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What's Inside

If something unexpectedly happens to you, do you have a plan for your fur-friends? Planning for your pet's future is something every responsible pet parent should do. Our cover story walks you through the planning steps for "When the Unexpected Happens."

Valentine's Day is a great time to express your love for the two and four-legged loves of your life. But it can come with hidden risks for your pooch. Read about "Toxic Treats to Keep Out of Paws Reach" on page 6.

Adopters Terrance and Diane Joel show how determination and the proper help can transform a reactive dog's quality of life and potential in "When Buttercup Chose Us" on page 7.

Finally, February marks the launch of our annual **Fund of Love** campaign. This campaign, and its matching **Double the Gold Challenge**, raise the majority of funds needed for veterinary expenses each year. Mark this Valentine's Day with a gift to the dogs. Your generosity is proof that 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!



Bandit

When The Unexpected Happens

BY: Audrey Farrington

Bandit came to us just before Christmas when his elderly human dad passed. Sadly, there had been no plan for him. His family reached out to us for help, and we were glad to be there for Bandit – and for them. At eight years of age, he wasn't expecting to begin a second chapter. Homeward Bound provides safety, shelter, and his medical needs while our volunteers see to his emotional ones, providing comfort and care until his forever family comes along.

Just as we make plans for our human family's future when the unforeseen happens, we need to consider our four-legged family members. Planning for your pet's future is something every responsible pet parent should do. In the confusion that accompanies a person's unexpected illness, accident, or death, your wishes for your pets may be unknown or overlooked. To ensure your pet's future is as you expect, take these simple

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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 2018
302

VET EXPENSES IN 2017
\$248,000



A Message From Our President

"Volunteers wear working boots but leave a trail of angel footsteps." ~Terri Guillemets

To say that it was a busy year is a bit of an understatement. While helping 302 dogs on their journeys home, we completed the Sugar Shack Acres project, providing a lush new yard and accommodations for our sanctuary dogs, introduced play groups to our enrichment program, instituted a weekly communication to keep all volunteers on the same page, and got a bit buried in puppies!

We accomplished all despite changes in two key team lead positions. One, overseeing volunteer recruitment, trained and passed the baton to another. The other is recovering from a serious medical emergency. While we look forward to her return as soon as she is well, we are grateful to her teammates who stepped in and made the transition seamless. That we can pull together and forge ahead despite inevitable changes is a testament to the dedication of our all-volunteer team.

As we closed the book on 2017, we couldn't help but notice that more than a few of our Golden faces had taken on a decidedly different look. Thanks to education, more effective spay and neuter programs, and a better economy, the number of homeless Golden Retrievers has been steadily decreasing the past few years. While some rescues turn to other countries with mixed results, we have opened our doors whenever we have the capacity to more Golden mixes, Labs, and some just gold-at-heart dogs here at home who need our help. Initially, we worried that people would think we had lost our way. But our adopters – unsurprisingly - have opened their hearts and homes to those in need. While Golden Retrievers will always be our priority, we are blessed to know you whose hearts extend to dogs from all walks of life.

All of you make a life-changing difference for an animal in need – by volunteering, fostering, adopting, and championing our effort. On behalf of those who cannot speak it themselves – my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support and dedication.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President





Plan For Your Pets Like You Plan For Your Family

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precautions:

- Determine if you are fortunate enough to have a family member or friend that can agree to provide permanent care for your dog if something happens to you. By “agree” we mean, of course, that you have discussed it with them – and revisited it on a regular basis. Things change. And what they were able to commit to one year may be impossible the next. If you have the means, be sure to make arrangements for financial resources ensuring that your pet’s long-term care is not an economic burden to those taking it in.
- Find at least two responsible friends or relatives who agree to serve as temporary emergency caregivers if something unexpected happens to you. Provide them with keys to your home; feeding and care instructions; the name of your veterinarian;

and information about the permanent care provisions you have made for your pet. As above, revisit these commitments at least annually.

- Make sure your neighbors, friends, and relatives know how many pets you have and the names and contact numbers of the individuals who have agreed to serve as emergency caregivers. Emergency caregivers should also know how to contact each other.
- Carry a wallet “alert card” that lists the names and phone numbers of your emergency pet caregivers.
- Post removable “in case of emergency” removable instructions to the inside of your front and back doors and refrigerator specifying how many and what types of pets you have. These notices will alert

emergency-response personnel during a fire or other home emergency. Date and keep the lists current.

