

Love a Golden Rescue

Golden News

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From the Beginning

In 2000, seven people who were golden lovers to the core had a dream to help goldens in rural Missouri and Southern Illinois. This was the seed that Love a Golden Rescue grew from. One of the people in the group came up with our name, we all loved it, and then we had an artist (who was also a golden lover) come up with our logo. Wading through the research and the red tape, we learned all about the requirements of forming a nonprofit organization in Missouri. After we applied for our 501 c 3 and our Missouri Department of Agriculture license, we were ready to start rescuing in January 2001.

The thought was we would only help a handful of dogs a year. But for that handful of dogs, we would make a difference in their lives. By the end of 2001 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.



Pumpkin

It all clicked. We received applications and adopted out dogs. Along with rescuing came vet expenses. We had to raise money and raise it fast. Many of the dogs that melted our hearts needed extensive veterinary care. Somehow we raised enough money. We held garage sales and worked at SAVVIS Center hockey games behind the concession stand. We even did photos with Santa at Petco There was an event called Goldstock held in Pennsylvania and always over Labor Day. This was where golden rescues would meet up with golden lovers from all over the country. The rescues would sell their wares and have a silent as well as a live auction. One year, we made a beautiful quilt for the live auction.

Our first newsletter was published in 2001, and our first picnic was in June 2002. Our first trivia night in St. Charles was in 2006, and for a few years, we also had a trivia night in Illinois.

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

We have now taken in almost 1200 dogs. They have come from many different places: breeders, some are born in rescue, some are owner surrenders, some are bought at auctions, some fly over from Turkey and the list goes on. We've always had to deal with various health problems. Some have been a real challenge. Here are a few of the success stories that have found a permanent place in our heart:



Forest

Forest, a sweet girl that was run over in Forest Park, got adopted and became a part of a wonderful home after rehabbing.

Mae was run over by her owner. She was 130 pounds when she came to rescue. It took many months for her to recover after one of her legs was finally amputated. She was adopted by her foster family and had an amazing life until she went to the bridge.

We had a litter of puppies that had the parvo virus, along with two puppies that had distemper. One survivor is about to celebrate their 12th birthday and is a miracle dog.

One sweet golden mix had a nose that wouldn't stop bleeding. After months of trying to figure out what was wrong, she was treated with a Chinese herb, the bleeding stopped, and she was adopted.



Mae

The list goes on and on. We could share stories all day and well into the evening. When we rescue a dog, and give it another chance at a good life, they carve a spot in our hearts. Some of our dogs have had severe allergies--some food and some environmental--but after the appropriate treatment, they all have found forever homes.

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From the Beginning - Continued

Several of our dogs have become therapy dogs. A long time ago, a special golden boy named Andy became a service dog. One of LAGR's golden retrievers is one of 3000 goldens in the Morris Foundation Cancer Research program. He will be tracked annually his entire life. He was born in rescue. With this research, it is hoped the cause for why so many goldens have cancer will be unlocked, which will help the future generations.

Some of our dogs have traveled many miles around the country with their owners and are wonderful ambassadors. One of the most rewarding things is when a litter of puppies is born, and each ball of fur finds a wonderful home. Over the years, this has happened many times. In 2004, we had a litter of golden beagle mixes. They were the cutest pups. They all looked like beagles but acted just like goldens.

It's especially rewarding seeing breeder dogs bloom like a rose. We have had many. Some do not bloom as much as others, but they all become happy dogs in their own way. One of the biggest success stories as far as breeder dogs is Flower. She often comes to our Petco events. She is a very happy girl. She came from an auction with 3 other dogs in 2011. One of the other females who came with her is Paris. She is one of the dogs who has never totally recovered but is nonetheless very happy in her forever home with another breeder dog (Joy) who also has not totally recovered. Two other breeder girls who came with her, Eve and Ivy, are doing fantastic and are now in a home together.

Since we started in 2001, Facebook has become integral in our networking. We now go to Treats Unleashed as well as Petco for meet and greets, we hold an annual 5 K run, we do gift wrapping during the holidays at Half Price Books, and we've restarted doing Santa photos. On the first Saturday in December, we go to the Pattonville Craft Fair where we always sell out of our homemade dog treats and gift baskets. We have many regular customers that look for us every year. This will be our 18th year at Pattonville's craft fair. In 2000, before we were a rescue, this craft fair is how we raised our funds to pay for our 501 c 3 tax exemption status. The dogs we have available for adoption at any one time varies. Over the years, we've tried different fundraising projects. However, there's one thing that has not changed over the last 18 years. The one constant is you: our loyal friends, our generous donors, our loving adopters and our tireless volunteers. Thank you.

