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CANDY'S STORY



(The following was written in July 2009.)

Candice (Candy) was originally rescued by a family from a boat dock on a river in 2008-abandoned, alone and starving. She was brought back to health but developed additional medical issues. She was surrendered to Love a Golden Rescue in June 2009 when her original rescue family could no longer care for her. Love a Golden Rescue took her in, and our veterinarian evaluated her. After tests and evaluations were completed, eleven tumors were found with four of them being malignant mast cell tumors. The prognosis of Candy recovering from all of the treatment is very good. Love a Golden Rescue is providing the means to give this Golden girl a new lease on life. The first stage toward a



healthy life was to remove the tumors that could be safely removed and to spay her. Seven tumors were removed surgically. After spending a few days recovering at the vet's office, she was released to her foster home to continue her recovery. After much bruising and swelling from the surgery, her incisions are healing. Two weeks after the initial surgery, she has begun chemo therapy to reduce the size of the four remaining tumors which could not be removed with the others. She will receive chemo therapy treatments weekly for four weeks. After the initial four weeks, it is anticipated the treatments will be every other week. Once the remaining tumors are reduced in size, they will be removed.

Candy is a very gentle, sweet, loving girl who deserves a cancer free life. She is a real trooper and never complains about taking medication. Of course, she thinks it is a real treat, because all of the pills she receives are given to her with crunchy peanut butter. Candy has a long road ahead of her. Please help Love a Golden Rescue continue Candy's journey with your generous donations. With your generosity, treatments from the vet and the care from the dedicated Love a Golden Rescue volunteers, Candy will recover and enjoy a long, happy healthy life.

Update - October 2009.

Candy continues with her chemotherapy treatments, and the remaining tumors are shrinking. It is anticipated that four additional treatments over the next eight weeks will be needed to reduce them in size. At the end of November the vet will then decide what the next step will be. Candy is such a wonderful girl and continues to amaze her foster family with her determination to improve. She loves to eat her food and always wants more. She has gained some weight and is getting more energetic. She even enjoys playing with toys now.



Thank you to those who have become foster buddies of Candy and have donated towards her surgery and chemotherapy treatments.



President's Message

Hi-

During 2009, we have been challenged to raise money in order to help many Golden Retrievers with different ailments. I am happy to say that our volunteers have met the challenge. Petapalooza was one such event where everyone pulled together, and it was a wonderful day.

As of September 30, 2009 we have taken 67 dogs into our rescue. We had four heartworm positive dogs since the last newsletter, making a total of nine so far this year. Scooby had been hit by a car and had surgery; he is now in his forever home. Berkley, age three, was an owner surrender due to a problem with her rear leg; it has been determined she has bone cancer and is now in hospice as it is an aggressive cancer. She is being loved by her foster parents. A sweet little girl named Amelia from a shelter in Joplin came with a tumor which engulfed her foot. The decision was made to remove the growth rather than the leg. This was done on October 1st. As of this writing, she is doing well and will have a long healing process. Also good news: her growth is cystic not cancer. DaCoda came to rescue from a shelter. Soon after coming to rescue it was determined he had hip dysplasia and has since had bilateral FHO. He is doing well and will be ready for adoption by December.

Love a Golden Rescue is dedicated to helping all Golden Retrievers. The young healthy ones who get adopted quickly help offset the expensive and not so healthy as well as the seniors. Without the support we receive from you as donors and our volunteers who work tirelessly to raise money, none of this would be possible.

Thank you for being part of Love a Golden Rescue.

Golden thoughts,
Jan

Foster Home Opportunity

Please consider opening your home for this rewarding opportunity.

There are times that the number of Golden Retrievers needing to come to rescue are greater than the number of available foster homes.

Contact us at adoption@loveagolden.com if you are willing to open your home.

ASK ELSA



Dear Elsa,

Recently my Foster Mom put something in my rear for a few minutes, looked at it and panic was on her face. She said something about 105.2. What was this? Lizzie

Dear Lizzie,

Your Foster Mom noticed you were not feeling well and she took your temperature. The normal temperature for a dog is 100 F to 102.5 F with the average 101.3F. Yours was very high, and you were very sick; that is why you were rushed to the doggie hospital.

