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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

February marks the beginning of our **Fund of Love** campaign which provides critical funds for the medical care of the dogs. You'll want to read about sweet Kaylee inside. Thanks to you, she is on the road to recovery - and if we are lucky - the restoration of her sight. Your support makes this possible.

Adoption stories always warm our hearts. Peggy and Jerry Hastings are five-time adopters who measure love not by quantity of years - but the quality of the time we have together.

After the loss of her beloved Thor, Sara Floor is healing her heart by fostering. Our foster volunteers provide an important bridge in a dog's journey to its forever home. The rewards extend to humans as well as canines!

There is much more inside – including a recap of your 2014 Giving Tree generosity. Your gifts, in honor or in memory of another, set yet another record and will help to ensure the care of our dogs this year. We can't thank you enough. You truly are the heart of Homeward Bound.

PLEASE PASS ALONG!

You can help us to expand our reach by sharing our newsletter with friends, family and co-workers! Thank you!



Buddy Hastings
Finds Love

The Blessings Of Threes

BY: Peggy Hastings

Extra special dogs are made for extra special people with strong hearts and lots of love to share. Peggy and Jerry Hastings are perfect reminders that it is not the number of years in your life, but the life in your years that really matters.

Once upon a time a newly-married couple adopted an 18 month old Golden Retriever from the Sacramento SPCA. Thirteen years later when Cody passed on, they knew that no one could replace him, but that there would be another dog in their lives and it would be a Golden who needed a home.

Enter Molly, who was recovering from heartworm treatment when the couple inquired about another dog they'd seen on the Homeward Bound website. One kiss and the deal was done. A sweet, gentle girl who loved to snuggle, Molly wasn't with them long enough (they never are, are they?). She loved sleeping on the furniture, riding in the car and walking on the beach. She preferred hanging out near the water to actually going

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Our Mission

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization which rescues and heals displaced, abandoned, and homeless Golden Retriever and Golden mixes, regardless of their age or health. Homeward Bound secures safe, loving homes through a comprehensive adoption program, and also provides lifetime sanctuary for Golden Retrievers that cannot be adopted.

Homeward Bound also provides education on proper animal care and on the benefits of, and need for, rescue and sanctuary. In the event of a disaster, Homeward Bound will provide assistance to other rescue groups and the families of dogs impacted by the disaster.

Homeward Bound will continue to serve as a model rescue organization, addressing animal welfare needs throughout California and neighboring states, and strives to be a national leader in rescue, sanctuary and education.

DOGS RESCUED IN 2014
410

VET EXPENSES IN 2014
\$273,822



Photo Credit: Rob Kessel

A Message From Our President

Nearly fifteen years ago, Mike and I made good on a promise to our beloved Golden, Chelsea: we told her that if she recovered after being struck by a car, we would devote our lives to rescue. Honoring that commitment, we founded Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue. What began on an open field and a shoestring, has grown into a nationally recognized nonprofit rescue and sanctuary...because of you.

I'd like to say that we planned each step of the way – but in truth, much of what has become Homeward Bound has simply developed in response to needs as they arose: a place of safety and shelter for dogs awaiting homes became our “dorms”; rescue transport became our “Golden Taxi”; placement, foster and adoption counselors helped us grow and support more than 7,800 dogs on their journeys; places to exercise and play became our large fenced yards, walking paths and dog pool; an on-site clinic made it easy for our devoted “Doc” to come to us; a senior yard provided sanctuary; a training pavilion offered a place to prepare dogs to be their best; and a Memorial Garden became our special spot for peace and celebrations.

Because of you, another 410 dogs found safety, sanctuary or forever homes this year while enriching the lives of hundreds of individuals and families.

Today, my dream is to ensure that what we have built together continues long into the future. The best way I can pay tribute to all that you have contributed to Homeward Bound is to ensure its success for years to come. The efforts of hundreds of dedicated volunteers and supporters helped us grow into what we are today. Homeward Bound was our dream – but it belongs to all of you and our shared community of rescue.