ASK ELSA

Dear Elsa,

One of my dog friends told me you'd had an accident. What happened?

Sincerely,

Worried Over Elsa



Dear WOE,

Did you ever think what exactly is an accident? My dad says an accident is "something that happens." That's a bit of wisdom.

Something *did* happen to me. I was in the middle of a good day, doing what all 11 ½ year old goldens love to do: sleep.

When I went outside to go potty, I found I couldn't walk. One of those accidents happened to me. I don't know what occurred. Since I'm stoic, I didn't cry out in pain. (You don't get to be as old as me unless you're kind of tough.) My mom and dad suspect that one of my clumsy brothers ran into me, or I stepped wrong in one of the holes they dug.

I was down and out. My dad put me in a safe place, the bathroom, until my mom got home. She jumped into action. Faster than lightning, I was at the vet, x-rayed and diagnosed: a dislocated hip.

As I write this letter, I am in my doggie hospital bed, the socket is back in place, and I heard I have to wear some contraption for 4 to 6 weeks. Oh boy, I don't like these things you humans call "accidents."

To you my readers--accidents happen every day. Why they happen, who knows? Sometimes they can change your life. For me, no walks for a long time. Just think... some of you have chased tennis balls, landed wrong and damaged a crucial ligament. I hear that when that happens, surgery is a long healing process, so I am lucky. Our humans also have accidents. Sometimes accidents turn people's lives upside down. As canines, we have to be very supportive of our two-legged friends.

Just be careful. There may be things that could cause an accident (fallen branches that you might trip over when playing ball, for example), so ask your humans to take care of it. I have learned--if it is your turn for an "accident," it'll happen...

Ever-so-helpful,

Elsa

Presidents Message

Hi,
We are in the last part of 2017, and this has been a good year for Love a Golden Rescue. Our trivia night was a great success, and everyone had a lot of fun while helping our golden retrievers.
September 16th was the day of our Reunion Picnic. What a wonderful sight—60 golden retrievers and their non-golden (human) friends. Most of the dogs attending were rescued from us and now have wonderful, caring homes.
As of October 25, 2017, we have taken 33 dogs into our rescue for the year. This number is much lower than previous years. There just are not many golden retrievers coming to rescue. The ones we are getting are seniors. We have taken in two chocolate labs, several mixes and 11 golden retrievers from Turkey. Some of our intakes are great older ladies.
We have treated several dogs with heartworm, allergies and tumors. Many dentals along with teeth extractions had to be performed and one little girl had a birth defect at the base of her tail and needed extensive surgery. Luckily, she is doing well and has been adopted.

We look forward to our holiday events. We'll be snapping photos with Santa (see the flyer in this newsletter.) We will also be book and gift wrapping at all three Half Price Books stores on Black Friday along with the weekends before Christmas. If you have never been to a Half Price Book store and you love to read, this is the perfect place for you. Come visit us and do your holiday shopping for any books, DVDs, CDs and vinyl you'll need for gifts.

Thank you to all who have adopted our dogs. They are all very lucky to have special homes. Thanks to our donors—without you, we could not put these wonderful dogs back together again so they become whole and happy. Thanks also to our volunteers especially our foster homes. Without everyone helping, things just would not fall into place.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

Thank You

Thank you to our Turkey dog crew who traveled to meet the flight for our last four dogs from Turkey. It was a very early morning to meet the flight, but we all survived.



PIC ME! - Two of our golden retrievers that are currently available for adoption

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

Lucy Lockett



Gregarious, adaptable and easy going, Lucy has adjusted well to a new routine in her foster home. It did take some time to settle in as her life was turned upside down when she lost her former owner. She's gotten better at walking on a leash and gets along with everyone. Lucy is more energetic than you might expect for a nine year old, but is content to have a lazy day at home or a busy one out

meeting new people and dogs. She prefers to not be left alone all day but is fine for short periods once she is comfortable with her routine. She looks forward to her walks.

