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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 this year's poster girl: loveable Pearl. Thanks to you - and despite her own best efforts - Pearl's chronic pain and infections are a thing of the past and she is now home. Your support made this possible.

Sometimes, the "going home day" is only the beginning of a dog's journey. Our cover story is about the patient transformation of Peter Pan, and, on page nine, you'll find an update on a work-in-progress: Honey Bear.

We also check in on a very special connection made two years ago at Christmas. Having healed each other's hearts, Rosie and Marilyn are working together as a therapy team to pay it forward.

There is much more inside – including a recap of your 2015 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!



Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust

BY: Carol Sughrue

In August 2004, I adopted a dog named Andy from Homeward Bound and renamed him, Peter Pan. I did so with the intention of keeping him young forever. He suffered so much abuse in his early years; I wanted to see him – and for him to be – the boy he never was. This is his story.

Picked up as a stray near Redding, CA, Peter Pan was starving when found; all of his ribs were clearly visible through his skin. He was about 18 months old and heartworm positive. Despite his condition, he had to go through heartworm treatment - difficult for even an otherwise healthy dog.

Golden Retrievers are known for their love of people, but whatever trauma Peter Pan had endured trumped his innate, loving nature. He was terrified of people – especially children. The sight or sound of children – even at a distance - caused him intense and overwhelming fear. In a complete panic, he would dash into my bedroom and hide under my bed.

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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 Retrievers 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 2015
283

VET EXPENSES IN 2015
\$175,752



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A Message From Our President

As we begin a new year, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some extraordinary efforts in 2015. While every single volunteer makes meaningful contributions to our mission, these undertakings contributed to the health and well-being of the dogs, humans, and our entire organization. First, I purposefully took a small step back to allow our team leads to assume greater leadership in their areas. They did so in spades, and their clear success in these roles strengthens the entire organization.

Second, was our very large kennel renovation project. The complexity of this task while sheltering dogs in place cannot be overstated. Thanks to our facilities team who underwent special training as part of their Habitat for Humanity volunteerism, we were able to accomplish almost all of the interior lighting and construction ourselves – brightening, lightening and creating more tranquil and healthy accommodations for the dogs. Many others joined in the effort that paid human dividends as well - as the dogs' well-being is everyone's top priority. Thank you for the many hands (and backs!) lent to this vital project.

My third special acknowledgment is also facility-related – of the outdoor kind. If you were here even two years ago, you remember how we constantly battled overgrown yards, failed sprinklers, and the annual attack of the foxtails. Thanks to two very devoted gentlemen, our yards, park, and pavilion have never looked better, providing a safe place for the dogs to play and a much more comfortable environment for all of us to enjoy with them.

In 2016, we'll be undertaking the second phase of the kennel project as well as the renovation of the senior yard. Big projects made possible by big hearts in the form of contributions, expertise, and effort. The senior yard project is still in need of a dedicated project manager. If you have interest, or know someone who might, please let me know.

My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication.

~ Jody Jones, President





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Despite his difficult personality and medical problems, Peter Pan was a magnificent looking dog with beautiful, soulful eyes. Adopters, drawn to his look, were quick to ignore his needs, taking him home and swiftly returning him due to his panic attacks and fear. I thought I could help. When I decided to adopt him, Jody said she would hold the check I wrote, anticipating that I, too, would return him.

For all of his “flaws” Peter Pan has one outstanding characteristic that worked in our favor: he loves other dogs. I was looking for a companion dog for my good-natured, five-year-old Doberman Pinscher named Saint Francis (also a rescue). The two dogs bonded immediately, but Peter Pan still avoided me. If he was in the yard and I came out, he would hide in the bushes. Spotting me in the house would send him flying under my bed. For some six months, I could not touch him. I tried

to get him to come by throwing treats closer and closer to me; he was unpersuaded. His fear was stronger than even his desire for food. Saint Francis happily ate what Peter Pan left behind.

I worked with him for days, weeks, months - throwing those high-value

treats. Eventually, after watching Saint Francis accept the food, Peter Pan began to show a little interest. Over months, I moved the treats ever closer but still at a distance he would accept. One day, after repeating this exercise, I threw a treat fairly close to me, and when he bent his head down to eat it, I grabbed him and would not let go! He fought me like a wild horse - bucking and kicking - but I hung on, petting him, and speaking softly to him. Suddenly, it was as if something clicked and he quit fighting. From that day on, I could approach and pet him. It was a breakthrough.