~ Jody Jones, President





His daring-do was rewarded by dining in an actual people restaurant, with his own wine bucket as a water dish. Now this was the good life! And it continued to be until Leo joined his sister Molly.

Again, after months of grieving, they were ready. Their timing was perfect as a beautiful male Golden who'd been hit by a car and rescued by a vet tech

The couple finally figured out that they were only meant to have their dogs for three years. This made things a little clearer. They could now start spoiling their angels from day one. Being retired gave them even more time for spoiling. What else would they want to do with their free time?

Several months after Kelly went on to meet his siblings, they called Jody at Homeward Bound and said they were ready. She said there was a very sweet little girl lying at her feet. She was christened Chloe and hopped into the van and headed north for the best three years of her life. A mellow girl, she didn't get excited about much but loved being spoiled, having treats, and going for walks along the beach but not getting her feet wet (bath time was quite a challenge!). She also loved the van and considered it her apartment. She left suddenly - yes, three years later.

Buddy is our fifth Homeward Bound adoptee, hand-chosen by Jody. To no one's surprise, he's perfect! He has impeccable manners and has managed to retain them despite being totally spoiled in a ridiculously short amount of time. His walks, rain or shine, are the first priority of the day; to the benefit of all three of us, we're walking between two and three miles a day. A smile, kiss, or pet are met with a sound tail thumping. He loves to snuggle - on the couch, the floor, in bed. As we drove to Sacramento for Christmas, he took turns looking out the window, napping, and squeezing between the front seats for some lovin'. Life is perfect once again.

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in it, and loved being spoiled as much as her parents loved spoiling her.

When Molly left them, months passed and then a little guy with a crooked smile named Leo captured their hearts. His picture caught the interest of a lot of people - even some from foreign countries - but this couple won the Leo sweepstakes. Once he confirmed the decision, away he went to his forever home. He hadn't had an easy life but he was now king of his castle. He developed glaucoma and had an eye removed to ease the pain, earning him lots of attention which he rather enjoyed. Leo LOVED the water, and on his first trip to Carmel scared his parents nearly to death as he swam out, wave after wave after wave, trying to catch the elusive seagulls flying overhead.

who witnessed the accident was ready for "fostering." Kelly, named after his rescuer, was a brave and happy guy. Sporting a titanium hip, nothing was going to stop him from living life to the fullest. He also loved the water, which was perfect, as his full recovery came just as the couple was retiring and moving to the Washington coast.

He loved riding in the car as well and enjoyed every minute of those 16 hour drives. When they bought a van ("for the dog") he was even happier. He got to swim in bays and lakes, go for off-leash walks in the woods, splash in mud puddles full of heaven knows what, and then go swimming to wash it all off. He was the perfect Washington dog. But while he was not able to stay with them long enough, it was the best time of their lives.



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Share The Love! Help Us Build Our Fund of Love

BY: Lea Kachler-Leake

Each year, beginning on Valentine's Day, a group of family foundations, businesses, and generous individuals come together to build a **Fund of Love**, so that all our supporters can have their donations matched during our spring fundraiser: **Double the Gold Challenge**. Won't you join in this important effort? For as little as \$250 you can support this vital cause. Or, if you wish, you can provide the entire matching fund. Every dollar raised through these matching fundraising activities is dedicated to providing needed medical care for dogs in our program.

Every dog that comes into Homeward Bound's care requires medical attention, even if it is something as simple as heartworm preventive, flea preventive, and/or vaccinations. Whether they need just these basics or the most complex surgical procedures, we want to be able to provide every dog with the medical care it needs to have the happiest and healthiest future possible.

