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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

The **Double the Gold Challenge** is now underway! Big-hearted donors have committed a \$65,000 **Fund of Love** that stands ready to match every dollar we raise during this Challenge. We rely on the combined campaigns to cover the majority of our medical costs for the dogs this year. Your support makes this possible, so please give generously!

Alexandra Ormond has been rescuing dogs in China for 17 years. Our volunteer, Susan DeGroat greets the dogs at SFO. Read about their special bond created through rescue in "To Alex with Love."

Dogs and kids make great companions – but successful introductions are essential. Learn the do's and don'ts in "Teach Your Children Well" on page 8.

Dogs can teach us about a life well lived. Read "What My Dog Taught Me About Aging" on page 6.

And mark your calendars! Join us May 20th for the Reunion and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. And save Saturday, September 29th for a new and special Kibble & Bids™ at Cielo Winery this year. Details on page 10. We look forward to 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!



To Alex With Love

BY: Susan DeGroat

Homeward Bound's reach extends beyond our state – and even our country. As we can, we work with trusted partners to bring dogs to safety from Korea and China. One of our contacts, Alexandra Ormond, has been rescuing animals throughout China for 17 years helping dogs like recently arrived Farley, Faraday, Felix, and Tommy.

In 2004, Alex moved from her Canadian homeland to Shanghai where she established her rescue group with one goal in mind: to save any animal in need. Homeward Bound's relationship with Alex is one of mutual respect and admiration which continues to deepen and grow with each interaction.

I often meet and transport these China dogs from San Francisco Airport to the safety of Homeward Bound. During our latest text-a-thon regarding the arrival of four beauties last month, I mentioned to Alex that I don't know why I feel so unmeasurably happy when I transport these special dogs. Her response was immediate; you are taking them away from their fear and suffering, and bringing them to love and safety. Her words were

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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 2018
79
VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2018
\$52, 685



A Message From Our President

It's an overused phrase – but still true. It takes a village. Coming together is one thing. We are all driven by our common desire to help dogs in need. But staying together, working together, and supporting the effort – well, that's a whole other thing. It takes diligence, endurance, an awful lot of hard physical and emotional work, not to mention the support of good friends to keep this effort we call 'rescue' moving forward. It cannot be done alone.

Inside these pages, you will read about the financial support recently lent to us by Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue of Ventura County, Golden Retriever Senior Rescue Sanctuary and Educational Center, and the generous bequest of Richard Weinberg. You'll see the results of your own fundraising in the **Double the Gold** stories and an update about the new trailer purchased from funds raised at last year's Kibble and Bids™ event. And you will read Susan's story of the profound bond shared by volunteer rescuers a half world apart. There is no way to capture all of the effort and support that I am so grateful for in a single – or even 18 years' worth of newsletters. Think about it. Let it soak in. 18 years of persistence, dedication, and working together to help more than 8,800 dogs on their journeys home. It continues to amaze me. I hope that you will join us at the Reunion and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic this month so I can express my gratitude in person.

When Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue closed after the loss of their founder, it was a reminder to all of us that this effort can never rely on a single individual. At the urging of our board of directors, I have purposefully taken a small step back to let others step forward and learn. So if you hear "I dunno, what do YOU think we should do?" come from me – it's not that I don't know. And it's certainly not that I don't care. It's that I want us to build the strongest village possible so we will always be here for the dogs.

On behalf of the dogs that need us - my heartfelt thanks are offered with my sincere amazement at all that we have created together.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President



Richard and Judy
with Bosley

A Lasting Legacy For The Dogs

As the years pass, we say goodbye not only to our canine friends but sadly - our human ones, as well. Recently, we learned of the passing of a long-time friend, adopter, and supporter of Homeward Bound, Richard Weinberg. Over the years, the support of Richard and his wife, Judy, made a life-changing difference to countless dogs on their journeys home. And so we should not have been surprised that, in his passing, Richard still thought of the dogs - leaving a significant gift from his estate to Homeward Bound.

"The gift is a token of our appreciation for the dedication and compassion of the many volunteers who make it possible for HBGRR to continue rescuing and caring for so many innocent, sick and helpless

dogs," Judy relayed to us. "We hope this gift will inspire others to donate to HBGRR in this way."

Featured above is a photo of Richard and Judy with their beloved Bosley. "We adopted him in 2002 and were blessed to be with him for 12 years," wrote Judy. "Bosley passed in 2014. We have ever since been grateful to Homeward Bound for this wonderful gift."

Richard understood the impact that our mission of rescue and adoption has on Golden lives and families. We are so grateful to him and to Judy for including Homeward Bound in their estate plan.

