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LOST THEN FOUND

Oscar's story

(True story, name changed to protect my real identity)

I started my journey toward a better life when I was rescued from a rural part of the state. I was transported away from where I was being kept, cleaned up and lived in my first foster home. Because I didn't have a very good life prior to being rescued, I didn't realize humans could be kind and caring. I was scared meeting all these new humans and being moved around to strange new places. I was to go to a different foster home one day. My new foster parents were told that I was very timid and shy and would have to be picked up to get into the car and also to be taken out. Well, let me tell you, once we got to the driveway of my new foster home and the car door opened, I slipped out of the leash looped around my neck, bolted out and ran. I ran across the street to the neighbor's yard and stopped and looked back, but because I was scared and didn't trust humans, I couldn't go back. My new foster parents came to me and tried to entice me to come to them so they could put a leash on me, but because of my bad experiences with humans, I ran again. My foster parents knew that by chasing me, I would just run farther and farther, so instead of chasing me, they followed behind me. Some of the neighbors joined in and tried to get me to come to them by offering hotdogs and other good food. I was so scared, I didn't know what to do. My foster parents and neighbors kept following me, going through the neighbor's back yards and woods. They were just trying to turn me around so I wouldn't go too far away.

After a while all the people looking for me lost track of where I had gone. As I was wandering around, I found a few friendly dogs along the way to play with, then all of a sudden, I looked up and there were those humans that brought me to their home. I told the dog I was with that I had to go, he tried to tell me that these were good humans and to let them take me home with them, but I didn't believe him, so I ran. Others joined in following, but it was getting dark, and it was difficult to see much at all. Once again I was alone about a mile from where I belonged. Two other humans who had experience rescuing dogs were called to help. They got a contraption called a live trap. This live trap is shaped like a pet crate, but has a trick door that closes and traps whatever steps inside it. As this trap was being set up, I used my instincts and found my way back to the foster home where I was supposed to live. I watched from a distance. If anyone would make a move toward me, I would run. It was decided not to follow me anymore as I was still scared. These humans baited the live trap by putting out great smelling food to draw me near, and they put even better smelling canned cat food and other good smelling food inside the live trap.

After all the humans left the area, I would come near the live trap because the great scents of food were very enticing. I detected the scent of a dog inside the house who was to be my new foster doggy brother. Finally I got brave and went inside the trap and the trick door closed behind me. I felt safe and curled up and went to sleep. The dog inside the house alerted the foster family that I was outside in the trap. The foster dad came out and saw I was in the live trap. He put a secure leash around my neck and led me into the house.

I am forever grateful for all the people who tracked me, and had the experience to capture a scared and timid dog. Fortunately, I was gone for only 10 hours. Many other dogs are gone for many more hours or days.

The moral of this story, try to prevent bolting and running from occurring at all. If you are unsure of a dog's personality or history, make sure you have a secure leash. A cloth slip leash that loops around the neck is a good type to use. Make sure you have a collar with tags that can be used for easy identification.

If you ever have a dog run away from you, please follow the following guidelines:

Follow, but don't chase as chasing becomes a game or can scare a timid dog away from the area.

Entice with "yummy" smelling food.

If you can, get a live trap to capture a timid or scared dog.

Oscar's story is continued with additional information on page 4

President's Message

Hi, Thank you to all of Love a Golden's volunteers, supporters, adoptive and foster homes and friends. We have just completed a very successful year of helping Golden's in need!

During 2008 we helped 78 Golden's and Golden mixes of all ages. Ten of these were seniors, two of which were over 12 and were owner surrenders. It was heartbreaking to see their worlds turned upside down; however, we are proud to be a rescue who is willing to open our hearts to seniors.

