

Love a Golden Rescue

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Loyal Friend of LAGR



Love a Golden Rescue has many loyal friends and donors, and to each of you faithful friends and generous donors, Love a Golden Rescue thanks you. We have recently lost yet another wonderful person. Not long ago, we lost Kathy Rizzo, who was born on January 23, 1959 and died on August 6, 2019.

Kathy would call Love a Golden Rescue and ask, "Who do you have who is special needs... an older dog... a dog that has little hope of being adopted?" She wasn't interested in the "perfect" goldens. She didn't want to adopt a show golden--a young, gorgeous golden, the kind of dog that most people dream of. Kathy loved the underdog dogs--the dogs that wouldn't have found a forever home without Kathy adopting them.

Over the years, many dogs basked in the sunshine of Kathy's love and attention. The following are memories of their eight very fortunate dogs, as told by Paul, Kathy's husband. These eight goldens found their wonderful forever home with Kathy and Paul in northern Illinois.

Kathy and Paul first adopted from Love a Golden Rescue in 2005, and their last (Isaac) was adopted in 2018. All of their goldens have already gone to the Rainbow Bridge. Everyone who knows Kathy knows that now Kathy is surrounded by her herd of goldens, and she's giving them treats and giving them love and taking them along with her as she does her work in heaven.

Here is Paul's memories of Kathy and their goldens:

Shredder and Abbygirl were our first senior/special needs rescues, and they couldn't have had more different personalities.



Shredder was the sweetest, most gentle big boy who just loved to have his paws held and rubbed. His favorite treat was marshmallow Circus Peanuts. Abby was a different story. She was our miniature golden, and she was feisty! She was blind, and eventually we had to have her eyes removed completely, but that didn't slow her down at all. She went to work with Kathy every day.



Taylor was probably the most beautiful golden I've ever seen. However, he was also the most challenging dog we ever had. He suffered from seizures and was on a lot of powerful medications, but we still loved him as much as all the others. Kathy even made homemade dog food for him, because it helped minimize his seizures--that's how dedicated she was.



George. What can I say about George? He had bad separation anxiety, so Kathy took him to work with her every day. He was our little escape artist--a regular Houdini. The funniest thing he would do is if we were outside working in the yard, he would jump up on the screen door and let himself out, and then



when he got bored, he would do the same thing and let himself back in.

Dolly wasn't with us for long, but she made us smile a lot. She had a big personality, and because she was so long and tall (something we weren't used to), she got lots of treats off the kitchen counter that she would just help herself to.



Levi was our clown. He was a big sweet boy who had really bad allergies and was probably miserable most of his life, but you would never know it by how goofy he was. He also went to work with Kathy every day.

Chief was definitely Kathy's dog. He was also a mini golden and was never far from Kathy's side. He also loved going to work with Kathy and Levi.



Isaac was our big goof ball. We didn't have him for long, but he was the perfect golden and had the best personality. Before he came to LAGR, he got hit by a car when he was one year old and had a crushed pelvis. As a result, he walked with a little hitch, but that didn't stop him from getting up the stairs every night to sleep with us.



What lesson might we learn from Kathy's life? We might realize that even if a dog is older, or has some medical issues, or has some problems walking or problems being away from their people might mean other people label them as "imperfect" ... and yet that not-quite-perfect dog might be the perfect dog to adopt.

And what lesson might we learn from Kathy's all-too-early passing? Time is precious. We're never guaranteed a set time on this earth. Take advantage of today. Savor every moment... and love the people and the pets that surround you.

Keeper's Corner

Recently Love a Golden Rescue got a dog from a breeder. This dog lacked confidence. Now me, I don't lack a bit of self-confidence. After all, it takes a dog with swagger to survive getting run over by a lawnmower (and that happened to me when I was a puppy). I strut around my house knowing what a find I am, what a "keeper" I am. But not all dogs are as confident as I am.

Well, back to this dog from a breeder. Her name is Winter. After some time had passed, Winter's foster mom took her to a nose class. She had learned this builds confidence in dogs. Winter excelled and loved it. She is now doing really well in her forever home.

Nose work involves games that helps dogs focus on smells. While they're engaged in these activities, they gain confidence by finding the hidden treat, be it food or a favorite toy.

