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Where it all Began

In 2000, seven people who were golden lovers had a dream to help the beloved breed in rural Missouri and southern Illinois. This was the seed that Love a Golden Rescue came from. One of the people in the group came up with our name, everyone loved it, and then an artist friend (who was also a golden lover) came up with our logo.

Wading through the research and the red tape took time. We had to first apply for our 501c3. Once we received that designation, we applied for our Missouri Department of Agriculture license, as well as other paperwork required to do business in Missouri. By January of 2001, we were ready to start.

The thought was we would help a handful of dogs a year. At that time, there were two other golden rescues in St. Louis, and we wanted to help on the rescue front by making a difference in the lives of more goldens.

By the end of 2001 (the end of our first year), we had rescued 48 dogs. We were amazed. The first dog we took in was Pumpkin, a 2-year-old who came from a shelter in Robinson, Illinois. It all clicked. We received applications and adopted out dogs. However, along with rescuing came vet expenses. We had to raise money and raise it quickly. Many of the dogs that melted our hearts needed extensive veterinary care.



Somehow, we raised money. We had garage sales and worked at SAVVIS Center hockey games behind the concession stand. We did photos with Santa at Petco. This was all a long time ago, and much has now changed.

Networking helped: seeing what other rescues did to raise funds helped Love a Golden Rescue. There was an annual event called Goldstock held in Pennsylvania over Labor Day. This is where golden rescues from all over the country would meet up with other rescues. The groups would sell their wares and have a silent auction as well as a live auction. One year, we made a beautiful quilt for the live auction at Goldstock. We got lots of ideas and lots of inspiration from our trips there.

We decided to spread the word about our work, along with including more outreach with our adopting families. Our first newsletter was published in 2001, and our first picnic was June 2002. In 2006, we had our first trivia night in St Charles. Sadly, after Covid it was financially not viable due to the size of the hall, the limited number of tables we could fit in the hall and the increased rental fee. For many years we did a 6K run at Creve Coeur Park with another rescue, but when Covid happened, we had to cancel for a couple of years, and then circumstances caused us to not resume.

Social media is a powerful tool today. Rescues would not be successful without the internet. Having web pages, Facebook, communicating via emails, texting and networking are all important tools.

We have taken in 1500 dogs in total. During 2008, 2009 and 2010, we averaged 80 dogs a year. The last few years, we have averaged 40 dogs. Our dogs come from many different places: breeders, owner surrenders, and from caring community members who find strays and are determined that the homeless dog finds a home. We have had puppies born in rescue, dogs from overseas (Turkey and China), dogs bought at auctions (so they never have to experience being part of the never-ending breeding cycle again), and we have received dogs from shelters.

We have always had to deal with various health issues and behavioral problems. Some have been a real challenge, but we care for and love them all. Seeing breeder girls blossom is very rewarding, and then they go to great homes. They continue to have their unusual ways, but their new homes always adapt. These girls are loved and are so lucky to have great homes.

Much has changed since 2001. Of the seven original founding members, only one still volunteers with the group. Over the years, we have added great new people who have become loyal Love a Golden Rescue volunteers. We go to Treats Unleashed for adoption events, we wrap books at Half Price Books, we have a tennis ball challenge every year that's lots of fun, and we produce a calendar that features our beautiful dogs, which we are very proud of.

We have attended Pattonville Craft fair for 24 years, and our booth is quite popular. We always sell out of our homemade dog treats and baskets. Many people come to the fair and say "We come here every year to get biscuits and baskets." Since everything is donated (lots of volunteers bake the treats, along with donating items to fill up the baskets), our sales are 100% profit. The first year we went to the craft fair was 2000, before we were even a rescue. All it took was one person attending an event, and that started the ball rolling for LAGR to participate, and those funds raised paid for our 501c3.

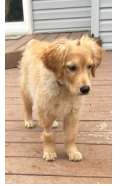
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Over the years we have had some serious medical challenges to deal with. Currently Cassidy, with the ectopic ureter (who has been in rescue since March 2022), is one of the more challenging medical cases. She is a beautiful golden and has had much interest, but when potential adopters learn she must wear diapers and often gets UTIs, the interest goes away. She is lucky to have had dedicated foster homes over the years and does well.