“All the world is made of faith, and trust, and pixie dust.” — J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan

I think that my Doberman had a lot to do with Peter Pan’s acceptance of me. He looked up to her, following her lead, watching her and learning. I think Saint Francis enjoyed being the older sister - the gentle alpha dog - always reassuring

him, never using physical dominance.

Saint Francis died in 2011. By that time, Peter Pan was a normal Golden Retriever – at least, around me. To this day, he only accepts some strangers - those who are willing to win his favor on his terms. In 2012, I adopted another Doberman Pinscher, and Peter Pan is happy with her. I also have two small dogs with whom he gets along very well. They compose his pack, which makes him feel loved and secure. I don’t think I am anthropomorphizing in this regard: I firmly believe that dogs feel more secure in a pack and that this was a key to Peter Pan’s improved mental health.

Peter Pan has been with me for eleven years now. I am so happy I was able to participate in, and witness, his transformation. It was a long time before he accepted me. I had to work very, very hard to earn his trust. But once I had it, it was forever. He has a wonderful life with his other dog companions, a full belly, and a soft place to lay his head – which sometimes means my bed. Life with Peter Pan has been a tremendous joy, and I am thankful that other people returned him when they found he was not a good fit with their families. They made it possible for Peter Pan and me to find each other.

“Dreams do come true, if only we wish hard enough.” — J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan



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Share The Love! Help Us Build Our “Fund of Love”

BY: Lea Kachler-Leake

Many of the dogs that find their way to Homeward Bound need only basic veterinary care – a check-up, heartworm test, perhaps vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, or other minor treatments. And then - there's Pearlie May!

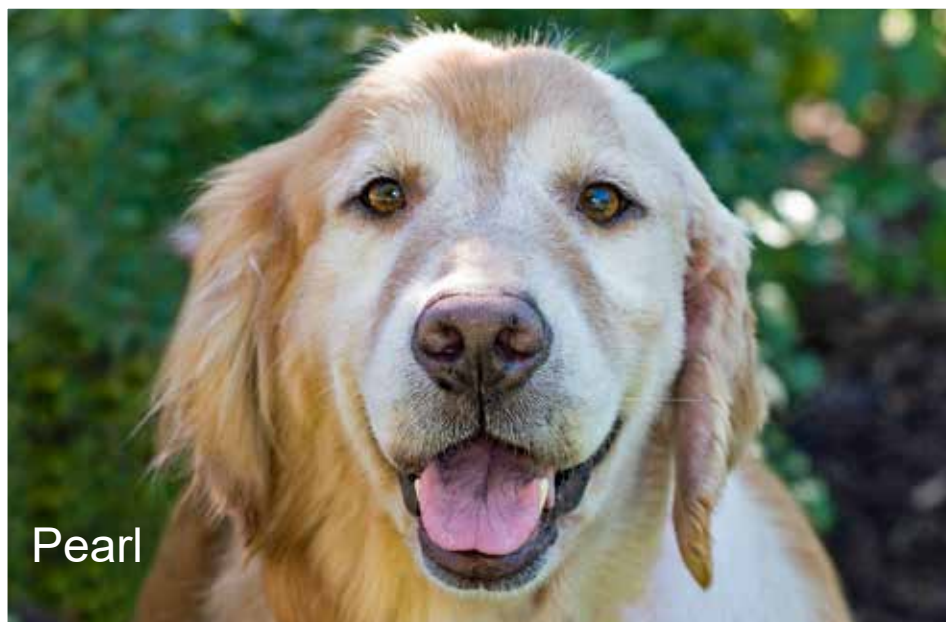
This lovely nine-year-old Golden girl came to us as a stray. She had been found and cared for by a good Samaritan. While diligently working to locate the owner, she provided for Pearl as long as she could. Finally, unable to find the owner, she surrendered Pearl to Homeward Bound.

Pearl had horrific ear infections, causing her extreme and chronic pain. Her condition was so severe that it required ear ablation surgery (TECA or Total Ear Canal Ablation). Through this surgery, the ear canals are removed, relieving persistent pain and future infection.

After her surgery, Miss Pearl decided to rip out all of her sutures, opening a ghastly, gaping wound in the side of her head. Off to the emergency vet she went!

Pearl's wound had become infected and needed regular flushing and cleaning. It had to be left open to drain. Because she required close monitoring, Pearl was kept at the vet's to undergo regular treatments. And because the treatments were so invasive and painful, she required heavy sedation for each one.