If you don’t have someone that you can reliably expect to take on the responsibility of your pet’s care – or you just want a backup plan – Homeward Bound can be there for you. By entrusting your Golden or Golden mix’s care to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue, you can be sure that it will be provided and cared for, giving you much-needed peace of mind. Read and download our Pet Guardianship information and form on our website under “How to Help.”

Do others know your wishes? Just as important as putting a plan in place is making sure that others know what it is. If your dog is going to go to a family member, neighbor, or friend, make sure that your other family members are informed – especially if you plan to leave financial resources for your dog’s care. Discuss the best way to secure your wishes with your attorney. Wills can take a long time to be resolved and may be contested; trusts and powers-of-attorney can be acted on immediately.

None of us are immortal or immune to life challenges. In return for the unconditional love your pet provides you, please don’t leave its future to chance.



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

Every year, Homeward Bound takes in hundreds of deserving dogs. Because we are one of the few Golden rescues in the nation with a facility, we can take dogs regardless of their age or health; dogs that might not otherwise be saved. Our commitment extends to their veterinary care. Most are healthy and need just basic care - a vet check-up, heartworm test, vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, or other routine care. But some require extensive care, and a few break new medical ground.

In 2017 we took in a dog that has the honor of being our most expensive and complex medical case to date. The adorable ten-year-old Alison came to us from China, via a Southern California Golden Retriever rescue group.

After she was diagnosed with a tumor on her adrenal gland, the volunteers in Southern California asked if we would take her, feeling they did not have the resources required to treat and care for her. Of course, we agreed.

Alison needed surgery to remove the tumor and save her life. A specialist, Dr. Erin Paster, was called in to perform this complex surgery. During the operation, the cancerous adrenal gland was removed, and it became apparent that Alison had been hit by a car at some point. A grapefruit-sized tumor was discovered in her abdomen, likely the result of trauma. It too was removed. Alison was hospitalized for several days to be closely monitored. Happily, the surgery was curative; all cancer was excised. The bill for the surgery alone was \$5400.

Alison is in foster care now, where she is happily recuperating and getting stronger.



She will be undergoing corticosteroid replacement therapy for as long as needed. It could be lifelong but will be evaluated six months after her surgery. At that point, additional blood work will be done to make sure the remaining adrenal gland has begun to do the work of the one that was removed. The consensus of our vets is that Allison's is probably our most complicated and involved case to date.



At Homeward Bound, we don't give up easily; we'll do everything we can to help a dog. When Alison arrived, we were advised that she might not be savable. But we tried anyway. Alison's will to survive, the doctors' skill, and many prayers pulled her through and paved the way for a happy, healthy new life. We are delighted with the result. We are so grateful to our vet, Dr. Codde, and to Dr. Paster for saving this adorable girl and giving her a healthy future.

We can give dogs like Alison the medical care they need because of your generous donations. We simply can't do it without you. 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. The combined campaigns raise the majority of our medical care costs each year.

We are committed to ensuring that all of our dogs get the medical attention they need. Your donations play a vital role. Will you please join us in our mission to provide outstanding care for deserving dogs like Alison 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 provide the entire match, as well.

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 2017, Homeward Bound rescued 302 dogs and spent \$248,000 in veterinary expenses alone. The **Fund of Love** and **Double the Gold Challenge** allow us to go to the extraordinary lengths we do to save those who might not otherwise have that chance.

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



WHY YOUR DOG CHOSE YOU.

A VALENTINE

There is a little something I would like to whisper in your ear. You didn't pick me. I picked you.
I came into your life at just the right time.

I could sense your loneliness; your home was not complete.

You needed a best friend.

You gave me sloppy kisses and said silly things.

I picked you because, when you smiled, I could see kindness in your eyes.

I wasn't sure that I wanted to trust again after being left behind, but I knew you needed someone
to go through life with — to play with — to love.

You didn't want to be alone.

And to be honest, neither did I.

And now I love you because you greet me so excitedly every time you come home.

Because you fill a space that was empty until we met.

Because you showed me a life I didn't know I could have.

Because we keep each other safe.

And because, as it turns out, I needed you as much as you needed me.

*"Dogs have a way of finding the people
who need them, and filling an emptiness
we don't even know we have." ~ Thom Jones*



Toxic Valentine's Treats to Keep Out of Paws Reach

Valentine's Day is for love. Unfortunately for your dog, it comes with lots of hidden – and potentially deadly – temptations. Highest on the list are chocolate and raisins. Raisins require an emergency trip to the vet; chocolate might – depending on its toxicity. When in doubt - go!