We also have Hattie who was born with an open fontanelle (a hole in her skull). She, like Cassidy, went to the University of Missouri Veterinary College for evaluation. Hattie is also being managed and loved by a dedicated foster home. Hattie must be restricted to ensure she does not hit her head, and she currently cannot play with other dogs. She will not be a year old until May. Most of her growth will be done by the time she has her first birthday celebration, so we hope she will be able to have more freedom then. Her foster mom has taken her to obedience classes, she goes on lots of walks, and like other puppies, is a very happy girl.



There is one thing that has not changed in all the years that Love a Golden Rescue has been in existence. The one constant is you—our loyal friends, our generous donors, our loving adopters, and our tireless volunteers. Thank you! Without all of you, those seven people might have just had the idea of helping out golden retrievers, and the group would probably have disbanded after a while.

*Footnote: Cassidy has been adopted and has her forever home.

President's Message

Dear Golden Friends,

2025 has started off as a busy year. The first dog we took in was a young female golden with hip dysplasia. She will need expensive surgery on both hips. Her family could not afford to pay and sadly gave her up. The first surgery is already scheduled.

We then heard about a girl who showed up with a cat at a farm in central Missouri. The family was able to keep the cat but were unable to keep Elly, who is estimated to be almost two. She is a very sweet mix. While at the farm, she lived in their garage. She now has been spayed and is doing well in her foster home.

The third dog is a young male. His name is Beau. He is also a mix, maybe a Lab mix, he will be three in June. Beau is a fun boy with lots of energy. He was too much for his family, because someone in the family is recovering from back surgery. They're afraid Beau might knock them over. He is neutered and ready to find his forever home.

January wasn't even over, and we had already taken in three dogs.

In 2024, we took in 39 dogs. 15 were female and 24 were male. Their ages ranged from 11 weeks to 10 years. Our intakes were a mixed-bag as far as breed. There were 27 purebred goldens, 2 golden retriever mixes, 7 doodles, and 3 other mixed breeds.

It is very rewarding watching our intakes change and move into their forever homes. From our perspective, no matter what breed they are, they all have golden hearts. We took one female from Mongolia. Unfortunately, logistics are still too complicated to take dogs from Turkey.

Several of our intakes were young male wild fellows who went to train at Kennelwood. That warms our hearts— to see a dog that was once unadoptable because of its behavior, transform into a wonderful family dog with some training.

Looking forward, our most favorite event—the reunion picnic—is on September 20, 2025 at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. We love it, because we get to see how our former foster dogs have blossomed in their forever homes. We get to love on our former furry friends and remind them we were in love with them first. Before their forever family, we doted on them. It gives Love a Golden Rescue a chance to celebrate all of our families. Anyone who has adopted a LAGR dog—we're inviting you to join in the food and festivities. There are contests for the dogs, photo opportunities and much more. Please make a note of the date (9/20) and keep the day open. The theme this year is "Hoe Down." Think of the show "Hee Haw" if you're of that age. If not, think gingham skirts and cowboy boots.

We will again be doing our Tennis Ball Challenge in the spring. We will send a mailer out to participate, since we're sure you want to join in on the fun. Some years, we had to have several different dogs try to "select" a tennis ball. Two or three would refuse, and just walked around without grabbing a ball in their mouth, happy to be surrounded by so many tennis balls, but content to just wander amongst them. Who knew that dogs who love to play fetch could be so nonchalant around a mound of toys.

We will also have a 2026 calendar, so please take photos during the holidays—Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, 4th of July—so you're ready to submit your calendar boy or girl. We'll need pics for the months, as well as an especially great photo for the cover, so be thinking about it and keep snapping pictures. We will ask for photos in July.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Also, thank you to our volunteers who help out so much and in so many ways. Without us working together and stepping up to do the work, we couldn't save any of the dogs we've saved.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

PICK ME! - One of our goldens currently available for adoption.

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



Elsa is a beautiful 4-year-old golden. She has improved a lot after being in a foster home for a while. She initially came from a breeder. She needs a home with another well behaved golden for companionship to show her how to become a great family member. She also needs a patient family to give her all the love she deserves. She loves to play with other dogs in her foster home. She has learned treats are a great thing to get for being a good girl. She did have entropion surgery on both eyes.