After a week, she was released to the care of Homeward Bound's primary veterinarian, Dr. Justina Codde at Cherry Creek Vet Hospital. She stayed at Cherry Creek for a few weeks to ensure the wound would receive the attention and frequent cleaning it needed. During that



Pearl

Photo Credits: Rob Kessel

time, the determined girl ripped out more sutures and had to be stitched up yet again. She is nothing if not persistent!

Finally, despite her best efforts to undermine her care - and several thousands of dollars worth of medical bills - Pearl's ear healed, and she was pain and infection free. A former adopter had just lost his Golden girl and was searching for a new companion. Pearl was happy to step right into the role. He fostered her until



she was completely healed, then made it official. We are delighted that sweet Pearl found a wonderful new forever home, and we are pleased to report that her new dad is now a Homeward Bound volunteer, transporting dogs back to Homeward Bound after their vet visits.

We can help dogs like Pearl because of your generous donations. These dogs rely on the “**Fund of Love**”, which we build in February and March, creating matching funds for the “**Double the Gold Challenge**” held in April and May.

Will you please join us in our mission to provide outstanding care for deserving dogs like Pearl by helping us to build this year's “**Fund of Love**”? The minimum donation for this fund is \$250. You can choose to donate a greater amount, or you can endow the entire fund.

100% of the proceeds of “**Fund of Love**” and the “**Double the Gold Challenge**” are dedicated to providing medical care for the hundreds of dogs we rescue each year. In 2015, Homeward Bound spent over \$175,000 in veterinary expenses alone. The “**Fund of Love**” and “**Double the Gold Challenge**” provide a significant portion of this funding.

We are committed to ensuring that all of our dogs get the medical attention they need as they journey to new homes. Your donations will enable us to do so.

To receive a **Fund of Love** packet, or for more information, please contact **Lea Kachler-Leake** at lea@homeward-boundgoldens.org, or visit our **website**. **And Thank You!**



Project Manager Needed: Sugar Shack Acres Remodel

In the big dog park, the rough and tumble play. But on the other side of the fence is where the sugar lives. Sugar Shack Acres is home to Homeward Bound's most senior sugar-faced dogs; our sanctuary dogs – like once-and-forever feral Red; and dogs who just love being with other dogs – like Lucy. A youngster at age five, she desperately needed to lose weight. After a couple of weeks with her Sugar Shack friends, she dropped nearly ten pounds and was on her way home! (Photo: at right)

These pups may be a little slow, but they still get around. And everyone gets along. As they say: it takes a long time for a soul to get this sweet.

Designated as our special Kibble & Bids™ project, enough funds were raised by our generous supporters to undertake a complete remodel of Sugar Shack Acres this year.

This year, we will raise and grade a well-trampled yard improving water run-off; add a cabana for covered outdoor lounging; and enhance interior accommodations so our sugar-faced sanctuary dogs can live out their days in all the comforts of home, surrounded by love.

This will be a large project in addition to the remaining tasks of the kennel remodel. While we have many of the resources lined up, the undertaking is in need of a volunteer project manager to coordinate and oversee the implementation. In addition to scheduling contractors, we'll have to time it well as we will be juggling dogs in place. (Yes, Red...that includes you!)



The ideal candidate has project management experience, contractor experience – or has, perhaps, overseen a remodel in their own home.

If you are that person – or know that person - please contact Jody Jones at jjsgoldens@homewardboundgoldens.org. Payment is in sugar...as in sugar love!