Every home should have a rectal thermometer; digital is the best. This should be just for the dogs in the home and your parents should ask their vet for the correct way to use it.

All of us Canines can get sick very quickly and a fever is not a good thing to have. You are very lucky your foster mom acted so quickly. I did hear that when you are well you have a forever home waiting for you.

Congratulations.

Elsa

Golden Pennies



Over the last four years we have collected **300,000** pennies to help our Golden Retrievers.

Our next milestone is **400,000** pennies.

We have now collected **54,971** 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 to Golden Retrievers prior to their adoptions into loving homes. Please bring your pennies to any LAGR event.

HAPPY ENDINGS

Midas (formerly Apache) on vacation at Yellowstone having a wonderful time.



Lee Lee (formerly Lynn) is doing great in her new home. She is shown here at her favorite park near her new home.



Nikki is doing very well. She has put on a little more weight and her coat is looking really nice. I call her my favorite redhead, something my red headed granddaughter hates to hear me say. Deacon just LOVES her. He is always licking her face or ears. She's so funny. When he stops, she will lay her head on his legs and give him a pitiful, woeful look. We're just a big happy family thanks to LAGR. (Note: Deacon was also adopted from LAGR.)



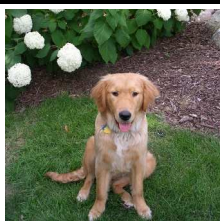
Wrigley (formerly Robbie) on the right, is doing well. What a sweet boy! Cali and Wrigley get along pretty well, they play pretty hard at times, but have to be near each other most of the time.



Blossom is doing great! We've taken up soccer with her favorite balls. She is still a ball hog but we are working on her sharing. Blossom is "BLOSSOMING" in her new home. We love her very much and are blessed to have her in our family.

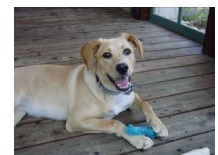


Nova... he is amazing!!!



Max, doing what he does best.

Dani (formerly Danica) is adjusting in her new home.



PIC ME! - Golden currently available for adoption.

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

Norman is a big Golden with a curly coat. He is beginning to go gray. We think he is around 8 years old. He was surrendered; his family was experiencing financial difficulties. He likes to play with other dogs and has loads of energy. He has a nickname of "Stormin' Norman". He knows how to sit and takes food very gently. His foster home reports that he does not seem to be food motivated.



Timber is a young Golden estimated to be 2 years old in July 2009. He had a rough start in life but has sustained his good nature. He is a very sweet, playful boy who loves attention. Timber is learning new manners in his foster home like how to sit, walk on a leash and wait before going outside.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Flash went to the bridge 7/12/09 A close friend of the family wrote this poem for Flash



Ode to Flash

"Flash" was "Splash" in an earlier day,
Before Jan rescued him and taught him to play.
He was friendly and curious and did love a "treat",
The downside??....chasing those deer and "power licking" his feet!
He was alert and alive until the day he departed,
His passing was peaceful, serene, very kind-hearted.
If there's a dog heaven, he's surely there
Because dogs like Flash are extremely rare.
For the dog known as "the Boy", "the Bud" and "the Flash",
His trip to heaven was just a short dash!
It's sad that he's gone but it's comforting to know,
We'll join him in heaven, when there do we go.
You were one great dog, my companion and friend,
Thanks for the memories, to those there's no end!

In Loving Memory continues next page

IN LOVING MEMORY - CONTINUED

Susannah went to the bridge on July 6, 2009. She was 13 1/2 and was lucky to be in her new forever home for 3 years and one month.



Duchess (2001-July 2009) spent her life in a puppy mill having puppies. She came to rescue in January 2009 very thin and run down. She was adopted by a wonderful family who helped her through her medical problems and loved her very much. She was only with them for 3 months but during that time she had a lifetime of love.

