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HOMeward BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

It is rare that one of our dogs goes missing, but when they do, they are fortunate to belong to a family of volunteers dedicated to their safe return. Amelia's amazing rescue story begins to the right.

Because dogs can't do self-checks, we share 10 special touches to turn into regular rituals that could truly save your dog's life. Read about them beginning on page 8.

Cuddles is a miracle dog with important life lessons to share. Her story, on page 6, is an inspiration to us all.

We sometimes get the feeling that Homeward Bound dogs are everywhere. They just might be! Read about a surprise reunion on page 9.

And get ready...our 17th Annual Kibble & Bids™ event is fast-approaching! Saturday, September 16th, we return to a favorite venue on the Sacramento River. Get all the details beginning on page 4. We hope to see you all there, because there is nothing we enjoy more than celebrating our successes with you. 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!



Amelia: Delivered from Wilderness

BY: Audrey Farrington

When a dog comes into Homeward Bound, it becomes a part of our family. Adopted, permanent fostered, or living in sanctuary with us, our commitment to that dog is for its lifetime. That meant that when a recently adopted Homeward Bound dog went missing in Lake Tahoe, our team sprang to her aid.

Amelia spent the first six years of her life making puppies for an irresponsible breeder. Instead of being cared for and loved as she looked after endless litters of pups, she was left to fend for herself in the elements, ignored, and treated like cattle by any human she came in contact with. Her only comfort was the company of other dogs. When she was no longer useful, she came to us.

Many of the dogs from these situations are completely shut down. Amelia displayed surprising resilience. After some time with us, she was adopted. But these dogs take time to build bonds of trust and affection. When Amelia saw an opportunity, she bolted from the back of the opened car and took off in Blackwood Canyon Sno-Park on Lake Tahoe's west shore.

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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 2017
160
VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2017
\$104,558



A Message From Our President

There is an unattributed quote which says: "Friendship isn't a big thing — it's a million little things." I feel blessed by a million things that add up to some awfully big results for the dogs here at Homeward Bound.

To start, a not so little thing: I would like to acknowledge and thank the Golden Retriever Foundation for their generous \$9,500 donation toward the purchase of the generator. The project is underway and will provide life-saving assurance (of water, heating, and air conditioning) should we lose power for an extended period.

When Amelia, a recently-adopted dog went missing at Lake Tahoe, a dedicated team put in countless hours over eight days to return her to safety. Your million prayers helped to guide them and Amelia; another reminder of the specialness of our Homeward Bound family.

The play groups that we instituted this year based on the "Dogs Playing For Life" program and training have helped countless "difficult to place" dogs get home this year. The initiative shown by our volunteers made this possible, and the effort has given us more tools to help dogs be successful on their journeys.

Our annual matching spring fundraising efforts combine hundreds of gifts, large and small, to cover the dogs' medical care costs each year. Together, we raised more than \$158,000 – a new record.

Your ongoing donations and gifts of volunteer time and care for the dogs amaze me. I hope that as many of you as possible will join us at our 17th annual Kibble & Bids event on Saturday, September 16th so I can express my gratitude in person. We will be returning to a favorite venue on the river thanks to the generosity of two long-time supporters, Doug Alcorn and John White. Our team has worked hard all year to put together a truly special program.

You have my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your continued support – a million times over.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President





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With a busy highway on one side, and the rough, wooded terrain of mountain lions and coyotes on the other, and 4th of July fireworks just a week away - everyone feared for her safety.

The call went out immediately on social media, and a dedicated team of Homeward Bound volunteers was formed. They enlisted the help of the Truckee Humane Society, searched the territory, and distributed fliers everywhere. Amelia's Facebook post was shared hundreds of times; ultimately viewed by more than 100,000. With so many eyes on the lookout, she was repeatedly sighted in the early mornings, but each time someone would approach, Amelia would run. Traps were set, but she was not taking the bait.

Social media can cast a wide net, but sometimes, all it takes is the ability to reach one – the right one. In this case, it connected us to Brian Burke, an experi-

enced dog tracker living close to Homeward Bound. He traveled to our Tahoe team and shared his expert advice and his trap.