Rosie's Healing Power

BY: Audrey Farrington

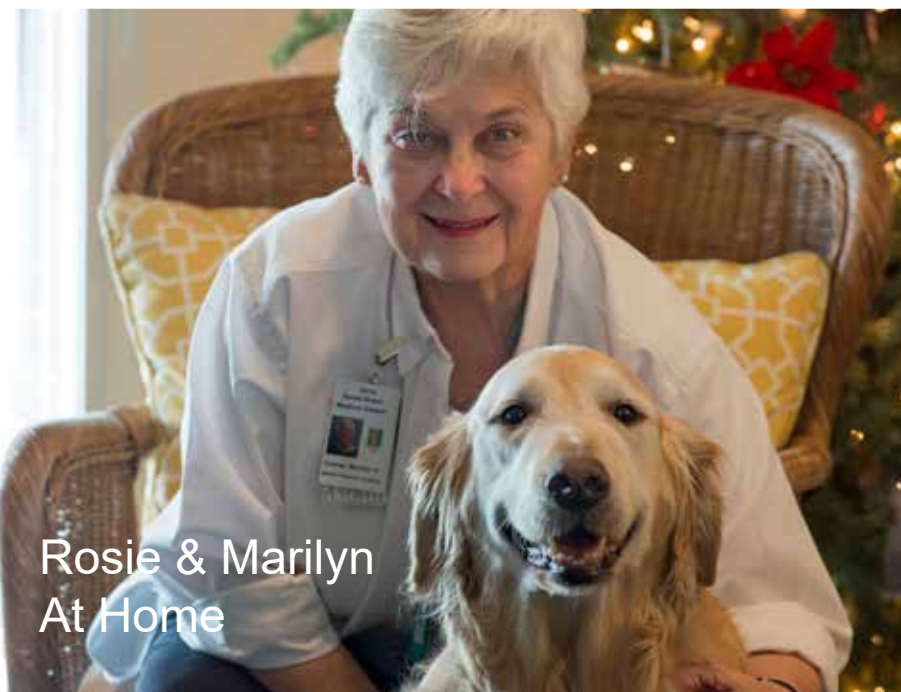
When she was only six years old, Rosie's person passed away, and she found herself at Homeward Bound. She was alone for the first time. So, it turns out, was Marilyn Owens, a former adopter.

On Christmas Day, 2013, Homeward Bound called Marilyn to schedule an appointment. A special dog was waiting, she learned. Instead, Marilyn dropped her Christmas dinner and drove all the way from Suisun to meet Rosie. It was a special day - with a special, and instant healing bond created between them. They filled each others' hearts and the void left by lost loved ones. Elated, Marilyn adopted Rosie and took her home that very day. We asked her to stay in touch - and she did just that.

Marilyn knew Rosie was a special dog who could touch the lives of others. Unselfishly, she wanted to share Rosie, paying forward her good fortune. Marilyn was aware of a community-based nonprofit in her area, "Paws for Healing," which trains and provides canine-assisted therapy teams, with a mission of "mending hearts, minds and bodies with loving paws and guiding hands."

Connecting to "Paws for Healing," Marilyn began the arduous process of application, evaluation, and testing last spring. This fall, they were finally approved to begin - working with a mentor.

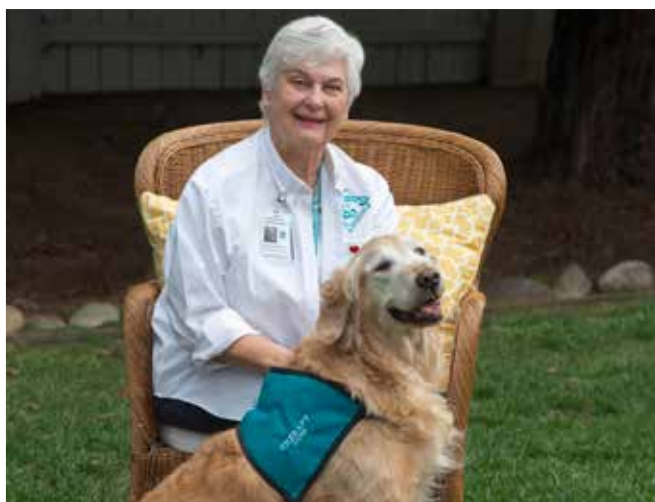
The people at "Paws for Healing" assumed that Marilyn and Rosie would want to work with their "Paws for Reading" program, designed to enhance the literacy skills of children. But Marilyn knew



Rosie had an extraordinary power to heal - as Rosie had helped to mend Marilyn's heart. She wanted to do something that could have a more direct impact. Marilyn chose visits to David Grant Medical

smiles bursting out all over."

Rosie is usually a quiet dog - not extremely active. But the patients there draw something out of her. Recently, she was caught dancing with her paws lightly placed on a patient's shoulders.



