. Both groups teamed up to assist these dogs. Dirk's Fund took the lead, for which we are grateful. We were able to secure foster homes for four of the puppies.

Dirk's Fund went to pick up the dogs, and this is a quote from their Facebook page. "Before daylight on the morning of January 10<sup>th</sup>, seven vehicles with 11 volunteers set out for Macon, Missouri to rescue 12 dogs from an Amish puppy mill that had been shut down by the Department of Agriculture for inhumane conditions. The farther north we drove, the more snow there was on the ground.

Everyone arrived at about 10 a.m., and we were surprised to see most of the dogs loose in the yard and driveway with several children. There were eight 8-month-old golden pups, a golden/collie mix, a male golden doodle and two 2-year-old female doodles. The goldens were social, likely due to interacting with the kids.

The Amish family was mostly cooperative, and the dogs were loaded into crates, and as each vehicle was loaded, we headed back.

We all met back at the local vet hospital that had agreed to take in all 12 and board them for a few days while they were being tested, vaccinated, and groomed. Each dog was tested for parvo before they were allowed out of the vehicles. Thankfully, all tested negative. The dogs were then taken inside where they were given warm quarters, water, and a meal. Most of the dogs had vomited on the return trip, and the contents of their stomachs consisted of vegeta-tion...hay, grass or whatever. No dog food. The dogs were assessed, vaccinated, tested for worms, heartworm tested and groomed."

On Friday January 12<sup>th</sup>, a LAGR volunteer went to pick up our four goldens, two boys and two girls. We were expecting the worst but were pleasantly surprised to receive four beautiful, groomed goldens, and on top of that, they were very friendly. Another surprise for which we were thankful.

Their foster homes came to pick them up, and off they went.

When we take in a group of puppies, we name them with the same beginning letter, so this group is the C puppies. Meet Chelsea, Crystal, Carter, and Chad. They are all very social and doing well. They will be spayed and neutered in the next few weeks. Then, they'll be ready for their forever homes.

#### Here's an update on the puppies from their foster homes.

Chelsea - Chelsea is a lively and affectionate girl who is enjoying a warm home, regular meals (she *really* likes



food!) and a variety of toys. It is amazing to me how well she has adapted to life outside the breeders. She is very ADD when we take her out... birds, wind, snow, blowing leaves, other dogs. There are so many new experiences, that she is unable to focus on what we really want her to do...potty! Chelsea sleeps in her crate from 11 pm until 7:30 am without any whining, crying or tantrums. She loves to nap with her head resting on our feet. She is an absolute slob at the water bow!! She dribbles water everywhere! Chelsea is a take-charge kind of girl and an expert at stealing toys from my 12-year-old dog. Her exuberance is too much for Lacey at times. Chelsea is very interested in the cat. However, after their first encounter, the cat has confined himself to the back of the house where Chelsea is not allowed to go.

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## Team Work—continued

Crystal - Despite the impression you get from the pics, Crystal is no couch potato. She is seen here with her 10year old sister Maggie and resting upside down without apparent concern. She does not do "puppy biting" but will chew



a wide array of objects. Nighttime is no bother, as she sleeps through the night. Crystal picks up on our preferences quickly but is independent and persevering. Tennis balls work best for "fetch."



Carter - Carter is the happiest guy! He has such a typical golden personality. He is curious and non-stop playful. He loves toys, especially ones with squeakers! We are still getting to know each other, and he is working hard on learning house manners. Carter is already making some progress. He loves people and kids and gets along well with our 4-year-old golden.





Chad – Chad is an easygoing, happy boy. He can be pushy but respects no. He loves Nyla bones and antlers. He also likes fabric so no soft toys for him currently. He is potty trained, sleeps all night and is a joy. He has gotten car sick the few times he has been in the car. Chad loves being outside in the yard. The first night he was with us, he was offered a treat, and he was bewildered. The look on his face was priceless, then he saw his foster sisters take them. After that, no looking back, as he is in line for treats.

These four beautiful puppies--along with the dogs that Dirk's Fund took in--wouldn't have had a chance without rescues working together. We are so glad that all these dogs have a bright future--a forever life full of love, attention and lots of treats and cuddling... the kind of life *all* pets should have.