He advised us not to try to approach a fearful dog; to let her get hungry and tired; set the trap in the areas where she had been sighted, and monitor from a distance.

At first dawn on July 3rd, a week after

she had gone missing, Mike Stram and Charlie Lohner set the trap in the area of her recent sightings. As they drove down the road to wait and monitor, they saw Amelia peak out from behind a pile of logs. With patience they didn't know they had, they pulled over and waited. She passed them, looking up at them as she moved toward the trap area. They stayed still. She disappeared in the right direction; they waited. After a time, they went to check. From a distance, they saw her pacing "like a tiger in the zoo" and knew they had her.

Amelia was thin and dirty, but in surprisingly good shape considering seven nights in the wild. Within minutes, social media lit up again: "Amelia is found!" A quick photo was snapped while waiting for the car to come around. No way would they be opening the door until she was safely secured!

"It has been a long eight days," Mike wrote. "The average search day lasted 17 hours. The search team members walked as much as 10 miles a day. We slept in our cars. We had to deal with nasty mosquitos. For Amelia, it was worth every minute of it and I know that all of us would do it over again tomorrow. When Charlie and I captured Amelia, the feeling of satisfaction and relief was so emotional. Thanks to everyone for your help and support. I stand here very proud to say that Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue has the best group of volunteers ever!"

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For questions about sponsoring, contact Judy Kent at:
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A SPECIAL EVENING IS PLANNED FOR YOU:

Homeward Bound supporters Doug Alcorn and John White have generously opened their private estate for your pleasure!

3-4PM: An exclusive Sponsor Hour including expedited check-in and one-on-one time with our Golden Greeters. Wine and delicious passed appetizers will be served. Enjoy early access to our premium silent auction and exciting raffle offerings while you swing to the music of the Templetons.

4PM: 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 vie for deals in our silent auction and wait anxiously for your name to be drawn in our premium raffle. Swoon to our strolling bluegrass musicians while you admire an impressive collection of classic cars that are completely at home in their beautiful surroundings.

5PM: Our memorable program and live auction get underway. Award-winning auctioneer, Joe Gates will present an amazing array of vacation getaways, entertainment packages, custom offerings, and this year's special project.



Our Golden Dogs are Going Green!

SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL PROJECT!

Nine to 10 months of the year, there is nothing but sun shining down on our Golden pups. It's time to harness that energy and put it to work powering our lights, air conditioners, giant washing machine and dryer, sterilizing dish washer, electronics, and solar-heated dog pool.

The addition of solar panels saves electricity and reduces operating expenses which means more funds for the dogs! It's clean. It's green. And it is long overdue! We have a plan and quote prepared. All we need is your support to make it possible! So, please - 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
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- Purchase tickets in person at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary.



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Cuddles, The Teacher

BY: Darlene Cloud

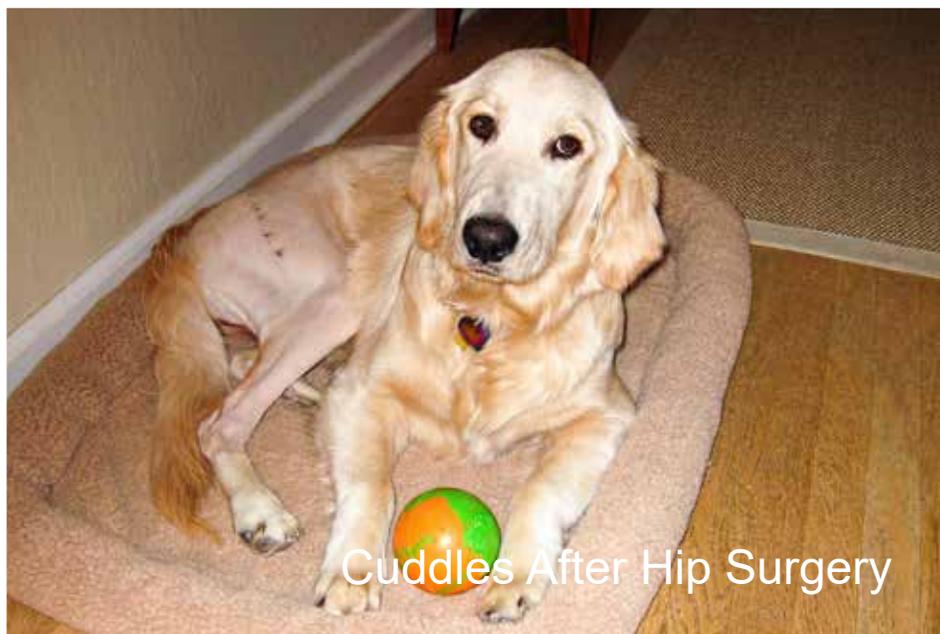
As I type this, I have a beautiful Golden Retriever's nose in my lap, and I can see her tail wagging out of the corner of my eye. Does she know how much this melts my heart when she does this? I think she does. Of course, I have to stop what I am doing and scratch her chin and tell her how much I love her. That's all she wants for the time being, and she is now comfortably curled up at my feet.