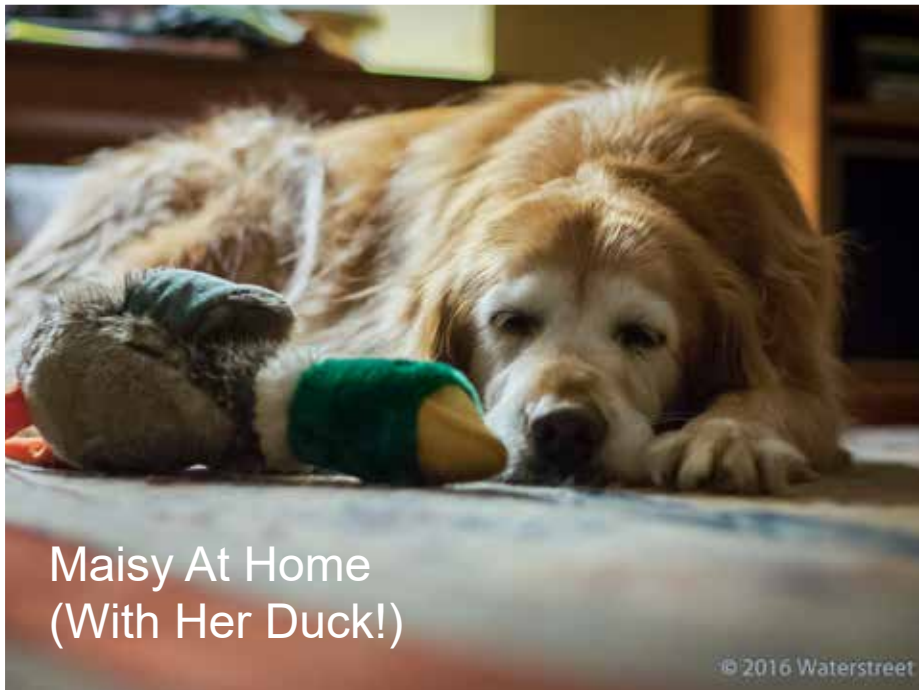
"I'm not a therapist," Marilyn says. "We are just there for comfort." She lets the patients lead. One, in particular, touched her deeply. He was a "big, strapping man" sitting at a table, lost in his world, and completely unresponsive to his surroundings. But when Rosie and Marilyn sat down, he quietly pulled up alongside Rosie and began whispering to her. Rosie put her head on his shoulder and "unlocked something there."

Center at Travis Air Force Base, the Air Force's flagship hospital providing care to more than 130,000 current and former service men and women. They visit once a week on Wednesdays, accompanied by her mentor.

"It's one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done," Marilyn told us. "You walk through, and someone smiles. It is almost as if a wave washes over the room with

The mentor asked the patient if he had ever had a dog. He said yes: a Chihuahua. The response surprised the guide, considering this man's size and obvious machismo. "A Chihuahua?" he pondered. "What made you pick a Chihuahua?" "I didn't," the man responded. "He picked me."

Marilyn understood. Exactly.



Maisy At Home
(With Her Duck!)

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From The Mailbox: A Maisy Update

Hello Jody,

We got Maisy from you over six years ago. She is now 12 1/2, and just gets better and better.

She is a typical Golden, following me from room to room, even if I'm gone only two minutes. We should have named her Velcro! Her favorite sound is the ringing of the doorbell, as it surely means that someone has come to party with her. She is rarely without a toy in her mouth.

I wanted you to know that the work you do is deeply appreciated, and we will thank you always for this labor of love from which our family and friends have benefitted.

~ Bette Waterstreet



The Giving Tree Wrap Up

Every year during the holidays, we ask for your help to light up our virtual Giving Tree. As one of our three largest fundraising efforts of the year, its success is vital to our mission. Each year you have exceeded our wildest hopes – and this year was no different. With your gifts - made in honor or in memory of your special someone - a record \$66,000 was raised to support the Golden.

We launch our 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.

Thanks to your generosity, hundreds more dogs will be helped on their journeys home this year. Homeward Bound supporters are the best! Our sincere thanks to all! Your gifts have decked our kennels with love.



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Home for Good: Ensuring a Successful Adoption

BY: Audrey Farrington

According to an article in Modern Dog Magazine, one out of five dogs adopted from shelters is returned within a few months. Unfortunately, the odds of adoption for that dog diminish with each return.

At Homeward Bound, we vet potential adopters through interviews and home visits in order to make a good match, and while returns do not happen often – they do happen. So why does this occur? Sometimes a new owner, though well-meaning, chooses to discount known characteristics of a dog they have fallen for. Some don't understand, or are not prepared for the responsibilities or expense of dog ownership once the reality comes home.

