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Sallie Ann's New Life Begins

Sallie Ann came to rescue on November 17, 2022. We met the breeder in Fulton, Missouri. Sallie was overweight and for a breeder girl, she was confident. The breeder remarked she thought Sallie could be pregnant, and asked if she was, could the breeder have her back! We were very unsure why she was being surrendered if pregnant. We were just pleased to get her in the car, and we were on our way.



When she went to her vet visit, we worked on the assumption Sallie Ann was pregnant, even though at eight and a half years old, that is the last thing she needed. Luckily, we found she was not pregnant but in heat. This is a girl who knew what was expected of her when being in heat. We decided she would need a different foster home with a laid back golden for the duration of the heat.

Sallie Ann and her foster home buddy were inseparable during the first 3 weeks while Sallie was in heat. It was apparent that Sallie knew her role as a breeder and set out to complete her task. She had no luck; her new friend could not oblige.

Although Sallie Ann spent her life outside in a pen, she quickly learned the comforts of the couch and humans. She quickly acquired her spot on the couch and at bedtime. Even though she initially was unsure of the stairs, she soon became an expert stair climber. Sallie quickly learned the routines of the home and anticipated treat times, sitting with excitement. Toys were not her thing, but all bones became only hers, and she had much joy chewing and chewing. Sallie also experienced wonderful weight loss free from her pen. She shed nearly 20 pounds. She learned that getting a brushing was a day at the spa, and all petting was pleasant.



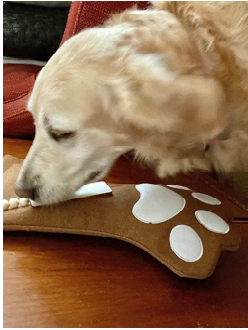
Although she had not experienced car rides prior to her surrender, she learned that going along in the car with humans was a pleasure, and Sallie was eager to go at any time. Sallie Ann is a bird dog at heart—sniffing and eating feather ornaments off the Christmas tree. Her human would find her with a feather routinely protruding from her mouth. She could be redirected when caught, but she was also slick and quick. Thank goodness the feathers were not adhered with wire hooks. Sallie Ann was so quick to show joy and delight as if it was bottled up for so many years... and it probably was. Finally, Sallie was getting to have fun, after years and years of getting bred, having puppies, losing the puppies, and getting bred again.

She was finally able to be spayed on December 27, 2022. She did great. Initially she wore a body shirt to keep her away from stitches. It turned out that was not necessary—she did not bother them at all. The day of her spay, she went back to her original foster home. Once over her spay, she became part of the pack. She started daily walks which she loves. Sallie Ann found it's fun to chase squirrels on the fence, and she also loves rolling in the grass and leaves. When she first came, she thought the TV was an evil machine but now ignores it.

She can be a bossy girl with other dominant females but will listen well when corrected.

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Sallie Ann is now ready for her forever home. She mentioned to her foster mom, she would like that home to be a place where she is the only dog and can get all the love. After all, she has many years to make up for. She loves walks, and that is important to her. Also, she likes hanging out in the yard, so a fence is a must. The fence allows her to chill out in the yard, but she does like her people to be with her.

Oh, and don't forget the couch. Sallie Ann has gotten used to the comforts of a comfortable home. No more pens for her. She mentioned to her foster mom, "I gotta have a comfy couch at my forever home. I can't wait to snuggle with my new forever family."

UPDATE: And snuggling is what she's doing now. Sallie Ann has found her forever home that meets all her needs. She's now one happy girl!



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



Greta is a lively and energetic young female golden mix, approximately 12-15 months old. She had not had much training before arriving at her foster home but is learning her manners quickly. She knows "sit" and "outside" and enjoys playing with her foster brothers and sister. She would do best in a home where people are around most of the time, or where she can be with other dogs. She sleeps well through the night.



President's Message

Hi-

Love a Golden Rescue was 22 years old on January 9, 2023. Where has the time gone? Over the years, we have helped over 1,400 dogs—mostly goldens, golden mixes, doodles or in some cases any dog in urgent need of rescue, provided we have an available foster home. Over the years there have been so many sad stories but so many happy endings. When compiling happy endings, I am always amazed how much our adopted dogs are loved.

