



LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE Golden News



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A GIFT OF LIFE

Have you ever thought what would happen if your dog needed blood? Your dog could need blood products for treatment of life-threatening conditions such as anemia, poisoning, parvo virus, surgery, or trauma.

Recently one Love A Golden Rescue dog helped another Love A Golden dog when she had surgery. Miss Daisy had a rhinotomy for the fungus in her sinus, and since this is an invasive surgery, she needed blood. Her blood type is DEA 1.1 positive, and luckily, so was her foster brother, Taz. He had donated blood the day of Daisy's surgery, and his blood was used to help her. It is up to dogs like Taz and his brother Winston, who both donate blood regularly, to help save lives.



The St. Louis Animal Blood Bank is a community based canine blood bank; its goal is to provide an easily accessible source of blood products to the pets of the St. Louis area. The blood is readily available for use by the Animal Emergency Clinics and Associated Veteri-

nary Specialists, and may be purchased by veterinarians from other clinics.

There are specific criteria potential blood donors must match:

1. One year of age or older
2. Normal weight over 50 lbs
3. Even, calm temperament
4. Current on all vaccinations and in good health
5. Never been pregnant and spayed if female
6. Heartworm free and on a preventative

If this sounds like your dog, he or she could be a blood donor!

Your dog would be scheduled to give blood every 3 months. As long as the dog is enrolled in the program, he would receive free yearly blood chemistries, a CBC (complete blood count), heart-

worm test, and two tick titers- Ehrlichia Canis and Lyme disease. Donating blood takes only approximately 10-15 minutes, and each unit of blood can theoretically help two different dogs because after collection it is separated into packed red cells and plasma. Dogs do have blood types like people do, however we are most concerned with the 1.1 antigen on the canine red blood cell, as it is the one most commonly associated with transfusion reactions. Therefore, they can either be DEA 1.1 positive or negative. DEA 1.1 negative dogs are said to have the



"universal" type, since they can give to either a positive or negative dog.

Taz is a fidget, but when he gives blood he lies very still, and has been donating blood for about a year. Winston has donated blood for several years and is a very welcome donor since he has the universal blood type.

Earlier this year we had parvo puppies and little Meg received blood also, all with the help of the St. Louis Animal Blood Bank.

Please consider being part of the bank; there is always a shortage of blood. For more information contact Dena Williams, RVT, at Associated Veterinary Specialists, 314-739-1510 for the North location, or Animal Emergency Clinic South, 314-822-7600 for the South location.

Submitted by

Dena Williams	Jan Knoche
Associated Veterinary Specialists	LAGR Volunteer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

Love A Golden Rescue just celebrated its fifth birthday! It's hard to believe that it's been five years since starting up with a mission to help Golden Retrievers in need find forever homes.

Because of the tireless efforts of our volunteers, friends, and supporters, Love A Golden has grown and been able to help many Golden Retrievers. Last year we took in 80 foster dogs, and this year we've taken 7 already.

We're looking forward to a very busy year with spring activities including our volunteer dinner, garage sale, bake sale, informational tables, and parades. For up-to-date info on our events, please check out our website calendar.

Thanks to everyone who has helped the dogs. Your love for the Golden Retrievers continues to make Love A Golden Rescue work.

With Golden thoughts,
Kathy Hackmann

Golden Pennies

We have already collected our first 100,000 pennies to help our Golden Retrievers.



Help us collect our next 100,000 pennies

We have over 40,000 already toward our goal

To assist Our Golden Retrievers, who were strays, who have been rescued from shelters or whose families could no longer care for them.

Our rescue provides vet care and foster homes prior to their adoptions by loving homes.

Bring your pennies to the next Love A Golden Event!!!!

Shopping !!!!!

Consider doing your on-line shopping at one of the 569 shops hosted by www.i-give.com

LAGR is registered with I-Give and will receive a percentage of your sale.

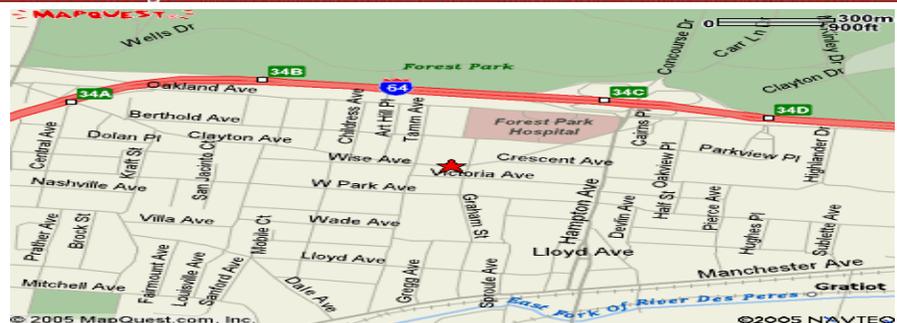


INVITE FRIENDS!
Your \$5 cover charge goes directly to benefit Love-A-Golden Rescue

