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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

Are you ready for this year's "Kibble & Bids"™ event? We have an incredible evening lined up for you! Find complete details inside, and be sure to purchase your tickets – or better still, sponsorship – with all the VIP benefits that entails!

Our cover story demonstrates what can be accomplished when rescues partner to save lives... 14 of them in this case! Harley, Molly, and her 12 beautiful puppies made their way to Homeward Bound thanks to our partnership with Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue.

On page 6, we complete the tale of the four extraordinary Golden Retrievers rescued from the Korea meat market in early spring. Their journey was long, and their recuperation took time and patience – but they are all now home!

Give yourselves a huge pat on the back! The results of this year's "**Fund of Love**" and "**Double The Gold Challenge**" matching campaigns are in (page 10). Together, you raised a new record to support the medical needs of the dogs this year. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. 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!



Molly and Her Puppies

It Takes A Village

BY: Judy Kent

When Homeward Bound gets a call about a dog needing a ride, our Golden Taxi team races into action. Team leader, Lea Kachler-Leake, sends out a request, someone volunteers to drive, and arrangements are made - a process that usually takes several days. But when Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue (FFGRR) asked for immediate help, we were on the road the very next day. The trip was long, but the rewards were HUGE!

FFGRR is an all-volunteer rescue located in Ventura County, CA. Unlike Homeward Bound, they do not have a facility but instead rely on foster homes when new dogs come into their rescue. The number of dogs they can accept is limited by available foster homes.

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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 TO DATE IN 2016
187

VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2016
\$87,597



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A Message From Our President

Our annual "Double the Gold Challenge" wrapped up in June. Every dollar raised during this campaign was matched by a waiting "Fund of Love" thanks to the generosity of donors of all sizes. Together, these campaigns raised a record \$136,000 to support the medical needs of the dogs in our program. Every single donation – no matter the size – makes a huge difference. Thank you.

This year, for the first time, we combined our Reunion and Volunteer Appreciation Picnics. What a fantastic opportunity to catch up with the dogs who have passed through our doors while connecting with the volunteers who make it possible. And often, as you know, our adopters and volunteers are one in the same! Thank you all for coming out. It was a great and fun day!

After such a long, hot summer, I think we are all looking forward to a glorious Fall, and, of course, a very special Kibble & Bids™ event. We have planned a Golden Gala, back at one of your favorite venues – the California Automobile Museum. And equally important: the beer has returned! It will be an enjoyable evening of music, wine and beer, fabulous food, a packed live and silent auction – and our Golden Greeters, of course! Kibble & Bids™ is our largest event of the year raising critical funds for the dogs. The hard work of our dedicated volunteer team never fails to delight, so we hope that you will join us.

It has been a very busy year already, pacing almost 30% ahead in the number of dogs we have rescued – and we're only half way through. None of this happens without your help. On behalf of more than 8,300 dogs that you have helped to find their way home – thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President





Harley: The Dad

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In late May, they received a call on their hotline asking if they could take a 6-year old Golden Retriever boy. When they returned the call to get more information, the owner asked if they might be interested in a 2-year old girl as well. Two young dogs—no problem. Then the owner told them that the female had just given birth to 12 puppies, and the owner didn't know what to do with them. This was a big problem for FFGRR: no safe place to raise 12 puppies. But they were able to say 'yes' because they knew they could rely on Homeward Bound for help.

We have worked with FFGRR before. They asked us to take a beautiful seizure boy named Henry earlier this year. They didn't have an appropriate foster home where someone could manage his medication throughout the day. In prior years, we took a couple of seniors that they

needed to place. They always know that we are there to support them.

The day after the phone call, FFGRR volunteers drove through rush hour traffic in Los Angeles to pick up Harley (dad), Molly (mom), and twelve 3-week old Golden Retrievers in time for a 1:00 pm meeting with the Homeward Bound van in Santa Clarita. Jan McGee and I left Homeward Bound at 7:30 am and arrived back home 12 hours later. The transport van was loaded with a crate for Harley and the whelping box for Mama Molly and her puppies.

The FFGRR volunteers gently and lovingly lifted each puppy from its travel crate to transfer it to the whelping box. For an instant, it looked like they might not give them up - after all, who doesn't love a puppy? Each puppy was tenderly placed in the whelping box to wait for Mama

Molly to feed them.

