

Love a Golden Rescue

Golden News

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Three Sweet Sisters

Right before this past Thanksgiving, Love a Golden Rescue got a call from another rescue.

“Can you take three 8-year old females? They’re sisters... from a breeder.” My mouth agreed to take them, my heart was willing, but my mind wondered. Where were we going to put them, and how much “baggage” did they have?

We picked them up in the Fort Leonard Wood area. One was confident, one was a mixture of shyness and confidence, and one was completely shut down. All three were overweight.

The car ride home was smelly. The girls brought the stink of their kennels along with them. Thankfully, they were all good in the car.

As always, their first stop was the vet. Since they seemed like healthy dogs—just a little heavy—they went to boarding to chill out for a few days. At Westinn, their spa treatment started with baths... and time to get acclimated to life in a clean, loving place.

We named them Ivy, Eve and Joy.

The sisters went to foster homes and soon were adopted. This is the story of how these sisters found their forever homes.

Ivy was the most outgoing of the three. I fostered her, and she got along well with my herd. One of our LAGR families had lost their beloved golden and were looking for another older dog. I filled them in on Ivy. Gail and her husband met this beautiful red-head at the vet on the day her spay stitches were removed and fell in love.

An update from Ivy’s forever home: Her nickname is Ivy Patch, and she’s learning how to be a spoiled pet from her brother, Pokey the Puppy (a terrier mix). “She lies next to me on the bed, so I can read while I pet her and love her.” This old girl had no idea how to be on a leash, so they are taking it a little at a time... a mile every day, and they walk in the park like normal families and their pets do. At first, she had to be coaxed to get in the car. Not long ago, Ivy pushed Pokey aside, so she could get in the car first.

“For being such a scaredy-cat when we first got her, in just a couple of weeks, we are seeing her blossom.” Ivy’s almost caught a couple of squirrels and has even gotten comfortable enough that she stole some food off the bedside table—when Gail was right beside her on the bed. “I wondered what happened, but then I saw the green beans dripping out the side of her mouth, and I had to laugh. I couldn’t be mad at her.”

Gail says, “We absolutely love Ivy. We had Sassy Pants for two years. When we lost her, it broke our hearts. I got so emotional, but it’s like Sassy sent Ivy to me.”

It also sounds like someone sent Gail and her husband to Ivy...



Joy, the sister who had completely shut down, is now Josie. Rita and Lois had lost Callie. Luckily, they still had Paris but were worried Paris (who also came from a breeder and LAGR) would regress without a canine friend around. However, did they want a senior? Could they stand to lose another dog so soon after Callie?

Josie’s moms said, “You never know how long you’ll have them. Josie was a little older than the dog we envisioned, but even a young dog could develop cancer.” Knowing there’s never any guarantees, they gambled... and won big-time with the sister they adopted.

It sounds like Josie knows she’s finally home...

Eve, the sister that was a combination of shyness and confidence is now Ginger and has a canine sister (Gypsy, a chocolate lab from a breeder and LAGR) and two canine brothers. Ginger digs giant holes, which is probably great fun for a dog that never got the chance to dig in the dirt. A big yard compared to a narrow concrete run? This is heaven for a dog who previously knew nothing but the life of a breeder girl.

She watches her four-legged sister and one of her brothers as they play, and she’s getting closer and closer to joining them.

Ginger loves everyone she meets and is a real couch potato. She’s terrified of the car and is scared of balls, but with time, she’ll get comfortable. “She sees Clifford and Gypsy playing with a ball and probably wonders why they aren’t frightened. She’ll come around,” says Barb, her mom. Barb laughed. “I’m going to have to get a video of her. She’s so funny. When I get up, Ginger smiles and dances around. She grabs my sleeve, closes her eyes and smiles as she continues to dance. She’s just a sweet dog.”

All three of these senior girls are sweet. Thankfully, in just a short time they’ve found a sweet life in their forever homes...



