

# Love a Golden Rescue

## Golden News

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### The Adventures of Lucy and Ethel

Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz. They had some wacky adventures in the 1950's and 60's. Even though black and white shows are long gone, Lucy and Ethel have returned... and now, they're having dog rescue adventures. Sit back and enjoy the rollicking, raucous trips that Lucy and Ethel have gone on...

**The Trip That Would Never End**—Lucy and Ethel were headed to the western border of Missouri. Speeding along the highway, stopping at QT for bathroom breaks and soda, there were no mishaps going there. After all, Ethel's van was equipped with a marvelous GPS. The winding roads and the hilly countryside were no problem.

The breeder that was surrendering the golden also raised Japanese Chins. She misunderstood and thought they wanted to get 14 Japanese Chins. Lucy set her straight—1 golden and 1 golden only.

Once they had the golden loaded in the van, the ditzzy duo headed home. The trusty GPS was taking them home a different route. That seemed fine. It was late afternoon by then—perhaps GPS was taking them home a quicker way. When they had been on a two-lane country road for over an hour, with no sign of any small town or even a gas station, they noticed something alarming on the GPS screen.

“ETA—1:18 a.m.”

Lucy shrieked, “We're not getting back home until after 1:00 in the morning?”

Ethel shouted, “That can't be right! Our trip there didn't take eight hours.”

At that point, they were making countless right turns and left turns, and they could even see the highway. They were close enough to smell the exhaust fumes of the traffic hurtling along at 70 + mph... Still Lucy and Ethel were not being directed onto the highway.

Ethel figured out the problem. She hates driving the highway. She prefers the side roads and the scenic route, so when she set the GPS up to go “home,” it reverted to its normal setting: avoid highways. (Thankfully, they were able to get onto the highway, and got back way before 1:18 in the morning...)

**I Gotta Potty... And Whoops, Where's the Keys?**—On this trip, Lucy and Ethel were dropping off a golden with a foster family in Illinois. It involved a trip that took more than an hour... because they got a little lost.

When they finally got on the right stretch of the right street and found the house, Ethel had to go to the bathroom—immediately! Both of the women and the dog tumbled out of the car, and walked up the long, curving path to the front door.

Lucy and Ethel were able to use the foster family's bathroom and spend some time in the lovely backyard. They had a nice long visit chatting about this difficult-to-place golden... and then it was time to head back to St. Louis. The wacky women said their good-byes, headed to the van and started fumbling around for the keys.

They quickly discovered that neither one of them had the keys. Apparently the ladies were too focused on using the bathroom to worry about something unimportant like the keys.

An hour or so later, AAA arrived to get them into the van. This time, the GPS made sure it created the quickest route home... which involved going through a very shady part of the east side.

Thankfully, they got home safely, and from then on, whenever the van is turned off, the keys are always immediately given to Ethel, the most responsible of the pair...

**QT—We're Not in Missouri Anymore**—On this adventure, Lucy and Ethel's destination was way into Kansas. They were meeting an adoptive family from Colorado. This was a new one for the duo, because they were going to spend the night in a motel—along with two golden. (A golden boy was heading to the new home in Colorado, and Miss Daisy was going along for the ride.)

Whenever bathroom breaks were needed, Quik Trip would beckon. Affordable fountain drinks, always-clean restrooms, cheap sandwiches... QT never disappointed.

Once the crazy ladies crossed the Missouri border and were in Kansas, no more QT. It was a totally different bathroom experience.

Because they're extra-careful, when they stopped for lunch or for a human bathroom break, they took turns, with one of them staying in the van. When Ethel would get out, both dogs would race to the side of the van so they could watch her. They'd remain vigilant until Ethel was back in their sights. (Lucy wondered why, when *she* gets out of the car, the dogs couldn't care less...) Lucy remarked, “Ethel, your dogs just love you a lot.”

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## Adventures continued

Once they got to the motel, Lucy tried her best to get the dogs to jump onto the bed. "It's your first time at a motel. Live it up. Order room service." She kept patting her bed and trying to lift the dogs onto the lovely comforter-covered bed. Ethel put an end to Lucy's antics in short order.