The journey of a rescue dog – whether pulled from a shelter, stray, or surrendered - is not easy. While we work hard to provide as much human interaction, behavioral support, and love as possible – losing your home and finding yourself in a “dorm” with other canine strangers can be confusing and stressful. Some dogs adapt quickly, but others can acquire new behaviors or bad habits that adopters need to be committed to helping the dog unlearn once it gets home.

How can we help reduce the number of returns?

Choose the Right Dog.

Use our rating system to help select the energy level of the dogs you meet. Resist falling in love with a dog based on looks alone. Select a dog that truly meets your lifestyle. If you live a quiet, sedate life – don't adopt an active, high-energy dog.



Neither one of you will find what you are looking for. Think you can only bond with a young dog? Consider an adult dog whose pace and nature are already apparent. Trust us – special bonds are not based on age.

Don't Adopt Out of Pity.

Successful matches are made when true connections exist. Love will bind through thick and thin, and that lasting bond is what your dog truly needs.

Spend Time With the Dog Before You Commit.

We want you to take as much time as you need to get to know a dog. That includes meeting other family members...two and four-legged. If you are part of a family, the entire family needs to feel that this is the right fit. The dog will need the support of everyone.

Set Your Home Up for Success.

Before you bring the dog home, be sure its new territory is secure. Create a safe-haven inside. It can be overwhelming to leave an enclosed kennel space and suddenly have run of the house. Let your new family member gradually gain confidence. Be sure your yard is secure, and teach kids to always close doors and gates.

Set Your Dog Up for Success.

Go slow and allow your dog to properly assimilate into your world. Careful intro-

ductions to a resident cat or dog – even if they have met at Homeward Bound – are critical for success.

Set up a structured routine without allowing too much initial independence to prevent accidents, destructive behavior, separation anxiety, or escape. Our dogs are used to schedules: set one at home. Get the dog out early each morning, take it to the same spot to eliminate, walk, feed, train, and put it to bed at the same times. You will gradually give the dog more and more independence, but in the beginning, keep a close eye on it and never trust it off leash until it has been trained and you know you can trust its behavior. And please, please: no dog parks for a while!

Feed and Handle with Care.

Dogs that have been kenneled together can develop food-guarding tendencies. The training materials on our website can help you reduce this behavior. Feed the dog separately, away from other pets and well out of the reach of children. Pick up the bowl as soon as feeding time is over. Do not leave toys and bones out until you are sure there are no issues. Also, take time to get to know your dog and its sensitivity to touch and grooming. As you become better acquainted and go about vital grooming needs, randomly reward with treats creating a positive association.

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There's a Dog in There

BY: Judy Kent

When Bear, aka Honey Bear, came to Homeward Bound he could barely walk from all the medication he was on. Bear was the recipient of high doses of meds to control seizures. He had suffered 9 seizures in 48 hours, a condition known as cluster seizures. Cluster seizures can be life threatening and the only way to stop them is through medication. Unfortunately, the same medication that was saving his life was making him groggy and unsteady.

Bear would make eye contact but it was an empty look with no real recognition in his eyes. He didn't respond to pets or hugs and he seemed to be terrified of a leash. With coaxing and treats, he would walk to the park or to a yard. But his preference was to walk, unleashed, to a yard for potty and to come right back in the office and go to sleep.

It didn't seem like a very good life for an 8 year old Golden. But every now and then we would see evidence that there was a dog in there. He would respond to his name or he would chase a ball. Or he would look up when the lights came on. But there was no tail wagging or hint of recognition. Here was this big, beautiful boy that seemed more like an empty shell than a Golden.

So of course, he came home with me. Bear is my fifth "seizure" dog. But he's the first one who seems to be severely impacted by both the seizures and the meds. Usually dogs adjust to pheno-



Bear, aka
Honey Bear

Photo Credit: Rob Kessel

barbital in 30-60 days. They don't need to sleep as much and their personality returns. We are still hoping that will happen for Bear.

Every now and then we get a glimpse of the dog that he once was and can be

And surrounded by other dogs, he follows them when it's feeding time. As is typical with Golden Retrievers, he never forgot how much he enjoys food. Clearly, there's a dog in there.

In some ways, Bear is the easiest dog we've ever had. He doesn't like to take a walk - in fact; he still refuses to walk past the driveway. He doesn't care if you brush him and as long as he has food and a place to potty, he seems okay. He's not happy or content, just okay. He's comfortable with the other dogs and they have accepted him as part of the pack. But we're pretty sure that there's a dog in there just waiting to join the family. We look for signs and we celebrate each milestone.

