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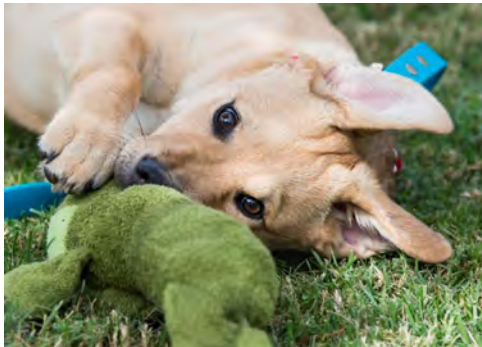
It's time to Double Your Donations With our 2018 "Double the Gold Challenge"



Who doesn't love a warm, fluffy, sweet puppy? Those endearing youngsters and their new-puppy smells melt our hearts and make many of us long for a fuzzy bundle of our own to love. At Homeward Bound we love puppies too, and we welcome them no matter what their needs or medical or behavioral challenges. While 2016 brought us puppies with significant medical challenges, 2017 brought us sheer numbers of puppies of all descriptions. In a 12-month period, we took in 55 puppies. Some were healthy and just needed the basic care—vaccinations, microchips, spay/neuter, and of course, lots of food and training and attention. Some had medical challenges, such as

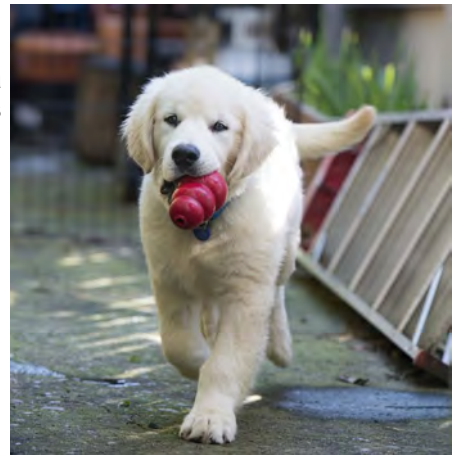


heart murmurs, seizures, worm infestations, or a mangled limb. There were moms with broken legs requiring surgery. One new mom had been hit by a car after giving birth and required surgery. Some of the puppies had been adopted from shelters or purchased from breeders, and subsequently surrendered to us because of normal puppy destructive behavior. One litter came to us from a puppy mill. These little ragamuffins had gone unsold and were left to fend for themselves. They arrived, emaciated, neglected, covered with fleas and ticks, riddled with worms, and completely unsocialized.



Even perfectly healthy puppies require a higher level of care than mature dogs as they await adoption. They must be pot-

ty trained and taught basic obedience, bite inhibition, and how to be well-behaved members of the household. Puppies require more resources in terms of time and energy than mature dogs. Homeward Bound is fortunate to have generous, committed fosters willing to take in one or more puppies, or even a litter. We have an experienced, talented certified training instructor who helps get them started on



their manners and obedience. And of course, we have a wonderful vet who works with dedication and utmost commitment to provide the care needed to give them a healthy start.

So 2017 was the Year of the Puppy. We are happy to have helped so many adorable youngsters get started on happy new lives. We are able to do what we do because you care enough to support us by donating to **Double the Gold Challenge**.



Irish's Litter

All donations made during the **Double The Gold Challenge**, which runs during the months of April and May, will be doubled by our **Fund of Love** matching fund. It's an easy way to turn every dollar you donate into two!

Puppies Galore!

2017 turned out to be the Year of the Puppy at Homeward Bound! We took in puppies of all description, some healthy and some not—ticks, worms, malnutrition, moms needing surgery, we saw it all. We are able to give these puppies and moms the care they need because of your support. Your donation to **Double the Gold Challenge** ensures that we are able to continue responding when the need arises. 100% of the funds received during the **Double the Gold Challenge** will be dedicated to our medical expenses. Your donation of any size is a huge help!

Ooldes of Doodles!



Just hours after the last of Irish's littler was adopted, a litter of six 10-week old male doodles arrived. They were all underweight, had not been provided medical care, were covered in fleas and stunk to high heaven. After a quick meal, they all got bathed. One developed seizures, but we got him on meds right away and he's doing well—no more seizures. They are all adopted and doing great!