Lady Jane



I am looking for a new place to park my paws! I am a sweet ten year old who would love to keep you company. I love my toys and don't tear them up, and I will play ball and return it to you – as all retrievers should. I just completed heartworm treatment and did fine with it. I love to follow my foster mom around the house to see what she's up to. I am well behaved in the car and love to go for rides. I do pretty good on walks also. If you are looking for a "move in ready" golden, I'm your gal!

Happy Endings

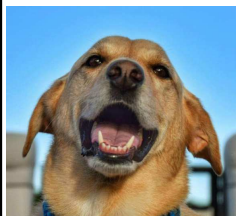


Destiny (formerly Violet) is doing fine. She is very active and loves to play with the kids and swim in the lake when we go to southern Illinois



Louise (formerly Blondie) is still a sweetheart. She is a sweet girl, and we love her. My kids' friends all adore her.

Kassidy is doing well! She loves going on walks. She loves to fetch in the backyard and has taken to chasing the squirrels and the rabbits out of her territory.



Not that Dex is spoiled at all....just wanted to share his true love of boating.

Boomer is doing great. He enjoyed our vacation and got to play in the ocean.



Ivy and Ginger Eve: My sweet babies cuddling. I love these sweeties. Thank you once again.

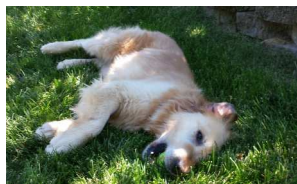


Things are going so well for Sam. He has been the best addition to our little family and a perfect work companion for Ryan.

Auggie (formerly Gatsby) is doing great! Auggie and Seb are becoming best pals. We feel so blessed to have him in our lives. He really is a great dog.



Tetley loves to go on walks and also loves to ride in the car.



Things are going really well for Ben. He loves his sister golden Allie and his two kitties.



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Happy Endings-CONTINUED



Sayda (now Bella) Bella is still doing great. She has made so many friends in the year she has been with me. She loves humans, but will totally run by them if she sees one of her four legged friends. I can't thank you enough for allowing me to adopt Bella. She brings so much joy to everyone in her life.

Charlie is doing fantastic! He plays with his neighborhood friends every morning and is our big, fluffy snuggle buddy. Our family would not be the same without him.



Chia now Quinn is very much a part of our family. She very much enjoys our 3 mile morning walks and afternoon play times in the neighborhood park, as well as numerous walks throughout the day.

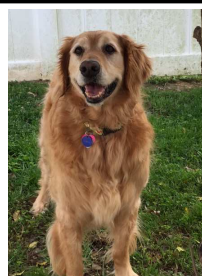
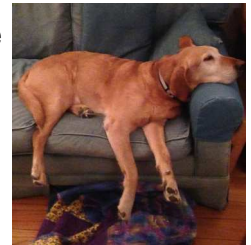


Dudley is coming along nicely with settling in here with us. I know that he feels at home now. We are truly happy, and I think he is too!



Brooke (now Lola) is fitting in just fine. She has quite the personality and a very sweet girl. We just love her.

We think Harvey Wall Banger is the best! He has the happiest tail in the west. Harvey is the king of snooze. He has never met a couch or a nap he will refuse.



We just can't say enough good things about Wilson! It's taken him a while to get settled, but you can just see everyday that he is happier and more relaxed.



Tuk-Tuk is doing great! He is such a wonderful boy!

Karmer (now Draco) is doing exceptionally well. He is doing well on walks and thoroughly enjoying his celebrity status here in our subdivision. Here he is at the dog park.



Here I am Katie with Miss Scarlett from next door. She says I am her favorite dog. Isn't that just special?



Recent Events

Annual LAGR Picnic



From the time of LAGR's first picnic in 2002, the reunion picnic has continued to be an annual highlight. Activities, menus, and games have changed throughout the years. Some crowd pleasers such as the ever popular peanut butter eating contest and silent auction have become a tradition. In 2009, volunteers came up with the idea of producing a patriotic themed Freedom picnic. Since then adoptive families have



enjoyed a luau, a western roundup, a pirate party, a fiesta, a casino party, a 50's rock 'n roll picnic, a baseball all-star picnic and this year's Doggywood.

2017's movie themed picnic attracted 100 humans with their 60 or so dogs. A highlight was when volunteer Mary gave a demonstration with her search and rescue dog Silas who came from Turkey. LAGR was very fortunate this year to have a group of young girl volunteers from KARE assist. They even brought frozen "pupsicles" for our dogs! Added to that was a beautiful day, wonderful fun games for the dogs, an awesome silent auction, a great meal and a costume contest. Kudos to our wonderful volunteers who make this annual fun event for our adopters and adoptees possible!



