

Jasper Needs a Home

I love people!! All I want is to be loved and have a home of my own.

I had a home, but they could no longer care for me so they surrendered me to rescue. I missed them a lot at first, but then I settled into my foster home. I have lots of fun there, but I so want my own family and have so much love to give them.

I'm a large golden-colored boy. My prior owners shaved me to try to help with my allergies. My coat is starting to grow back in, but it's still pretty short. In a few months, I'm going to look very handsome once my coat is back.

When I first came to rescue, I had large open sores on my back. At the vet, they shaved them and cleaned them. I tried to be very good and sat still through my treatment. I take lots of pills and go the vet for special dips to help clear up my skin. My back is almost healed now, and it shouldn't be long before I'm ready to head to my new home.

I am always happy to go places and meet new people. My tail thumps a lot—that's just to let you know how happy I am.

In my prior home, I had a buddy who happened to be a cat. He was about the same color I am—and very handsome, too.

I hope that someone will find room in their heart and home for a lively Golden boy with lots of love to give.

Jaspers Doggie Pledge

I will not eat the cat's food, before or after they eat it.

I will not eat the disposable diapers, especially the dirty ones.

I will not play tug-'o-war with Daddy's underwear when he's on the toilet.



I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.

I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.

I will not chew crayons or pens, 'specially not the red ones so my people will think I'm dying.

I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, cat poo, etc.

I will not throw up in the car.

I will not bite the police officer's hand when he reaches in for Mommy's driver's license and car registration.

I will not steal my Mommy's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.



President's Message

It's been a busy summer for Love A Golden Rescue. Our rescue has taken in 49 dogs so far this year. They came to us for a variety of reasons. Sweet Bogie was a blind stray, eleven year old Charlotte's family had to give her up because of a child's allergies, handsome Jasper could no longer be cared for by his family, and cute Lacy was going to be put down at a shelter because her kennelmate became ill.

Our volunteers, supporters and friends are what make helping these dogs and others like them possible. Our foster homes give the dogs love and care while evaluating them for placement in their new homes. Volunteers help at the informational tables at Petco and at dog-related events. They help with transporting the dogs, with home visits for prospective adoptive homes, and with so much more.

One of our recent projects has been creating a rescue quilt. Many people have created the individual squares which are now be hand quilted into the finished project. We're anxiously awaiting pictures of this very special labor of love. We plan to auction it off at this year's Goldstock, an annual gathering of Golden rescue people. The proceeds will help us care for more Golden.

One fun event was our first annual reunion in June. It was a great way to get together and play with the Golden.

We are especially grateful to the dedicated and caring professionals who work with us. Veterinarians and their office staffs provide care of the dogs. In addition, trainers work with the dogs which come to us with unusual baggage or need their confidence built.

Thanks to everyone who has helped save the dogs. Your love for the Golden has made Love A Golden Rescue work.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/8 Petco - Adoption Day 12 PM - 4 PM
15200 Manchester Rd. Ballwin MO 63011
- 9/15 APA Canine Carnival - Tilles Park 9 AM - 1 PM
- 9/22 Trails for Tails—Frontier Park
- 10/4 ? Petco Adoption Day 12 PM - 4 PM
Fairview Heights IL Store
Directions: From I-64 South (toward Louisville) exit at route 159.
Turn right. Get in left lane, go to third stoplight (Highway 50)
and turn left. Get in right lane - Petco is on the right.
- 10/5 Sunday Hikes resume with cooler weather
- 10/13 Petco - Adoption Day 12 PM - 4 PM
15200 Manchester Rd. Ballwin MO 63011
- 11/10 Petco - Adoption Day 12 PM - 4 PM
15200 Manchester Rd. Ballwin MO 63011
- 12/7 Pattonville High School Craft Fair
- 12/8 Petco - Adoption Day 12 PM - 4 PM

Blue Claw Stadium, Lakewood, NJ
Flea Market
LAGR invited to set up table by the
Asbury Park Press



Love A Golden Rescue Marches In Creve Coeur Days Parade—by: Meghann Mollerus, LAGR Jr. Volunteer