It was five years ago that I wrote a story about Cuddles, our Homeward Bound rescue. She was just three years old then, and her story was printed in the HBGRR newsletter as well as a book, "Love, Animals & Miracles" about two years later. It amazes me how quickly time has gone by. We adopted Cuddles when she was just six months old, and she is now eight. How does that happen? I see the changes in her face and always remember the phrase "sugar face." She fits this to a tee since she is such a sweet and loving soul.

I've tweaked Cuddles' story a little just so it's current. The story is still relevant to our lives and each day that we share with this wonderful, beautiful and loving Golden! Please enjoy.

Cuddles came to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue without hip joints; she couldn't walk. She dragged herself by using her front legs, and she was in constant pain.

My husband Ralph and I adopted Cuddles when she was two weeks into recovery from her first total hip replacement surgery. Although this surgery was not successful due to her bone structure - and she would have to endure a total of four hip surgeries - she awoke each day with a



look in her eyes that said she was ready to take it all on. Lesson learned: Each day is new. Take it as it comes.

Cuddles, now eight years old is still making up for the time she was not able to run and play. She is the happiest of dogs and loves everything! I'd have to say carrots and food are her number one love; people are a close second, followed by her toys. Lesson learned: Don't dwell on the past. Enjoy what you have.

She is a patient dog, and her patience wins out over mine when it's close to her dinner time. She will sit next to her bowl and then proceed to stare at me, barely blinking at all. That stare gets to me, and don't think she doesn't know it! Lesson learned: Think positively, and things will go your way.

Cuddles lives up to her name each day! Wherever we are, she is there. At the dinner table, she's by our feet. On the couch, she's on my lap (all 50 pounds). In the kitchen, we are stepping over her. Why not make her move, you ask? Just look at her face, and you'll understand. She MUST be close, that's just her! She is also on my side of the bed each night much to my husband's chagrin as he struggles not to fall off his side! Lesson learned: If you know who you love, stay close by.

Although small for a Golden, Cuddles has a way of making her presence known. For example, her nose will be in my face if she thinks we have slept enough, or she brings us her toy and drops it loudly at our feet if she thinks it's time to get up and move. Lesson learned: Take the time to play and have fun.

As each day comes and goes, and as life sometimes brings the lows with the highs, it's a blessing to have Cuddles show me and teach me how just to ENJOY. It's a tough lesson to learn at times, but I've got a great teacher!



Assistance Dogs: Rights and Wrongs

BY: Audrey Farrington

In the news recently was a disturbing story of an “emotional support dog” that attacked a passenger on an airplane. The dog was apparently (illegally) seated on its handler’s lap, and assaulted the individual sitting in the adjacent seat as the plane pushed back for take-off.

It is a tragedy for all: the victim, the handler who fears the worst for his dog, and the dog who never should have been put in this position. It is also a tragedy for all properly trained and legitimate service dogs, and evidence of an increasing issue as more people turn to fake certificates to keep their untrained “service” or “support” dogs by their side.

Assistance dogs fall into several categories, each with different legal access and rights. Understanding and respecting the differences are important to protecting their ability to serve those in true need.