We had several successful fund raisers in 2008 and were able to help three dogs with extensive medical needs. Reeves was evaluated at the University of Missouri for a neurological problem. His test results showed no reason why he lives his life in slow motion, and he is now receiving Alpha Stim treatment. He has improved a great deal and was adopted by his foster home. Abby II was heartworm positive when she came into rescue. After her heartworm treatment she was spayed and then developed an infection. The infection took a long time to heal, but she was nursed back to health by her foster home and is now a part of their family. Izzy was surrendered to rescue as the family could not afford surgery due to a torn ACL. She had TPLO surgery in December and is doing very well. When she has completed her 16 week recovery, she has a loving home waiting for her with another LAGR Golden.

In January of 2009, we took in seven dogs. Sadly Keisha, who was a senior from a puppy mill, went to the bridge soon after coming to rescue. She had cancer, but for a very short time she was loved and did not leave us without knowing what love was.

Thank you all for your support and let's make 2009 another successful year!!!

Golden thoughts,
Jan

Do you like on-line 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.

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

I love to ride in the car with my head sticking way out the window. My human doesn't think it is a good idea. What are your thoughts?

Einstein

Dear Einstein,

I'm afraid your humans are very wise in thinking this is not a good idea. Riding in the car with your head out of the window can be dangerous for a dog. The wind can irritate your eyes not to mention all the grit, dirt and bugs flying around just waiting to get in your eyes or nose.

Another thing to remember-- is that you could actually fall out! If your human has to brake suddenly or goes around a corner, you could roll out the window.

As much as you love your human, do not try and get on your human's lap when they are driving. I feel you are safest when in a harness in the back seat. I like looking all around to see what is going on, it's crazy what you see humans doing.

Happy riding,

Elsa

Golden Pennies

**Over the last four years we have collected
300,000
pennies to help our golden's.**

**Our next milestone is 400,000
pennies.**

**We have now collected 20,771
toward that 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.

HAPPY ENDINGS



Chloe is doing fantastic! "I am doing great in my new home. I get to go on

lots of walks and my owner's grandchildren adore me."



Emily is one of the sweetest dogs in the world.

Stoli found a perfect home.



My husband and I adopted a dog from LAGR in 2005. Her name is Leela (she was named Shirley). She was one of Rachel's

pups. We are very thankful that we adopted Leela. She is a great dog and even though she doesn't look much like a golden retriever she definitely has the heart of one. Thank you for all your hard work and for Leela!



Jackson, formerly Bourbon, is such a handsome boy.

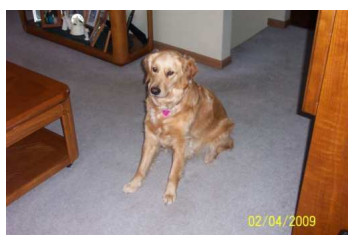
Sophie with her new sister Hannah, also a Love a Golden Alumni.



Two adopted seniors having fun in the snow, Winston, formerly Winslow, and Gracie, formerly Chloe II.



Bailey, formerly Paisley



Oscar's story continued.

This information can be found on the Love a Golden website under "Lost Dog"

1. Contact your neighbors and have them look or keep an eye out for your dog.
2. Look around your neighborhood, especially in areas that are favorites for your dogs or areas where you walk or play often.
3. Contact your local humane society/animal shelter with a complete description of your dog and the dog's chip information. Be sure you contact all shelters in your area, not just the closest.
4. If your pet was adopted from Love A Golden Rescue, contact us.
5. Put an ad in the newspaper as quickly as possible. In most newspapers lost/found pet ads are free: Lost (day, date) near (your neighborhood) description of pet, reward amount, Please call (give your phone number/cell phone).
6. Contact the police and make a report if you believe your dog may have been stolen.
7. Contact local vets, in case the dog is found and brought in for a check-up or treatment for an injury.
8. Signs posted in your neighborhood should be 14 x 17 inch in fluorescent colors. Keep the printing large and to a minimum, as this allows people driving by to read much easier. It is also good to have a picture if possible. Flyers for handing out can be 8 1/2 X 11 inch. Post them in the neighborhood, at grocery stores, gas stations etc.
9. Plan to be available to receive calls about your missing pet. Be sure to add a special message to your answering machine.
10. Visit local shelters daily to look for your missing dog. They will be likely too busy to be looking themselves.
11. Contact Missing Pet Partnership at the following link www.lostapet.org. If your pet has a Home Again microchip contact Home Again at www.homeagain.com or Call 1 888 HOME AGAIN (1 888 466 3242).

