

## A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

From the moment you meet Penny, you know that she is one of a kind. She is a small, light blonde Golden girl. She has some distinctive cowlicks on her muzzle and around her eyes. She is very thin, having too strong a preference for running and playing to allow her to gain weight. She is very loving and will stand on her hind legs to give you a gentle hug and likes to be held against you. There is a certain spark in her eye to let you know that she's a very special girl.

We first heard about Penny when she was in a rural shelter. We were told that Penny was an older female who had been used for breeding and that there was a young male Golden there as well. Both dogs had picked up an upper respiratory infection, and so the shelter was not going to put them up for adoption. We said we would start scrambling for transportation to get them here. Thanks to a number of caring people along the route, we were able to transport both dogs.



It turned out the descriptions of the "young male" were very accurate. The "young male" was in fact an approximately six month old female Golden. Megan had a limp, and our vet determined that she had a broken leg which the vet set. Megan quickly found a loving forever home where she has a great Golden sister.

As for the "older female", our vet determined that Penny was really a young female who had been worn down by having recently had puppies and being infested with a variety of intestinal worms. With treatment and good food, she quickly regained her energy. Penny also had a withered front leg. We had that x-rayed and found that it was apparently the result of an old severe trauma. At the time of the injury, her leg had apparently not been treated and now there was nothing to do other than possibly amputating the leg. However, Penny had other ideas. She began using her leg, first when she ran, then later she began to walk on it. As she used the leg more and more, the leg muscles became stronger. At this point, there doesn't seem to be any need to amputate her leg.

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## Penny (Continued from pge 1)

Penny loves to run and play. She is a buddy with another foster dog Sandy, and the two of them have wild games of wrestling and doggie bitey face. Penny has a lot of energy. She generally prefers male dogs to female dogs, but she has some close female dog friends.

Being in the house has been an adventure for Penny, and she's still learning the ropes. One memorable time we had a pan of beef vegetable soup on the back burner of the stove. I turned my back, and when I turned back around, there was Penny—standing on top of the stove, devouring the soup. I had to laugh as I thought of how athletic she was to get up there and how funny she looked, but we also got off the stove. That's the only time she's been on top of the stove, but she will take things off the counter still and will explore.

Penny is somewhat shy in new situations. We've taken her to Petco when we have an informational table there. She likes to meet people and be petted, but she generally prefers to be with someone she knows.

Penny would like to find a very special home where she is treasured. She will need a family with time, patience, and an all important sense of humor. In return, she will give them all the love she can, and that's a lot of love.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR—JUNE 8th

Love a Golden Rescue is just one year old, in our first year we have placed some incredible Goldens to some wonderful forever homes. We feel it is important to stay in touch, so mark your calendar for **June 8th** the date of our **First Reunion Picnic**. The picnic will be held at **Vago Park in Maryland Heights, Mo**. Directions and other details will follow. We have the park all day and plan to start around noon, and eat early afternoon. We will have doggie games, a silent auction and lots more all still in works. For our out of town guests the following motels except dogs and suggest reservation be made as soon as possible. All are close to the park. We look forward to seeing you there

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# President's Message

Dear Love A Golden Rescue Friends,

January 9<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of our second year. What a great first year we've had and what a hopeful future lies ahead! Together we've helped fifty dogs. Twenty one were from shelters, twenty seven were turned in by their owners, and two were strays whose owners could not be located. Thirty one are females, and nineteen are males, all of which are spayed or neutered before adoption. Thirty seven have already been adopted, and hopefully more will soon find their "forever homes."

The numbers tell a story, but they don't tell the whole story. To see what rescue means, just think about how feisty senior girl Morgan got a chance. She was in a shelter. With her dull and matted coat and her gray face, she had no prospects of adoption. She was heartworm positive and had an unusual lump. One of her ears is missing due to some long ago injury. But she also had a sparkle in her eye and a playful spirit. She's now successfully made it through heartworm treatment, and her lump was removed and found to be benign. She's enjoying life in her foster home with her two Golden foster brothers. When you meet her, she will give you some of her gentle kisses. No doubt she will make some lucky family a wonderful companion and bring them lots of joy.

Rescue is also trying to help Molly who came to us because her owner passed away and the rest of the family could not keep her. She has been very stressed by the loss of her owner and her change in circumstances, and she has some behavioral problems. We're working with her and hope that she will be able to go to a new home. At least now she is to the point where she is happy in her foster home and so looks forward to her walks.

