LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE

Golden News



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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

A STRONG FOUNDATION OF VOLUNTEERS IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE.

Love a Golden Rescue has been a successful volunteer organization for over seven years. It is with the help of all our volunteers that has lead to this success. So far this year we have taken in over 55 wonderful goldens or "close" to golden, and been able to place 52 goldens as of August 10th.

Love a Golden Rescue desperately needs volunteers to continue our success. Volunteering is fun and very rewarding. Please consider becoming an active part of Love a Golden Rescue. Your time, talents and support are very much appreciated. A big Golden thank you to all our current volunteers. Love a Golden could not accomplish what we have without your help and support. We are finding, though, we need help in certain areas. Please read through these and contact us at adoption@loveagolden.com if you can or will jump in !!!

- **FOSTERING** We are always in need of foster homes. We have dogs on a wait list that need our help, but nowhere to go with them please consider this. Think about some poor little guy or gal in a shelter waiting for someone to help!
- **TEMPORARY FOSTERING** Second to fostering is a new program initiated to temporarily foster. In this case, you would sometimes do the "intake" on the golden and foster while he/she is recovering from the spay/neuter surgery. This would usually be a week or less. Then the golden would be transferred to a new foster home or to boarding.
- **TRANSPORTING** Logistics on picking up the intake goldens can sometimes be a real challenge.

 This can involve taking them to the vet for care i.e. shots, spay, neuter, etc., then to a foster home or to the kennel. Another need is to pick up a boarded dog and bring him/her to an adoption event, and then return. If these goldens aren't out in public, it diminishes their chance of finding a forever home. If you have time you could spare to help with that, it would be wonderful!
- ADOPTION EVENTS Helping at adoption events is so wonderful. Showing off available goldens
 gives them a better chance to be adopted. It is also a great time for us to meet, greet, and socialize with
 each other.
- **PROGRAM SUPPORT** Participation and attending our fund raising events is a great need. This support brings our group closer together and stronger. This also helps us keep the \$\$ coming in to continue our goals. Doing the rescue work we do comes with a cost. We need to continually raise money to cover these expenses. In order to do this, we really do need **EVERYONE'S** help!!
- GENERAL HELP We always need dog biscuit bakers, and craft makers! We sell these items at craft fairs and bake sales to support Love a Golden. If you have other talents/hobbies, please let us know. We are always excited about new ideas.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS** On page 10 of this newsletter is a list of the upcoming events. You can also go to our home page on the web site. On the left column, click on "Events" button, and there is a listing of upcoming events.

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" – This is so true – you all are the goldens' village. Please consider setting aside whatever time you can to help with these projects.

Thanks for all your past, present and "future" support!!!

Michele Swanson Volunteer Coordinator



President's Message

Hi, Love a Golden Rescue is having an excellent year, and we continue to help many dogs during this very difficult time in our country. We hear about two to three new dogs almost everyday. Many are being separated from their families due to foreclosure, divorce or people moving into apartments and cannot take their dogs with them. Many dogs are being surrendered to shelters, or their owners are trying to find a rescue organization to take their dog in. We continue to help as many as we are able to, however, we are handicapped by the lack of foster homes.

The circumstances of the dogs have no boundaries, they could be just a year old or a senior who has lived with a family since puppyhood. They could be very healthy and have received excellent vet care, or they may have never received any type of vet care. Some may even have serious health issues. One such intake is Emmie, she has lived with her family since she was a puppy, she is now eight. The family has two small children with health problems. Emmie has lived in the basement for a year while they have tried to work things out with the children. She is now a Love a Golden Dog. Her life has been turned upside down, and she is very confused. Her foster home reports that she is doing better, but it has been very difficult for her. In addition to the trauma of change, she has a rare cancer and requires special needs.

The support we receive from all of our loyal friends is truly wonderful, thank you.

Golden thoughts Jan Knoche

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

As I get older my girlish waist is disappearing, What can I do? I really love treats. Chloe

Dear Chloe.

