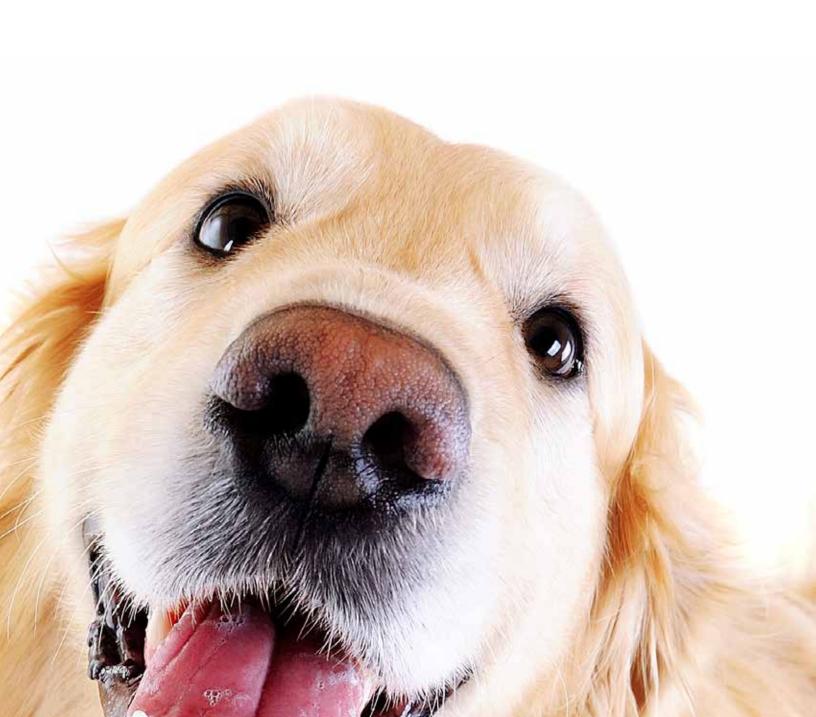
YEAR OF DOG





dogs entered our program in 2018, the

Year of the Dog according to the Chinese zodiac. A few more crossed our doors but quickly found their way home again. And more than 100 received ongoing support as part of our Permanent Foster program. They came in all shapes, sizes and colors—some golden, yellow, black, brown, red, white, grey and spotted because when we have the ability to help, we must.

- Some came to us for redemption; others for healing.
- Some arrived with carry-on puppies; some were surrendered, lost or abandoned. Most lost their humans through no fault of their own.
- They came from near and far: from Paradise, CA to China.
- All came searching for that place called home.
- There were touching reunions, miracle saves, and so many happy "going home" days.
- They challenged us to learn more and be better—and occasionally left us broken-hearted.
- But we were better for knowing each and every one of them.
- These are just a few of their faces. Many more are etched in our minds and hearts.
- To our volunteers, partners, supporters, and friends: take pride in knowing that we helped them on their journeys of second chances, home, sanctuary, and peace.
- With our sincere thanks and appreciation—and our commitment to making each and every year "The Year of the Dog."





To Old and New Friends of Homeward Bound

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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In 2018, another 303 dogs were helped on their journeys to home while we continued to support more than 100 dogs in permanent foster care. Each was as unique as their stories and paths to us. From shelters, surrender or stray; displaced from the Camp Fire that ravaged Northern California, or transported to us all the way from China. Young and old, sick or well, and in a host of colors and sizes. Our mission is to rescue and heal Goldens and Golden mixes, but our doors are open to their gold-at-heart friends whenever we have the capacity because we know that you believe, as we do, that all dogs' lives are worth saving.

The year brought a host of unexpected surprises: major repairs and untimed investments that were either urgently needed or most cost-effective to tackle immediately. With your support, we got through it, resulting in a repaired roof, new gutters, and all new kennel flooring, plus a new puppy space, repair of our septic system, and installation of a trailer that can provide medical isolation when needed—all investments for the health and well-being of the dogs.

We pinched pennies and tightened our belts. But it was your generosity that saw us through and helped us right the ship by the end of the year. When we explained these needs and our welcoming of the Camp Fire dogs on top of them, you responded. I am grateful beyond words.

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." ~ Vincent Van Gogh

Together, we created an extraordinary place of rescue, healing, sanctuary, and hope that has helped more than 9,000 dogs on their journeys to home.

When Mike and I founded Homeward Bound, I had a dream in my mind, but no clear plan for how to get there except sheer determination and a belief that it could be done. While my focus was firmly on saving the dog (or dogs!) that needed us that day, something magical grew up around us. Others believed. They joined in. Nearly 20 years later, I look at all that has been accomplished and know that the vision requires a plan beyond today's needs. Within, you will read about the plans that Mike and I have put in place for Homeward Bound's future, safeguarding this extraordinary place for tomorrow's dogs and the next generation of rescue.

