

Homeward Bound Supporters

It's time to Double Your Donations With
our 2017 "Double the Gold Challenge"



When puppies come to Homeward Bound, there is always a sense of excitement and joy at having brand new lives to nurture. After all, what is cuter than a fluffy, joyful (and messy and destructive) adorable Golden Retriever puppy? The knowledge that these innocent little beings are at the threshold of long, healthy lives bring all of us joy (along with



Lindsey

endless messes to clean up). This year the joy of having puppies in our care has been bittersweet, as 2017 has so far brought us a number of beautiful puppies with serious health issues. Although they are all happy and playful like any healthy puppy, they each face a serious health challenge. Homeward Bound is committed to do everything we can to give them the best possible lives.



Gunner

Four-month-old Gunner was surrendered to us from his owners in Southern California because they were not able to provide the medical care he needs. This adorable little guy has a liver shunt, a congenital condition in which the blood flow bypasses the liver instead of flowing through it. Although some liver shunts can be corrected surgically, because he is missing some critical blood vessels, Gunner is not a candidate for surgery. His prognosis is unknown. He is on a special diet and will be a permanent resident of Homeward Bound. He will have all the love and fun that we can give him for as long as he is with us.

Lindsey a tiny, sweet puppy, came to us from another rescue group that did not have the resources to care for her. She was born with a severe case of diabetes. She gets two insulin injections each day. Although she eats with gusto, she is not gaining much weight. We are working on getting her stabilized and determining the appropriate dosage of insulin. She will always be insulin dependent and always be small. She too will be a permanent resident of Homeward Bound and we will care for her for the rest of her life.



Gunner and Lindsey



Cici



Timmy



Wyatt



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The Odd Couple Club

Because you donate and double your gold, we are able to double our rescues. Many bonded pairs come into our care, and we do our best to keep them together, unless separating them would be in their best interest. Pairs are often difficult to place together from shelters and other rescue groups. It typically takes longer to find the right placement for a pair than for a single dog, and thus more space, time, and resources are required. But since Homeward Bound has a facility, we are able to keep bonded pairs in our care until the perfect home comes along. Sometimes it takes a while, but we have wonderful adopters who are willing to open their hearts to two dogs. In some cases, they are placed as permanent fosters, and Homeward Bound will continue to provide their medical care for the rest of their lives. Your donations help us to help the pairs of “Double Gold” as well as the equally lovable “Odd Couples.”



Fettucini and Alfredo

This charming pair, each 11 years old, came to us when their human mom moved to Australia and could not take them with her. They are totally bonded and must be placed together. They have great house



manners, love to ride in the car, are dedicated ball players, and are fun to have around (unless you're a cat). These happy, fun-loving sweethearts are waiting for their special someone who will welcome an instant fur family of golden hearts.



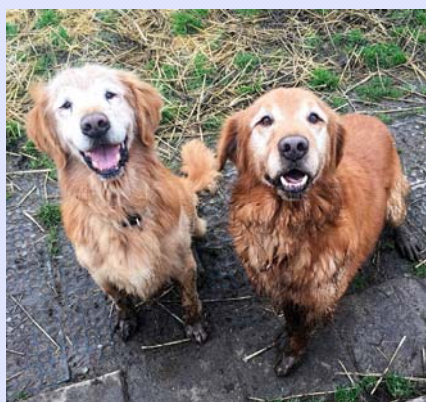
Anna and Elsa

The first thing you may notice about Anna and Elsa is that they are not Golden Retrievers, not even close. They, along with several other Chihuahuas, probably littermates, were cruelly dumped in a field near the Homeward Bound sanctuary and left to die. It took several days to catch them, but our dedicated volunteers would not give up. They finally caught Anna and Elsa. Sadly, the others did not survive. These little sweeties, probably mother and daughter, are now in a foster home learning to be good citizens. Their foster mom is fattening them up, loves them to pieces, and we are guessing a “foster failure” may be in their future. We are happy to have given loving golden-hearted girls a second chance at a happy new life.



Layla & Beckett

These gorgeous redheads came to us from Southern CA, having been surrendered to a shelter by their family. One had seizures and one was obese. After they arrived at Homeward Bound and were given the needed vet care, a family came to adopt a dog, and the minute Mom (also a redhead) set eyes on these two beauties, she knew they were “meant to be ours.” Layla and Beckett have found their special someones and fit right in!