When I was younger, I went to nose class, and I loved it. It was a challenge that I looked forward to. I loved finding those hidden treats. So, you might ask yourself, "Can I do this at home, or do I have to go to one of the many classes offered?" I would suggest trying it out at home, and if you and your people really enjoy it, then you can go to a class. Here are some helpful hints for your two-leggers to keep in mind:

Start with shoe boxes with holes cut into the lids.

Place a treat or favorite toy in one of the boxes.

Say "find it" before releasing your dog to search.

Praise and reward your dog when they are successful.

Start in a quiet room with a few boxes, then gradually add additional boxes and put treats in half of them. This will make the search more fun.

Once this is mastered, you can hide things in your home and say "Find it", and it becomes a game of hide and seek. I have heard as long as it is marked with a scent, dogs can even find keys and the remote.

Have fun, and if your people want to research nose classes more extensively, there is lots more info on the internet.



Presidents Message

It is hard to believe; we are in the last quarter of 2019. Where does the time go? We have been incredibly busy since the last newsletter—our trivia night was a great success, and everyone had a lot of fun while helping out goldens.

Our reunion picnic was on September 21st. The rain held off and the day was so much fun. We loved seeing so many dogs in fancy hats, as well as our volunteers and guests who wore hats or fascinators. Two of those fascinators were the real deal—all the way from England. The dogs were on their best behavior and had fun doing the games. The picnic was enjoyed by dogs of all ages, from a four-month puppy to seniors.

To date, we have taken in 37 dogs this year. However, the number of goldens are still down. We currently have a chocolate lab who needs a forever home. Cadbury is a young and fun dog. At the beginning of November, we will take in four dogs from Turkey. There continues to be a real need to help these dogs as well as from South Korea and China. We have not ventured into getting dogs from China but have taken a few from Korea. Seba is one of those. He is anxious to find his forever home. <http://www.loveagolden.com/Seba.htm>

December is always a busy month for us. We sell dog treats and gift baskets at Pattonville Craft Fair on December 7th. The following day, we will be doing photos with Santa (see the flyer in this newsletter). We will be gift and book wrapping at all three Half-Price Book stores on Black Friday and Saturday, along with the weekends before Christmas and Christmas Eve. Come and say hi—it's a fun store to head to when you need to do some holiday shopping.

Thank you to all who have supported LAGR in many different ways, be it adopter, donor, volunteer or foster home—without all of you, things just would not fall into place.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

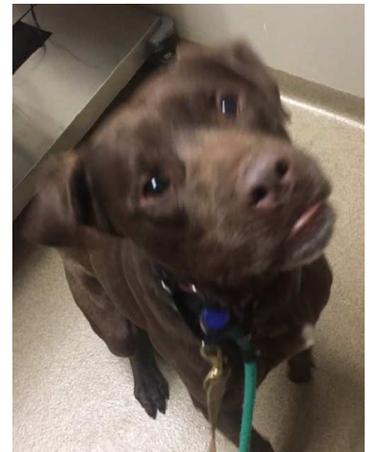
PICK ME! - Two of our goldens that are currently available for adoption

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

Seba came from South Korea, but it didn't take long for him to learn to sit (for a treat) and he knows "no." He is estimated to be 2 years old, and we think he is a springer/golden mix. Seba recently went to a doggie swim party. Although he did prance around in the water, most of the time he went from person to person and group to group getting petted. He's 48 pounds of love. He is a huge love-bug and adores getting attention.



Cadbury is a sweet dog. I find him very easy on a leash. He is absolutely the best bed sleeper. He lays there calmly all night. He has to have plenty of toys to tear up and chew on. He catches balls well and brings them back. He is great in the car and can travel more than 3 hours quite well. He enjoys his outside time and doesn't have interest in chasing critters. He will make a loyal friend and appears to be very easy to train.



Happy Endings

Chloe formerly Nellie is doing great! We love her tremendously. She is making strides every single day. Sometimes they're not fast enough for me. She is still very nervous, although it is nothing like when she first came to us. I pray one day that she will forget the bad things that happened to her. She needs



Cooper formerly Andy he is her rock.



Odin formerly Danny came from Turkey in the spring of 2018. He has a wonderful home and he gets to go and chill at the lake which he loves.

Brock formerly Porter is doing pretty good. We still have issues with counter surfing, but I think it is getting better. He is really a great dog.



