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One Lucky Doggie

This is the story of one lucky doggie who was abandoned in Cape Girardeau. This tale was written by Abigail Beckwith, one of the people who helped rescue him.

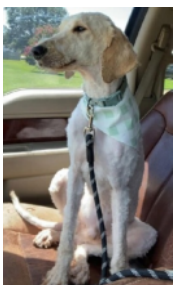
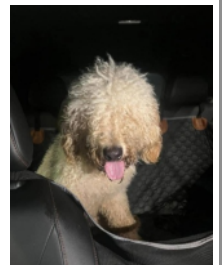
As many of my friends and colleagues know, I've been involved with animal rescue since 2014. In all those years—with over a hundred transports driven, dogs networked (plus a few cats and even a few bunnies), dozens of fosters housed and volunteer transports coordinated, etc.—I've seen many heartbreaking situations and been involved in some wonderful moments of getting a dog safe and/or tagged by a rescue. Or the best part: being able to hand doggos off to their new fur families. I give this context, because when I say that Winston's rescue tells one of the most extraordinary stories of all, you will see that it truly was miraculous and wonderful and heartening—all rolled up into one warm and fuzzy ball...



Winston was reported by a concerned citizen to be living in a crate for over a week with no food or water. The citizen asked another rescue person to try to help. She then posted pics of Winston living in these conditions to plead for a rescue to back him. Within this thread, someone tagged me, and I asked Janet Knoche if Love a Golden Rescue could help him.

Initially, knowing she had no open foster homes, Jan told me she was sorry that she couldn't help. Within a few hours, though, she messaged me back to say that Winston was weighing heavily on her heart, and as the first of many times in Winston's journey, she took a leap of faith with the thought, 'It's all going to work out. Not sure how exactly...but it will.' That has been the refrain said by all of the many rescue warriors who tried to help him in some way. And, the thing is...it did all work out—better than any of us could've dreamed for him!

Later the same night that his situation was posted, he was safe with a temporary foster who picked him up after he'd been owner-relinquished, and he was bathed, fed, and loved on. Despite all he's been through, Winston is the sweetest dog all of us have met! While I connected LAGR with a local vet, Jan started begging for fosters. Winston's temporary foster drove him sixty miles round trip to his vet visit, and I started asking around about golden doodles' grooming and veterinary needs. While all of this was going on, a local groomer (who had seen his photos) volunteered to donate her services to ease the pain she saw in his face.



The next step for Winston's rescue journey was going to be a transport by me to St. Louis to be boarded through LAGR, but a perfect adopter in our area met Winston and wanted to add him to her pack. She immediately filled out the foster-to-adopt paperwork, I live close enough to her to have been able to do a home visit for LAGR, and the rest is history. You know what: within two days, Winston looked so much better from being fostered with his now-furever family that I didn't even recognize him! No longer was he the sad, neglected pup he was when we found him. He looked so good, I thought he was the family's other doodle they said they had, because he looked so much better than in his “before” pics! I could not seriously have been able to—in my wildest dreams—envision a better home for Winston...and, yes, all worked out for him just the way it was supposed to.

Here's the thing: all of us involved in Winston's rescue are busy people with lives and families and jobs that are demanding... but because individuals each made small sacrifices for him, he is now safe and happy and loved beyond measure. People tell us all the time, “I don't know how you do it.” The answer is (at least in part) not all of us can do everything, but each of us can do something. And, those somethings add up to salvation for deserving dogs like Winston!

Dear Gretchen

Dear Gretchen,

My people are occasionally shouting, "Don't eat that!" whenever I've found something interesting to gobble up. Are they being overanxious? Are they just determined to curtail my fun? When should I ignore them, and when should I drop whatever's in my mouth and obey them?

Curious,
(A Canine Vacuum Cleaner Named Hoover)

Dear Hoover,

Your people care about you. There are so many things that humans eat, but they're harmful to dogs. Of course, all cleaning liquids and powders are dangerous—stay away from them. Any kind of pest repellent is toxic too—rats, mice, slugs and snail bait are poisons to the pests, and they're poisons to us, too.

There are some things that humans eat, but they're very bad for us. Onions and onion powder. Grapes and raisins. Also, sugarless gum, chocolate, rhubarb, spinach, anything with artificial sweetener, and mushrooms—stay away from those.

Of course, your mom and dad will probably yell at you when you find a hunk of stale bread on your walk. Or a piece of old hot dog. Use your best judgement, I would leave it in case it is old and moldy. I hate upset tummy problems.

Sincerely,
Gretchen

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

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

Hi! My name is Fritz. Nice to meet you! And, I would love to be your Good Boy!