What Makes Chocolate Toxic to Dogs

Chocolate contains substances known as methylxanthines which dogs are far more sensitive to than people (specifically caffeine and theobromine). Different types of chocolate contain varying amounts of methylxanthines. In general, the darker and more bitter the chocolate the greater the danger.

For instance, a 7-oz large milk chocolate bar may sicken a 50-pound dog, whereas a dog of the same size can be poisoned by as little as 1 ounce of Baker's chocolate. It all depends on the dog's weight and the chocolate's level of toxicity. You'll find an easy reference meter on this website page from Petmd.com: <https://www.petmd.com/dog/chocolate-toxicity> - but don't rely on the meter to direct your actions.

If You Suspect Your Dog Ate Chocolate

If you know that your dog did in fact eat chocolate, or, suspect it based on the symptoms below, contact the Pet Poison Helpline at 1- 855-764-7661 or your veterinarian immediately. Yes – there will be a cost. But with any poisoning, it is always cheaper, less invasive, and has a better prognosis/outcome if you treat early. Once your dog has already developed clinical signs and is affected by the poi-



son, it makes for a much more expensive veterinary visit.

Symptoms of Potential Chocolate Poisoning:

Some symptoms of chocolate toxicity mirror other poisonings or ailments. Don't wait. It may be too late.

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Increased body temperature
- Hyperactivity, pacing, shaking
- Muscle rigidity
- Rapid breathing
- Increased heart rate
- Low blood pressure
- Seizures
- Advanced signs (cardiac failure, weakness, and coma)

Chocolate-covered nuts are also on the banned list. Not only for the chocolate – but for nuts like macadamias which are also toxic to dogs, leading to seizures and tremors.

Grape and Raisin Toxicity in Dogs

Candies that mix chocolate and raisins – or raisins all by themselves – present an even greater threat. While raisins may be a healthier alternative to candy for humans – not so for dogs! Even tiny amounts of grapes or their dried counterpart - raisins - can prove fatally toxic for a dog.

The agent in grapes or raisins that causes this toxicity in dogs has yet to be identified. Raisins are more dangerous than grapes, probably because they are dried and thus, provide a more concentrated source of the toxin. Not all dogs react the same way to grapes and raisins. Unfortunately, you won't know how your dog will respond until it happens. For some – ingesting even a few can lead to life-threatening problems.

Symptoms of Grape or Raisin Poisoning:

- Nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain
- Diarrhea (pieces of grapes or raisins may be present)
- Increased thirst and urination followed by dehydration (signs of acute and rapid kidney failure)
- Lethargy or weakness
- Advanced signs (as kidneys continue to shut down, urine production may slow or stop; bad breath and oral ulcers develop as uremic toxins build up in the body; coma and death)

If You Suspect Your Dog Ate Raisins or Grapes

This is an emergency with no time to waste. Call your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline at 1- 855-764-7661

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When Buttercup Chose Us

BY: Coach Terry Joel

I have meant to write the update on our Buttercup for several months now, and with close to a year since our muddy meeting, it's time.

January 7th, 2017 we drove up to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever rescue to meet a specific dog who we thought might be right for us. When we arrived, they told us that she was adopted that morning and that they had two other dogs that might be a match. I'm sure that many have had the experience where the right dog chooses you.

She was recently adopted and brought back. They called her "Gracie" at the time although we knew it never fit who she is. She was brought out in the soft rain and ran at full speed for a few circles before standing near the volunteer and me. She seemed to quietly know that there was a decision being made as we reviewed the available notes on her. I wish that we had more information on what her first three and half years were like just to know her history better.

After getting the go-ahead, they cleaned the mud off her and prepared her for going home with us. We noticed that she

was pretty aggressively barking at an older retriever behind the desk and fortunately didn't realize how seriously reactive she would be to other dogs.

We got her home, and "Princess" Buttercup came with some issues but potential. She also had our promise to make the rest of her life wonderful to make up for whatever had happened before. She was in for the best care, training, and my promise to never be impatient with her.



For the first several months it was a challenge to find ways to walk Buttercup while avoiding other dogs as it would always lead to a struggle. After some basic commands training she was good at home but still had the behavioral issues, and we wanted to be able to take her off leash and let her run in open space. However, with her going ballistic on seeing other dogs (even from the car in the parking lot), it seemed a tough goal to accomplish.

In March, we found a wonderful training group that specializes in behavioral issues and decided to give them a try. It was the best decision we made and worth the big check for personal training.