Courtney's one-year gotcha day in August. We are so grateful every day for this sweet and sassy little gal! She has such a fun personality and everyone who meets her thinks she is just the best, and so do we. She had some big challenges when she came to Love a Golden Rescue (heartworm positive, emergency pyometria surgery and just very poor health) on top of her previous owners selling her with their house (not in a million years will we ever understand that idea).

Our hearts were hurting badly after losing our dear Wilson unexpectedly last year, however Courtney worked her magic to help heal us.

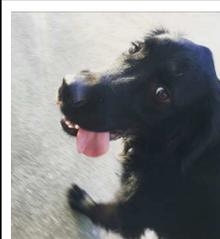
This photo of Courtney shows her enjoying one of her favorite "hobbies"... hanging out on the deck with us, smelling all the good smells and watching the world go by. Her other faves are going for walks, and working hard to keep the squirrels out of her yard. When we're doing yard work, Courtney likes to pick a shady spot to keep an eye on us and looks around as if to say, "Yep, this is the good life!" She loves everyone she meets, especially kids.

We love this girl so much... Courtney has completely stolen our hearts! ❤️❤️🐾



Bailey, formerly Maisey, loves to snuggle up on the couch to sleep. I cannot believe it's only been one year. It seems like she's always been a part

Annie formerly Peaches is at work with her mom!



Bruno, aka Mr. Personality, Booger, Fluffy Butt.... this kid has taken up not only all of my data in photos, but our hearts as well. Still can't believe this momma's boy has made our lives better than we could have ever imagined. His brother loves him too, and they are ALWAYS following each other around.



If you remember Logan formerly Jacob, the wild man, we need to let you know that he has made so much progress! He is a delightful and loving golden who is very sweet and calm in t'e house and generally outside too.

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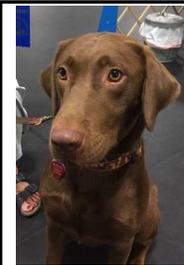
Happy Endings-CONTINUED



Dilly's puppies turned one in August, a great group of doodles.



Freya formerly Laney is doing very well. We are all in love with her and her affectionate ways. She's a big hugger/leaner.



Lou passed his CGC test!

Hannah has adjusted to her new home and is doing well. She is very affectionate and follows me everywhere in the house.



Mandy was one of our golden beagle litter born in 2004.



Louie is doing great! I can't believe it's been a whole year since we were lucky enough to adopt him. He is so silly, loves to play with other dogs, and is super affectionate.



Roy is doing great. He loves to play with Newton and cuddle with me. He seems really comfortable with us. We are already all in love with him. He is a perfect dog.

Murlin came to us as a 138-pound golden retriever. He has lost a lot of weight and is doing great in his forever home with a LAGR alumni.



Pedro is a very happy boy. He loves his walks, playing with other dogs, and he loves his mom! He is still not sure about other people, but that's ok. Thank you, Love a Golden Rescue!



Sandy is still plugging away! She is more animated and sassier and demanding than ever before, which surely means she is feeling right at home! She always wants to be in the room with us and stays very close to her golden sister Bella.

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Happy Endings_{-continued}

**Because Of You
TIPPETT**



**I have a new song in my heart
Just when I thought I forgot how to sing
I have a reason to get up in the morning
Instead of hitting my emotional snooze button**



**BECAUSE OF YOU
I want to run and jump and be out-
doors again
Whereas before my sunrises and
sunsets blurred together, my days
undistinguished
I have a reason to return home
with a purpose
When my home was becoming just
a shell with four walls
BECAUSE OF YOU**

**The pain isn't quite as unbearable
When I think of Kava and Aspen
BECAUSE OF YOU
My tears can fall fully and freely
Without the fear of being consumed by them**

BECAUSE YOU ARE NEXT TO ME NOW 💧

Trina, formerly Bacall from Turkey is celebrating 2 years in her forever home. Attached are some recent pics of her and her sister if you'd like to share. I just wanted to let you know she has brought such life back into this home. My 12 1/2-year-old golden has been somewhat of a mother to her, teaching her the ropes of what she can and can't do in this American home. Trina is still just a ball of spunk. She loves to play, loves cuddling with me, loves her walks and enjoys her car rides. She got to go on two vacations this year out to Colorado and is a great travel partner with Tessa and me. She has been living life to the fullest here, and I am forever grateful to Love a Golden Rescue for letting her be a part of my family.