Presidents Message

Hi,

This year we have taken in 3 dogs as of February 12th. Sammuell is heartworm positive around 2 ½ years old. Ripley is an 11 ½ year old beautiful, active girl. She is spunky for her age and loves water. Hamish is an energetic 8 ½ year old. He's an active red dog--a well-trained, great boy. All three were owner surrenders.

In 2016, we took in 51 dogs; 27 of those were females, 24 were males, 37 were purebred and 14 were mixes. Of the 51 dogs last year, 21 were owner surrenders, 3 came from shelters, 9 were from breeders, 4 were born in rescue and 14 were flown in from Turkey. Their ages ranged from newborn to 12 years old. This year we will again take a few dogs from Turkey. The first 4 will arrive at the end of April.

We find the number of dogs we receive has declined in the last 5 years. However the condition of the dogs is generally worse, which means the dogs require more vetting and more extensive care.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful people adopt our dogs, and we thank you. Seeing dogs come to us in pathetic shape, it's heartwarming to see them blossom in their forever homes.

Our 5 K run is scheduled for May 27th at Creve Coeur Park. This year, we are again partnering with Retrievers and Friends for this event. Last year was such a great success. Be on the lookout for more info.

We will again host our trivia night on August 19th in St Charles which is always a fun evening. Also please mark your calendar for our annual Reunion Picnic, a highlight of our year, which is scheduled for September 16th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights.

We are in desperate need of foster homes and new volunteers. Please consider opening up your home to a dog on a temporary basis or joining us as a volunteer. We ask volunteers to do two things a year, things as simple as baking dog treats, making baskets for trivia or getting more involved such as doing home visits. Currently, we are in need of volunteers to help with our 5 K run.

Thank you all for your support, your generosity and the love you show these wonderful dogs.

Golden thoughts

Jan

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

I heard that if I have a black spot on my tongue, I may be a descendant to a chow chow. People see the dark spot and say, "You must be part chow." I'm not (not that anything's wrong with a chow). I'm a golden retriever, and I think every dog in my family tree is a golden. Do you know if this is true? Does one spot on my tongue guarantee I'm part chow? I'm a very handsome golden retriever, and think my multi-colored tongue is quite fetching.

Sincerely,
Charlie

Dear Charlie,

This is not true. The chow chow is an ancient breed and the origin of the "black tongue" rumor is a mystery. The chow is not the only breed with a blue-black tongue. For example, Chinese shar pei dogs also have this trait. Spots on tongues are simply deposits of extra pigment, like birthmarks and freckles on people. Dogs often have spots of dark pigment on their skin hiding under their coats. These spots can be large or small, many or few.

For example Tater, the mom of "Tater's tots," has a black spot on her tongue. Most of the dogs in that litter also have a black spot on their tongues. Those dogs are all gold--Tater is a full-blooded golden, and their daddy was also.

I hope this information is helpful. Next time someone stops you and talks about your tongue, tell them, "I am one colorful guy. My fur is golden, my tongue is pink and black and my heart... and my heart is pure gold."

Ever-so-intrigued,
Elsa

The antics of Dex

We have concluded this year that Dex is a really smart dog ora magician.

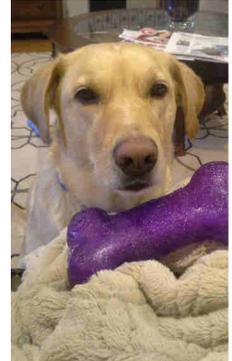
The Friday after Thanksgiving, Larry and I were headed out to dinner, and I purposely moved the leftover pie (containing two pieces) safely out of his reach. I put it on a wide counter Dex has never explored and elevated it on a high shelf, just to be safe. Given his history of counter surfing, we move items out of his long arm reach. There were bar stools with high backs blocking it for added protection. I felt very confident and looked forward to that pumpkin pie as perhaps a midnight snack or for dessert the next day.

