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The Story of Maggie Moo

When we featured Maggie Moo's interview in our summer 2011 newsletter, many people thought she was a pathetic case. Rescued in October 2010, she was well into her "golden" years. Her owner had died, and none of the family wanted to take her in.

Maggie's biggest obstacle to getting adopted? she weighed 117 pounds. Her owner had fed her a coffee can full of dry food and 2 cans of Alpo every day. She was so obese; she could not even walk up a flight of stairs.

Would she ever find a forever home? Read on to find out what has happened to Maggie Moo...

This past summer, our home lost an incredible rescue dog that blessed our lives for 3 years, and then that void was quickly filled with not one but two more incredible rescue dogs.

When we lost Sunshine, we knew we must find another special dog to share our lives, but that was going to be some big shoes to fill! Paige and I were first asked to foster a dog named, Baker. She is a beautiful, quiet, and gentle 10 year old girl that was turned in after being in several homes. She seemed to fit right in, but I was a little apprehensive of getting another senior so soon. We talked about it and felt that we needed to continue giving Senior Golden Retrievers a wonderful end of life/forever home, regardless of if it was 6 months or 6 years. Baker has a lot of play in her, so we are hoping she will be a part of our home for many more years.

Within about 2 weeks of Baker entering our lives, a situation in the rescue came up involving another very special senior dog. Maggie Moo needed a foster home to make room for a special needs girl that was requiring major rehabilitation. So, we agreed to foster Maggie. Paige who was in love with Baker immediately fell in love with Maggie Moo too. Maggie was the same red color as our Sunshine, so for Paige, it was Sunshine coming back into our lives. Maggie is very different – a much more opinionated and independent girl than Sunshine. She immediately knew she had a role to help Paige with her grieving. Sunshine's loss had been extremely difficult for Paige. Maggie made herself right at home especially in Paige's room. Of course, I immediately got the "can we keep her too mom?" I had seen this before with many of the other fosters we had and really wasn't sure I was ready to take on two senior dogs (Maggie is estimated at 13 yrs. old- but don't tell her that!) for the fear of losing another too soon and possibly even two. I thought it would pass and knew there was a good chance Maggie would be in our foster care for quite a while regardless. Paige feared she would be adopted by someone else and continually explained how well Maggie was doing here and gave a list of well thought out reasons why it was in Maggie's best interest to stay here forever.

As Christmas approached, I asked Paige (who is 8 yrs. old) what she wanted for Christmas. Top of the list – Maggie Moo! Uh oh! My first thought was this will pass, it is November. No, she was dead set and repeatedly told everyone that asked her that all she wanted for Christmas was Maggie Moo. When asked if there was only one thing from her list she could have – Maggie Moo. At this point, I knew she had a very special bond with Maggie Moo. What 8 yr. old asks for a 13 yr. old dog in lieu of electronics, toys, and clothes?? So, Paige pleaded with Santa and Mom to make this happen.

On Christmas morning, Maggie had a large bow on her, and Paige had a letter in her stocking from Santa. Santa explained what a big responsibility it was to adopt a dog (especially a 13 year old dog) to Paige and said that if she could agree in writing to him that she would commit to helping with Maggie Moo's daily care as well as bathing, yard duty, walking (have to keep weight off), and anything else she requires, then he would arrange for the adoption. I explained how before she made this agreement, she must stick to everything, because Santa takes these promises very seriously! Within minutes, she had her note written back to him promising to fulfill all of Maggie's needs. She then sat and hugged Maggie for the rest of the day. Maggie was Paige's Christmas miracle, or maybe it was the other way around. She loves both Baker and Maggie, and they each have a very special place in our lives. We are thankful for both of them. Thank you Love A Golden Rescue for bringing these special dogs into our lives! Oh, and thanks to Santa for arranging the adoption!



Love a Golden Rescue is on Facebook

Love a Golden Rescue is nearing a milestone on Facebook – we have reached 500 friends! For those of you who aren't familiar with Facebook, it's an excellent social networking site but also has many other functions; including raising awareness for charities and social issues. It's also truly revolutionized animal rescue.

The basics of Facebook are this: you create a profile where you manage information about yourself and decide who can see how much of that information. You then "friend" people and organizations. You can share information, follow "posts" that are created by your friends and network with one another. If you're squeamish about sharing too much information – don't fear, you can change your account profile options to limit the visibility of your information.

Facebook and other social networking sites have done wonders for animal rescue. Shelters, rescues, transporters and individuals who are simply interested in networking to save animals post animals-in-need on their "wall." Many of these posts are urgent and linking these animals in desperate need with potential transporters, rescuers, fosters homes and adoptive homes are giving animals which may not have had options a second chance! (Fosters Fletcher and Ginjer were found by LAGR via Facebook!)