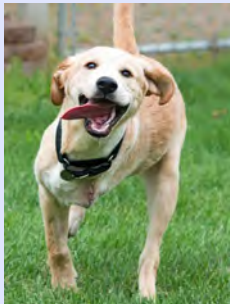
Journey/aka Charli



Our president, Jody, happened to be at our vet's office when a woman was there trying to find a home for an adorable mix puppy. The woman's son had brought the puppy home and was about to leave for college, leaving Mom stuck with an unwanted puppy. Journey was not your run-of-the-mill puppy. She was a handful!

After a couple of failed adoptions, she went to "boot camp" at a foster home where she had an older doggie role model. She went to school at Homeward Bound and was exposed to other dogs who corrected her over-the-top style of play. Finally, the perfect family came along and they are absolutely in love with this little girl, who is now known as Charli.

Edamame/Eddie



This happy youngster came to us from China. He had apparently been hit by a car, and his leg had healed at a 90-degree angle. As he grew, the painful limb was in jeopardy of snapping, so our vet thought it best to amputate the leg. It's tough to put a youngster through something so traumatic at such a young age, but it was necessary in order to protect him from further pain down the road. Eddie bounced right back after surgery, and in no time, he was up and playing with the big dogs. He was returned after his initial adoption; he needed to be an only dog. He was then adopted to the perfect family for him and is living his happy ever after!



Irish Momma and babies



Irish Momma and her litter of eight came to us as a stray. She had been taken in by some well-meaning people who didn't realize she was pregnant. When the puppies were born, they surrendered her to a shelter, along with her brand new babies. They all came to Homeward Bound when the puppies were four weeks old. Momma had a previously broken leg that had not healed well. Despite her obvious discomfort, she was an amazing mom. Unfortunately, the shelter is not a good place for a nursing mom and her babies; they all developed kennel cough, which is hard on an adult dog, but potentially fatal for puppies. She had to be separated from them between five and six weeks. Our volunteers weaned them and fed them baby food and mush until they were ready to eat puppy food. They were treated for kennel cough, from which they all happily recovered. Homeward Bound provided surgery for Irish as soon as she was strong enough to go through it. Her leg was repaired and she is much more comfortable. The family all stays connected in a Facebook group, and one of the puppies has been attending puppy class with Homeward Bound's trainer, Kathryn Baines.

Casie

Casie has been through a lot at her young age. She was taken to a shelter after being confiscated from a hoarding situation. She was adopted from the shelter, but surrendered to Homeward Bound three weeks later. The family was not prepared for a destructive puppy and had no safe place to keep her. Although she was frightened, she was sweet and was quickly adopted. But resource-guarding behavior soon surfaced. She was guarding not just food and toys, but also people. So back she came, more frightened than ever. She has come a long way at Homeward Bound. She LOVES play group and has had a series of favorite canine pals who have, sadly for her, all gone home.

We are looking for a special foster situation to work on the resource guarding. Ideally, a dog-savvy single person with one dog (dogs give her confidence) who can give us more insight into her guarding issues.



Lady Godiva and Puppies

This stunningly beautiful young chocolate lab and her litter apparently came from a backyard breeder. Just days after giving birth, she was hit by a car. The owners could not pay for surgery to repair her injured leg, so they were facing the painful decision to euthanize her. A kind vet offered to give her the surgery for her broken leg, provided the puppies stayed with Mom. A few days after her surgery, for which Homeward Bound picked up the tab, the family



surrendered Lady Godiva and her puppies. She was a fantastic mom who nursed and weaned her litter while recovering from her own surgery. The puppies were successfully adopted and Lady Godiva went to her new home with one of our volunteers.



The dogs shown here are just a few of the many that have received medical care in the past year at Homeward Bound. In 2017, although we took in 15% fewer dogs than in 2016, our vet costs continued to climb to \$255,000, approximately \$8,000 more than in 2016. In addition to hundreds of vaccinations heartworm tests, and routine exams and bloodwork, we provided 141 spay/neuter surgeries, treated four dogs with kidney disease, treated one diabetic dog, one puppy with hydrocephalus (he's doing great); treated four dogs with seizures, one liver shunt, one bilateral ear surgery, treated six heart issues, including murmurs. We treated four blind dogs, including surgeries, treated five dogs for heartworm disease or Lyme disease. We had six dogs with ACL issues, provided surgeries for three broken legs and removed multiple tumors.



Every dog that comes to Homeward Bound receives some amount of vet care. 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 healthy new lives. 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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Golden thanks from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support.

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