

# Love a Golden Rescue Golden News



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## *In the Beginning*

In the year 2000, a group of golden lovers, who were volunteering with a different group of volunteers across the state, saw a need to rescue golden and golden mixes in central and eastern Missouri as well as central and southern Illinois. So, Love a Golden Rescue was born. It took several months to get all the state required paperwork completed and apply for our 501 c 3, and once we received that, we applied for our Department of Agriculture license.

By January 2001, all was completed, and we began as a rescue. This year—2026—is Love a Golden Rescue’s 25th birthday.

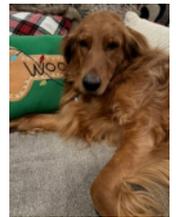
Of the founding group, only one person remains. Some have sadly passed away; others have moved to new endeavors.



That first year, we rescued 50 dogs and found forever homes for them. That was more than was anticipated, but we soon found that the need was larger than we initially thought. With everyone working together, the dogs received the necessary veterinary care and lived in caring homes before moving into their forever homes. Adoption applications and home visits ensured that the forever families and the dogs were the right “fit.”

Now, we are twenty-five years old and have rescued more than 1,500 dogs, all due to the concerted effort of our dedicated volunteers.

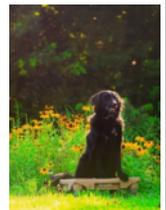
Many things have changed in that quarter of a century. When the recession hit in 2008, 2009 and 2010, our numbers spiked, and we averaged 80 dogs for those years. Somehow, everything worked and homes were found for all the dogs. After Covid, when many people got puppies, two things happened. First, the breeders had a large inventory of breeder dogs, but the need to breed so many puppies declined. So many of these dogs went to rescues across the country. The numbers were overwhelming. Those breeders who wanted cash for their dogs went the route of dog auctions, and rescues got dogs from there, until it became common knowledge rescues were bidding. When the auction people got wind that rescues were coming to buy the dogs (and get them out of the horrible breeding cycle), the prices skyrocketed. They would have people driving the bids up, knowing the rescues were determined to get tired mamas and caged-up studs out of their horrible situation... and the rescue groups would pay a high price. However, the prices got too high, and rescues stepped back.



We took our share during those “going to dog auctions” days. Many of those breeder pups were very shy, and it took a long time to rehabilitate them so they could find homes. They had never been a pet, so they had to learn how.

Another thing that happened because of Covid... When those puppies who had gone to Covid homes became teenagers and life returned to normal for families, many of these dogs came to rescues because the families now had no time for the dog, and behavioral issues emerged. We had some crazy unneutered male dogs. Many received training, and eventually all were adopted.

In 2016, we began rescuing dogs from Turkey, where the need was great. We partnered with other rescues, and a large transport was set up to be flown to Chicago. Imagine: pallets with crates bungee-corded together, each crate holding a beautiful golden retriever. LAGR would normally take four dogs, with the larger rescues taking more. It was amazing—rescues coming from many other states would meet at the Turkish Airline Cargo facility with the same goal in mind. Amazingly, the dogs would be taken out of their crates, they’d be taken out for a potty break and the chance to drink some water and eat some food. The pups acted like they had simply been on a short car ride. (Most of the time, the crates were still clean. After being in the crates for hours and hours, these sweet dogs had not even peed or pooped.)



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## In The Beginning - continued

The rescues found a more cost-effective way to get the dogs to America. After a few years, a new plan was put in place. A flight volunteer would bring four dogs at a time to Chicago, and Love a Golden Rescue would meet at the airport. Unfortunately in 2021, the CDC temporarily banned dog imports from over 100 high-risk rabies countries, due to fraudulent paperwork by some, and the fear of rabies became rabid, but this ended on August 1, 2024, replaced by stricter rules. These stricter rules did not include Chicago as an approved port of entry. The approved airports were on the east and west coasts, which kind of took Love a Golden Rescue out of the loop. Love a Golden Rescue still has a Turkish friend, and she continues to get dogs to a group in Los Angeles.

