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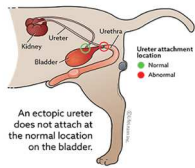
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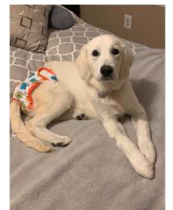
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Cassidy's Journey

In March of 2022, we received a call from a breeder. The breeder said, “We have an eight-week-old puppy with an ectopic Ureter. Will you take her?” We said yes, after talking to other rescues who have had dogs with this condition. On March 26, 2022, she came to rescue, and her long journey began. She went to a wonderful foster home, she wore fancy pants which were made by a caring person, and as she grew, she needed new pants. She accepted wearing them and looked very cute. UTIs were also her constant nightmare.



On May 23, 2022, she went to MU Internal Medicine, where she was evaluated. That day she had a cystoscopy – guided laser ablation of her ectopic ureter. Her leaking improved but was still happening. We were asked to wait until her first heat to see if things improved. Initially they did, but worsened after the heat cycle concluded. The procedure was repeated in November 2022. We were hopeful. Now she had been in heat, her bladder had grown and she could hold more urine within her bladder... Things would improve. It did some, but she still leaked.



We were advised to wait on getting her spayed, so she had another heat and was finally spayed when she had the procedure outlined below by her current foster mom. Cassidy has had wonderful foster homes who cared for her during this very difficult condition, and it's because of those patient, loving foster homes that Cassidy got the chance to morph from an “imperfect” dog to a perfect but mischievous pet in a forever home.

Her current foster home picks up the story:

Cassidy, an English Cream, ball of energy without even a hint of trauma came into her third foster home in January of this year. I felt an affinity for Cassidy, because I took care of Remy who was thought to be Cassidy's mother. Remy entered our family heartworm positive and later had a diagnosis of cancer on her rectum. She behaved as if she had experienced traumatic events. I just had to foster Cassidy if there was even a slight possibility of their relationship.



Cassidy is beautiful with a thick white coat and the most attentive eyes. She loves playing with everything—toys and items around the home. She loves the game keep away and will take items that she knows are off-limits just for a chance to play with you. She loves snuggle time and doesn't realize that she is 60 pounds when getting snuggles.

Cassidy is the best animal chaser in our neck of the woods. She knows her spots and will run back and forth making sure she never misses a thing. One day she returned from her time outside and didn't stop at her normal spot to get her treat. When met in the living room, she dropped the dead bird that she brought in with her, so she could quickly get her treat. I was unexpectedly mortified that she had a bird, but she is a hunter by nature.



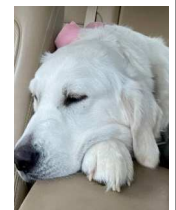
Cassidy loves to play tug-of-war and thinks every bone in the house is hers and isn't good about sharing. She is lucky her foster brother is so kind to share them. However, he doesn't give up as fast when they are engaged in a great game of tug-of-war. At the end of a play session, there is stuffing and tiny pieces of toy scattered around the area.

So why hasn't this precious English Cream golden retriever been adopted into her forever home? Unbeknownst to her, she has a sphincter muscle that was not working and a bladder that is not located in the normal spot. Two surgeries couldn't fix her leakage and it was thought that she was destined to wear diapers for a lifetime. But there was one more surgery, and hope for Cassidy, with a new surgery to put a ring around her sphincter muscle that would allow saline to be added as needed.

With a couple of unforeseen delays, Cassidy finally was able to have the surgery. The surgery was much more intrusive than we predicted. She had staples on the entire length of her belly. She had to stay in a crate for two weeks with her cone of shame. She did much

better than we anticipated given her level of energy prior to surgery. Once she had her stitches removed, her old personality returned. The surgery was somewhat successful, but a little saline was needed to see if her leaking could be completely stopped.

After the addition of saline, she was leak free. She still doesn't know that she has had three major surgeries. She continues to be her spunky, energetic self and waits for her forever family, which she will join at the beginning of October. In the meantime, we send cute pictures, pick up stuffing, cuddle in the recliner and give her time to chase her critters.



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Isabel is looking for her forever home. She is a big girl and strong. She had been in a rural shelter for months, and we were asked to take her so we did. She is estimated to be 18 months old.

President's Message

Hi,

The last few months have been busy. Our picnic was a lot of fun, and we had beautiful weather. It was wonderful seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I love this each year. To add to the excitement of the day, three of Snow White's puppies came and had great fun playing together. Snow White's puppies, you ask? Remember, those were the golden mountain puppies—mischievous and all of them black—that came from a recently rescued golden retriever named Snow White. They are all getting curly. Many other canine alumni came and brought their families along.

Our Trivia Night in August was a great success, and fun was had by all. Thanks to all who attended.