When we came home, we found the empty pie dish on the kitchen floor. It was turned upside down and licked clean but UNBROKEN. What amazes us is how he got it to the floor without breaking the dish. Our floor is ceramic tile, and it was a glass pie dish. I have never dropped anything without either a broken dish or a cracked tile. Once again, we were left scratching our heads....and laughing. How did he do it?

I have decided that once he accessed the probability of breaking the dish and losing out on the pie, he must have gotten some pot holders out of the drawer and put them on before carefully lowering the dish to the floor. Of course, every piece of pumpkin pie needs to be topped with whipped cream, right? I am sure he remembered seeing me put that Ready Whip in the door of the refrigerator and helped himself. After he enjoyed that wonderful pumpkin pie, he put the oven mitts back in the drawer where they belonged (like a good dog would).



He is pretty resourceful, and I put nothing past him. I wish we had a security camera for that one!



PIC ME! - One of our goldens that is currently available for adoption

All of our adoptable goldens can be found on our web site at: www.loveagolden.com

Karmer is estimated to be 2 years old. He is a sweet boy and has learned a lot since coming to rescue. His new home should be a place where someone is home most of the time as he loves his people. Karmer needs love and understanding.



HAPPY ENDINGS



Redford is great! It's been a fast year with ups and downs. Redford has had some serious anxiety issues, which I feel we are finally getting a handle on, thanks to our vet and trainer. Luckily, he is a sweet boy, and we love him when he is not being crazy!



Wilson is doing great, a wonderful snuggly guy.



We just love Reeses. He has fit in perfectly with our lifestyle. He loves to play and take short walks. He loves to snooze on the couch when we are watching TV or lay on his animals when we are busy around the house.



Sophie Rose (formerly Faith) is doing great in her new home.

We are enjoying Logan (formerly Jacob) being part of our family!



Jimmy is doing great! He frequently rolls on his back and "plays" with his stuffed toy or green bone (the original he had when we got him). It is adorable. He's like a puppy and is so sweet. He continues on his thyroid meds, and his weight is very good. Our younger son takes him on walks after school every day. They also play fetch in the back yard. In all, we feel very lucky to have this handsome sweet furry boy as a member of our family.

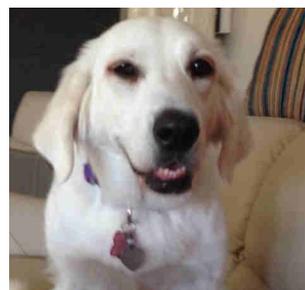


Tuk Tuk turned 9 years old on November 5th, but he still acts like a young dog! He really enjoys sitting on the front porch watching the world go by.



Boris (formerly Charlie) loves meeting new people and is doing great in his new home.

Ginger (formerly Bess) could not be a more valued family member. When she gets her nightly walks, she charms everyone. She is so social that people in the neighborhood stop whatever they are doing to come and pet her and talk to her.



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Happy Endings-CONTINUED

Truman is just awesome! He's so easygoing and laid-back and has such a sweet personality. Every time we ask him if he wants to go for a walk, he literally starts hopping up and down, he's so excited!



Adele is a lucky girl wintering in Arizona.



Cooper (formerly McGee) "Coop" is doing great here in Macomb. We are so happy he's here with us. He is getting more comfortable every day. I think he will be very happy here, but we are the lucky ones to have him.



Bella (formerly Sayda) is doing great.



Louise (formerly Blondie) is a lovely dog. She gets more and more comfortable and crazy as time goes on! We adore her.



Doug is doing fantastic! He is a perfect fit for our family and a hit with our neighbors. Doug and John, who we adopted from Love A Golden Rescue about 6 years ago, are quite the pair. They get along so well and have become "best friends," although Doug has more energy than John.

Josie (formerly Sally) is absolutely wonderful. She loves spending time outside. We take a walk every day, sometimes two.