Pictured here is nine year old Kaylee who came to us horribly emaciated, with uncontrolled diabetes and cataracts that have rendered her virtually blind. Eventually, Kaylee will undergo surgery to remove the cataracts and, we hope, to restore her vision. But before she can undergo surgery, she will have to gain weight and we will need to get her diabetes under control. As of this writing, she has gained 12 pounds and has already begun the transformation from a sickly, skeleton of a dog to a happy, bouncy Golden who loves life and is getting healthier by the day. In time, we hope



Kaylee

Photo Credits: Rob Kessel

she will be strong enough to withstand the eye surgery needed to start her next chapter as a seeing dog.

Forever homes don't always happen overnight; some dogs have a long road to travel before they become adoptable. We are prepared to give Kaylee, and dogs

Fund of Love and **Double the Gold Challenge** donations are critically important, providing a large percentage of the funds needed to cover medical expenses.

Homeward Bound remains committed to maintaining the high standard of care we established over the years. We are proud to be an outstanding, extraordinarily compassionate rescue organization with a lifetime commitment to each dog that comes into our care. We are determined to give all dogs the best care we can give them - no less than they deserve. We invite you to partner with us in our mission by becoming a **Fund of Love** supporter.

To receive a **Fund of Love** packet, or for more information, please contact **Lea Kachler-**

Leake at lea@homewardboundgoldens.org, or visit our website.



like her, all the time and medical care they need to get healthy. Your support allows us to do this.

In 2014, Homeward Bound rescued 410 dogs. Veterinary expenses exceeded \$270,000. We were able to provide each dog with the care needed, including ear surgeries, tumor removals, heartworm disease treatment, dozens of spays and neuters, numerous orthopedic and other surgeries, and countless treatments for various infections and illnesses.



Six Ways To Show Your Dog Some Love This Valentine's Day

Fancy collars? Designer doggie clothing? Sorry...but they are probably not on Fido's list. Here are six things that are free and fun to give – and are exactly what a dog really wants and needs.

Give the gift of health.

Stop overfeeding and get healthier. Obesity is as bad for dogs as humans. Excess weight can lead to or aggravate all kinds of medical conditions in dogs, like osteoarthritis, intervertebral disc disease, pancreatitis, diabetes, gastrointestinal disease and heart and breathing problems. If your dog is overweight, the best way to show it you love it is to reduce

dog can become a mischievous dog! Prioritize some time each day to engage their minds through play and training exercises. You'll find a list of games on our website under Golden Rule Training. Groom, pet or massage them. What you get out of your relationship with your dog is a direct reflection of the time you put in.

Don't lose them.

Please, please, please...microchip your dog and make sure it has current ID on its collar and/or tags at all times. If your dog is ever lost, this dramatically increases the odds of a happy reunion.

Create a quiet place of their own.

Even "Velcro" dogs need some quiet time and a place of their own - especially if you live in a hectic household with little ones running about. Create a safe, comfortable place for your dog to retreat. Everyone appreciates a time out every once in a while!

Teach your children well.

When you take the time to teach your children how to love and respect a pet, you help them create a successful and happy bond while instilling important, life-long values of concern and care for all creatures. Teach your children to pet, not squeeze - and to always ask permission before approaching an animal they don't know, for everyone's sake!

the weight and gradually increase the exercise. Walks are not only good for dogs, they create important bonding and socialization time.

Give the gift of time.

Being a couch-potato with your dog at the end of a day is all fine and good, but dogs get bored, just like people. And a bored

Talk to them.

Like any relationship, it's all about communication. Following some basic training guidelines you can learn how to "speak dog." You'll learn what her body language tells you, and what yours' says to her.