Estate or planned gifts to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue are excellent opportunities to create a legacy ensuring that more Golden lives are saved. 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 Retrievers in need will find a second chance at life.

Download our website Guide to Giving under "How to Help" to determine the right approach for you - providing current or future benefits to yourself, your heirs, and to the Golden Retrievers in our care.



Guide to Giving: Estate Planning & Charitable Giving



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Here's Your Opportunity To Double The Gold!

Each year, in early spring, a small group of donors step up to build a fund for the medical care of the dogs. Then we turn to you – because every dollar raised through the **Double the Gold Challenge** is matched by their **Fund of Love** – doubling the impact of each gift!

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Who doesn't love a warm, fluffy, sweet puppy? Those endearing youngsters and their puppy breath melt our hearts. At Homeward Bound we love puppies too, and we welcome them no matter what their needs. In 2017, we had them by the bushel! If 2018 is the Year of the Dog – 2017 was the Year of the Puppy! In a 12-month period, we took in 55 of the little fur-balls.

Even healthy puppies require enormous resources and expensive care: de-worming, vaccinations, microchips, spay/neuter, and - of course - lots of food, cleaning, training and attention. In 2017, we saw many puppies with special medical needs including heart murmurs, severe malnutrition, seizures, worm infestations, and

even a mangled limb. Two of the moms who arrived with them required surgery for broken bones.

Puppies come to us for all reasons: some are purchased and adopted from shelters and subsequently surrendered when their adorableness turns to normal teenage destruction. Some come from puppy mills or backyard breeders because they could not be sold. All depend on us to help them get to a forever home. Here are just a few of their stories:

### Irish and Her Litter

Irish was a stray that had been taken in by well-meaning people who didn't realize she was expecting. When her puppies were born, she and her babies were surrendered to a shelter and scooped up by Homeward Bound. Irish 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 at

just under five weeks. Our volunteers successfully weaned and fed them. They were treated for kennel cough, from which they all thankfully recovered. When they were ready, they were adopted to loving homes - and so was Irish after surgery to repair her leg. Homeward Bound provided her surgery as soon as she was strong enough to go through it.

### The Doodle Boys

Just hours after the last of Irish's litter was adopted, a litter of six 10-week-old boy doodle pups arrived. They were all malnourished, had not been provided medical care, were covered in fleas and stunk to high heaven. With medical care, good food – and baths! – they quickly rebounded. One developed seizures after going home, but our vet treated him right away and he now appears to be seizure-free. They return frequently for puppy play dates.



### Eddie

Eddie came to us all the way 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 sure to snap, so our vet thought it best to amputate. It's tough to put a youngster through something so traumatic but Eddie bounced back quickly, and in no time, he was up and playing with the big dogs. A great family full of kids fell in love with our little tripod. He could not be more loved.



### A Girl Named Journey

Journey was not your run-of-the-mill puppy. At a very young age, she had already been passed around and missed some critical socialization time with littermates. After a couple of failed adoptions, she went to "boot camp" at a foster home where she had an older doggie role model. She also went to puppy 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.



### Casie

Casie had been through a lot at a very young age. She was rescued from a hoarding situation and taken to a shelter. Her first adopters were unprepared for puppy destruction and her timid behavior. They surrendered her to Homeward Bound. Quickly adopted, resource-guarding issues soon surfaced. So back she came, more frightened than ever. It took weeks of work for her to feel safe and begin to display her true personality. And it was worth it because Casie is home now with a mom who offers patience, kindness and love.



### Lady Godiva and Her Pups

Just days after Lady Godiva gave birth, she was hit by a car. The backyard breeders wanted to euthanize, but a kind vet offered to give her the surgery for her broken leg provided the puppies stayed with Mom. We covered the cost of the surgery and Lady Godiva and her litter came to Homeward Bound. She was a fantastic mom who nursed and weaned her little ones while recovering from her own surgery. Lady Godiva and her pups are all adopted now and home.

These are just a few of the many that came through our doors and received the care and medical attention they needed last year. In 2017, our vet costs exceeded \$255,000. In addition to hundreds of vaccinations, heartworm tests, and routine exams and blood work, we provided 141 spay/neuter surgeries, and treated others for kidney disease, diabetes, hydrocephalus, seizures, bilateral ear surgery, eye surgeries, heartworm and Lyme disease, and provided surgeries for ACL issues, broken legs and tumors. **And we could not do it without you.**

### You Can Help!

Making a donation to Homeward Bound during our **Double the Gold Challenge** will help provide hundreds of dogs rescued this year with the best care we can give them on their journey to a wonderful forever home and a life filled with good health and love.