When we began this effort, it was just the two of us. Now, an army of tireless volunteers supports the effort. But ensuring that the dream remains reality sometimes takes special expertise. To that end, we have welcomed five new members to our board for 2019, each bringing unique experience and skills.

They have volunteered their talents, joining the more than 200 active volunteers who keep our operation running bringing dogs to safety, feeding, bathing, walking, and training, healing emotionally and physically, and providing loving matches, while countless supporters ensure that we can keep our promise of safety and sanctuary or home.

Each and every one of you makes a life-changing difference for a dog in need – by volunteering, fostering, adopting, and championing our effort. Our dream would not have become a reality without you. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Jody Jones, President

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc.

Our Mission. Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and 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 Goldens 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.



2018 of A Look Back

While every year is the year of the dog at Homeward Bound, 2018 will be remembered for a growing trend, remarkable transformations, touching going homes, and welcoming dogs from near and far.





The Year of the Young Dog

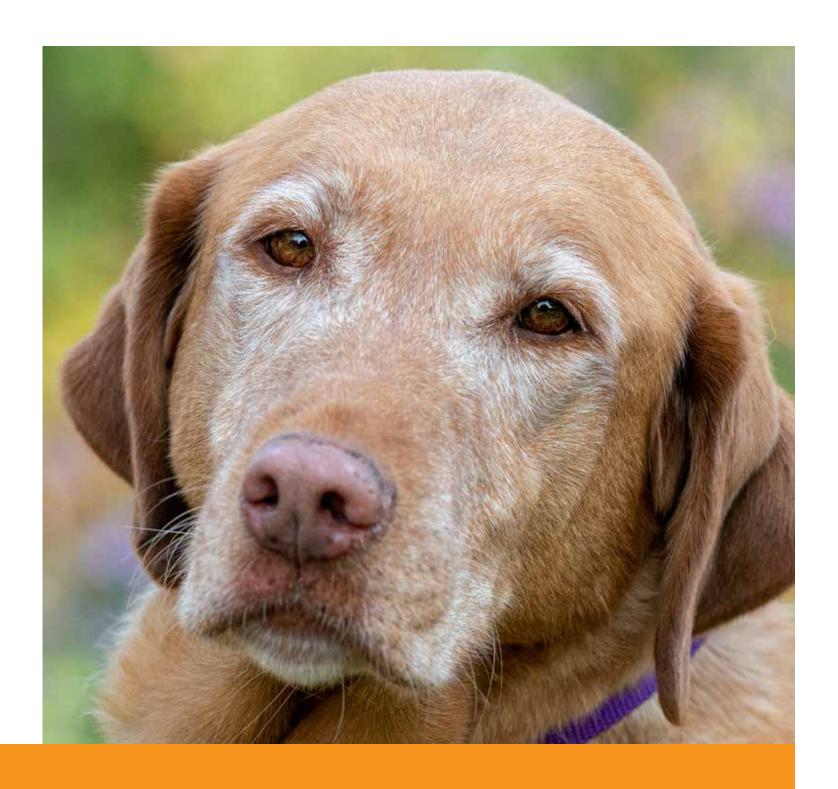
For the past few years, approximately a third of the dogs that have come into our program (excluding puppies) have been under the age of one. It's a surprising statistic for our rescue in particular and points to the need for increased education about choosing the right dog for your family and understanding the commitment required to raise a puppy or very young dog. Without the proper start in life, including socialization and training, those adorable puppies end up as unruly big dogs. With consistency and patience, this is entirely avoidable and, thankfully, generally correctable. Our playgroups and the individual training attention of our volunteers serve an important role in putting these youngsters back on the right track as does the careful selection of their future families—people who look beyond young and fun to creating a foundation for lifelong companionship.





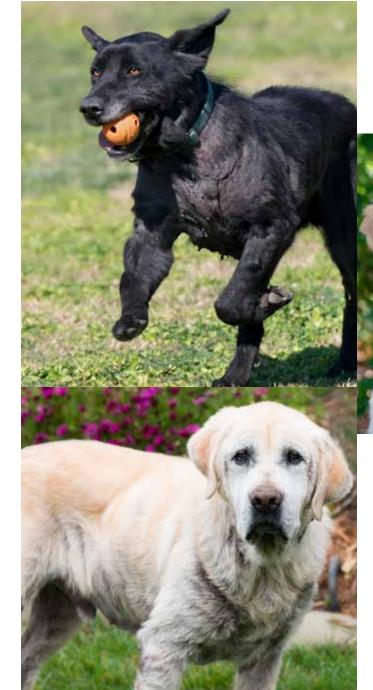
THE YEAR OF THE China Dogs

Our experience with the Korea dogs rescued by the Humane Society International from the dog meat market in 2016 further opened our eyes to the plight of dogs coming from distant lands. When asked to assist, Homeward Bound happily accepted 12 China dogs in 2018 transported by other rescue groups to the states. Although shy on training and skills, these amazing dogs were filled with gratitude and wonder for the new life that awaited them. All found waiting and welcome homes with adopters committed to completing their emotional and behavioral rehabilitation. The experience has prompted us to take a more active role in the rescue of international dogs in need. With your support, we will join a group of Golden rescues traveling to China in 2019 to bring a group of 48 Goldens to the U.S. and a second chance at life.