This trip—the longest one for Lucy and Ethel—was relatively free of mishaps but very long.

**Too Much to Drink and Too Heavy**—One summer evening, Ethel did the unthinkable. A golden had gotten hit by a car and was in bad shape. Since time was of the essence, and she couldn't find someone to go with her on such short notice, she went to get the dog by herself.

She at least called Lucy, told her the address and made her promise that if she didn't hear from her in two hours, Lucy would call the police.

The owner was quite inebriated. The alcohol fumes were rolling off him like ocean waves. It seems this was his normal state. (His neighbor was the one who had called Ethel.) The neighbor explained—very thoroughly—to the owner what signing the surrender paperwork entailed. The owner knew that Ethel was taking the dog, and the dog would get medical treatment. What he didn't realize was the dog was going immediately into the DWPP—the doggie witness protection program. More about that later...

Ethel was invited into the house where she found a huge golden (130 pounds, when weighed later that day at the vet). The poor old girl had been hit several weeks earlier by the owner in his truck. The dog had not gotten any medical attention. At this point, she couldn't walk at all and she reeked, since she was covered in urine and feces.

How to get this sorry dog into Ethel's van? The owner could barely stand up. There was no way he could help carry the dog. The female neighbor, Ethel and another neighbor (who magically appeared) ended up dragging the dog on a blanket across the room, then carried the dog down the stairs, and somehow they hoisted the hurt golden into the van.

"When you get her fixed, I'll get her back, right?" To this day, Ethel has no idea how she responded... She just remembers she closed the door quickly, burned rubber out of the area and called Lucy so she could meet them at the vet.

The doctors discovered this golden had serious orthopedic issues. She was in excruciating pain. Ethel and the rescue group tried to save the leg, but eventually, it had to be amputated. Now she's 11, has lost significant weight, survived thyroid cancer last year and was long ago adopted... by her foster family.

Oh, and her name was changed... to protect the guilty. When it came to that particular pup, everything was hush-hush. During the months of the dog's surgeries and treatment, Ethel was afraid the owner would sober up and try to get her back.... and that worried Ethel. After all, cats have nine lives, but how many times can a dog survive getting run over by its owner?

So, the next time you consider a trip to drop off a dog or pick up a dog or transport a dog, think of Lucy and Ethel... and feel assured that your trip will probably be uneventful, when compared to *their* adventures.

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## ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

During the recent snowfall, my feet really hurt. They were so sore, and I was unable to continue my walk. Any help you can give for my family would be great.

Lagging Behind 'Cause My Feet Hurt',  
Layla

Dear Lagging Behind Layla,

Here are some tips to help you the next time it snows. The hair on the bottom of your feet should be clipped short to make it even with the pad. That bothersome feet hair should not come in contact with the ground. This will prevent ice balls from forming.

Also, your nails should be kept short. Long nails will force your paws to splay out making it more likely for ice, snow and salt to accumulate between your pads.

In addition, this is a great way to prevent problems from happening: before walking, have your family apply a thin layer of balm onto your pads. After the walk, have your family wipe your paws with a warm washcloth to remove snow, ice, salt and anything else that got onto your feet. Then, they can apply another layer of balm. (Bag Balm is excellent, but petroleum jelly also works well.)

Even though you might be tempted, don't lick your feet after a winter walk. The salt and de-icers are toxic.

I hope this helps you when we have our next snow. Hopefully, with your family's help, the next time the snowflakes fall, you won't be falling behind on your walks due to sore feet. After all, romping in that white stuff is delightful... it should be pure fun and pain-free.

Ever-So-Helpful,  
Elsa

## Presidents Message

Hi,

Thanks to all of you – our loyal volunteers, donors, adoptive homes and friends. This past year was another successful year helping dogs in need.

In 2015, we helped 51 dogs—11 of those were seniors and many needed extensive vet care. Two puppies were born in rescue, and we also helped seven young puppies that we received from breeders. All are happy in their forever homes.

