



LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE Golden News



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Goldens Give Back

Love a Golden Rescue Alumni give back in many ways, whether it is giving lots of love, Community service, competing in the obedience ring or being a great friend, they are all very very special. Following are a few stories about some adopted Goldens:

Sebastian - Sebastian came to rescue in late 2005 because his prior family no longer had the time to spend with him. Sebastian quickly won a place in the hearts of his foster family and then went on to a new life in a very loving home with a Golden "sister" Sierra. Sebastian enjoys meeting new people and views everyone as his friend. He puts this talent to work in making visits to School 14 in Indianapolis as part of the Junior Achievement program for 1st graders. He and Sierra so enjoy meeting the children. They were active in the program last year and expect to go back again this year. Sebastian also makes visits to nursing homes and is very excited to meet everyone there. In his spare time, Sebastian enjoys spending time on the couch watching sports and also trips out and about.



Brady - "Brady, hup" Brady hears the command and runs forward, flies over the 4 foot long broad jump, lands safely and then turns and runs to sit in front of me, waiting the next command to go sit at my side. Brady makes it look easy at the obedience trial, but it has been a



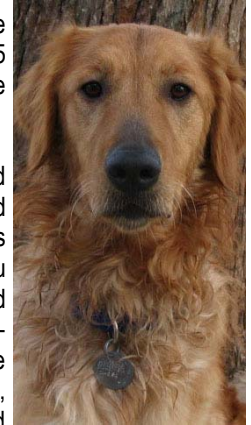
long and rewarding journey for him to learn the many skills and exercises for competitive obedience and rally. I met Brady not long after he was turned into rescue as a young adult in 2002. His prior owners called him "uncontrollable." He was very active and very eager to play with the ball or toys. He also was very friendly but unsure of himself in new places. He was so afraid to go into a pet supply store that he would slink and not eat treats when inside. Since then, we have spent lots of time training and hanging out at new places. We both get our exercise. We cover a lot of ground very quickly when we "heel." Who needs to go to the gym when you have a dog like this?? Brady is very eager to do what I want and with lots of time and effort on both our parts and with everything happening to come together, he went to the Golden specialty in St Louis and took first both days in his Open A obedience class. The best part was that he was working with me, showing what a great teammate a Golden can be.

Taz - Taz is the three legged wonder, he is a Therapy dog visiting Rankin Jordan Rehab with a Support Dogs, Inc team, he is a blood donor and donates every three months, a Love a Golden ambassador and his greatest love is going to Griffith Elementary school each Wednesday to listen to the 1st and 2nd graders read. Wednesday is now known as Taz Day. The kids look forward to when it is *their* turn to read to Taz, six at a time sit in a circle and read aloud to Taz while he lays on the floor in the midst of the children. If they read softly they are told Taz cannot hear them and they speak up, if they stumble over a word, they know Taz will understand. They know Taz is a fun loving guy and sneak pets when they can and he wags his tail. Over the months a love affair has developed, Taz never forgets to send a thank you to the children when they made him cards for Valentine Day and his birthday. Taz was named as Outstanding Rescued Golden of the year for 2006 at Golden Retriever Nationals in Kansas City where he received the G.R.A.C.E Award.



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Rocco - Rocco has been a very busy boy since his adoption two years ago. He has been a teacher - 4-H's Dog Bite Prevention classes, and puppy and beginning classes at Westinn Kennels. He has been a student and has earned 5 degrees! (Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog International, Rally Novice, Rally Advanced and Companion Dog.) He has also had fun with agility and field work and loves to swim!



Winston - Winston became a Therapy dog in April 2003. He attended 12 weeks of classes at Support Dog Inc, since then he has visited patients at Shriner's in St Louis, Rankin Jordan Rehab and St Johns Skilled Nursing. Winston is one of the most serious Golden retrievers you could ever meet and he takes his job very seriously. He has visited hundreds of people, and received many smiles and helped many people fill the void who are missing their dog while being in hospital. One particular visit will always be remembered there was a stroke patient, who was unable to open her eyes. Winston came to the room and rose to the bed, the family encouraged the patient to look at the dog, after a while she opened her eyes and touched Winston. These special moments do not happen often but when they do

they touch your heart.