It is written into our mission: we rescue dogs regardless of their age or health. As a result, we are frequently called upon by our shelter and rescue partners to take dogs in their golden years—many with significant medical needs. It saddens us that someone will part with a senior dog just when it needs their people most. We are glad to be there for them, and we are blessed with fosters and adopters who share our passion for these golden oldies. They believe, as we do that you don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing.





Hip surgeries, knee surgeries, broken bones, masses, ear infections, seizures, congenital disorders, skin maladies, and more. They come to us as surrenders from families who lacked the resources to address their needs, as strays or referrals from emergency vets, or they are pulled from shelters where they had little hope. In the rare cases where help has come too late, the dogs receive palliative care for the remainder of their lives in loving permanent foster homes or in sanctuary with us. Where hope exists: we try.

This year, we witnessed the transformations and going-homes of hairless wonders Nash, Sylvester, Valentino and Ruby and Pearl; the miracle save of a tiny puppy named Patsy; new beginnings for a long list of once-hobbled dogs including Brooklyn and Whiskey; a chance for a happy life for hydrocephalus puppy Miss Pickles, and so much more.

Our Program Accomplishments

Behavioral

Not that long ago, big dogs surrendered to shelters with behavioral issues never stood a chance. With shelter numbers gradually declining, shelters are increasingly looking to new programs and rescue partners to help save and rehabilitate dogs with these challenges.

In addition to the jumpy, mouthy, and resource-guarding behaviors that can result from poor early training, there is an increased understanding of the unique behaviors learned and exhibited in the shelter environment including barrierrelated barking and aggression, social hyper-arousal, and fearfulness. In addition to the playgroups we established in 2017, we continue to enlist the support and training of animal behavior experts to understand how to "read a dog" to understand their triggers and institute training protocols that can be accomplished in our environment until we feel confident that they can go to foster or home. There is nothing more rewarding than to discover and bring out the true dog within.



Facilities Upgrades

When it rains, it pours...and it did through our roof! A leaky roof was just one just one of the unexpected and significant facility upgrades that we undertook in 2018. While we are always looking and forecasting ahead, sometimes, things don't go according to plan.

In 2017, the well repair encroached upon our dedicated puppy space forcing a new solution. We also committed to the purchase of a special trailer to serve as both a home training center and medical isolation ward when needed. Both of these projects were on our 2018 priority list.

The leaky roof added an urgent repair and a first-ever gutter installation to the list ensuring that the dogs stay dry and that runoff could be properly redirected away from the kennel and yards.

An entire suite of unexpected donated office and file storage furniture dramatically improved our work productivity but prompted the installation of new flooring ahead of schedule. Because it was more cost-effective to do both the kennel and office areas of the barn as one project, we elected to tackle them together. It was an enormous project requiring the movement of dogs to foster and temporary accommodations, but the new floor significantly improves the dogs' quality of life and health.

Finally, there were emergency repairs required to address our hard-working septic system. Thankfully, it didn't pour that!





Our senior population typically arrives carrying expected baggage of masses, chronic ear infections, arthritis, and vision issues. Then, there were repaired hips, knees and broken bones, amputations, ingested toys, and a bladder surgery. But what was surprising was the growing number of young dogs with congenital conditions—often the result of poor breeding. Dogs like Archie, purchased as a puppy from a backyard breeder who, at one year of age, had already developed bilateral hip and elbow dysplasia and underwent a botched surgery for entropion (an eyelid disorder) before arriving. We first did surgery on his knee so he could eventually put weight on his leg when we next did the hip surgery. We call him our \$10,000 dog with no papers. Thankfully, the bill was \$7,000 with our discount. He was a model patient through 16 weeks of recovery and rehabilitation. We think the full, pain-free life he has ahead in his new home is worth every cent.



Our History and Facility

The story is now legend: Homeward Bound was founded on a promise made to our founders' beloved Golden Chelsea—that if she would answer their prayers and recover from a life-threatening accident, they would devote their lives to rescue. Chelsea pulled through and lived a long and happy life. Jody and Mike Jones made good on their promise and founded Homeward Bound in 2000.

A donated heated swimming pool provides on-site water therapy as well as cooling relief for all on hot summer days.



Their pledge took physical form with the creation of Homeward Bound's sanctuary and adoption center in Elverta, CA near Sacramento. To have a facility is rare in rescue with organizations typically relying solely on foster care. Our beautiful 8-acre sanctuary allows us to provide immediate support to dogs who might not otherwise be saved.

