

Love a Golden Rescue Golden News

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Where do the dogs come from?

The last few months, where have all the dogs come from? For us and many other groups, it has been an overwhelming time.

From January to June, we took in 17 dogs, then in the middle of July, the floodgates opened. The last two weeks of July, we had 3 owner surrenders and rescued 2 shelter dogs. As the owner surrender dogs were young, they were probably Covid puppies. One shelter dog was young, under two, and the other a 7-year-old doodle. All are now in great homes.

Just when we thought things couldn't get worse, August arrived along with 10 dogs. Five were owner surrenders, and four of the five were young. Are you keeping track? In August, we rescued 10 dogs, and that was only five. The other five came from breeders. Keep reading for the details about the other five dogs...

Two were young females and surrendered for medical and behavior issues. Elsa, who is 4, had entropion in both eyes and has since had the very expensive surgery. She's doing well. She is a beautiful girl, but since she came from a breeder, she needs a confident dog to show her the ropes. Daisy Rae, two-years old, could climb a 6-foot chain link fence and could not be contained. Since she was going to a foster home with a six-foot wooden fence, we figured Daisy Rae could no longer be Houdini. We were so, so wrong. The day she was picked up and went to her foster home, she almost got over the fence. She was in a new, strange place, she panicked and became Super Dog. Luckily, when she was just about to go over to the other side, the foster parent was right there and got her down.



After they were vetted, Elsa and Daisy Rae spent a couple of weeks at Kennelwood until there was an available permanent foster home. While there, Daisy needed to be with Elsa. The two of them had been in runs right next to each other when they had been at the breeder. Elsa was familiar with Daisy Rae. She went in panic mode without her. They have now been spayed, and are back in the foster home with the wooden 6-foot fence. Daisy goes out on a six-foot leash; always with a human to keep an eye on her. She is at the point where she can drag the leash behind her and has made no more attempts to get over the fence. We would not trust her with a chain link fence. We have learned she has severe thunderstorm phobia, which is a whole other problem.

Now we're up to seven dogs. Three more to go.

In the middle of August, Love a Golden Rescue received a call about two puppies who the broker did not take due to health problems with the dogs. There was also a retired male. We were told, “If you want the puppies, you need to take the older male.” One puppy had undescended testicles, which are now descended, and all is good. The other (Hattie) was born with an open fontanelle. The fontanelle is the open “soft” spot on the top of the skull, which eventually closes up. With Hattie, it did not, so she came to us as special needs. She had an MRI at the University of Missouri vet school. They found she has a small amount of fluid in her brain. Unfortunately, her prognosis is unknown. She can live a normal life, but a guarded one—no kids and no playing with other dogs until she stops growing, since any trauma to her head could be devastating. She is in a wonderful foster home.

The third guy was Baldwin. We had no open foster home for him. He was, and to some extent still is, terrified of the world. He went to Kennelwood where the trainer worked with him to give him more confidence. He was also lucky—everyone was very kind to him and helped him become more sure of himself. He is now in a foster home with one of his saviors who is helping him.

It has been a crazy and expensive time. We struggle to find foster homes and cannot say enough thanks to those who stepped up. Also, thank you to those who donated for Hattie's MRI. We could not do all the rescue work we do without everyone's help.

Whew! That was a crazy run of dogs. They say, “when it rains, it pours.” Our rescue would be thrilled if it would slow down to a manageable trickle... We're keeping our fingers crossed.

President's Message

Dear Golden Friends,

One of the benefits of volunteering with Love a Golden Rescue is the opportunity to spend time with wonderful goldens and non-goldens while helping them find their homes. Also, meeting wonderful people. I am truly blessed.

Our picnic in September was very hot, but it was still a fabulous day. What could be better than seeing so many dogs gathered together. Dogs we have rescued and helped, resulting in them finding wonderful homes. A big thank you to all who helped make the picnic a success and to all who attended.

As you will read, elsewhere in this newsletter, it has been a difficult few months. Financially we have had expensive procedures, Hattie had to have an MRI, and Elsa had entropion surgery, to name two. Fortunately, it somehow always works out, and our dogs always find wonderful homes.

Please consider purchasing a calendar. It would look marvelous in your home or office, and when you buy one, you have 12 months of good lookin' and happy goldens to enjoy. Thank you to those who have already purchased one.

