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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

Homeward Bound rescues Golden Retrievers regardless of their age, health—or the stamp on their passport. For several years, we have played a role in rehoming Golden Retrievers from distant lands once they reach the States. This month, two of our volunteers will travel to China joining a group of rescue organizations to save the lives of 48 Golden Retrievers in desperate need. The story begins with our cover article.

What you see is not always what you get—especially when it comes to evaluating dogs based on their kennel behavior. We take a look at some of those unique behaviors on page 6.

For dogs (or cats) so terrified of a trip to the vet that their care might be neglected, there is a new experience in veterinary care called “Fear Free.” Read about it on page 8.

And 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. This year, we have raised the bar to support the rescue and medical needs of the China Dogs. Please help if you can.

PLEASE PASS ALONG!

You can help us to expand our reach by sharing our newsletter with friends, family and co-workers! Thank you!



China Golden Retrievers: Life Awaits

BY: Audrey Farrington

In March 2016 the San Francisco SPCA reached out to us for support with four of the 64 Golden Retrievers rescued from the Korean meat market by the Humane Society International. The experience changed us, and while we have always made—and will still make—local rescue our priority, our work with the Korea dogs began a conversation that will take us, this month, on a rescue journey to China.

In China, there is a huge demand for adorable Golden puppies. They are bred extensively in puppy mills in the countryside. In the cities, size limitations are placed on pets given the tight quarters that people live in. When a dog reaches 14 inches it can be confiscated by the authorities. As often, it is turned out on the street or stolen. The destination of strays, stolen dogs and some pound dogs: the illicit meat markets.

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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
303

VET EXPENSES IN 2018
\$267,000



A Message From Our President

This month, two of our volunteers will be embarking on a rescue journey to China. For the past several years, we have assisted Taiwanese, Korean, and Chinese Golden Retrievers on a small scale once they have been transported to the United States. This marks the first time that Homeward Bound will join in the rescue effort to bring 48 Golden Retrievers to safety and home.

The decision to increase our involvement was the result of extensive research and discussion among our rescue partners, Homeward Bound board members and volunteers, and our supporters. We needed to be united in our commitment first and foremost to local dogs in need, and we needed to know that—with that assurance—that our supporters saw the need as we do.

We know that we are not changing the culture that creates the issue of abandoned, neglected dogs who end up in horrendous situations. We need to rely on the people of these countries to undertake that work, and we know that many literally risk their lives in this effort. However, in the meantime, there are dogs suffering that need our help. And when we—with your continued support—can do that, we must.

“Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”

That is our goal, and the focus of this year's **Fund of Love** and **Double the Gold Challenge** fundraising: to change the lives of 48 Golden Retrievers (10 of them coming to Homeward Bound) as part of a united rescue effort.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to tackle critical facility needs while still supporting hundreds of dogs each year. This year, our special project is to work with our rescue partners to save 48 dogs from a living hell, heal them medically, physically and emotionally, and deliver them into waiting, loving homes. Please join us. Give whatever you can. No gift is too small. And let's bring them home.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind hearts.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President





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The killing of dogs for meat is illegal in China, yet it happens. It is also not a cultural tradition and there is a rapidly growing outcry against the practice—not only internationally—but from the Chinese people themselves. Please don't paint the Chinese people with a broad brush.

The conditions in which the dogs are kept and the slaughter process is so inhumane we will not share it here. It is something you cannot forget or unlearn and you don't need to see it to know that dogs suffer greatly. Sadly, Golden Retrievers are a favored breed precisely for the reason we love them: because they are so docile and trusting.

Enlightened and dedicated Chinese rescuers on the ground literally put their lives at risk to prevent this practice. They get as many dogs to shelter as possible, but "shelter" is a relative term. Dogs are often kept in open and crowded, unsanitary pens exposed to the elements without medical care and with little hope of a future given their size, medical needs, and a cultural bias against "used" things.