The whelping box worked for about an hour of the 6-hour drive home. Molly fed her puppies and then decided she'd had enough of them. She crawled into Jan's lap in the front seat of the van for the remainder of the trip. She loves her people!

All of the pups are now spoken for (or home!) including those that will go back to FFGRR for placement with their waiting families.

Good, solid, working relationships are vital in the rescue community. Because we have a facility, we can act as a safety net for the other groups. If they have more dogs than foster homes, Homeward Bound can take the extras. But knowing that dogs are safe in rescue, ours - or another Golden rescue like FFGRR - is enough. After all, it's all about the dogs.



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Kibble & Bids™ 2016

A Golden Gala - in support of the dogs we love!

This year, Homeward Bound returns to one of your favorite venues - the California Automobile Museum - where you can enjoy a casual evening of catered appetizers and exceptional wine and beer tasting selections while we serve up a memorable program, and irresistible deals in our silent and live auctions.

Our Golden Greeters will be waiting with wagging tails and sloppy kisses to thank you for the support you offer to the hundreds of dogs rescued and placed in loving homes each year. Plus:

- The beloved Wine Wall is back! Buy a cork with a bottle number on it and you get that bottle, guaranteed to be worth more than what you paid for the cork!
- River City Brewing joins a host of award-winning wineries to pour our guest tastings.
- Be tempted by an amazing selection of silent auction items, and take a chance on our exciting raffle options!
- Prepare your bid paddles for spectacular items in our live auction. Look for details in your program or available now on our website.

BE A BIG DOG AND SPONSOR!

There is still time to become a Sponsor of Kibble & Bids™! We have sponsorship opportunities to fit every budget. Each level includes sponsor tickets, a special gift, entrance to our Exclusive Sponsor Hour, complimentary valet parking, no-wait concierge check-in, recognition in our event program, on our website, and more!

We welcome individual, corporate and business sponsors. Sponsor levels, benefits, and purchasing options are available on our website. For questions about sponsoring, contact Judy Kent at: hwbaccounting@homewardboundgoldenens.org



A Golden Gala
16th Annual
Kibble & Bids™

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10th**

CA Automobile Museum

sponsor hour 5-6pm
general admission 6-9pm

*live & silent auctions
wine & beer tasting*

TICKETS \$75 all proceeds benefit



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A SPECIAL EVENING IS PLANNED FOR YOU:

5-6PM: An exclusive Sponsor Hour including concierge check-in; one-on-one with our Golden Greeters; and tempting tastings and special passed appetizers as you enjoy early access to our premium silent auction and exciting raffle offerings. Tastings by Bogle Winery, Merlo Family Vineyards, Mutt Lynch Winery, River City Brewing, and Earth Friendly Distilling.

6PM: All guests are welcomed for hearty appetizers provided by Crisp Catering, served with tantalizing wine and beer tastings. Meet old and new friends as you enjoy the music of the Templetons and vie for deals in our silent auction and premium raffle.

7PM: Our memorable program and live auction get underway. Award-winning auctioneer Joe Gates is joined by CBS13 Anchor/Reporter Christina Janes to present an amazing array of prime vacation and entertainment packages, golf rounds, wine, art, and fun treats, as well as this year's special project.



INTRODUCE A BOBCAT® TO THE DOGS! OUR SPECIAL PROJECT.

At Homeward Bound we are missing a vital piece of equipment; one that will allow us to grade the yards, install fence posts, expand the pond and keep the roads smooth while saving our backs for the heavy duty of dog care!

In conjunction with last year's project of improving Sugar Shack Acres, students at U.C. Davis designed a plan to improve drainage throughout the property. To accomplish this, and to continue to keep the grounds in tip-top shape, we need a small, but mighty, Bobcat® – the kind with an engine, not the kind with claws. Your support of this year's special project will make this possible - so raise those paddles high!



HOW TO PURCHASE KIBBLE & BIDS™ TICKETS

Kibble & Bids Tickets are only \$75, and all proceeds benefit Homeward Bound.

- Purchase by phone: 916-655-1410
- Purchase online, or by mail. Click on the Kibble & Bids™ link on our website at www.hbgr.org to download the form or purchase securely online.
- Purchase tickets in person at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary.