Monroe approx 8 1/2 years came to rescue in June of 2009 with a large open wound and swollen legs. He received the best vet care possible, and he began to get better but then went downhill. He was much loved by his foster homes.



Taylor went to the bridge on July 2009. His forever home writes: Taylor was something else ...they all have their own unique personalities and Taylor had a mind of his own. He was such a sweet boy, but if he wanted to go for a longer walk.....you would go for a longer walk. If he wanted to eat more snow, you would wait until he was ready to go in.. and no, he wasn't spoiled!!

Dixie (June 1994-August 14, 2009) Dixie was a very sweet girl adored by her forever family.



Frazier (December 1995-July 2009) Almost 14 years old, he had a wonderful life after he was adopted. This photo shows him having summer in Minnesota.

Schatzy (May 1997-September 8, 2009) To all of you that are hesitant about adopting a senior, be assured that it is worth it. Schatzy was a wonderful blessing.



Frisbee went to the bridge September 14, 2009. He was much loved by the Sublett family who remember Frisbee ALWAYS at the front window when we drove up and would meet us at the door with whatever shoe he could find. He was always in whatever room we were.

Fletch went to the bridge September 30, 2009. Fletch's forever home remembers him as such a sweet, gentle dog.



Mr Bailey (November 30, 1999-October 4, 2009) loved by Joe Stortz.

VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS!

Love a Golden Rescue volunteers have been very busy since our last newsletter

In July, we attended the Pet Lovers Coalition Event in downtown St. Louis as part of the All-Star baseball game celebration.

August started off with our annual Trivia Night on the 1st. This was a great success. We had lots of fun, good eats and drinks, and great silent auction items. Hopefully we all learned a thing or two from the great questions that were asked! This is one of our biggest fund raisers each year. At the end of August we attended a car show at Fox Center in Arnold in support of A.D.O.P.T. and later in the day off to the Cars & Critters program.

On September 12th, we held a Meet & Greet at Lola & Penelopes in Clayton and on the 13th participated in the St. Charles Humane Society's Trails for Tails. Airedale Antics in Maplewood had a Meet & Greet on the 19th of September. Maryland Heights Days was held at Vago Park on the 26th. Unfortunately it poured rain, and our volunteers got quite drenched! On September 27th, we held our Petapalooza event. See article on this in the newsletter on page 8.

On October 4th, we participated in the Animal Protective Association's Canine Carnival at Tilles Park. We all were busy with all of this in addition to our regular twice a month Meet & Greet adoption events at the Petco stores in Chesterfield and St. Charles. Our volunteers have been quite active in the last few months.

We would also like to send a big thank you to Kim Seigler, a volunteer who lives in Massachusetts, for her generous donation in the silent auction on behalf of Love a Golden at Goldstock this year. This is an annual event held in Pennsylvania over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Thanks to all of you, hardworking volunteers – we could not be as successful without your help.

Michele Swanson
Volunteer Coordinator

You can assist Love a Golden in many smaller but very significant ways as you go about your daily business

Listed below are just a few ways you can help

1. escrip

Do you shop at Schnucks or Macys? This is an easy way to help Love a Golden Rescue. If you would like an escrip card, email your name and address to adoption@loveagolden.com. We will sign you up and mail an escrip card to you. All you need to do is show your card when checking out at Schnucks or Macys, and Love a Golden Rescue will receive 1 to 3 percent of your purchase.

2. Purina Weight Circles

Do you feed your dog Purina Pro Plan or another type of Purina food? We collect weight circles from these bags, and we can exchange them for certificates to help with our Vet expenses. They can be dropped off at any of our events or mailed to LAGR PO Box 27621, St Louis, Mo 63146.

3. 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. Not only will you help generate revenue by performing internet searches, and clicking on sponsored links, it also enhances our communication to you. Please go to our website for more information. www.loveagolden.com

4. iGive

Do you like to shop on-line? iGive is the place to go, with over 1,000 stores to select from. Go to www.iGive.com to see stores and what percent of your sale is given to Love a Golden Rescue. When shopping choose Love a Golden as your charity.