Thursday
March 9th, 7:00 p.m.
FELIX's Restaurant and Lounge
6335 Clayton Avenue in Historic Dogtown

» For MORE INFO and DIRECTIONS
VISIT: www.felixrestaurant.com
OR: www.loveagolden.com

Featuring LIVE MUSIC from the fabulous Michael Schaerer!



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 homeless Golden Retrievers and who have generously helped our Golden Retrievers with their financial support, gifts in kind and donated services.

Adoptions

Beth & Kevin Edmondson	Colin
Bill & Athena Tuttle	Sir Hampton
Bruck & Irene MacAllister	Brandy
Connie & Eric Coleman	Meadow
David & Sue Propper	Reba
Dawn Runge	Valentine
Diane & David Pierce	Rosco
Karen & Chris Schenewerk	Drake
Morgan Mance	Sugar Baby
Paul & Maureen Joseph	Colette
Phillip & Julie Acker	Sheldon
Rebecca Bethard	River
Rudy Helwick	O'Neil
Sandra & Greg Hall	Melbourn

Mattie Fund

Angela & David O'Neil	Laura Mitchell
Catherine Cleveland	Nancy Cusanelli
Gene & Kathy Buxton	Russell Crowder
Judi & Kevin Bayne	Shawn Rupp

Grant & Corporate Donations

Golden Retriever Foundation Miss Daisy
Goldstock Fund
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Petco
Xtra Corp Charitable Foundation

Donations

All State Giving Campaign	Judith Depew
Anonymous	Laura Schanbacker
Cindy Slocum	Lyndell Oller
David & Lisa Mott	Nancy & Larry Munson
Dorothy (D.A.) Divilbiss	Pamela Bogle
Joe Stortz	Sharon Harlin-Guenther
Jon & Barbara Meline	The Noce Family
Joseph Parrish	Stud. Chapt of the Assoc of Shelter Veterinaries
Joseph Scanlon	
Cyndi & John Palmer	Hospice Program
Robin O'Neil	In honor of David & Angela O'Neil & in memory of Alex
Bill & Pat Paxton	In honor of Debbie Kinscherf
Tom & Jen Schwent	In honor of Diane Buatte
Calvin Jesberg	In honor of Dick & Debbie Kinscherf
Shelly & Ed Gamon	In honor of Jaci & Ben Franzen
Ron Edwards	In honor of Nicki Strattan & Mom Judy
Jacki & Ben Franzen	In memory of Buddy
Beverly & Palmer Mai	In memory of Jim Ravas
Bill & Kathy Hackmann	In memory of Jim Ravas
Jan & Ray Knoche	In memory of Jim Ravas
Liz Coughlin	In memory of Jim Ravas
Margaret Avirom	In memory of Jim Ravas
Mr & Mrs Robert Rowe	In memory of Jim Ravas
Robert & Judy Smith	In memory of Jim Ravas
William & Melinda Dailey	In memory of Jim Ravas
Jennifer Hershey	In memory of Sergei
Christa Slyman	In memory of Shane Slyman
Pam Wendenburg	In memory of Shasta

Foster Buddies

Ed & Pat Dowling	Joker, Miss Daisy, Dorie, Molson	Kevin & Janine Zeldin	Miranda
Debbie Schwarz	Kristy	Judith Depew	Miss Daisy
Steve Stream	Kristy - In Honor of Edward Walters	Pam Skowronek	Miss Daisy
Debra & Tom Ohland	Miss Daisy & Kristy	The Bark Side	Miss Daisy
Sara & Tom Pilard	Lovey	Tim Reynolds	Miss Daisy
		Vicki Van Tassel	Miss Daisy
		Jean Hirsch	Miss Daisy
		Irene & Bruce MacAllister	Savanah



My name is Wendi Smith and I adopted Fidget back in September. He and I are getting along famously and I just wanted to update you guys. Thanks for finding Fidget for me. I renamed him Casey after Casey Stengel (I am a big Yankees fan).

Thanks,

Wendi Smith

HAPPY ENDINGS



I PUT THE KIDS TO BED ABOUT 8PM TONIGHT AND SPARKY WENT UP WITH THEM.