December is always a busy month for us. We will sell dog treats and gift baskets at the Pattonville Craft Fair on December 7th this year. We have a team of volunteers who make gift baskets to sell at the craft fair, and many volunteers who bake dog treats. We always have people lining up to shop, as we have done the craft fair for many, many years.

Closer to the holidays, we will be gift wrapping books at all three Half Price Book stores. We will be there Black Friday along with the weekends before Christmas and on Christmas Eve. Come and say hi—it's a fun store to head to when you need to do some holiday shopping.

Thank you for supporting Love a Golden Rescue as an adopter, friend, foster home or volunteer.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

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



Meet Wills! His DOB is 11/22/2023. He is a neutered red golden retriever with a face and a personality that just makes you smile. He's housebroken, crate trained and can sit, shake and understands "no." He will need some basic training for typical puppy behavior such as jumping on people, and pulling on the lead. He rides well in the car but will need some training or a barrier as he likes to be a front seat driver. He loves squeaky toys, bones, running around in the yard, and his new love is chasing his tail (very entertaining). He goes to the office with his foster mom and LAGR foster brother/sister and is good at staying in the office behind a dog gate. He's been well behaved in his foster home and has been left loose for up to an hour with no one home and was a good boy.

PENNIES

Did you know we collect pennies? Do you have any that you just do not know what to do with them? We will gladly take, count and use them to help pay our vet bills. We are also happy if we see any silver coins in with the pennies.

Please email adoption@loveagolden.com. If you have any or bring by our meet and greet events.

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Help us collect pennies to benefit Love A Golden Rescue.
We have reached 500,000 and are aiming for our next 100,000

Gretchen's Guidance

Dear Gretchen,

In my yard, there is a tree dropping things on my head. Squirrels love these brown things, but I don't know anything about them. I wonder...Are they okay for me to snack on?

Curious Cooper

Dear Cooper

This sounds like an acorn. I have researched them—please do not eat them. The toxic ingredient is thought to be tannin acid which can cause damage to your liver and kidneys. Don't ask me why those silly squirrels can eat them and not get sick, and don't ask me why they even bother eating them, since they are bitter-tasting

I also understand they can cause an intestinal blockage, which would definitely be no fun. Recently, I was at the vet and overheard a conversation about a dog that had eaten walnuts and part of the shell got stuck in him, and he had to have surgery. How terrible! Also while doing my research, I discovered that walnuts, pecans and hickory nuts are also bad for us canines, so I would stay away from nuts. They sound like they are not good for us at all.

My mum has asked that I remind you not to eat cocoa mulch. It's also very bad for us. It may taste good, but the side effects... not so good.

So, to sum it up, Cooper—let those pesky squirrels have all the acorns they want. (Squirrels are nuts anyway. They always manage to scamper up a tree just when I'm inches away.) You leave those brown things alone, when they drop down onto the ground. Leave the rest of the nuts to humans and be sure to avoid cocoa mulch. You don't need to nibble on that stuff—I know your family. They make sure you have plenty to eat. You don't have to go foraging in your yard for stuff to snack on.

Gretchen



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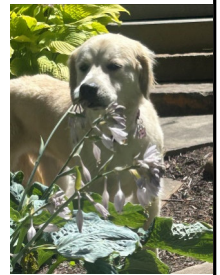


Kade (formerly Ranger) is doing amazing, and I'm so thankful to be his mom. Third birthday one-year gotcha day.

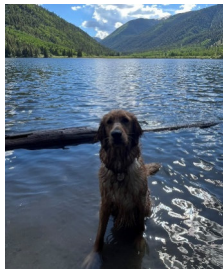
Cooper is settling in just fine. Thank you so very much for bringing him to us. Could not be happier.



Sadie is doing great. She is a spitfire and has more energy than 10 puppies in one. She has us giggling all the time.



Things are perfect with Lemon (formerly Violet). That's not a generalization or an exaggeration. She is a wonderful dog, a textbook golden personality. Goofy, fun loving, confident, a little bit of sass, and a friendly shadow 24/7. We

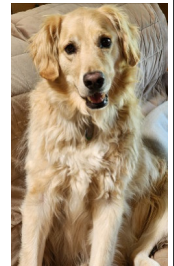


took her on our family vacation in June. She loved meeting everyone along the way and did perfect being left alone (with Arnie), while we went out to eat or on bike rides. She was a quick learner in the water and now jumps into any and all water she can find.... good when we're swimming at the lake, bad when it's a stinky pond on a walk!

