

LOVE A GOLDEN RESCUE Golden News



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REEVES GOES CORPORATE

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

Reeves came from a Shelter in Kansas City, Missouri. The vet there had diagnosed him with a nerve disease in his spine and they were very reluctant to let us take him. His alternative was to be euthanized. After extensive phone conversations and our promise that we were committed to helping Reeves, he was released to Love a Golden Rescue. He spent a week at the University of Missouri and had many tests and was seen by vets, all with many areas of expertise. The cause of his problem could not be determined. Currently he is having Alpha Stim treatment. He is a wonderful guy who takes his limitations in stride and is very happy.

Jan

Reeves gets help from AFB International

Each year, EBI International based in Simsbury CT. (parent company of AFB International) puts aside funding to distribute back into the community as the selection committee sees fit. The organizations selected must be local, not for profit and must provide a valuable service to our community and animals in this area.

Each year, the pool of available funds differs. This year, EBI provided AFB International a sizeable sum of money. The Human Resource department went through a selection process to decide which organizations should receive the money. Several organizations were selected.

I had submitted Love A Golden Rescue as an organization that deserved a large contribution. Considering I myself never have much extra to "give", and I knew that Reeves had some special needs that were going to become costly, I wanted to help him and all of the other Golden retrievers like him. I knew once our Human Resource team met the dogs, they would fall in love and see that these babies were definitely worthy! Love A Golden was selected to receive a portion of the amount available for distribution this year.

Angie French

Reeves and LAGR Thank AFB International



Reeves with employees of AFB International



Reeves with Angie French

President's Message

Hi, The need to rescue dogs and cats continues to be an unbelievable task for all of the thousands of people dedicated to this effort countrywide.

To put things in perspective, let's take a look at Golden Retriever Rescue. The following data was collected from 92 different Golden Retriever Rescue organizations across America by the GRCA National Rescue committee and published in G.R. News. In 2007, 8,336 purebred Golden Retrievers, 1,383 Golden Mix and 513 which fall into the "other" category were rescued. Of the 10,232 dogs, 4,487 of them were spayed /neutered and the vet bills amounted to \$4,287,990.00. These groups had 5,580 dedicated volunteers serving these rescues. Just think, these are the statistics for only one breed. Education on spay/neuter is one answer. People researching the breed before getting that really cute puppy is another. The puppies grow up fast. With Golden Retrievers, people do not see past that bundle of fur which does not train itself. Many arrive in rescue untrained; Some are unloved since the children are no longer interested once they grow into adult dogs. Fortunately once these dogs are surrendered to rescue, they find wonderful homes, thanks to many of you. In these times we struggle to raise money and are very grateful for all of your assistance. Thank you for supporting LAGR!

Golden thoughts,
Jan Knoche

ASK ELSA

Dear Elsa,

It is coming up to the holiday season and so many pretty things are being wrapped and put out in my home. What advice can you give me? **Elton**



Dear Elton,

Do not get into tinsel, ribbon and other string-like objects. You can do serious damage to your intestines. If one end of the tinsel or ribbon gets stuck, and the rest is pulled through, this can create a sawing motion and cause you harm.

Several holiday plants are toxic: mistletoe, Christmas cactus, holly, poinsettia and ivy. Leave plants alone as they can make you very ill.

If you see an electrical cord from a Christmas tree, do not think that is a fun thing to chew. You could get an electrical shock. Humans put ornaments on Christmas trees, I do not know why. Some look like toys. Stay away from all of them because they could be made of glass. I would recommend to just stay away from the tree and this should keep you out of trouble, and you will have a happy holiday ! **Elsa**

Dogs & Duds Update

In our Fall 2008 newsletter Reeves told us about his experience at Dogs & Duds. Reeves is very happy to report it was a great fund raiser for Companion Animal Alliance and would like to thank them for a grant received by Love a Golden Rescue.



Tracey Cain with Jan Knoche and Cleo accepting a grant from Companion Animal Alliance.

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

Midas goes to Mount Rainier.



Seamus (formerly Woody) Seamus' Mommy and Daddy got married ! They wouldn't let him be a ring bearer inside the jewel box, but we did go back to the house after our ceremony to takes some 'family pictures' -- you can just barely see his bow tie.



Pup (formally Bianca) She loves to chew on everything!! She loves to play with balls. She likes to play catch with it and fetch it. Sometimes she likes to tease you with the ball and not give it up.