BUTLER, NOW TOBY, ADOPTED BY LINDA AND RAY MACIEJEWSKI

ON THE LEFT IS PARKER FORMER LAGR DOG KYLE, ON THE RIGHT IS HIS NEW FOREVER BROTHER ZANDER



RACHEL HAD A LITTER OF PUPPIES RIGHT AFTER SHE CAME TO RESCUE. NOW SHE'S ENJOYING LIFE WITH A LOVING FAMILY.

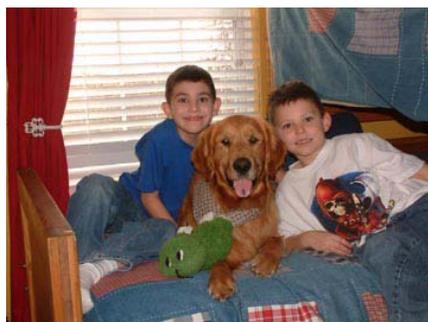


STONEY BEAR HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS!

EMILY AND TEDDY SNUGGLE IN THEIR ADOPTIVE HOME.



CHARLIE (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS DRAKE) IS AT HOME WITH HIS NEW FAMILY.



REBA HAD A VERY HARD LIFE BEFORE COMING TO RESCUE, BUT SHE IS VERY HAPPY NOW TO HAVE FOUND A HOME WHO IS SHOWING HER HOW WONDERFUL LIFE CAN BE.



MORE HAPPY ENDINGS



SEAMUS (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS SHANE) MAKES A GOOD PILLOW FOR A NAP.



AUSTIN IS READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER IN HIS FLEECE HOODIE.

DODGIE STRIKES A HANDSOME POSE.



RIVER HAD A HARD LIFE BEFORE COMING TO RESCUE. HE IS NOW BLOSSOMING IN HIS NEW HOME AND TAKES A NAP WITH HIS NEW DOGGIE BROTHER, JAKE AFTER A BUSY DAY.



Just wanted to update you on Toby. We adopted Toby in 2002. Toby is going to be 12 this spring. Toby is the dog you get the picture of on the website for seniors. He is laying on the top of the steps looking down. Toby's face is all grey now and his paws are grey. He doesn't get around as fast as he used to but he still likes to smile when you tell him he is getting a treat. Besides Toby we have a 6 year old golden named Fred. I think Fred has put life back into Toby. It is really cute to see the two of them sleeping side by side plus sometimes Toby evens plays with Fred. Toby still likes to go down to the lake and get in the boat and go for a ride. Thanks so much for letting us adopt Toby when we did.

Judi and Kevin Bayne

Hi! I'm Rocco,

In this picture I am doing one of my most favorite things in the world—Flyball. I actually get luv'ns, treats and lots of praise for going and getting a tennis ball! (Could life be any better?!) Finally after 4 months of dropping (and dropping...) tennis balls in Mom's lap, a nice lady noticed and said we should try Flyball. (God-bless her). Mom still makes me do those other things like Rally and Obedience, because she says I am a big boy and manners are a must. I guess that's okay, especially when Mom shares her pillow and blanket at night. Since I am home on May 1, 2005 I've learned a lot of neat things, most of which Mom encourages (except that shoe fetish) and only continue to learn and blossom more each day. I am told daily what a great and truly golden boy I am. Thank You Love A Golden. You made both my Mom's and my life such a joy.

Love,
Rocco



PIC ME! - - Goldens currently available for adoption.

All of our adoptable Goldens can be found on our web site at: <http://www.loveagolden.com/AvailableDogs.htm>

MANDY



Mandy is a happy girl. She loves to be petted, and she wants to have fun. She was kept tied out by her prior owner and is quickly settling into the house. Mandy is on the thin side right now and enjoying trying to gain some weight. She is estimated to be around 7 years old but appears much younger in her activity level and playfulness.

CARTER

Carter is a big, happy, tail-wagging dog. He absolutely loves toys. He likes to carry them around, and when he first saw the doggie toy box at his foster home, he was so happy!! Carter enjoys going for walks. He is very people-oriented and wants to be with you. He gets along well with other dogs but so far hasn't played with any of the dogs while in foster care. Carter somehow



lost his prior family and was found as a stray. When no one claimed him, he came to rescue when his time was up at the shelter. We don't know his history, but he appears to have been well cared for and loved in the past. Carter is a rich reddish gold color with a sprinkling of gray, primarily on his face, and is probably around 7 years old. Carter would like a new family to call his own -- and lots of toys to carry around.