It was a “Golden” day for a parade, with sunny skies and cooler temperatures. On Sunday, May 19, 15 Goldens led a group of their owners and foster parents in a one-mile parade for Creve Coeur Days in St. Louis. Riding on the festive red, white, and blue float were Nugget and Duke, with their owner Karen Shaw. The banner was carried by 11-year-olds Meghann Mollerus and Kaitlin Klose. Patriarch of the parade was nine-year-old Dublin, who is happily fostered by the Pierces, who also own three other Goldens-- Bogey, Ashley, and Abbie. The “babies” of the parade were Winston and Molly, both fourteen months old. Winston is a rescue dog, adopted by the Knoches, who also own parade-marchers McKenzie and Bailey. The Mollerus family owns Molly.

Other participants in the parade were dogs Penny and Sandy, both in rescue and fostered by Kathy Hackmann; Sampson, owned by the Sloan’s, whose kids Alex and Lauren helped out on the float by calling out the name of our organization; and Jordan, owned by the Shocks. Buttons, a Golden mix, was a rescue adopted the day of the parade by Mark Hull. Congratulations, Buttons!

The Goldens were the hit of the parade! After watching several bands and other attractions go by, the crowd was delighted by the beautiful pack of Goldens marching down the street. As we reached the park, the dogs managed to find a shady tree to rest and enjoy a cool drink. As the other parade participants pulled in, the dogs got a lot of attention and petting. LAGR received several good inquiries about our organization.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the parade, but especially Karen Shaw and John Shock for decorating the float. John also drove the truck in the parade.

Everyone, people and dogs, had a lot of fun, and got some exercise, too! You can see the foster dogs look forward to in Creve Coeur Days next year.

on the Love a Golden Web site. We the next event, and hope to participate



*Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed,
All nicely tucked in my warm new bed.*

I'd like to open my baggage

Lest I forget,

There is so much to carry –

So much to regret.

*Hmm . . . Yes there it is, right on the top
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.*

*As I look on these things I tried so hard to
leave –*

*I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.
I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,
But I wasn't good enough – for they didn't
want me.*

Will you add to my baggage?

Will you help me unpack?

Or will you just look at my things –

And take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?

To never repack?

I pray that you do – I'm so tired you see,

But I do come with baggage –

Will you still want me?

Unknown

DUKE & NUGET



Me and my bruder wantd to writ 4 the newsletter. We thaut and thaut, thn me memberd Moms cookbook. So eres som good food recpts. me copyd them. Ths is for peple.

Drunk Chunks

3 cans pineapple chunks drained
1 cup crème de menthe
½ cup orange liquer

Marinate for four (4) days in the refrigerator.
Keeps for weeks in refrigerator.
Good for parties.

Strawberry Soup

15 oz. Frozen strawberries thawed with juice.
15 oz. Sour Cream
1 oz. Vanilla extract
3 oz. Powered sugar, measure after sifting
½ oz. Grenadine syrup
2 oz. Half and half

Mix strawberries and sour cream. Beat slowly
Until well mixed. Add grenadine, vanilla and
Sugar. While mixing until smooth consistency,
Add half and half last, mixing only until well
Blended. Chill and serve. Shake well before
Serving. Serves 6

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**June 8th, First LAGR Reunion Picnic
Vago Park, Maryland Heights, Mo**



What a wonderful time!!
Good food, good friends
and good times. Who
could ask for anything
more!! The sun was
shining and the dogs
were hoping for some-
thing good to fall on the
floor. I think the dogs
had more fun watching us
trying to get them to play
the games. I think a good
time was had by all!
Who could ask for any-
thing more!! K. Shaw



A GOOD ONE

A little girl asked her Mom, "Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the block?" Mom replies, "No, because she is in heat."

"What's that mean?" asked the child. "Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage."

The little girl goes to the garage and says, "Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you."

Dad said, "Bring Belle over here." He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it and said, "Okay, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time around the block."

The little girl left, and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash. Surprised, Dad asked, "Where's Belle?" The little girl said, "She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home."