I am an interesting case; I would prefer a home with no other dogs. If you don't think you could adopt me as your own, Love A Golden Rescue would also be willing for *you* to be a permanent foster in my remaining years, since I am already ten years old. (I hear they will pay my bills). I know I don't look very much like a golden retriever, (the vets I've seen think I am more Great Pyrenees), but I definitely have the beautiful coat you "need" in your life!

I have a very sad story. You see, I lived on a farm with my elderly owner for most of my ten years (I'm a senior, I know, but I act more like a puppy!) The last few years as he fought dementia, he couldn't take very good care of me. When my original owner passed away, LAGR was asked to accept me into rescue.

Thankfully, they agreed, and I have been with my foster mom since February.

My foster mom is nice, and she loves me, but she has a bunch of beagle brats and a basset hound at her house (with whom I get along), but she would love to see me get my "forever" home and open up space for another foster needing help like I did! She has helped me learn manners, to go potty only outside, and to be nice with other dogs.

She just recently took me to the groomer, and now I am more handsome than ever! I mean, just look at me! I'm not perfect—I have arthritis in my knee and hip, which doesn't slow me down much. I have heartworm disease, which is another reason I need a quiet home during my treatment.

I just know I can be the "goodest" boy for you if you'll give me a chance. Please adopt me and let me live my twilight years with my own family!

President's Message

Dear Golden Friends,

It is hard to believe we are in the last quarter of 2025. Where does the time go? The coming months are always busy for rescue. There are LAGR events during the fall and winter, there are calendars to sell, and there are always calls about dogs needing to be rescued...

Our picnic was a lot of fun, and the rain held off until our guests had left, and we were all cleaned up. This is my favorite event of the year—I love seeing so many adopted beautiful dogs and their families. A big thank you to all who helped make the picnic a success and to all who attended.

Our calendars are ready to find their new homes. There is information in this newsletter on how to order. These beauties would look perfect in your home or office. Picture it: page after glossy page filled with happy, gorgeous goldens. A big thank you to everyone who submitted photos.

This year has been the year for young, two and three-year old, unneutered crazy male goldens. Many have received training at Kennelwood to help make them more adoptable. They have found great homes, once they're neutered, trained and have spent time in foster homes. Thanks to everyone who has been little steppingstones in this process.

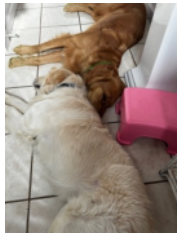
We also had two Great Pyrenees who have found their forever home. What great dogs but on the large size. Bodhi, a young dog, was heartworm positive. He is now in his forever home after long months of treatment. Ellie is also in heartworm treatment. The next step on her journey is taking care of her hips. She was hit by a car before she came to rescue.

December is a busy month for us. We will again be selling dog treats and gift baskets at the Pattonville Craft Fair on December 6th this year—like we do every year. Come by and see us, this is a large craft fair and a fun place to shop at. We have our regular customers who come early to shop with us for their pets, and what better gift can you give your pup than a gift basket brimming over with toys and treats, or some home-baked dog biscuits?

We will also be wrapping books at all three Half Price Book stores. The information is in this newsletter. We'd love for you to drop by and chat. Thank you for supporting Love a Golden Rescue as an adopter, friend, foster home or volunteer. We couldn't do anything; we couldn't rescue any needy dogs without your help.

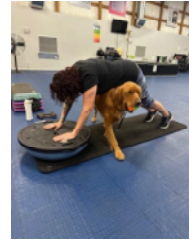
Golden thoughts,
Jan

Happy Endings



Franklin (was Bheem) is doing great! He is playing and loving his brother Louie! We all are so thankful we found him. He is the perfect fit for our family.

Finley (was Wills) is doing fabulous. He is a happy boy and spoiled rotten.

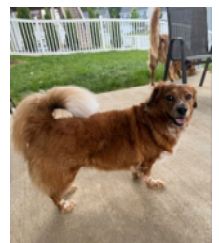


Delilah has fit right into our family. She and Toby hit it off wonderfully from the start, and we all love her! They've been having lots of fun together. Her first night went great, she slept through the night in our bedroom with Toby. Her appetite is great. She ate a full bowl of food last night and again this morning for breakfast. We're so happy to have her, and we're thrilled we're able to give her a forever home.