We could work with that group to bring the dogs to Los Angeles and get them flown to St Louis after quarantine. Due to lack of foster homes, we have not pursued that. If we don't have foster homes for prospective rescues, we can't commit to taking overseas dogs. That's a shame, because we have many wonderful dogs that came from Turkey. (They learned English very quickly, especially "treat.")

We also have rescued a few dogs from China, South Korea, and Mongolia. So many things have changed, we no longer get dogs from those countries.

Love a Golden Rescue has rescued dogs with a wide variety of needs. We have taken in pregnant dogs who delivered a litter soon after intake. We have had some beautiful puppies born in rescue. The last litter was Snow White, who delivered golden/Bernese Mountain dog puppies who are the sweetest and most gorgeous dogs. All those dogs—Mama and her pups—are doing well. We have saved goldens who required major surgery immediately after we took them in. We find great homes for golden retrievers who have spent all their lives in a breeding facility—they quickly become beloved family members. Seeing the photos from the new families—as the dogs snuggle on the couch with their two-legged and four-legged brothers and sisters, or as they romp on the beach during a vacation—is why rescue is so important to us.



Not only do we strive to rescue goldens who have special needs, but we also reach out to save seniors (dogs who are nine years or older). Seniors have such a special place in Love a Golden Rescue's heart. As foster homes are available, we have taken doodles, labs, lab mixes, Pyrenees, and other dogs with no other alternative.



Our mission is to help all goldens who need a home, regardless of their age or medical condition. Many families who adopt one of our dogs come to us for a second dog, since caring for two dogs is just as easy as caring for one. The families also discover the rewards of adopting a rescued golden and giving it a forever home are immeasurable.



Since we are all volunteers, our administrative costs (government filing fees, insurance, postage, etc.) are kept low—less than 7%. However, all our foster dogs require veterinary care, and some need extensive care, which means the cost of veterinary care far exceeds the typical adoption donation. Therefore, we regularly engage in fundraising activities. Monetary donations to help the goldens are always welcome.



We are so thankful for our adopters, volunteers, and friends over the years. We have met some wonderful people who are now known as friends. Twenty-five years means lots of friendships, lots of stories, and lots and lots of dogs...

Happy 25th birthday to Love a Golden Rescue!



## ***President's Message***

**Dear Golden Friends,**

As we start our 26th year, we are planning our celebration at our reunion picnic on September 19th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. This is always a fun event, and we look forward to meeting alumni and their persons. To see them living their loved lives, to see them after they've blossomed in their forever homes, to see them after they've felt safe enough and comfortable enough to let loose their full personalities... well, it makes everything we all do feel like it's so worth it.

We will be mailing our Valentine's Day cards, our annual donation appeal. It will be mailed so that it arrives close to Valentine's Day. A reminder: many companies will match your gift when making a charitable donation, so please check with your employer. Your donation will help pay for veterinary care, training and grooming when needed. In 2025, we had several dogs that required extensive vetting. Charley had to have double hip surgery, Ellie and Bodhi were both heartworm positive. Ellie had also been hit by a car, so we had to have extensive diagnostic work done. She was very lucky. Over time her pelvis healed, and she did not have to have surgery for her hips.

When we take in dogs, we make a commitment to give them whatever care and services they need. Sometimes, a dog comes into rescue, and they're healthy and have no need of training, so it's easy to match them up with an adoptive family. However, most of the time our dogs come to us, they come to us for a reason. Maybe it was a Covid puppy, and once the dog is a "teenager," nobody has the time to care for the dog properly. Perhaps it's a young family, they have gotten a puppy and were not aware that a puppy needs training... and now the grown dog is a bit out-of-control. Maybe the dog has health problems that the family is unable to handle. Donations help cover these costs, so we can continue taking in dogs when the calls come in. We thank you in advance.