# **Gretchen's Guidance**



#### Dear Gretchen,

Recently my doggie brother, Keeper, did not come home. My mom and dad took him somewhere in the car, and when they came back a while later, Keeper was not with them. I looked at Mom and Dad, and their faces were wet. I looked around, thinking he was in the back yard or taking a nap, but no Keeper.

Now I'm so sad and very depressed. What is going on with me? Lethargic and listless,

Lincoln

#### Dear Lincoln,

You are mourning Keeper. This is common when you lose a doggie family member. It also sometimes happens when you lose a human family member. You were very attached to each other, and you had lived with Keeper your whole life. Since he's gone, you have a hole in your heart.

Here are some of the symptoms of depression in dogs:

- being listless
- withdrawal from people and other pets
- a lack of appetite
- lethargic behavior and sleeping more than usual
- unusually aggressive or destructive behaviors
- inappropriate elimination within the home
- calling out or vocalizing in an unusual way for the dog who has passed away
- searching for the companion dog within the home and other places frequented by the other dog
- becoming very clingy to the owner and following the owner around

Humans believe we may not understand the concept of death, but we know they are missing, and this affects our behavior.

When Keeper was taken away, he must have been very sick or was in a lot of pain. Now Keeper is not feeling any more pain.

I hope you are doing better now too.

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### **PICK ME! -** One of our featured goldens currently available for adoption. All of our adoptable Goldens can be found on our web site at: www.loveagolden.com



Mya was born on May 26, 2020 and is a beautiful red golden. She came from a breeder. At first, she was very insecure and chewed things up; now she has learned that is not appropriate. She will also go outside with her doggie friend and stay out walking around the yard. She would do best with another well-adjusted golden, not because she plays a lot, but because she likes to have a companion as a friend and someone to learn from. Her new home should be a home with someone present, due to her personality of needing people. She loves to be petted and can be pushy, but with a firm "no" she settles down.

## President's Message

The year of 2024 is beginning as a very busy year. In January, we took in nine dogs. For us as a small rescue, this is a lot. We have been lucky to find foster homes for all nine, and they are all doing well

Our holiday fundraisers were very successful *and* a lot of fun. At the Pattonville Craft Fair, we sold our home baked treats. Many thanks to you bakers. We also sold baskets made by a group of volunteers–thanks to you also. On Black Friday and weekends before Christmas, we wrapped books, as well as talked to a lot of wonderful people who came to Half Price Book stores in University City, Chesterfield, and St. Charles. Wrapping gifts at these bookstores is always a fun time enjoyed by all our volunteers who participate. Thank you to all those who spent some of their holiday time volunteering for LAGR.

Sadly, one of our long-time volunteers, Mary Paluszek, unexpectedly passed away. Mary had two Love a Golden Rescue dogs, Silas and Lucy. They are now back with us. Fortunately, the terms of our adoption contract were known, and we were contacted. (We expect the dog to be returned to LAGR if the family no longer wants the dog or if the owner dies.) They are both older dogs. Silas was a search and rescue dog, now retired, and is ten-years old. Lucy is a sweet tripod, seven years old. They are not goldens but saved from the streets in Turkey many years ago. They will each be needing a new forever home.

We will again be doing the Tennis Ball Challenge in late March, so be on the lookout for more information in the spring. The big event of choosing a winning ball will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at our volunteer meeting. Our annual reunion picnic is going to be September 21, 2024.

Thank you to all who support LAGR financially, as well as through fostering or adopting. Our rescue especially thanks Kennelwood Pet Resort. The folks at Kennelwood have been wonderful helping us board dogs, until we can find foster homes. Also, we greatly appreciate our vets at Heritage Veterinary Hospital for always being there for us-thank you.

Golden thoughts, Jan

# **Happy Endings**

#### These three are littermate "B sisters".



Beatrix (was Bianca). Can you find Beatrix??? We are so in love with her, and she is such a golden in personality.

Ms. Baylee (was Brittany) is doing great. Here is a picture of her from the LAGR picnic. She absolutely loved her Santa toy. Unfortunately, today the toy had to be put to rest, since she bit his face off!





Honey (was Bonita) is great! She's the sweetest girl. She enjoys going to doggie daycare a couple of days a week to play with her friends. She also loves snuggle time at home on the couch. She especially loves car rides and going to the lake! She is such a special dog, and we are so thankful for her.

Barney is doing well! He's gotten so big,

weighing around 55 pounds. He loves

playing with his big brother and going outside at all times of the day.

