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Golden News



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Beary Appreciative

Four dogs, four stories. President Jan Knoche recently received a box in the mail containing one of **Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hug Foundation's** Bearemy Kennel Pals holding a grant check to aid Love A Golden Rescue. This company generously donates a portion of the proceeds from their Kennel Pal's line to domestic pet programs to further their mission of making life more bearable for children, families, and pets who are in need of a helping paw. The following four stories exemplify the way Love A Golden Rescue has been able to help four of our recent intakes.



Abby II

Abby is a very sweet beautiful, blonde Golden girl with warm brown eyes. At 8 years of age, she was surrendered to LAGR by her breeder/owner because she could no longer produce puppies. She came into rescue even more shy and withdrawn than her sister, Sophie. Abby was luckier in one way though, because she seemed to warm up to people faster. Having always lived outside in a kennel run, the house was kind of scary for her at first, but she caught on quickly to the pleasures of toys, treats, love and a soft warm bed. But, unfortunately, Abby turned out to be heartworm positive. The treatment for heartworms can be rough, especially for an older dog. Some days were touch and go. During the last two weeks of treatment Abby made a turn for the worse and has been carefully monitored due to liver problems. She is now recovering. Many thanks to her foster mom who is a veterinary technician who was able to recognize any problems as they came up and quickly get them taken care of. Because of LAGR, Abby continues to improve physically as we watch her wonderful Golden personality blossom and grow. Soon, she will begin looking for her forever home. Those of us touched by this wonderful dog, feel very lucky to know her. It is amazing what love (and a little luck) can do!!!



Destiny

Destiny was picked up in Jefferson County as a stray with what appeared to be possibly a gunshot wound to her face and/or eye. She was taken to the shelter and was scheduled to be put down the day Love A Golden picked her up. We learned of her fate through Craig's List. She went to her foster home for a bath, quarantine and then to the vet. Our vet immediately said the "gunshot" wound was incorrect, she had an impacted molar which had abscessed and the infection had progressed to exiting from under her right orbit. She had surgery to extract the tooth and spay her. During surgery it was found she had a small tumor on her right lower eye lid, a cyst on her ovary and two mammary tumors were discovered, all were removed. That was a lot of surgery for this older girl but she was a real trooper. Her face wound is healing very nicely; it has completely closed and the new skin looks good. Destiny is looking for a new home where she can be a couch potato. She is approximately 9 years of age and in our Senior Program.



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BEARY APPRECIATIVE—CONTINUED

Reeves



Reeves was in a shelter in Independence, Mo. In his photo he was such a sad looking boy. We heard about him through people posting over the internet for someone to help him as his fate was sealed. We worked with a person in the area who arranged to pull him. Three days before we were going to pick him up he was moved to another Shelter. This Shelter told us he had physical problems and did not want us to take him. Again his fate was in jeopardy. After several phone calls, this shelter was convinced we were able to take care of this guy, whatever his needs. When we got Reeves, we found him to be a tall Golden with a huge head and the most gentle dog we have ever seen. He does in fact have some problems. At his vet visit he had a series of x-rays and it was determined his problems do not appear to be orthopedic, almost certainly neurological. He will be making a visit to the University of Missouri to be evaluated. He loses control of his rear legs and often cries when he tries to lie down as his right rear leg goes out sideways. He does everything in slow motion, eat, walk, run after a ball and when he comes to you to be petted. He is such a sweetheart, we certainly hope we can make him feel better.