The year of 2025 was the year for young, crazy, unneutered males. Fortunately, all have found homes after having training at Kennelwood. We could not take in the dogs we do without the help of Kennelwood. Too often, we don't have a foster home available for a dog that needs to come into rescue, or the dog is not ready for a foster home, because they're in need of training. Kennelwood provides a place, and they provide the needed training.

One of our biggest problems is a lack of foster homes. (Have you noticed? It's not the first time I mentioned the need and the scarcity of foster homes.) Please let me know if you would be willing to foster. Love a Golden Rescue supplies food, vetting, and preventative care. We just need a loving place for the dogs. Do you have a dog that would appreciate having a temporary buddy? Is your pup the perfect pup--the kind of canine that could teach another dog how to be a pet? If you've never fostered before and are curious, reach out. I can answer your questions.

The winter will end at some point, and warmer weather will come. Warm weather means that a whole "lake" of tennis balls is going to be waiting for a dog to choose just one single ball. Be on the look-out for the "Tennis Ball Challenge" in the spring. As funny as it sounds, too many choices confuse a golden. We have found--no matter which dog we choose for the challenge--even if they are tennis ball crazy, they're overwhelmed by the number of balls and have a problem deciding on which ball to pick up. In the end, they always get it done, but it often makes us laugh. (Picture it: a dog looking at dozens and dozens of tennis balls, each ball just waiting to be picked up and drooled on. The golden is simply standing there, staring at the tennis balls... and the humans are begging and pleading for the dog to pick up a ball in its mouth.)

I wish you a wonderful 2026. Stay warm and cozy with your furry friends.

Golden thoughts,  
Jan

# Dear Gretchen

## Dear Gretchen

My waistline keeps expanding. Because the weather is colder, I don't have as many play sessions outside, and my walks are sometimes shorter. When I lie down, I don't feel as slim and trim as I'd like. There's a little extra roll of fur and fat—here and there—and I don't like it.

Some of my furry friends have people who complain about their own weight creeping up. Their peeps step on a scale, they look at their clothes that are a little snugger, and they do something about it.

My fur has gotten snugger on me. I can't go to an exercise place. I can't get my stomach stapled. (That one makes me shake my head and shudder. Who wants staples in their tummy?) What can my people do to help? I know they love me, but if they want me to be around for lots of years so they can heap lots of love on me, they need to help me lose some weight.

Round and a bit voluptuous,  
Maggie

## Dear Maggie

I bet you're good at begging. I bet with your sorrowful eyes and your (fake) sad face, it's hard for them to say no to you. I bet you think you should have a treat every time you come in. It's going to be hard for you to hear this, but the bites from the dinner table, the treats you think are necessary—they all add up, and end up on you. Here are a few tips.

Treats can be just as satisfying if broken into smallish pieces. Those large Milk Bones? The minute after you've crunched them up and swallowed them, you've forgotten them. Do you really need that big of a treat, when a small taste is just as satisfying? No. No, you don't. Instead of large treats, my people buy Charlie Bears at Trader Joe's. We are given Charlie Bears when we perform a requested behavior like sit, stay, down and especially when we come in when called. They're not high-calorie like the bigger dog treats. Also, I have heard some people use treats as part of their dog's food allotment. They decrease the amount of kibble their dogs are fed every day, taking into account the treats they get.

At least in my house, I am never given table scraps, except my brothers and sisters do love carrots and apples and are given these sometimes as a treat. (Personally, I love raw carrots. They're crunchy and sweet.)

If your weight continues to be a problem, have your vet check you out. There could be a medical issue, or you may need a low-calorie dog food to get you on the correct path.

Finally, remember the importance of exercise. There are places that allow dogs, like some Home Goods, Half Price Books and some of the big hardware stores. While the weather is yucky, maybe you and your humans can go for walks there. If your owner can no longer walk you, maybe they could hire a dog walker. If you like to chase a tennis ball, that is a great activity you could both share.