Brando - Brando is six years old and has been a therapy dog for two years. He has done visitation at Missouri Baptist Hospital acute rehab unit and Delmar Gardens - Chesterfield. He was trained at Support Dogs and went through their 12 week training program. These dogs seem to have enhanced understanding of the patients that they visit. This was demonstrated one day at Missouri Baptist Hospital. I took Brando into one room and he acted funny, like he didn't want to be there. He didn't want to do a rise to the bed and get close to the patient. I wasn't sure what to do and luckily some family members came in the room and we left. I wondered if maybe he wasn't feeling well but took him into the room across the hall next. There was a small man who had had both legs amputated at the hip lying on his back. I asked if he wanted to be visited by Brando and he nodded. Brando immediately did a rise to the bed and immediately laid the side of his head gently on the center of his chest. He closed his eyes and kept them shut and didn't move. The man seemed touched and petted his head. Nobody spoke. This went on for at least 15 minutes. I finally had to call Brando down so we could continue down the hall. I was surprised as I had never seen him react this way before or since. I don't know what that man was feeling in those moments but I think Brando knew and he tried to help him.

Brando Pierce

Support Dog, Inc.
TOUCH Therapy Dog
11645 Lilburn Park Road
St. Louis, MO 63146
314 997 2325
www.supportdogs.org



I am a TOUCH (Therapy of Unique Canine Helpers) Therapy dog with Support Dogs, Inc. I am trained to visit places where people are away from their homes and need very special love and attention. I am very well behaved and like to have people pet me.

Has your Love a Golden Rescue Golden made a difference, do you have a story to share, e-mail adoption@loveagolden.com and let us know

GOLDEN GUARDIANS

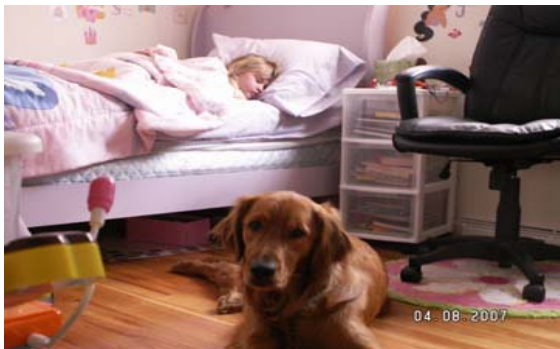
We have a new way to donate to Love a Golden Rescue

We have established a new way for you to donate to Love a Golden Rescue. It is a Recurring Donation Plan called *Golden Guardians*. You can set it up to make a recurring monthly donation from your credit or debit card of \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50, \$75 or \$100. We have elected to use PayPal for this so it is easy to set up and is also secure.

I know that there are many of you that care a lot about this organization and what we do for these rescued dogs. Your consideration of helping us by becoming a *Golden Guardian* with an automatic Recurring Donation will be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to set it up, go to our website at www.loveagolden.com and select the Donate button. Then simply select the amount that you wish to donate each month and you will be prompted for the credit or debit card information. It's that easy!

HAPPY ENDINGS



TY WATCHES OVER HIS "SLEEPING PRINCESS."

BLIZZARD (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS BABE AND WHO IS PICTURED ON THE LEFT) POSES WITH HIS BROTHER PK, RIGHT BEFORE BLIZZARD LEFT FOR HIS LOVING FOREVER HOME.



GRACIE (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS JENNA) ENJOYS A DAY AT THE PARK WITH HER NEW FAMILY.

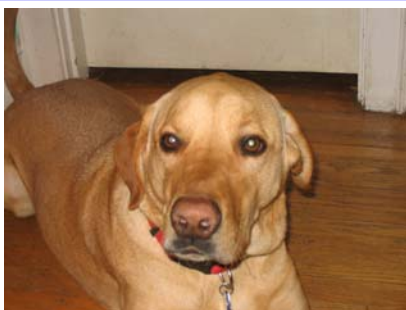


CASSIE (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS DELANEY) IS BLOSSOMING IN HER FOREVER HOME.