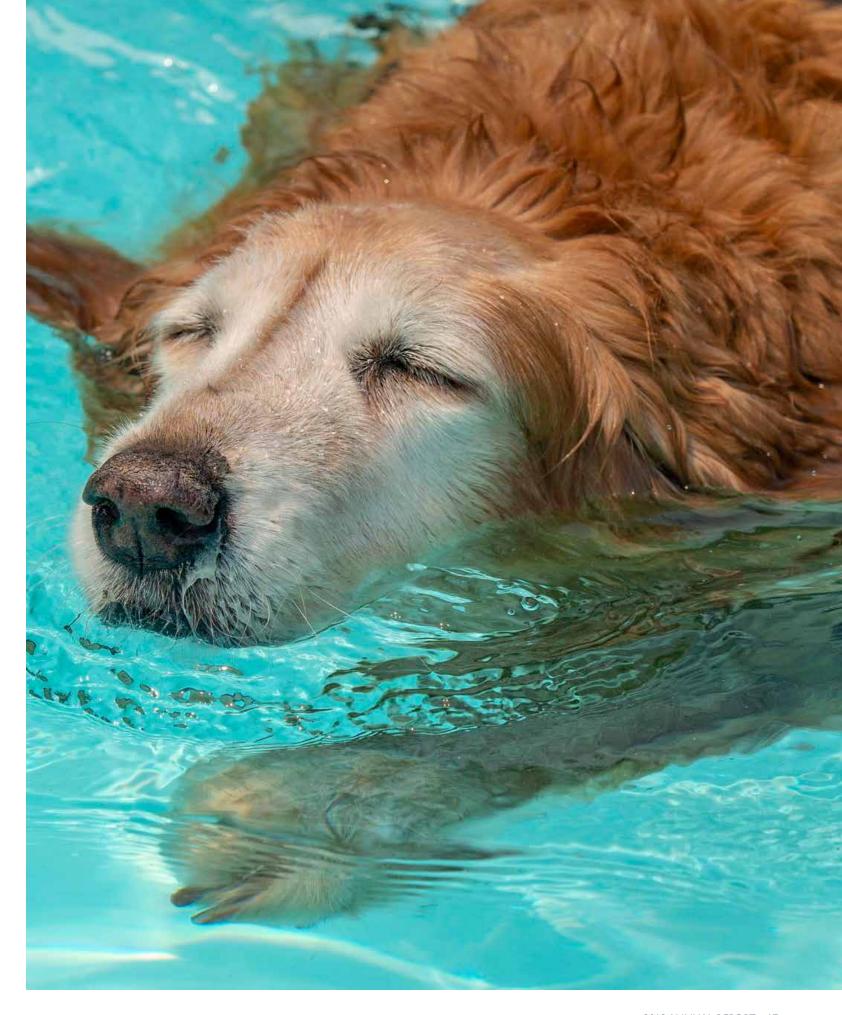
Homeward Bound's short-term visitors are housed in a large barn converted into a modern, climate-controlled kennel, kitchen, grooming station, and laundry area. Here, dogs are safely lodged as they undergo assessments and engage in playgroups, swimming and training while they await their forever homes. They are visited daily by feeders and walkers who ensure that they get exercise, clean facilities, and love.