Having a great waistline is so important to a healthy life. Tell your people what I just told you. I know you want to be a part of your family's life for as long as you can—and you can help make that happen by taking my advice.

Good luck,  
Gretchen

# Happy Endings

Benny is doing great! He and Daisy are getting along well and playing all the time. She has been very welcoming to him and is enjoying the extra exercise. He is sleeping well at night and starting to put on some much-needed weight. He is a bit obsessed with watching and chasing the squirrels in the backyard, but I'm sure that will calm down in time.



Tucker is doing great. He is a very sweet boy. He loves going for rides and playing with the other dogs at the dog park. He enjoys his Saturday trips to the Farmers' Market. However, he's still learning it's not a time to play with all the other dogs he sees.



When the weather cooled off this fall, his energy on walks picked up quite a bit. He's learned our regular route and loves to sniff everything. He's still learning to walk less excitedly at the beginning of his walks.

Bodie has been doing great. He has had two trips up north to our cabin in Minnesota. We have 3 acres, and he couldn't be happier.



Ozzie (was Sammy) is doing so well! He's still a really good boy and crazy as ever! I've never met a dog more excited by the fact that he's a dog who has a family, and I've never met a dog with more energy! He went to daycare twice this week, because he needs to get his energy out with this cold weather! He's still the sweetest boy who just wants to please his people. My son and husband lovingly call him "Mom's Shadow," because he is never more than a few feet from me!



Georgie is wonderful. He just loves his humans so much by welcoming the boys home from school every day, annoying his sister, spending his down time looking out of the window, and cuddling with his humans. He never turns down a costume and



thinks there is always an intruder walking by our house every hour of the day. A pup of many personalities: a cat one day, another day a bunny, a mountain goat, or a parrot! He knows it's time for an adventure when his book bag is ready to go! We will be taking Georgie on a hockey trip adventure. We are so excited!

He just gives the best hugs on good days and bad. Georgie is such a great addition to our home! He was our first rescue, and we are a firm believer why rescue dogs are the best! Thanks for all you do!

Zachary (was Lenny) is the best puppy ever! He is kind, gentle, loving and super sweet!! He has us wrapped around his paw! He plays well at the dog park and doesn't aggravate the other dogs. We love him so much. He even sleeps with us!



River is doing great in his new home.



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# Happy Endings continued



Lily is doing well. She has learned the routines of our house and gets along well with my two other dogs. She's learned several commands, and we're working on others. She's a very sweet and happy girl, a bit noisy in the yard but has done a good job of keeping the squirrels and bunnies away.

Lola is doing well! We just had photos taken with Santa, and she went to her first Christmas party at Kennelwood. She's



loving her training and day camp sessions at Kennelwood. She has even made some dog friends. She wasn't too sure if she liked snow, when we had some a few weeks ago. After a day, she decided she likes it. She's a wonderful dog.

One year ago, we got Sophie, and we've been overjoyed with her ever since. She hops up in our laps, when we're watching TV in the evening, sleeps between us at night, and makes us laugh out loud throughout the day. The grandkids love her too, and she happily snuggles with them on our couch. We love her, and she obviously loves us!



Floki has been loving this fall weather! One thing we have learned is he is a very good counter surfer. He recently got a cinnamon raisin bagel. He has taken a couple trips to the vet, but he's perfectly fine. We are learning to be extra cautious with what we leave out, even if it's for a second! He's fast!



Riley (was Griffin) is the sweetest pup! He's had a very exciting fall which included his first overnight in a camper in a nearby state park. He loves to play ball, fetch sticks, take naps, run and play with other dogs. I take him for rides in the car to see horses and cows at a local farm. I think due to where they found him, he recognizes the cows and horses in the field and loves to bark and watch them from the safety of the car

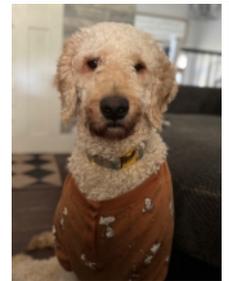


window. He also loves the Riley version of a Pup Cup (small water with ice). His groomer sent him home last week in his new Christmas neck tie, he's such a big boy now at 40 pounds! Riley has been the perfect addition to the family and is the best cuddler. He's still a little shy with strangers, but once he warms up, he is a best friend to everyone he meets.

