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Kristy - One of the Reasons Why Rescue is So Rewarding

Kristy is a special needs Golden who found a very special home. Here's her story as told by some of her rescue friends and her new family.

The volunteer who brought Kristy to rescue writes: *It was to be a routine intake, so I went alone. I was to go pick up a young female Golden who was being given up because she wasn't completely housebroken. My first reaction to seeing Kristy was "What a beautiful girl!". The lady who relinquished her told me she called LAGR to "give Kristy a chance" and that Kristy had been threatened with "being shot in the head" if she didn't stop urinating. (A thought that would cause incontinence by itself!) I put Kristy into the back of my car and started driving. Within 2 miles, Kristy was perched between the front seats, so I stopped and relocated her. This episode repeated itself several more times. Finally, I put her into the front seat with me where she promptly stretched out, put her head on my lap, and gazed up at me. "Don't worry, girl," I said, "Your life is about to get much better!"*



Kristy's foster family writes: *Our first impression of Kristy was what a happy girl she is! She was playful and fun and so very loving. Her incontinence was a challenge which we were prepared to face. When Kristy first came to rescue, she leaked urine constantly, and her back feathering was usually slightly damp and had to be shaved to minimize urine burn on her skin. She was initially treated with hormone therapy.*



When Kristy's condition did not significantly improve, the vet recommended that she go to a specialist. The specialist anesthetized Kristy and used a scope to see what was going on. The specialist found a congenital structural problem, and Kristy had surgery to correct that problem with her urethra. She healed well from that surgery but then got a urinary tract infection. Kristy was given hormones and antibiotics, but she still leaked some. The specialist then performed another surgery to remove prior scar tissue which might contribute to her leakage problem. After that surgery, Kristy went to a holistic vet and did much better with the help of a combination of western and holistic medicine. It was a long and trying road for Kristy with many trips to the vet clinics, but throughout it all her sweet and loving personality shone through.

While in rescue, Kristy enjoyed playing with the other Golden Retrievers in her foster family. She loved going for walks. She liked to hang out and watch TV. Kristy became a blood donor at the specialty vet clinic which had helped her. She so wanted to have a normal Golden life and needed a very special family who would continue her care and manage her medical condition. Kristy was a very lucky girl to find a wonderful family who wanted to give her the life which she so deserved. We miss her very much but are happy she has such a wonderful new family to love.

Kristy's Adoptive Family writes: *We adopted Kristy during a difficult time for our family. Two of our three beloved dogs had died within two months of each other and work stress and life stress had stacked up to hit us when we were down. We debated the wisdom of taking on a new member of the family during such a time. With every dog comes a great responsibility and a lot of work but especially so with a special needs dog.*

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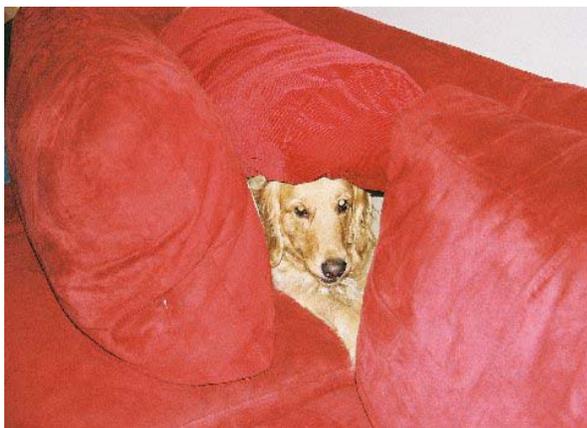
Kristy's story con't

After reading Kristy's profile on the Love a Golden website the first time, we knew that we had found the dog for us. We decided that we needed something positive to reverse our fortunes and hoped that Kristy would brighten things up. After a few weeks of email and phone conversations with Kristy's foster parents we undertook an epic journey from New Jersey to Indianapolis to meet Kristy with her foster parents who traveled from St Louis. Kristy has been a joy and a blessing from the first moment we met her.

Kristy was understandably stressed by the change and the chaos of the car trip home. We recognized that Kristy needed to feel safe and loved so we threw ourselves into the task. Kristy's sweet and gentle personality made it easy and rewarding to do so. After a few weeks Kristy seemed perfectly settled in. She had learned how to play with Snickers, our other dog, and our daily routine. Once Kristy felt comfortable we began to see her beautiful personality and individual traits. In addition to the friendly



disposition shared by all Golden Retrievers, we discovered that Kristy is a very jealous girl. If she even thinks that we are paying attention to our other dog, visiting dogs, or each other she will push, climb or crawl her way into position so that she gets her fair share of affection.