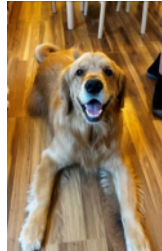
Baldwin is absolutely wonderful, and we love him so much. He especially likes to be with my husband, and I think Baldwin is thinking that he is "nursing him back to health." Baldwin never leaves his side, and of course, he sleeps in our bed. When we take him to the dog park at Veterans Park in St. Charles, he will not go play with the other dogs or go more than 10 feet away from us. He has a very quiet demeanor, and you can tell that he has had a traumatic life. It breaks my heart to think that someone could do anything bad to this beautiful animal.

We can't thank you enough for finding us as good parents for our sweet pup!

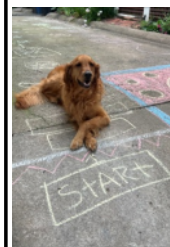
Rudy (was Apollo) is amazing! He just had his vaccine updates and is thriving here. He is my little sweetie pie! Leo and Rudy are best bros! We couldn't be happier, and gosh it's hard to not add another to the pack!



We're doing amazing! Obi (was Ramsey) is doing really well and is the sweetest boy. I had surgery in July, and he kept me company during all of my recovery. He was so gentle, almost like he knew and wanted to be there to make sure I was okay through it all. It was really sweet. Our family loves Obi and can't imagine life without him, and the joy he brings wherever he goes. Our neighbors even love him! Everyone that meets him talk about how beautiful and soft his coat is when they pet him. The cutest thing he does is play with our cat but in a small way due to their size difference.



Just wanted to reach out and let you know Ozzie (was Sammy) is doing great! He's the sweetest, wildest boy ever! He is doing so good and has had a great summer! He's obsessed with tennis balls and will chase them forever if you let him! We have about 20 that we throw, and he scatters all over the yard! He loves chewing on his antlers and has torn up every single toy we've ever bought him except for the two chickens we got him! For some reason, he has spared their lives! He's been to the Lake of the Ozarks multiple times this summer, and he loves it! He's put on weight too! He was 46 lbs. when we got him, and now he's 61 lbs.! He looks so good and has filled out so well!



Rusty is great! Here is a picture of him "helping" with our hop scotch game... He's been to the farmers' market, canoeing, a few vacations and lots of walks and visits to dog parks. His favorite thing is still to go on a walk. He gets so excited when I get the leash out. He's a good boy.

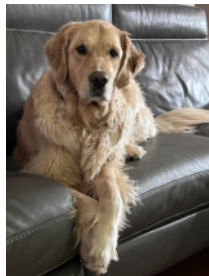
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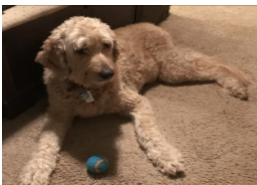
Everything is going well. Leela is still a total sweetheart and cuddle bug. She loves our morning runs and will come lick me when the sun starts coming up to let me know it's time to head out. She's slowly getting better at barking at other dogs and trying to chase rabbits on our runs. We're halfway through an 8-week obedience course, and she is learning the commands easily. We still feel so lucky that she is ours and can't believe how easy she is to care for. It's pretty much effortless.



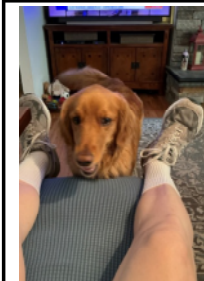
Zoey is still just the best! She is just so fun.



Ruckus (was Milo) continues to do very well, he's such a good dog. We love having him and feel very fortunate he is in our lives. He had his annual checkup with Heritage a few weeks ago, and he's in good health. He loves his toys and playing fetch. He also loves his morning walks and making sure our back yard is safe from squirrels.

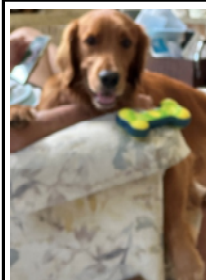
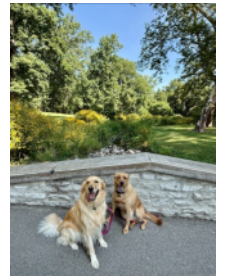


Cain is fine. Our older dog, Molly, passed away, and I adopted a new dog. Here's a photo of them together on the deck. Cain has found a friend to get in trouble with. They are both the same age. I recently retired, and they take turns bugging me for walks about five or six times per day. He is really spoiled. Yesterday, he walked face first through a prickly bush during a trail walk. He was unhappy until we got home, and I got them off him.



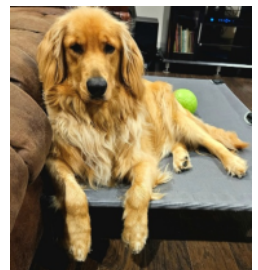
Sophie is fantastic! She is the perfect dog for us, and we are so happy with her.