I can't believe it's been over 7 months since Leela came into our lives. We were just talking about this the other night. We feel like we've always had her and can't remember what it was like not to have her. She's become such an integral part of our family. It was fun to see how much she enjoyed the snow. She galloped and pranced around!



Winston (was Ziggy) is doing wonderful! He is the very best boy ever! We are in love with this sweet boy! He's spoiled rotten, and I love him so much! We are so thankful we found him! Thank you for everything!



Cooper is enjoying his third birthday.



## In Loving Memory



I'm writing to tell you that my sweet, sweet Pedro has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was much loved and the best dog ever. He had metastatic prostate cancer to the kidney and bones. I got Pedro in January 2019. He was 2. Pedro was a Turkey dog and a beautiful soul. He was very timid, but also very playful and loving. He loved walks more than anything, and we miss him so much!!



I thought a week would give me time to settle down, but I guess I underestimated how much Molly (was Meg) meant to me. We said "good-bye" to her on Wednesday, September 29th. She would have turned 12 this month, but the osteosarcoma had other plans.

I really appreciate you letting us take her home with us. She was the laziest dog I've ever seen, but she was also the sweetest and most loving dog. When we first brought her home, she was pretty much completely shut down. She had come such a very long way, since she came to live with us. She stole our hearts along the way.

Once again, thank you again for the last 4+ years with this girl. We learned a lot from her. May she live pain-free from the cancer in doggy heaven.

My boy Drew, with the very special heart, crossed the bridge. To say he had a heart of gold is an understatement. We knew from the minute I saw Janet Knoche's post about a puppy with a heart defect, that he needed to be in our lives. It was a risk knowing his condition would likely impede his longevity, but we didn't care. Every day with Drew was a gift. He surprised us and made it to 9 ½. Several years more than what we had prepared ourselves for. Not only did he touch our hearts but everyone who met him. He had the neighbors and postal carrier trained to give him treats. He would longingly stare out the fence waiting for them. He knew their routines and cars. He became the honorary popcorn manager at the office. Daily, he made sure he taste tested it, before it could be served to anyone else. He also trained everyone that they were not allowed in my office without a popcorn fee and some love. He was our cuddle bug, and clothes/blanket thief. He loved his toys. He was the soft heart that carried us through the hard days. While he tolerated the car, he loved the adventures—Kentucky Horse Park, local parks, horse events, camping, time at Mizzou, eating out and even made a trip to the lake with me. Everywhere he went, he made friends and brought a smile to people's faces.



A piece of our hearts left with him, but we wouldn't trade it for the world. Run free my boy, eat all the popcorn, play with all the dogs and people. You will remain in our hearts forever.



I'm so sorry to let you know that Woody passed away on Wednesday 10-29. We were joined together thru Love a Golden Rescue for exactly 6 years to the day, how fitting. While we only had 6 years together, he certainly lived a great life. His LAGR name was Milton which was my father-in-law's name, but everyone called my father-in-law Woody....so it was a very appropriate name. Everyone in the neighborhood knew and loved "Woodydoodle" He was a proud guy that never passed up a pet on the head or a hug from his admirers. Always strutting his stuff on walks. The groomers and pet sitters said he was the best dog ever. He leaves behind his LAGR sister Cora, and a very sad momma.

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## In Loving Memory—continued



We lost Mulder (was Dickens) on 12/23/25. He collapsed at home and was taken to the emergency room. After some tests, we were told he had cardiac arrhythmia. He never had any symptoms. When I called the next day, I was told they found a large tumor on his spleen. The tumor caused the cardiac arrhythmia. He was such a sweet boy, and I miss him terribly. Mulder was terrified of thunderstorms, and it gives me a little peace knowing he won't be afraid of storms anymore.