Honey Bee

Honey Bee also came to us from a shelter. We were making arrangements to pick up Rosalee from the shelter, and finalizing transport arrangements, Honey Bee was surrendered to the shelter. She had been used to have puppies, the facility closed and no one wanted her. We said sure she can join the transport. She did well when she was spayed, being a big girl that was a concern, she was 114 lb, a thyroid test was done and this was a big part of her problem, she began her meds and off to her foster home. Honey Bee came to our house after having to literally push her into the car (probably her first time in a car). She hated to be brushed (her fur was so matted). Her paw never went up (like a Golden's normally does, to demand attention). Taking Honey Bee on a walk was a challenge because like a toddler, she was constantly walking directly in front of you, causing you to trip. Just a few short weeks later, and the beautiful dog she is, has emerged. She is the first one eager to jump into the car (because it means she's going to the park). Honey Bee willingly flops down on her side for a "beauty treatment" ---a daily brushing (because it feels like a massage, and after all, a girl's gotta do what a girl's gotta do to be gorgeous). She now weighs just 100 pounds, due to weight-reduction dog food supplemented by green beans. Her paw is constantly up as soon as you stop petting her, and she is getting better about venturing out on the leash (she is following her golden friend's example). Yes, Honey Bee is 11 years old, but for however long she has on this earth, she is going to spend it in a home, not in a pen outside with minimal human contact. She has learned it's pretty nice being a sponge, soaking up the love and attention with people who will pet her and pay attention to her. Honey Bee has learned that life is good...



PIC ME! - Golden currently available for adoption.

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

Lady II

is approximately 2 1/2. Her early life was difficult but she is learning the joys of living with a family.



Rosalee

is a 5 yr old spayed female, who was turned into a shelter. Rosalee has shown she is completely committed to her humans.



President's Message

Hi, A very special thank you to all who donated to our annual appeal. This was the most successful appeal ever. Raising money to support our mission gets more difficult each year but Love a Golden Rescue is lucky to have such wonderful supporters.

We continue to help as many Golden Retrievers as possible, puppies to senior, healthy and those needing medical attention. Our biggest hurdle is having enough foster homes, over the last few months we are lucky to have several new foster homes and to those wonderful people, we thank you.

We hope to see you at our Reunion Picnic, we love seeing Love a Golden Rescue alumni at this event and it is always a lot of fun.

Golden thoughts
Jan Knoche

ASK ELSA



Ask Elsa is a new column to the newsletter beginning with this edition. We hope you will enjoy reading the column and will learn something from the information provided.

Dear Elsa, I love to go for rides in the car but I get sick what can my person do to help?
Dale

Dale, Many puppies and dogs get car sick. I have found that *Bonine* (which can be purchased from Walgreens) helps.

Once a dog throws up it seems their brain tells them 'I am going to throw up'. I have found Bonine stops this cycle and you will soon grow out of being car sick. Please ask your vet for the proper dosage.

Dear Elsa, I have the very beginning of a Hot Spot. What could my Mom and Dad do so it does not get really big and hurt? Governor

Governor, The following has been known to help. Get some Band-aid brand antiseptic wash (it is in a blue bottle). Clean the hot spot three times a day with the antiseptic, rubbing it kind of hard, then put on Neosporin each time. The hot spot should look great after a couple of days and be gone in a week. If you see it getting worse, have your Mom and Dad consult your vet.

EHRlichia AWARENESS

Ehrlichia is a tick borne rickettsial blood disease, and is a relative to Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever. It was first recognized in 1935 in tropical areas but has now spread to Canada, Europe, Asia, South America and Africa and cases have been reported in all 50 U.S. states. Anywhere there are ticks there is Ehrlichia. Deer and other mammals are thought to be carriers and the disease is then transmitted to humans and canines by a tick bite. The bacteria live inside the white blood cells, the very same cells used to fight off invaders.

Ehrlichiosis can have three phases; Acute, Sub-clinical, and Chronic. Dogs in the acute phase will initially show symptoms within 8-16 days after being bitten. The acute phase is brief and symptoms can be very subtle, mimicking a mild viral infection which may include; weakness, fever, depression, lethargy, loss of appetite, joint pain, diarrhea, difficulty standing, and stiffness. Common owner complaints in the acute phase are "my dog just isn't himself" or "just isn't acting right."

Left untreated the disease then moves to the sub-clinical phase lasting several years where the dog will show little or no symptoms. Sooner or later the disease will move to the chronic phase, often triggered by stress, trauma, an unrelated infection, or just a body caving in to exhaustion.

The chronic stage can be either mild or severe and may include; weight loss, anemia, lethargy, muscle weakness, neurological changes (repetitive obsessive actions such as swallowing or licking), seizures, head tilting, head tremors, depression, nose bleeds, red and glassy eyes, coughing, increased thirst, swelling of the limbs and an overall poor condition.