PIC ME! - Golden currently available for adoption.

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

Rocket came to rescue after his owner went back to college and could not keep him. He is a 6 year old red Golden. He just wants to be loved and petted.



Dylan is a young playful boy who is looking for his forever home. He loves to run and play and when he is done he likes to curl up in your lap. He is a wonderful boy who just needs as much love as a family can give.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Jack - Jack went to the bridge on November 3rd, 2008 after a long battle with kidney disease. He was an owner surrender 'senior' yellow lab (age 8 or 9) and I began fostering him in March of 2004. Of course, I fell in love with him and adopted Jack 2 months later. I just wanted everyone to know that fostering and adopting a 'senior' is a wonderful experience. I had him for 4 1/2 years. I looked at the whole experience unselfishly with my only thoughts being of what kind of life I could give him instead of what he could give me. And, of course, I think he gave me more! He truly was the best dog I have ever had! So please everyone, consider fostering or adopting a 'senior'. They need love and will give you more in return than you can ever imagine! I know someday my heart will be ready for another one. Nancy Scanlon

In Loving Memory continued next page

IN LOVING MEMORY - CONTINUED

Gus - 8 or 9 year old. His forever home writes: While he was only in our lives for a short time, he taught us that some things really don't matter; that they're really not the most important things to worry about, like water dribbled on the floor, or balls of hair tumbling down the hallway. Even though he had some quirky behaviors, when we stopped to think about them, we would laugh. He loved to go for walks after learning how to walk on a leash. You would think that after being in the house all day the first thing he would want to do was "do his business." Instead, he would run all over the yard at break neck speed, then take care of business. He would often wake us in the middle of the night "singing" to us; he yodeled. We'd just go up to him, make sure he was ok, then go back to bed. We loved to watch him roll over on his back and wiggle back and forth. He also had this low sounding friendly growl, telling us that he was happy. What we take from this experience the most, is that we didn't care that he had health issues. In fact, I guess we never even imagined that it would become an issue. We just saw a dog that needed a loving home and we knew we could provide that. We miss him each day and cry tears of sorrow in our loss. We decided that should we ever get a golden, puppy we would name him Gus.

Destiny a senior came from a shelter just before her time was up. She had come to us with a very bad tooth infection. Her tooth was pulled and was nursed back to health and patiently waited for her forever home. Sadly she went to the bridge before this happened but during this time she was much loved by her foster home. Her foster home writes: In December, Destiny was the "Good Will Ambassador" at the Barnes and Noble in North St. Louis county and was a resounding hit, spreading good cheer and accepting a ridiculous amount of scratches. And of course, she coerced many people into making donations to Love a Golden. Sadly, on 12/29/08, Destiny went to the bridge. She declined pretty quickly over the last weekend and on the 29th, she let us know that it was time. She left us knowing what it was like to be adored.



Popcorn (Poppy) Approximately age 13 years. Adopted 12/11/04 passed on 11/20/08. His forever home writes: He was loved and is terribly missed.

Isaac approximately 11-years old. A Note from Isaac's family: It is with a very heavy heart that I tell you that our Isaac has gone to the bridge. We feel so blessed to have had him for the time that we had but wish it could have been longer.



Penny, one of our first dogs into rescue, sadly went to the bridge on 12/19/08. Her forever home writes: Penny died from bone cancer that had spread over her anus making it impossible for her to eliminate bodily fluids. Up to her last day, we took at least two walks in the park and played with her toys. I miss her terribly.



Sparky came from a shelter. He was a senior approximately 13 years old. He was adopted in March 2006.

Keisha – Age 10 In rescue a very short time, she had cancer. Keisha spent all but 10 days of her life in a puppy mill.