Kristy is also afraid of thunder and fireworks. At the first rumble or boom she is stuck to us like Velcro. One of her most interesting habits occurs most often during thunderstorms but sometimes just when she feels like snuggling. When we are sitting on the couch together Kristy will climb onto the back of the couch, walk along until she is behind us then plop down between the cushion and the back of the couch. She will then wiggle around until only her head is sticking out of her own little snuggle den. Needless to say it is difficult to watch TV or drink anything until our 66 lbs. friend gets settled.

Kristy needs more care than some dogs. She is on a special diet, takes medicine and needs to be bathed frequently. The effort of caring for her is far outweighed by the happiness and love she shares with us. No matter how bad things get in the outside world we know that we have a safe and loving home to return to. Kristy is so happy to see us that she almost knocks things out of our hands when we come in the door. Her enthusiasm when she plays is infectious. Kristy's contented sigh as she falls asleep with her head on our lap, arm or back is guaranteed to make all the world's problems go away. More than anything, the look of absolute love and adoration that she gives us, each and every time she looks at us, is worth everything in the world. I want to be the person that my dog thinks I am.

Kristy has been a blessing in our lives. Words cannot express how happy she has made us and what a positive experience adopting her has been for us. Our family is so much richer with Kristy in our lives. Adopting a golden not only saves a dog, it can save people, too.



Kristy sometimes wears doggie underwear because of her incontinence. Her Adoptive Family has made them extra special by decorating them especially for Kristy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

One of the benefits of volunteering with Love A Golden Rescue is the opportunity to spend time with wonderful Golden Retrievers while helping them find their home. Kristy, whose very special story appears elsewhere in this newsletter, is one example.

Another is Bessie. When she came to rescue at age 11, she had spent most of her life in a pen without much attention or care. She came with numerous health issues and also with an overriding desire for tummy rubs and tennis balls. She has bounced back from surgery and is now happy and active. Bessie loves car rides (so much so that when walking in a parking lot, she veers toward each car in hopes she can get in and go for a fun ride). She is a great Golden who is sure to steal your heart. Thanks to your support she is looking forward to lots more tummy rubs and bringing back lots more tennis balls.



We hope that you will stop by any of our events this fall to say hi and meet some of the great foster dogs like Bessie. We thank you for your continued help and support which makes their "happy endings" possible.

With Golden thoughts,
Kathy Hackmann

Golden Pennies



**We have already collected over
250,000 pennies
to help our Golden Retrievers.
Help us reach our next goal of
300,000 pennies**

**We have over 73,000 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!!!!**

Petapalooza

Petapalooza is the name of our Annual Fall Event.

**This year it will be held at DuSable Park in St Charles, MO from 11 AM until 3 PM
September 30, 2007 .**

Love a Golden Rescue in conjunction with Rally to Rescue will be hosting the event; we have many other rescues committed to coming as listed on the flyer on the next page.

Love a Golden Rescue will have dogs to meet and greet who are available for adoption. Tickets will be on sale to play games and we have 15 different games to play. You can win Rally Bucks to earn prizes. The more Rally Bucks you have - the better the prize. We will have contests which can be entered for a minimal donation including everyone's favorite, a costume contest. How about having your photo taken with your dog for a donation or enter our raffle.

The other rescues will have dogs available for meet and greet as well as many different things at their tables. One rescue has a doggie kissing booth!

**Please come and join us; bring your Golden and friends and have a fun day at the park.
We look forward to seeing you**

Rally to Rescue

Presents

Petapalooza

Adoptions, Meet & Greet, Games, Photos,
Contest including costume contest at 1:30 p.m.
Shure Pets and much more

*Come and meet local rescues
Including:*

*All Paws Rescue
B.A.R.K. Rescue
Doggie Doodles Adoptions
Franklin County Humane Society
Furry Ferret Rescue
Heartland Weimaraner Rescue
Love a Golden Rescue
Midwest Doberman Rescue of St Louis
Mutts N Stuff
Rescued Racers
Snow Paws S.V.U.
SpotSavers Dalmatian Assistance League
St Louis Boxer Rescue*

Sunday 30th September, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Point DuSable Park, St Charles, Mo

Bring your dog & family for a fun day.
Please make sure all dogs are on 6 ft leash or shorter,
must be spayed/neutered, no dogs under six months

Event Rain or Shine

Directions:

Hwy. 370 to North 3rd Street/Hwy. 94, Exit 7. At bottom of exit ramp, turn **right**.
Go to Tecumseh Street Turn **Left**. dead-ends at N. Main. Turn **left** on N. Main
Go back under 370. Enter Point DuSable Park on **right**
for more information e-mail petapalooza@loveagolden.com

Please Help Us Win!

We are one of 10 finalists in Purina's national Pet Rescue Story contest and need your online vote! (and ask your friends to vote too!)

Please go to www.rallytorescue.org and vote online for Cassie
Thank you!