Goldie is owned by Iowa Volunteer Sheila Urquhart

Ask Goldie

{Goldie is former rescue who is now living her Golden years in a loving home. During the first 10 years of her life, Goldie experienced many trials and tribulations at the hands of her previous owners. Through these experiences, Goldie has gained a great deal of insight into the ways of people and dogs. Goldie wants to share her wisdom with other dogs and caring people.

Dear Goldie,

I hate it when my people leave me!! I get scared and lonely and I know I do bad things like chewing my mom's underwear. My people get mad at me. What can I do?

Anxious in Alexandria

Dear Anxious,

I know exactly what you are saying. I too, have the same problem. I understand it is called separation anxiety. In fact, that is one of the reasons

my former people left me at the shelter. I am happy to report; I no longer have this problem. My new people have several other dogs, so I no longer feel lonely and scared. I find having another dog to hang out with or snuggle with helps reduce my anxiety level.

I have also heard that a den, also called a crate, is a viable solution to this problem. In a crate, along with some favorite toys and a chew bone, you will feel safe until your people come home. I do wish to remind people, however, that it is not a good idea for very long periods of time. A favorite of mine, while I am in my den, is a sterilized bone stuffed with something yummy such as peanut butter, cheese or Sausages. It keeps me occupied while I'm waiting for my people to come home. While there is no substitute for being with your people, chill out and enjoy the quiet by taking a nap so you are ready to play when they come home.

Woofily yours,
Goldie



LAGR RAFFLE

Bogie was in poor health when he came to LAGR and he was blind. His foster family took him to the University of Missouri for treatment. Tests there indicate that he has lymphoma. We understand that his cancer may respond well to the treatments and it's possible that he will regain some sight. He is also suffering from lyme disease

Bogie ongoing care is expensive. Although he is participating in an experimental program wherein there is no cost for his chemotherapy, lab tests and associated expenses are significant.

Bogie is an example of just one of the Golden Retrievers LAGR is serving whose health issues must be resolved before placement in an adoptive home. Although our Vets are generous with their time and services, veterinary expenses account for the major portion of our budget. To help LAGR with our on going expenses we are conducting a **RAFFLE**.

Our raffle will run from August 1, 2002 through October 13, 2002. We are offering an outstanding prize:

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Murphy Brown	Pat Dowling
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	Pam & Carl Wendenburg
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LAGR UPDATES

To All My Heroes At Luv A Golden

I just wanted to say a long overdue thank you for finding me my forever home! I am so happy here. My brother Sampson and I love frolicking around in the back yard together and we love to play tug of war. It doesn't matter if we are each chewing on a bone that's exactly the same, I always want the one Sampson has. He doesn't seem to mind, though, but my parents are teaching me how to share and I'm getting better. My Mom and Dad play ball with us every morning and afternoon. I LOVE the ball! And, I also love taking my Mom for walks! We tried to make the Luv a Golden walk at Queeny Park. My Dad thought he knew how to get there and ignored the directions. Well, you can guess how that turned out. They took my brother and I for a walk there after we eventually found it, I was just sorry I didn't get to see you and say HI.

Well, I have to run, literally. My brother really wants me to play with him. Thanks again for all you do (my parents say thanks too)! Hopefully I'll see you at one of the fall



walks... I'll make my Mom drive this time.

Hugs and Kisses,
Boomer

LOOK AT ME!

I'M HOOTER



Hi Kathy,

Hope all is well. Hooter is fine. The storms have had him barking but other than that, he's a sweet and busy little boy. He caught a baby possum the other day. He dropped it as soon as I told him to. I hate those things. It played dead, I put it on a shovel and tossed it into the trees over the fence. It stayed there about an hour and then just trotted off. Hooter is on guard constantly now for anything that sneaks, creeps or crawls.

A really funny thing the other day. I was bringing stuff from the garage into the house and left the door to the garage open. I heard all of this noise in the kitchen and Hooter had gotten into the recycle bin and dug out a little milk jug. He pushed and tugged and tossed that thing all over the kitchen. I was able to only snap one picture. I'll send it along as soon as I get it developed. This dog seems to need to keep busy every waking moment.