Benny aka Charlie Approximately 10-years old, was a stray and ready to go to his forever home when he suddenly went to the bridge. His foster home writes: He really was something. Even though he was a lot of work, every second was worth it. He taught me so much about patience and love. He always wagged his tail at me, and just wanted to be glued to my side. As I found out, I wanted the same thing. How do they attach themselves to us like this? Life really is meant to be enjoyed to the fullest every second of the day, as you don't know when it will change forever. I loved him so much and hope he knew. I tried everyday to make his life good, and I think he knew that.

Gracie (formerly Jenna) was adopted from Love A Golden in March 2007 at the age of 4. I am very sad to say Gracie went to the bridge on Tuesday January 20th 2009. She was diagnosed in November with lymphoma. Gracie was a wonderful, loving and loyal dog. She is greatly missed by all of us! Thank you for allowing us to have Gracie in our lives



RECENT EVENTS

CRAFT FAIR

LAGR participated in several craft fairs held in the St. Louis area. The weather was great each time and many of the crafts and dog biscuits our LAGR volunteers made were purchased. Thank you to all the crafters and dog biscuits bakers for making these craft fairs a success.



Photo of Marcia and Sioux
Selling items at a craft fair

GIVING BACK



Love a Golden Rescue volunteers started their holiday season giving back! We wrapped Christmas gifts at Barnes and Noble bookstores in the St. Louis area before Christmas. Barnes and Noble provided the wrapping supplies and we supplied the volunteers and Golden Retrievers. All the dogs were a hit, the staff of each store loved having us and came over often to get a “Golden fix” and we were doing what we love to do most: show off our Golden Retrievers. Our beautiful and well behaved Golden Retrievers got lots of attention and started many conversations about rescuing Golden Retrievers. We have been invited back for the next Christmas season. This was a very successful fundraiser and a favorite activity of our volunteers.



LAGR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

Love a Golden held its annual volunteer meeting on January 10, at the Bridgeton Trails Library. We had 19 volunteers attend. We reviewed 2008 and our many successful adoptions over the year. We also reviewed our plans for 2009 activities and events. Jennifer Hershey gave out baskets to each volunteer to get everyone started on silent auction items! To close our meeting Joe Stortz had a video of all our adopted 2008 Golden Retrievers. It was a great time to see their sweet faces and “pat” ourselves on the back for a job well done!

Michele Swanson
Volunteer Coordinator



Photo of the volunteers attending the
2009 volunteer meeting

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

Mark & Sherri Brizendine	Ally
Rita Libbert & Lois Koenen	Anna
Don & Paula Ingerson	Cayenne
Curt & Linda Ames	Chloe II
Bill & Kristie Shreffler	Cleo
Mark & Beth Wood	Daisy II
Peter & Marjorie Deibel	Eddie
Fred & Sharon Figura	Einstein
Jennifer & Frank Guarneri	Ellie Mae
Jim & Deb Matthies	Elton
Kelly Alvarez	Emmy
Sioux & Michael Roslawski	Foley
Ken & Holly Schaefer	Jolly
Dorothy Divilbiss	Lucille
Jim & Cindy Monahan	Mia
Jan & Ray Knoche	Reeves
Charlie & Sue Witte	Rigby
Maureen Bidwell	Roman
Name held on request	Samuel
Greg & Kathleen Sump	Sophie

In Memory

In memory of David Limanni
Dee Tyner
Jeff & Kathy Stynowick
Kris & Pam Riedy

In memory of Harold Prouhet
Benjamin & Nanette Smedley
Dick & Jan Prouhet
Eric & Erin Brewer
Jan & Ray Knoche
Jennifer & Todd Schwent
Pam & Jerry Bogle

In memory of Jack
Jerry & Joan Flynn
Joseph Scanlon

In memory of Popcorn
Patricia & Randall Rushing

In memory of Vivian Vagan
Tammy Chastain

Foster Buddies

For Benny
Duane Holder
For Chevy and Nova
Wanda Cross
For Chloe II
Sandra Leonard
For Eddie
Debbi Schwarz
For Einstein
Chris & Carley Wright
For Emmie
Kent Holcomb
Thomas Ohland
For Izzy
Amy Stump
Christi McGinness
Cindy Slocum
Joe & Rruby Blair
Jon & Barb Meline
Marcia Berry
Melody Ridder
Pat & Ed Dowling
Sue Hall
For Lucille
Andrea & Jeff Dempsey