ACE (WHOSE RESCUE NAME WAS JADE) CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY.



NEVIL'S NEW FAMILY DESCRIBE HIM AS "SUCH A DOLL." HE'S ALREADY STARTED OBEDIENCE CLASSES AND IS HAVING LOTS OF FUN ON HIS WALKS.



ANDY WAS ONE OF JADE'S PUPPIES WHO HAD PARVO IN 2005. ONCE HE WAS WELL HE WAS EVALUATED BY SUPPORT DOG, INC OF ST LOUIS TO BE A SERVICE DOG. HE WAS PLACED WITH A PUPPY RAISER AND HIS TRAINING BEGAN, HE WAS TAKEN EVERYWHERE. ANDY PASSED HIS TEST IN FEBRUARY 2007 AND HE IS NOW A SERVICE DOG WITH A WOMAN WHO LIVES IN ST LOUIS. HE IS A WALKER DOG FOR HER SINCE HE IS SO TALL AND THINGS ARE WORKING OUT WONDERFULLY.

NEWS FROM AMY

Just to let you all know Amy is a real joy to our house. She is very obedient, loves everybody, and loves to give many kisses. My two granddaughters came to meet her and they just loved her. My husband and I are very pleased with Amy. She could not be a better fit for our family. We love her with all our hearts. She stays in her crate for short periods of time. No accidents since the first she tells you she has to go outside. We will keep you updated.

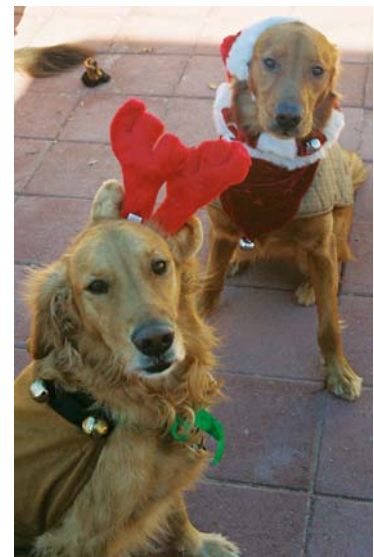


SAWYER SAYS

Only one bite by an infected mosquito can give heartworms to a dog. Protect me by having the vet give me an annual heartworm test and by giving me monthly heartworm preventative.



Here's Chewy's
"golden endings"
3rd place
in the Cloudcroft parade
Chewy aka Chewabacca
LAGR 2003 adoption
Sedona LAGR 2006
formerly Willow
(in background)
and Duke





Trivia Night

Night of Food, Fun & Trivia

August 4th, 2007

7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Knights of Columbus, 20 Westbury Drive, St Charles, Mo 63301

From I 70 West take Zumbahl Road Exit 227, turn right onto Zumbahl Road.

Turn right onto W Clay St. to Westbury Drive next to Pudmann Ford, turn right on Westbury

Parking in front of building and across street.

Table of 8 people \$160.00

or \$20.00 per person

Includes Snacks, Draft Beer & Soda

(OK to bring your own food but hall does not allow outside alcohol to be brought in
mixed drinks and wine available at bar prices)

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

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Trivia Night Registration Form

(Sign up early)

Team Captain:

Captain's e-mail and phone number

Team members (if known):

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. |

Please mail this form by July 28th, 2007 along with payment, checks payable to LAGR to:

Love a Golden Rescue
P.O. Box 27621
St Louis, MO 63146

Any questions e-mail adoption@loveagolden.com

Golden Pennies



We have already collected over 250,000 pennies to help our Goldens.



Help us reach our next goal of 300,000 pennies

We have over 73,000 already toward our goal

To assist Our Golden Retrievers, who were strays, who have been rescued from shelters or whose families could no longer care for them. Our rescue provides vet care and foster homes prior to their adoptions by loving homes. Bring your pennies to the next Love A Golden Event!!!!