Dear Gretchen

Dear Gretchen,

What can I do if my dog has a fear of strangers? My dog seems to only be comfortable around us, and when she encounters people outside our family, she acts strange. I feel weird writing to a dog, but I heard you have great advice for canines. Perhaps you have some tips for humans, too? I'm hoping that when we leave the house, she can be the friendly, fun-loving and well-behaved dog she is in our home.

Sincerely,
Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,

I did some research. I for one like to be in my home, and when I have to leave my home, I am an introvert and hide. So, this is a subject that interests me.

Here is what I learned. Living with a dog who is afraid of strangers can be challenging and requires patience, but with consistency to protect your dog from stressful exposure to strangers, this behavior is usually manageable.

Avoid putting your dog in situations that make them feel threatened. If strangers visit your home, give your dog a tasty treat to chew on and put them in another room. When going out where there will be strangers, leave your dog at home. When out and about with your dog, watch them closely in all situations where they may encounter people they do not know. Always keep them on a leash and under control. If you and your dog run into one or more strangers unexpectedly, stay calm. If you suddenly seem nervous, your dog will notice and become nervous too. We dogs are smart creatures—we can sense your mood, and your mood becomes contagious. Use treats and a gentle voice to lead your dog away from the area. Do not let strangers approach your dog if they seem fearful or show any signs of stress. Instead, always let *them* approach the person. Let your pup go to them.

Avoid coercive training techniques, like “correcting,” punishing or yelling at your dog if they bark, growl or if they try to run away from strangers. When they bark or growl or try to flee, they are just reacting instinctively to something they consider dangerous. In other words, they’re just doing what comes naturally, and if you punish or frighten your dog, you will almost certainly worsen the problem. Your dog will learn that they have a new reason to fear strangers, because every time a stranger shows up, you get upset and angry.

The proper way to address your dog's fearful behavior around strangers involves using a desensitization and counterconditioning program. (No, I'm not talking about the kind of counter in the kitchen, the place where we dogs can sometimes snag a sneaky treat. That kind of counter is for another column.) A good training plan involves letting your dog see strangers at a distance—the distance at which your dog is not nervous or frightened (possibly a great distance at first). Right after the strangers appear, start giving high-value tasty treats (cheese, cooked chicken or whatever is extra special for your pup). When the strangers disappear, the treats stop coming. With repetition, you can help your dog learn that people they do not know are not as scary as they first thought. They are far enough away to make them comfortable, and they always predict (and hope for) delicious treats! The tricky thing is your dog won't get a special treat every time they see a stranger, but they will remember when they did, and they'll be ever hopeful that those treat-filled days will return.

Gradually, you can decrease the distance between your dog and the strangers, always making sure that they do not become frightened or stressed. If they do get nervous, you have gone too fast. Increase the distance again for a while.

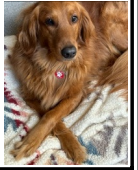
I used to live out in the country, in farmland, until I found my forever home. My mom and dad helped me transition to living in the suburbs. You too can help your nervous, scared dog become more comfortable.

I hope this helps.

Sincerely,
Gretchen

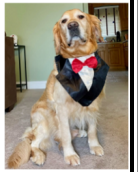
Happy Endings

Autumn (formerly Hazel) is doing great. She is my little shadow...she follows me everywhere, and I just love that! She's our "foodie," /loves eating sometimes too much, because we have to watch so she doesn't eat Kona's food. Autumn is still shy around a lot of people, but as long as she can stay by our side or go to her favorite beds, she remains calm. She also /loves being petted, and she gives the best kisses and cuddles. We are so lucky to have adopted such a cool pup.



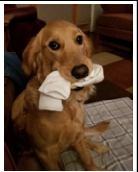
Teddy (formerly Tucker) is doing amazing. He is such a sweet boy -- everyone loves him, and he loves everyone. We enjoy lots of walks and playtime together. He still loves his new sister very much -- they are inseparable. We are currently working with a trainer for a few of his silly golden "quirks," like grabbing the pillows off the couch when he's excited or stealing shoes and putting them in the backyard. Overall, he is doing so well. He /loves being outside, which is exactly the kind of dog we wanted for our family. He loved the snow last week and can't wait for more. We are excited for the spring, when we can do more outside activities. I'm sure he will love it. Other than that, he is a great dog that we love and all our friends and neighbors love.