Pam Stewart

Hi

Just thought I'd let you know that Cheyenne has adjusted to her new home very well. She and SunDance act as if they were raised together. Yesterday they even shared a window in the back seat of my car. It's great to have her. Thank you for all your rescue work.

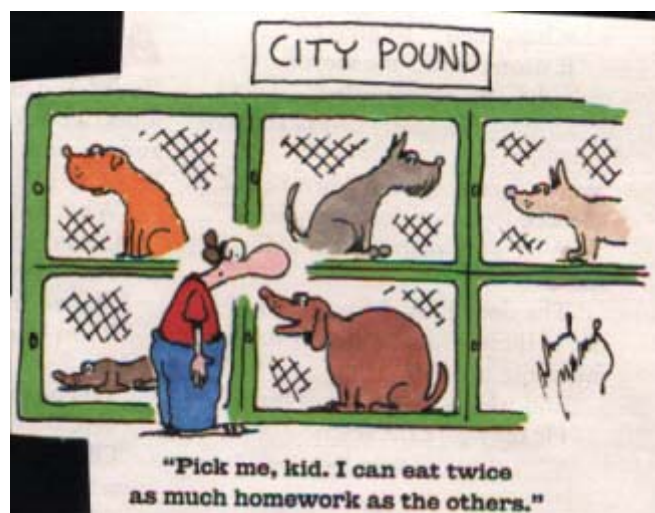


Cindy

RAVEN'S KITCHEN — KIM SEIGLER

Cheese Multi-Grain Dog Biscuits

- 1 cup uncooked Oatmeal
- 1/4 cup butter or bacon drippings
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup powdered Milk
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 4 oz (1 cup) grated cheese
- 3 cups whole wheat flour



In large bowl pour hot water over oatmeal and butter/bacon drippings; let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in powdered milk, grated cheese, egg. Add cornmeal and wheat germ. Mix well. Add flour, 1/3 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Knead 3-4 minutes, adding more flour if necessary to make a very stiff dough. Pat or roll dough to 1/2" thickness. Cut into shapes and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour at 300F. Turn off heat and dry in oven for 1 1/2 hours or longer. Makes approximately 2 1/4 pounds.

NOTE: Some animals may be allergic to some of the ingredients above, so if your animal has not been exposed to wheat, specific meats involved, or recipes using yeast, go very slowly with these treats, until you are certain there are no reactions which could cause hives, itching or other problems.

HELP! TENNIS BALLS HELP!

*We need your help in finding used
Tennis Balls.*

*We need lots and lots for our fund -raisers
If you would please check with your
Local indoor Tennis Club.*

*Or if you have any other ideas, please let me
know!*

Please send them to:

*Karen Shaw
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St. Louis, MO. 63146-5557*

Our Web Master's Wish List

If anyone knows of someone who might be willing to donate a notebook computer or a source for one at bargain basement prices, please let me know.

Since we want to use this for photo work and the web site it would need to be a relatively recent vintage computer. I think it would need to have at least the following specifications

600 MHz processor
128 M RAM
6 GB hard drive
Windows 98 operating system or above
CD-ROM
a USB port
Network card
56 K modem

If you have any leads, please let me know.

Thanks,

joe@loveagolden.com

Garden State Pet Portrait at Smelly Dog Spa & Bakery



Button



Bogey Pierce



Most of us think that our golden retriever's face is the most beautiful sight there is. I know my husband and I think that about our Bogey. We rescued him several years ago and that beautiful face touches our heart every single day.

He has a way of lying on the bed in the morning, as we get dressed for work, with that pitiful look on his face. You know he's thinking, "They're going to leave me AGAIN today and I'm SO sad about it!"

Of course, we can be gone for fifteen minutes and he'll greet us at the door with the same amount of adulation, wiggling his entire body. He's so excited that he must have something in his mouth for a time like this and runs back to the toy box to get a stuffed animal to hold in his mouth.