PENNY WAR

During the month of February, five classes at Griffith Elementary School collected pennies for Love a Golden Rescue. In a month, their grand total was just over \$300.

On a weekly basis during morning announcements, it was announced over the loudspeaker who was in the lead. Each week the jars were weighed. The group with the heaviest load was the winner. The competition was fierce at times; some of the students would bring in nickels, dimes and quarters, even dollar bills, to add to their jar. The teachers would remind them it was how *heavy* the jars were, not the amount of money, that counted. Some of the teachers (who were even more competitive than the kids at times) would take the quarters and the dimes and nickels and exchange them for rolls of pennies.

The classes that participated were Mrs. Gray's kindergarten class, Mrs. Wicks' and Ms. Hogan's third graders, the Safety Patrol, and Mrs. Roslawski's fourth grade class. The winning class had a pizza and soda party. The other classes got to enjoy a popcorn party.

If you have a connection to a school---maybe your child attends one, or you or your child teaches at one, or you volunteer at a school---perhaps you could spearhead a penny drive...The winner could be the one with the most pennies, or the classes could have fun putting pennies in other class jars. Then the winner would be the one with the least pennies.

Submitted by Sioux Roslawski

Note: A special thank you to Sioux for organizing the Penny War



**Love a Golden Rescue
Reunion Picnic
June 23rd, 2007
Vago Park – Maryland Heights
11.00 am until 4.00 pm**

Registration Form

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Name of dog (s) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Requested Donation to make this picnic possible.

\$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family

Amount enclosed: _____

Rescue Parade

**If you plan to attend the picnic and have an adopted Golden,
We would like to invite you to take part in the “Rescue Parade”
Please complete the additional information below and submit it with your
picnic registration.**

Adoptive Family Name: _____

Rescued Dogs Name: _____

Gotcha Year: _____ Age when adopted: _____

_____ most favorite thing to do is _____
(dog's name)

Please mail by June 14th, 2007 to:

Love a Golden Rescue
PO Box 27621
St Louis, Mo 63146

PIC ME! - - Goldens currently available for adoption.

All of our adoptable Goldens can be found on our web site at: <http://www.loveagolden.com/AvailableDogs.htm>

LILLA

Lilla is learning about how wonderful life can be. Before coming to rescue, her life revolved around having puppies. She is now beginning to enjoy being a house dog and companion. She is shy of new situations but longs to be petted and loved. She is approximately four years old and looks forward to a great life with a family who will be patient and continue teaching her as she blossoms



SAWYER



What a face! Sawyer's brown eyes can melt your heart. He is a sweet and active senior Golden, probably around 9 years old. He has a rich dark red coat with gray on his face. He is on the smaller side for a male Golden, weighing around 60 pounds. Since coming to rescue, Sawyer had entropion surgery to correct his eyelids turning under so that his eye lashes rubbed his eyes. Now his eyes feel so much better! Sawyer (or "Soy Sauce" as he is nicknamed in his foster home) is a wonderful dog who just wants to be

loved. Sawyer would like to have a home where he could hang out with someone and go places and be a part of things.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

We're looking forward to seeing a lot of the Love A Golden "alums" at our annual reunion June 23rd. We hope you and your adopted Goldens can come.

Last newsletter I told you about 11 year old Bessie who had an isolated life in a pen. After coming to rescue, she was spayed, had a mastectomy to remove a grapefruit-sized lump, and had surgeries on a blocked salivary gland. Through it all, she has impressed everyone with her upbeat attitude and her friendly demeanor. She loves outings and was even on tv when the rescue visited Show Me St Louis to promote our garage sale. Bessie is ready for a new home of her very own and hopes a loving family will open their hearts to her.

Among our other current foster dogs, young PK is awaiting hip surgery and could use your good thoughts and support. PK came to rescue from a shelter with his purebred Golden mother. He is a very large black Golden mix who we think may be part Newfoundland. Because he was much quieter than the typical puppy, we had his hips checked. Unfortunately they are very bad and causing him a lot of discomfort. Hip surgery should resolve the problem. In the meantime, he is on medication and also receiving acupuncture and massage therapy to help ease his pain. We're looking forward to his being able to romp and play like a typical youngster in his own home.