There are several tests for ehrlichiosis, the most common being a blood titer (antibody) test. This is not a test most vets normally run unless they are specifically looking for ehrlichia. If your dog has unusual symptoms that no one can seem to put their finger on, then consider ehrlichia.

The good news is that if caught early most dogs respond very well to two very common antibiotics, tetracycline, and doxycycline. In fact most dogs will show a positive response after the first couple of days on the drug.

As with most things the best cure is prevention!! There are many good products on the market to kill ticks, just ask your vet to recommend one and if you are in an infested area consider using it year around. Remove ticks as soon as possible as it takes an attached tick 2-3 days to pass the infection. And just because you live in an urban area doesn't mean there are no ticks and it only takes one bite.

* Submitted by Eric Coleman
(Eric and Connie adopted Missy- formerly Meadow)

Shopping !!!!!

Consider doing your on-line shopping at one of many shops hosted by www.iGive.com

LAGR is registered with iGive and will receive a percentage of your sale.

HAPPY ENDINGS

Our Leilani, formerly April, who came to us in April 2004 from your organization, is such a wonderful addition to our family. She's a great girl who loves everyone. We are lucky



enough to spend part of our summers in WI. and she gets excited to see us loading the Jeep. Here she is enjoying "her" beach.

Midas has gotten accustomed to stopping at the door before coming into the house so that I can clean his wet feet with a towel, during all the rain we have had. Midas does love to travel in our motor home. We are really happy to have him and he appears happy with us.



Maddie is an awesome farm dog, here she is supervising her dad working with his rescued mule Ruthie.



Abbey and Taylor are two Love a Golden dogs who get to live together. Abbey is blind but that does not stop her going to work with Mom .



Sunny quickly made herself at home and earned her place in the big bed each night by shoving her brother out of the way. He didn't mind though because she would then cuddle up to him and end up sleeping halfway on top of him for the rest of the night.

Sunny is the "official pampered pooch" at her mom's office. Despite the rough beginning to her life,

Sunny is now living the life she deserves. She is happy, loving, and spoiled: just what a golden should be!



Luke and Lucia having fun together.

He is such a sweet boy and has been a great addition to the family.



Abby is doing well. She loves to play Frisbee and chase balls.

Max is doing well, and getting along well with our family, including Mia. I can tell he's going to be eager to try out the swimming pool when it gets warmer.



HAPPY DOODLE ENDINGS

Remember our Golden Doodle puppies from this past winter ? ... Our Golden Doodle puppies are growing up. Here are updated photos of a few of them.



Dory now Lola



Violet



Woody now Seamus



Chip now Barley



Lilo now Maizy

IN LOVING MEMORY

The following Golden Retrievers have recently gone to the bridge.



Mooshka age 12 years



Skylar
Approximate age - 11 years



Kobi age 10 years



Toby (formerly Butler)
Approximate age - 10 years



Shadow (formerly Shayna)
Approximate age - 9 years

The following Golden Retrievers also have gone to the bridge:
(No photos available)

Bonito (formerly Hallie) age -almost 5 years

Carlie (formerly Holly) age 17 years

Pumpkin Approximate age 9 (Pumpkin was the first Golden brought into Love a Golden Rescue in 2001.)

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

Roger & Jane Siebe	Bailey II
The Guile Family	Bianca
Judy Lee & Ed Hockett	Buddy II
Stacey Deutschmann	Chip
Jen & Bev Diffie	Conan
Les & Diane Harmon	Crosby
Kim Sanford	Dale
Jen Jernigan	Dory
Chris & Carley Wright	Einstein
Bill & Barbara Dennis	Gunner
Brian & Jolene Taylor	Isaac
James Crader	Joey
Jody Jennemann	Lilo
Linda & Arthur Grix	Lucy II
Bill & Jeannie Schmidt	Paisley
Jim & Pat Wright	Pilgrim
Cheryl & Keith Engle	Rosie
Joan McClintock	Sally
Cordel & Lisa Harris	Samantha
Paul & Gina Stroh	Starr
Name held on request	Sunshine
Richard & Linda Lamar	Tanner II
Jennifer & Steve Moehrl	Tigger
George & Debi Schmidt	Violet
Lori Lewis & Robert Burkert	Webster
Chris & Sue Friedeck	Will
Jessica & Joe Proserpi	Woody