This is where a group of Golden retrievers in the United States, led by Golden Bond Rescue in Oregon, has stepped in to first get a group of 48 Golden Retrievers to indoor shelter in Beijing during the cold winter months, and second, unite to bring them to America.

We are not fooling ourselves. We are not changing a culture. That is the work of people who live and work on the ground there and like all attitude and cultural changes, evolves over time. While that process is underway, there are dogs in extreme and immediate need. We will be leaving this month to bring 10 of them to Homeward Bound.



Airlines only allow dogs to fly during certain windows due to heat and cold concerns. Each group of five dogs must be accompanied by an individual. The average cost per dog to vet and treat medically and transport to the U.S. is \$2,000. This amount includes transporting the dog locally, testing for distemper, parvo, heart worm and internal parasites, microchip, vaccinations (distemper, parvo, bordetella, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and rabies), health certificate and exit documents, airfare, travel crate, plus food and boarding while

in China. Once they arrive in our care, there will be additional costs associated with their medical care and housing while we ensure their health, evaluate them, and prepare them physically and emotionally for adoption just as we did for the Korea dogs.

The dogs that we take in will not displace dogs that we help locally. The truth is the number of homeless Golden Retrievers has gradually declined over the past 10 years due to education, a better economy and effective spay and neuter programs. If you have watched our Available Dog page or visited us, you know that many of the faces in our care are strangely brown, red, white, black and multi-colored. We will continue to welcome these "fool's gold" guests—just as we opened our doors to the Camp Fire dogs.

While we talked about the plight of these distant dogs, we reminded ourselves that our mission has been to rescue, heal and secure loving homes for Golden Retrievers in need—regardless of their age or health—and (we believe you will agree) irrespective of their passport stamp.

They did not ask to be born into a place that cannot provide them with the care, comfort, security and love that they deserve, and they have done nothing to deserve their fate if they remain there.

Can you help us to bring them to safety and help them on their journeys to home? This will be the focus of this year's **Fund of Love and Double the Gold Challenge**. Details are found on the following page.





Help Us Build A Very Special “Fund of Love”

Shortly, two of our volunteers will be joining other Golden Retriever rescue groups on a mission to China. In early November, 48 Golden Retrievers were saved from certain death at a dog meat “farm.” They were first transported to a shelter in Baicheng, China where they spent two months in the frigid cold without veterinary care or healthful food before they could be transported to an enclosed shelter in Beijing.

They made the arduous journey in an unheated container, in metal crates, arriving covered in frost and malnourished. The best veterinary care we could find was ordered but it is far inferior to the care they would have received in the States.

In Beijing, they wait. And their journey is not over.

The dogs will be flown to the United States the beginning of March—each group of five accompanied by a volunteer from a U.S. Golden Retriever Rescue group. Ten will be coming to Homeward Bound. It is one more long and harrowing passage in their journey to safety, health and eventually, home.

The cost of getting each dog to the United States is roughly \$2,000 as we have outlined in the article on page 1. Their needs, once they arrive, will be extensive and cost substantially more. But we are determined to restore their emotional and physical well-being and show them a life they never knew existed.

Why? Because they need us.

Each 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. We don’t ask them for their pedigree; we don’t care if they were surrendered, stray or pulled from a shelter. And we don’t check their passports. Our mission is to rescue, heal, and place Golden Retrievers in loving homes, regardless of their age or health—or the unfortunate situation they were born into.



But we cannot do it without you. Thanks to you, we have built a beautiful facility with capacity that other rescue groups do not have. Our care for these dogs will not impact our ability to continue to serve hundreds of dogs each year just as we were able to respond to the emergency needs of the Camp Fire dogs.

As always, our care for all of the dogs depends 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. This year, we are raising the bar to include our care for the China dogs.