Baldwin is doing great! The first couple of days, he was very hesitant in coming near us and leaving the family room, but now he follows us everywhere. He is eating and drinking just fine and loves to do the "zoomies" in our backyard. There have not been any accidents in the house, and he willingly goes down the steps from the deck to go potty. He goes on walks with my husband every day and does great on the leash. He is definitely become a member of our family, and we cannot thank you enough for placing him with us.



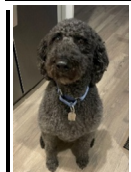
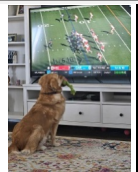
Louie (formerly Dudley) is wonderful, happy and full of energy! We are so grateful to have him! He is so lovable.

Everything is going well. Honey Bee is now going to train and play at Kennelwood, and we are seeing great improvements. She is still a little wary of people coming in our house, but she is friendly with everyone we meet on our walks (men included). We do still have to hide our shoes and socks from her. You can see in the pictures how much she loves to steal them.



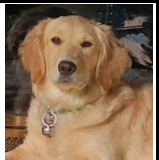
He is our little baby! We are so in love with "Little Bit" aka Rudy (formerly Apollo). He has more nicknames than you can imagine. We are so blessed and grateful for him in our lives! Thank you LAGR!

Mia (formerly Amelia) is certainly training us well and has become a major part of the whole family. She loves her toys but just needs to learn how to put them away. She tends to have a problem deciding what she wants to play with, until she has taken out most of the toys. One day a week, she spends at doggy day care. She really loves spending the day with all her new friends. Of course, Mia still loves watching TV (especially football). She also demands a lot of love and thinks she is a little lap dog.



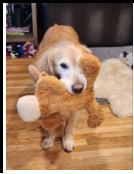
Shadow is living his best life! We adore him.

Mollie (formerly Biscuit) is doing great. She's very happy and comfortable in her new home. She's very smart and obedient. She and Sophie are definitely besties. They play together and take naps together. We lucked out when we got Mollie.



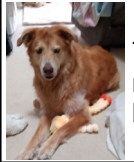
Murphy is such a sweet boy. He's such a goofball and loves everyone.

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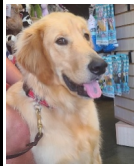
We are celebrating Samson's Gotcha Day on January 11th! He continues to be in good health and is such a well-behaved boy. Probably the best behaved dog we've ever had! Last week we took him to Shreveport to visit our son and his fiancé. He was a perfect traveler! He loves his toys and relaxing on the couch while I knit! We just love him to pieces and hope he lives for many more years!

Ruckus (formerly Milo) has fit in great in our household, and we love him so much. We feel so fortunate to have him. He's such a great dog. Doing very well, as you can see by the pictures, he has filled out well and has a great appetite. He loves his morning walks and wandering around our backyard. His favorite game is fetching his ball outside then running back in the house with it.



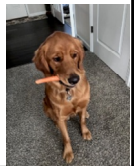
The Clyde boy has been doing great--and he has been so good in adjusting to the weather conditions. Yesterday and again this morning, I shoveled a path for him on my back deck, and he had no hesitation with doing his business out there. He is such a good boy and a Love! I am sooooo happy to have him!

Sadie is doing great! She keeps us on our toes... and laughing all the time.

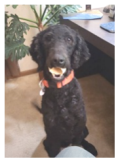


Cooper is great! He has settled into our home and our lives perfectly. We love him to pieces, and he loves us too. He is really a great dog. We couldn't be happier, and we did keep his name. It fits him.

Finley (formerly Wills) is getting used to his new sister dogs and cat. He goes everywhere with us and is starting school with a trainer on Sunday to improve his doggie manners and learn to be a therapy dog. He has been a true blessing to our family, and we adore him. He has found his forever home.

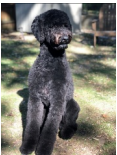
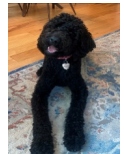


The following four Winnie, Wally, Wesley and Wrigley are littermates:



Winnie continues to be a happy-go-lucky girl! She loves zooming around the yard and playing with our neighbor's Love a Golden Rescue, Bailey. She is obsessed with all people and toys, but squirrels are her favorite. She's going on her first road trip soon and will get to sniff a bunch of new places!