Sophie (formerly Chelsea) is enjoying her splash pad.



Finnley is 5 years old. We can't imagine life without him. He's a big goofball and such a lovebug!

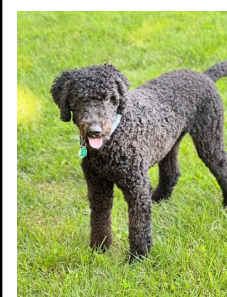


Bailey (formerly Mimi) has graduated as a "Champs" Therapy Dog, congratulations!

Artie (formerly Pope) is doing very well. We are the luckiest to have him. He loves his beds, toys, and daily trips to the park. He loves sitting in the backyard checking things out. My heart has grown so many sizes with this perfect boy, we're so glad he found us!



Maverick (formerly Carter) is doing great! He no longer scarfs his food down. He has attempted swimming in a pool. It was very scary, but he wants to try again. He just hasn't worked up the courage. He discovered air vents, and that is his favorite thing. He's doing really well!



Wrigley is doing great. He knows all kinds of tricks now and is a little gentleman. He is very calm most of the time. He can jump through a hoop, play dead, tell me a secret, and knows the commands "down," "heel," "sit," "stay," "climb," "fetch," and more.

I walk him about a mile up to our local farmers' market on Saturday mornings to work on walking through crowds. He is doing well, and I am working on training him to follow me when we walk in tight spaces, then go back to heel. He is good about not reaching out to touch people or other dogs which is good in the crowd. If he starts to get anxious, we just step out of the crowd and relax for a while till he is ready to go. Everyone is always impressed with how well he behaves. We love him to pieces.

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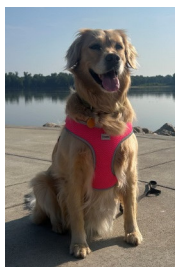
We can't believe it's been 3 months! We love Lucy so much! We feel so blessed! We are having fun in Colorado! We have some exciting news about Lucy. We have been training to become a certified therapy team, and we have successfully passed the tests through an organization called Pet Partners. We will be able to volunteer at more places that recognize this organization (hospitals, schools, etc.). We are so grateful for the experiences and opportunities that await!



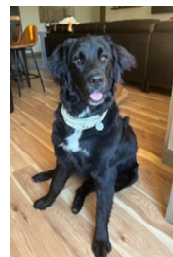
Rudy (formerly Apollo) is doing wonderful! We love him so much, and Leo and Rudy have a really special brotherly bond. It's so precious. Rudy *loves* to run and pounce on me at 5:30 every morning with the goofiest smile---he *loves* morning cuddles and breakfast time!

We are so grateful he chose us for his forever home. He fits right in with our pack!

Sadie (formerly Candy) is the best girl ever! She listens very well and has good manners. Yes, we have spoiled her. She is loved by everyone. Her sister, Piper, crossed the rainbow bridge in May. This has changed Sadie in that she communicates more and seems more assertive. She does not usually communicate with her voice, although she can bark when there are deer in the backyard. (You need to remember she was surgically "debarked" when she still lived in China.) She communicates with her eyes and by guiding me to the refrigerator when she wants a carrot or treat. I think Piper used to communicate for her, and now when she wants a carrot, Sadie has to let me know!



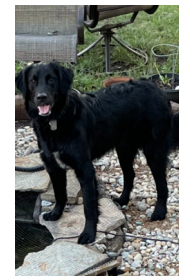
The following six Esme, Edgar, Doc, Eddy, Cliff and Bogey are littermates.



Esme (formerly Ariel) is doing great! She loves going on long walks, swimming in the pool & going for rides in the car. She is a mama's girl and always by my side.



Edgar is doing well.