We received 25 females and 26 males—37 were purebred and 14 were golden mixes along with other mixes. Each year the number of goldens and golden mixes dwindles. This is a country-wide trend, a problem that other rescues face. Families would like to adopt a golden, and yet very few goldens come into rescue.

Many golden rescue groups have decided to help goldens in other countries. Countries like Taiwan, Korea, Puerto Rico and Turkey have an overabundance of stray dogs. Love a Golden Rescue, along with many other groups in the U.S., have chosen to help dogs from Turkey. Why do so many dogs in Turkey need to be rescued? The following is a quote from the rescue team in Turkey.

*"There are many homeless dogs in Turkey and not enough room in the shelters for all of them. Because there is no shelter, euthanasia and few adoptions in Turkey, dogs either live out their lives in a shelter or are put on the streets or in the forests after they are spayed or neutered and given rabies vaccines. Golden retrievers don't survive well on the streets. They are not good pack animals and won't fight back, so many are attacked by other dogs, and their survival depends on people helping them."*

In October, our first 3 Turkey dogs arrived. Harry, Truman and Bess are great dogs. All are now adopted into wonderful homes and have quickly adapted to the American way of life. In the spring, we plan to welcome 5 more goldens who will be flying in from Istanbul. This is an expensive endeavor, so we are planning some additional fundraisers to raise the money for this rescue. In April, we are planning a rummage sale in St Charles, and we're going to have a TJ Pizza sale. In May, we're hosting a 5 K run and 1 mile walk. You can find more details about these events in this newsletter.

Mark your calendar for our reunion picnic scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>. We love seeing old friends and the many wonderful goldens.

Golden thoughts,  
Jan

## **PIC ME!** - Two of our goldens that are currently available for adoption

All of our adoptable Goldens can be found on our web site at: [www.loveagolden.com](http://www.loveagolden.com)

**Adele** is one of the most beautiful redheads you will ever see! Not only does she have stunning looks, but she also has one of the happiest, friendliest personalities. She is 8 years old and retired from producing puppies. Now Adele just wants the good life and to be with a human who appreciates a really great companion.



**Gypsy** is nine years old and a fun girl who came to us from a breeder. She likes to follow people around and does well with other dogs. She would love a home where she can just chill out. She loves people, especially women. She can be standoffish with men.



# HAPPY ENDINGS

Barley (formerly Harry)

From Turkey to Kansas City, what a lucky golden.

Barley is a very happy boy and enjoyed visiting his "pack" at my parents' house over Christmas.

His coat is growing in, and he is a great looking boy. He loves to go on walks.



From Turkey with love.

Truman loves car rides! He's doing really great and is settling into the routine. He cracks us up every day. It was raining pretty well here on a Sunday, and he wanted to go out (he ALWAYS wants to go out - HA!)

When he didn't come in right away, I looked in the yard, and he was just sitting in the rain! It was like he had nowhere else he wanted to be! He is a big nut!

Ginger (formerly Bess)

From Turkey to a great home.

Ginger had trouble understanding English but is doing great now. She and the cat were actually playing, not for very long because she got too rough, but it's a start. She just needs to feel secure, and we can see changes in her every day, a little more settled and a little calmer. We get a kick out of the fact that rubbing her chest just about makes her melt and puts her to sleep. I got her an Orca toy, and she loves it.



Alisa (formerly Breeze)

Alisa is doing fine—she's almost 8-months old now. She loves to run around with me outside in the yard. She weighs 43 pounds now and is house trained. She loved the grandkids when they were here over the holidays. She eats well, but fast, so we are working on that.

Liberty is one lucky senior.

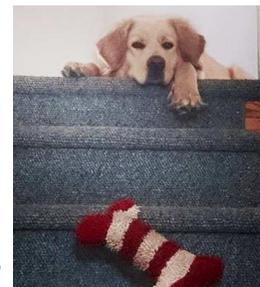


Barley (formerly Prince)

Barley is doing great! He is a big ball of energy. He is getting along okay with big sister Stella, or rather, she tolerates him.