Closer to the holidays, we will be gift wrapping books at all three Half Price Book stores: Chesterfield, University City and St Charles. We will be there Black Friday along with the weekend of December 16th and 17th, and December 23rd and 24th which includes Christmas Eve. Come and say hi—it's a fun store to head to when you need to do some holiday shopping.

The first Saturday in December (the 2nd) we will be selling our dog treats and baskets at the Pattonville Craft Fair in Maryland Heights. We have done this for many years and have many regular customers. Do you like to bake? If so, let us know at adoption@loveagolden.com

So far this year, we have taken 39 dogs into our program. We still struggle to find foster homes, but somehow it all works out.

Claire, who is related to Cassidy, came to us at the beginning of August. She was 2 ½ at the time. Initially, she lived her puppyhood in acceleration. At such a young age, she had already had two litters of puppies but was not a great producer; only one puppy lived from each litter. It was determined she had kidney issues, so we were asked to take her.

She is now acting her age and is a very sweet girl after a destructive couple of months. So, Claire became our special needs girl. She has been treated at AVS and currently is stable because of a special diet for dogs with kidney issues. Her ultrasound showed her left kidney is very small, half the normal size, and to make matters even worse, the right kidney is the wrong shape. She is scheduled to be spayed. At that time, her blood will be checked to be sure the values are still the same. The last couple of blood tests have shown the values are stable, and her special diet is working. It is not known how she will progress. She could have many years ahead of her. Currently she is happy and doing well, one day at a time.

Thank you to all who have supported LAGR in many different ways, be it by being an adopter, a donor, a volunteer or a foster family. Without all of you, things just would not fall into place.

Golden thoughts

Jan

Gretchen's Guidance

I know you're all fans of Keeper and his "Keeper's Korner" column. For a long time, around the house I've heard nothing but "Keeper gives the best advice" and "Keeper knows *everything*." Keeper this and Keeper that. Well, Keeper had to retire from his journalism job due to some health struggles. I volunteered to take his place.

Before I share my first letter, I want to assure you: I am a naughty dog at home. I chew things I'm not supposed to, I like to bark to get my own way, especially at 5.30 in the morning. When I am out, I am an angel. No one believes how badly behaved I am at my foster home. However, those are just the antics I do at home. When it comes to pets' problems, I'm quite wise. After all, I've lived with a breeder, and now I live with other dogs in my foster home. I've seen lots and learned lots... so, when you read "Gretchen's Guidance," you can be assured it's the best advice around...

Dear Gretchen

I love to ride in the car with my head sticking way out of the window. My humans do not think it is a good idea. What are your thoughts?
George the Window Drooler

Dear George,

I am afraid your humans are very wise in thinking this is not a good idea. Riding in the car with your head out of the window can be dangerous for a dog. The wind can irritate your eyes, not to mention all the grit, dirt and bugs flying around just waiting to get in your eyes and nose.

Another thing to remember is that you could actually fall out! If your human has to brake suddenly or goes around a corner too fast, you could be thrown out the window. I recently saw a small dog hanging out, and just cringed as they went around a corner. I heard my foster mom make some comments.

Another thing. As much as you love your human, do not try to get on your human's lap when they are driving. I feel you are safest when in a harness in the back seat. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Happy riding,
Gretchen

Happy Endings



Romeo (was Finley) loves his panda toy and playing with his sister. Some new things he enjoys are playing in the bathtub and the zoomies.



Tosha loves the couch, her yard, and her siblings... in that order! I got a picture of her stopping to smell the flowers. Last week she was smelling the flowers, and a bumblebee was nearby. She sniffed at him, and I didn't think much of it, as she's a laid-back girl and will give things a sniff and move on.

Well not that day! Suddenly she did a ninja CHOMP, and there was no more bumblebee! Thankfully she isn't allergic, but now when there are bees around, I'll give her a casual distraction.

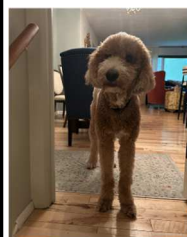
Gypsy (was Ella) is doing great. She still gets a little territorial (light growling) when one of her sisters walks up from behind her...I assume maybe from some bad experience from her past. But 99.9% of the time, she is extremely sweet and loving to her family (dogs and humans). She and the 1-year-old sister wear each other out wrestling and chasing each other around the yard. We really love her, and I think she is very happy.



Abby is doing really well and has become a treasured family member. She's very sweet and does well going in and out of the

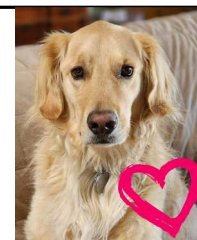


house. She's tried going up stairs. She goes on walks with us each evening. She does plop down or go off course (rabbits) but we are able to redirect her. She LOVES other dogs and people. She's very interested in chasing squirrels and rabbits in the yard.