MAPLE



Maple is a beautiful dark rich red color. She loves people and sits pretty to be petted as often as possible. Maple is learning about living in the house and quickly catching on to the routine. She is about 4 years old. We're told that when she was a puppy, she was hit by a car. The accident did significant damage and required orthopedic surgery on her right hind leg at that time. Our rescue vet took xrays and found that Maple's right hind leg

currently has an infection in her hip bone so she is now on antibiotics for that and on an anti-inflammatory. She gets around very well regardless, but her right hind leg doesn't work normally -- not that she notices that. She likes to go for swims and that would probably help her leg. Maple is hoping for a special home to love her despite her leg and to appreciate what a loving girl she is. .

FRAZIER



Frazier is a sweet senior Golden, approximately 10 years old. He is a very cute boy with a white face. He so loves people and wants to be petted. Frazier sometimes gets so excited and happy that he has a little grin which is very cute to see. Frazier mainly wants to be your friend and hang out with you.

WE LOVE LUCY!

Dec. 12, 2004 was a special day for us-- it was our 35th Anniversary as well as the day we welcomed Lucy (Dottie) to our home. After more than a year later, Dan and I are still in love with that "crazy redhead"! Lucy is nearly 4 years old now and (according to her foster parents/current groomers: Kathy and Terry Riggs) "She will calm down any time now"! R-I-G-H-T!!! She always welcomes us home with any item she can find at the moment: a shoe, a slipper, a toy, a throw rug, etc. along with that non-stop body/tail wiggle. She loves to ride in the car, go camping, take walks and chase squirrels up the tree in the back yard where she will sit staring and daring those squirrels to "come on down"! Lucy was the star pupil in her obedience class--well, in winning the hearts of everybody! The command we still have to work on all the time is "stay" - - - this is difficult for her--she has such a hard time containing her enthusiasm and zest for life. What a gal! Lucy is indeed "one of the family". I ask her all the time if she knows how lucky she is to have found us? Little does she know that it is the other way around! Thank you Love A Golden for everything.

Brenda and Dan



TILLES PARK WINTER WONDERLAND



On December 11th a group of us volunteered to collect admission money at TILLES PARK WINTER WONDERLAND. It was a very fun event. There were three collection huts that had to be manned by a minimum of three people each. Ray Knoche was the traffic director and little did those that volunteered for Hut 3 know that they were going to be the busiest. Ray was in charge of moving the traffic through the booths while we collected the admission donation, he did a fabulous job and I recommend him for that next year. The weather was pleasant and we had many laughs. I will definitely be on board to collect next year. Thank you to all that volunteered and I look forward to working with you in December 2006.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/9	7:00 PM	Diane and Jan Birthday Fundraiser	Felix's	Dogtown (Clayton Rd.)
3/25	6:00 PM	Annual Volunteer Dinner	Grappa Grill	St. Charles, MO
4/8	8:00 AM	Ruby's Bake Sale at Schnucks—Homer	Adams Parkway	Alton, IL
4/29	8:00 AM	Ruby's Garage Sale	619 E. 15th St.	Alton, IL
5/7	12:00 PM	Valley of Flowers parade	Parker & Paddock	Florissant, MO
5/13	8:00 AM	Bark in the Park	Queeny Park	St. Louis County, MO
5/21 ?	12:00 PM	Creve Coeur Days Parade	Olive & Craig ?	Creve Coeur, MO
May ?		Petropolis Pet Carnival		Chesterfield MO
June ?		Bayberry Farms (Herbst/Riggs) Garage Sale		Barnhart MO
6/24	11:00 AM	Reunion Picnic	Vago Park	Maryland Heights, MO

Adoption Days are held each month at the Petco store in Olivette (2nd Sunday) from Noon until 3:00 PM and at the Canine Center (9850 Manchester, Rock Hill, MO) - last Sunday from Noon until 3:00 PM .

Golden Hikes - First Sunday of each month (except July, August and September) - at 12:30 PM winter—5:30 PM Spring - locations and hikes vary by month.

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

<http://www.loveagolden.com/Calendar.htm>

Interested in volunteering with Love A Golden Rescue??

Then fill out a volunteer application form on-line at: <http://www.loveagolden.com/volunteerform.htm>

or send an e-mail to volunteer@loveagolden.com

BAKE SALE AND GARAGE SALE

Ruby needs lots of help with both the Bake and Garage Sales. If you can bake cakes, cookies, muffins or dog treats for 4/8/06 or if you can help with the Bake Sale that day, please contact Ruby Blair. Ruby is also accepting donations for the Garage Sale on Wednesday 4/26 (no clothing, please). She can also use help at the Garage Sale itself on Saturday 4/29/06. Ruby can be reached at 618-465-1616 & at rjbbblair@aol.com

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