Service Dogs: legally defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990 (ADA) and trained to meet the disability-related needs of their handlers. Service dogs are not considered “pets.” They are trained to do work or perform tasks directly related to the needs of an individual with a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The provision of emotional support does not constitute work or tasks for the definition of their service. Their access to public places is protected under the ADA.

Therapy Dogs: Not legally defined by Federal law, they are usually the personal pets of their handlers and work with their handlers in service to others through companionship and connections. Federal laws have no provisions for people to be accompanied by therapy animals



in places of public accommodation that have “no pets” policies. They receive basic obedience training and are tested and registered as a therapy dog based on obedience and temperament.

Emotional Support Dogs: Provide therapeutic support to the disabled or elderly through companionship, non-judgmental positive regards, affection, and a focus in life. They are not allowed in public housing and do not have public access rights as guaranteed by the ADA. They are expected to be reasonably well-behaved by pet standards meaning no bad habits that would disturb neighbors. They should not pose a danger to others.

Companion Dogs: Not legally defined, but generally considered to be pets with no special public access or rights.

Unfortunately, readily available online certificates and vests for untrained service dogs have painted all legitimate service dogs with a bad brush. In fact, there is no universally or legally-recognized certification, registration or training standard for service dogs. Individuals with legitimate service dogs are not required to present certificates or to have their dogs wear vests or other markers.

What can you do if you suspect a service dog is not legitimate? Not much. Under the ADA, only two questions are allowed:

is the dog needed to perform a task, and what task does the dog perform? No questions can be asked of the person’s disability.

Still, service dogs are required to be well-behaved in public places. A business owner or public housing manager can legally ask that a dog that is disruptive, unruly, or a threat to others be removed from the premises.

As more and more illegitimate and untrained assistance dogs act out in public places, it will certainly lead to a backlash for all. All true assistance dogs serve an important role. Respect for the law, ensured training, and education will protect their ability to continue doing so.

For more information, visit Assistance Dogs International. This organization sets standards and establishes guidelines for the ethics and training of assistance dogs while advocating for the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs.

10 Touches That Could Save Your Dog's Life

BY: Harper Lee (and her Mommy)

Reprinted with permission in abbreviated form (for space) from the blog of Harper Lee, a very famous (and astute) Golden blogger. You will find the full blog here: <https://theK9harperlee.wordpress.com/2017/06/06/10-touches-that-could-save-your-dogs-life/>

Dr. Julie Buzby's "All Hands on Dog: Ten Touches That Could Save Your Dog's Life."

What if, just once a week you could pet your dog in a pattern that would help detect changes in its body? It just takes a few minutes, and it could lead to an early diagnosis by your veterinarian and better treatment results. So let's get started.

TOUCH 1: BODY CONDITION SCORING/WEIGHT

First check for rib cover. Run your hands over your dog's rib cage. How much fat is over your dog's ribs? Next look at your dog from the side touching along the chest and back toward the waist. Does your dog have a nice racehorse tuck? That's what you're looking for. Finally, look at and touch your dog from above. You want your dog's waist to taper in. Proper weight is the number one thing you can do to extend your dog's life, so these opening touches are important.

TOUCH 2: SKIN & COAT (AND EXTERNAL PARASITES)

Now move to your dog's back half where fleas like to congregate. Beginning at the base of the tail, flip your dog's hair back against the grain and check the skin, working your way toward the head. You're not only looking for fleas; you're also looking for flea dirt (flea poo). Check under



your dog's inner back legs too. That's another favorite spot for fleas.

TOUCH 3: LUMPS & LYMPH NODES

Run your hands all over your dog's body checking for any lumps. Pay particular attention to the lymph nodes and check for any swelling. Lymph nodes are located in the neck, under the jowls or lower jaw bone, around the shoulders, at the back of the legs, close to the joints of the legs, and in the groin area. (A quick online check will result in quite a few drawings and photos showing where a dog's lymph nodes are located.) You might feel something that doesn't feel quite right to you. Make an appointment with your veterinarian. At best, it's nothing, and you now have a baseline for your weekly assessments. At worst, you've detected something that you might not otherwise have noticed until much later.