We are so thankful for our donors, foster homes, volunteers, our vet and our many friends in other golden rescues. Networking has been a large part of helping breeder dogs the last couple of years. There have been so many breeders closing down across the country with large amounts of dogs. Thank goodness for the internet.

In 2022, we took in 33 dogs, and many of those dogs had significant health problems. Two went to the University of Missouri for treatment, and some were treated for heartworms, cancer, hip dysplasia, to name a few. We took two special girls from China, Candy and Jessica, and they both are now in their forever homes and flourishing. Their journey was long, due to China Dog Rescue conforming to CDC regulations. Their initial flight was to Vancouver BC, where they stayed in quarantine for almost a month. They then went to LA for more quarantine time, then back to Seattle to be flown by Alaska Airlines to St. Louis. We were finally very happy to welcome them in early October. I am always amazed when it is time to finally get out of the crate, nothing fazes them, and they just move on. We have not been able to get dogs from Turkey, because currently, Chicago is not an approved CDC port of entry. The approved airports are on the east and west coast. Canada is no longer an option, because in September, they changed their rules.

We have scheduled our reunion picnic for September 23, 2022. The theme this year is "Christmas in September." It may be a little warm for Santa, but who knows. We have Trivia Night scheduled August 19, 2023, and we're hoping it does not have to be canceled again this year due to Covid-19. We will again do the Tennis Ball Challenge in April, so watch your inbox for information.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped Love a Golden Rescue over the last 22 years become so successful that we've been able to help so many wonderful dogs.

Golden thoughts,
Jan



Keeper's Korner

I am pretty easy going and not much bothers me. However, as you know, dogs cannot tell our humans what's going on using their language, so how do we communicate when we are stressed? We primarily "talk" using body language. It is important for humans to understand what we are trying to tell them. Learning your dogs' special ways of communication can reduce their anxiety and prevent potentially dangerous situations from happening. (Those are some big words I used to make up a pretty smart-sounding sentence, right? "Prevent potentially dangerous situations." I even surprised myself.) There are several warning signs to look for to help tell if your dog is stressed, and here they are:

Body Language: Stress signs to look for include whale eye (when dogs reveal the whites of their eyes), tucked ears, tucked tail, raised hackles, lip-licking, yawning, and panting. Your dog might also avoid eye contact or look away. This is most commonly seen in a dog that seems "guilty." However, the dog is actually reacting to your voice and body language and thinks something must be wrong.

Growling: This is an obvious way to tell if your dog is uncomfortable. It could mean that someone is in their space, they feel threatened, or something hurts. It is not usually meant to be aggressive but it is rather often a warning that your dog feels uncomfortable. When I give a little growl—which is hardly ever—my mom and dad know something is wrong with my world—and they try to figure out how to fix it.

Whining & Barking: Many dogs cannot control their whining when they feel stressed, as it's more of an automatic response. However, it is a clue for humans that something in the environment is causing anxiety. Barking is similar, in that pups can't always control it, but they're trying to.

Freezing in place: When your dog freezes or gets stiff, they are often stressed about something they see. In a training context, this can sometimes be seen as "submission," but modern dog training practices tell us that the dog is actually shutting down. This can be very dangerous for both you and your pup. It's a warning sign, the dog is so stressed, they can't handle the situation, and the next step may be a bite. So, when you see us become a statue, typically it's *not* a good thing.

Pacing: When canines are pacing back and forth, it's a sign they can't settle down, because something is stressing them. If this happens during mealtimes or for short periods, it might not be a big deal. Noticing when your dog engages in this behavior can give you clues as to what is triggering their anxiety.

Dog owners should also reflect on their own behavior to see how they might be contributing to the stress. Some ways owners might make their dogs stressed include not giving clear commands, staring directly at them, or punishing them unnecessarily.

The best way to calm your dog down is to identify what is stressing them, then eliminate the trigger. Alternatively, work with a professional trainer or your veterinarian to reduce their response to the trigger.