Rescue includes helping Sam, another heartworm positive dog. He is a very loving and cuddly three year old male who was turned in by his owner because he was afraid to ride in the back of the owner's truck. He would just like somebody to snuggle and play with him.

Rescue means losing Mattie who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. She had come to us from a shelter after a life of apparent abuse and neglect. She made it through heartworm treatment and removal of a two pound tumor from her foot. She was enjoying her life but sadly suddenly fell very ill and did not make it. We miss her but are glad we had the opportunity to know her and to share some time with her.

Rescue also means helping a sweet girl like ZuZu Bailey whose family could no longer keep her because of a child's allergies. She had to have emergency surgery for bladder stones soon after coming to us. Once she's healed from the surgery, she would be as good as new, back to catching Frisbees, and ready for a new home.

Thanks from all of them for all you do. This coming year we'll be doing a lot of activities—having informational tables at Petco and at dog-related events, being in parades, and making a quilt, and having garage sales, and planning a craft/art show in N.J. to raise money, to name a few—all aimed at helping the dogs and spreading the word about responsible dog ownership and rescue. Your help and support are appreciated and make a real difference to Goldens in need. **Kathy Hackmann**



Karen & Penny



Jan, Penny & Mary Crawford



Penny

# TUG-OF-WAR

Every puppy born has the same basic need to test and control his or her environment. They are all self-serving, manipulative, controlling, and selfish. "Not my dog," you may say, but it is true. What a dog does in their home may vary from pet to pet, but the game plan still is present.

Why does this happen? Dogs base their level of hierarchy on the simple principle that someone must be in charge. If you don't prove your position as boss, then they need to step up and take control.

How do they do this? Their testing can be very overt such as biting and pushy behavior or as benign as play. How we play and how they make us play becomes all-important to the puppy and their learning curve.

Each time the puppy brings over a toy and places it in your hand and you pull back thinking, "Oh, they must want to play tug of war!" four things have happened here that you are not even aware of.

1. The puppy manipulated you into playing and you fell right into it. As a test, they now know how to make you do for them.
2. You placed yourself in a position of allowing the puppy to measure your abilities and find your weaknesses.
3. You have taught the puppy that rough play is acceptable.
4. You have left yourself wide open for the biggest test of all, where is the point at which the puppy's teeth make you let go. Once they find that answer, they have found out that teeth make you stop what you are doing.

After twenty years of training, I know all the rebuttals, "Not my dog!"

You may not see this as a problem until you try to cut nails; they jump on company; dragging you on the street because there is a squirrel running up a tree; not let you sit on your furniture; marking in the house; barking in your face for attention and further up the list; out and out aggression. In working with difficult and aggressive dogs the first thing I do is to identify all the ploys and manipulation the dog has been throwing around since puppy hood. I find out what and how the owners play with the dog to assess where the dog's dominance has come from. The game at the top of the list is TUG OF WAR. Better games to play are retrieval; fetching games or hide and seek.

A nice walk will do quite well too!

Jeanne Perciaccanto

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Harper swimming



Megan with new sister, April





**Heaven's Doggy-Door**  
 My best friend closed his  
 eyes last night  
 As his head was in my  
 hand  
 The doctors said he was  
 in pain  
 And it was hard for him  
 to stand

The thoughts that scurried  
 through my head,  
 As I cradled him in my  
 arms,  
 Were of his younger,  
 puppy years,  
 And OH.. his many  
 charms.

Today, there was no  
 gentle nudge  
 With an intense "I love  
 you" gaze.  
 Only a heart that's filled  
 with tears  
 Remembering our joy  
 filled days.

But an Angle just ap-  
 peared to me,  
 And said, "You should  
 cry no more.  
 God also loves Golden  
 Retrievers,  
 He has installed a doggy-  
 door."

Adapted from  
 Jan Cooper 1995

## 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,

There is a cute dog named Missy who lives next door to me. We often get together for playtime. At certain times, she smells really good. But when I go over to visit at those times, her person chases me home with a broom. Why does she do that? What can I do about it? Please reply.

Frisky Fred in Fresno

*Dear Fred,*

I can understand your problem. There is actually an easy solution. Some folks may recommend a swim in a cold pond. However, that is a short-term fix. The best answer would be to talk to your people. Suggest that they talk to your veterinarian about your being neutered. This way you could play with Missy anytime. There are some added benefits for you. You wouldn't have an urge to roam your neighborhood, you wouldn't feel compelled to mark every blade of grass and there is a much lower chance of you having certain health problems, as you get older. However Fred, you will need to continue to be active so your weight doesn't become a problem.