We are doing well. Wally is a full-of-vigor little man! The only thing that has happened is that I took him to get groomed. They had done him once before and did a really nice job. This time, they told me the groomer he had before was off that day, but they will groom him just like before. No problem. I went to pick him up and did not even recognize him. The new groomer had shaved him! He looks like a lab/pointer mix now. OMG... At least, it will grow back eventually.



We celebrated Wesley's gotcha day on 11/19/24 and cannot believe it's been a whole year with this fluffy boy in our lives! We take at least two walks per day, and he wants to say hello to every dog he sees. He loves playing soccer and catching frisbees in the backyard. Inside, he is the biggest fan of hide and seek! We throw a toy into one room and run into another room, and he gets the toy and then sprints to find us! He graduated from both a 6-week puppy class in January and recently passed his final exam in his intermediate dog class!

Wrigley is doing great. He is a smart little cookie. Learning new tricks all the time and loves to cuddle with his humans. He is a joy to take shopping or to friends' houses with us, since he is so well behaved. He enjoys playing with all his toys, batting his balls around the house, and he makes us laugh every day. He loves his treats and reminds us when he needs a treat or needs to go outside. We are so happy to have him in our lives.



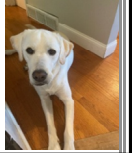
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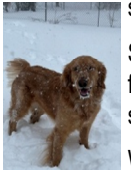


Opal is doing wonderful! She absolutely loves to swim and is starting to run with me and has the perfect pace. We did the Veterans Day 5K a few weeks ago. She has a very fun, energetic, quirky personality. Her other favorite activity is rolling in any mud she can find.

Fred is doing so great! He's the sweetest boy and loves to be around us at all times. He also loves going to the dog park to socialize with other dogs and play in the water.



Oh, my goodness, things are wonderful with Lemon (formerly Violet). We celebrated her birthday/gotcha last month, but it was just another day of spoiling, so I'm not sure Lemon understood the extra excitement!

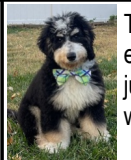
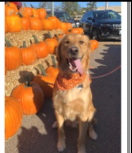


She was absolutely wonderful with our young niece and nephew at Christmas, and she was so patient with my grandpa and his friends' rougher/shaky petting. I am going to start working her on some therapy/comfort dog skills this year, since she loves kids, and she is very mellow with new people and places. Now that a little of her puppy brain is growing up, I think training will go well.

We went on a two-week trip to Arkansas in our camper in September, and she was in heaven. Swimming, hiking, skunks to chase (thankful she was on a leash!), canoes, campfires, pup cups, patio sitting, she couldn't get enough.

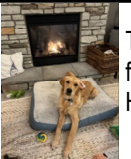
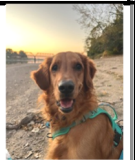
This year we camped in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska and Colorado. She hiked to the tallest point in Arkansas, and next year we hope to add a few more states to that list, probably Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota perhaps!

Everything has been going great with Benny (formerly Leo). Hard to believe it's already been a year! We had a great summer with him and are looking forward to celebrating his first gotcha day.



Things are going great with Georgie. It has been a lot of work, but I think he is getting very, very comfortable! Our other dog, Mocha, enjoys having him around, and they thrive on each other's daily routine, such as eating, bathroom/potty training, sleep, walk, etc. We just love his name, so we kept it. Our family just adores him. We are still working on the timidness and social skills, but he is fitting in well.

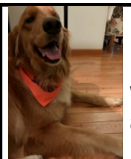
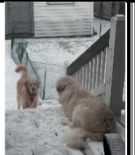
Rusty is wonderful! We love him. We go on lots of walks. He's been on a couple canoe trips and enjoys the floats. Also, Violet (our cat) is now a good friend of his (at a little bit of a distance). We are lucky to have Rusty as part of our family. Thank you for matching him with us.



Teddy (formerly Higgins) is doing so well and brings us so much joy. We were talking today about how he's an "everyone's best friend" kind of dog.

He went through Good Dog's puppy day training program. He's a smart boy, so he's caught on quickly to new commands.

Zoey is doing great! We had a fun snow day today, but she did not like the ice that formed in between her toes at all.