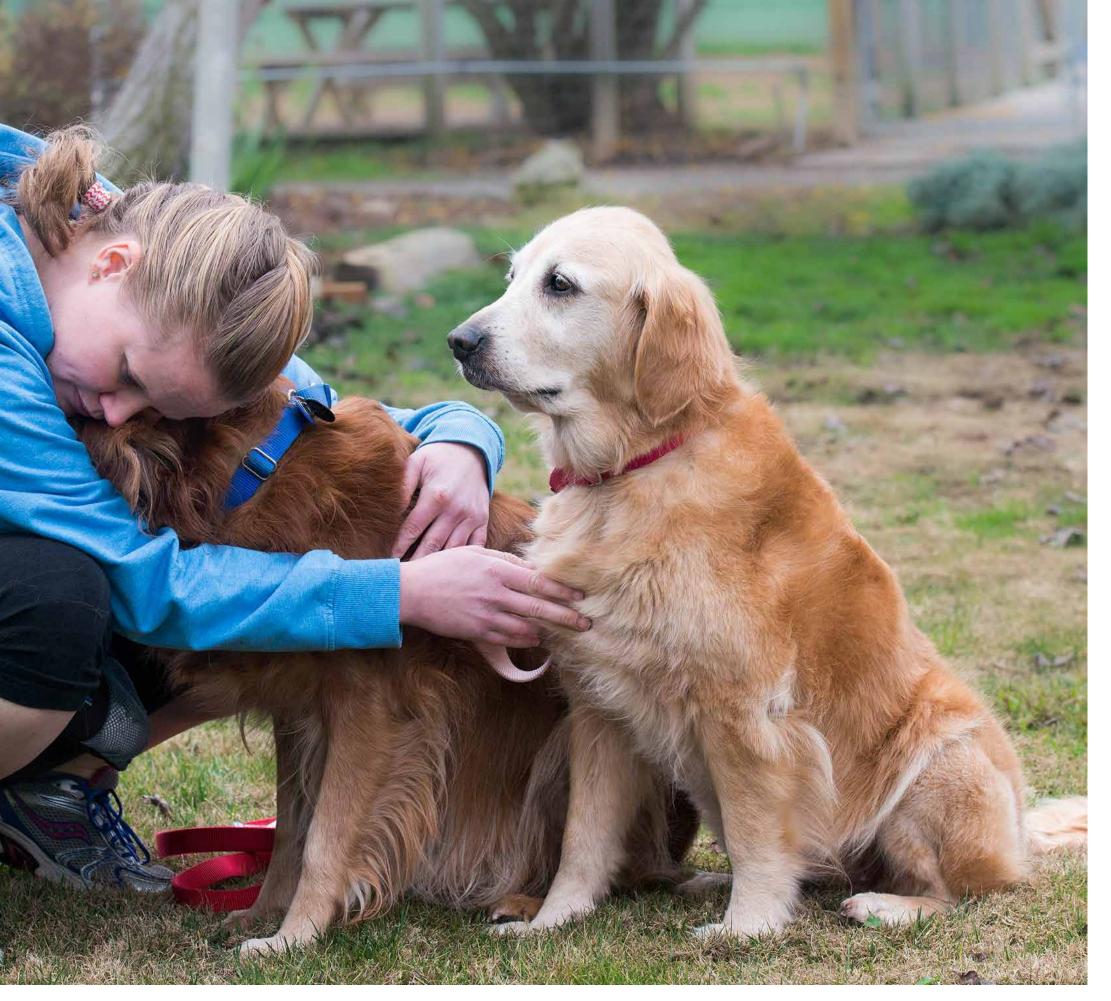
Some dogs with extraordinary needs remain in our care. Our sanctuary dogs are housed in separate accommodations affectionately known as "Sugar Shack Acres." Their home-like space includes a large, shady, attached yard so the dogs can come and go at will, visited and cared for by our volunteers.

An on-site veterinary clinic is fully outfitted for blood testing, minor emergencies, basic care, and weekly house calls by our devoted volunteer veterinarian, Dr. Justina Codde. Our ability to blood test on site saves time and expense and aids tremendously in managing medications for dogs with diabetes, thyroid, seizures and other chronic care needs. When needed, Dr. Codde's practice is only minutes away.

The secured property includes 10 large yards, a puppy palace and yard, a training pavilion, and two half-acre parks for daily exercise, socialization, and meeting prospective adopters. A walking path surrounds the property, and for those with mobility or weight issues, a donated heated swimming pool provides on-site water therapy as well as cooling relief for all on hot summer days.

Finally, our Memorial Garden offers a refuge for volunteers and dogs to spend quiet time together. It is the perfect place to celebrate adoptions with "going home" pictures shared with the families and friends over social media extending our network and visibility.







OurTeam

All-Volunteer Powered

As an all-volunteer organization, we can devote 88% of our resources to the direct support of the dogs. More than 200 active volunteers across the state contribute their talents, time, and passion. People from all walks of life come together with a shared love of dogs and a desire to help them on their journeys home. It takes many heads, hands and skills to sustain our operation but most importantly, it takes hearts. Our team's dedication never ceases to amaze.

Guided by our team leads, volunteers are empowered and involved in every aspect of our operation. The list is endless: transport and intake, feeding, cleaning, grooming, walking and socialization, veterinary transport, fostering, training, home visits, adoption counseling, undertaking facilities projects and maintaining our grounds, fundraising, events, marketing, office administration, and more.

Our all-volunteer model is unique for an operation of our size. While it has its challenges, we believe it has also been the key to our longevity. There is power in passion and purpose. Volunteers are truly the heart of Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue, continually demonstrating their commitment to the dogs and our mission. Our motto is: "It's All About the Dogs." Our ability to work together as one is daily proof.















Foster

Short and long-term foster play important roles in Homeward Bound's ability to rescue and place hundreds of dogs each year. Each dog fostered also makes room for new dogs to be rescued. Dogs and short-term fosters are vetted and matched to ensure that the dog not only receives safe haven but the individual attention it needs (medical, social, training, etc.) to help it become ready for adoption. Permanent Fosters take very senior dogs or those with extraordinary ongoing needs home as if they were their own while the dogs legally remain in our program. In both instances, Homeward Bound ensures the dog's medical, special needs and supply costs while fosters provide selfless love.

Golden Touch

Through the Golden Touch program, we match our "Golden oldies" with retired persons and couples who are at least 60 years of age, not working, and on a limited income. We believe this "senior-to-senior" connection enhances quality of life for dogs and humans. Retired persons can generally devote more time to these dogs walking, brushing, petting, and loving them while the dogs provide companionship and give life new purpose and meaning.