*Good luck Fred. I hope to hear that you and Missy have a long and happy friendship.*

*Woofffully yours,  
 Goldie*

### Adoptions 2002

Hannah-  
 Pat & Ed Dowling

Stella -  
 Crystal & Jason  
 Carlile

Callie -  
 Kabe Holze &  
 Becky Kellar

### Janie Wormsbecker's Contribution to LAGR



Kathy,

Wayne brought **Pumpkin** up to Schnucks on Christmas Eve. He brought her to the window so that I could see her. He was grinning ear to ear. He sure does love her!



Jeanna (Pumpkin adopted by Wayne, Emma & Graham)

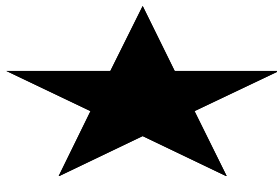


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**LAGR**— We just wanted to send you and Love a Golden Rescue a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are very blessed to have found all of you and to have **Jubilee** in our lives. Jubilee wanted to send you this "gift" to thank you and to remember her by. Maybe you can put it with her picture?!

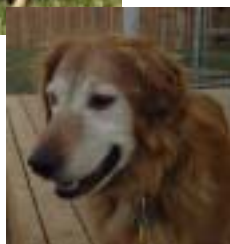
"You took me in when I needed a home,  
So I wouldn't have to stay in a shelter alone.  
You played with me and gave me love;  
You were my guardian angel sent from above!  
It was sad when we had to part,  
But my life was getting a new start.  
Now I have my forever family,  
And I love them as much as they love me!  
What you did wasn't just a "rescue,"  
And because of that, I will always thank you!"

-Jubilee



## P I C M E

**Morgan** is a bouncy red Golden with a cute gray face. She loves to be petted and gives very gentle kisses in return. Morgan loves going for walks and chase tennis balls. She is a very happy girl. One of Morgan's ears was injured in the past and is shorter than the other, giving her a jaunty look which matches her personality. Morgan came to us from a shelter. She was heartworm positive and recently finished treatment. She is looking



**Quincy** is a large red adult male Golden. His prior owner turned him into a shelter due to a move. Quincy is undergoing heartworm treatment but will be ready to head to his new home soon. He is thin but is quickly gaining weight. Quincy is very interested in the ball but doesn't quite understand why he should bring it back yet. Quincy would like to have a loving home waiting for him when he completes his heartworm treatment.



**Sandy** is a lively girl who came to us from a shelter. She had been a stray and probably lived by her wits. Sandy doesn't know much yet about living in a house but she is quickly learning. Sandy is blonde with a small white star on the top of her head and a very light colored chest. She is very smart and learns very quickly. She is highly food motivated. Sandy tries to make the best of any situation. She is an active dog who loves to play with other dogs. Sandy is too rambunctious and plays too roughly for small children. She will chase cats so would do best in a home without cats. Sandy would like a new family who will love her and be patient and consistent with her and will take the time to teach her what she needs to know.



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## OUR GOLDENS WISH TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO: "THE BUDDY CORNER—2001"

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Molly2	Joy & Ron Orr		Pam & Carl Wendenburg
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	Marilyn & Jim Ravas	Rusty	Phil Bianco
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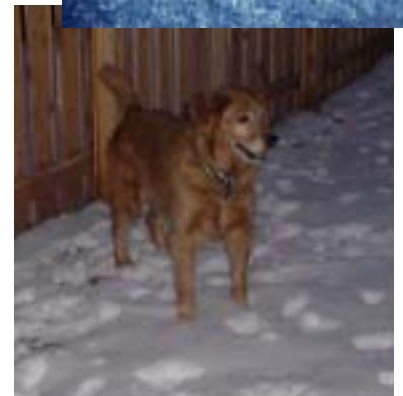