Toby is doing great! We're all well-adjusted and love him so much. As you can see, he's pretty comfortable!

Finnley on his 4th birthday.



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Greta is a silly, happy girl who still loves to bounce in her yard and collect sticks on her walks! I've noticed that she actually watches television too, especially when there is a dog on the screen. She gets to go to day camp a couple of days per month and just loves it! She weighs over 60 pounds now and has filled out nicely!



Kade (was Ranger) is doing absolutely fantastic! He is super smart, knows the schedule/routine, and learns so quickly! Also, he's so loving and such a good boy.



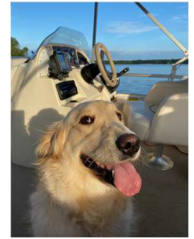
Kade now gets up on the couch, usually right by me while I'm sitting in the chair right by the left side of the couch.

His paws look so cute in this picture.

We LOVE Max!! He is the most loving, gentle, well-behaved dog.... he is known in the neighborhood by many kids and dog friends. We use a gentle leader collar on him, and he does not pull at all. He loves to snuggle and be with us. He enjoys his membership to the Queeny Park Dog Park. We are so blessed he is ours!



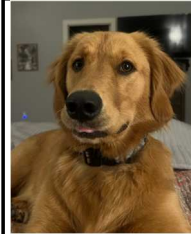
Pika (was Vicky) is doing awesome in her forever home! She went to the lake and tried swimming and boating for the first time. She enjoyed walking the shore with her family, and the wind in her hair as she boated across the lake, plus there were all those delicious fishy smells to enjoy! So happy to have her with us, enjoying these adventures.



Vivian (was Ruby) loves her human and her human loves her! Vivvy goes to my 16-acre farm with me daily and runs with another golden retriever named Oliver and Mom's older mixed breed shelter dog Shiloh. Vivvy gets along well with all the dogs in the family as long as she's the boss. And boy is she the boss. She is Alpha and has no fear.



Vivvy loves to hunt squirrels and rabbits but has yet to catch one. She also loves the pond, the pool, the couch and the bed. Viv does do some counter surfing from time to time. She ate an entire precooked frozen pizza one day and had zero remorse for her actions. LOL! I can't be mad at her 'cause she's so stinkin' cute. I should have known better than to leave her unattended with food on the counter. Anyone who has met Vivvy tells me how beautiful and regal she is and how much they enjoy watching her prance like royalty. I must agree that she is royalty to me, and therefore she's treated like the queen she is.

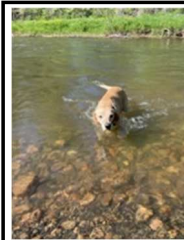


Honey (was Bonita) is doing great, she has been chasing lots of rabbits in the backyard and loves splashing in the kiddie pool. She goes to doggie daycare a couple of days a week, and loves playing with her friends.

Henry (was Kirby) is doing amazing! He loves to bird watch and he gets so excited for his walks. He's so full of energy - it is hard to keep up. We just adore him!

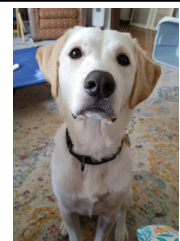


Hazel (was Katie) is doing wonderfully. She's a happy girl and greets everyone with enthusiastic tail wags and sloppy doggie kisses. She gets so very excited when we go to our country property with her sister, Kya, and doggie cousins. They run from the cabin to the river to play in the water and then run back up to the cabin. Only to do it over again a few minutes later. All are exhausted when it's time to leave. At home, Hazel puts up with having to get dressed for the holidays, but it's not her favorite thing. Both Hazel and Kya love going for car rides to run errands, to go to the park and to go to the store but they really love when we go out for ice cream!



Leo (was Major) is in Durango and is in the river and on the trails and in mountains. Happy boy!

Frankie is doing great.



In Loving Memory

In 2015, a 15-month-old excitable golden named Tucker came to live with us, his third home. We thought: What have we gotten ourselves in for? Little did we know that he would be our Best Boy.

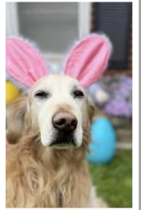


Tucker was a first-class welcomer. As soon as the doorbell rang, his bark immediately followed. After opening the door, we would coach Tucker to stay off. The command yielded mixed results. His energy impelled him to make circle eights in the entrance hall, his tail flying, thumping the walls and furniture. We would then urge Tucker to get his stuffed tiger. Off he went and brought it back so the visitor could admire him and his toy.