Max is great!! He goes shopping with me and loves his visits to the dog park. Santa brought him new stuffies for Christmas. He is so loving, and we love him!





Leo (was Major) is doing GREAT. Things are amazing. Not sure we could love him more than we do.

Tosha is the best girl! At times, if we leave her alone for more than 3 hours, she eats things: TV remotes, flashlights, etc. One of us works from home, so it's rare. Here is a pic showing the little ones walking all over her, and she just ignores it. She looooves her couch! She also gets a dental chew after each meal.



It has been over 2 years since I brought Sidney to his forever home. My "Whirling Dervish" has calmed down



except when someone comes to visit. Then he can really ramp it up. For the most part, Sidney is "My Sweet Baby Boy." He continues to go to Doggie Daycare 3 mornings a week. I was told last week that Sidney has calmed down a lot since he started attending daycare. Of course, he can still run reallyreally fast and can't be caught.

Rosie Mae is very happy with her digging accomplishment.



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# Happy Endings continued



Vivvv (was Rubv) is doing great!

Over Thanksgiving, she played

with all 9 dogs that were there.

care of and super loved.

She's still alpha but is gentler than she used to be. She's well taken

DUD.

Benny (was Leo) is doing great! He had

a lot of fun this December celebrating his

first birthday and Christmas. He also loved getting to play in the snow last weekend. He has settled in very well and continues to progress well with his

Gypsy (was Ella) is doing great. She's definitely part of the DNA of our family now and had a great Christmas. I've attached a photos from one of the many Christmas parties she attended this year.

Louie (was Dudley) is doing great! He

loves toys, going on walks and getting

We couldn't have asked for a sweeter

belly rubs. He has settled in wonderfully.

Maggie (was Freya) is great! She brings so much joy to us, our family and everyone she meets! She loves playing ball, watching squirrels and birds out the window and more, at the base of the tree! We love her so much.





We absolutely love Autumn (was Hazel). She has fit into our family so well. We have been amazed at how quickly she has become comfortable. Autumn and Kona, our great pyrenees rescue, were sisters immediately! They love playing frisbee and ball together and running full speed in our backyard. Autumn walks well on a leash but is still

hesitant at any unfamiliar noises.

Autumn loves her doggie beds and relaxes in them throughout the day. She and Kona have chew toys and balls everywhere, and that makes us happy, because they know this is their home.

Autumn was very skittish when we brought her home, but she has improved greatly and seems VERY happy and comfortable! She is just perfect in our eyes!

Eddy (was Nemo) is enjoying the snow fall.



Havarti (was Basil) is amazing! He started advanced training a few weeks ago and has been doing great! He loves going everywhere with us and making friends with all the humans



and animals he sees. While I work, he loves to lay on my feet under my desk or play with his brother. He has become a regular at some local restaurants and is a big fan of ordering plain grilled chicken breast-lol. He is very much "all love" and just wants to be everyone's friend.

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training.

Sallie Ann enjoying a leisurely afternoon on the deck.

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Henry (was Kirby) is doing great! He loves his walks, chasing squirrels, and napping. We just love him to pieces. We took him to the Ritz for New Year's Eve a few weeks ago, and he behaved so well. I attached a picture of him in his bow tie. He's such a handsome boy!

The following four are littermate "F puppies"

Sam (was Felix) is living the good life in Colorado.





Frankie is a busy boy and learning how to fit in. He's been going to obedience training and lots of walks. He loves taking rides, especially anywhere with a drive through - puppy treats! He's also been making friends with our cat.

Fred recently celebrated his 1st birthday, and he was spoiled with a bandana, treats, and a new hippo stuffie. Fred and our daughter, Abby, are best buds, and he's so sweet with her! Thank you again for helping us make him a part of our family, we love him so much!





Romeo (was Finley) is doing great. He is the happiest and most energetic pup. He is also very spoiled as all pups should be.

Kade (was Ranger)--I want to thank you with all of my heart for letting me be Kade's mom! He's absolutely a joy to have! He's a snuggler, kisser, loves to walk, and loves to play ball. I believe he feels this is truly his home, which has helped lessen his separation anxiety when I run errands. It has areatly diminished. He loves sleep-



ing on the bed and relaxing on the couch! Kade knows our schedule, and I also think he's the smartest dog I've ever had. He picks up on words and ideas so quickly!



Finnley (was Kris) enjoying his doggie bed.