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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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Korea Dogs: Home at Last

BY: Audrey Farrington

In March, we welcomed four beautiful Golden Retrievers – part of a group of 64 rescued from the South Korea meat market by the Humane Society International. Most of the dogs were adopted directly through their partner, the San Francisco SPCA. But Talgi, Roger, Lena and Myra had extraordinary needs that would require more time and much more one-on-one to overcome before they would be ready for forever homes.

These are dogs that had never been out of cages, and all they knew of humans was indifference and inhumane conditions. When we said we would happily accept Talgi and explained our facility, they asked if we could take another... and another...and another. We, of course, said 'yes' to all four.

Having never worn collars or leashes, they were transported directly from crates to our kennels. Thus began the work of their real rehabilitation.

A small, dedicated group of individuals worked closely with them, introducing them to grass for the first time, gently sponge bathing them, and finally, earning enough trust to get collars and leashes on them, a vital step in their journey home.

The girls – ages five and three because they were used as breeders – hugged each other and the corners of the yards. One-year-old Talgi – now Tag – fearful and hurting with a ruptured ear membrane, hugged the ground for the first few days. And then, we discovered the healing powers of six-month-old Roger, who made his way from dog to dog providing reassurance, kisses, and leading by



example.

Myra – now Kono - was the first to be adopted. It took her time to feel comfortable in all but one room of her home, but



gradually – bravely – made herself at home.

Tag – now Max – was next, helping to heal the hearts of former adopters who lost their boy too soon and now beloved.

Roger - now Buddy - was next, to a family with two boys and enough energy to keep up with our brave, young boy.

And finally, Lena, who turned out to be the most fragile of the group. She spent weeks with the seniors in Sugar Shack Acres where she found trusted dog companionship and gradually came to believe in humans. She found a loving and quiet home that suited her shy nature perfectly.

Getting home was just the beginning. Each of the dogs required additional support once there. They had been carefully matched with families that understood that transformation doesn't happen overnight. But with time, patience, and love – each dog is blossoming.

We were honored to help with our four special needs kids when asked to lend a hand. We can do so because of the incredible facility we have built together, our devoted volunteers, and our generous supporters. In this way, you all played a vital role in this rescue effort as well.

Photos: Top Clockwise from Left: Lena, Myra, now Kono; Roger, now Buddy. Center: Tag, now Max.

Squirrel! A True Training Test

BY: Kathryn Baines

For dogs, a prey drive is hard-wired; it is a primitive and predatory sequence so intense that, once triggered, can be virtually impossible to interrupt.

A prey drive is a predisposition; not a conscious choice for your dog. It is a natural behavior, so please do not scold or punish the dog. But it can make a walk - or even home behaviors - very challenging. To understand the drive, pay attention to this sequence: it starts with seeing the prey, then stalking, and finally - the chase! The keys to managing the prey drive in your dog are found in basic obedience lessons and your keen awareness. You'll find detailed exercises on our website at hbgr.org. The highlights are summarized here:

Focus!

Your dog's focus is key when asking it to do anything. If you don't have your dog's attention for the basics, you'll never have it if there is a squirrel in its path, much less moving cars or other dangers.

To strengthen the focus:

Call your dog's name and reward when it looks at you. Practice this first in your home, where there are no distractions. As the response becomes consistent, expand to your back or front yard, walks, and areas with an increasing number of distractions. As you increase the difficulty, you may need a higher value treat - particularly for those darn squirrels! It's important to make your dog successful with each step.

Managing the Walk

To manage a peaceful walk, watch your dog carefully and catch unwanted behaviors before they begin. Become attuned to your dog's body posturing. Cues include body stiffening, focus moving away from you, or ears in a forward position. Be alert as you are walking. If your



dog starts to fixate on prey, interrupt its behavior and redirect by moving it away. Use food, a body block, or simply lead it away. The sooner you interrupt the dog's sequence, the easier it will be to refocus it. As your dog improves, and you notice the prey before the dog does, have it focus on you and try to walk past the prey.

Prey Drive in the Home

Make sure all animals in your home are safe and have a place to escape. Managing the environment is key. If your dog waits at the window for a squirrel or other prey, limit its access - especially when you're not at home. This kind of activity could result in an injury.