It's hard to believe, it has already been a whole year since we brought Teddy (was Tucker) home. From the beginning, he has brought so much joy and love into our lives, and we honestly could not have asked for a better companion for Bailey. The two of them are inseparable and share such a special bond. He's really enjoyed the summer weather, especially joining us at the Tower Grove Farmers' Market. Teddy has the perfect mix of sweetness and sass, and his personality keeps us smiling every single day. We often say that he feels like the perfect blend of our past dogs, Jack and Ollie, and we think they played a part in leading him to us. We are endlessly grateful to have Teddy as part of our family. He has completed our home in the most wonderful way, and we can't imagine life without him. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to love him. He is truly where he belongs!



Rusty (was Roger) has adjusted well to our house. He is still not used to the horses or barn cats and barks at them every time he sees them. He has us trained very well to his needs. He is very loving and always craves all the attention he can get.

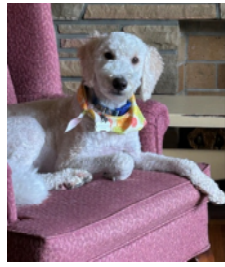
Things are going really well with Freddy. He is a really happy boy and loves life. He really enjoys meeting new people, and he loves everyone. He really enjoys playing hide and seek with his toys and games of tug. A typical golden, he loves water.



Maverick (was Carter) is doing great! He's a happy buddy that goes swimming all the time with a life vest, as he isn't the best at remembering his butt floats. Play dates with puppies his age. He refuses walks if it is slightly humid or hot (this is new), so we are figuring that out. He loves air vents. He is a fan of Tempurpedic beds and will fight to lay on the bed, when I'm trying to add fresh sheets.

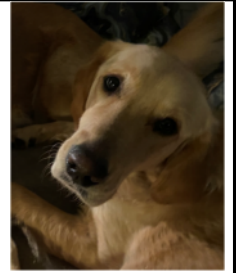
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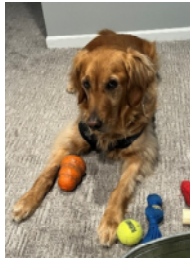


Oliver (was Grady) is living the good life - toys, belly rubs and lots of treats! It has been amazing watching him thrive! He is relaxed, happy and so, so loved. Our lives are so much brighter because he is part of it.

Bella (was Bertha) is great! She's the most loving golden we've ever had! She's a mama's girl who loves to cuddle! We're working on her yard training, and so far, she hasn't jumped the fence. She and Bree are besties! She's a perfect addition to our family!



Kade is doing great! He *loves* going to the lake for our walks, and we go daily if possible. As soon as we get close to the lake, he starts barking in the vehicle, since he's so excited. It's the place he loves going to the most. We *love* the cold weather and don't mind fall and winter. I'm so grateful for Kade.

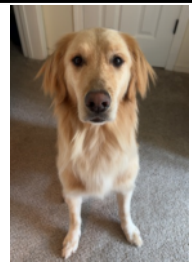


Shadow is wonderful! He loves his ball, going for walks, and taking naps!

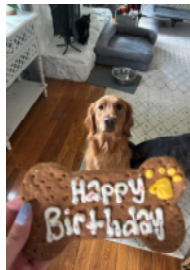


Mollie (was Biscuit) is doing great. She is so sweet and smart. She and Sophie are besties and play all the time. She loves to be loved on and is very spoiled. I'm so glad we found each other.

Murphy is doing so well. He has really come out of his shell. I would say his favorite thing to do is snuggle or go on long walks with us!



Floki (was Loki) is doing great! I love him! He's just such a happy boy. He is just the sweetest boy!



Everything is going wonderfully with Sadie. We went ahead and kept her name, because we didn't want to confuse her with another change. She's made a great addition to the family. She loves playing with her toy duck and going on walks. We play hide and seek and run around in the yard. She's also great with our pet bunny. He's very little, so I keep them separate, but she can see and smell him through his area, and they bop noses.

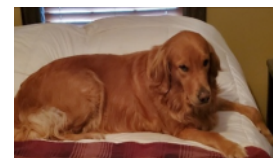


Honey Bee is still in her puppy phase and really active, so she's keeping us on our toes. She is making friends (men, women, children and other dogs) when we walk in the neighborhood. A great improvement from when she first came to us. We send her to day camp at Kennelwood once a week, and she loves playing with the other pups and splashing in the pools. She loves the water so much, we have ordered her a dog pool for our back yard.



Stella is doing great. She is a robust 90 pounds, but that means she has lost 18 pounds in the last year since we adopted her. I'm very proud of her!