He was just as welcoming in the backyard. We share a fence with two neighbors, so each of us built a gate which allows our dogs to play with each other and to travel to their homes for a treat. To expend some of his boundless energy, a good game of fetch with his preferably squeaky balls was the highlight of his day.

Over the years, we have taken care of friends' dogs when they travel. Once again, Tucker welcomed the dogs, made room for them and shared his beds and toys with ease. When we introduced two Maine Coon kittens to the family, Tucker welcomed them with open paws. Tucker loved the world, and we loved his presence in ours. On August 1st, Tucker went to the Rainbow Bridge due to cancer. We miss our best boy.

Our Molly has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. After a weekend of dramatic decline, emergency room visits, and an ultrasound, Molly Barnard has gone to see Hailey, Bob and Bushy. She was the "bestest" girl that loved her sissy and momma. As it happens, she developed a growth in/on her liver that had begun to bleed. Anemia and peritonitis followed. She could work up the energy to get up, but it didn't last, and she would quickly be back on the floor. We will remember her sweetness, gentleness, kindness, stubbornness, love of hamburgers McDonald's/ Wendy's/ Burger King, sweet potatoes, cheese, berries and eggs, as well as tolerance of kibble and tomato juice. February 12, 2012 to June 19, 2023. Our angel is gone way too soon. Chase squirrels and ignore the bunnies.



We are saddened that our beloved Luke (was Pete) crossed the Rainbow Bridge on April 5, 2023. LAGR rescued him in 2009 when he was just a puppy, and he was very timid, and fearful of everything. Over the next few years, he came out of his shell and loved life. He lived to be 14 years old and was recently sick with pancreatitis. Although the last few years he was mostly blind/deaf and had neuropathy, that did not slow him down from living life to the fullest and bringing our family so much joy.

I wanted to let you know that we had to say goodbye to our sweet Bert today. He was only 8 years old. We found out on August 30th, that he had a tumor on his spleen, and it was cancerous. The outlook was not good, but we brought him home and put him on hospice, spoiling him with chicken at his meals, extra snacks like pretzels and lots and lots of extra love. My heart is broken, but we are thankful for the 8 years of memories he gave us. We just have our dear Koda now. He will miss his buddy, Bert.



Kai (was Mozart), one of the Tater Tots, crossed the Rainbow Bridge on June 27, 2023. It was a quick and sudden illness and wasn't expected. Kai was personality plus, and had the high energy in our home. He loved cold weather and snow, and chasing any kind of critter he could hunt! His older black Lab brother taught him how to dig at a young age, so the backyard is filled with mini holes that will remind me of him. Kai was the best protector, barking at loud cars, people walking by the house, fireworks, and the occasional delivery person. He definitely would speak his mind if he didn't agree with a decision and bark loudly to let you know. Kai was my everything. He was a mama's boy and gave the best hugs and kisses! I told him several times a day he was loved. I'm truly thankful for being able to adopt him and having the gift of his love. There's nothing like the love of a golden! Our home isn't the same, and my heart hurts without Kai. I'll treasure the memories we made together, but I already miss him immensely.



I must tell you we lost our Ollie Glad golden retriever 6/26/2023 at 11 in the morning. We had adopted Ollie from Love a Golden Rescue back in April 2014 and were blessed to be his caretakers for 9 years and 2 months. He went everywhere with us: Salt Lake City, Utah five times in our van. What a wonderful traveler! Ollie was 14. When we adopted Ollie, he had a twin brother Marley who had heart worm disease at the time, and Marley was adopted by another family. (see Marley's memorial below)



It is with great sadness that our beloved Marley 1000 crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on July 18 at age 14. He was named Marley 1000 because he was the LAGR's 1000th dog to be rescued. He gave us 9 years of joy each and every day. With sincere loyalty to Mr. Brown, especially when Mr. Brown went on a walk, as soon as he appeared at the corner, Marley would run to greet him! Marley's favorite walk to take was "ON HIS OWN," around the cul-de-sac even at night always returning back home. Each night after the lights went out, he never failed to climb upstairs to sleep by our bed, even when his legs became weak. He always met us at the door, with a wagging tail to welcome us back home. He was always obedient and trustworthy, very lovable and loving! Marley was ONE IN 1000, just like his namesake! He never growled or jumped on anyone and rarely barked. We thank LAGR for bringing Marley into our lives. We were truly blessed. He was our shining star, and we will miss him forever. The house just isn't the same without Marley 1000!



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In memory of Tetley Les & Jan Stenberg

In memory of Tucker Lynn & Robert Berry

Foster Buddies

Tammy Smith Bella
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The Goldens Thank You

Upcoming Events

Pattonville Craft Fair

Annual Craft Fair
Saturday December 2nd
9am to 3pm
Pattonville High School
2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd.
Maryland Heights, MO 63043



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