He was on the thin side when he came to us. He has put on a couple pounds but is still slim and trim.

Barley loves his toys and carries them from room to room.



Bert is doing great and getting spoiled every day.



Doug (formerly Ernie)

Doug is doing really well and is such a good dog. He has some of the typical puppy habits, but nothing that time and some guidance won't fix. He is quite healthy and growing fast. He is getting tall. As you can see he loves riding in the car.



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# Happy Endings-CONTINUED

## Dex Doozie

I know you all enjoy hearing about the antics of Dex...and here's his latest.

I came home the other day after only being gone a short while to find scattered boxes of Hamburger Helper ingredients in the living room. I know I made sure the counters were clear before I left, however he found a bag of items I had set aside for a donation to a food pantry. Silly me... I didn't think he would be interested in canned goods or boxes of raw noodles, and I certainly thought he would be more sympathetic when it comes to the needy!

Larry and I searched for the missing ingredients and found them buried in various beds and in the basement couch (I think we are still missing a few).

We didn't get too mad at Dex, because we know how smart he is and figured he just misread the box. Instead of Hamburger Helper, we think he read it as "Hamburger Helpy Selfie", so that's what he did.

Now tonight, Larry said he is convinced that Dex opened the lower kitchen cabinet that holds snacks. He found a bag of Doritos (unopened) on the living room floor. It's funny, he rarely opens the contents. He just hides it in various rooms of the house, so it is a scavenger hunt for us to recover. Now we are putting rubber bands around the door handles to keep him out. It just confirms what I have suspected for a while... Dex is smarter than both Larry and me. I may have to rearrange the contents of cabinets. What's next? Will we have to hide our car keys?



Redford is doing so great! We love him, and he is a perfect addition to our family! Here he is with our 10 year old girl Bailey. They are having so much fun together!

Annie (formerly Miss Peaches) is doing fine. It is amazing how she fills our home and our lives. We almost forgot about that feeling since our last dog died in 2009.

Annie's favorite thing is running like the wind. When she is outside, she is constantly running. She never gets out of my eye sight (or me out of hers) but is constantly pushing the boundaries. The photo is of her with her new toy, a stuffed hot dog. She always manages to carry it with the hot dog facing out and looks cute doing it. It has been 8 weeks since her last grooming, and her coat is filling out again.



Fred was half asleep, watching me take his picture. He usually has a stuffed animal nearby when he falls asleep.

We've been so blessed to welcome Marley into our house. He came to our home as a foster with fur all gnarled and a case of heartworms. He won our hearts. He's where he



belongs, right with us. He wouldn't have it any other way! He is like a typical golden, always wanting to be right by our side. He's so lovable and sweet. When he hears the word "walk" he begins to jump off the floor with all fours in the air! He minds very well, with words like "wait," "stay," "go," "go into crate," and "come." He knows to keep his distance from any food that's not his and never to jump on a stranger. He will bark when there is an unwelcome noise, which is a warning to us to check. He'll come and nuzzle his nose up to your leg and wait to be petted, which he can't get enough of! He's the best companion, and we are so happy we found him at LAGR. He is a perfect house dog, a joy in every way.

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# Happy Endings -continued

Reeses is doing great! We LOVE him! He's such a



good dog. He LOVES his stuffed animals and absolutely loves taking the stuffing out of them. Also, sometimes if we run upstairs for something, as we come back down he greets us with a request to rub his belly :) haha

Sassy LOVES the cool fall weather and chasing falling leaves and the never-to-be-caught squirrels!

I am sending thanks to LAGR for bringing this wonderful girl into our lives.



Skye has been a challenge to potty train, but she has finally got it. She lives with another LAGR senior, and they love to play.



She went to her first puppy class, and she was the star—her family feels like they won the Powerball of the puppy lottery!



Skipper is doing great in his new home.



Prancer is growing fast. Born in late July, he had never seen snow, and he loved it. He goes on lots of walks and is such a cute boy.