Will you please join us in building this year’s **Fund of Love** to help save the China dogs and provide outstanding care for all of Homeward Bound’s deserving dogs? 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 2018, Homeward Bound rescued 303 dogs and spent \$267,000 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@homeward-boundgoldens.org, or visit our website. On behalf of all of our dogs – our sincere thanks.





With Love, Your Dog

A VALENTINE BY: Christina White

I think back to the days before you came along; I was safe but my nights were lonely and I felt something was wrong.

A constant companion is what I needed to find; somebody generous, faithful, loving and kind.

So I started my search, and it wasn't easy, and I dare to say my tactics might have been cheesy.

I'd sit and I'd watch all the comings and goings, my big brown eyes searching—my golden locks flowing

Then came the day our eyes met the first time, and I knew in an instant you had to Be Mine!

I danced and I trotted, brought you my favorite possessions; I showed you some tricks, things I'd learned from training sessions.

They must have worked because you asked for a date; what brought us together, it had to be fate.

On our first outing we went out for a stroll; in the freshly mowed grass did I roll.

We sat under a tree, I lay my head on your lap; I felt love and comfort, closed my eyes for a nap.

You brought us a lunch in a basket of blue; some chicken for me and a sandwich for you.

Then after we ate it was time to head back; to the rescue we went, our leftovers in a sack.

A volunteer came out and offered to take the leash; you said "that won't be necessary, she's coming with me."

Some papers you signed, a donation of cash; some tears were then shed by my friends in the back.

I walked out that door for the very last time; to your home we went, you said now it was mine.

It's been a few years—to be the perfect dog I have tried; at some of my antics you've laughed, at others you've cried.

Sometimes you're away, so at home I will wait; my tail starts to wag when you come in through the gate.

With cries of delight and a slobbery kiss, it's easy to show you how much you were missed.

We go for walks sometimes tossing a ball; we play in the leaves when the days turn to fall.

But above all else there's this feeling always in the air; something I know that together we share...

it's what I was missing that time before you; an abundance of love that's so simple and true.



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Don't Judge A Dog By Its Kennel Behavior

When it comes to rescue dogs, what you see is not always what you get—in a good way!

The vast majority of dogs who come into our program, settle into the environment within a couple of days and look forward to their time with the volunteers and other dogs while they wait for their forever homes. For some dogs, however, the experience of being surrendered, abandoned or placed in an animal shelter (from which Homeward Bound pulls dogs) can cause or greatly exacerbate existing insecurities or behavior problems negatively impacting the dogs' adoptability. It is critical to identify the cause of the behavior, intervene with a program that supports their emotional health, and to ensure that the right home is secured.

It's a cycle that can be hard to break: An insecure dog loses its home. It may develop or worsen its separation anxiety. Fearful of the kennel environment, it can act out toward other dogs or develop compulsive behaviors due to a lack of socialization. A potential adopter sees this as aggression or hyperactivity and passes. The dogs are kept longer because of their issues which only worsens the problem. Pretty soon, you have a dog that has been labeled "unadoptable."

Even stays at Homeward Bound's "dorm" where the dogs receive significantly more care, attention and exercise can contribute to kennel-induced behavior problems. This is why we developed special teams for these at-risk dogs, and why we incorporated the playgroups into our program.

Separation Anxiety

Dogs that have not learned to cope with separation from their owners or have be-



come overly attached due to continuous access are at increased risk of developing separation anxiety. When they lose their people, they may develop intense and insecure attachments to their new owners. It can be kicked off by long periods of constant togetherness followed by abrupt separation as in the scenario where an adopter stays with the newly adopted dog 24/7 for a lengthy period and then suddenly returns to work or school. Or, a dog that has never been apart from its owner is suddenly boarded.

By creating a schedule of feeding and care, and enrichment programs of walks and play, we can relieve a dog's stress while they are in our care and help it to learn that we will come and go, but always return. In our adoption counseling, we will caution against smothering new dogs with attention their first few days at home and avoiding high contrasts in separation and togetherness time to ensure that your new dog gets off to the right start.