Lucca is wonderful! We love him so much - it seems like he has been with us forever.

Recent Events

Trivia Night

Our trivia night in August was a fabulous success--as usual--and also as usual, the success of our best fundraiser (every year) is because of the many hands who contributed to it. Every year, we do so well because of all the people who donate their time, talent and money and items... the people who join us for the fun evening...

Our candy bar raffle sold out again. When just a few candy bars were left, the buying became frenzied, and the winner ended up with more than \$1000 in restaurant gift cards.

The most popular raffle item was the lottery tickets... either that, or the miniature liquor bottle bouquet. (It was hard to tell which one lured the most people to drop their tickets. Those jars were stuffed!)

One lucky table got a "Chocolate Three Ways" basket for their stellar snack arrangement, the timing of the rounds ensured that the night never got draggy, and the free beer and soda resulted in nobody getting dehydrated--despite lots of laughter and chatter.

Everyone--thanks again for a wonderful fundraiser. Because of all of you who helped out, Love a Golden Rescue is able to help rescue more dogs.

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Recent Events—continued

A Jolly Good Picnic



This year's annual reunion picnic for Love a Golden Rescue's adoptees was held on September 21st and featured a British theme. About forty dogs and their human families frolicked in the park and enjoyed activities and games. Paw print art, royal photo opportunities, a silent auction as well as a plethora of games and contests entertained the crowd. Highlights of the day were both the human and dog hat contests as well as the tennis ball contest in which dozens of the dogs stared at tennis balls before one dog finally selected the lucky ball! The luncheon included non-traditional fish and chips as well as Cheerios Dog treats. The picnic was absolutely fabulous!



Taurine Deficiency in Dogs

There has been a lot in the media in the last few months about Taurine deficiency and the possible link to heart disease, specifically Dilated Cardiomyopathy or DCM. Without getting technical, Taurine is an amino acid essential to heart function. The thought at the beginning was that dogs being given grain free diets were at a higher risk of developing diet induced DCM due to the amount of lentils, peas and potatoes blocking the absorption of Taurine. As you can imagine, there was a lot of panic among dog owners, especially those that have golden retrievers, which are higher on the list of breeds that develop DCM. I was one of those that was in a panic, because I have had my Bella on grain free food since I adopted her in 2016. I immediately wanted to switch her food and put her on a Taurine supplement. After talking to my vet, I did end up taking Bella off the grain free diet. After the initial panic wore off, I started researching and was given the name Dr. Joshua Stern, who is a veterinary cardiologist at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr Stern, a golden retriever owner himself, started a study of golden retrievers with DCM and Taurine deficiency. He also started a Facebook group titled Taurine Deficiency in Golden Retrievers. This group is a wealth of information for anyone wanting to educate themselves on this issue. Under the "file" tab is all the information you ever want to read on DCM and Taurine and what to do if you want to get your dog tested. We have all seen the news reports on the new findings from the FDA on food brands and dog breeds more susceptible to developing DCM, which puts us in an even greater panic. From everything I have read, and have been told by my vet, the best thing we can do outside of the expensive testing, is to educate ourselves and don't panic. The newer studies are still leaning towards exotic ingredients, lentils and peas included in a grain free diet. My best advice is talk to your vet, to determine whether or not your dog needs to be on a grain free diet due to allergies or other issues. Also ask them what their thoughts are on the subject and ask what the symptoms are of heart disease. I know we can't prevent all illnesses, but just maybe with all the research being done, we can prevent this one.

- E. Cline

In Loving Memory

I'm heartbroken to tell you that Earl Grey passed away in August. We miss him so much; he was so loving. Earl came from Turkey in spring of 2017, he was a senior and a great golden.



We adopted "Cynthia" from you all in 2010. She was part of a group of puppies born to McCartney. We named her Penny for her reddish color. Unfortunately, we lost her. While this was obviously a sad time, we've been able to reflect on how amazing she was as a member of our family. We had three kids during that time. She treated them all as gently as you could ever ask, and they loved her for it. Other than her dogged pursuit of deer, rabbits and the occasional squirrel, she was as nice and loving of a dog as you could ask for. We miss her like crazy but are thankful for her and for your organization for bringing her into our lives.