As you love treats, I would suggest your human gives you baby carrots or apple slices as your treat. The calories in doggie biscuits need to be taken into account when your amount of daily food is determined. The bigger the treat, the more the calories. I am always given tiny treats and I never get very many.

My human also substitutes 1/2 cup of dog food with 1/2 cup of green beans in my supper. The green beans help me feel full and reduce my calorie intake.

Exercise is also very important. A walk everyday is the best way to go.

Elsa

Golden Pennies

Over the last three and a half years we have collected 300,000 pennies to help our goldens.

Our next milestone is 400,000 pennies.

We have now collected 11,571 toward that milestone.

These pennies will 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.

Please bring your pennies to any LAGR event

TENNIS BALLS NEEDED

Love A Golden needs tennis balls for gift items and baskets.
Bring to any Love A Golden event



Do you like on-line shopping?

Consider doing your on-line shopping at one of many shops hosted by www.iGive.com

LAGR is registered with iGive and will receive a percentage of your sale.

HAPPY ENDINGS



Devon now Ruby (in front) with her Golden companion Ginger. She is doing great



Lincoln turned 5. He got to go to a farm on the banks of the **Meramec River** to celebrate.

The farm has some cows and he found some of their manure within the first 5 minutes. He was so happy to have rolled in it. I was not so happy to have to clean it off him in the river. What a character.



Rosie is doing very well in her new home.

Girard and Lilla happy in their forever home.



We entered Maddie in a pet parade here in Princeton. Illinois as Love a Golden



Rescue. Well, they ended up putting us in the front of the parade behind the Police K-9 unit AND we took 1st place. It was a 2 mile parade; luckily, it was a cloudy day so the pavement was cool.



Violet's nickname is now Princess Vi, does that give you a hint.... LOL. She is just wonderful. She has really gotten big.

Fostering

- Author Unknown

There I sat, alone and afraid,
You got a call and came right to my aid.
You bundled me up with blankets and love.
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.

I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold. That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold. You taught me what love is, you helped me to mend. You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.

And just when I thought you'd done all you could do,
There came along not one new lesson, but two.
First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."

Then you bundled me up with a blanket and a kiss.

Along came a new family, they even have kids!

They took me to their home, forever to stay.

At first I thought you sent me away.

Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.

No matter how far, you will always be near.

And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.

I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.

But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.
You never really give your fosters away.
You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.
We may never meet again, and now I know why.

You'll remember I lived with you for a time. I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

Pictured below are some of our current foster goldens with their foster parents at McNair Park in St. Charles. Sioux with Foley, Shawn with Bruno, Diane with Abby, Jan with Bella and Michelle S. with Reeves



IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES

Have we mentioned we are in need of additional foster homes?

Please consider opening your home for this rewarding opportunity.



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

Bruno

Bruno, is a 5 year Golden male, house trained, very smart and loves to play ball. Bruno loves his humans. He loves to snuggle, go on car rides and is just a fun guy. He is good with other dogs.



Destiny

Destiny was a stray and came to us from a shelter. She is doing well now and looking for a loving home. She is a very friendly 9



year old who loves living in a home.

Blaze's Tale

The following short story was written for a creative writing project for Mrs. Bedsworth's Communication Arts 8 class in the Francis Howell School district.

Heidi Rose Mrs. Bedsworth Communication Arts 8 15 May 2008

A picture of a golden retriever puppy lies on a table in a cozy little house in a small town. His chocolate brown eyes closed while resting his forepaws up on the back of a La-Z-Boy. A picture is truly worth a thousand words. I know that when I look at a photo, I can only just imagine its story. Here is Blaze's story.

Vehicles drove past Blaze as he shivered in the nighttime chilly air. His puppy fur was caked with dirt, crackling with each step. He had been eating anything he could find, but nothing seemed edible enough to fill. Blaze's taunt skin was close to his bones and he whimpered, wanting to be rid of the hungry pangs. His paws were scratched raw from constant sliding on the icy sidewalks making them unbearably sore. He watched miserably as humans walked past, ignoring him to walk into warm, insulated buildings. Blaze slowly made his way to the alley that he usually spent most of his day at. At this time of night it was dimly lit, reeking of long ago spoiled food that his enhanced canine senses seemed to have grown accustomed. Blaze collapsed onto the stone hard cement, worn out and panting.