It is with great sadness I am writing this. Our beautiful sweet Lilly (was Dilly) passed suddenly early this morning. She was such a joy to have, and she will be missed so much!! Thank you for trusting us to adopt her in 2018. We are going to miss her so much, as she was my best buddy. Hugs from afar.



Macie crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Halloween -- I adopted her in September, 2018 at the age of 9 months. We had her for 7 very short years, and found out shortly before she passed that she had cancer.

## Pick Me

Ranger is a very sweet 7-year-old boy who lost his home through no fault of his own.

Ranger is a special needs dog as he is nearly, but not completely blind. He learned to navigate his foster home in about two days and no longer bumps into walls or furniture. We are teaching him guiding commands like step down, step up, left, right, back up to help him navigate.

This boy is as sweet as they come. He loves affection although he doesn't demand it. He loves to carry a plush toy in his mouth everywhere he goes. He does not like to go on walks but enjoys car rides. He prefers to sleep on the bed with his humans, but we are training him to use his own bed. He is a very sound sleeper, and there is no moving him once he is settled!

Ranger would do best in a ranch style home as stairs would be difficult for him to navigate. He is fine with low energy dogs, but my neighbor's high energy lab really spooks him. He ignores my cat. A quiet atmosphere would probably be best for him. This handsome active boy is a typical young golden retriever. He's as sweet as they come and loves to snuggle.



# 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

Laura & Kyle Seelbach Benny  
Linda Rau Big Red  
The Brcic Family Cassie  
Kristen Stone Ellie  
Bruce & Kathleen Elly  
Steve & Janet Gray Gracie  
Patrick Shrewsbury Milo  
Name held on request River  
Colleen & Shraddhesh Simba

## Donations

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Robert & Brenda Phipps  
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Steven Maas  
Susan & Chris Friedick  
Terry Carmody  
William & Carolyn Grobl

## Giving Tuesday

Brenda Hass  
Carol Barnard  
Casey Busken  
Catherine Kennedy  
Cindy Murphy  
Cyndi Palmer In honor of all goldens  
Debbie Stewart  
Deborah Johnson  
Debra Henke  
Erin & Matt Preuss  
Gail Ford  
Grace & Greg Hammett  
Henry Schmitt  
Janet Gray  
Jeanine Wescott In honor of our goofy girl  
Greta  
John Rodis  
Judith Speck  
Judy Brooks  
Julie Messmer  
Karen Collins  
Karen Ledbetter In memory of Ben  
Katherine Steele  
Kathy Bearman In honor of Jessie  
Katrina B. Hart In honor of Kade &  
memory of Kai  
Kent Holcomb  
Kristin Charow  
Laura Gittemeier  
Maggie Erdman In honor of Ruthie  
Marcia Berry  
Marilyn Molitor  
Melissa Griswold Irvine In honor of Sadie  
Merilee Mulvaney  
Michael Goldstein  
Michael Sloss  
Michelle Stevens  
Nancy Scanlon  
Nancy Sparr  
Peggy & Dwain Springer In memory of  
Buddy  
Renee Campbell  
Richard Lamar  
Russell Crowder  
Suzanne LeBeau  
Terry Carmody  
Theresa Dattilo