Donations

In honor of Marcia Berry
Joseph & Joyce Mormino
In honor of Ruby Blair
Bonnie Ash
Donna Barth
Judy Hope
Linda Lawson
2nd grade class Griffith Elementary
Brad & Cindy Puck
Carolyn & Michael Toomey
Charlotte Burke
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The Coleman's



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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. Visit our website for more information.



Trivia Night

Night of Food, Fun & Trivia
April 11, 2009
7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Knights of Columbus Hall
102 Whitelaw Ave.
Wood River, IL 62095

Table of 8 people \$80.00
Includes Snacks & Soda

(OK to bring your own food & other drinks, but hall does not allow
outside liquor to be brought in. Mixed drinks & beer will be
available at bar prices)

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Trivia Night Registration Form

(Sign up early)

Team Captain:

Captain's e-mail.....

Phone number

Amount Enclosed \$.....

Please mail this form by March 23, 2009 along with payment, checks payable to LAGR to:

Love A Golden Rescue
C/O Marcia E. Berry
33022 Crystal Lake Road
Jerseyville, IL 62052

Any questions e-mail: goldenberry111@msn.com

Love a Golden Rescue
is
sponsoring a
Flea Market

When: Saturday 2nd May, 2009
8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

Where: Fox C-6 Service Center Parking Lot
745 Jeffco Blvd, Arnold, Mo 63010

Directions: From I 270 take I 55 south to 141 go south, 141 will end at Jeffco, make a left. A short distance on the left is the parking lot.

We would like to invite you to bring your items to sell and donate your proceeds to LAGR.
Your space would be equal to two parking spaces.
You would need to supply a table & chairs
All unsold items are taken when you leave.
Please complete the form below and mail to reserve your space.
Please call 314 576 3685 with questions.

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Reservation Form

Please mail to LAGR, P.O. Box 27621, St Louis, Mo 63146

Name

Address.....

Contact Phone Number.....Contact E-Mail.....

If you cannot attend but have items to donate please call 314 576 3685

UPCOMING EVENTS- CONTINUED

**Love a Golden Rescue
Reunion Picnic
June 13th, 2009
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 9th, 2009 to: Love a Golden Rescue
PO Box 27621
St Louis, Mo 63146

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/11	7 pm - 10 pm	Trivia Night	Knights of Columbus Hall	102 Whitelaw Ave.	Wood River, Illinois
5/2	8 am - 2 pm	Annual Flea Market	Fox C-6 Service parking Lot	745 Jeffco Blvd.	Arnold, Missouri
5/3	12:45 pm	Valley of Flowers Parade	Parker and Paddock Rd.	Florissant, Missouri	
5/16	10 am - 3 pm	Bark in the Park	Cricket Field at Forest Park	St. Louis, Missouri	
5/17	Noon - 3 pm	Pet Fest 08'	Airdale Antics	Maplewood, Missouri 7328 Manchester Rd,	
6/13	11 am - 4 pm	LAGR Reunion Picnic	Vago Park	Maryland Heights, Missouri	

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 Zumbahl and Hwy 70

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

WANTED For our Trivia nights

It is never too early to start collecting items for the silent auction to fill baskets. Completed baskets are also welcomed.

Examples of items:

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

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

Please e-mail Jennifer for more information

jennifer.hershey@verizon.net

Flea Market

We will have our annual Flea Market on Saturday May 2, 2009 on the parking lot of Fox C-6 Service Center in Arnold.

We are in need of small items and books to sell. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please send an email to: adoption@loveagolden.com.

We can make arrangements for pickup closer to the time of the Flea Market. Sorry, we do not have any way to transport large items.

**LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE
P.O. BOX 27621
ST. LOUIS MO 63146-0621**



address correction requested

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER.....

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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

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