Toby's doing great and loving life, and so are we! He's such a big part of our family, and we all love him so much! He's great with all the grandkids and kids in the neighborhood. He loves his cousins, Eddy (was Nemo) and Sophie. He also loves to play and is great on walks. Not sure who loves who more! He's the best!





Emma (was Jessica) is doing very well. She is quite the snuggler and gets in the mix of playtime now.

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## **In Loving Memory**



Just wanted to let you know we had to put Murphy (was Murdoc) down in December. His health had been deteriorating recently. Our hearts are broken. We loved him so much, and he brought so much happiness to our family. Everyone who met him loved him. We are so thankful we were able to take him into our home. We gave him all of our love and nurturing he so deserved, and in return, he gave us so much more!

Thanks to LAGR for bringing us this special boy who brought so much love and joy to our home. He was meant to be ours for his last 3 years....

It is with deep sorrow to say that we have lost our sweet girl, Essex (was Brita), on January 5, 2024. She had complications from pneumonia. We adopted her from LAGR in 2013 as Brita, but we renamed her Essex. We are absolutely gutted and will never be the same without her in our lives. Essex loved belly rubs, bones, long walks, and chasing critters. She especially loved to dig up our vard in search of those critters. She was always on the lookout for delivery trucks, cars, and any sort of out -of-the-ordinary sound where she was sure to always alert us. Essex's main love in life was food and could always be swayed with treats and nibbles. Essex had a full year as our only child, before we began to welcome our own human babies. She was patient, loving, kind, gentle, and so playful with our children. She protected all of us and kept guard. We continued to walk her daily and included her in all of our family activities. We cherished our alone time at night together, after the children went to bed, and it was just us and Essex. Even though our family now has 2 children, Essex was and will always be our first baby. We made sure to cuddle with her and tell her every day that we loved her. It still doesn't make her loss any less easy. Even though we rescued her, Essex was the one that rescued us. She is



irreplaceable, and our family will never be the same without her. We are so thankful to LAGR for bringing this one-of-a-kind dog into our lives.



It is a very sad day in our home today. With a heavy heart, we said goodbye to our sweet Ellie Mae. She now joins our two other pups that our extended family lost this year, Freckles and Jackson. The five are now two. We miss you all.

Our sweet girl Kassidy crossed the Rainbow Bridge on October 4, 2023. Kassidy was rescued by LAGR from the Kennett Humane Society at the end of June 2017. She came to us as a foster, and it didn't take long for us to realize she would be a foster failure. We adopted her just 3 weeks later.

In June 2020, we noticed a tennis ball size lump that appeared seemingly overnight. The vet diagnosed her with a stage 2 soft tissue sarcoma. She had surgery to remove it. At the end of May 2023 (just shy of 3 years later), another sarcoma developed, and it was in a difficult place to operate. We placed Kassidy on hospice.

During her last few months, Kassidy enjoyed riding in her bike trailer when her parents went on bike rides. We affectionately started referring to her as "the princess in her carriage." She loved meeting people on bike rides and walks. She would approach with a wagging tail anticipating people would pet her, and most of the time they did.



Kassidy loved going for walks, chasing bunnies and squirrels in the backyard, and playing fetch with her favorite tennis ball. She was the best girl. She never counter surfed and never chewed on anything but her bones and toys. We were so spoiled by her. We miss and love her, and she loved us unconditionally.



Keeper was an incredible golden, who never let his special needs get the better of him. As a three-month-old puppy, he was run over by a lawn mower. He came to rescue after being saved by a vet in Kentucky. His leg was removed, and all was good until he was 18-months old when his growth plate in his other rear leg did not close correctly. He went to Mizzou Veterinary Hospital, where he had an implant put in his leg. He had a wonderful life, he never got upset with other goldens and the many fosters he lived with. He loved going to the lake with his dad where they bonded over popcorn. He was a goofy golden who touched many people. He went to Healing Paws for water therapy every week from the age of 18 months until April of 2023. When he broke his knee In October, he was diagnosed with bone cancer. Sadly, we lost him on November 9, 2023. He would want to thank Heritage Veterinary Hospital, Veterinary Specialty Services, Mizzou and Healing Paws for the care he received during the years. We miss him very much.