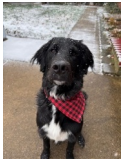
I hope you enjoyed your Christmas as much as Sophie and I did! We had a house full of kids, grandkids, and even a Portuguese water dog. After only five minutes, Sophie and Juni were inseparable friends. Sophie navigated through the crowd with confidence and a big smile on her face!

Happy Endings continued

Riley (formerly Griffin) is doing phenomenal. He's adjusted wonderfully to my home. He's met his cavapoo "uncle" who's 3 weeks older and half the size of Riley and they got along great. Riley also loves playing with the 1½ yr old boxer mix Gwen who lives next door. They run up and down the fence with each other. He's sleeping through the night in his crate. I bought him a heartbeat dog, and I really do think it helps. He goes right in his crate at night with no fuss. He has warmed up to people. He is no longer afraid when someone new drops in. Everyone just loves him! He is "Mr. Personality" for sure! He loved the rain but not his new raincoat lol. He's been taking short walks with me out front so he can see the children playing. He is no longer afraid of the TV and loves to snuggle in my lap before his bedtime. All in all, I'd say we are a fantastic match.



The following four Eddy, Cliff, Esme and Havarti are littermates.



Eddy (formerly Nemo) is doing so well! He adores playing in the snow and going on walks. He also loves running with mom. He is the best addition to our family and makes every event in our lives so much better!

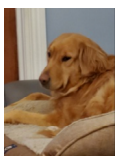
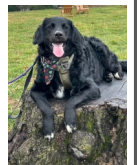
Cliff (formerly Olaf) is doing great! He's so funny, and we love him to pieces!



Esme (formerly Ariel) is doing great! She enjoyed playing in all the snow we had earlier this month and loves snuggling with her brother, Carl, in the afternoon.

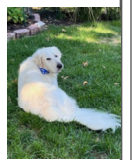


Everything is going wonderfully with Havarti (formerly Basil). Havarti is napping on the couch after playing in the snow—he truly is the best boy. He still loves going anywhere and everywhere with us. As soon as he hears the word "car," he's ready to go! Havarti and his corgi brother, Muenster, rotate between cuddling on the couch and playing all day. He has absolutely no idea how big he is and insists on being a lap dog, making sure all 110+ pounds of him are on you. His favorite human is still our son. He follows him around everywhere and takes his job of keeping an eye on him very seriously.



Stella is doing great. She is so affectionate! Last November, we took Stella with us on a road trip to Phoenix, AZ. She traveled very well with us for such a long drive. I bought a dog bed for her, and she had the whole back seat of the car to stretch out. Her fur has grown back (just in time!), and she has even started shedding! She looks like a healthy 2-year-old golden retriever should. She loves prancing around in the snow but typical of a golden, doesn't care a lot for the ice between her toes. I am very happy that we have her, and I think she is very happy to be with us.

Teddy is doing great except for the night he spent at VSS. Something was clogging him up. When he passed it, it appeared to be a shoestring. It's weird, since he has not shown any previous habit of eating strange things. Other than that, he is a great dog that we love, and all our friends and neighbors love.

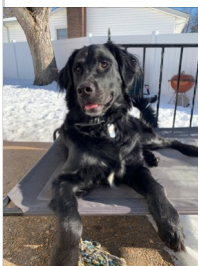


Doc

Our family of six was heartily searching for a puppy in June of 2023, because our 19-year-old son had just relapsed in his leukemia. Sadly, our previous angelic doberman had died in fall of 2021, and her presence during our son's first illness was very important on countless levels. So, we knew our family needed a dog to love and be loved, and specifically our son needed a puppy to call his very own. We were led to Doc. The day our son came home from his first hospitalization of 32 days is the same day Doc came home from his foster home. It was, in short, a beautiful introduction.

It has been 18 months now, and Doc has brought us tremendous joy and laughter. What a playful and affectionate companion. He always makes us laugh, when he sleeps on his back in a half twist. He continues to be highly food motivated and curious. Doc is rarely home alone, since we are a homeschool family, and our son lives at home taking online college classes while continuing challenging chemotherapy treatment. Doc's bottomless need for attention is usually satisfied. He gets out for a leash walk morning and night, and though he has a large dog bed, he claims the couch during the day. The whole couch, on his back. He has remained consistent in his refusal to embrace water as a source of summer splashing delight. However, he has redeemed himself as being impervious to the cold. Winter is his jam. Doc is thrilled to run in the snow no matter how chilly. He is an energetic door greeter. Whenever our son comes home from one of his multiple long hospitalizations, which last between 3-17 days, Doc is always the first to greet him at the door to be a source of love, excitement, and comfort. Three times, Doc came to Children's Hospital Family Pet Center to visit while our son was there for long treatments. I am not exaggerating when I tell you that the oncology team of doctors, nurses, and therapists *all* know Doc. He has quite the reputation. That's enough for now. There are no Doc negatives to report other than his careless habit of shedding too much hair on a daily basis. We've mentioned it to him, but he seems pretty set in his ways about it.