## Recent Events

### Volunteer Meeting

In January, volunteers met together for our annual meeting. We played a great "Get to know you" game and got to know more about each other. We reviewed 2015 activities, and Jan gave us the facts and figures about dogs brought in to rescue and dogs adopted. We talked about various activities we will be doing in 2016. We ended the meeting with viewing a video showing all of the dogs adopted in 2015.

# Run for Rescued Retriever<sup>1st Annual</sup>



## Registration Cost:

\$25- Early Registration- by April 30<sup>th</sup>

\$30- May 1-May 7

\*\*Children 12 & under free\*\*

## SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

5K (3.1 Miles) starts at 9:00 a.m.

1 Mile Walk/Fun Run starts at 9:30 a.m.

McDonnell Park, St. Ann, Mo: Lindbergh Shelter

**Dogs:** Well mannered dogs welcome. Please no retractable leashes or flexi-leads.

**Shirts:** T-shirts guaranteed for first 100 paid participants. Shirts are adult sizes only.

**Packet Pickup:** Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>- 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McDonnell Park- Lindbergh Shelter and race day starting at 8:00 a.m.

**Awards:** Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place men and women.

## REGISTRATION

**Online:** <http://www.racesonline.com/events/the-run-for-rescue-retrievers>

**Mail:** Entry forms and checks to LAGR- PO Box 27621, St Louis, MO 63146

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Age on Race Day: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred T-Shirt Size (circle one):** S M L XL

**Waiver of Liability:** In consideration of accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all claims for damages, actions, and causes against McDonnell Park, St. Louis County, Missouri, Love A Golden Rescue, Retrievers & Friends of Saint Louis, Fleet Feet, all sponsors and any individuals or group associated with this event from all claims and liabilities resulting in my participation. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this event. I assume all risks in this event, including, but not limited to, contact with other participants, effects of the weather, road conditions, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Further, I hereby grant permission for the free use of my name and/or any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. (Participants under 18 must have parental signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I cannot participate. Please accept my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ [www.loveagolden.com/5krun.htm](http://www.loveagolden.com/5krun.htm)

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Bear went to the bridge in November 2015. I will never really know what was wrong with him – it happened all so suddenly. The house seems so empty now, he was such a big boy, and I miss him every day.

Today has been a tough day. My sweet girl Violet has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. She has been such a survivor in her life. She spent 5 years with a breeder having little golden puppies. She was rescued by a wonderful group in St Louis called Love a Golden Rescue. After proving to them that I was a worthy person, she joined Harry my other golden and me. She has been a sweet gentle couch potato. Even with her arthritic hips, she would run like a racer with her beautiful feathers flying. When company came to visit, she would make them her new best friend, nudging them with her nose to keep petting her. I hope they have ice cubes in doggie heaven, because she always came running when the freezer door opened. Bone cancer came on quickly. Harry and I will miss her so very much.



It is with a sad heart that I have to tell you that my little angel Bailey passed away Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. In June 2015, she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive blood disorder, IMHA. The staff at Webster Groves Animal Hospital continued efforts for the past 7 months to get her red blood levels higher, but the medication, treatments and blood transfusions were not working as we hoped. She continued to be her happy & silly self, trying to please me and everyone around her, and she did live a good life for the past seven months. She was my life and gave me much joy for as long as I was blessed to have her -- she trained me well... I did what she wanted and gladly did it!



Buffy went to the bridge in October 2015. There was no warning--we were on the deck enjoying snacks, and suddenly she collapsed. We miss her so much. She was the perfect dog, and we have a lot of fond memories. She never let anyone alone until they petted her. She always enjoyed her morning walks in the park.

We wanted to let you know that our gorgeous golden girl Charm went to the Rainbow Bridge this evening. She was 14 years old. We adopted her in March 2011, and she has been such an important part of our family... It was very difficult to let her go! She began to have seizures (thought to be due to a brain tumor) and was not recovering well between them... It progressed quickly, and we didn't want her to continue to suffer. We are extremely grateful to have enjoyed her "golden years" with her... It was such a privilege to care for this wonderful pup! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to love and cherish her... We will never forget our sweet old lady girl!