The trainer, Samantha Lee, had a loving but firm hand as well as a sense of how to bring out the golden part of her personality. Her assistant was a beautiful well-trained Belgian Malinois who did not respond to Buttercup's original aggression. Buttercup was in a little shock and awe; she couldn't figure out why things were different. A few weeks later, we were looking at occasional friendly encounters with regular lapses before seeing the dramatic changes to come.

The first positive sign was in the park when a loose young black dog ran up behind her and wanted to play. After my initial panic, I noticed that she was not growling or in attack/defense mode but interacting as dogs meeting each other do. That led to a cautious meeting with the trainer and my friends' three Golden Retrievers.

Every successful interaction was celebrated, and Buttercup got accustomed to getting a treat for "being polite." To describe Buttercup now as the most precious and loving dog is something I do with pride and love. We never gave up on her. By her fourth birthday, we were getting used to hearing people say that she was so well behaved and that they wished their dog was like her. We could take her anywhere - including with several other dogs.

Buttercup loves it when I take her to work with me. She also loves the beach, chasing the ball, and chasing the ball on the beach. And best of all - making new friends.

~ Terrance and Diane Joel

The Dangerous and Disgusting Eating Habits of Dogs

BY: Audrey Farrington

Some dogs develop unusual eating habits which can be dangerous, vile, or both. When a dog eats non-food items like rocks, dirt, or clothing, it is called pica - the persistent chewing and consumption of non-nutritional substances that provide no physical benefit to the animal. When the unusual item is feces, it is called coprophagy.

Pica and coprophagy behavior can be symptoms of underlying medical problems, such as nutritional deficiencies, or of behavior problems, such as anxiety, boredom, or true compulsive behavior. Pica can lead to medical problems including poisoning, dental problems, and gastrointestinal obstructions. Stool-eating can lead to parasites, gastrointestinal issues, and downright disgusting breath!

The cause of pica is unknown. These unusual eating habits may be the animals' attempt to obtain nutrients lacking in their diet or they may be related to anxiety, boredom, or frustration. You will want to talk to your veterinarian to rule out any nutritional or underlying medical issue first. If your dog persists, work on addressing other causes including:

Boredom/Lack of Enrichment:

When not provided with adequate exercise, mental stimulation, interactive toys, and/or social interaction, dogs seek out their own inappropriate activities and toys. A tired dog is a good dog. After play and exercise, they are more likely to sleep than relieve stress, boredom or loneliness by eating inappropriate items or "cleaning up the yard."



Anxiety or Stress:

Dogs that are anxious or stressed, such as those suffering from separation anxiety or entering a new living arrangement, may redirect their stress to abnormal eating behaviors. Don't punish your stressed dog for its pica or poo-eating activity - you'll only stress it out further leading to more of the same or other behavioral problems.

Attention:

If you have already shown your dog a strong reaction to its behavior, it may continue the behavior just for the attention. Even though your reaction was negative, all the dog knows is that it is getting extra attention from you. When it comes to poo-eating, if you have been responding angrily to "accidents," its response may be to "hide" the evidence by eating it.

Compulsive Disorder:

Some animals have a true compulsive disorder. You may need to consult with your veterinarian regarding medication, a behaviorist, or both.

Just Because:

Frustratingly, some dogs will eat non-food objects for no apparent reason, or their own stool just because they like to. Block off and remove ingestion dangers. Prevent your dog from eating its stool by

putting it on a leash to eliminate. Distract it from the feces by calling the dog to you, and when it responds appropriately, reward the dog with a training treat and verbal encouragement and then take it inside, away from the stool, before you go back to clean up.

Stool eating is fairly normal behavior for a puppy and does have an underlying cause that can become a bad habit if not addressed appropriately and promptly.

Puppies may begin eating poop while still in the litter. It is natural for the mother to eat the stools of her very young pups. This is a primitive evolutionary behavior done to keep the "den" clean and to protect the puppies from predators that might be drawn by the scent. The mother does this until the puppies are weaned; puppies may naturally follow her lead and do what mom does. A learned behavior paired with natural puppy curiosity leads them to smell, taste and even eat their own or other dogs' stool.

A responsible breeder will always clean up after the puppies before they have a chance to make a meal of poo. If this was not the case for your new puppy, you can head it off by practicing good clean-up habits at home. Dogs that are receiving a well-balanced and nutrient-rich diet will usually grow out of the behavior.