Written by Doc's family



Destiny Update

Destiny was born in rescue in 2016 and has done really well until recently. She developed Megaesophagus.

Here is an update from her foster mom:



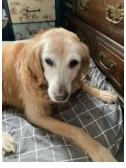
We feel we have the Megaesophagus under control now. We are seeing a vet at the small animal hospital at Mizzou once a month for a while to do med checks. They are hoping her myasthenia gravis will go into remission. She is on a medication for that every 8 hours as well as Prednisone. She does not get any water or ice as that causes pneumonia. They changed her diet, and she gets her water intake with her food now all mushed up. She also gets Knox blocks 5x a day to keep her hydrated. The only treat we can give her are Gerber Baby Puffs. She does not act the same, and her energy level is down. That is due to the meds, so I am really hoping she can eventually get off them. I run a humidifier and put her in the bathroom with me, when I take hot showers. This will help keep her passageways moist to help with the phlegm that develops so she does not cough as much.

I feel like I have an infant again, but we are happy that she does not have a severe case.

Our volunteer Dr. Bob made Destiny a feeding chair, see photo. Destiny was also featured as the cover on our 2025 calendar.

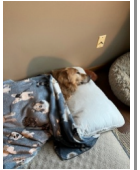


In Loving Memory



Ginger left this earth today, October 14 at 2:00 pm. She is no longer in physical pain. She was a brave girl. She knew this was hard for us, and she went gently into the night knowing she was so loved.

It grieves me to have to let you know that we lost Molly to cancer at the end of October just days before what would have been her 9th birthday. She was very special to us, and I want to thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to adopt her and to take care of her for her last 3 years. Sure, she had lots of medical and typical social issues from having been a breeder in a bad situation, but with lots of care and attention, I'm sure that she knew she was loved and was part of our family.



Today we had to say goodbye to everyone's friend Cooper. Coop was without doubt the friendliest, most loving dog I've ever known. This came on unexpectedly. Cooper was 10 years old. He was a rescue as all dogs I have ever had the pleasure to share their lives were. He was on this earth to give and receive love and nothing more. He was the friendliest, most gentle soul. My Lady the Karen and I will miss him greatly. Goodbye, Mr. Cooper, you took a large piece of my heart with you...! - Be Smooth

I adopted Hanna from Love a Golden Rescue in May of 2011. We have had her all these years. She has been on arthritis medication for a couple of years and recently lost her hearing and could not see well. She has been moving slowly and sleeping most of the time. She was always a good eater, but was hardly eating the past few days. In October 2024, it was time to let her go. If she would have made it to November, she would have been 15 years old. She was a true sweetheart. We feel like we gave her a wonderful life. Thanks for all that you do.

We regretfully pass along the sad news that Annie (formerly Ane) has died, following a cancer diagnosis in August. We adopted Annie in July, 2011 and enjoyed all 13+ years of her companionship.



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Giving Tuesday

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Terry Carmody

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In honor of Teresa Loeske Birthday Steve Hunyadi
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In memory of sweet Burke Courtney Deal

Adoption Days

Come see our available goldens at Treats Unleashed for a meet & greet

Meet and Greet our Dogs!

Treats Unleashed
Saturday, March 29th 11am - 2pm
In North Kirkwood at:
10700B Manchester Rd
North Kirkwood, MO 63122

Treats Unleashed
Saturday, April 12th 11am - 2pm
In Ladue:
8861-B Ladue Rd
Ladue, MO 63124

Treats Unleashed
Saturday, May 3rd 11am - 2pm
In Creve Coeur at:
11617 Olive Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63141

Treats Unleashed
Saturday, June 7th 11am - 2pm
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Please see our webpage for more information.

<http://loveagolden.com/Events.htm>

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