# Love A Golden

**Sprite is a GREAT! dog!...**she loves these kids.. and the things these two girls have done to this dog!!...hugs..& kisses, .they put shirts on Sprite.. they let Sprite play in their games. Sprite can be a little rough in her play ..but we understand that she is strong and the kids can be enthusiastic also....Sprite loves it!!...Sprite has come along way!!...She is very smart!! She has caught a squirrel in the yard, She is FAST! and Strong!.. She would make a great hunting dog!!..She would also make a great dog for someone in a wheelchair as she picks up everything!! and I mean everything...She does love to chew..so we have had to be diligent in getting her the raw hide bones which she loves...She is great with the kids...She doesn't pee on my rug anymore... (there was a lot going on at the time). There was a time she had an attitude but not anymore...She comes when she is called now...She is still very enthusiastic...and intense when greeting people and constantly wants to play...when the sun comes up she likes to get everyone else up to!!...She is a character...There were times we had second thoughts about adopting a rescue dog..but with patience, a routine and love...WE were blessed with a great Companion..Sprite... Thanks so much for taking a chance with us...

The Schneider's



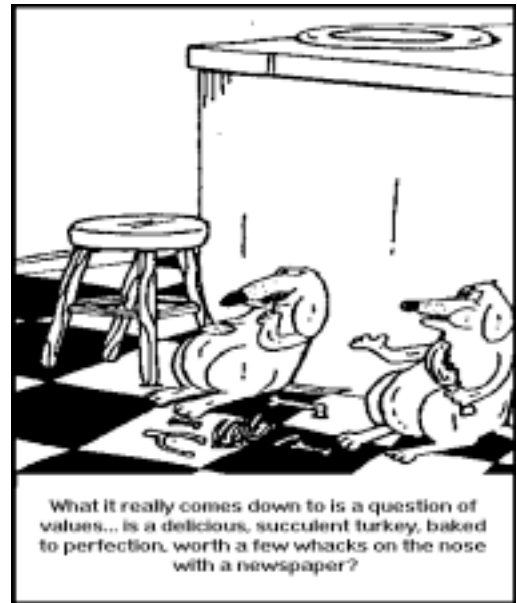


## RAVEN'S KITCHEN — KIM SEIGLER

### Pumpkin-Patch Dog Biscuits

1 and ½ cups whole wheat flour  
1 tbsp brown sugar  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp ground nutmeg  
4 tbsp butter flavored shortening  
½ up canned pumpkin (use the plain not the pie stuff)  
1 whole egg  
½ cup buttermilk

Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees. Combine flour, cinnamon and nutmet and but in shortening. Beat the egg with the milk and pumpkin. Combine these wet ingredients with the flour mixture, mixing well. Stir until a soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoonful onto an UN-greased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool so your mouth doesn't get burned.



Please remember that before starting any of these recipes to check to make sure it's okay to use Mom's kitchen. And wash your paws too. Enjoy!!!!

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.



Rusty, Sandy, Penny



Camp Hackmann

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## HOW I LOVE THAT PUPPY — JEANNE PERCIACCANTO

New puppies require a great deal of attention. It is important that they have a daily routine set in place for feeding, play and out times. As creatures of habit they will do much better in an environment where owners set boundaries on behavior and house manners. They also do well in homes where owners learn to communicate directly and clearly in a manner in which the puppy can understand. New puppy owners often experience difficulty interacting with and training their new pet when they feel the pup should fully understand what is expected of them when given a command. The problem is not the puppy's inability to follow direction, but our inability to give it properly. To dogs, our language is a very complex series of supportive body language. The dog needs to deal not just with the word itself, but our body movements, voice inflections, tonal qualities, physical positions and facial expressions. Now put these variations into the dog's learning curve and a simple command becomes complex. We think we are giving the command clearly each time, when in fact, the subtle changes or variation make each command different from the next. The dog needs to learn all these variations in order to successfully respond to us. Our dogs are very sensitive to the complexities of our language. When an owner says, "He knows what he did was wrong!", the puppy is responding not to guilt or remorse for what they did, but rather, to our facial expression and body language. Dogs learn in the immediate and do not understand past tense behavioral corrections. If the timing of our corrections is off, the dog may very well repeat what it was just corrected for. The problem begins to compound when we think the dog did not hear us or they are ignoring us. As we get louder with each repetition of the command, more variations occur. The more frustrated we become, the more confused the dog becomes producing a break down of language and successful interaction between owner and pup.

This is why enrolling your new pup into a puppy kindergarten program is a good idea. As you work with the pup, a trainer can offer an objective approach to your interaction and handling of the dog. They can also give you direction according to the individual personality and temperament of your pet, helping the two of you bond better and work as a team.