Foster Buddies

For Abby II & Reeves Sheila Ehler
 For Abby II Ron Nelson
 For Bella:
 Travis Landen in honor of Winston
 Andrew & Lincoln Rice
 Deborah Beasley
 For Buddy II:
 Julie Campbell
 For Crosby: Chasity Rich in honor of Jason Rich
 For Destiny: Michele Johnson
 For Dutch: Linda Maciejewski
 For the Flood Puppies: Pam & Jerry Bogle
 For Gus:
 Chasity Rich in honor of Jessica Rich
 Sarah Jarrett
 Jon Meline
 For Joey: Happy Tails Animal Sanctuary
 For Kobi: Michael Ukman

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 Tonja Honeycott
 Tony & Vivian Regna
 Wal-Mart
 Wayne & Marilyn Molitor

In Memory

In memory of Alex	Julie & Scott Brown
In memory of Aspen	Dale Pirc & Mary Paluszek Pirc
In memory of Brian	Connie Stephens
In memory of Corey	Honore Hughes
In memory of Dixie Doodle	Cherly Taverna
In memory of Duffy	Noreen & Ron Cohen
In memory of Hodge Weismiller	Cara Podor
In memory of Kady	Marcia & Roger Berry
In memory of Luke	Tom Patterson & Myrna McCallister
In memory of Madison	Kathryn Pessina
In memory of Max	Diane & Les Harmon
In memory of Molly	Carolyn Westrich
In memory of Mooshka	Frank & Denise Carter
In memory of Nick	Karen & Kevin Murphy
In memory of Nikki	Brad Puck
In memory of Quincy	John & Michele Swanson
In memory of River	Rebecca Bethard
In memory of Sassy	Charlotte Craig
In memory of Shelby	Mark & Catherine Upton

UPDATES

Kristy

If you remember, Kristy is the special needs Golden who found a special home to love her as she is and take over her care. She came to rescue with urinary incontinence problems. She received extensive care in rescue with several procedures by a specialist and also consultations and treatment by a holistic veterinarian. Jenny and Joe (Kristy's forever home) recognized her need for continued care and was willing to accept that. In return, Kristy is giving them lots of love and inspiration to write the following:

"Golden Girl in a Golden World" (To the tune of "Barbie girl in a Barbie world") By Kristy Matthews

I'm a golden girl in a golden world
My hair is wavy
My ears are floppy
Love to run and play
Barking all the day
Come and rub my tummy

I'm a golden girl in a golden world
Love to chase the squirrels
And the bunnies
Backyard grass is yummy
Come and rub my tummy

I'm a golden girl in a golden world
Love my special panties
They're so fancy
I'm a lucky doggie
Come and rub my tummy

I'm a golden girl in a golden world
Thank-you Jan and Ray
For giving me a loving place to stay
Love A Golden gave-me a start
And will always be in my heart

I'm a golden girl in a golden world
Love my new family
Drove all the way from Jersey
Just to adopt me
I'm so lucky that they found me
My forever family
Come and rub my tummy

Surfathon

Love A Golden Rescue was one of the five \$1000 winners of iGive.com's Surfathon contest in March! iGive is an online shopping mall where up to 26% of every purchase at over 680 stores is donated to Love A Golden Rescue. Currently we have forty members listed who shop online. Each time a supporter visited an online store through iGive, we were entered in the contest; no purchase was necessary. Thank you to everyone who is already participating, especially to our winning entry! For the rest of you –please go to iGive.com and sign up to help our rescue.



Golden Pennies

We have already collected over 297,500 pennies to help our Golden.

**We have collected 97,571
Toward our next 100,000 penny
milestone.**

These pennies will 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.

Please bring your pennies to the reunion picnic or any other LAGR event

RECENT EVENTS

On Saturday March 29th Love a Golden Rescue held a Trivia night in Grafton, Illinois. It was a lot of fun, Marcia and Melody did a great job putting it together. The captain of the winning table was our own Ruby Blair. In our photo Sioux and Cindy are really happy as they took second place.