Sanctuary

For dogs that are unlikely to be adopted due to age, illness or extraordinary need, Homeward Bound offers permanent sanctuary, making our rescue unique. Some go home as permanent fosters as described above. Others remain with us in their dedicated house and yard affectionately known as Sugar Shack Acres.

Training

Successful beginnings and strong bonds are created through proper training. Homeward Bound offers a free training resource library on our website, and Golden Rule Training classes are offered on-site to in-program dogs, adopters and the public by certified trainer, Kathryn Baines.

Education & Outreach

Armed with knowledge, people can make and influence decisions that reduce the numbers of abandoned animals.

For individuals who truly want the puppy experience, we offer resources on how to select a responsible breeder. By understanding and by sharing this information with others, people can still contribute to our mission even if they choose purchase over adoption.

Given the growing trend of surrendered young dogs, we will devote resources to education and outreach in 2019 to help people make informed decisions about choosing the right dog, understanding the commitment required of a puppy, key steps in early training and socialization, and resources for help.

Our education commitment extends to our own team. We are continually learning about new directions and approaches to rescue and rehabilitation. Good work is being done to understand and address the unique challenges that develop in shelter dogs. We can benefit from this research and apply it to our own programs.

Finally, we continually work to strengthen our network of connected rescue resources throughout the state and the country. Getting the right information into the right hands makes all the difference when time is of the essence.



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Etched In Our Hearts



Every dog that comes through our doors is special to us.
But some stand out for their exceptional needs and the care they required. Highlighted here are just a few of our most memorable tails from 2018.

Brooklyn and Whiskey:

Double the Fun (and Surgeries!)

Bonded littermates purchased from a breeder, both had ACL issues before the age of two. Left in the backyard all day, their gopher chasing got them in trouble with the neighbors, so they came to us. Brooklyn had one surgery; Whiskey needed both knees done. And when they were ready, they went to a loving, gopher-free, home together where they get plenty of human attention to keep them out of trouble.



Shane:

A Camp Fire Friend

Twelve-year-old Shane was one of the Camp Fire dogs that came to us when their people lost their homes. He came with two lumps; one of them turned out to be malignant. When we called Shane's potential adopter to deliver the bad news, we expected that he might, understandably, change his mind. Instead, the only concern he expressed was about his ability to provide for extraordinary medical expenses. We assured him that Shane would go home as a permanent foster, with Homeward Bound providing all of his medical care. His response: "Then, why wouldn't I want him?" When he learned more about our Permanent Foster Program, he said he had found his calling. If we had dogs that needed a loving home despite their days being short, he would be honored to help them. And with that, they headed home!

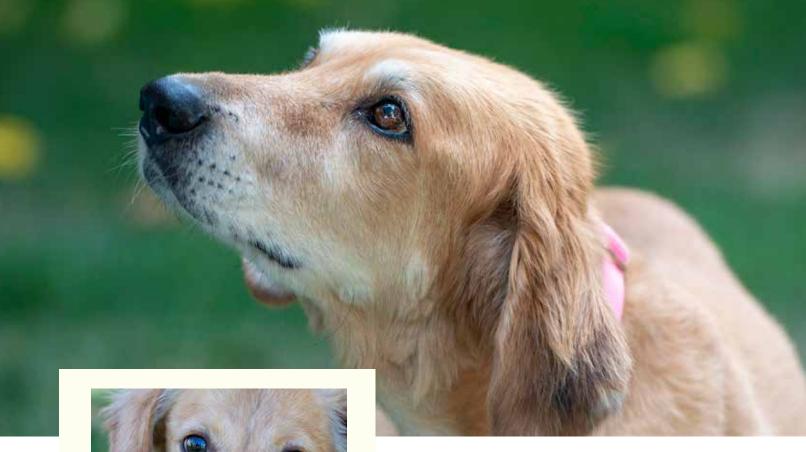


Taylor aka Roo:

Just Add Love

At 3 years of age, this full-size Golden boy weighed only 40 pounds when he arrived in early 2018. Lacking training or socialization, he was shy and fearful. "What's the ideal home?" we asked. "Someone who will love him." As it turns out, that is all Taylor (now Roo) needed. He attends training class and visits a couple times each week with his volunteer mom. And when our shy dogs need a friend to show them the way, they all turn to Roo!





Patsy

This tiny pup was found stray after being hit and dragged by a car. Taken to a Fresno shelter, she had suffered traumatic injuries to her ribs and pelvis. While no one would mistake her for a Golden Retriever by her looks, her Tinkerbell heart was golden, through and through. Keeping a four-month-old puppy quiet is no simple feat, but she was a model patient and loved by all. Her recovery and transformation were nothing short of miraculous.

Macy:

Best Days Ahead

Found wandering in Kern County, covered in mats, foxtails, limping, and in pain. This eight-year-old girl had an ear hematoma, dental disease, bad knees, and cancer. We could make her ears, teeth and knees feel better, but we could not banish her cancer. It didn't matter to her new mom who knew that this sweet girl deserved better than to be "thrown away." Mom supplies the love; we ensure that Macy has whatever medical care she needs for the rest of her days.