It is never too early to begin training! In a very short amount of time, your puppy can be doing all the basic commands with proficient reliability by 4 months of age. This can only happen through positive interaction; teaching; repetition and a great deal of patience.

Jeanne Perciaccanto, Ph.D.  
Owner-Ultimate Dog Training (732 341 8200)

**"Lily"** is a wonderful dog and so mellow and sweet. She is certainly our 'Lily of the Valley' Thursday she went to our vet at Brentwood Animal Hospital and tomorrow she is going to the doggie beauty parlor to get groomed for the New Year.

Thank you for giving 'Lily' to us. She has bonded with us all the way. Thank you for all the good you and other Rescue groups do for God's little creatures.



Lilly

Dee and Paul Jaenicke

Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts for adopting **Zeus** and making him part of your family. We will always have a special place in our hearts for both of you—Jeanne and **Zeus**. Again thank you and may God Bless you and yours now and forever.



From the Tibbs family

Just wanted to let you know **Fischer** is doing very well. He always tells us when he needs to go out and he does very well in the crate. We visited the vet today to get his last shots and checked for the ringworm again. She said it's probably gone since his hair has been growing like a weed.

Nicole Bennett



# SISTERS—JOY AND KATIE

What is it like to be a first time foster Mom to two six-year old Golden Retriever sisters? The answer: An incredible experience!

Joy and Katie were my Golden girls. The person who released them to rescue had taken them from a situation where they were kept outside and used for breeding. Unfortunately his health prevented him from caring for them so he made the difficult decision to release them to rescue. Before he got them, they had lived life in a kennel. We were told that in one two year period, Joy had 3 litters of 11 puppies, 9 puppies, and 6 puppies, and Katie had 3 litters of 8 puppies, 3 puppies and 4 puppies. Can you imagine what it would be like to live every day knowing no one truly cared whether you lived or died or if you were cold or sick? A sad thought to say the least and that's how Joy and Katie had spent most of their lives . . . so my goal was to show them how much they could be loved and appreciated every moment for the time I had them.

In the beginning, I only had Joy. I thought before she arrived that I would have to assume the role of teacher, but that wasn't always the case. When Karen Shaw brought Joy, she brought a crate too. I told Karen I didn't know one thing about a crate. She said no problem, and she showed me how it set it up. She opened the door, and Joy went right in there much to my astonishment. Joy was very content and happy to be in her crate. I would miss Joy and go looking for her, and she would be napping in her crate. I must admit, I never once shut the door.

The next learning experience was riding in the car. You could plainly see Joy wasn't an experienced car rider. I put her and our Golden Jordan in the backseat, and I looked back to see how things were going, and Joy had 7/8ths of the backseat and Jordan is standing up with his head pressed against the window. You couldn't just stop and move Joy over because she was like velcro to the seat--she wouldn't budge. So I found a place to pull over, leashed both dogs and took them out of the car. This time I put Jordan in first so he could at least sit down, and then put Joy back in. She eventually learned she would have to share the back seat.

I knew Joy had a sister at another foster home. We wanted to try separating the girls to see how they would react due to the fact that someone probably wouldn't want to adopt both of them. They both seemed to do fine being separated. I must admit it was me that had a hard time with them being separated. I kept thinking if that were me and if my sister and I had been through a lifetime of adversity together and survived it only to be promised a good life and then we were separated . . . never to see each other again! That just wasn't the Love A Golden thing to do. So, I asked to foster Katie as well.

The car ride home was the first challenge. Both girls wanted the whole back seat. Katie got the 7/8ths of the back seat because she was so scared and stiff as a board. Guess who was left standing with her head pressed against the window . . . Joy. I told Joy what goes around comes around.

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After Katie adjusted to her new surroundings, she and Joy would play and wrestle with each other. They didn't offer to play with our golden Jordan or let him join them so he would lie nearby and watch with envy. That confirmed to me the girls felt comfortable and loved and that there was a strong bond between them.

Katie liked the crate as much as Joy but I only had one crate. So since I slept on the floor with the girls in front of the crate door, I would have them take turns sleeping in the crate at night. Every two or three hours the girls would come and wake me up. They just wanted to be loved. I would pet them and talk to them and sometimes we would get up and have something to eat or drink and go outside. Then the three of us would march back to bed and that is when the crate switch would take place. The girls seemed fine with that arrangement. Our nights were an extension of our days filled with love and dog fun.