Sometimes it's as easy as blocking off an area where your dog can eat while no one bothers them, or teaching children how to respect your dog appropriately. There are times when we need some space to chill. Kids don't always recognize when we just want to be left alone for a while. If you know your dog gets stressed out about specific events, like a car ride or fireworks on the Fourth of July, there are some specific ways to ease that anxiety. Talk to your vet... I'm sure they can give you some guidance.

And now I'm going to stretch out in the yard, maybe roll around in the leaves a bit, and relax for a while...

Happy Endings

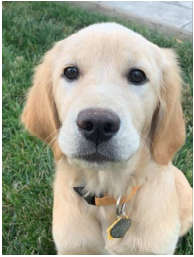


Bella is doing well; she is such a beautiful girl.



Jackson with Elton, this was at the groomer before Halloween. Jackson is doing great! Loves going for walks, loves to snuggle and loves playing with Elton. He is really a joy to have in our home.

Baylee (was Brittany), joined our family, and I have to say we are completely in love with her! She is getting more comfortable here every day. She loves to run and play ball in the back yard and go for walks with her big sister, Chia, and neighborhood friends. She loves snuggling and watching TV with us. Her favorite snacks are carrots, blueberries and mozzarella cheese chunks. She joins us at family gatherings and was a huge hit on Halloween. Thank you for picking us to be her forever family!



Nellie (was Nisha) has been in her forever home for a year. This beauty has had the best first year with her forever family.

We love Winnie so much!! She is our baby. Our other dog Kaylee loves her too. This photo shows her sleeping in our RV.



Shiloh and Rusty are both doing great.



Smokey (was Zeppelin) is doing great and still growing!! He has been a lot of fun!!

Shadow is doing well in his first year of adoption. I must say, you really knew who to pick for me, as Shadow fits right in with my routine and family life. EVERYONE loves him! He is such a sweetheart and loves to get smiles and pats on the head when we go for our walks. He enjoys visiting Bar K, the new dog park, and running around all sorts of pals.



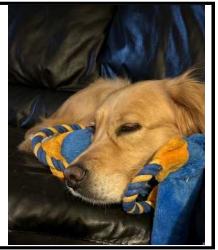
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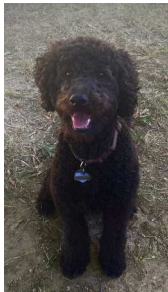
We've had Nash for more than a year. It's already his second season on the boat all summer. Nash is awesome and healthy and a VERY happy boy. He actually bounces when he walks. He loves his big sis Winnie. We go to a park daily, so he and Winnie can run. Cannot thank you enough. He really is such a good boy and keeps us laughing!



Sadie (was Candy) has been a dream. She and Piper are doing very well together. They now play tug-of-war and chase each other doing "zoomies."



I wanted to give you an update on Sidney (was Snoop) as it was one year ago when I brought him to his Forever Home. That is what it is—Sid's "forever home!" Oh my, and what a year it has been.



Sid still remains "My Sweet Baby Boy" versus "The Whirling Dervish" full of mischief and mayhem, although, he has settled down quite a bit. He still has his paper fetish. If I forget to close the bathroom door, the inside of my house will be decorated with toilet paper.

Thankfully, the chewing stage has slowed down. He rarely chews on anything he isn't supposed to chew, i.e. furniture, shoes, rugs. Bedroom and bathroom doors are kept closed since Sid loves to "grab and go." He does love to play keep away! Items are still kept above his reach, and he can be a counter surfer if I allow it. The key is minimalism and containment. So far, he has not disturbed the holiday decorations on the tables.

He has graduated from the kennel to a less securely latched large open topped playpen when I leave the house. So far, he has remained in it when I am gone. He still sleeps in his kennel at night. His favorite place to hide is under the dining room table. After I have picked him up, he will go into the kennel. He quickly settles in his "house," and I don't hear a peep out of him, until I let him out the next morning.

He continues to go to Doggie Day Care three mornings a week for socialization and to RBR (Run Baby Run). All I have to say is Doggie Day Care, and his excitement switch comes on in full throttle mode. Sid loves to be outside. One of his favorite outside games is "Keep away" from his mama. He is still superfast and can't be caught. I'm not sure if it is the golden retriever or the poodle in him, but he can be quite the stalker and hunter of small prey.