We're an all-volunteer nonprofit group and rely on you to make happy endings happen for these wonderful dogs. Thank you for your help and support.

With Golden thoughts,
Kathy Hackmann

A NOTE FROM ROCKY

My name is Rocky and I'm a 6 yr. old Golden Retriever. My mom is Marcia Berry and she is a volunteer with "Love A Golden Rescue". She and all the other volunteers are always trying to find different ways to raise money to help all the Golden Retrievers not as lucky as I am. Well, I decided to help too. Dean Koontz (a famous author, my mom has all his books) has a really cute Golden Retriever named Trixie. She's an author too, and has written two books (helped by her dad, of course). A while back, I received a package from Trixie. She sent me her first book, "Life is Good" for "Love A Golden Rescue" to auction off at trivia night. She even autographed it (so did her dad, Dean Koontz)!!! Also, in her letter to me, she said she thinks I'm cute (my mom sent her pictures of me and a LAGR calendar when she mailed my letter). I think I'm in love!!

I hope a lot of people bid on Trixie's book so I can help other Goldens to be happy like I am.

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 homeless Golden Retrievers and who have generously helped our Golden Retrievers with their financial support, gifts in kind and donated services.

Adoptions

The Merlo's	Abilene
Name held on request	Amy
The Stuart's	Babe
Pam & Rick Naugle	Blarney
Thomas & Nancy Sparr	Cali
Kathryn Gera	Duncan
Mike Beckett	Gracie
John & Gail Duffy	Hanover
Mike & Laura McCoy	Jenna
Patricia Reagon & David Briggs	Joker
Tony & Vivian Regna	Kendra
The Curran Family	Maverick
Briana & Tom Nolan	Nevil
George & Debi Schmidt	Pat
John & Deana Latragna	Ty

Foster Buddies

Mari Graham	Bessie
Michelle Johnson	Cassie
Cynthia Boisfeuillet	Dixie
Greg & Anne Halvachs	Gus
Randy Birds	Jessica
Ruby & Joe Blair	Jewel
Annoymous	PK
Cheryle Musicant	PK
Jon Meline	PK
Nancy McPeters	PK
Lisa Harris	PK
Jan & Ray Knoche	PK
Renee & Mike Cool	Sawyer

Mattie Fund

Donations

Ann Taylor	Judith & Kevin Bayne
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Janet O'Neil	The Acker Family
Jennifer Lavigne	Tom & Bobbi Buckley
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John & Mimi Davis	Wayne Deutsch

Cindy McCarthy	Jamie Billings
Clarice Karry	Janet O'Neil
David Milner	Kathy & Greg Sump
Debbie Davis	The Bantz
Emmeline Renshaw	Timothy Miller
Greg Kolacinski	

Memoriums

Bill & Pattie Paxton	In honor of Deb Kinscherf
Dennis & Maria Bingheim	In honor of Deb Kinscherf
Lyndell Oller	In honor of Fred
Karen Murphy	In honor of Jet
Cheryl Crays	In honor of Nancy Craig's birthday
Bonnie Ash	In honor Ruby Blair's Birthday
Michael Rizzardo	In memorial of Boscha
Gene & Kathy Buxton	In memorial of Brandy
John & Linda Geluso	In memorial of Brandy
Kent Holcomb	In memorial of JT
Myrna McCallister & Tom Paterson	In memorial of Luke
Morgan Mance	In memorial of Marianna Yerke
Maurice Wilkinson	In memorial of Roger Reddy
Harlan Schillinger	In memorial of Sydney
Cheryl Brown	In memory of "Lumpy Gravy"
Ruby & Joe Blair	In memory of 4 loved & lost Golden Retrievers
David & Angela O'Neil	In memory of Alex
Julie Brown	In memory of Alex
Jan & Ray Knoche	In memory of Annie
Nancy Scanlon	In memory of Bogey
Carol Porter	In memory of Boomerang
Tammy Chastain	In memory of Buddy Ren
Christa Slyman	In memory of Comet
Ann Podleski	In memory of Goomie
Bob & Connie Jobes	In memory of Jake
Marcia Berry	In memory of Kady
Brad Puck	In memory of Maple
Barbara Stebelman	In memory of Mesah
Diane & Les Harmon	In memory of our beloved Max
Annoymous	In memory of Raymond Walters
John & Barbara Meline	In memory of Sadie
Robert Lynch & Ellen Wood	In memory of Shannon
Jennifer Hershey	In memory of Tobi