Please give generously to support Homeward Bound in its mission. **Every dollar donated during the months of April and May will be matched by waiting Fund of Love** - and will be 100% dedicated to veterinary expenses for the wonderful dogs who desperately need all of us.



On behalf of all of the puppies and the dogs - **Thank You!**



## HOW TO HELP US "DOUBLE THE GOLD!"

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Complete the authorization on the envelope, or...

### Donate securely online by credit card or PayPal:

Visit our website at:

[www.homewardboundgoldens.org](http://www.homewardboundgoldens.org) and click on "Double the Gold Challenge."



# What My Dogs Have Taught Me About Aging

BY: Judy Kent

After retiring from business, I cared for my mom through Alzheimer's and dementia. That led me to a retirement career working for Elder Care Management of Northern California as a care manager for the elderly. This job brings me to retirement homes and assisted living centers and I've come to realize that there is a lot of truth to the saying that "getting old is not for sissies." When I'm not working, I'm volunteering at Homeward Bound and I realize how much the dogs have to teach us about aging.

Dogs live in the moment and because of that, they teach us so much about living, enjoying life and about aging. They don't know how old they are and they don't save up their energy for retirement or for tomorrow. They live for today. They go to sleep, wake up and are just plain glad to be alive!

I have had the privilege of loving 21 dogs in my life and each one has taught me a different lesson. For example:

## Play like you did when you were a child

Chloe is ten years old and reminds me to play like I did when I was a kid. Each morning on our walk she jumps up on a retaining wall and balances somewhat precariously the way we used to walk on the curbs, trying not to fall. I'm not recommending that we jump up on a wall, but I do recommend doing something that brought us pleasure as a child: sing a silly song, draw a picture, blow bubbles. Relive the carefree feeling of childhood.

## Visit a friend



Judy's Winston

Make the effort to visit a friend. Several of my associates are members of a group called Lend-a-Heart. They train their dogs to visit people in hospitals, nursing homes

man touch and they want it. We all want it. It's our connection and it's important.

## Make new friends

Have you ever watched dogs when they enter a dog park or a play group? They jump right in. A sniff and a lick and they've made a new friend. It's so different for people. After retiring, it can become more difficult to meet people and make new friends. There's no work, no school and it is easy to become isolated. Don't let that happen. Take all the opportunities offered and jump in and make new friends. Join a walking group or a book club. Volunteer (at Homeward Bound)!

## Greet the day

My boy Spencer taught me to greet each day. When he got up in the morning he would do a lap around the yard as if he had just won the Olympics. And maybe he had because he had epilepsy and seizures, and getting to the next day was a joyous occasion for him. Be happy for what you have. Get up and greet the day!

Learn from the dogs, forget about your age and live for today. You'll be much happier!

Photo Insert: Judy's Chloe



and retirement facilities. It brings great joy to the people they visit. As humans, we need company and visiting a friend will have a positive impact on both of you.

## The power of touch

When you visit a friend, give them a hug, touch their arm, hold their hand. My Golden Retrievers all have what's known as the golden nudge. They use their nose to push my arm and they touch my hand. They understand the importance of hu-

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spot-on. These dogs are mostly strays who end up in public pounds, or are found by compassionate souls who contact Alex's rescue which is operated out of her home. Not having a facility like Homeward Bound, Alex is dependent on the abundant generosity and kindness of foster families who love and care for these traumatized dogs until a rescue partner or the perfect home is found. When that partner is Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary, the amount of time that goes into organizing, implementing and receiving approval to transport multiple dogs overseas is enormous. Alex's work is endless. Rescue is hard work – but rescue in China and Korea is especially so. You have all read the stories; we don't need to repeat them here. Alex's sorrow at not being able to save them all is thankfully balanced by the joy of saving so many. Her heart is boundless in its capacity to love and to hold and care for so much.