Barrier-related Barking and Aggression and Social Hyper-arousal

Dogs are social animals. When they are housed separately in kennels, they can develop barrier frustration or compulsive behaviors in the form of pacing, circling, bouncing off walls and over-excitement on occasions when the dog finally does get social contact. This is off-putting to

potential adopters who are likely to label a dog "hyperactive" or "aggressive" rather than seeing the dog's behavior as driven partly by its abnormal environment.

Dogs get important information about other beings with their noses and through up-close interaction and investigation. Most dogs, therefore, feel compelled to make social contact when they see a person or dog. In a kennel, a fenced yard, or on-leash, they may repeatedly be unable to do so. The result is barrier-frustration. Barrier frustration behaviors—barking, lunging and aggressively displaying at dogs or people from behind barriers or on-leash—are seen by the dog as "thwarting": physically preventing the dog from acting as it is highly motivated to behave.

Often referred to as "reactivity," the behavior stems from fear not dominance. If a dog is punished for this behavior by further isolation or begins to associate other dogs' responses as aggression, a cycle can develop which can make the dog's behavior worse. A dog that is starved for socialization and displays compulsive behaviors can be seen by a potential adopter as hyperactive and unmanageable.

At Homeward Bound, we have seen both of these behaviors greatly improve or disappear when dogs are well-matched and carefully introduced in playgroups. When

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the barrier to other dogs is removed, and dogs are given a safe opportunity to interact, all of that energy is redirected to healthy play. The positive interactions, associations, and exercise reduce stress in the kennels and give us a view of an entirely different dog inside.

Again, choosing the right family, counseling, and continued training and socialization make all the difference in the dog's ability to return to a more secure and well-adjusted version of itself. Surprisingly, the right dog sibling can also make a world of difference to a dog that others might have labeled as only being able to be a solo dog.

We work to understand, evaluate and provide for each dog's emotional as well as physical needs, and to ensure that we make good matches for people and dogs. We can help potential adopters see the true dog inside beyond their current environment.

What You Can Do

At home, regular training and socialization teach a dog how to behave during a kennel visit, travel environment, dog introduction, or veterinary trip giving the dog a sense of partial control over a potentially stress-filled situation. Doing so will not only strengthen your relationship and bond with your dog but help you to bring out the best version of themselves in safety and love.



A Change To Our Adoption Process

Our adoption process has evolved over time. Late last fall, we made a change to our process as it relates to prior adopters. We now ask that new and previous adopters complete an application on our website. Why? A lot may have changed in your household or in the type of dog you are now looking for. Kids may have grown up and moved away. You may have retired or started a new job. You may have other four-legged members of your family that you did not have before whose acceptance of a new fur friend needs to be considered.

The adoption application will provide all of this updated information to us, and it will flow into our system where it can be

viewed by our office staff should you call to check on availability of dogs that match your requirements and by our adoption counselors before you come out to meet dogs. If your home has not changed since your last adoption, a home visit will not be required. If you have moved to a new home, we may request a home visit or photos, just as we do with new adopters.

Previously, prior adopters were allowed to call us to inquire about available dogs. The result was our staff having to walk through your needs each time you called, and something important could too easily be overlooked. This updated process is not meant to be burdensome or to slow things down, but to help us to make the best match for you and the dog. And, at the end of the day, that's the best thing for you and your new companion. Thank you for your understanding!

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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Fear Free: A New Veterinary Experience

BY: Audrey Farrington

Some dogs actually enjoy their trip to the vet. Most have no issue. But others are absolutely terrified to the point of their owners avoiding medical care until something becomes an emergency. By then, it is even harder to calm and handle the dog putting it, and others, at risk.

A transformation is underway in veterinary care. It is called Fear Free: a movement to see that the emotional well-being of animals is respected equally with their physical well-being through handling and new ways of thinking about the vet environment. The goal of Fear Free is to keep the degree of stress as low as possible to prevent it from expanding to outright anxiety or fear.