I knew the day would come when someone would want to adopt my girls, one or both. I prayed God would send me angels for that job and he did; their names are Ken, Terri, Katie (daughter) and their dog, Charlie. I just want to thank them for making my first fostering experience a positive one.

**Written By LAGR Volunteer Susan (& John) Shock**

October 7<sup>th</sup> Teri and I brought home Katie and Joy – two 6-year-old sisters who, up till about a year ago, weren't used for much more than making little goldens. They've been "outside" dogs, and have had, until recently, very little human contact. Well we're happy to say these two gals are slowly but surely coming out of their shells. The time we've spent with them has been interesting and, at times, pretty funny.

After taking them on the dog walk on the 7<sup>th</sup>, we took them to Petsmart for some shopping. That was their first contact with an automatic door! And if that didn't scare them enough, the crowd inside did. Everyone wanted to see them! It was scary at first for them, but they did fairly well.

We stopped there to get a kennel for them to share, but we didn't know what size to get. So, it seemed like a good idea to set them next to one to get an idea. The kennels were stacked on the shelf with the bottom in the top and strapped together. The minute I pulled one out and put it on the floor, Katie decided to get in it and lay down! Then Joy promptly joined her! The folks in the store really enjoyed the show! After we decided this was apparently the right size, getting it to the front to pay for it was a different matter. They were determined to stay in that kennel. I finally had to lift Joy out, and I drug the kennel to the front with Katie still in it! I think the doors scared her out, so I took the opportunity to stand it on end. That didn't matter. They both got back in and just sat there. Everyone got a kick out of that.

After we finally got them home I put the kennel together. They wasted no time getting in – together! Now let me tell you this is a BIG kennel, but not big enough for the two of them at the same time. (Katie weighs 72 pounds and Joy is 81!) All I could do is take the top off, and put a blanket in each half so they both had one. That was good for the night; I got another one the next day.

For two dogs not accustomed to living indoors, they sure caught on fast. They both now know what a bed is and they know how to use it – especially during a thunderstorm. Joy will seek refuge in the bathtub if a storm is bad enough. I guess she knows that's the safest place to be when you don't have a basement. And they've discovered stuffed animals! As a matter of fact, Katie

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found the only stuffed golden our daughter (whose name is also Katie) had on her bed, took it, and ran around the house with it. She likes you to chase her. She's definitely shyer than Joy, but she's also a good actress. We've found out she is the more aggressive of the two. If you're loving on Joy, she'll but right in. She wants to be loved on too! However we've noticed when they go outside (they have caught on to doing their business outside), Joy usually starts their wrestling matches. That's when they look the happiest.

After our outing to Petsmart, we realized three people AND three dogs. (We also Charlie.) So we bought a new Chrysler so we could tote this menagerie around. think these dogs are training us pretty (and our sanity) to the test and drove to to see our pregnant daughter, Jamie, son-dogs Heidi, a golden, and Foreman, a lab three-ring circus. I guess you could say Thanksgiving!



our car wasn't big enough for have a terrier mix named Town and Country van just Are we pathetic or what? I good. Then we put the van Colorado Springs last week in-law, Ryan, and their two mix. We were a regular we had a dog-gone good

Written by Teri & Ken Taylor

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### First LAGR Volunteer Dinner/Meeting—January 2002 “MY HOW WE’VE GROWN”



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## Garage Sale

On **April 27<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding our Annual Garage Sale in St Louis. This is a big fundraiser for Love a Golden, but to make it a success we need items to sell. If you have anything that you feel you no longer need please consider donating to our Golden. We have found nick knacks, books, videos, plants, toys, games and items like that sell much better than clothes.