Humans hurried through the streets never turning their heads his way. His head rested on his paws in an attempt to stay warm. Blaze's ears picked up a scratching sound coming from behind him. A man dressed in a shabby overcoat, clutching a bottle wrapped in a paper bag, staggered towards the dumpster a hundred feet away from him. The man dug in searching for food, scattering garbage everywhere. Blaze's eyes soon slid shut and he drifted into a sleep that made him forget the cold.

He dreamed of a lush green backyard with humans that looked at him adoringly. They shared his joy, a little girl laughed melodically. He romped around, trying to unsuccessfully tear a rope chew toy out of the father's hands. The father just laughed and patted his head gently. Blaze gave him a mere doggish grin. His dream didn't last forever as he had hoped it would, a honking vehicle horn woke him suddenly.

A lady almost hidden under layers of clothing called out to Blaze as she stepped out of her vehicle, only to receive a startled expression from him. Humans occasionally came to pet Blaze and fuss over his condition doing absolutely nothing. The lady walked over to him and he crushed himself against the wall. She shushed him with a soothing voice, bending down to stroke the matted fur on his head. He relaxed slightly. She ran her fingers across Blaze's body grimacing as she easily felt his bones through his coat. The lady put one hand underneath his front legs and the other under his tail hoisting him up and next to her chest. Blaze could feel her body heat warming him. She juggled him slightly to open her vehicle door. As the lady got in, Blaze was blasted in the face with a wave of hot air. When he was situated onto the seat next to her, she turned her head to smile kindly at him before she started to drive. A new senseless hope washed over Blaze, it comforted him to know that someone cared about him. That spark sent warmth spreading through his thin and fragile body.

1 year later...

Blaze remembered that day so well that his heart ached. She had taken him home and spoiled Blaze to a point that he thought was unimaginable. Sometimes the generosity of humans surprised him when he least expected it. It was a year later and he no longer feared the harsh winters as he once had. Blaze's paws silently padded the thick carpeting as he walked towards the kitchen. His nails soon started to click on the linoleum floor alerting his human to his presence. She glanced up from her work at the table and her face was graced with a warm glowing smile, her figure wrapped in a robe. Blaze felt his eyes light up and his tail wag as he galloped over to her nearly crashing into her chair. His human cradled her head in her left hand, her shoulder length hair cascading onto the table. The other hand gripped a porcelain coffee mug filled with a dark liquid. She lifted up her head off her hand and reached her hand out to gently pet Blaze's groomed, fur covered head. She got up, and he scooted out of the way as the chair screeched across the floor. His human twisted a doorknob revealing a hole in the wall stuffed to the seams with jackets, hats, gloves and other apparel. She reached in for a nylon green jacket and a pair of red gloves, and then quickly pulled them on. He followed her out the door to the outside.

Blaze's Tale Continued next page

Blaze's Tale—Continued

Blaze breathed in the snow laden air as he went ballistic in the snow. His coat got wet rolling in the snow as his human laughed at him calling him a silly dog. Blaze barked in delight, shaking off the snow still clinging to his coat before continuing to romp around. Blaze turned his head to stare at her, it wasn't exactly the same as that dream he had once had, but it was her, who had breathed life back into him when he had almost given up. She ran a hand through her hair thoughtfully, and then sat on the porch stoop. The light from the sun made the snow dance in a sparkling rage. His head racked with erratic joy, he plopped down onto a mound of snow, his pink tongue hanging out. Caught up in all the excitement, Blaze tired out quickly. His human grinned while she stood up, motioning him inside and he raced up the stairs and in.

Once inside, Blaze rested himself up on the back of a chair. He'd seen his human do it, so why couldn't he? His eyes slowly closing, he heard the rolling of a drawer open and his human took out a camera. She pointed it in his direction; the flash went off, freezing the scene forever.