'Cassie'

Submitted by Jan Knoche of Love a Golden Rescue

Cassie's Golden Disposition

Big brown eyes looked up at us briefly then looked away. A tail tried to wag, but it was just too much effort. Dirty and exhausted from yet another seizure, the 6-year-old Golden Retriever had to be carried to the car that would take her to the veterinarian's office.

When "Cassie" came to Love a Golden Rescue, she had orthopedic problems and was overweight, hypothyroid and epileptic, as her first family simply couldn't afford her veterinary care. Even though she was in considerable pain, Cassie did not whimper or complain. Her gentle disposition endeared her to all she met.

Cassie's foster family was prepared for her health issues, but they had no idea how much their lives would be enriched as they helped this dog blossom. They watched as the distant look left Cassie's eyes, and her tail began to wag again. Cassie was given her first chance to live rather than merely exist.



HAPPY ENDINGS



TAYLOR STRIKES A HANDSOME POSE.



MAGGIE (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS LAYNE) IS A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN GIRL WHO IS BLOSSOMING IN HER NEW HOME.

AUSTIN TAKES A BREAK AFTER A FUN WALK.



ADOPTED SENIOR GOLDENS CALI AND JAZZ RELAX IN THE YARD. WHAT PRETTY GIRLS!



GIRARD AND LILLY BOTH WERE SHY GOLDENS WHO HADN'T HAD MUCH FUN IN THEIR LIVES BEFORE COMING TO RESCUE. THEY MET IN THEIR FOSTER HOME AND BECAME BEST BUDDIES AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR ONE ANOTHER. NOW THEY ARE TOGETHER IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH THEM BOTH.

LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE

FINANCIAL REPORT

1/1/06 to 12/31/06

Begin Balance 01 01 06		5762.40
Receipts		
Donations		50372.27
Adoption	23125.00	
Donation	10035.52	
Buddy Fund	5189.50	
Match Gift	4620.00	
Mattie Fund	3632.25	
Grants	3770.00	
Fundraising		36857.82
Fundraising	15468.03	
Events	21389.79	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		87230.09
Expenses		
Dog Related		70841.12
Vet	56917.92	
Boarding	13923.20	
Fundraising		8873.41
Fundraising	6747.03	
Events	2126.38	
Administration		3873.69
Bank Charge	224.21	
Misc	3649.48	
TOTAL EXPENSES		83588.22
BALANCE AS OF 12 31 06		\$9,404.27

GOLDEN GUARDIANS

We have a new way to donate to Love a Golden Rescue

We have established a new way for you to donate to Love a Golden Rescue. It is a Recurring Donation Plan called *Golden Guardians*. You can set it up to make a recurring monthly donation from your credit or debit card of \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50, \$75 or \$100. We have elected to use PayPal for this so it is easy to set up and is also secure.

I know that there are many of you that care a lot about this organization and what we do for these rescued dogs. Your consideration of helping us by becoming a *Golden Guardian* with an automatic Recurring Donation will be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to set it up, go to our website at www.loveagolden.com and select the Donate button. Then simply select the amount that you wish to donate each month and you will be prompted for the credit or debit card information. It's that easy!

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>

THELMA AND LOUISE



Thelma and Louise came to us from a shelter which had taken them from an irresponsible breeder. They have not had much meaningful human interaction before going to the shelter, but they want to be loved and to love people. They may be able to be adopted separately, but we're hoping that they can find a home together as they currently depend on one another. The shelter told us that Louise is 8 years old and the mother of Thelma who they believe to be 3 years old. However, they appear and act like sisters who are in the 3-5 year range. Louise is a little chubby at 70 pounds, and Thelma is thin at 61lbs.

They are very shy, but their foster home reports that Louise will make eye contact with you. However, she will run from you if you walk up to her, and she will not eat (even yummy roast pork tenderloin) from her foster's hand. Thelma will hide her face and tries to crawl behind the love seat if she sees you coming. If she is out in the yard or the house and you walk up to her, she just falls to her belly and freezes up. If her foster carries Thelma outside, Louise will follow without a problem. They are both coming in the house on their own now. They have learned that in only a few days. At night, they have been loose in the house. When their foster family is gone, they are crated. They are doing well with this routine already. They need time and patience to continue to blossom. They are hoping for a family to be waiting for them when they are ready for adoption.

GUS



Gus is a gentle boy who has some special needs and hopes for a very special home to love him as he is. Gus likes to be petted, and his tail gently wags most of the time. He is a

large red-colored Golden, probably around 7 years old. He is a handsome boy, with irresistible big brown eyes. He has had some epileptic seizures which are currently controlled by phenobarbitol. He is a little slow at comprehending things sometimes (perhaps due to neurological damage from prior seizures before coming to rescue). However, Gus enjoys life with his foster family and is very happy. He likes being with other dogs. Gus would like his very own family who will take care of him and appreciate his warmth.