Fostering: The Bridge To A New Life

BY: Sara Floor

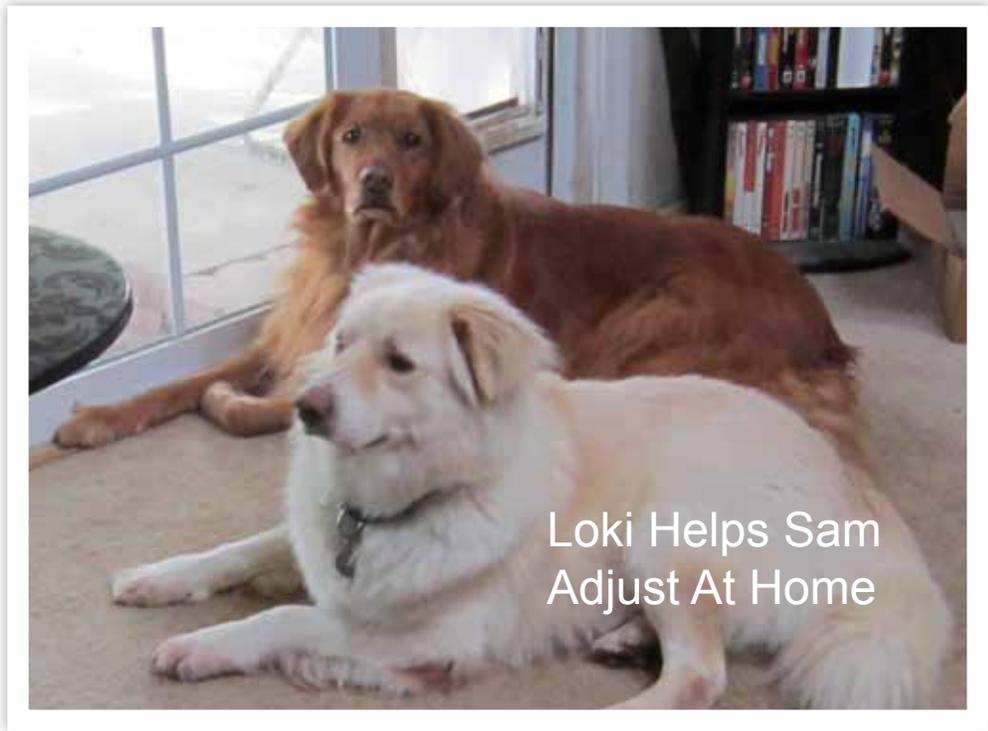
"I am the bridge between what was and what can be. I am the pathway to a new life." ~ Diane Morgan, A Poem to My Foster Dog

When I lost my 'heart dog' Thor to cancer this August, my sole consolation was knowing I could now open my home to fostering.

Homeward Bound is exceptionally fortunate to have a facility where we can house multiple dogs in one location. Most other rescues operate on a foster-only basis. However, as important as having a fixed facility is providing temporary or permanent sanctuary to dogs in need, not every dog copes well in the kennel.

Fostering dogs - either for the short or long term - is a win-win situation for both the dog and the rescue. Dogs that go to foster get to "test drive" life as a house dog. Foster families get to learn the individual likes and dislikes of the dog and start some basic training. And since there are limits to the number of dogs we can have on site, taking a "project" dog to foster opens up a space for another dog in need.

As an active volunteer and board member, I interact with the dogs at Homeward Bound weekly. I had watched "Scared Sam" struggle in the kennel since he arrived in March. I slowly tried to gain his trust, spending a little bit of time with him each visit, working my way up to petting him and taking him on walks. So when I suggested that perhaps Sam might benefit from a foster stay at my house, Jody was all for it.



Loki Helps Sam Adjust At Home

As a foster parent, I've learned a lot about Sam that I would not have seen in the kennel. For one, he LOVES cats. In fact, the first time I ever saw him wag his beautiful bushy tail was when he went up to sniff and lick my cat. She wasn't quite as

He prefers to hang out near the action, but not too close. He'll follow Loki's lead and give me a couple licks when I get home, but will otherwise keep his distance. I also learned the hard way that he's a powerful chewer and doesn't like being left alone.



In three short weeks at my house, Sam's made more progress than he did in the kennel. He still has a long way to go - and I'm not anxious to give him up any time soon - but now we know his perfect forever home will have a dog, a cat, a dog door and someone at home regularly. In return, my Loki has a buddy and is perking up after the loss of her companion Thor. I'm not quite ready for another permanent dog, so having a foster is a great way for me to give

back while getting so much in return.

excited as I was, but she's tolerating our new house guest. Sam is extremely smart and has impeccable house manners. He mastered the dog door in just over a day - a skill that took my HB alum Loki over two months to noodle through. Sam also loves Loki. They romp and play, running in and out of the dog door for hours on end. Sam still isn't too sure about people.