TOUCH 4: EARS

For this, use two additional human senses: sight and smell. Flip your dog's ears back and have a look. They should be clean. Now have a little sniff. A foul odor could indicate an ear infection.

TOUCH 5: EYES

Eye problems can turn into emergencies very quickly. Eyes should be clear and without discharge.

TOUCH 6: MOUTH (LIPS, GUMS, AND TEETH)

Normal gum color is a very important baseline to know in your dog. Press on your dog's gum. When you remove your finger, the spot you pressed should be a little light but return to its original color immediately. Check your dog's teeth for plaque buildup. (You should be brushing your dog's teeth daily.) Also check for cracked or broken teeth, which can lead to infections and abscesses. Dr. Buzby's rule of thumb when comes to chew toys for dogs: "If an object is too hard to comfortably slap against your leg, it's too hard for your dog to chew."

TOUCH 7: LEGS, PAWS & NAILS

Feel for symmetry in your dog's legs. Check your dog's paws for any sores on the pads or between the toes. Also check for discoloration of the hair on your dog's feet, an indication of licking that might be caused by allergies. Make sure your dog's nails are short. Long nails impact gait and posture, which can lead to further problems.

TOUCH 8: ABDOMEN & BELLY

Get to know the general shape of your dog's belly so you can recognize when it's not normal. Also be aware of the general firmness of your dog's belly.

TOUCH 9: CHEST (HEART & LUNGS)

Get to know your dog's normal heart rate and rhythm. Run the flat of our hand on the left side of your dog's chest to feel the beats.

TOUCH 10: UNDER THE TAIL

Check for swelling and growths around the anus. If your dog is a female, check the area around her vulva for any discoloration.

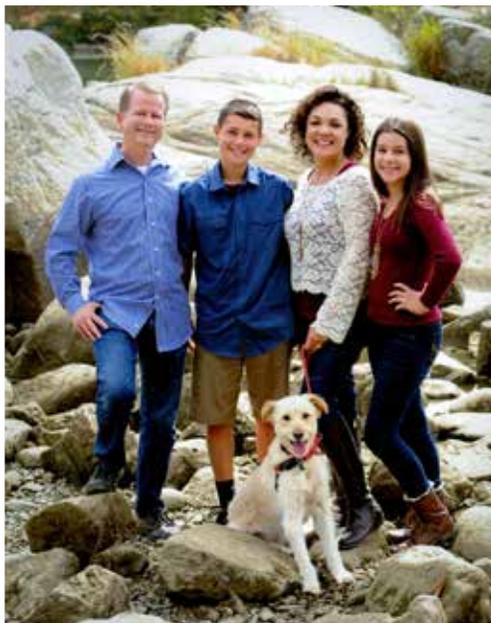
Remember, you are your dog's voice. Your veterinarian may see your dog just once or twice a year, but you're with your dog every day. If you get in the habit of practicing these 10 touches once a week, a change in your dog will jump out immediately. Your job is to detect that change and then turn to your veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment. Remember: Early detection leads to the best results.

Reunited

BY: Carla Chamberlain

We're the Chamberlain family. On July 30, 2011, we visited Homeward Bound in hopes of finding the perfect puppy to bring home. We were just about to leave when the Homeward Bound van pulled up with two small, fuzzy, Golden Retriever mix puppies that had been picked up in Fresno. "Andi" and "April" were about eight weeks old; as soon as we saw them, it was love at first sight. The puppies needed some Homeward Bound TLC over the next week before we could bring "Andi" home, so we headed back to our house for what seemed like the longest week, ever!

We returned the next weekend to officially adopt "Andi" and bring her home to West Sacramento. "Andi" was renamed "Bailey" and quickly settled into her new home. We fell more and more in love with Bailey, who proved to be an extremely well-behaved puppy. As the years went on, Bai-



ley's favorite activities included disc golfing with dad, napping in her favorite bean bag chair, and playing with her many dog cousins. As part of the family, it was only fair that Bailey made appearances in our engagement and wedding photos!