When I'm in my recliner watching TV, Bogey lies on the floor resting his face on his favorite soft duck toy, looking at me with pure adoration. Those big round eyes barely blinking and I know that he's thinking that I'm the greatest thing that ever lived.

The idea of having professional pet portraits started a couple of years ago, when a friend of mine had a litter of "show" golden retrievers professionally photographed. The pictures were incredible and the idea was planted that there were photographers who specialized in this. But, of course, her dogs were "show dogs," not rescue dogs.

Early this year, when Jan suggested that we organize a "Pet Portrait Day," I jumped at the chance to help put it together. Jan had a lead on a photographer -- and it turned out to be the same one my friend had used! I had a lead on a place to have it -- the Smelly Dog Spa and Bakery. (Isn't that a great name?) So we were on our way toward planning a great event!

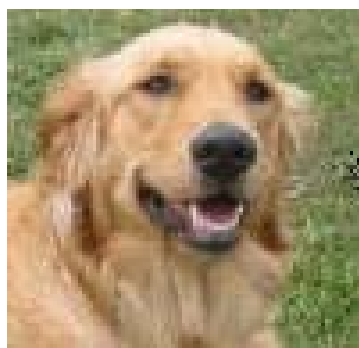
I guess having a portrait of your dog isn't too strange an idea as we filled all the appointments within a short time. Everything seemed very professional during the shoot with the exception of the photographer blowing different whistles and making strange noises to get the dogs to look at the camera and perk up their ears.

Our portrait of Bogey is framed and proudly hangs on the wall over my desk at home, next to the portrait of my granddaughter. My granddaughter's picture is slightly larger -- so her mother doesn't too get mad! She just doesn't understand.

Thank you **Diane Pierce** for sharing this event with us.

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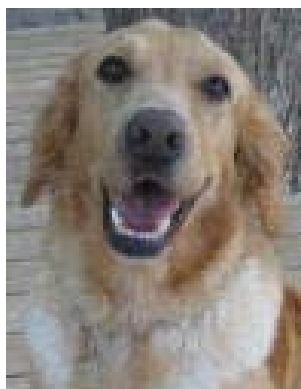
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BRANDY is a large female Golden. She's a pretty light golden-colored girl. She loves being with people and wants to have a loving family of her own soon. She had a broken leg before coming to rescue. The leg did not heal properly and gives her an odd gait in the rear, but she doesn't notice and runs and plays



Charlotte is a very young 11 year old. She is very sweet and full of energy. She loves to go for walks, play fetch and wrestle with other dogs. She is very affectionate and is very generous with her kisses to both humans and other dogs. She is housebroken; she doesn't chew and knows how to use a doggie door. She walks nicely and know "sit", "down" and "shake" and she will "come" to a human whistle. Charlotte needs a new home due to an allergy in her first home. She is gets along well with children, cats and other dogs.



TAFFY -is a sweetie. She loves everyone and wants to be loved. She is a mannerly girl who is eager to please. Taffy is a blonde with a relatively short coat. She is currently a little bit underweight. Our vet believes that Taffy was probably hit by a car in the past. Her injuries from that have healed but leave her with an unusual gait in the rear. Taffy is looking for a home where she will be loved and gets lots of attention.



CLAIRE is a cute golden-colored girl with soft, curly hair. She is very playful and loves attention. Claire needs a home with a fence since she likes to visit her neighborhood friends, given the opportunity. She would like an active home where she gets to run and play a lot.

MACY is a cute light blonde girl. She likes to chase a toy and ounces after it as she bounces along. Macy's history isn't known until a few months ago when we are told that she had puppies under a building. She was taken to a shelter, but they were unable to reach the pups and left them behind. Macy tried to break out of the shelter to get back to her pups. They were soon able to get the pups and took them to the shelter as well. Macy was a very good mother and tried her best to care for her pups. Her pups have found homes, one was adopted directly from the shelter and Zoë who came to us with Macy found an adoptive home. Macy has had quite an adjustment from her prior life. She is now learning about being in the house and has some issues because of her past. She is very good about crate training. Macy mainly wants to be with people and would rather not go outside by herself but prefers someone to come along with her on her outings. Despite her past, Macy is a fairly confident dog. Macy has had some professional training, and we would like her new owner to take a lesson with the trainer so her training will be consistent.