Cat chasing in the home is another common concern. It's important to supervise all interactions and make sure all animals are safe by separating them in different areas of the house when you are not at home. Crate training is a good way to ensure the safety of all of your pets while you are gone. Just remember that a dog should never be crated for more than four hours at a time.

When your dog and other pets are allowed to interact, make sure to provide an escape route for any potential prey. A kiddie gate with an opening for the cat, or a tall cat tree will give kitty a safe escape

from your dog.

Desensitization

The desensitization process will help to retrain and redirect your dog from chasing prey. This process, and the management steps while walking your dog, are used together. Desensitization work takes a while, whereas the management helps immediately.

Begin slowly and do not expect a change right away. Be patient and consistent. Start in a controlled environment with few distractions. Work with the dog when it is calm and BEFORE it sees the dreaded squirrel. A dog that is wound up won't hear you, and you won't be effective in training.

With high-value treats in hand, practice your focus cue: say your dog's name and when it looks at you, praise, and give a treat. As the dog focuses on you, move one step toward the prey making sure you continue to have the dog's attention. Reward with treats and praise. If your dog starts to fixate on the squirrel, back up! Either you are moving forward too fast, or the squirrel is! Back up and repeat the exercise.

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Wanted: Dognapper!

BY: Audrey Farrington

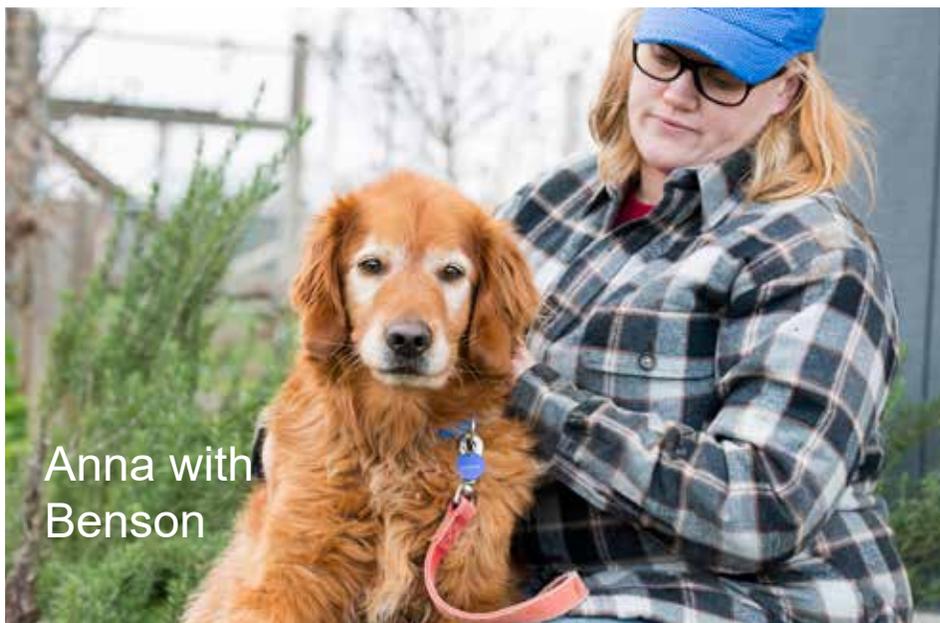
Generally, dogs earn the coveted office dog spot at Homeward Bound because they are older, social, good company, and extremely loveable. Anna Schweissinger is a known office dognapper. Jenni, Snowy, Ginger, Royce, Benson, and Midas all fell into her clutches.

Height: 5'5"; **Eyes:** Blue; **Distinguishing Marks:** Pretty. Bright smile. Infectious laugh. Frequently covered in garden dirt. **Modus operandi:** Lurks around rescue office, the temporary home of the sweetest old or rehabbing dogs. Lies in wait. Lures pups to her with baby talk and treats. Snatches them up to add to her growing collection. Known to target any dog liked by our Treasurer. **Criminal Record:** Sought in the disappearance of Jenni, Snowy, Ginger, Royce, Benson, and Midas. **Caution:** Should be considered armed (with cookies) and dangerous (to office dog lovers).

Meet Anna, a long time volunteer and a fairly recent addition to the volunteer gardeners – a front, we're sure.