Trivia Night

Our trivia night was a lot of fun and a great success. Thanks to the many volunteers who pulled it all together. Our silent auction was great and new this year. We had a candy bar raffle. For \$5.00, you could purchase a numbered candy bar for a chance to win restaurant gift certificates worth over \$1000.00. Thanks to those who attended and helped out and especially our sponsors.

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A big thank you also to the volunteers and businesses who helped make this event a success.

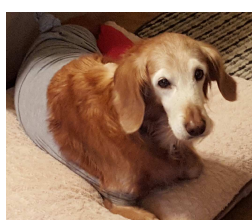
IN LOVING MEMORY



It is with a very heavy heart we said good bye to our ♥ Miss Chance as she transferred over to the Rainbow Bridge on July 6th.

Her body had failed her - her mind was perfect. Dumped at 13 years she filled our hearts with joy. She had a great time on walks in the woods, doing chores every day (great work ethic) and hanging at the fire - she would never let you sit outside without her.

With tears and broken heart we let Hilda go to the bridge this evening. In addition to the mass, she had chronic renal disease, osteoarthritis, crucial ligament disease, severe arthritis in her spine and a host of other issues. She was seen by two vets today. We really hoped we could have a different outcome. Run free at the bridge sweet girl. We loved you the short time you were in rescue.



It is with profound grief that I must tell you that Grace, previously Minnie, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. She had a growth that turned out to be a mast cell tumor.

Grace had a rough start, being a breeder momma, but the 2nd half of her life was amazing. She had not only a loving mom in me, but an aunt and grandma that spoiled her rotten.

She will be missed more than I can say, but I will cherish the nearly 9 years that I was blessed to be her mom. Thank you Love a Golden Rescue for bringing her into my life.

Patsy Cline, you came to me a hairless mess 3 years ago as a hospice foster. No one would have guessed we would have loved you for 3 years. You were such a gentle mother to sick kittens and always up for some slow playtime with pups. The way you danced for your dinner and sang a song will forever stay in my heart. You reminded me every day why I care for elderly dogs. Your gratitude and love beamed from your eyes.



Lucy crossed the Rainbow Bridge in September. She had her first mast cell tumor in December 2015. We did chemo and another tumor was removed in Jan 2017. Now so many tumors, but she was still goofy till the end. She really enjoyed life.



I wanted to reach out to let you know that we had to put Buddy to sleep today. It is a very, very sad day for us in the household, but it was a fairly easy decision to make. His hips have been terribly bad the past year. He moaned all night and was barely able to get up this morning. Once outside, he laid down and didn't want to get up. He looked so sad. I knew for about the past month that his medications were simply not effective anymore. Thank you for introducing us to Buddy. He was truly a joy!

I want to let you know that we lost Cady last night. She had been slowing down but was still her playful, happy "puppy" self, and we thought we would have a couple more years with her, so we are working to accept that she's gone.

Cady was just the sweetest dog. She was always so happy to see everyone and so good with everyone's kids I can't thank you enough for saving our sweet Cady Bugs. It breaks my heart that she had such a rough start in life, but it was hard to remember that when we watched her play and snuggle. We are incredibly grateful for the eight years we had with Cady. Thank you so much for rescuing her.



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IN LOVING MEMORY - CONTINUED



We wanted to thank you for our dog Sam. We only had him 3 ½ years. He was just perfect for us in our declining years and his. He gave us joy, fun and companionship. We loved him dearly.