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If your puppy continues to eat poop despite all your attempts to stop the behavior – or your adult dog suddenly begins the behavior - consult a veterinarian to rule out any potential medical problem. If your adult dog has never been a poo eater and suddenly develops the habit while exhibiting symptoms like weight loss, lethargy, discomfort, vomiting, diarrhea, or other behavioral changes - make an appointment with your veterinarian. Coprophagy can be associated with diseases of the intestinal tract and sometimes other parts of the body. Once you have ruled out medical causes, look to address the same causes and solutions listed above for pica.

Note: you'll find all kinds of additives online, in stores, and in catalogs for dealing with stool-eating. Check with your vet before adding anything to your dog's food that doesn't belong in its usual diet.

It must be said - some types of feces are simply too enticing for any dog to pass up. Most dogs will gobble up cat stool when given a chance. Here is how one of our adopters dealt with that issue – finding a perfect privacy solution that works for the cat and not the dog!

And remember – your first line of defense whether your dog is a rock, sock, or poo eater is to be a diligent human!



Paws Off the Chocolate and Raisins!

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immediately to determine if you should induce vomiting at home. Inducing vomiting within a few hours of ingestion can remove some of the toxin before it enters the bloodstream. DO NOT induce vomiting if your dog is unconscious, is having trouble breathing, or is exhibiting signs of serious distress or shock. Whether your dog vomits or not after the initial care, you must rush him to a veterinary facility immediately.

Activated charcoal administered after vomiting has ceased can be useful in preventing absorption of toxin. Intravenous fluid therapy can support kidney function and flush toxins from the body, preventing kidney failure. Symptoms can be treated (anti-nausea medications and gastric protectants) to prevent or treat stomach ulcers.

Some dogs are more sensitive than others and may need more intensive care, such as a stomach wash/lavage and long-term fluid therapy. Mild to moderately-affected dogs can usually recover with appropriate care, but will likely sustain permanently reduced kidney function. If urine production stops, the prognosis becomes poor.

Scary stuff. So on Valentine's Day - and every day - train the entire family to keep chocolate, raisins and grapes out of your dog's reach.

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.

"We love the convenience of having this quality 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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It's A Wrap!

You Lit Up The Homeward Bound Giving Tree!

Each year, beginning at Thanksgiving, we ask for your help to light and decorate our virtual Giving Tree. As one of our three major fundraising efforts of the year, its success is vital to our mission.

Each year, you have exceeded our hopes – and this year was no exception! With your gifts – made in honor or in memory of your special someone - a record \$84,500 was raised to support the dogs of Homeward Bound.

We launch our bare tree on Thanksgiving weekend with hope and a leap of faith. By Christmas, you have brought it to twinkling, sparkling life, making our holiday dreams come true for the dogs. Each star, snowflake, toy, package, decoration and light makes a difference to a dog in need.

Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of dogs will be helped on their journeys home this year, while those in need of sanctuary will find a place of comfort and care with us.

Homeward Bound supporters are the very best! Our sincere thanks to all. Your gifts have decked our kennels with love.



Planned Giving: Protecting Our Golden Friends

If you are reading this, chances are that you already understand the impact that our mission of rescue and adoption has on Golden lives and families. Estate or planned gifts to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue are excellent opportunities to create a legacy ensuring that more Golden lives are saved. As you read in our cover story, you can also provide for the care of your pets in your estate plan – an important consideration for all of us.

Examples of estate and planned giving instruments include wills and living trusts, life insurance or retirement beneficiary

designations, or gifts of appreciated stock. There are many options from which to choose. Naming us in your will or trust, for example, is one of the easiest ways to ensure that future generations of Golden in need will find a second chance at life.

You can download our Guide to Giving to help you determine the right approach for you - providing current or future benefits to yourself, your heirs, and to the Golden in our care. You will find it on our website under "How To Help."



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Save The Date!

Each fall, we gather together for an evening of fine foods, wine and beer tastings, exciting auctions, and Goldens - of course! Kibble and Bids™ is Homeward Bound's premiere event bringing together old friends and new to share the special stories of Goldens we have supported while we raise our paddles for those who will be counting on us in the coming year.

Our hosts, Doug Alcorn and John White, have invited us to return to one of our favorite venues: the Riverwood Estate on the Sacramento River.

Riverwood Estate is a beautiful private home with large, shady grounds, classic cars and golden sunsets to match our Golden fur friends.

We are just beginning our planning, but we hope that you will save the date and join us for this very special evening!

Please join us!
Saturday, September 22, 2018

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Designate Homeward Bound as your charity and do all your shopping on AmazonSmile.

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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!

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