Kai, a Tater tot celebrating Halloween.



Charlie (formerly Coach) is doing awesome. He and my husband found an early morning play group at the park down the street, so he's made several new friends that he likes to run around with. He's as sweet as ever, but I still can't trust him home alone with any clothing within reach, as he loves to chew up underwear. We've learned to pick up after ourselves.

Ben is doing great. He usually goes to work with me every day. I sometimes take him to doggy daycare. He's darling, and everyone who meets him just loves him! Especially me!



Recent Events

Half Price Books

For the last two years, we've been fortunate. Half Price Books--at their Chesterfield and University City locations--have given us floor space right by their front door, so we can do gift wrapping at Christmas. They supply the table and chairs, the wrapping paper and sometimes even the bows, the ribbons and the tags. Regular announcements over the intercom remind book browsers that "Love a Golden Rescue is with us to wrap gifts. It's free of charge, but they will gratefully take donations. Stop by and say hi to the volunteers and the LAGR dog on duty"



Half Price Books also donates to Love a Golden Rescue all-year long. There is a container by the register at each book store for donations, and Love a Golden Rescue gets that change. (You'd be surprised how much that adds up.)

The managers and the staff love our dogs, and we love Half Price Books.

Photos with Santa

In December, we held a "Photo with Santa" event. Thank you to all who came by for photos. It was a lot of fun. In the photo are some of our helpers who all got into the holiday mood. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help.



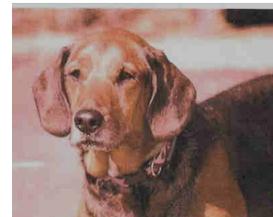
Pattonville Craft Fair

Each year the first Saturday in December, you will find LAGR selling treats and gift baskets at the Pattonville Craft Fair. We have done this for over 12 years. We have regular customers who seek us out to buy their presents for four legged friends. We sell both dog and cat baskets. We have other customers who come to buy our treats baked by volunteers. The volunteers in the photo are ready for customers.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Daphane was part of a golden retriever/beagle litter born in 2004. Sadly Daphane went to the bridge soon after she was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Daphane accepted many different pets into her forever home and was their "mother." She is sadly missed by her family.



We adopted Callie (formerly Anna) in January 2009, and she was our first LAGR golden. She joined our other beloved golden, Jessie, and they became wonderful companions for each other. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Callie on December 30, 2016. She became sick very suddenly the day before and grew weaker as the day went on. An emergency visit to our vet that afternoon and then to Veterinary Specialty Services for an ultrasound revealed that her gallbladder was in danger of rupturing, and that she had masses in her stomach, bladder and adrenal glands. Hearts breaking, we knew that it was time to let her go. She was always so sweet and gentle (giving new meaning to the words "laid back"). We called her "Velcro Girl" because she would come and sit, lay or stand/lean next to one of us to be petted and let us know that she was there. She just wanted to be loved - and she was, very much. We miss her and are so grateful for the beautiful life she shared with us for eight wonderful years.



We adopted Burke in January 2005. On September 22nd, I had to put Burke to sleep. He had a tumor in his spleen that had ruptured, and I had no choice. He was such an amazing dog, and I am so heart broken. Burke added so much joy, love and happiness to my life.



Bailey ESQ. I wanted to let you know that Bailey crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. My gentle giant had struggled walking lately, and his back legs finally gave out. Bailey was such a sweet boy. He loved sleeping in bed for his bonding time, and he loved his Milk Bones. He would speak to me when he wanted the treats, and I wasn't moving fast enough. For living with me just a short time, it's amazing how quickly they work their way into your heart.



On December 1st we had to say a very hard goodbye to this sweet amazing girl! We were fortunate to have many years with her, and she blessed our hearts with so much love and joy. We love you Baker. You will always be missed and in our hearts forever!

Cooper was adopted in 2009, he passed away in December at the grand age of 17.