Early on, Anna was already a legend for stealing Jenni right from under our President's nose: striking before anyone could list Jenni as available. You want to be careful not to make off too often with Judy's favorites! Clearly, a change in tactics was needed. In the Fall of 2013, she targeted Summer, a recuperating office dog and a favorite of our Treasurer, Judy. Anna changed her name to Snowy thinking that would mask the evidence and invited her home to live with Jenni.

Judy thought Ginger was safe, tucked away in the corner of her tiny office. Not so! Anna swooped in and stole her less than a year after Snowy. Ginger joined Jenni and Snowy and off they went.



To obscure her true motives, Anna arrives in the early morning under the guise of gardening. Soon, she sneaks away and quietly prowls the office looking for her next mark. Sixteen-year-old Royce – yet another of Judy's favorites – did not stand a chance! Having spent his life as a service dog, he was remarkably still full of



life and pep. Upon his arrival, Judy quickly nabbed him to be her new office dog Big mistake. He may not have had good hearing or eyesight, but there was nothing wrong with his sniffer! With a pocket full of cookies – and clearly, limited loyalty – it didn't take much for Anna to win him over. Judy never saw it coming. Royce went home with Anna, Jenni, and Snowy – with Ginger with them in spirit, if not in body.

Benson, an adorable Golden, arrived with a long list of ailments. The poor boy had hookworms and Clostridium (a bacterial infection) which led to puddles of diarrhea. He also tested positive for heartworm. We dealt with the hookworms and Clostridium first (because no one is a fan of cleaning up runny poo!). Then, we worked on putting some weight on him before beginning the heartworm treatment. While all of this was going on, Benson earned the coveted office dog spot where he could be closely monitored.

So it was no surprise when Anna snuck Jenni and Royce in for a meet-and-greet. With a paws up, the red-heads headed home together. The wormy boy had wormed his way into our dognapper's heart.

While no dog comes with an expiration date, opening your heart to very senior dogs, as Anna does, comes with the acceptance that departure is not too far away. That doesn't make it any easier, and Anna grieves with the loss of each one. When her time with Royce was cut too short, everyone thought that Anna deserved a young dog for a change. But that's just not how she rolls.

When Midas made his way to the office spot, he too was quickly snapped up by Anna. Judy surrenders.

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Anna's tips for loving older dogs:

You only live once. Do it well. Healthy food in moderation reduces digestive difficulties and obesity which can challenge your dog's mobility. Dental hygiene is particularly important as a dog ages. Regular brushing can prevent painful dental disease and decay. And exercising a dog's mind and body improves overall health and well-being.

Seniors are puppies too. "Seniorize" your home. Don't assume that your senior dog is over the urge to eat and destroy! Puppy-proofing your home doesn't necessarily end as a dog matures. Separately, you may need to provide your older dog with special accommodations. Consider a special ramp or stairs so dogs with hip dysplasia or joint issues can still get in the car or join you on the bed. Keep food and water in areas they can easily reach, especially if they are vision-impaired. Heated beds can soothe achy joints, and non-slip surfaces will prevent falls and help your older pet maintain traction when rising.

The vet is your new BFF. Expect more frequent vet visits for your aging pets. Early detection can help catch issues before they become major problems. Monitor changes in behavior; appetite; weight loss or gain; dental issues; and any lumps, bumps or lesions and bring them to your vet's attention.

Always have three: That way you can take one with you and leave two at home to keep each other company!

The Golden Years: Senior Matches

BY: Audrey Farrington

Some of our favorite matches are of senior-to-senior connections. We frequently receive older dogs whose humans have passed or have entered a care home. This uprooting in a dog's golden years



can be heartbreaking. Adopting them to seniors who understand their loss – and their value – is a win-win.

Recognizing that many retired persons are on fixed incomes that may make it financially difficult to care for an older dog, Homeward Bound established the Golden Touch Program matching our "golden oldies" with retired persons and couples who are at least 60 years of age, not working, and on a limited income. Homeward Bound dogs in the program are provided life-long medical care including needed medications and vaccinations. To participate in the program, adopters must live in our area and be able to see our volunteer vet at Homeward Bound. While we provide monthly flea control and heartworm medicine, we ask the adopter to provide food, an indoor sleeping area-and lots of love.