Batman & Robin

and scratch the surface of the eye, leading to painful corneal ulceration or perforation.

Homeward Bound provided Batman's needed entropion surgery. Now recovered and pain-free, Batman is ready to fly, but Robin is too fearful to place at this point. He needs a little more time to gather his superhero powers.

These 14-year old cuties, made homeless by divorce, came to us from a Southern California rescue group. Batman, the leader of the golden duo, came to us with entropion, a genetic condition which causes a portion of the eyelid to fold inward. This can cause the eyelashes to irritate



Cody & Rusty

dogs. He got along just fine with the dogs, but the kitty was another matter. He needed a kitty-free home. The adopter agreed to return Cody to Homeward Bound if we would promise to keep the two dogs together. An hour after Cody returned, a couple came in to adopt a pair. They were looking specifically for a Golden and a small dog. Rusty and Cody were a perfect fit. It was another one of those heartwarming “meant to be” placements, and we couldn't be happier for this adorable odd couple.

Lifelong buddies, Rusty and Cody are one of the “odd couples.” that found themselves in a shelter. Rusty, the terrier, was adopted from the shelter by someone who lived in an apartment. Small apartment, small dog—it seemed like a perfect fit. But Rusty wasn't having it. He missed his pal and he spent the day howling and barking to let the world know about it. Cody came from the shelter to Homeward Bound, and soon was adopted by a family with three other

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Cici, Timmy, and Wyatt came to us from a breeder, each with subaortic stenosis, a serious congenital heart disease. One was more severely affected than the others. Their future is unknown. They could live normal lives, or their condition could shorten their lives. One thing is certain: they will get all the love they can stand for as long as they are here. All three puppies have been adopted.



Timmy and Wyatt

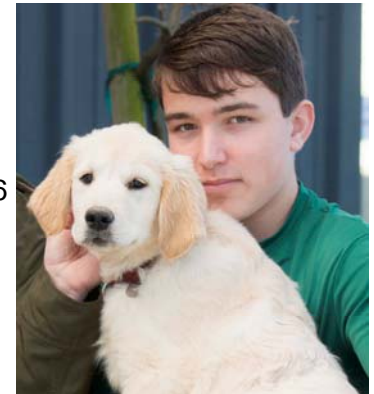
Homeward Bound is able to take on the challenge of these and many other special needs dogs because you make it possible through your donations. We take on dogs that owners and other rescues are unable to help because they don't have space or needed resources. No matter how complex the medical need, we don't give up on them, we don't say "we can't." We just do it.

Double the Gold Challenge provides most of the funding for our veterinary expenses, which in 2016

exceeded \$247,000. By making a donation of any size, you ensure that we can continue this work of helping those who need us most. And your donation will be doubled by our **Fund of Love**.



Gunner and Lindsey—They don't know they're sick



Cici on her going-home day

The dogs shown here are just a few of the many who have received medical care in the past year at Homeward Bound. In 2016 our intake numbers increased by 25% over the previous year. In addition to treating many dogs with seizures, we provided vet care for hundreds of other dogs. This included 144 spay or neuter surgeries, eight knee surgeries, one elbow surgery, and multiple cyst removals. We treated one dog for heartworm disease and cared for four dogs that had been in car accidents resulting in three broken legs and various bumps and bruises. One dog had cataract surgery which resulted in restored sight.

More than half the dogs that came to Homeward Bound in 2016 needed medical intervention, be it surgery or some other treatment. There are approximately 100 dogs in our Senior Touch program for which we have committed to providing needed medical care for the rest of their lives.

Our vet expenses in 2016 exceeded \$247,000. Although the number of dogs continues to trend downward, we continue to take in dogs that have costly chronic untreated ill-

nesses and injuries. We are committed to giving every one the care it needs. And no matter how severe the illness or injury, Homeward Bound does not give up on a dog, as long as there's a ray of hope that he or she can be saved and recover.

We invite you once again to join us in our mission to give these wonderful dogs a chance at a healthy new life. Please donate today and take the opportunity to double your gold! Every dollar helps. Your donation will be matched by our **Fund of Love** donations, so each dollar you donate becomes two!

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Howlin' In The Park—Saturday, April 22

Kibble & Bids—Saturday, September 16

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