Porky was part of a litter rescued in 2006; sadly he went to the bridge on December 7, 2016.

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IN LOVING MEMORY - continued

We had to take our big, handsome boy, Drew, to cross the bridge on January 20th. For 6 plus years, he blessed our lives. The problem came on suddenly, and things went way too fast. He had lymphoma in a place that was untreatable. We miss him terribly but have lots of good memories. Thanks LAGR for giving us the opportunity to give him a forever home.



We lost a sweet family member on November 7, 2016. Sadie was a great girl.

I'm writing to you to tell you Timber lost his battle with cancer on December 19th. It's been very hard lately. Timber had a personality that I have never seen before. He came to rescue in 2009.



After battling with megaesophagus and cancer for over a year, we lost our Little Bear. Just 24 hours before his death, he seemed quite healthy, but his health took a very sudden turn. The day before, he spent his time relaxing and chasing chickens in the backyard. He is deeply missed by both me his dad and me. We couldn't have asked for a better son, and we are so grateful that we were given the chance to foster and adopt him. We love him more than anything in the world.

On Sunday, November 27th, Sassy (Sassypants) left us and went to the bridge leaving us heartbroken and sad. We adopted her when she was eight years old, and she left us only two years later at the age of 10. She was fine Sunday morning playing with her buddy. She came inside, laid down and died. It was so sudden, we are still in shock. I tried to revive her, unsuccessfully.

I keep expecting to see our wonderful companion and friend come to me for her daily belly rubs.

I am glad she did not suffer. She is missed by her doggie partner who is walking around the house looking for her. He even has been sleeping in Sassy's bed.

In the last newsletter, she was in Happy Endings....now she is in Loving Memory.



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

Ellen & Barney Combs	Alex
Tim & Lisa Custalow	Charley
Mark & Debbie Hohenshell	Dudley
Barb Rain	Eve
Gail & David Ford	Ivy
Bob & Ellen Teller	Jacob
Rita Lippert & Lois Koenen	Joy
Brad & Barb Douglas	Lou Lou
Michele Bailey	Maximillian
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Mary Greaves	Sage
Sherry & Tom Brock	Sugar
Linda & Dennis Petersen	Torrie
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Foster Buddies

Gabriella Stuart	Cole
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Emel	Yogi

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April Fund Charley

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In Memory and Honor

In honor of **Barb Hammond** David Combs
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Joseph Cappello
Catrina Rehm
Michele Bailey
Hays Fluid Controls
Gregory LaFontain
In memory of **Shadow** Cheryl Crays

The Goldens Thank You

Upcoming Events

Run 4 Rescued Retrievers

Registration Cost:

\$25- Early Registration- by May 19th

****After this date, T-shirt is not guaranteed****

\$30- Day of Race

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

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

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

Location Creve Coeur Park 13725 Marine Ave, Maryland Heights, MO (**Tremayne Shelter**)

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

Awards: Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place adult men and women and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for children under 12.

Online: <https://racesonline.com/events/the-run-for-rescue-retrievers/registration>

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 Creve Coeur 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 _____ <http://www.run4rescuedretrievers.com/>

If you have question, please email: info@run4rescuedretrievers.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

5K Run & 1Mile Fun Walk

May 27, 2017

Creve Coeur Park Maryland Heights, MO
(Tremayne Shelter, Sailboat cove)

8:00am Registration

9:00am Run Start Time

Please see the flyer on page 10 of this newsletter for further information

Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden Retrievers.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

Saturday June 10, 2017

11:00am - 2:00pm

Treats Unleashed; Meet & Greet

2520 Highway K (Plaza at Hutchings Farm Shopping Mall)
O'Fallon, MO

Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM
PETCO in St. Charles located near Zumbuhl and Hwy 70.

Last Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM
PETCO located in Creve Coeur at Olive and Ross
in the Heritage Place Shopping Center.

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