Angel—Kathy & Bill Hackmann  
 Boomer—Allison & Tyler Tussey  
 Cody - Donna & Doc Savage  
 Charlie—Kristi & Terry Wells  
 Chelsea—Kim & Tony Gray  
 Cowboy—The Hayden's  
 Daisy—Betty Hillemann  
 Duffy—Noreen & Ron Cohen  
 Faith - Kathy & Bill Hackmann  
 Fischer—Nicole & John Bennett  
 Ginger - Linda & John Geluso  
 Gladys - Susan Weeks & Nancy Cusanelli  
 Haley—The Thompson Family  
 Harper—Emily & Scott Schopp  
 Hunter—Margaret & Michael Paddock  
 Jackson—The Oelschlager Family  
 Jubilee—Heather & Steve Huegel  
 Katie/Joy—Teri & Ken Taylor  
 Lilly— Dee & Paul Jaeneke  
 Lucy—Suzanne & Dan Streumph  
 Maggie - Kathy Jackson  
 Maggie— Lana Winter  
 Megan—Debi & George Schmidt  
 Merlin—Jan Wyka  
 Penny2—Lisa & Clay Hedges  
 Pumpkin—The Deutsch Family  
 Rose—Amanda & Andy Foulke  
 Rosita—Judy Lee & Ed Hockett  
 Sadie—Bernadette & Ed Durand  
 Saguaro Sandy—Mary & Dale Pirc  
 Sampson—Kathy & Bill Hackmann  
 Sprite—Rene & Robert Schneider  
 Winston—Jan & Ray Knoche  
 Yukon—Paula & Don Ingerson  
 Zeus—Jeanna Walchi

Much happiness  
 to our adopted  
 goldens and their  
 new families

Year—2001



If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches & pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him or her,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax with liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion, or politics,

Then my friend,

You are ALMOST as good as your dog...



Kathy,

Happy New Year! I thought I would give you a quick update on **Penny2**. She is awesome! She and Beau had the best time playing on Friday. Clay ended up flying into St. Louis that night so I didn't have to try to drive back by myself not knowing how they would do. He immediately fell in love with her. We headed back to KC Saturday morning, stopping in Columbia to visit in-laws. Penny2 did have a few accidents between my parents and Clay's parents' houses, but I am happy to say that we have been accident free since returning home. (We have Beau trained to ring a potty bell on the doors--It's a charm. She was ringing it by Saturday night!) She and Beau have had a great time playing. They are doing everything together. This morning they were even drinking out of the water bowl together. We will take some pictures of them and e-mail them to you. They are quite a pair. Thanks so much for the opportunity to adopt her. We hope that you have a wonderful new year.

Lisa (& Clay) Hedges



## Golden Tails from the Firehouse

By The Bridge Kids: Golden Chief and Spanner the Impossible

Hello to everyone from the Rainbow Bridge, while checking out the Christmas lights on earth we were recalling our days in the Firehouse. We would love to share some of those times with you....While we weren't really "working dogs" were we just two very sweet guys who loved to go to work with Mommy. Earlier this year 9-11-01 showed that hero's come in all shapes sizes and as well as dog breeds. That 4-footed hero's are very special not only to those who they participate in finding, but also to those who worked with them.

Spanner and I were never much good at finding scents (unless they came from the Firehouse kitchen) but we did our service when we spent the night at the station, after a bad call or fire. Spanner and I were the best cuddlers and we had no problem with a firefighter putting his /her arms around us and hugging us and trying to forget. You might say we were "Golden Counselors."

We made an attempt to break every rule at the station, no counter surfing, no stealing turkey while the crew was out on a call on Thanksgiving Day, no lifting legs on the hose, no barking after supper and of course, no men in the female quarters (well except us).

We took pride you might say in being bestowed with the privilege of sleeping with the "Girls", some days there was only Mommy but other days.....Hot dog.....There we 4 women to scratch our heads.....We of course did request for our "watchdog" and companion service a bit of a favor....we always sleep on the bottom bunk....Yup, we banned many a lady to the top bunk bed, while we just snored away on the bottom.

Hey Chief, remember the day we accidentally got locked in the squad and went on the car accident call, much to the surprise of Mommy and the Fire Chief???? We sure looked good with our ears blowing in the wind and howling with the siren on the squad.....Boy do you remember the look on Mommy's face as well as the Fire Chief's face?? Guess he just didn't realize that we were so brave....

Of course, we can't forget about that little sweetie Black Lab with the Golden Heart Mischief...she was a real professional arson dog....she too required the bottom bunk rule...Boy she really used to give Mommy a hard time when she was attending classes, especially when she would cause a near riot for a potty break.....Mommy said she was the only one of her only students that could get away with laying down on the floor and snoring away in class.....

Firehouse dogs come in all sizes and shapes, they have seen bravery, sadness, fear and compassion. They are truly 4 Footed Hero's, they all might work in different aspects, search and rescue, arson, therapy dogs, and stationhouse mascots, but they work hard and do their appointed task with all their heart and soul. Well we must get back to assigned tasks for now.....we'll drop by again real soon.

The Heavenly Fire Brigade of the Rainbow Bridge

Golden Chief and Deputy Dog Chief Spanner