Our older son visited us for 3 weeks in early July accompanied by his 5-month-old golden puppy. Stella had a ball playing with her while Percy (puppy) was here. In late July, we visited our same son in Little Rock, AR, reuniting the playful twosome for four more days. Stella is very sweet, and we could not be happier with her in our home!



In Loving Memory



Lincoln was one of Tater's Tots who was eleven, when we lost him to bone cancer. When the litter was seven weeks, they were evaluated just for fun. Lincoln was judged the best to be a therapy dog. When he was two, he became that therapy dog and was a dream. He went to Siteman Cancer center for many years, until Covid, when we could no longer go. Lincoln was a Momma's boy, but he loved his time at the lake with his dad. We miss him a lot. Rest in peace sweet boy.

I adopted Ben from LAGR about 8 1/2 years ago. Sadly, he seemed to have some type of stroke late yesterday and could not stand up. I just had my knee replaced, and I am staying with my sister and brother-in-law in New Haven. So, they helped get Ben into the backseat of the car. On our way to the vet, he passed away with his head on my lap. We continued on to the vet, he will be cremated. He was such a special boy, and I cannot thank you enough for allowing him to be my son for these past years. RIP Benny boy.



Bullet (was Jake) became part of our Naperville Illinois family March 2018. He began beginner level training almost immediately and progressed through the levels quickly to achieve the AKC Canine Good Citizen award. At that point, I was told he was definitely meant to be a pet therapy dog. Since February 2019, he has brought joy and comfort to the adult and child special needs community, terminally ill, rehab patients, college, high school and grade school students, home bound, and has been a part of crisis response, as my partner in Canines for Christ pet therapy ministry. He will be greatly missed.



Love A Golden Rescue - Benefactors

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

Adoptions

Robert Kramer & Tim Thorton
Bob & Sandy Kleberger
Sean Dothager & Samantha Collins
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In Memory and Honor

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Gailjean Gallon	In honor of Patti's birthday
Jacqueline Fong	In honor of Patti's birthday
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Lisa Nolen	In honor of Tammy's birthday
Maddie Callicott	In honor of Tammy's birthday
Shelley Stephens	In honor of Tammy's birthday
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Christine DiFatta	In memory of Dixie Wehrle
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Lesley Callahan	In memory of Dixie Wehrle
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Anonymous	In memory of John Hank
Laura Chazen	In memory of John Hank
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Salle Huber	In memory of John Hank
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Paula Hughes	In memory of May
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Erier Charitable Fund	In memory of Sophie

Foster Buddies

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Nancy Sparr	Ellie
Laurel Smith	Hattie
Suzanne Hembrough	Hattie
Nancy Sparr	Hattie
Kimberly Pederspm	Hattie
Joe & Ruby Blair	Ziggy

Matching Gifts

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Annual Love a Golden Rescue Reunion Picnic

Our annual reunion picnic was a resounding success. The weather was not too hot, the rain waited patiently in the corner until after the event was finished and packed up, and fun was had by all.

We had a costume contest. We saw little doggies in cowboy hats and even homemade cowboy boots. We had contests—sassy walking and peanut butter-licking and lots of other talents were on display. We had an agility course and a photo spot. Picnic-goers bid on silent auction items, purchased calendars and enjoyed a BBQ lunch, chuckwagon style.

Speaking of lunch, it was just about unanimous: BBQ lunches are preferred to sandwiches from a restaurant. The burgers, hot dogs, beans and slaw—they were filling and delicious. All of this topped off with personal size pies. LAGR's board members agree. Next year, we'll have another BBQ lunch for our families.

And finally, speaking of next year's reunion picnic... Our theme this year was Cowboys. We have a theme already for the 2026 picnic. It will be Love a Golden Rescue's 25th birthday, so expect party decor... and of course, expect to have a blast!





\$20.00 each

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or by mail

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Upcoming Events



Gift Wrapping at Half Price Books

We will be at the following stores on Black Friday November 28th, Saturday December 20th, Sunday 21st and Christmas Eve December 24th.

Half Price Books 1664 Clarkson Rd Chesterfield, MO 63017

Half Price Books 630 N McKnight Rd St Louis, MO 63132

Half Price Books 2107 Zumbuhl Rd St Charles, MO 63303

Adoption Days

Come see our available goldens.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

Treats Unleashed
Saturday, November 15th 11am - 2pm
In Ladue at:
8861-B Ladue Rd
Ladue, MO 63124

Additional Meet & Greet
are held on additional dates and locations.
Please see our webpage for more information.
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About our newsletter....

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