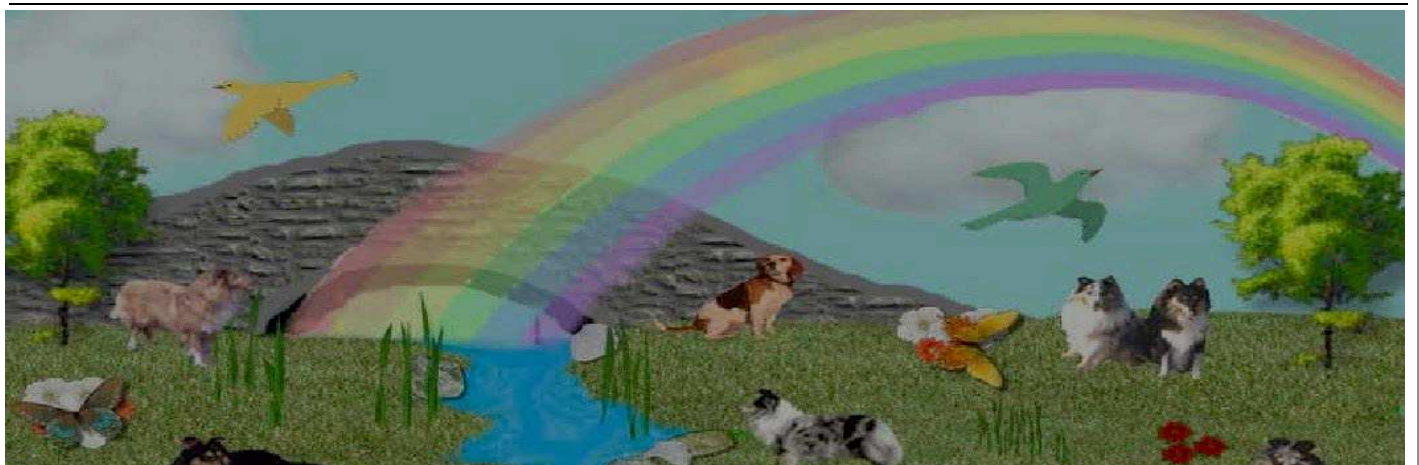
Rugby was such a gentleman. His mom said he made her smile everyday. He is greatly missed.



August 9th was a very rough day for all of us. We had to say our final goodbye to Ozzie. It happened so fast. He wasn't feeling his normal self, but we didn't think we would lose him so quickly. He wasn't eating much for a couple of days, and then suddenly the night before we lost him, he could no longer walk. He was so restless since he could not stand, so we stayed with him all night. The next morning we knew that it was time. Our vet said he probably had a stroke and was paralyzed at the waist. Ozzie, we all still miss you so much. We realize now that in your own quiet way, you were the pack leader for many activities here. Champ has finally learned that he can go in the woods next to our yard by himself. Codee has adjusted to not seeing you since you two were "best buddies." We remember how frightened you were the first week we had you here. You followed our pack around the house but really didn't want much to do with people. After awhile I became your "person buddy," and we knew you would be part of our family. We love you Ozzie and are grateful for the time we had with you, we just wish it could have been longer....even though we know the time is never long enough. Thanks for all of the great memories. God bless you Ozzie.



Ceci passed away in October. We miss this girl... Thank you to Love a Golden Rescue for bringing her into our family.



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

Name held on request	Babs
Honore Hughes & Julie Gram	Derry
Marcia & Roger Berry	Dickens
Gail & David Ford	Eve
Michael & Carla Sloss	Gatsby
Arno Perlow	Karmer
Cat & Brian Kennedy	Kassidy
Mary Paluszek	Lucy P
John & Michele Swanson	Puff
Paula Hughes	Wrigley

Foster Buddies

Teresa Kenney	Babs
Shannon Martin	Hilda
Lauren Seiden	Hilda
Patti Bailey	Hilda
Toni Rowland	Hilda
Barbara Boyer	Hilda
Phu Graham	Hilda
Ashley Jackson	Hilda
Kathy Kline	Hilda
Little Bear	Hilda
Joyce White	Lucy Lockett
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The Golden Retrievers Thank You

UPCOMING EVENTS

Photos with Santa Love a Golden Rescue Presents photos with Santa



December 9th 2017
Noon until 3:30 pm

Location

Paws for Play

1714 Scherer Parkway, St Charles, Mo 63303

<http://www.paws-for-play.com/> for directions

Cost of photo \$10.00 for two 4 x 6s

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Thirty-one, Hand crafted dog toys & treats,
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And so much more.....

Questions e mail: meshoshel@yahoo.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pattonville High School Craft Fair

December 2nd, 9am - 3pm
2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road
Maryland Heights 63043

**Holiday Gift Wrapping
at select
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Click [HERE](#) for dates and locations

Photos with Santa

Paws for a Play

December 9th
1714 Scherer Pkwy
St Charles 63303

Watch our webpage for additional information
<http://www.loveagolden.com/Events.htm>

Adoption Days

Come see our available goldens.

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.

Treats Unleashed: Meet & Greet
Various dates and locations.

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