If you are interested in learning more about fostering and perhaps taking in a dog in need, **please contact Judy Ortiz at fostering@homewardboundgoldens.org**.



Delilah & Daphne:
Lap Dogs!

From The Mailbox

Dear Homeward Bound,

I wanted to update you on Delilah and Daphne with a few photos. The majority are on the couch - since we know they are snugglers, just as much as they love car rides & park runs.

They have brought so much joy into our lives, and we feel so lucky to have them as part of our family. We have spoiled them rotten with toys and love, but they have spoiled us with positive energy, agreeableness with everyone (kids, dogs, cats), and unconditional love.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for your organization. Furthermore, as a woman with a passion for nonprofit work, I

am in awe of your organization. I am currently pursuing my masters in social work/public health and am applying in the next week to volunteer at Homeward Bound. Please feel free to share.

Warmly,

Hannah Davidson & Joel Williams



Giving Tree Wrap Up

The final tally is in...and you have once again exceeded our wildest hopes! You filled our 2014 Giving Tree with your donations in the form of lights, bulbs, packages, toys and stars. Your generosity astounds us – a record \$52,000.00 raised to support the Golden Retrievers.

Hundreds of dogs are rescued, provided with medical care, and adopted to loving homes through Homeward Bound each year. Your gifts - made in honor or in memory of your loved ones - help to ensure that they will receive the care they need in the coming year.

Each year, we launch a bare tree on Thanksgiving weekend with a wish and a leap of faith. By Christmas, you have brought it to twinkling, sparkling life and made our holiday dreams come true. Homeward Bound supporters are the best! Our sincere thanks to all! Your gifts have decked our kennels with love.



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Top Training Mistakes You Can Unlearn

BY: Kathryn Baines

Honest errors or old-school methods of training can actually lead to more misbehaviors and weaken your relationship with your dog. Here are some common training mistakes and suggestions to correct them, leading to happier results for you and your canine friend.

Start and Stop

So Fido has the basics. Great! And you think your work is done. Wrong. As with any undertaking, practice makes perfect and if you don't use it, you lose it. To keep your dog's training sharp, work its training behaviors randomly and regularly. Introduce new behaviors or tricks a month at a time. The larger their repertoire, the smarter - and more reliable - they become.

Say It Again, Sam

If you feel confident that your dog has learned a behavior, but you find yourself repeating the command over and over while your dog ignores, it's time to go back to the basics. Otherwise, your repetition - and its stalling - becomes a learned behavior that can really be hard to break. Say it once. Make it fun. If after asking once, your dog doesn't respond, you can look it square in the eye and move in a little closer or try taking a treat to lure it into position. If she does it, praise! If not... go back and re-train.

Poor Timing

There is an art to timing your training. Don't quit before you get some evidence of success, even if it is a small win. By the same token, if you carry on too long, your dog will get tired and disinterested. Watch your dog for signs of boredom. Frequent short, successful training sessions are better than a single, long, drawn-out affair. End on a high note, when your dog is successful and



you'll both look forward to the next round.

Negative, Instead of Positive Reinforcement

If you first trained a dog over 10 years ago, you may be using "old-school" techniques that may physically and emotionally injure your dog. Make sure you are using current, scientifically-proven methods. Hard corrections, choke chains or pinch collars are all tools of negative reinforcement. If your past or current trainer recommends them, let us recommend a new trainer focused on positive reinforcement methods.