Bailey moved with us to San Diego in 2014, where she loved frolicking in the waves at dog beaches. In 2015, when we brought baby Sofia home from the hospital, Bailey was unsure of the new family addition. But once she learned she could sit under Sofia's high chair and count on lots of yummy food being dropped, she decided Sofia was quite alright. The two have since become inseparable, with "dog" being Sofia's first word and "I love Bailey!" coming long before "I love Mom/Dad!"

In 2016, we moved with Bailey to Folsom for our next adventure. A couple of months later, I kept noticing a dog that looked a LOT like Bailey on walks around the neighborhood with her owner. Bailey is a pretty unique looking dog; she has Golden features and coloring, but she is smaller than a Golden, with wiry fur. I thought, "Could it be?! Bailey's long lost sister?!" but was convinced that was just impossible. What were the chances? One day, I decided I just had to know and stopped to introduce myself. Low and behold, it WAS Bailey's long lost sister "April," now named "Summer!"

The McCloskey family adopted Summer from Homeward Bound when she was four months old. Summer loves being with her family and especially likes going on car rides, where you will find her up front in the co-pilot seat (shhh...don't tell Jody!). We were flabbergasted that after five years, fate had moved Summer's sister Bailey only a few blocks away!

The sisters have become weekly walking buddies, and our families enjoy comparing notes about the many similarities Bailey and Summer share in both appearance and personality. We recently threw the sisters a sixth birthday party, complete with treats and toys to celebrate the reunited siblings!

Beyond the excitement of such a serendipitous reunion, the Chamberlains and McCloskey's feel lucky to have gained wonderful friends as well! Both families are incredibly grateful to Homeward Bound for bringing these two very special dogs into our lives.



Fund of Love & Double The Gold Challenge: Success!



Our Noses Know Good People When They Meet 'Em. THANK YOU!  

Our noses know good people...like you! 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, we raised \$158,030 in support of the dogs' medical care this year! That's a lot of hip and knee surgeries, ear infections, masses gone bye-bye, vaccinations, special medications, and healthier, happy dogs that are home or homeward bound – because of you!

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 hearts.



A "Giant" Birthday!

Last summer, we hosted a very large and very unexpected family: a litter of 12 adorable Golden puppies with their mom, Molly, and dad, Harley.

We named them the Giants litter – for the favorite baseball team of their transport angel – and, as it turns out, prophetically about their gigantic size!

They came to us as a result of a partnership with a rescue partner, Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue in Ventura. Harley - hugely handsome; Molly - young, long and lean; and their dozen tiny "oops-puppies" were surrendered by a woman in ill health, unable to care for them.

Dad got himself adopted right away, and made a run for playtime on the coast



- naturally! Molly was a devoted but exhausted mom. As soon as it was healthy, we weaned the pups and took over the heavy lifting for Molly. It took a team to get these little monsters ready for their happy "going homes."

A couple of them return regularly for Saturday school. And many stay connected with their own Facebook group. So, this summer, a full-blown party was planned in our large park to celebrate their one-year birthdays – including special appearances by Molly and Harley.

They have their mom and dad's height, curls, and wonderful dispositions. They all got along beautifully: a testament to the benefits of proper socialization through early puppyhood – and the patience and skill of their adopting families.

Happy Birthday, Giants! We look forward to years of watching you grow!



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A triumphant team returned Amelia to Homeward Bound. It had become clear to all that her socialization needs were significant, and an experienced dog family with at least one other pup would suit her best. Amelia found that family among her rescue angels. How could they give her up after all that?

It took a village to bring Amelia to safety. While we are grateful to all that joined the effort, these individuals went way above and beyond: Mike Stram, Deb Safford, Denise and Charlie Lohner, Jana Hook, Gina Heise, and Brian Burke, and Golden Retrievers Lotta and Rex who made Amelia feel instantly at home. We too stand proud of the family that is Homeward Bound.



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"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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Dates To Remember

Kibble & Bids™ - September 16, 2017
The Giving Tree - Begins Thanksgiving Day, 2017
Santa Photos - December 1-3, 2017

Help Wanted

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.
- **Youth Leaders:** Inspire a love of rescue in the next generation.

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