Today, January 11, 2016, we had to make one of the hardest decisions any true pet owner has to make. We had to send Shamus to the Rainbow Bridge. We adopted Shamus from Love a Golden Rescue about 5 years ago. His foster parents were so awesome. They asked so many questions to see if we were the right people who would give him his forever home. We passed the test ...lol. When they brought him back, we had a large sign on the porch that read, Welcome home, SHAMUS ... THEY HAD NO DOUBT ABOUT us.lol. He gave hugs to Daddy and kisses to me. There is no toenail tapping on our floor upstairs. WE MISS HIM...

Shayla was such a great companion and a wonderful sweet and loving girl. I am missing her so much already. I didn't realize her presence in the house was such a felt sense, but without it, the house feels really empty and lonely.



Hanna--You came to us in June 2006, you were 3 years old and very afraid. Life had dealt you a cruel blow when the family you thought wanted you forever no longer did. We wanted you though, and for 9 ½ years, we had the pleasure of knowing and loving you. If we could describe you Hannah, in 2 words, they would be "Party Girl." You were up for everything, always wanting to have fun. You went to the bridge peacefully, our love surrounding you as you passed from this life.

# Love A Golden Rescue - supporters

Love a Golden Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters who, since the publication of our last newsletter, have given new "forever homes" to our homeless goldens and who have generously helped our Goldens with their financial support, gifts in kind and donated services.

## Adoptions

Mike & Cindy Arnold  
Name held on request  
Ton & Mary Campbell  
Tim & Kristi Mantych  
Sally Blankenship & Jack Smoot  
Gordon & Katie Fry  
Michele Bailey  
Mike & Teresa Sandidge  
Name held on request  
Diane & Les Harmon  
Bob & Bobbie Williams  
Nancy Maxey  
Casey & Zach Busken  
Name held on request  
Graham & Diane McCoy  
Jan & Mike Stengel  
Katie Duffy  
Name held on request  
Mark & Kynda Canada  
Jennifer & Rob Powers

Bert  
Bess  
Breeze  
Ernie  
Goldilocks  
Harry  
Huckleberry  
Jimmy K  
Jo Jo  
Lainey  
Miss Emma  
Prancer  
Prince  
Princess Ross  
Rachel Ray  
Raine  
Redford  
Seamus  
Skye  
Truman

## Foster Buddies

Andrea Belgrade  
Michele Bailey  
Keith Newcomb  
Gabriella Stuart

Bess  
Harley  
Molly Malone  
Skye, Raine & Breeze

Ron & Betty Rottman  
Mis Tyler  
Barbara Stevens Robinson  
Russell & Barbara Crowder  
Phil Fitzgerald  
Catherine Braum  
Robert Lynch  
Patty Kelley  
Sue Meyer  
Gabriella Stuart

Truman  
Turkey Dogs  
Turkey Dogs

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Ronda Cramer  
Ruby & Joe Blair  
Sally Baxter  
Sandra & Doug Turmail  
Scott Garavaglia  
Sue Hall  
Tom & Dee Dickinson  
Virginia Caramico

## In Memory and Honor

The Strahom Family	In honor of Chloe
Sharon Pierson	In honor of Clifford Rain
Amanda Bell	In honor of Mike & Lynn Hert
Rosemary Lambert	In honor of Tango
Ron Edwards	In honor of Heberle Family
Kathleen & David Noce	In memory of Bree
Allison Whittier	In memory of Banshee
Fred & Alison Bauer	In memory of beloved golden girl Daisey
Sharon Pierson	In memory of Brandy Pierson
Patricia Rushing	In memory of Fergie
Greg & Kathleen Sump	In memory of Hannah
Therapy dog friends	In memory of Honey Bear
Wayne & Marilyn Moliter	In memory of Jacqueline Beck
Wayne & Marilyn Moliter	In memory of Leilant
Sue Hall	In memory of Shayla

## Grants

April Fund Jo Jo, Adele  
April Fund Skye, Raine & Breeze  
April Fund Bert & Ernie

*The Goldens Thank You*

## Shaving Your Pet in Hot Weather

Summer is coming, and temperatures are going to be heating up nationwide. We know that as a responsible pet parent, you want to do everything you can to keep your best four-legged friends cool. So when you look at your pomeranian, golden retriever or long-haired cat wearing a thick, fluffy coat, you might feel tempted to break out your grooming tools and give them a serious haircut. But hold those clippers! While you or I would hate to sport a fur coat in 100-degree weather, your pets' fur coats are actually providing them with heat relief.