Maggie - (Formerly Layne). She is doing great and after being rather skittish for a while, and now she is almost never startled. We LOVE our Maggie!

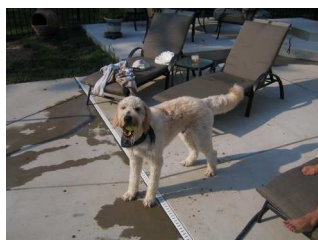


Bosco with his new brother Buddy

My name is Rascal. I am Buster's new best friend. We have a great "race track" that goes from the family room through the kitchen, a quick dash through the dining room, across the foyer, around the cocktail table in the living room and back into the family room. We go really fast and take turns winning the race.



Tanner is doing great. He's Big, way full of energy and sweet as he can be. He's very patient, waiting for the ball to float to the side of the pool (instead of jumping in).



Whitney is having a wonderful time in her new home.



LAGR Wraps Gifts for the Goldens

This year we will be wrapping gifts purchased at Barnes and Noble. Please come by and shop, and visit with us as we wrap your gifts.

Chesterfield

December	20th	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
	21st	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	24th	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cross Keys

December 18th thru the 21st - Each day from open to close

Fenton

December	20th	9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
	21st	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
	24th	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Mid-Rivers

December	21st	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	24th	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Flea Market

We will have our annual Flea Market on Saturday May 2, 2009 on the parking lot of Fox C-6 Service Center in Arnold. We are in need of small items and books to sell. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please send an email to: fleamarket@loveagolden.com. We can make arrangements for pickup closer to the time of the Flea Market. Sorry, we do not have any way to transport large items.

Give a Gift to LAGR

Looking for something to give our new rescued Goldens for the Holidays? Please consider giving a new leash and collar. The collar should be the snap and click kind, not the ones with a buckle please. These collars and leashes will be used for Goldens coming into the Love a Golden Rescue program.

You can drop these off at any of our events.

Thank you

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>

Einstein has a lot of energy and needs a home willing to work with him to learn manners and helping him use up his energy. He will be two in January .



Bobbie Jo is around 5 years old. She is from a breeder. Bobbie Jo is a smaller Golden and very sweet. She was born without a full tail and has a cute little miniature tail.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Cody lost his battle with bone cancer on August 25th. When we adopted him from Love a Golden Rescue in July 2001 he was called Carlin. He went from not knowing how to climb stairs to helping us train for 9 marathon or greater distance races, including a 50 miler. He was one of those very special dogs, the smartest dog we've ever known, and we were lucky to have him in our lives. We thank you for making that possible.
Doc & Donna Savage

The following Goldens also have gone to the bridge:

Sandi II came to rescue at 13 1/2 years old. Her owner had died and she was no longer wanted by the family. We took her, never expecting her to be in the terrible shape she was in. She went to the bridge a week after coming to rescue. During that week she was loved by her foster home. Thank you Joyce.

Ben came to rescue in 2001 and was one of our first dogs, he is now at the bridge after a short illness.

Hank was a wonderful big guy who was adopted in 2004 by Carol Vagen. Hank went to the bridge September 1st 2008. It was very sudden. He didn't suffer and was sick only for a week.

Rufus Roo went to the bridge on September 4th, 2008. He lost his battle with cancer after spending many happy years with Joe.

Tanner Dempsey was adopted by Andrea and Jeff. Tanner came to our house to visit as a foster dog. He had lived with his previous owners for 7 years. Eventually, he became ours. His tail began to come out from between his legs and he wanted to play - and he wanted to love. I informed "Love a Golden" - that we wanted Tanner forever.

We planted what we thought was going to be the greatest garden ever. We planted tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers. It was the greatest garden ever!! This garden started to grow - WOW! we actually thought we could feed the family all summer. Then, the vegetables began to disappear. That dog ate every single vegetable on the vine. He would lay in on top of the tomatoes. I think he was waiting for them to grow. He was such a great dog, and so incredibly cute, how on earth could we scold him?

Then we got him a foot deep baby pool. I barely had it filled and he was already sitting in this baby pool.

I found out I was pregnant and had a baby. He was the only dog (out of my clan) that was even interested in this baby. Tanner was just at ease. No problem. No issue. This is what Tanner was all about. He never was mad when the baby pulled on his hair, when the baby tried to ride him, when the baby pulled his tail. All he did was love that baby. He loved everything and everyone.