Your Gifts Fuel Our Effort

Doubling The Love

Every year, a big-hearted few come together to build a large Fund of Love. This fund stands ready to match the donations of the many through a second campaign, the Double the Gold Challenge. The combined annual fundraising effort provides critical support - covering a significant portion of the medical needs of the dogs whose care exceeded \$259,000 in 2018.

A Sunset Toast To The Goldens

The Year of the Dog was our theme for the 18th Annual Kibble & Bids™ event at Cielo Estate Winery in the picturesque foothills. As the sun lowered over the horizon on a beautiful September evening, guests sampled fine food and wines, raising a toast and funds at our largest and most visible fundraising event

A Tree Bearing Gifts

Each Thanksgiving, we launch an unadorned virtual tree on our website and ask for your help to light and decorate it. It's a leap-of-faith fundraising effort supported only by email, social media and word of mouth. By Christmas, you have brought it to twinkling life, loading it with lights, ornaments, presents, stars, and snowflakes - each representing a donation made in honor or memory of a special someone. The Giving Tree has grown into one of our major fundraising efforts ensuring support for hundreds of dogs each year.

You Shopped: Amazon Smiled

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (we're hoping that is us!). It is such a simple way to give that costs you absolutely

Wishes Were Fulfilled

In our newsletter, on our website, and through Amazon, we maintain our Wish List of most-needed items. Boxes and bags arrive almost weekly full of leashes, toys, and treats - and pill pockets, too! The dogs enjoyed comfy beds, blankets, towels, rugs, and sheets thanks to our overflowing linen closets making everyone feel at home.

You Turned Kibble Into Cash

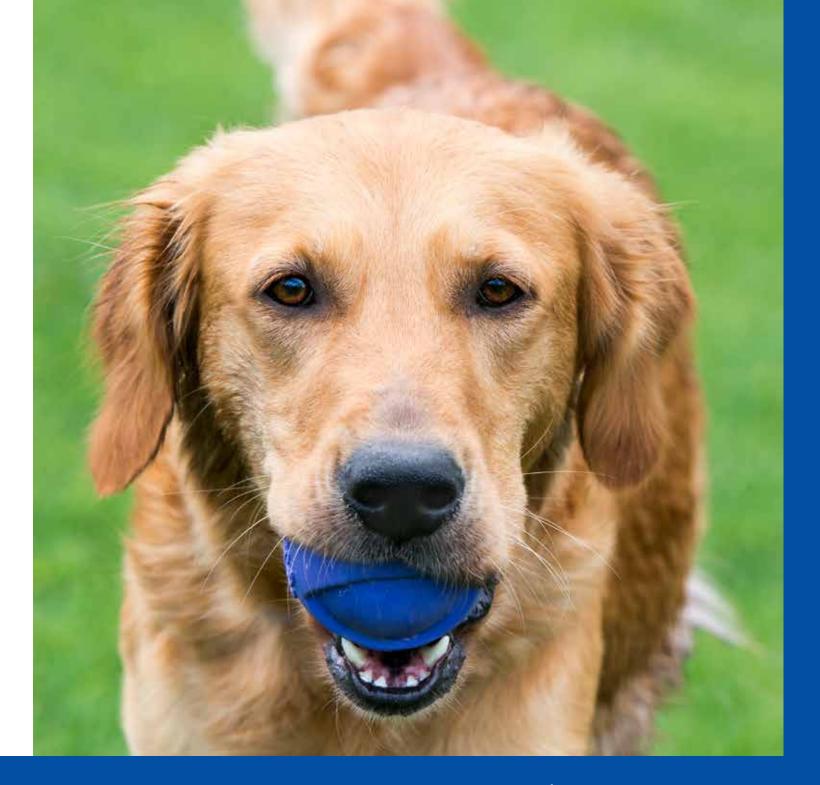
Thanks to our partnership with Nature's Select of Northern California, the purchase of every 30 lb. bag of kibble results in a \$3.00 donation to Homeward Bound. This small act, which costs the purchaser nothing, added up to more than \$12,000 in 2018. While you were shopping, many of you also added an extra bag of kibble, a box of cookies, or treats to be delivered directly to Homeward Bound. What a simple and thoughtful way to give.

Lasting Legacies Were Created

As time passes, we have said goodbye not only to canine friends but our human ones, as well. We are touched beyond measure that they have included Homeward Bound in their last wishes and bequests. How special to share your rescue heart with the creation of lasting legacy benefitting those that follow ensuring that our work continues on in the future. "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." ~ Pericles

The Gift of Second Chances

No matter how you choose to give—today, or in the future, with gifts large or small—know that each provides hope and makes a life-changing difference to a dog in need. However you choose to give, we thank you.