MACY



ROSITA—REST IN PEACE 2002

WHAT HAPPENED by Jeanne Perciaccanto

No one ever gets a new puppy with the intention of having it grow up to become pushy or dominant as an adult dog. We do have all the best intentions of having a canine buddy to share and enjoy life with. What happens between the day we bring the dog home and the first time it shows an aggressive behavior? There are volumes written on this very subject but I will attempt to make it as short and succinct as possible.

There are a few basic principles to follow. Never get a dog for someone as a surprise gift. Never get a dog because the kids want one, you know who will end up as the sole care giver of the puppy. Never get a dog as an emotional buy, this keeps pet stores and puppy mills in business. Never choose a puppy just because it's cute, learn about temperament testing to select the puppy most suitable to your temperament and personality.

Now that said and you have done all the right things in the selection process, why is there still a problem? Never, ever forget the puppy is a canine! This is the biggest mistake owners make. All too often, owners try to put a human slant on their dealings with a dog. We feel bad for a puppy that is crated. Yet this will save more dogs from shelters and harming themselves. We don't want to do anything that will make the dog feel uncomfortable, yet a biting dog has no remorse or guilt. We are afraid that the dog won't love us if we don't give them what they want, yet, what they want is leadership and to know clearly what the boundaries are.

Dogs live by their own code of natural order! They survive by it! They will show you ever thing they are going to do, including what they will be as an adult. Unfortunately, most owners don't realize there is a problem until the dog is already past a year old, then they wonder what happened and blame the dog! Testing is the process they use to identify pack structure. Day one they figure out who the highest ranking member is and who is also the most subordinate.

Since dogs will capitalize on weakness, they will continue to pick on the weakest member of the family while trying to move up the pack ladder. Jumping up, nipping and grabbing cloths are often signs of this. Age nor perceived position are exempt from this. I have seen 2 year old toddlers rule big dogs with an iron hand, while the parents are victimized by the dogs behavior. They don't do it because they hate you. Dogs don't hate. They don't do it because you failed to love them enough. Dogs don't really love, they respect leadership! They do it because this is how they have survived for thousands of years and this is their language. That cute fluffy puppy from day one is testing you.

Remember this, someone must be the boss and if it's not you, then they are! What are some of these test to look for? Puppies can hear things you can't. So if you are repeating and raising your voice to get their attention, they are setting you up by ignoring just to see what you will do. Our language means absolutely nothing to the dog unless it is followed up by something physical. So don't sit there continually yelling at the dog or shaking a can at them, get up and do something! Hands on with the dog. You can be physical without being harmful.

Since dogs base their pack relationship on immediacy, the fact you are not making the puppy do what you want can only mean, you can't and are a subordinate.

Puppies are tactile creatures. The use of their mouths is an important learning process. If they can steal things that belong to you, they are moving up the ladder. If by using their mouths on you makes you stop for a brief second, they know how to control you. If barking makes you give them treats, pay attention or intact with to stop them, then they know how to manipulate you. All their behaviors have a basis in pack structure. How you interrupt, interact and control these behaviors will determine the outcome of the dog as an adult.

They know what they are doing from day one. Our dogs are smarter than we are and more able to control their environments. You need to have the tools to understand what is happening. A good puppy class will help you identify what your puppy is saying and give you the direction necessary to head off adult onset problems.

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MORE LAGR UPDATES

Hi,

7/02

Just thought I'd give you an update. Cheyenne survived the Fourth and a few thunderstorms. She really doesn't like the booming. We've been enjoying the summer. Many visitors have been through here, and all comment on what wonderful dogs we have. We agree.

I'm sending a picture of my three "goldens". You haven't seen SunDance and Cheyenne's big sister before, so here goes. Thanks again for all your good works.

Cindy Kreuger



Cheyenne (center) with Sundance and Kristen

Hi Kathy!