Cammie came to rescue in May 2018. She had been abandoned at a vet when her owner died. She was considered hospice and had many health problems--she was estimated to be 14 years old. She had a wonderful foster family who loved her dearly. In July 2019, her health took a turn for the worst, and she went to the bridge.



Lexi was 12 when she came to rescue in 2017. She was adopted to a wonderful home who had her a little less than two years. She was such a sweet girl.

There's nothing better at the end of a busy day than a nap and a hug with a golden retriever, even if it's on a hardwood floor! Lucy and Caden enjoyed their rest together.

It's with tears in my eyes that I'm writing to let you know we had to tell Lucy goodbye on Monday. Her vet remarked that Lucy at age 15 has certainly raised the bar in life expectancies for golden retrievers. We are so blessed to have had her in our lives all these years, and she will always hold a special place in our hearts.



Our best friend Max crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was 14 years old and had been our joy and constant companion for the last five years. Sweet and gregarious, he charmed the entire neighborhood. Though we will miss him terribly, his memory will always put a smile on our faces.

Ruthie lost her battle with kidney disease on October 16th. She came from a breeder--very pregnant--in 2015. Two of her puppies lived--Bert and Ernie. Her old life left many scars which she never recovered from. In her own way she was happy as long as she could lay in the corner in the kitchen, go outside with her friends and roll in the yard. Trying to take her anywhere was a nightmare, she was very fearful and cringed if you pet her. We loved her and dealt with her problems. She is now demon free. Rest in peace Ruthie.



We lost our sweet Gracie to cancer at age 15.

We adopted Eddie from Love a Golden Rescue 13 years ago. Despite his sometimes-grumpy disposition, he carried a baby blanket everywhere he went. Thereby, his name Special Ed (aka Eddie) seemed fitting. He loved stealing socks and shoes and was obsessed with throw pillows. He brought our family many hours of laughter and joy. Unfortunately, his time with us has come to an end. He died peacefully on Thursday September 26, 2019. We love(d) him very much.



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

Silverstein Family	Augie
Diane Suter	Bullet
Name held on request	Frankie
Sherry & Steve Bahr	Laney
Name held on request	Merlin
Karen Renz	Murlin
Madi Slinker	Nadia
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In Memory and Honor

In honor of Greg Grimmer birthday
Brian Moseley, Brian Harwood, Diane Robb,
Brian Rauch, Greg Grimmer

In honor of Kendra Walters birthday
Deanna Bowlin, Danielle Hubert Ohlms ,
Stephanie Goepfert, Katie Walsh,
Chrissy Brown, Mary Bartley, Kendra Walters,
Megan Pfister, James Stever, Mandy Williams

In honor of Michele Bailey Krista Paisley

In memory of August & Elliot Paula Wagner

In Memory and Honor-continued

In honor of Terry Carmody birthday
Michael & Tom Buckley-Sprick, Terry Carmody,
Kathy Carmody, Mo Costello, Susie Davis, Davida
Dwyer-Barcus, Tracy Fs, Steven Hardy, Ginger
Human, Susan Lauritsen, John Montgomery, Diane
Richardson, Laura Shields

In memory of Isabella Depp Healing Paws Rehab

In memory of Conner/honor of Remy Julie Gram

In memory of Derby Ron Edwards

In memory of Gracie Nancy & Jack Whitson

In memory of Kathy Rizzo
Mary Kate Riordan, Frederic Rizzo, Kent Getsee,
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In memory of Mary Jane Humbarger Marla Davis

In memory of Murphy Pat & Larry Jeske

Love a Golden Rescue Presents photos with Santa



December 8th, 2019
Noon until 3:00 pm

at

Heritage Veterinary Hospital

12952 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, Mo 63141
(Use rear grooming entrance)

Cost of photo \$10.00 for two 4 x 6
(Photos will be mailed)

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Any questions e mail: meshoshel@yahoo.com



upcoming events

Pattonville Craft Fair
Saturday December 7th
Pattonville High School
2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd.
Maryland Heights, Missouri

Christmas Book Wrapping-Half Price Books,
at the following stores
Chesterfield, St. Charles and University City

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This is a lot of fun and rewarding talking to people.

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Come see our available goldens.
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