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Bella was a beautiful golden retriever that I fell in love with. She was stunning from her photo. I wanted nothing more than to give her a soft landing, when I first saw her. So that is what I tried to provide for her the short time that I had her. She was funny, she liked to tap dance for her food! Really, it wasn't just for food but for attention as well. She wanted nothing more than to give love from the moment that I took her home. Everyone fell in love with her when they met her. They couldn't help it, because she wanted to snuggle right up to them. She loved her food, but she loved her people just as well. I will miss her so much. With the enduring lessons that she taught me, I carry her in my heart always. Thank you, Love a Golden Rescue, for giving me Bella and for rescuing her foremost from her situation. Fly free sweet Bella.

Sweet Maggie went across the Rainbow Bridge in October 2023. Her hips had been giving her problems. In the past month, this had gotten increasingly worse, until finally her back legs would not support her at all. Some of the time, she would just fall. A week ago, she stopped eating, even though I tried all of her favorites. She had a very bad night and for the first time, seemed to be in some pain. I consulted with her vet, and I decided to do the hard but merciful thing. She passed away very peacefully in my arms. I wish Maggie had been able to stay with me longer, but I hope this past year was a happy one for her.





We wanted to let you know that we lost Goldie on January 6<sup>th</sup>. She was the sweetest dog we have ever had. Everyone who met her could not stop petting her, she was so loving. She was a very well-behaved girl. She would walk very good on a leash. She would let you know when she needed to go potty. Even though we only had her for 2 1/2 years, she was such a joy in our life. Thank you for letting us adopt her.

### **Zoetis Petcare Rewards**

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### **Facebook News**

As many of you know, our Facebook page was hacked in December. It has been a nightmare. The posting about the puppies was shared numerous times, and we know some people sent money. It's horrible when people are scammed. Unfortunately, some wrong-doers are quite clever when it comes to technology. We were in a catch 22 with no control over the page. We didn't like what was happening, but there was nothing we could do about the hacking. After over a month of trying to undo the mess, with little help from Meta, we needed to move on. We started a new Facebook page. The new page is: **Love a Golden Rescue - LAGR.** 

On our old page we had over 7,000 followers, so we are starting over from scratch. Please follow us, and let's try and share with others so we get lots of followers. Thanks

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### Love A Golden Rescue - Benefactors

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

#### **Adoptions**

Bethany Manion Josh & Stephanie Slade Dave Stulac Karen Tucker Jane Leech Jan & Ray Knoche William & Debbie Bandle Jordan & Emily Gagstetter Name held on request Caitlyn & Nick Emmenegger Annie & Bradley Pluhar Barb & Brad Douglas Dana & Pete Steinwart Lynn & Robert Berry Ann Fels & Ryan Russell

Celia Doc Dudley Fred Gretchen Hazel r Leo Lionel Nemo Olaf Sadie Samson Teddy Violet

Amos

### **Foster Buddies**

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### **Matching Gifts**

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### **Giving Tuesday**

Thank you to all who gave to LAGR on Giving Tuesday

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### In Memory and Honor

In honor of Denice Traeger	Zach Traeger		
In honor of Kade	Name held on request		
In honor of Lily & Jessie	Dennis Peterson		
In honor of Mary P birthday	Ellen Staples		
In honor of Melody Ridder birthday Pam Cloninger, Gary Surgeon, Rick Palitzsch, Tim Schaeffer, Becki Stilts Wendle, Marcie Ann Weld			
In honor of Paulette Koons birthday Gene Peimann, Janice Scherer, Jayne Huth, Mary Whiteater, Kathy Steffen			
In honor of Shiloh	Sheila Garavaglia		
In honor of Tammy Smith birthday	Jocelyn Scoggin		
In honor of Tater & her tots	Charlie Wyss		
In honor of Sue Wiesehan	Veronica Morrow-Reel		
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In memory of Bella	Tammy Smith		
In memory of Gracie & Millie Depp	Tanya McNeal		
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In memory of Sammy Douglas	Karen Louis		
In memory of Sandy Preis	Jason Preis		
In memory of Sophie	Erier Charitable Fund		
In memory of sweet soul Taya	Joan Traeger		

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# **Meet and Greet Events**

## Meet and Greet

Treats unleashed March 30

Creve Coeur Location 11617 Olive Blvd Creve Coeur, MO 63141

11am to 2pm

Meet and Greet Treats unleashed April 13th Ladue Location 8861 Ladue Rd, Ladue, MO 63124

11am to 2pm

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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### About our newsletter....

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