Hope you're enjoying the warm summer weather. I wanted to mention how happy my friend, Mark Hull is with his new Golden, "Fish". Merlin and Fish have already had a few "play dates". My first year with Merlin has been great (I've attached a few pics). He is just about the most lovable dog I've ever met. My friends and I call him "the snorkeler," since his nose is always in the air looking for someone to pet him. He still loves to carry toys in his mouth (his current favorite is a big "squeaky" cheeseburger), and, of course, he manages to find mud puddles wherever we go. Thanks for everything and hope to see you at walks in the fall. -

Jen Wyka



Just a quick note to give an update on Rusty. He is the greatest dog!!!!

Sorry we didn't make the reunion, I didn't have a choice to not work. Maybe next year. Was there a good turnout?

We have had so much fun with Rusty, he is just a big baby and wants to be treated like one. He went a week or so ago for his rabies and heartworm shots. He has made three trips to the groomer now for a bath and just to be pampered.

Paula L.
KnightJ



Kathy, Here are some updated pictures of Penny. We took them with our video camera so they may look a little fuzzy. Their favorite activities are playing soccer together in the backyard and taking long walks each morning.

Lisa Hedges



Aspen-Amy & Matt Milowsky
 Button/Fish-Mark Hull
 Brownie/Daisy—Jennifer Barton
 Chance-Pam & Roger Gingras
 Daisy Mae-Grace Phillips
 Davey Lauren, Jennifer & Evan Perez
 Dilly—Delores & Paul Jaenicke
 Erin—Cheryl & Zachary Sneyers
 Callie—Kabe Holze & Becky Kellar
 Fancy-R.C. & Rebecca Hayden
 Hannah—Patricia & Ed Dowling
 Henry-Courtney & Matt Benigno
 Krissy—Sue & Don Schnepf
 Lacy-Vicky & Ron Edwards
 Mikey—Barbara & Steven Queenan
 Morgan/Cheyenne-Kreuger Family
 Murphy Brown—The Winter Family
 Quincy-Paul McKechnie
 Rocky-Patricia & Ed Dowling
 Rusty-Paula Knight & Family
 Sam-Jeff Steinmann
 Sandy-Genevieve Keith
 Shadow-Mary Ann Broemmelsick
 Shayna-Joy & Ronald Slezak
 Snickerdoodle—Barbara Canepa
 Sparky—Kelly & Mike Maue
 Spring—Jeanne Perciaccanto
 Stella—Crystal & Jason Carlile
 Toby-Judy, Kevin & Patrick Bayne
 Tucker—Nancy, Frank & Marion Price
 Vance/Coco-Cat & John Fee
 Winner—Susan & Mike Banks
 Zoe-Joanne & Michael Fleming
 ZuZyBailey/Baileu—Cheryl & Mikel Garrett

Much happiness to our
 adopted goldens and
 their new families

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 to live up to their
 expectations! Thank
 you from all of us

Mary Paluszek-Pirc — Illinois LAGR COLUMNIST

Well it's that time again when my furry friends seem to take over the computer and put paw prints everywhere. We had a lot of very heated discussion about the article....so they all had a hand (oops I mean paw in this).....

Miss Daisy writes:

As the red headed Alpha female of this group I will speak my mind first.....What we dogs need most is: Pampering; Dog Biscuits; Daily Teeth Brushing; More Pampering; More Treats.....

How to Bond with your Golden

Most recent surveys have shown that 90% of the American population consider us dogs to be full-fledged members of the household....and why not???? You should have guilt pains when you go to work and leave to be bored all day at home with the exception of the daily "Bark at the Mailman"...Must keep those guys on their toes....chase the chipmunk along the patio door, morning nap, cookies and water for lunch and then my afternoon beauty rest....What's a dog to do??? So how do you get up close and REALLY make me feel like a family member??

Well you could always leave the TV on for me Animal Planet is one of my favorite shows, I also LOVE those Golden Retrievers who play soccer; football; baseball, etc....and these movies keeps me amused...better than me preparing the furniture for re-upholstery.....just please don't make me sit through that crazy Aussie with his crocodiles....