SIMBA



Simba so wants you to pet him. He is starved for attention and sadly has had a rather hard life before coming to rescue. He is very underweight, but he would rather be petted than eat. He is approximately 4 years old. He is a sweetie who loves to snuggle. Simba tested heartworm positive when he came to rescue and is undergoing heartworm treatment. He will be on crate rest for a month. He would like to have a loving home waiting for him when he is through with his treatment.

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

Todd & Katie Wright	Bullseye
Pam Bogle	Daisy Belle
Name held at request	Fidget
Amy & Ben Hollis	Hollywood
Mollie Finch	Kenny
Jenny & Joe	Kristy
Melissa Marr	Layne
Mark & Kynda Canada	Lilla & Girard
Frank & Denise Carter	Mooshka
Kathy Hunt	Sami
John & Tracey Cain	Sawyer
Maureen & Phil Bidwell	Seamus

Foster Buddies

Connie Jeffrey	Bessie
Cynthia Boisfeuillet	Dixie
Julie Campbell	Honey Bear
Laura Painter	Maggie
John Ewers	Maggie
Barb & Jon Meline	PK
Bernadine Callahan	Sanford
Jean Hunt	Simba
Steve & Teresa Bullard	Simba
Staci Falk	Simon
Wanda Cross	Simon
Samantha Watson	Sunshine

Donations

Barb & Jon Meline	Nancy Williams
Christi McGinness	Petco
Diane & David Pierce	Prairie Dog Grooming
Gina Lanier	Ruby & Joe Blair
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Judy Lee	Sharon Dixon
Kathy & David Noce	Snookie Davidson
Kathy Rizzo	The Coleman's
Linda Gates	Cynthia Lock
Loretta Go	— Mattie Fund

In Memory

Andrew Segal	In memory of Caffrey
Courtney Floresca	In memory of Caffrey
Kari Michalek	In memory of Caffrey
Lisa Harris	In memory of Caffrey
McKenzie Francis	In memory of Caffrey
Nancy Hallahan	In memory of Caffrey
Rebekah Reddick	In memory of Caffrey
Sally Shane	In memory of Caffrey
Sarah & Dave Herbst	In memory of Cassie
Friends of PJ	In memory of Flora

Trivia Night Sponsors

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Grant & Corporate Donations:

GRF April Fund

Bessie

Thanks to the generosity of P.J.'s friends, employees and clients who donated to Love a Golden Rescue **in memory of Flora** the beloved Golden owned by P.J. who sadly went to the bridge recently at 8 years of age. Flora went to work with P.J. every day and was well known by everyone in Alton.

Caffrey was loved and owned by Jenn & Rhett Hawkins. He sadly went to the bridge far too early at the age of 4. He had renal/kidney failure.

Employees of Osborn-Barr got together to make a donation to Love a Golden Rescue in Caffrey's honor.

RECENT L.A.G.R. HAPPENINGS

Creve Coeur Day Parade



This year marked our 6th year of participation in the Creve Coeur Day Parade. Thanks to John, Susan and Karen for providing and decorating our float and to all who attended to showcase our Golden Retrievers. The day was sunny and not too warm and both volunteers and Golden Retrievers had great fun meeting and greeting the crowd.

Love A Golden Rescue Annual Reunion Picnic



Our 5th Annual Reunion Picnic came off without a hitch (well there was that huge cloudburst at the end). Over 75 adoptees, families and volunteers shared Golden stories, fun games, more stories, an auction, more dog stories and finally a run from the rain. Thanks to all who made the day so special!

RECENT L.A.G.R. HAPPENINGS CON'T

Trivia Night



Twenty (20) tables of avid but often not so knowledgeable trivia hounds filled the Knights of Columbus Hall for LAGR's 2nd Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction. The fund raiser was a rousing success. Much thanks to all who helped !!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/15		Canine Olympics	Purina Farms	Gray Summit, MO
9/22		Volunteer Picnic	Quail Run Park	St. Charles, MO
9/29	10 AM - 3 PM	Maryland Heights Days	Vago Park	Maryland Heights, MO
9/30	11 AM—3 PM	Petapalooza	DeSable Park	St. Charles, MO
10/6		Walmart tables	Arnold, St. Charles, Town & Country and Lake St, Louis	
12/1	9 AM — 4 PM	Pattonville Craft Show	Creve Coeur Rd.	Pattonville, MO

Adoption Days are held each month at the Petco stores in Olivette and St. Charles (2nd Sunday) from Noon until 3:00 PM and at the Petco Store (Clarkson and Baxter Rds.) & at the Canine Center (9850 Manchester, Rock Hill, MO) both on the last Sunday of the month from Noon until 3:00 PM .

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

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

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Send us your old printer cartridges!!!!
We can recycle them and get cash to support our Golden in Foster Care.

E-mail us at cartridges@loveagolden.com

* Sorry we can not recycle Epsom products!



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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

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