This was only one story, though it might have been fictional, it stands for those who were lucky enough to have experienced a new life like Blaze did. Hundreds of thousands of dogs each year are abandoned or are strays. Blaze represents only the small percentage of those that are the fortunate ones.



A Tired Old Dog - Author Unknown

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard; I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour.

This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The following Goldens have recently gone to the bridge.

Georgie Girl lost her battle with cancer and is now running cancer free at the bridge.

Age unknown.





Cheyenne (Morgan) in front. It is with great sadness to tell you that Cheyenne has passed on. She fought the brave fight through the homelessness.

heartworm from which LAGR freed her, and the ulcerated tumor we had removed, even though the vet warned she might not survive. She always had a vision of survival, and I commend her. She shared our home and had our hearts for a little over six years. She was a very senior citizen and very tired when she left us. Her earthly heart would work no more.

Spenser passed away suddenly in early August. He lived with his "forever family" for only three and a half years and each day we wished he had been with us



longer. Spenser was a big boy, but a gentle giant, known for stepping on your feet with heavy paws and wet very sloppy kisses to say he was sorry and that he loved you. We loved Spenser each and every day he was with us and are thankful for the opportunity to have called him a member of our family.

The following Goldens also have gone to the bridge: Misty came to rescue at 14 as a hospice dog, she passed away after receiving a lot of love in her foster home.

Remington who was 10 went to the bridge soon after coming to rescue.

RECENT EVENTS



2008 Reunion Picnic

On a beautiful June day we had a great time at the Reunion picnic. There were about 80 humans and 60 dogs. It was great to see all of the happy tails. We played games, won prizes, bid on great silent auction items and had many "give aways" as attendance prizes. I particularly enjoyed the adoption parade and hearing all of the great comments the humans



have to say about their furry friends. Thanks for a great event Love a Golden volunteers and I look forward to next years picnic. — Submitted by Susan Reynolds

RECENT EVENTS - CONTINUED

Dogs & Duds Celebrity Fashion Show

On July 20th, Devon and I were invited to a Celebrity Fashion Show at Kemp Auto Museum. Our foster parents gave us baths and got us all ready to go. Upon arriving at the fashion show we were greeted by a huge animal; my foster dad told me it was a Clydesdale and man was he big!!! We did not know what to expect, but mingled with the people and met many new friends. Devon was such a cute puppy and got a lot of attention. As we mingled with the people we heard names such as Albert Pujols and Tony LaRussa. Devon and I were not sure who these people were, but then our foster dads told us they were famous Cardinals. To me it did not matter who they were, I love everyone.



When it was time for the Fashion Show. Devon and I were matched with celebrities to walk the runway. I was matched with Jerry Clinton who is a CEO of a local company. Devon was matched with Emily West who is a country music recording artist. We did a great job as the humans clapped after we were done. I understand the event was to raise money for The Companion Animal Alliance. I hear that they are like the United Way of the animal world. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of something so special and I am sure the event was a huge success.



Submitted by Reeves A lucky LAGR Dog



Trivia Night

Our 3rd annual Trivia Night with a silent auction was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Charles, MO. The event was a great success, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We would like to extend our thanks to our volunteers who worked so hard to make this evening such a great success, especially Jennifer who organized the auction and Tim, our Master of Ceremonies and question writer.

DogSmarts

Maryland Heights Community Center was the site for our DogSmarts seminar on August 10th. Behaviorist Deborah Walker and Dave the Math Dog kept the audience totally entertained for the entire afternoon.

Deborah, with the aid of several dogs onstage, demonstrated several training techniques and helped us understand dog behavior. Dave, a handsome golden retriever, then amazed the audience with his incredible math abilities!

Volunteer Marcia, who was instrumental in introducing LAGR to Dave, said this was a "wonderful program" and her thoughts were echoed by volunteer Ruby who said this was a "great afternoon... meaningful and entertaining." Note the cute shirts in the photos—thank you, Bob & Sandy!