"A dog's coat is kind of like insulation for your house," explains Dr. Louise Murray, Vice President of the ASPCA Animal Hospital. "Insulation stops your home from getting too cold in winter, but it also keeps it from overheating in summer—and your dog's coat does the same thing."

Dogs' coats have several layers, and these layers are essential to your dog's comfort in the heat. Robbing your dog of this natural cooling system can lead to discomfort and overheating. Keeping your dog cool isn't the only reason to leave his coat intact, Dr. Murray warns. Your dog's coat prevents your pup from getting sunburn and helps protect them from skin cancer. So what can you do? It is okay to give your long-haired dog a "summer cut"—trimming her long hair may make it more manageable. It is best to allow a professional groomer to perform the haircutting. Never shave down to the skin or try to cut the hair yourself with scissors.

If you prefer not to cut your dog's hair, that's fine. Dogs with thick coats naturally shed, so that they have a lighter coat in the summer. Remember to brush your dog's fur and bathe them frequently since clean, brushed fur allows for better air circulation.

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**Rummage SALE**

**Bake Sale**

**Raffle Baskets**

**Saturday, April 2nd  
8:00am to 1:00pm**

4,000 sq/ft of fantastic INDOOR bargains!!  
Plenty of household items, clothing, kids items  
and so much more!!!

Retrievers & Friends of Saint Louis

Love a Golden Rescue

ASPCA

*One man's junk is another man's treasure!!*

**Time to start thinking about cleaning out your attics, basements, garages and storages units to help support three great rescues!!!**

**Rummage Sale donation items will gladly be accepted starting March 27th!!**

Contact: Tracy at 636-947-3777  
or email: 4thepibbles@gmail.com

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2, 2016**

**Think Spring! Spring cleaning, that is.**

We're planning a rummage sale on April 2, 2016, from 8:00-1:00. We will be partnering with two other rescues and Paws For Play. This means that we'll have lots of exposure - four websites, four Facebook pages and four mailing lists. If you'd like to participate, please contact Michele at [michele.bailey@bryancave.com](mailto:michele.bailey@bryancave.com). You can come sell with us (preferred), or we can arrange for you to drop your items off with one of our other volunteers. If you sell with us, we ask all proceeds be donated to LAGR, as it is a fund raiser. Everything not sold will be donated to charity immediately after the sale. The sale will be at Paws For Play, 1714 Scherer Pkwy, St Charles, MO. 63303.

**Tuesday May 3, 2016**

Mark your Calendar for the 2016 Give STL day!  
This will be Love a Golden Rescue's third year participating, and we are excited to make the experience even more successful than 2015.

**Saturday, May 7th**

5 K Run and 1 mile Fun Walk  
McDonnell Park  
2961 Adie Road  
St Ann, Mo.

(Please see the flyer on page 7)  
or follow this link

<http://loveagolden.com/images/5KRunFlyer.pdf>

## Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden's.

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.

Love A Golden Rescue  
P.O. Box 27621  
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[www.loveagolden.com/newsletter.htm](http://www.loveagolden.com/newsletter.htm)

To have the newsletter mailed to you, please drop a note to one of our addresses listed below.

**Interested in volunteering with Love a Golden Rescue?**  
Fill out a volunteer application form on-line at: [www.loveagolden.com/volunteerform.htm](http://www.loveagolden.com/volunteerform.htm)  
or send an e-mail to [volunteer@loveagolden.com](mailto:volunteer@loveagolden.com)

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