How can you get involved? Sign up! Then go to www.facebook.com/loveagoldenrescue and "add as friend." You will then see our post which includes available dogs for adoption, success stories from forever homes, upcoming events, neighborhood news and tips to keep your animals healthy. You may also see a dog that would be great for a friend. "Share" our post with them and pass along the info.

Other great ways you can get involved: learn about community events via Facebook "newsfeeds." Do you want to attend a trivia night to help the animals? We'll keep you in the loop with when and where. Are you passionate about an animal cause? Sign a petition and help to affect change. You will learn more and more ways that you can help just with a simple click of a button (like theanimalrescuesite.com and clicktogive.com)

Here's the bottom line: the more friends we have, (can we reach 600? 700? or even 1000?,) the more we can spread the word about LAGR and help get our wonderful dogs adopted. Sign up and tell your friends to "friend" us. Need some guidance? "Message" our page for help, or go to youtube.com and search for how to use facebook!

Foster Home Opportunity

**Please consider opening your home for this rewarding opportunity.
We are always in need of individuals or families wanting to help the
Goldens in our care.**

**Contact us at:
adoption@loveagolden.com if you are willing to open your home.**

President's Message

Hi,

Thank you to all of our volunteers, supporters, adoptive homes and friends. We have just completed another successful year helping Golden Retrievers in need!

During 2011, we helped 64 Golden Retrievers and Golden Mixes of all ages. Of the 64, eleven were nine and older. These seniors are Golden Retrievers who have little option of getting into rescue, but here at LAGR we love the seniors. In fact, our senior program located at:

www.loveagolden.com/SeniorLifeProgram helps us place them in loving homes. For those of you who adopt these wonderful dogs through this program, we are truly thankful.

Our intake numbers are limited by the number of foster homes we have. On a weekly basis, there are many more dogs we hear about and we end up working with other groups to be sure they are safe, since we don't always have room. When our foster homes are full, we're full as well. The Golden world of rescue in the US is a group of very dedicated people who work together to help Golden Retrievers. There is a National Rescue Committee who does unbelievable work to help groups communicate and save Golden Retrievers from shelters. Check it out at www.grca-nrc.org/. On the East coast, they have waiting lists for people wanting to adopt. Can you believe it?

In 2011, we helped a wonderful Golden named Mae who had been hit by a car. Upon intake, she had a dislocated hip and was obese. All was done to save her leg but after two surgeries, her body had a different plan. The scar tissue had grown around her sciatic nerve, and she was in much pain. In early January, her leg was removed, and she is now pain-free, healing and adjusting well. Since last summer, she has lost 40 pounds. She is now able to support herself on only three legs.

Those of you who have adopted from us who have volunteered have heard some of the sad stories these wonderful dogs have. However, once they are in rescue all of that changes. They seem to know that and are so appreciative of what is done for them. Sometimes they do have a problem getting rid of their "baggage." For some dogs, it is more like an overweight suitcase rather than a light carry-on. However given patience and love, they endure and flourish...

Please mark your calendar for our reunion picnic on June 16th in Maryland Heights. It's always wonderful to see the park full of Golden Retrievers (some white-blond and some dark red, as we all get a chance to catch up with each other...the four-legged ones *and* the two-legged ones.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

Recently I left my home to explore the world. This was definitely not a good idea, because I was picked up by animal control and classified as a stray and then taken to a shelter.

Since the shelter did not know who my owner was, I am now a LAGR Golden waiting for my new home. Wandering—Now Wondering,
Lego

Dear Lego,

Your owners could have done some things to identify themselves as your owner. First, if you had been micro chipped, the shelter could have scanned you and found your owner that way. Vets can scan as well as shelters, and LAGR has a scanner. You would be surprised how many dogs do not have a chip. A chip is a foolproof way to get identified; it is not something that can be lost.

Wearing tags is also very important, and the tag should have a phone number on it. All LAGR dogs are adopted with a heart-shaped tag. We encourage new owners to keep this on their four-legged family member. Many of our Golden Retrievers have been reunited this way. If you have a collar, writing the phone number on the collar with a permanent marker is also good in case you lose your tags. Another way to help reunite us when we become strays is a listing on Craig's List under "lost and found."

Good luck with finding your new forever home.
Elsa

Footnote: Since Elsa wrote this article, Lego has been reunited with his family. They searched and searched, and he is happy to be home.

Golden Pennies

We have reached our goal of 400,000 pennies.

Our next milestone is 500,000 pennies.

Do you have pennies and other change you don't know what to do with? Please donate your pennies and change to help our Golden Retrievers.