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

Adoptions

Les & Diane Harmon Abby II Karen & Scott Bell **Bailey Boy** Becky Orzel Bear Name held on request Beck Adam & Laura McMurry Bourbon Stacey & Tim Deutschmann Chip Tanya Sheils Colton Stephen & Vicki Sievers Devon Sarah Jarrett & Andrew Schafer Dutch David & Diane Cracchilo Gus Honey Bee David & Elizabeth Epperson John & Kristin Rathje Irish Bob & Peggy Schulz Lady II Tina McDermott Minnie John & Paige Cundy Paige Name held on request Rosalee Christine Culbertson Sahara Tom & Dee Dickinson Shelby Sue & Chris Friedeck Sonshine Aaron & Elizabeth Bly Tyler Brian & Christine Gill Whitney

Foster Buddies

For Abby Teresa Johnson Ronald Nelson

For Bailey Boy Maureen Andereson

For Bella Tammy Florczak Laura Gittemeier In memory of Gabby

For Destiny Mr & Mrs John Avery

For Reeves Cynthia Lock Lvnn Weikel Golden Retriever Foundation **GRCA April Fund**

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In Memory

In memory of Bonnie Webb Ron Edwards

In memory of Dollie Nancy Andrews Jennifer Hershey Carole McFarland

In memory of Remington John Ewers









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Airedale Antics

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Pam Bogle In memory of Remington

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/6 Noon - 3:00 pm Adoption Event Airedale Antics 7328 Manchester Road Maplewood, MO

9/6 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Trails for Tails 2008 Frontier Park St. Charles, MO.
9/28 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Petapalooza DuSable Park St. Charles, MO.
10/11 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Canine Olympics Purina Farms Gray Summit, MO.

10/25 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Craft Fair Ft. Zumwalt High School O'Fallon, MO.

Adoption Days

Come see our available Goldens. Adoption Days are held at the following locations:

Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM
PETCO in Olivette located at 9632 Olive St.
PETCO in St. Charles located near Zumbehl and Hwy 70

Last Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 PM PETCO located at Clarkson and Baxter Rds.

See LAGR calendar on the web site for details on all the events: http://www.loveagolden.com/Events.htm

Petapalooza

Petapalooza is the name of our Annual Fall Event.

This year it will be held at DuSable Park in St Charles, MO. from 11 AM until 3 PM

September 28, 2008.

Love a Golden Rescue in conjunction with Rally to Rescue will be hosting the event. We have many other rescues committed to coming as listed on the flyer on the following page. Love a Golden Rescue will have dogs to meet and greet who are available for adoption. Tickets will be on sale to play games and we have many games to play. You can win Rally Bucks to earn prizes. The more Rally Bucks you have - the better the prize. We will have contests which can be entered for a minimal donation including everyone's favorite, a costume contest. How about having your photo taken with your dog for a donation or enter our raffle? The other rescues will have dogs available to meet and greet as well as many different things at their tables. Please come and join us; bring your Golden and friends and have a fun day at the park.

We look forward to seeing you.

UPCOMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

RALLY TO RESCUE

PRESENTS





Petapalooza

ADOPTIONS, MEET & GREET, GAMES, PHOTOS, CONTESTS INCLUDING COSTUME CONTEST AT 1:30 P.M. SHURE PETS AND MUCH MORE

> COME AND MEET LOCAL RESCUES INCLUDING:

ALL PAWS RESCUE

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SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2008 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

POINT DUSABLE PARK, ST CHARLES, MO

Bring your dog & family for a fun day.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DOGS ARE ON 6 FT LEASH OR SHORTER, MUST BE SPAYED/NEUTERED, NO DOGS UNDER SIX MONTHS

EVENT RAIN OR SHINE

DIRECTIONS:

HWY, 370 TO NORTH 3RD STREET/HWY, 94, EXT 7, AT BOTTOM OF EXIT RAMP, TURN RECHT.

GO TO TECLMISEH STREET TURN LEFT. DEAD-ENDS AT N. MAIN. TURN LEFT ON N. MAIN

GO BACK UNDER 370. ENTER POINT DUSABLE PARK ON RECHT

FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL PETAPALOOZA@LOVEAGOLDEN.COM

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