Treats Can Become a Crutch

Treats are a great way to initiate a behavior or to reinforce it intermittently later on. But an over-reliance on treats can cause the dog to fixate on food and work against its focus on you. Teaching a dog new behaviors with food as a motivator is a powerful tool. The trick is to wean it off treats once the behavior is reliable. Then you can reward with praise, brief play, or a moment with a favorite toy and a treat only now and then. Your goal is for the dog to find joy in doing the job itself while boosting its confidence and your bonding.

Inconsistency

There's no point in making a rule if you're not going to keep it. If you are not consistent in your application of training techniques or rules, your dog will be confused

and its behaviors, unreliable. Important note: make sure everyone in the house is on the same page and stays there.

Insecurity (Yours!)

Dogs can sense anxiety and a lack of confidence - and you bet they will exploit it! A calm, consistent approach suggests competence and authority without resorting to harsh words or tones. By the same token, don't get overly excited with the praise to the point where they lose their focus. Not sure you are ready? Consult a professional trainer, and remember - the training is as much for you as your dog. Your dog will gradually imprint on your calm, relaxed attitude and exhibit it as well.

One Size Fits All Approach

Every dog is different. They have unique personalities, levels of energy and confidence. Some are food motivated; some prefer play. Some are social and anxious to please; others are shy and insecure requiring great patience and confidence boosting. Once you have the general principles of training down, take the time to determine which techniques work best with your dog, applying them consistently.

Have questions? Need help?

Email Kathryn Baines, Golden Rule Training certified trainer at: grdogtraining@gmail.com

Say “Cheese”: Taking Better Dog Photos

BY: Rob Kessel

Homeward Bound’s dog photographer, Rob Kessel, shares his tips for taking better photos of your dog.

Question: Which is the best camera for taking dog photos? Answer: The one you have with you.

While better equipment can lead to good photography, there is much more to taking a memorable photo of your dog than technical excellence. Remember that content trumps the technical quality of a photo. Here are some general tips that will help you get better shots of your dog regardless of the camera you use.

Lighting

Good lighting is key. Surprisingly, bright sunny days don’t make for great photos. An overcast sky diffuses the light for better colors and doesn’t cast unwanted shadows. On sunny days try to use the optimum light during the 90 minutes after sunrise and the 90 minutes before sunset. Shoot with the sun BEHIND your back but be aware of your shadow in the photo!

- Avoid photographing in dark rooms or on heavily overcast, dark days
- Take a look around your subject’s environment and determine where the best bright, yet diffused light is located
- If indoors, this usually means having your dog facing a window
- Natural light is generally more important than location
- Avoid using flash if at all possible

It’s The Eyes

The eyes are the most expressive part of your dog so keep your camera’s focus on your dog’s eyes. This will help capture your dog’s unique character.

Get Close

Shooting close helps you achieve the best



Photo Credit: Rob Kessel

photographic quality.

- Minimize background distractions
- Keep the focus on your subject

Perspective

Try to shoot in your dog’s world as much as possible.

- Get down low and avoid shots looking down on your dog
- Try a completely different angle such as looking up at your dog lying on a couch or chair

Getting Your Dog’s Attention

This is something that will vary from dog to dog so you may need to test various strategies to find what works for your dog. Treats, in particular, can be a boon or bust proposition. If your dog is food motivated, treats will get their attention – sometimes so much that you may have trouble getting the shot you want.

- Use treats judiciously
- Have someone bait your dog’s attention where you want it, usually pointed at the camera
- Use squeaky toys
- Say your dog’s favorite words (cookie, kitty, bunny, etc.)
- Make funny noises with a squeaker, your mouth, or a phone app to get quizzical looks and head tilts

Sit – Down – Stay!

Perhaps nothing will make your shoot easier than a dog with a good sit-stay and down-stay. If your dog does not have a

good stay, it would be advantageous to improve it.