Three years later, Tanner started to limp. He started to limp on his left front leg. He had been diagnosed with hip dysplasia 5 years ago, but it wasn't his hips. I had him on good dog food and Rimadyl. But the front leg? So we went to the vet. He said degenerative disc disease. Okay, I could live with that. So we aggressively went with tramadol, rimadyl and some other joint vitamin. It did not work. So we went to the vet again. This time, we had to drop Tanny off at the vet. They had to put him under to perform x-rays. Jeff dropped him at 8am. It was around 10am - I was thinking - What is happening?. 11AM - the Doctor called. He said it was bad news. My son was in the room with me. I told the doc that I had to step out. The doctor said that Tan had "Bone Cancer."

Two days later, Tan could barely walk. He was trying to breathe and it took everything he had. He still followed me everywhere. He was in so much pain, but he was still loyal and wanted to be with me until the end. The day we decided to send him to the rainbow bridge, he knew. Everyday, he would go outside to sun himself on the pool deck. I knew he was so sick. That day, he went into my room and laid in his bed. He laid there, in the dark, head up and panting. I knew in my heart he was in so much pain.

I had to go pick up my son at school. My husband had taken him to the vet. When I got home, I knew he was gone. My heart will be forever filled with the love that Tanny gave us. I know this is a long story. Tanny deserves this story. May God Rest Him In Peace. We will love him forever.

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

Donald & Judith DeLonjay	Austin II
The Schmierbach Family	Bosco
Name held on request	Brandi
Donna & Andy Humphrey	Bruno
Howard & Judy Simpson	Cara
Sue & Rick Meyer	Chloe
Michele & John Swanson	Gunner
Janice Koziatek & Joe Schoen	Holmes
Andrea & Jeff Dempsey	Lucille
Carmina Frazier	Midnight
Joe Stortz	Mr Bailey
Cindy Berth	Rascal

Foster Buddies

For Cayenne
Lorraine Doerr

For Einstein
Chris & Carley Wright

For Reeves
Melissa Marr
Employees of AFB International

Donations

Barb & Jon Meline
David & Kathy Noce
Jennifer & Frank Guarnieri
Jennifer Hershey
Jerry Brasch
Joyce White
Karen Luning
Kim Seigler
Lisa Crabtree
Lisa Evans
Michael Ukman
Nancy Williams
Petco
Sharon Dixon
The Coleman's
Jane Peacock

In Memory

In memory of Virginia Guenther
Sharon & Jeffrey Guenther

Barb & Russell Crowder to the
Mattie Fund

The Golden Retrievers Thank you



Grants

Companion Animal Alliance Inc

Generate Revenue for LAGR !

We are excited about our new easy way for you to generate revenue for Love a Golden Rescue - a toolbar added to your internet browser! This toolbar enhances our communication to you as well as to help generate revenue for Love a Golden Rescue.

By using the Yahoo search engine that is conveniently located on our toolbar you are helping us raise dollars for LAGR. Every time you **click on a sponsored link** (anything listed in the shaded area with bullet points or anything listed on the right side of the page) you are raising money for our Organization.....NO PURCHASE IS EVER NECESSARY.

Performing several searches a day on something you are interested in and then clicking on at least 10 sponsored link results, you will raise one dollar for LAGR. This should only take about 5 minutes per day. It's that EASY! *What are you waiting for?* Just think, if 10 people performed searches with the toolbar, and clicked on 10 sponsored link results, each day we would earn ten dollars. Click on the link on our webpage (www.loveagolden.com) to download our Toolbar and start helping us raise money. If you have any questions or special support needs do not hesitate to contact BenefitBar (our partner to generate revenue ... support@benefitbar.com)

RECENT EVENTS

In late October, LAGR participated in the Fort Zumwalt Craft Fair in O'Fallon, Missouri. The weather was great and lots of people came by and purchased many of the crafts LAGR volunteers made.



Petapalooza was held on September 28th in Dusable Park in St. Charles. The weather was just gorgeous, and many people were in attendance. Many rescue groups participated and were able to show animals they had available for adoption.

The games



and contests



were a hit.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this day a great success.



UPCOMING EVENTS

12/6 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Craft Show Pattonville High School 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd. Maryland Heights, MO
12/18 thru 12/24 Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble stores - See page 4 of this newsletter for the locations and schedule

Adoption Days: Come see our available Golden Retrievers at the following locations

Second Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 p.m.
PETCO in St. Charles located on Zumbuhl near Hwy 70

Last Sunday of each month - Noon until 3:00 p.m.
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>

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

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