Senior-to-senior matches can have a transformative effect. In addition to providing friendship, security, and much-appreciated companionship, a companion dog can contribute to a person's mental and physical health.

A dog lessens loneliness and provides a reason for exercise and socializing with others. Even short, gentle walks can reduce depression and anxiety in people. The routine of feeding, potty, care and play creates structure in the day. The

simple act of petting an animal, in fact, is known to reduce stress while soothing your pet at the same time. And for someone who has suffered the loss of a spouse, an animal helps to fill the empty physical and heart space.

As rescuers, the wellbeing of the dog is always our first consideration. The last thing we want is for a dog to be uprooted again. To make the best match for both dog and human, we want to be sure that the adopter has realistic expectations and a good support system in place to ensure success for both.

We talk with the family members to make certain that the dog will have proper care, exercise, and be safe in the home. When the dog needs routine or other medical assistance, there must be a plan in place for vet visits. This help can come in the form of a dedicated neighbor, family member, or service provider who can be counted on for assistance. Matching lifestyle and activity levels is also critical; a senior with limited strength or mobility would be a poor match for a high energy dog or one that is always underfoot.

Being open and honest about capacity of care is critical for a successful match. If we do our jobs well, both the dogs and their people live out their days together, experiencing a very special love and relationship that enhances both lives.

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This training teaches your dog to focus on you instead of the prey. Eventually, your dog will learn that focusing on you when a squirrel is around can be very rewarding.

Set Your Dog Up for Success

Dogs do what works. Set it up for success during walks. If your dog is wound up, use the management techniques. If it is calm, use the desensitizing steps.

Start with low distraction areas; when successful, move to slightly more distractions. Be careful not to advance too quickly; make sure your dog understands and can accomplish each step of the training before progressing. And remember, setbacks do happen, don't give up!

Kathryn Baines is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT- KA), Behavior Consultant and an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. Classes at Homeward Bound are open to adopters and the general public. For more information, please visit: www.grdogtraining.com

Double The Gold Challenge: You Did It!



Every Spring we ask good people to come together to make a big difference for the dogs. Through gifts of all sizes, our supporters continue to inspire and astound us with their generosity.

The results of this year's matching "Fund of Love" and "Double the Gold Challenge" fundraising campaigns are in, and you have done it again! Together, the campaigns raised just over \$136,000 to help support our annual medical expenses for the hundreds of dogs rescued by Homeward Bound each year. More than 294 people contributed to the "Double The Gold Challenge," matched by our waiting "Fund of Love." Donations amounts ranged from \$10-\$12,000 We know that every donation comes from the heart – no matter the size - and each one makes a difference in our ability to care for the dogs.

We appreciate every donation received and are grateful to have such a dedicated base of supporters that always responds when we ask for help. Thank you for your golden heart.

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." ~ Jane Goodall

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How to Reach Us

Help Wanted! Feeders, Walkers, & Adoption Counselors

Let's be blunt. Some of us are not exactly spring chickens, and while our hearts never tire of the work of rescue – sometimes our knees and backs give out! Spreading the work across more volunteers, and recruiting next-generation volunteers is critical to both our effort and future!

Do you know someone that might want to join our team?

Wanted: Feeders and Walkers! These are the team members that work most directly with the dogs and quickly become their favorites. You'll also be in a great position to help us learn about each dog's behaviors and needs. The more we know – the faster we can get them home! If you're still building your dog confidence, you can be the team member that focuses on cleaning, meds and dishes instead of running them out, or walk easy dogs while you increase your dog-handling skills.

Wanted: Adoption Counselors! Dogs don't get home by themselves. Because they can't speak for themselves, they need someone to help relay their personalities and peculiarities to potential adopters. Adoption counselors need to read dogs and people equally well. They stay up to date on our available dogs by reading their files and match them to the best homes by reading their applications and speaking with potential adopters at length. It's part research, part gut, and all heart.

Whether you feed, walk, or counsel - we can promise you that at the end of your day, you will nap or sleep well. But helping dogs to get home is oh so rewarding!

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Santa Photos - November 11 - 13, 2016

Help Wanted

Volunteer Positions Currently in High Demand:

- **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.
- **Adoption Counselors:** Match great dogs to good families to help them get home!

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