My first favorite part of transporting these dogs to Homeward Bound is just before opening the van door upon arrival. I text Alex to say "safely here!" The other favorite part is the exquisitely happy greeting the dogs receive from the volunteers. We take each of them to a yard, where they get to relieve themselves with dignity after an 18-hour journey, run on the grassy lawns, and enjoy a much-needed drink of water. After they have assessed their surroundings and we determine they are comfortable enough to have a person near them, I take out my phone and send pictures to Alex. I am sure that I feel her relief, gratitude, and tears through my phone. And when these precious dogs



Farley, Faraday, Felix, and Tommy Leaving Shanghai Pudong Airport - Bound for SFO

go to their forever homes, Alex receives another series of photos - of hope fulfilled and tremendous joy

We at Homeward Bound are sometimes asked why the rescue takes in dogs

from other countries when our own country has so many who are homeless; a very good question indeed. In recent years, there has been a noticeable decline in the amount of Golden Retrievers in need of

rescue thanks to a stronger economy which allows people to hold on to their homes, and greater awareness and education about responsible breeding and pet ownership. Homeward Bound extends its mission to Golden mixes and "gold-at-heart" dogs. But if we have empty "dorm rooms," we want to fill them with waiting dogs in need. So when the request comes in from Alex, and there is space available, we welcome the chance to help her extraordinary dogs.

Someday, I hope to meet Alex - although in many ways I feel as if I already have. The relationship that has developed between Alex and Homeward Bound (and between Alex and me) is so exceptional and valued. We are bonded by our shared and passionate commitment to rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming dogs in need - as well as our everlasting, forever love for every canine.

To Alex with love - from all of us at Homeward Bound. Thank you for everything you do every day - no matter what.

Photo Insert: Molly is welcomed to her new home in America by "mom" Ann.

Alexandra Ormond is the founder of the nonprofit Los Santos Animal Rescue in China. If you would like to help, you can reach her at: [santosanimalrescue@gmail.com](mailto:santosanimalrescue@gmail.com).



# Dogs & Kids: Teach Your Children Well

BY: Kathryn Baines and Audrey Farrington

Dogs and children can make great companions. Children can learn empathy, life lessons, and responsibility by caring for the family dog. But children can also be very threatening to dogs. Think of it – because of their height; a small child is literally “in a dog’s face.” Children are erratic and loud. They can squeeze, poke, pull, trip over and chase the poor dog. And they are not in tune with an animal’s body language until they grow older. A dog may growl or posture to express discomfort or to warn. If the signal is missed, a snap or bite can ensue scarring children physically and emotionally for life. It can have deadly consequences for the dog as well.

It should be said that not all dogs love children. Some dogs have a fear of small children especially if they have had little or negative exposure to them. Most dogs are wary of staring, sudden movements, and of high-pitched screams, all of which are typical of small children.

Whether you are introducing a dog into your home or simply preparing your children to greet dogs correctly, here’s how to make the experience safe and rewarding.

### What you should do.

- Supervise. Dog and child interactions should be supervised at all times.
- Teach your child that petting should always be gentle and kind.
- Teach your child how to greet a dog safely. First - always ask the dog’s owner if it is OK to pet the dog. Second (and equally important) always ask the dog. Do this by standing sideways, do not



stare down the dog, put their hand low and palm down letting the dog decide if it wants to interact.

- If the dog chooses to interact, have the child pet the dog gently under the chin – not over the dog’s head which can be threatening. Have the child pet briefly, then stop and see if the dog asks to be pet again. It is important that children learn to respect the wishes of the dog.

- When approached by an unknown or loose dog, teach your child to stand still and calm, fold their arms in and stare at the ground until the dog goes away. Running and screaming may trigger a prey response.

- Teach yourself to read dog body language to recognize the early stages of discomfort and be ready to intervene if you feel the situation is even remotely uncomfortable. Move the dog to a location where it feels more secure and comfortable.

- Involve your children in the dog’s care by participating in age-appropriate activities. Your children will learn responsibility and respect for the dog.

### What not to do.

- Never assume your child and dog can be left alone together without supervision.

- Never bother a dog that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies. A dog can react aggressively when guarding, startled, or protecting its young.

- Do not let a child ‘ride’ a dog, tease, or get in its face. Pulling ears, whiskers, tail or any other body part is off limits. Dogs are not toys. If the dog is uncomfortable, find him a safe, quiet space away.

- Don’t let your child rush up to a dog they do not know. Even if the dog’s owner says it is ok to approach their dog, the child should always learn to ask the dog first.

- If a dog growls, try not to punish the growl. Growling is a valuable communication tool letting you know that the dog is uncomfortable. Punishing a dog for growling doesn’t change their emotions. It just creates a dog that does not give important verbal warnings before it bites.

By teaching your children how to behave around dogs, you are setting the stage for their future relationships with animals. Teach them respect, empathy, and patience, and it may well be returned with a best friend for life.