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 over the years. It is with the help of all our volunteers that has led to this success.

Love a Golden Rescue 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, talent 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 we need help in different areas depending on the event and time of year. Please read through these opportunities and contact us at adoption@loveagolden.com if you are willing to help

- **FOSTERING** – We are always in need of foster homes. We have dogs on a waiting list that need our help, but nowhere to go with them. Please think about some poor little guy or gal in a shelter waiting for someone to help!

- **TEMPORARY FOSTERING** – Second to fostering is a 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 goldens for intake 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 to meet and greet other volunteers.

- **PROGRAM SUPPORT** - Participation in and attending our fundraisers is crucial. This support brings our group closer together and makes us stronger. This also helps us keep the \$\$ coming in to continue our mission. 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.

“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 opportunities.

Thanks for all your past, present and future support!

RECENT EVENTS

PETAPALOOZA 2009

Love a Golden held its third annual Rally to Rescue Petapalooza event on September 27, 2009 at McNair Park in St. Charles. We were so fortunate to have wonderful weather along with a great setting. This was the best yet!



This event included several rescue groups having a "Meet & Greet" adoption event with their dogs along with Love a Golden fosters attending. The Animal Protective Association (APA) of MO, Dent County Animal Welfare Society, Mutts N Stuff, Rescued Racers, River City Chihuahua, Save Our Strays, Spotsavers and St. Louis Senior Dog Project were there to participate! In addition to



all the rescue groups, we had several vendors attend with some great items. Happy Tails, Inc. set up an agility course and many people participated in that during the entire day... what fun! VFW Post 5327 was on site to provide food, which was very nice.

This year, we were fortunate to have Pattonville High School students and two Boy Scouts from St. Peters to help with set up and take down. All the groups were so happy to have the extra help!

Several families who have adopted from Love a Golden were there to support our event. This is always so nice to see. We had volunteers taking photos this year with a nice fall back drop. Other volunteers manned the Rally to Rescue table, the Love a Golden table, a scavenger hunt, many games and several contests. The Best Costume contest was won by a couple of adorable pugs!!! This year we also got a mention on KSDK TV! Way to go Love a Golden.



APA's Canine Carnival: Incredible Fun



A huge expanse of grass covered by leaves (that you don't have to rake)...A nonstop parade of dogs---every variety and even a few new "mixes"---some carried like babies, some "walking" their owners, and some even pulled along in little red wagons...The chance to chase Elsa away from her constant quest for mischief...Then sadly, APA's (Animal Protective Association) Canine Carnival (held at Tilles Park) is over.

The weather cooperated that Sunday (October 4). It was sunny, and cool but not too brisk. Elsa was the Golden that hung with us for the entire day, and for those who see Elsa when she is in "Therapy Dog" mode (a perfect role model) she more than makes up for it when she's not "working." Getting into numerous boxes of treats so she could "help herself." Dragging a whole heap of fleece chew toys off the table so she could slob them up and get them dirty. Nosing into the container of game pieces as she tried to chew them up. Elsa would recharge for a few minutes with a power nap, and then back to stirring things up.

For part of the day, Drew and (Stomin') Norman lolled around, trying to attract some prospective adoptive families. Drew is a handsome fellow, and you won't find a curlier boy than Norman (he's handsome as well).

Love a Golden's table was covered with various wares, and a few played our game (Pin the ID tag on Woody's Collar). When the day was over, LAGR had made around \$100.



Please consider stepping up and volunteering when the call for "help" is sent out. It's easy, it's fun and the time passes by quickly.