Grant & Corporate Donations

Golden Retriever Foundation	April Fund
Goldstock Fund	
Petco	

RECENT L.A.G.R. HAPPENINGS

WAL-MART APRIL 7



Easter Golden Buddy and Rocco delighted shoppers at the Town and Country Wal-Mart on April 7th. The shoppers made generous donations for cookies, cookbooks, bunny cakes and homemade dog treats. Of course, they were properly thanked with a golden handshake!



ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Volunteer St Patrick's Day dinner hosted by Ruby and Joe Blair in Alton, IL

1ST ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



Saturday April 21st was a beautiful day for our 1st Annual Flea Market, many volunteers sold their wares and donated all proceeds to Love a Golden Rescue. We held the event in Arnold off Jeffco on a large parking lot. It was a lot of fun and many of us got sunburned. Pictured is Jennifer Hershey awaiting customers.

BAKE SALE

Once again the LAGR volunteers came through for our Golden in rescue by baking huge amounts of goodies to sell! In spite of terrible weather, generous folks came out and donated to the cause. Brave ladies who worked were: Jan Knoche, Marcia Berry, Melody Ridder and Debbie Schwartz. Joe Blair and Carter Knipping helped with set-up.



Marcia and Melody

RECENT L.A.G.R. HAPPENINGS CON'T

GARAGE SALE PROMOTION



Volunteers and their dogs had fun promoting the garage sale at the KSDK Show Me St. Louis window

VALLEY OF FLOWERS PARADE



A big thanks to Susan and John Shock for decorating the float and having water for humans and Goldens

UPCOMING EVENTS



Topless Car Wash

A Topless Car Wash fundraiser is being planned for Saturday, July 14th from 10-2 at 8803 Veterans Memorial Parkway in O'Fallon, Mo. Love A Golden volunteers will wash the bottom half on any car for free and will accept donations to wash the top half of the car. Volunteers are need to wash the cars or bring a "topless" (shorts only) golden. Please join us at this fun event and help raise needed funds!

6/2	9 AM - 3 PM	Petropolis Pet Carnival	16830 Chesterfield Airport Rd.	Chesterfield, MO
6/16	9:00 AM	Dog Days of Summer -	Main Street	St. Charles, MO
6/23	11:00 AM	Annual Reunion Picnic	Vago Park	Maryland Heights, MO
7/14	10 AM — 2 PM	Topless Car Wash	8803 Veteran's Mem. Parkway	O'Fallon, MO
8/4	7:00 PM	Trivia Night -	Knight of Columbus Hall	St. Charles, MO
9/15		Canine Olympics	Purina Farms	Gray Summit, MO
9/22		Volunteer Picnic	Quail Run Park	St. Charles, MO
9/29	10 AM - 3 PM	Maryland Heights Days	Vago Park	Maryland Heights, MO

Adoption Days are held each month at the Petco stores in Olivette and St. Charles (2nd Sunday) from Noon until 3:00 PM and at the Petco Store (Clarkson and Baxter Rds.) & at the Canine Center (9850 Manchester, Rock Hill, MO) both on the last Sunday of the month from Noon until 3:00 PM .

See LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the above events:

<http://www.loveagolden.com/Calendar.htm>

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Then fill out a volunteer application form on-line at: <http://www.loveagolden.com/volunteerform.htm>

or send an e-mail to volunteer@loveagolden.com

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