Love a Golden Rescue participated in the second annual "Bully Bash" event held on May 4th, 2008 at Pointe DuSable Park in St. Charles. This event was sponsored by Mutts N Stuff rescue. The Rascals Mascot along with Fred Bird were represented also! We were in good company. The weather was most cooperative! It appeared to be a good turnout for their organization. Diane, Les and I represented LAGR with an information table and ran their "Copy Cat" game. - Submitted by Michele Swanson

Everyone Loves A Parade - especially if the parade has Golden in it! Love A Golden again participated in the Valley of the Flowers parade on May 4. The crowd always enjoys seeing the dogs, and the dogs love the attention (and the candy & gum on the ground).



TENNIS BALLS NEEDED
Love A Golden needs tennis balls for gift items and baskets.

Bring to any Love A Golden adoption event



Generate Revenue for LAGR !

We are excited about our new easy way for you to generate revenue for Love a Golden Rescue - a toolbar added to your internet browser. Not only will you help generate revenue by performing internet searches, it also enhances our communication to you. Watch for updates to our website for more information. www.loveagolden.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Love a Golden Rescue
Reunion Picnic
June 21st, 2008
Vago Park – Maryland Heights
11:00 am until 4:00 pm**

Registration Form

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Name of dog (s) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Requested Donation to make this picnic possible.
\$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family Amount enclosed: _____

Rescue Parade

**If you plan to attend the picnic and have an adopted Golden,
We would like to invite you to take part in the “Rescue Parade”
Please complete the additional information below and submit it with your
picnic registration.**

Adoptive Family Name: _____

Rescued Dogs Name: _____

Gotcha Year: _____ Age when adopted: _____

Give three words which best describe your Golden: _____

Please mail by June 17th, 2008 to: Love a Golden Rescue
PO Box 27621
St Louis, Mo 63146

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Night

Night of Food, Fun & Trivia

August 2nd, 2008

7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Knights of Columbus, 20 Westbury Drive, St Charles, Mo 63301

Table of 8 people \$160.00

Includes Snacks, Draft Beer & Soda

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Trivia Night Registration Form

Team Captain:

Captain's e-mail.....

Phone number

Amount Enclosed \$.....

Please mail this form by July 28th, 2008 along with payment, checks payable to LAGR to:

Love a Golden Rescue, P.O. Box 27621, St Louis, MO 63146

Any questions e-mail adoption@loveagolden.com

DogSmarts

An Afternoon With Dog Behavioral Consultant, Deborah Walker

With Special Guest Dave the Math Dog

When: Sunday August 10, 2008

Time: Facility opens at noon - Check in begins at 12:15 pm

Program begins promptly at 12:30 pm and will end at 5:30 pm

Cost: \$ 25 per person attending (\$ 35 with an event T-Shirt included)

Location: Maryland Heights Community Center

2344 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

DogSmarts mail in registration

Name _____ Number Attending _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone (_____) _____ email address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ \$ 25 per person attending / \$ 35 per person with an event T-Shirt (pick up at the event)

T-Shirt size (qty) Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Mail completed form by August 5, 2008, along with payment checks payable to LAGR to:

Love a Golden Rescue, PO Box 27621, St. Louis, MO. 63146

For more information please e-mail dogsmdarts@loveagolden.com

UPCOMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

6/21 11 am - 4 pm LAGR Reunion Picnic Vago Park on Fee Fee Rd. Maryland Heights MO
8/2 7 pm - 10 pm Trivia Night Knights of Columbus Hall St. Charles, MO
8/10 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm DogSmarts Maryland Heights Community Center Maryland Heights MO
9/28 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Petapalooza DuSable Park St. Charles MO

Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden Retrievers. Adoption Days are held at the following locations.

Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM

PETCO in Olivette located 9632 Olive St.

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 Rds.

See LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the events:
<http://www.loveagolden.com/Events.htm>

WANTED

For our Trivia night in August

Items for the silent auction to fill baskets.
Completed baskets are also welcomed.

Examples of items

Gift certificates for restaurants, sporting events,
and entertainment items are welcome.

Food items, tools, DVDs, and auction worthy items.

Please e-mail Jennifer for more information
jennifer.hershey@verizon.net

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address correction requested

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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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