Hudson is doing great. Here is a photo of Hudson and his older brother Comet!

Hailey (was Harlee) is doing well. She still hops but can really run. She has adjusted well. Hailey loves people which is great to see.



Louise is doing great.

Gabby has settled in well, and I often wonder how much fuller and more enjoyable her days are now than her prior life. We still take a morning and evening drive through the sanctuary to observe the animals during which both dogs have their heads out the car windows. Our morning drive begins with the walk through the park, and the evening drive is followed up by a stop at the new dog park.



Gabby now spends quite a bit more time in the yard rather than coming back in immediately as she did at first. She loves to help feed the birds and watches carefully to see if they might drop just one crumb of bread for her.

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Benny continues to bring so much joy and mischief to our home! We just love him. He greets us daily with his snuggle pup. He loves his sister Zuzu who is warming up to him (ha ha), and continues to get into things he shouldn't.

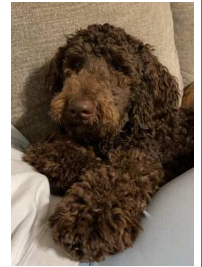


Ruthie (was Tori) is our treasure and bestie. We love her.

Hank (was Zander) is fantastic! He weighs 100 pounds, loves to be wet (pool, rain, lake, snow). He is my shadow and prefers to be next to people or his big (older) four-legged brother, Oliver a 65-pound, 5-year-old lab mix. I can't remember life without Hank! He's a big snuggler and loves to fetch. He always has something in his mouth—a ball, socks, a bone, a toy. He has finally stopped chewing things that don't belong to him! Everyone who meets him falls in love. Thank you for allowing us to adopt Hank!



Barney is doing great! He has found his voice and has gotten very comfortable here. He loves wrestling with his big brother and being outside to run around. He's weighing in at 48 pounds, so he's grown quite a lot! He's been an excellent family addition.



Maggie seems like she has always been here. We just got back from our second walk today, this one 40 minutes, and as you can see, she's ready to go again. She's getting fat (not really), but she has filled out wonderfully. Her fur is now thick all over including that place on her back. Thank you so much for bringing Maggie into my life.

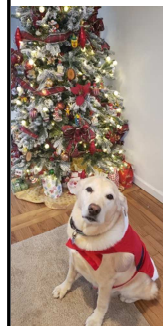


Abby is a loving dog and enjoys time with us. Her favorite things are to sleep in the sun and to watch the animals in the back yard and then chase them, when we let her out. She is still a bit skittish and is startled by some sounds. She got over her threshold fear and now goes in and out without a problem.



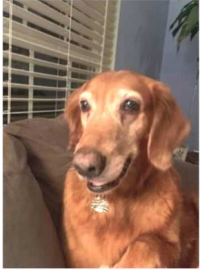
Henry (was Kirby): We're so lucky to have such a sweet boy! He's getting so big.

Hazel (was Katie) has become a playful, happy and loving dog. We are working on some manners and skills. Hazel loves going for walks, sitting in laps and going to our property in the country. Her sister, Kya, is her very best friend. Hazel defers to Kya when she faces something unknown or when she is uncertain. We love her dearly!



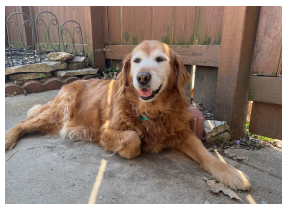
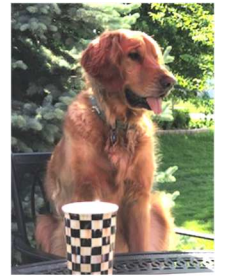
Here is Santa Dex just waiting under the tree for Christmas to come. Also hoping at least one of those packages has his name on it! Dex is over 9 years old and still makes our days joyful. Although he is older, he still goes for walks twice a day and plays with his favorite ring toy every day. Every morning when trying to read the paper, he comes to play " tug of war." Still a puppy at heart.