We dogs like humans with an air of confidence...wishy washy owners do not last long with us....Practice unconditional love, pamper me with lots of cuddling and praise me when I'm good BUT do correct me when I'm bad. Being the intelligent creature that I am....you can also give me a "pet name" or two.....I do answer to all pet names.....

Keeping us healthy is your responsibility....here's one suggestion that has a pawisitive effect on my well-being....Don't dismiss doggie breath it could be a warning sign of dental problems. A soft tooth brush will do and I do prefer the chicken flavored toothpaste....all out... well a raw carrot will also help scrub away plaque off of my teeth...It's also a good source for Vitamin A and C as well as fiber for me.

Miss Aspen our "Stately Senior" says:

Touch and pet me frequently.....For those who have Golden Seniors you may wish to assist them in stretching in this manner:

Sit down next to your "Golden Oldie" while they are lying comfortably on the floor

Support the front leg above and below the elbow

Raise the front leg toward the head slightly and hold for 5 seconds

Then stretch the back leg toward the tail to the Pointe of resistance again hold for 5 seconds

Repeat with legs on the other sides of the body till all four paws are done.



Don't you realize that every morning before I get up I stretch several times before going out....you humans should learn this...stretching reduces muscle tension and stiffness....it improves circulation of both blood and lymph as well as increasing flexibility and range of motion....and you become less prone to injuries....

Saguaro Sandy says:

Being the youngest of the Golden Girls around here I have some suggestions too for a rainy day...these ideas can be pawisitively fun!! If it's raining cats and dogs outside or the snow is knee-high to a Golden Retrievers belly try this.... I'll be a "Houdini Hound"...hide a ball or treat in your hand and make a fist around it, show me both hands and I'll pick out the right one every time.

Choose my toys wisely...after all I am your "little one"...if we are playing fetch use balls that bounce well....don't use Dad's Sammy Sosa autographed baseball. Most dog toys now have a chew index on them....For Golden Retrievers...go for durable toys....make sure you "dog proof" my play area....Put the breakables away for another day!! Don't forget in those "dog days of summer" a kiddie wading pool and adult supervision is all that is necessary to keep me cool and happy!!

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Welcome at Rainbow Bridge by Alexander Theodore

On the morning of September 11, 2001, there was an unprecedented amount of activity at the Rainbow Bridge. Decisions had to be made. They had to be made quickly. And, they were.

An issue, not often addressed here, is the fact that many residents really have no loved one for whom to wait. Think of the pups who lived and died in hideous puppy mills. No one on earth loved or protected them. What about the many who spent unhappy lives tied in backyards? And, the ones who were abused,. Who are they to wait for?

We don't talk about that much up here. We share our loved ones as they arrive, happy to do so. But we all know there is nothing like having your very own person who thinks you are the most special pup in the Heavens.

Last Tuesday morning a request rang out for pups not waiting for specific persons to volunteer for special assignment...

An eager, curious crowd surged excitedly forward, each pup wondering what the assignment would be.

They were told by a solemn voice that unexpectedly, all at once, over 4,000 loving people had left Earth long before they were ready. All the pups, as all pups do, felt the humans' pain deep in their own hearts. Without hearing more, there was a clamoring among them – "May I have one to comfort?"... "I'll take two, I have a big heart." "I have been saving kisses forever."

One after another they came forward begging for assignment. One cozy-looking fluffy pup hesitantly asked, "Are there any children coming? I would be very comforting for a child 'cause I'm soft and squishy and I always wanted to be hugged." A group of Dalmatians came forward asking to meet the Firemen and be their friends. The larger working breeds offered to greet the Police Officers and make them feel at home. Little dogs volunteered to do what they do best, cuddle and kiss.

Dogs, who on Earth, had never had a kind word or a pat on the head, stepped forward and said, "I will love any human who needs love." Then all the dogs, wherever on Earth they originally came from, rushed to the Rainbow Bridge and stood waiting, overflowing with love to share.

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