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

Larry & Elaine Ziegler	Aimee
Mary Ann Broemmelsick	Allie
Jim & Pat Wright	Bailey Jo
Gary & Nancy DeVet	Bailey Mae
Jennifer & Tom Hagar	Blossom
Angie Borgman	Dee Dee
Name held on request	Dylan
Ryan & Minerva O'Toole	Elton
Kathy & Terry Riggs	Gideon
Pat & Randy Rushing	Granger
Brian & Emmy Kreinbert	Kerry
Christine & John Frank	Lynn
Ken & Linda Koste	Maxwell
The McGhee Family	Miss Rosie
Bob & Kristie Blaha	Oscar
Ky & Mary Cowan	Pete
Shawn Pendel	Pheby
Name held on request	Rascal
Tom & Julie Bowker	Robbie
Natalie & Scott Angell	Sammie
Lori Tagger	Scooby
Marla & Neal Fix	Sissy
Jennifer Hershey & Del Moeller	Tessie
David Their	Trooper

Foster Buddies

For Allie

Barbara Pederson
Donna Binns

For Bella

Sherri Merel
Julie Brown

For Berkley

Curt & Leah Alber

For Candice

Fred & Alison Bauer
Ruby & Joe Blair
Diana Rickles
Michele Bailey
Ronda Cramer
Kent & Sebastian Holcomb

For Marcus

Colleen Carter

For Monroe

Ed & Pat Dowling
Kent & Sebastian Holcomb

In Memory and Honor

In memory of Bernice Lemons

Bernice Ottenlips
Harry & Donna Schlechte
The Murphy Family

In memory of Gina Stefanski

Michele Bailey

In memory of Hobbs

Jerry & Joan Flynn

In memory of Maggie & Molly

Jim & Connie Stephens

In memory of Taylor

Paul & Kathy Rizzo

In memory of Tess

Ellen Norris

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Ron Edwards

In memory of Twinkie

Carole McFarland

In honor of Cinnamon Bear

John Bradbury

In honor of Fred

Lyndell & Constance Oller

Trivia Table Sponsors

Andrew J Weber, DMD, MS

Anne Halvachs In honor of Bernice Lemons

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The Coleman's

The Golden Retrievers Thank You

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hiking

A group of Golden Lovers hike once a month during fall, winter and spring

This is an invitation to join our Yahoo group list used to announce our hike information and give updates on changes in scheduling. You can join by going to the following link

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GoldenHiking/>

Our hikes are also on the calendar on our LAGR web page. www.loveagolden.com and go to the Calendar entries.

The Hikes are very informal. Feel free to invite any friends who might want to come. We all head down the trail, starting at the same time, but each at our own pace. All hikes are flat; the Chubb Trail is a little hilly at the beginning and end.

Scheduled hikes for 2009/2010 (subject to change)

We will start our hikes in November

Sunday November 1st meeting 12:30 pm Busch Wildlife Conservation Area. Meet at Visitor Center and drive to the hiking trail.

Sunday December 6th meeting 12:30 pm Chubb Trail by Lone Elk Park meet at trailhead

Sunday January 3rd meeting 12:30 pm Visitor Center, Cuivre River State Park, Troy Mo. We will drive to trail head, if inclement weather we will go to Creve Coeur Park, meeting at Taco Bell Shelter by waterfall.

Sunday February 7th meeting 12:30 pm Columbia Bottoms meet at confluence parking lot.

March 7th meeting 12:30 pm meeting 12:30 pm Chubb Trail by Lone Elk Park meet at trailhead

Sunday April 4th meeting 5:00 pm Queeny Park, meet at the Dog Museum parking lot

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Saturday December 5 Craft Show</p> <p>Pattonville High School 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd. Maryland Heights, MO.</p> <p>9am - 4pm</p>	<p>Coming to a Barnes and Noble near you:</p> <p>LAGR Annual Gift Wrapping event in December. Watch our Facebook group and Website for details.</p>
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Adoption Days

Come see our available Golden Retrievers.

Adoption Days are held at the following locations and times:

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

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

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

Give a Gift

Have you thought of your 2009 tax deductible charitable donations yet ? Please consider giving a year end gift to Love a Golden Rescue.

We are a charitable 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Missouri corporation

Do You use Facebook ? Love a Golden Rescue is now on Facebook. Look us up and join our group!

Do you like on-line shopping ?

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

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

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