## In Memory or Honor

Suzanne Hembrough In honor of Elsa  
Kathleen Caton In honor of Erin Preuss birthday  
Mike Naccarato In honor of Teresa Loseke B-day  
Teresa Loseke In honor of Teresa Loseke B-day  
Vicky Lynn In honor of Teresa Loseke B-day  
Christina Deal In memory of Burke  
Connie Coleman In memory of Eric Coleman  
Albert Becker In memory of Greg Parker  
Jennifer Dema In memory of Greg Parker  
Melanie Cochran In memory of Greg Parker  
Michelle Worth In memory of Greg Parker  
Robert Redmond In memory of Greg Parker  
Rosanne Eastman In memory of Greg Parker  
Tia Anderson-Kobs In memory of Greg Parker  
Belinda & Steve Davis family In memory of Greg Parker  
William Huerth In memory of Geg Parker  
Marcia O'Rourke In memory of Greg Parker  
David & Gloria Lowell In memory of Jane Lowell Arnold,  
Tori and Lola Lowell  
Al Berberich In memory of Kathy Berberich  
Patrice Grace In memory of Lacey Deibel  
Healing Paws Rehab In memory of Maverick  
Holly Streeter & Ken Schaefer In memory of Molly  
Ida & Bob Houston In memory of Molly (was Meg)

## Matching Gifts

Boeing

## Grant

GRF April Fund Bodhi  
GRF April Fund Ellie

# Additional Information

## Saving Money

Having a golden in your family can get expensive. Grooming, boarding during vacations, annual check-ups. It all adds up. Wouldn't you like to save a little? You might be buying some of these products already for your dogs... and the manufacturer of those products gives rewards that can be applied to your bill at your vet.

Ch-ching! Do you hear that? It's the sound of money sailing back into your wallet. Do you use any of these products below? If so, you can earn points at Zoetis Petcare rewards. <https://www.zoetispetcare.com/rewards>. They will send a debit Mastercard the first time they add points, and all future points are added to the same card. These points can be used at your vet. It is very easy. For example, each box of 6 Simparica Trio you buy earns \$15.00, for a box of 12 you earn \$45.00, once you reach silver level. Zoetis Petcare products - Simparica Trio, Simparica, Apoquel, Convenia or Cerenia—they can all help you save a little. The points add up, and we all need to save a little when we can. The invoice has to be submitted within a month of purchase to earn points.

## Half Price Books – Gift Wrapping

During this past holiday season, we again wrapped gifts at the three Half Price Books stores for the holiday shoppers. This is always a fun time for our volunteers—meeting so many people who love to talk about their pets and often those stories turn into other stories.

We always want to have one dog that wears a vest along with two volunteers. This past season, at one store, there was an incident. A young man came up to the table, grabbed the donation box, and ran off on foot. The police came, spoke to several witnesses and made a report, but the thief was never caught. Word spread through the store, and the employees and customers stepped up and were extra generous. By the end of the day, donations had more than doubled. What began as something bad ended up wonderfully. The memory of the awful actions of one person disappeared, replaced by the goodness of humanity.

If you're not on the list of volunteers who wrap gifts at Half Price Books, and you want to join in the fun next holiday season, contact us. It's easy--we promise.

Below are photos of many of the 4-legged friends that helped collect donations.



# Adoption Days

Come see our available goldens.

Meet & Greets will be held at Treats Unleashed at the following locations and times:

**Saturday, Feb. 28 - 11am - 2pm**

Treats Unleashed Chesterfield  
11617 Olive Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63141

**Saturday, April 25 - 11am - 2pm**

Treats Unleashed North Kirkwood  
10700B Manchester Rd  
North Kirkwood, MO 63122

**Saturday, June 27 - 11am - 2pm**

Treats Unleashed Ladue  
8861-B Ladue Rd  
Ladue, MO 63124

**Saturday, March 14 - 11am - 2pm**

Treats Unleashed Ladue  
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Ladue, MO 63124

**Saturday, May 23 - 11am - 2pm**

Treats Unleashed Creve Coeur  
11617 Olive Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63141

Please see our webpage for more information.

[www.loveagolden.com/events/](http://www.loveagolden.com/events/)

See the LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the events: [www.loveagolden.com/events/](http://www.loveagolden.com/events/)

For information on any of these events, please email [adoption@loveagolden.com](mailto:adoption@loveagolden.com).

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or send an e-mail to [Jan@loveagolden.com](mailto:Jan@loveagolden.com)

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