

# It's time to Share the Love with our 2015 *Double the Gold Challenge!*



Every dog that enters Homeward Bound's doors receives veterinary care. Some need just routine care, such as an exam, vaccinations, and heartworm test. Some require treatments for minor ailments and injuries, some require complex surgeries or lengthy treatments, and some need lots of extra time and care before they are ready for their forever homes. Some will spend the rest of their days with us. We stand ready to give them whatever they need on their Homeward Bound journeys.



Kaylee before surgery

Some of you have been following Kaylee's progress. This sweet nine-year-old golden girl came to us from a shelter where she had arrived badly emaciated, weighing just 34 pounds, just over half of her ideal body weight. Her diabetes was out of control. Cataracts had rendered her blind. She was depressed to the point that she had just about given up on life. Our hope was that eventually we would be able to do surgery on Kaylee's cataracts to restore her vision. But first we had to get her diabetes stabilized and help her gain weight. And we weren't certain that she would be a good candidate for surgery.



Now Kaylee can see her squeaky toys!

Just look at Kaylee now! We are delighted to report that she has gained significant weight, her diabetes is now stabilized, and she has undergone successful eye surgery! Today Kaylee is a happy, bouncy bundle of energy. Now she can see her squeaky toys and the ball she loves so much. She will keep returning the ball it as long as you'll continue to throw it. And when you stop throwing it, she will drop it at the feet of one of the dogs and look at them hopefully. She asks for attention and affection, and is thoroughly engaged in life and bursting with joy! What a transformation, and we couldn't be happier.



Kaylee today! Just look at those beautiful brown eyes!

We were able to give this to Kaylee because of YOU. Without the help of our generous supporters, the best we may have been able to do for Kaylee was to stabilize her diabetes and her weight. But because of your generosity, we are able to give her the healthy, happy life—with eyes that see—that all dogs deserve. Our annual **Double the Gold Challenge** is your opportunity to donate to Homeward Bound and have your donation doubled by our matching **Fund of Love**. Every dollar you donate becomes two!



## The Extended Care Club

Below are some of our longer-term Golden guests. They each have a medical issue which will cause them to be Homeward Bound residents for longer than other dogs. Some are in hospice care with us and will live out their lives at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary or in permanent foster care. In either case, we continue to provide for all of their medical needs. Some are receiving ongoing veterinary care and may become available for adoption in the future.

We are able to do what we do for these wonderful dogs because of your generosity. Please help us to continue the work of giving them the best possible care by donating to **Double The Gold Challenge**.



**Matty**

This sweet youngster has frequent seizures which we are working on getting under control. She is in a foster home where they are able to monitor her closely.

She is receiving two medications and will be a Homeward Bound resident until we can get her stabilized.

**Eddie**

Eddie is a wonderful happy, 10 year old boy with a typical sweet golden personality. He came to us with a thyroid tumor. Although surgery was considered, sadly he came to us too late. The tumor now is inoperable because it is too far advanced. But Eddie is having a wonderful life, with no expiration date, in a loving permanent foster home. He goes on long, gentle walks and is receiving medication to manage his pain. His foster mom knows that she won't have him forever, but he will be forever in her heart. For now, Eddie's life is good. He is safe and loved, and he knows that he belongs.



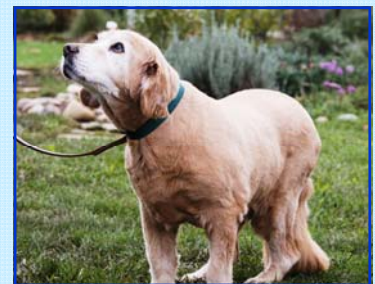
**Oliver**

This big cuddly boy has had a rough time of it. He came to us with heartworm disease. He underwent successful treatment. Then an anal tumor was discovered, and although he had surgery to remove it, it was malignant and will come back. In the meantime, he is living happily with his foster mom and two other dogs. He spends his days lounging contentedly in the sun and watching the squirrels and birds. He's a happy, loving boy. Life is good. His foster mom is happy to have him in her life.



**Danny**

This handsome ten-year old sweetheart came to us with a tumor on his gums. The tumor was removed, but had already metastasized into his jawbone. If we had gotten him sooner, we could probably have gotten the tumor out in time. He also has kidney disease. Danny will live out the rest of his life as a much loved Homeward Bound resident. Danny doesn't know he's sick; he just knows he's loved.



**Darbee**

At only eight years old, sweet Darbee has such severe arthritis in her knees and hips that she can barely walk. Her obesity has exacerbated the problem. She is in a foster home on a supervised weight loss plan. She has fit right into her new family which includes three other Homeward Bound alumni. Her condition is so severe that she will be a permanent guest of Homeward Bound. But her positive energy and charm earns her friends wherever she goes. Her foster family adores her.

## More Sweet Success!



### Shaggy

This happy boy came to us with a mast cell tumor on his paw. It was removed, but mast cell tumors typically return. Shaggy is receiving a new medication called Kinavet, which helps prevent the recurrence of mast cell tumors. Kinavet is a costly medication, and we are able to provide it only because of the generosity of our supporters.

We are happy to report that Shaggy's tumor has not returned. He is happy, playful and thoroughly enjoying

life in foster care. Once his treatment is complete, he will be available for adoption. We are thrilled to be able to give Shaggy a second chance at a happy life. We thank you for making it possible.



### Emily

This lovely English Cream golden came to us with a mast cell tumor on her leg. Our vet, Dr. Codde, began administering Kinavet immediately, hoping that it would shrink the tumor. To our delight, the tumor not only shrank, it eventually disappeared completely! Emily's story gets happier and happier. Her roomies are two other Homeward Bound alums.

They go for walks every morning and evening, and Emily charms all who meet her. Her foster home is furnished with comfy dog beds, fresh water fountains, lots of treat balls, chewy treats...and a foster mom and dad who spoil her thoroughly. Life is good for

Emily...because you cared enough to donate and give Homeward Bound the funding we needed to provide her with the medication that has saved her life.



## Will You Help?



The dogs shown here just a few of the many that have received medical care in the past year at Homeward Bound. Our vet expenses in 2014 exceeded \$270,000. **Double the Gold Challenge** provides the bulk of our funds to pay for medical care. Although the number of dogs rescued is trending downward, we are taking in more dogs with costly chronic untreated illnesses and injuries. Some need to remain in our care for a long time before they are ready for adoption, and some need to spend the rest of their days with us. We are committed to giving every one of them the care they need for as long as they need it.

We invite you to join us in our mission to give these wonderful dogs the best possible medical care.

Please donate today and take the opportunity to double your gold! Your donation will be matched by our **Fund of Love** donations, so each dollar you donate becomes two!

### HOW TO DONATE:

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August 23—Kibble & Bids  
November 21-22—Santa Photos at Homeward Bound

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