As a philosophy and practice, it does not begin and end at the veterinary office. It can be adopted by rescues, shelters, foster homes, and forever homes as well. How do you know if your dog is afraid, anxious or stressed? The signs include including 'whale eye' (where dogs show the whites of their eyes), panting, licking, hiding, tucked tail, and defensive aggression like growling or hissing.

Putting a fearful or stressed dog in restraints or demanding obedience is about our control over them. The result can be to reinforce the unwanted behavior. Instead, veterinarians, rescue and shelter workers, and owners are increasingly understanding the importance of "listening" to the dog and waiting to gain their consent. Through the signs listed above, dogs tell us when they are uncomfortable. By making a few simple adjustments, we can give them more control over what happens to them, thus building confidence and positive associations.



A typical veterinary practice is full of bright lights, metal surfaces, strange smells, loud noises and barking or meowing animals. If the animal has a negative experience, just returning to the facility with its sights, smells and sounds can trigger fear, anxiety and stress.

Increasingly, veterinarians are becoming certified in Fear Free practices—either individually or for their entire practices. Owners can help. Here are some of the basics:

Condition your pet to enjoy the visit

Bring your pet to the vet's office when it doesn't need care just to say 'hi,' get a treat, and get fussed over. Bring them when they are hungry, so they respond better to the food reward. This will help to build a positive association and a foundation of trust.

Slip-Free Surfaces

Placing small dogs or puppies on metal tables can be frightening. Vets who sense this are increasingly open to exams on the floor or in the owner's lap.

New Environment

For dogs that already have a negative connection with the exam room, your vet may want to think outside the box and even consider an outdoor examination.

Consider the Senses

A dog possesses up to 300 million olfactory receptors in its nose. Smells in a veterinary office could affect a pet's demeanor. Slamming doors, barking dogs, and loud voices or public address announcements can add to the stress of an already anxious animal. Calming music and scents near the kennels of boarded animals or exam rooms can mitigate some of the anxiety.

Make Positive Associations

Animals are motivated by food, so Fear Free encourages veterinarians to offer treats throughout the exam. The vet may begin by placing a treat near the dog to create a positive initial impression without getting too close when first entering the room.

Eliminate the Waiting Room

Whether you are a dog or a human, wait rooms can cause stress. Whenever possible, get dogs immediately into an exam room. If the practice does not have enough empty rooms, consider waiting outside or in your car with the dog (weather permitting) and having the office staff text you when the exam room is ready.

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The Fear Free Scale

Veterinarians who have adopted Fear Free protocols are familiar with the Fear, Anxiety and Stress (FAS) scale outlining degrees of stress from zero to five with zero meaning that the animal exhibits no sign of FAS, and Levels four and five describing behaviors from tail tucking and attempts to escape to outright signs of aggression. Vets that have adopted Fear Free practices will call off the visit at these levels to avoid lasting emotional harm to the dog and attempt to address the dog's needs through alternative means.

With Fear Free practices, veterinarians are rethinking their approach to pet examinations and transforming the patient-client appointment experience. Engaging pet owners in the Fear Free experience and providing them with easy solutions and guidance can enhance the experience for all concerned supporting your dog's emotional and physical well-being.

Letters From Home

Molly came in with a male sibling, but it was apparent that they didn't get along all that well. In fact, Molly didn't get along with any dogs well. To our surprise, she had no issue with cats. Good thing. She went home as the only dog of a cat rescuer and is doing great!



Molly is doing so good. She still growls if the cats get too close but they are getting used to not going around her for the most



part. She doesn't react to any dogs when we are walking around the block, so that is definitely nice. She is a wonderful girl! So loving; so very smart; and I love her. She loves her belly rubs. She has met all the neighbors and they love her. I am very, very, grateful for her. She has fit into my household much more easily than I would ever have thought.