Everyone everywhere can play a role in Supporting our work.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP:

- Spread the word about the importance of spay and neuter.
- Educate others about puppy mills and responsible breeders. Share the information on our website under "Resources."
- Train and socialize your dog from the very beginning; educate others about the importance of a well-socialized dog.
- Learn how to report neglect or abuse in your community (each community is different).
- Help an elderly or ill neighbor to keep their pet in their home by lending a hand.
- Donate in whatever way works best for you.

How You Can Help

Homeward Bound relies almost solely on generous contributions from individuals and corporate donors. Whether financial, material - or gifts of time and talent - there are many ways to contribute to our effort.

Financial Support

Homeward Bound conducts three major annual fundraising events. Additional drives happen throughout the year to address extraordinary needs. You may also choose to donate in-honor or in-memory of your special someone at any time. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, sign-up for our newsletters, check our website for upcoming events – or just click "Donate" anytime! Your gifts are always welcome and appreciated.

Planned Gifts

A bequest is a special gift; a wonderful opportunity to ensure that your passion for rescue and Homeward Bound's mission lives on into the future. Leave a lasting legacy that may also offer benefits to you or your heirs. You will find information on our website under "How to Help." Your tax or financial advisor can advise you on the best approach for your unique situation.

In-Kind Support

Big dogs have big needs, and the everyday things add up quickly. On our website, you will find our Wish List under "How to Help." Or, just click the Amazon Wish List link on the top of our home page for a simple way to give.

Volunteer

Our work is not possible without the volunteer contributions of hundreds of people just like you. No matter what your particular skill, there is a role for you! Complete an application on our website, and we'll find the perfect spot for your talents.

Foster

Do you have room in your heart and home for a dog in need of safety and love? We have opportunities for short-term fosters who can help a dog become ready for a forever home, and for permanent fosters who are looking for someone to call their own. You'll find the application on our website.





2018 Financials

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2018

REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

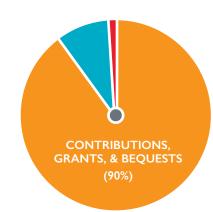
Contributions, grants, and bequests	\$ 698,249
Program Services	68,199
Earned income and other revenue*	9,671
Cost of good sold	2,498
OTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 773,621

EXPENSES

Program	\$ 515,509
Fundraising	49,379
Administrative and general	23,099
TOTAL EXPENSES	587,989
NET ORDINARY INCOME	185,631
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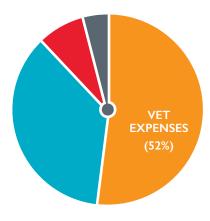
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2018 Revenue



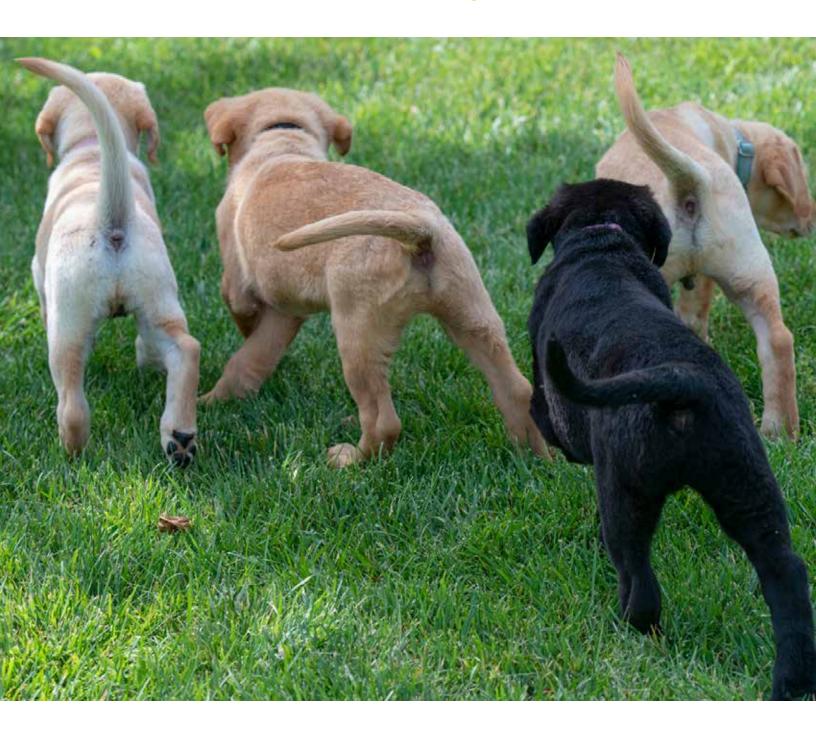
- PROGRAM SERVICES (9%)
- EARNED INCOME & OTHER REVENUE (1%)

2018 Expenses



- PROGRAM, OTHER THAN VET EXPENSES (36%)
- FUNDRAISING (8%)
- ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL (4%)

Bark!





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