Shoot Fast and Furious

- Shoot quickly as most dogs don’t care to have a lens pointed at them – in the dog world it’s rude to stare!
- Take lots of shots to increase your odds of capturing a shot that’s in focus with your dog looking where you want, doing what you want
- You’ll also end up with photos you would not have thought of shooting because interesting things happen in a fraction of a second

Think Ahead

- Plan your shoot and visualize how you want to capture your dog
- Choose a meaningful spot for you and your dog
- Make sure the background is free of clutter
- Go for earthy tones and textures in the background and avoid metallic objects like fences, garbage cans, vehicles, etc.

Patience

Set aside some time to spend with our dog in a place conducive to good photos. Relax. Enjoy your dog’s company. And be ready to shoot at any time your dog does something interesting.

To view Rob’s dog galleries, visit: www.homewardboundphotos.com.

Wooftrax App: Donate Every Time You Walk A Dog!

Wooftrax's "Walk for a Dog" program is an app – and a dog-powered fundraising tool for animal shelters and rescues. You can support Homeward Bound by simply walking your dog (or ours!). Use the app each time you grab for the leash. It's healthy for you and your dog while supporting your favorite rescue. For every walk you take, Wooftrax donates to the rescue or shelter of your choice.

How To Get Started:

Step 1: Download the Wooftrax app using a smartphone

Step 2: "Add a Dog" then go to Set-up and select Change

Step 3: Find and select Homeward Bound

Step 4: Pick A Dog and start walking!

Note: If you are walking at Homeward Bound, you don't have to list every dog. Simply set up a "Walking Companion" named Homeward Bound with a picture of your choice!

How Does Homeward Bound Benefit?

For every walk you take, Wooftrax donates to the rescue or shelter of your



choice. Wooftrax's financial support comes from sponsorship, advertising and investors. Active shelters and rescues receive donations about twice a year.

With a smartphone, you can download the Wooftrax app, so that every time you either walk your own dog at home, or come out to walk the dogs at the rescue, you can help earn money for Homeward Bound!

Homeward Bound has officially been added as a shelter/rescue to walk for – so get the app and start walking!

For more information, visit the Wooftrax website at: www.wooftrax.com.



Chronicling American Rescue

In their book, "From Property to Family," Andrei Markovits and Katherine Crosby chronicle the history of breed-specific canine rescues and what they call a "discourse of compassion" that has shifted attitudes toward animals – and our fellow humans over the past decades. Markovits' own journey from puppy purchaser to dog adopter had a profound impact, leading him on this journey - and to our door as well.

Homeward Bound is prominently featured in the book – a serious and valuable read for anyone who wants to gain a better understanding of the history of canine rescue and the relationships we share with animals. The book is available for sale on Amazon. We highly recommend it, with our thanks and gratitude to the authors for including Homeward Bound.



Nature's Select Food, the food used by Homeward Bound, is available for home delivery in the greater Sacramento region and the Bay Area. Your dogs can enjoy a fantastic, healthy food (made in the USA) and you can enjoy free delivery to your front door.

For every bag purchased, Nature's Select donates 10-cents per pound to Homeward Bound. A great way to feed your pets high quality food while helping the Homeward Bound Golden Retrievers. If you choose, **you can also add a donation of food to Homeward Bound when you complete your order.** What a great, easy way to support our dogs!



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What a great and simple way to contribute to the dogs – at no cost to you!



Remembered Here

A commemorative brick in our Memorial Garden path is a unique way to memorialize your special companion while supporting resident goldens in our care.

Your personalized brick will be placed in the pathway as a thoughtful gift or loving tribute.

Find info on our web site under:
How To Help/Memorial Garden
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Fund of Love Campaign - Kicks off this month!

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- **Kennel Repair:** Are you a handy man or woman? Your skills are needed!

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Office Supplies

Postage Stamps
8 1/2 x 11 Copy Paper
Professional Printing Services

General Maintenance & Laundry

Paper Towels
Garbage Bags (heavy duty & extra heavy duty)

Facilities Supplies

Lowe's or Home Depot Gift Cards

For Landscaping & Our Memorial Garden

Green Acres Nursery Gift Certificates
Donations of Dirt and Gravel
Shredded Cedar Bark/Mulch