In Loving Memory



Our Zoey who was rescued from a puppy mill, filled our hearts for 14 years with such love and devotion! It never gets easier to say goodbye, they are family!

This message comes with great sadness. Leo was sent to the bridge yesterday. He just stopped being himself two days ago, and we took him to the vet to find that he had two large cancerous masses on his lungs. He had stopped eating, and his breathing became labored. We thought maybe it was larynx paralysis but that was not the case. Sad days for our family, but I wanted to let the community know. We and Lola are going to miss his energy.



Abbey was affectionately called "Queen Abbo" by her family, because she always ruled the roost and believed that she was the boss of us all. As she aged, she was quite feisty about her place as the head of the pack. She often corrected her younger brother, George, when he got too rambunctious or annoying or knocked her over. Until recently, she had a goofy smile and always aggressively demanded her nightly chew stick, sometimes trying to trick us into giving her a second or a third one. She was well loved and is already missed.

Nattie was one of the Tater Tots who went to the bridge on January 8, 2023. It was very sudden and is so sad.



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.

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Melissa Griswold & Shawn Irvine	Candy
Tami Shirey	Jessica
Michele & Glen Riley	Kirby
Darryl & Melanie Brown	Max
Nichole Vandiver	Ruby
Scott Garavaglia	Rusty
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Sheila Garavaglia	Shiloh

Matching Gifts

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Sharon & Rob Morris	Bianca
Charlotte Coker	Cassidy
Beth Salamone	Cassidy
Erin & Matt Preuss	Cassidy
Mellisa Heberle	Cooper SR

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In memory of Miss Emma
Roberta Rassieur Williams

RECENT EVENTS

Gift Wrapping at Half Price Books

This past holiday season was no different than others in the past 8 years (except for 2020 during the pandemic). Love a Golden Rescue did gift wrapping for Half Price Books. As usual, the customers were generous and the stories (and photos) they shared of their pets were heartwarming.

This is an easy volunteer opportunity. Show up at the bookstore with either a dog or not. Sit at the table and chat with customers. Wrap some books/DVDs/CDs that are slated for Hanukkah or Christmas gift-giving. Hold onto a leash (or not). It's fun, and the time flies.

Some of the LAGR volunteers came to "work" in holiday attire or an elf/Santa hat. Some of the four-legged ambassadors wore outfits or hats, even though they didn't like it.

One day we were scheduled to gift wrap, but the weather didn't cooperate. A winter storm caused many businesses--including the Half Price Book stores--to close for the day. After hearing the weather report, LAGR called the volunteers the night before and canceled. Even if the bookstores were open, there was no point in LAGR members risking their lives.

It ended up being a successful fundraiser. We appreciate the generosity of the book browsers, and we are grateful for Half Price Books' continued support. It made our holiday even more festive and finished the year off fiscally on a sweet note.



Pattonville Craft Fair

One scoop at a time. A dollar here and a dollar there... over and over and over. That's how Love a Golden Rescue is successful every year at the Pattonville Craft Fair.



The first Saturday in December, every year, LAGR sets up a double-sized booth and sells homemade dog treats, pet baskets and other things. Other booths are amazed, because we have a constant flow of customers and make a great deal of money, considering that most of it comes from dog treats at a dollar a scoop for small treats or 4 larger dog biscuits for \$1.

In past years, people went crazy over the pet pillows, but very few pillows were bought during the latest craft fair. However, we had more baskets and coffee mug sets (a coffee mug and some hot chocolate--all wrapped up with a pretty bow) this past year. The coffee mug sets made for inexpensive gifts (at only \$5 each) --perfect for a neighbor or coworker. When the day ended, we only had a couple of baskets left.

Of course, it's a lot of work, but we have regular customers (custodians who work at the high school) loading up their flat-bed wagons with baskets, making many purchases before the fair officially opens. They look for our booth every year. So do other people, who come first to us and get their dog treats and baskets, before they do the rest of their shopping.

All in all, it was another great craft fair!



Upcoming Events

Adoption Days

Come see our available goldens.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

Treats Unleashed; Meet & Greet

Various dates and locations.

Please see our webpage for more information.

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

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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