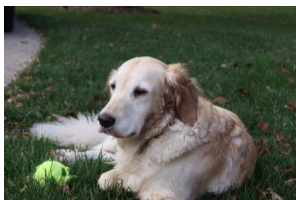
These pennies will assist our Golden Retrievers, who were strays, who have been rescued from shelters or whose families could no longer care for them.

Our rescue provides vet care and foster homes to Golden Retrievers prior to their adoptions into loving homes. Please bring your pennies to any LAGR event.



HAPPY ENDINGS

Annie (formerly Cherie)
Our beautiful Annie, we love her.



Austin enjoying one of his
Christmas presents.



Annie is a very special member
of our family shown here with
her best friend.

Bangles is thriving and is a very happy
girl and a very spoiled dog.



Sweet Buffy



Brewster (formerly Bristol)
is shown here hiking at
Starved Rock State Park. He
is having lots of fun in his
new home.

Dolly (formerly Harmony)
She is pure entertainment for us.
Dolly is always in a good mood, and
when we go away for an hour or so,
she is sooo happy to see us. We
love her so much.



George is doing great....right now
he is taking a nap under my
desk....he loves having a "job."

Gracie taking a dip after a warm autumn walk.



Hudson is celebrating his
1st birthday.



Leah is dog tired! (Leah is on the left.)

Louie with Santa.



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Happy Endings - continued

Luther is doing very well, he is a good boy. Even though he is a big puppy, he is really working on all of his manners.



Stella's big brother loves his little sister.



Shelby (formerly Ashly) loves Halloween.



Spike is such a joy to have around! He listens well. He even comes when you call.



Find the Golden!



The Golden in last edition was hidden on the Happy Ending page - (bottom right page 4) Did you find it? The Golden is making its way through the newsletter and will be hidden somewhere in this edition. Have fun reading through the entire newsletter to find it. The location will be revealed in the next edition.

PIC ME! - Golden currently available for adoption.

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

Sidney: My foster mom says I have the most beautiful, big, brown eyes! I would love to be your big lovable golden boy! I'm well behaved in the house. I do not need to be crated, as I am such a good boy. I get along well with other dogs but would do fine as an only dog.



Dolly: I'm a six year old gorgeous redhead. I get along well with kids, cats and dogs. My favorite playmate at my foster home is an energetic 2 year old puppy. Everyone tells me how sweet I am, and I'm not going to lie, they are right!



IN LOVING MEMORY

Abraham (formerly Frisco) was 14 years old, and his arthritis got very bad.



We adopted Ally three years ago from LAGR. She was a very affectionate dog who loved to play ball and adored food. Sadly she became ill and passed in December from most likely a brain tumor. She brought a lot of happiness to our family and was a wonderful companion for our other Golden. We are so happy that Ally became part of our lives, and she is deeply missed.

We lost our Charley to Sarcoma cancer. We loved him so much; he was truly a gift from God and a member of our family. I could take all day to tell you all the things we did together and how wonderful he was.



Cowboy went to the bridge in July. He was the sixth dog that Love a Golden Rescue brought into rescue in 2001.



Our beloved Granger died in October 2011; we loved him so much; the sadness has overwhelmed me.

Haulsey was much loved in his foster home, a very sweet senior. His foster dad was with him, and he passed peacefully with his head in his lap.



Jackson Jay was the love of our life; we lost him to a tumor on his spleen December 2011.

Louie (formerly Dauber) sadly went to the bridge in December 2011. He was loved very much and is desperately missed.

O'Neil came to us in January of 2006 while we were starting a new life in St. Louis after being displaced from our home in New Orleans by hurricane Katrina. We knew immediately that he was the one for our family after meeting him, and he joined the family without missing a beat. He was there bringing joy to our life during sad times, while we mourned our losses of home in New Orleans. We all miss him terribly and are very glad we came across Love a Golden Rescue, while we were living in St. Louis.



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Our Maggie (formerly Rosalee) went to the bridge in August 2011. She was the love of our lives. Even though we only had her for 3 years, we greatly miss her. She had given us joy and laughter each and every day. Maggie had quite the personality. Everyday there is always something that makes us think of her.

Mags had a few short months in her forever home, but she was loved so much. In November 2011, she went to the bridge.



Millie (formerly Mitzey) was adopted in March 2003 and had 9 wonderful years in her forever home.

I adopted Secret from Love a Golden Rescue on August 11, 2010. She lived 18 months with me and was a great companion. She got along well with other dogs and loved being around children and adults too. She always let me know when there was something going on outside that she wasn't familiar with. In December, she was diagnosed with Sarcoma stage 3 cancer. She never whined or yelped even when the tumor grew large, and it was hard for her to walk. On January 7, 2012, she went to the bridge. Thank you Secret, for the 18 months, the happy memories, the fun times and the love you gave me. Enjoy being able to run and jump with all the other pets.



LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE - SUPPORTERS

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

Adoptions

Diane Ross & Don Klarer Archie
Les & Diane Harmon Bailee Marie
Brian & Linda Schirmer Bristol
Bill & Colleen Hayden Buddy Boy
Linda & Mark Meissner Ceci
JV & Gina Johnson Cherie
Bonnie Jernigan Dauber
Richard & Ruth Sublett Dukey
Barry & Mary Buchek Harvey
Joe Stortz Jackson II
Katie & Will Steele Katie
Michael & Lynn Hert Koda
Terry Carmody Kyan
Maureen & Paul Joseph Linsey
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Name held on request Paris
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In Memory and Honor

In honor of Gregg Rich
By Charity Rich for Foster Buddy Codee

In honor of Barbara Burke
Amanda Burke

In honor of Fenway
Stephanie Kurtzman

In honor of Ruby Blair
Bonnie Ash
Donna Barth
Judy Hope
Linda Larson

In memory of Audrey Bullard
Animals Requesting Friends

In memory of Duke
Bernice Knocke

In memory of Gladys Masters
Pam Bogle
Jennifer Hershey & Del Moeller
Sue Prouhet
Geraldine & Paul Siler
Michele & John Swanson

In memory of Granger
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In memory of Megan Hanley
Mary Schwart

In memory of Milli
Ellen Norris

In memory of Zeus Riggs
Carolyn & Louisa Pearl Westrich

Grant

Pedigree Foundation

The Golden Thank You

RECENTS EVENTS

Blues Jersey Raffle

Love a Golden Rescue held a raffle this year for a Dave Backus (St. Louis Blues hockey) autographed jersey. The winner was Kyle Grenz.

The winning ticket was drawn by the manager of Petco, Chesterfield MO.

Congratulations Kyle!



Craft Fair

LAGR participated in the annual craft fair held at Pattonville High School located in St. Louis County. Many dog biscuits and lots of the craft items our LAGR volunteers made were purchased. Thank you to all the crafters and dog biscuits bakers for making this craft fair a success.

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping

Although our available time to wrap gifts this past December was significantly less than previous years, our volunteers were still able to wrap many gifts for Barnes & Noble patrons.

Volunteer Meeting

On January 14, 2012, 23 volunteers met together for our annual meeting. We began our meeting with some fun by getting to know a little something about each other by drawing a personal license plate. We were happy to meet some of our new volunteers as well as see some that have been part of the group for a while. We reviewed 2011 activities, and Jan gave us the facts and figures about dogs brought in to rescue and dogs adopted. We discussed different ways to raise money and various activities we will be doing in 2012. We ended the meeting with viewing a slide show of all the dogs adopted in 2011. We hope that many of you will join us this year for our activities.





TRIVIA NIGHT

Night of Food, Fun & Trivia
April 28, 2012
7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Eagles Club

**424 E Broadway
Alton, IL. 62002**

(Parking is available on the top level.)

Table of 8 players: \$120.00

Includes Popcorn & Soda

(It is OK to bring food & other drinks but the hall does not allow outside liquor to be brought in. Mixed drinks & beer will be available at bar prices.)

Silent Auction, 50/50, Raffle Baskets

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**Trivia Night Registration Form
(Sign up early)**

Team Captain.....Captain's Email.....

Phone #.....Amount Enclosed \$.....

**Please mail this form by April 16, 2012 along with
payment (checks payable to LAGR) to:**

**Love A Golden Rescue
C/O Marcia E. Berry
33022 Crystal Lake Road
Jerseyville, IL 62052**

Any questions email: goldenberry111@msn.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Louis Earth Day Festival

4/22/2012 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Muny Grounds, Forest Park, St. Louis, MO

5th Annual Illinois LAGR Trivia

4/28/2012 6:30 PM

Alton Eagles Club, 424 E. Broadway, Alton, IL
(See the flyer in this issue on page 10)

Valley of Flowers Parade

5/06/12

Florissant, MO

LAGR Reunion Picnic

6/16/12

Vago Park, Maryland Heights, MO

Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden Retrievers.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM

PETCO in St. Charles located near Zumbuhl and Hwy 70.

Last Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM

PETCO located at Clarkson and Baxter Roads.

See the LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the events: www.loveagolden.com/events.htm

For information on any of these events, please email adoption@loveagolden.com.

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www.loveagolden.com/newsletter.htm

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**Then fill out a volunteer application form on-line at: www.loveagolden.com/volunteerform.htm
or send an e-mail to lagrvolunteer@loveagolden.com**

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