Who chewed up that roll of toilet paper? Bear? There's a dog in there!



again. When I come home in the evening, he runs to greet me at the door. That's proof positive that there's a dog in there. And when I rub his ears and he leans in for more, I'm sure that there's a dog in there. We were very excited the other day that he wagged his tail - the first time since he's come home. There must be a dog in there.

Home For Good (Cont'd)

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Don't Spoil.

Your dog is just happy to be home. Spoiling can lead to misbehaviors and separation anxiety. Treat your dog with respect and love, and make it earn both with attention and praise. With consistent rules, training with positive reinforcement, and gradually increased freedoms and social activities, your rescued dog will feel confident, secure, and loved in no time.

Read and Ask.

Our trainer is available to you for guidance. We share the dog's file with every potential adopter. We send every adopter home with a packet of information including a Quick Start Guide. Read these materials. The more you know, the better equipped you will be to help your dog successfully become a part of your family.

Questions? Ask us. Or connect to Kathryn Baines, certified trainer and Homeward Bound volunteer at: goldentraining@homewardboundgoldens.org.



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



Turn KIBBLE INTO CASH for the pups at Homeward Bound. For every large bag of Nature's Select Premium Pet Food purchased, Nature's Select will donate \$3.00 back to Homeward Bound. Nature's Select provides FREE HOME DELIVERY in the greater Northern California area. It's all-natural, holistic pet food from a local, family-owned and operated company.

"The Homeward Bound dogs are doing great since we started feeding them Nature's Select. We love the convenience of having the food delivered to us, as well as the generous donations the "Kibble Into Cash" program provides."

- Jody Jones, President, Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary

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Who You Gonna ~~Call?~~ Email?

When a Golden is truly in need, time is of the essence. Social media can be a mixed blessing for rescuers. Its use can expedite a rescue; it can also waste precious time and resources if not used well. Here are three simple tips we hope you will follow and share:

Research:

We operate with volunteer staff. Most of the time, we are up to our elbows in dog stuff (if you know what we mean!). Help us to help those truly in need. Instead of simply forwarding a Facebook posting; research the dog. Make sure it is still at the shelter and currently available to be pulled for rescue (some are on a required hold for owners to reclaim; others are being made available for adoption). We'll need the shelter location and the dog ID number to work from.

Read:

Read the entire Facebook chain that you are considering forwarding. Many times you will find that the dog was returned to its owner or has a pending adoption. This saves time that could be devoted to a dog that truly needs our care.



Email:

We do our best to monitor our social media channels, but most of us have full-time jobs to juggle, as well. To save critical time and ensure the fastest help, here are three email addresses to save to your devices and to share. Or clip them and keep them some place handy. Using these email addresses connects Golden Retrievers with local resources in the most-expedient way:

In California, please forward any notices for Golden Retrievers in need of rescue assistance to SOSGoldens@gmail.com. This is our statewide network of Golden rescuers. We rely on this network for boots on the ground in areas beyond our reach.

In Oregon, Western Idaho, SW Washington, contact Golden Bond Rescue at GoldenBondRescue@yahoo.com or 503-892-2897.

For all other Golden Retrievers outside these areas, contact the Golden Retriever Club of America National Rescue Committee: Goldenalert@gmail.com

Please note that these addresses are monitored and staffed by volunteers dedicated to the animals. While you may not receive a response, please rest assured your inquiries are being investigated and addressed. Thank you!

How to Reach Us

Your help and ideas are always welcome! Contact team leaders below if you are interested in helping in any of these areas:

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Volunteer Positions Currently in High Demand:

- **Taxi Drivers:** Start a dog on its journey home!
- **Feeders:** A dog's best friend. Physically demanding, but so rewarding!
- **Walkers:** Build bonds of trust through walking, playing, training, and grooming. Help prepare the dogs for their forever homes.
- **Project Lead:** For the renovation of our Senior Sanctuary, Sugar Shack Acres.

Our Golden Wish List

You can also shop our **Amazon Wish List**. You'll find the link on our website!

For Our Goldens:

Nature's Select Dog Food (donate with your online purchase)
Large Pill Pockets
Dog Cookies
Rubber-backed Rugs
Petco & PetSmart Gift Cards

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)
Pooper Scoopers

Facilities Supplies

Lowes or Home Depot Gift Cards

For Landscaping & Our Memorial Garden

Green Acres Nursery Gift Certificates
Shredded Cedar Bark/Mulch