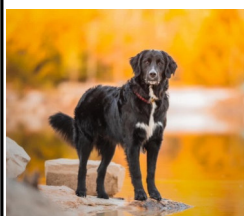
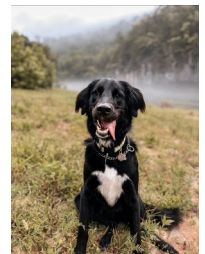


Doc is doing very well and continues to be everyone's favorite family member. Doc is goofy and happy. Doc will *not* get in a pool. Doc used to sleep in our kitchen but has recently graduated to sleeping in our son's room, which was the plan all along.

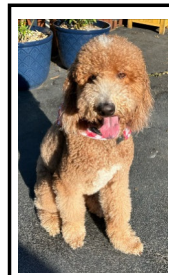
Maggie (formerly Freya) is super awesome! We just love her so much, as does everyone who meets her. She had some trouble socializing with other dogs at first, but she is getting so much better now and able to be around all of the family's dogs. She is playful, polite, cuddly, loves children, loves playing ball and watching TV when there are animals on there. She celebrated her 2nd birthday on April 20th along with our 1st granddaughter that turned 7 that day! We can't thank you enough!



Eddy (formerly Nemo) is doing very well! He loves nothing more than to be by our sides every day. He enjoys going on runs, going to doggie daycare, and playing with the kids next door. He's been such a light in our lives!

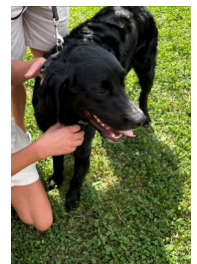


Things are going great with Cliff (formerly Olaf)! He's such a goofy guy and makes us laugh all the time, he's soooo handsome!



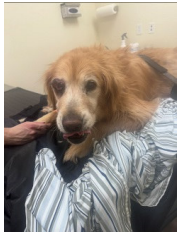
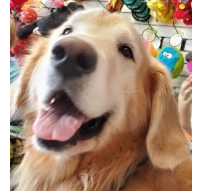
Toby is doing great! He's such a fun, loving part of our family. He couldn't be a better boy!

Bogey (formerly Amos) enjoyed our picnic.



In Loving Memory

Just to let you know, Murlin is gone. We found out on Thursday that he had cancer, and we were working on a game plan (surgery, chemo, etc.) but he just died at home this morning with Dixie at his side. He was Dixie's security blanket and an important member of our family.



I wanted to let you know that I had to put Lela (formerly Lola) down. I picked up her ashes today, and I'll keep them with me with my other babies.

She was a challenge for me, but I love all animals. It's still hard saying goodbye. I held her face, so she knew we were right there.

Claire was a very special girl. She came to us because her kidneys were small and misshapen, making her unadoptable in a traditional way.

At first her blood work was great, and she was healthy. Unfortunately, over time, she got worse. When she refused to eat doggie kidney food, we cooked for her. Then she got to a point where getting her to eat was a challenge.

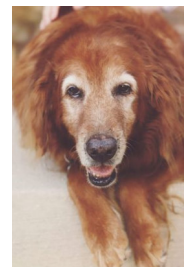
She loved her daily walk, meeting people and chasing birds.



It is with deep sadness, I report that our Daisy (formerly Kaylin) died last week. She was only about 4 months old, when we adopted her from LAGR, and she lived to be 11 ½. She was our third golden rescue, and in many ways, she was the best. She was "ball driven" and also a great swimmer. She loved diving off our dock to retrieve her water frisbee and tennis ball (had to be both!). We feel she had a very happy life here on our lake with the many woods and trails nearby. She has taken a piece of our hearts!

About 13 ½ years ago, you all rescued my best friend Dillon from being killed as a puppy due to a genetic irregularity that made him undesirable for breeding. Because of you, I got to meet and adopt him. Dallas was his name at the time, but we called him Dillon. Dillon was by my side and went everywhere possible with me. He was family. I'm so grateful that our family got to spend time with him and love him as much as I did. He passed away peacefully at 14 years old on May 27th. I laid his ashes to rest tonight under his favorite tree in the backyard with his two favorite toys.

Thank you again for all you do. Thank you for saving his life, so I could spoil him for the rest of it.



Ollie (formerly Curly) from Turkey passed away. He had diabetes insipidus and was doing fine with meds. Then his hips and mobility started to go. The vet said he died from something like a vascular rupture. He worked so hard to be a Touch Dog at Duo.

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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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