Happy New Year! ~ Dana J.

Surrendered from a hoarding situation, Ellie, now Spring, found a whole new life!



Just an update on Ellie (formerly Spring) who is still living her best life with us. We are so grateful to have our best friend with us now for over two years! We couldn't be happier that you matched her to us. ~ Samantha S.

Jesse was adopted in 2017 and returned several months later for "misbehavior." Sometimes, you just have to find the right fit:



It was exactly one year yesterday that we adopted a black lab, Jesse, from your organization. We have "found" the sweetest ever girl who is also very clever and energetic! Although she came with a couple of problems and can be aggressive toward other dogs, she has evolved into such an absolute love. We are grateful for the work you put into making her adoptable and when the time is right, we will look to you for another dog.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ~ John & Bonnie T.

It's A Wrap!

You Lit Up The Homeward Bound Giving Tree!

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

Each star, snowflake, toy, package, decoration, and light represents a gift made in honor or in memory of a special someone—two-legged, or four. Each gift makes a life-changing difference to dogs in need.

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. This year, was no exception and you exceeded our wildest expectations! Your gifts raised a record \$123,000 to support the dogs of Homeward Bound, critically needed funds given our investment in updating our kennel floors in 2018.

Thanks to your generosity, we know that we can help hundreds of dogs 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! On behalf of the dogs and all of our volunteers, we offer our sincere thanks. Your gifts have decked our kennels with love.



Planned Giving: A Golden Legacy

You know that sharing your life with any dog is a blessing. Sharing your life with a rescued dog is doubly so. Our mission of rescue, adoption and sanctuary changes Golden **and** human lives.

By including Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary in your estate or planned giving, you create a legacy ensuring that more Golden lives are saved. And don't forget your own pets. Providing for them in your estate plan is 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.

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 retrievers in our care. You can also download our Pet Guardianship form, entrusting your dogs' care to Homeward Bound in the event that you or your family members can no longer be there for them. You will find both on our website under "How to Help."

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Save The Date!

Spring is a time of new beginnings, but each new season is built on the cherished memories of the past. This spring, when the Homeward Bound Memorial Garden is in full first bloom and the sun begins to lower in the sky, we will take a moment together to light a candle and remember the dogs we have loved and lost.

We come from all walks of life, but we are bound to each other through a shared love of dogs and a special commitment to those who have found a second chance through our mission of rescue. Some of their names are inscribed in bricks along our Memorial Path; all of their names are etched in our hearts.

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

You get the same great Amazon experience and prices - and the doggies earn 0.5% on each purchase! What a simple

We are just beginning our planning, but we hope that you will save the date and join us for this very special early evening. Look for details on our website, coming soon.

Please join us!
Homeward Bound Memorial Service: All Dogs Go To Heaven
Saturday, May 4, 6-8PM in the Homeward Bound Memorial Garden

way to give at no cost to you! You will find all the details on our website under "How To Help."



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Dates To Remember

The Fund of Love Campaign Launches this month!
Homeward Bound Memorial Garden Service, May 4
Reunion Picnic, May - Stay Tuned for Date

Help Wanted

Volunteer Positions Currently in High Demand:

- **Feeders:** A dog's best friend and so rewarding!
- **Walkers:** Build bonds of trust through walking, playing, training, and grooming. Help prepare the dogs for their forever homes.
- **Youth Coordinator:** Help lead the next generation of rescue.
- **Foster Coordinator:** Short and long term opportunities for dogs with special needs to be home.

Our Golden Wish List

You can also shop our **Amazon Wish List**. You'll find the link on our website!

For Our Goldens:

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Large Pill Pockets
Dog Cookies
Rubber-backed Rugs
Petco & PetSmart Gift Cards

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Pooper Scoopers

Facilities Supplies

Lowes or Home Depot Gift Cards

For Landscaping & Our Memorial Garden

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