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# Special Gifts from Special Friends

We recently received a significant contribution from our friends at Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue of Ventura County. The nonprofit rescue closed last year after their founder passed. You may recall that the Giants litter was surrendered to them in 2016. Relying on foster, finding a safe place for two adults and their 12 puppies was more than they could handle at one time. They asked for our partnership and we were happy to help. Forever Friends helped to transport mom, dad and the puppies to us and, when they were ready, helped with their placement. Their remaining team members have joined our fold and are now members of our volunteer group providing an important presence for Homeward Bound in Southern California. By law, nonprofits have to transfer any remaining assets to another nonprofit - or the state will pick one for them. Forever Friends selected Homeward Bound.

Our fellow rescuers at the Golden Retriever Senior Rescue Sanctuary and Educational Center (GRSRS&EC) sent a gift to cover the cost of a year’s worth of food for our senior and special needs dogs who reside in sanctuary at Homeward Bound or in permanent foster care. GRSRS&EC’s mission is to provide life-long support for seniors, special needs, and hospice Golden Retrievers rescued



Gracie: A Recipient of GRSRS&EC’s Gift

by their group, approved sanctuaries, and nonprofit Golden Retriever rescue programs nationwide. They have become steadfast friends and supporters of Homeward Bound.

Rescue is not an effort accomplished alone. We are so grateful for the gifts of these organizations in support of the dogs and our shared mission of rescue.

## Your Gifts at Work

Special project funds raised at last year’s Kibble & Bids event have been put to great use. Our board member, Carolyn Unger, had to jump through a lot of hoops, but her hard work paid off when this trailer finally rolled in.

It will serve two purposes: It is being outfitted as a home training center to test the behavior of dogs who come to us with little or no background. We’ll be able

to assess how they behave in a home setting and better prepare them adoption. It will also serve as an isolation unit when needed to ensure that our current residents are protected from any illnesses new dogs may have been exposed to. They will be able to stay in secure, heated and air-conditioned comfort, separated from the rest of the population until it is safe to join the other dogs in our “dorm.”

We’re so grateful to all of you for your support - and to Carolyn for seeing this project through!



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# Save the Date! An Exciting New Kibble & Bids™ 2018!

This year's Kibble & Bids is an all-new experience. We are headed to Cielo Estate Winery in El Dorado County - just off Highway 50 where we will have the facilities to ourselves - and the dogs of course!

Our theme: Year of the (Earth) Dog!  
"In Harmony with the Dogs."

Join us for a late afternoon and early evening event of fine food and drink, amazing live and silent auction offerings, a raffle, and fun activities for all - not to mention our gorgeous Golden Greeters!

Look for all the details on our website soon at: [www.homewardboundgoldens.org](http://www.homewardboundgoldens.org).

We hope to see you there!



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# The Reunion & Volunteer Appreciation Picnics - Combined!

Meet old friends - and new!  
Sunday, May 20th beginning at 11AM.

We hope you can be there as we gather to appreciate our adopters, reunite with Homeward Bound alum, and recognize all of the volunteers who make those "going homes" possible!

Join us at Tahoe Park in Sacramento for a casual day of fun and golden companionship filled with good food, festivities and Golden friends and fun!

All well-behaved HBGRR alumni (and well-behaved humans!) are welcome!

For more information, please email us at [events@homewardboundgoldens.org](mailto:events@homewardboundgoldens.org).

# Youth Leaders Needed!

Through Homeward Bound's Youth Program, we hope to encourage today's youth to become the next generation of rescue. High School youth, 15-18 years of age, get the opportunity to learn new things while making a difference in a dog's life by sharing a bit of themselves. Youths earn community service hours while working with an adult lead, learning all aspects of our operation and caring for the dogs.

This can only happen with committed adult leads to teach and mentor the students at the sanctuary. And right now we have a shortage of adult leads. If you like working with teens and dogs, this may be a great opportunity for you. And don't worry—we will train you!

Youth leaders will work with a team of 4-5 students, once a month. The leader will have a checklist of tasks to be completed and there may be special projects assigned as well. Tasks include walking dogs, cleaning yards, doing laundry and dishes, filling food bowls and cleaning kennels. Sometimes our gardeners are looking for help and there is always time to play with the dogs.



Students will learn the importance of rescue and the satisfaction of volunteering. Leaders will teach them to take direction and to try new things. They will learn about dogs including walking, feeding, grooming and adoptions.

The future of rescue relies on the youth of today. Please help us keep our youth program alive and growing by becoming a Youth Leader. Complete the volunteer application on our website and we'll get you started!

## 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.

*"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

**Double The Gold Challenge - Now Underway!**  
**Reunion & Volunteer Appreciation Picnic - May 20, 2018**  
**Kibble & Bids™ - Sept. 29th at Cielo Winery in El Dorado County**

## 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.
- **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  
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