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What's Inside

Two years ago, Amelia went missing at Lake Tahoe. An extraordinary rescue effort led to her return. Today, her life is transformed. Amelia's Journey is our cover story.

Buddy lost a leg at the age of one but he found so much more. Now he is paying it forward by bringing joy and comfort to others. Read his story on page 6.

Dogs and kids can have lifelong friendships. Help your children learn how to interact with dogs in a way that is fun and safe for everyone. See page 7.

Our international rescues have tugged at many hearts - two in particular. They have helped us establish a special fund to ensure that we can be there for dogs in desperate need. Read about their incredible gifts on page 8.

And get ready...our 19th Annual Kibble & Bids™ event is fast approaching! Sunday, September 15th we will gather at the Pavilion at Haggin Oaks to celebrate golden journeys. Get all the details beginning on page 4. We hope to see you there because there is nothing we enjoy more than celebrating our successes with you...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!



Amelia, Jana & Trixie

AMELIA'S JOURNEY

BY: Audrey Farrington

It was two years ago in late June that Amelia went missing at Lake Tahoe. A former breeder dog, she was not socialized to people or the outside world. Recently adopted, she bolted out the car door and headed for the trees. Lost for more than a week with overnight temperatures in the low 30's—and the 4th of July fireworks rapidly approaching—the massive rescue team that began her search was losing hope and dwindling. A small group refused to give up, and with the advice and tools of an expert dog trapper, Amelia was miraculously found and caught on July 3, 2017 in a trap set by rescuers, Charley and Mike.

She was surrendered back to our care. Her next adopter was one who knew her well: Jana – one of her rescuers.

Jana was part of Amelia's search team and has been a volunteer with Homeward Bound since its founding. She had lost her beloved McKinley not long before Amelia's adventure and had adopted Trixie – another shy girl who was rapidly gaining confidence and regaining her health in Jana's loving care. Jana had planned to adopt a friend for Trixie

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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 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.

DOGS RESCUED TO DATE IN 2018
160
VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2018
\$130,377



A Message From Our President

Each new week brings a fresh batch of dogs in need of safety, recovery and care on their journeys to home. The days are full and demanding meeting their physical and emotional needs, and finding their forever homes. One of the things that keeps us looking forward is looking back. We love when you share your stories with us. They are fuel for our purpose. In this edition, we take a look back at two of our extraordinary rescues: Amelia who went missing at Lake Tahoe two years ago, and Buddy – aka Squish Buddy – who lost his leg at only one year of age but found much more.

The Reunion Picnic is another way we stay connected; we loved seeing all of your faces in June. Thanks to our team for scrambling to make it happen after a rainout in May. Our next opportunity to come together is Kibble and Bids™ – coming up in September. It's a great opportunity to reconnect in support of the dogs we love. This year, we head to the Pavilion at Haggin Oaks. It's a beautiful venue with shaded and tented lawns – the perfect place to enjoy each other's company, fine food and wine, and our Golden Greeters, of course! We hope to see you all there.

I've been doing a bit of looking back myself, lately. The year 2020 will mark our 20th anniversary. As the date approaches, the magnitude of what we have created together takes on special meaning and impact. When Mike and I made a promise to our beloved Chelsea, striking a deal and trading her miraculous recovery for a commitment to Golden rescue, I never imagined that it would take us to this place. Eight acres; a barn full of kennels; yards to play and run; a vet clinic and devoted vet partner; a senior sanctuary; a team of more than 200 passionate volunteers; and—by the end of this year—nearly 9,500 lives saved.

We're already thinking about how to mark this special occasion, but the truth is we celebrate it with every single going home and life saved. None of it would be possible without you. For all you do for the dogs, I offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President



Amelia and Friends

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after the loss of McKinley. She wasn't sure that she was up to Amelia's challenges, but Jana knew she could not let her out of her sight again.

Some of the breeder dogs live incredibly sheltered lives. They are kept communally, outside with other dogs. Their few human interactions are strictly business. Amelia was afraid of every new thing in her life, with men being a particular concern. What she knew and loved was the company of dogs.

Trixie became her companion and teacher. Through Trixie, Amelia learned how to be comfortable in a home, come to Jana when called, and—very gradually—to trust people. It was a slow process requiring patience and acceptance. Her bond with Jana was strong.

Jana is made of Midwest stock. She greets life head on and is not one to shy

away from a challenge. She loves hiking and the outdoors and enjoys the company of her dogs on the trail. She knew that if Amelia was going to live a full and rich life, she needed to “get back on the horse.” As terrifying as the thought was, they both needed to find their courage and return to the scene of the crime.



A month after going home with Jana, Amelia returned to Lake Tahoe. She was on a long leash for weeks until Jana took a deep breath and unhooked her. “I just

about had a heart attack the first time she was off leash but Trixie was by my side. When I called to Amelia, she came right back.”

Trixie passed unexpectedly and far too soon from cancer. Without her friend and protector, Amelia went backward a bit. It was particularly evident in her relationship with Jana's husband, Earl. Enter Macy. A hot mess of a girl who came to us from a Kern County shelter with ear infections, foxtails, and lumps and bumps. Jana couldn't resist her.

Like Trixie before her, Macy recovered in Jana's care and has assumed the role of teacher and trusted companion to Amelia. That's good news for Earl as Macy demonstrated that he's an OK guy, after all.

Amelia is still distrustful of most men. She can be a little apprehensive when she first meets new dogs. But she has developed a pack of canine friends who travel the trails together enjoying the snow in winter and the cool springs in summer including one of her rescuers, Denise, and her fur kids Lotta and Lukas.

“She'll never be a cuddler,” says Jana. “But that's OK. What I wanted for her was to regain her confidence and just to find and be herself.”

And that is exactly what Amelia has done. She enjoys the company of her pack, her world has been greatly expanded, and she has learned to trust humans. Now, when called, she happily returns.



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Kibble & Bids™ 2019 Golden Journeys

Sunday, September 15, 4-7PM

**Pavilion at Haggin Oaks –
3645 Fulton Ave
Sacramento, CA 95821**

An extraordinary event – in support of the dogs we love!

Kibble & Bids is all new this year. We are headed to Haggin Oaks, a beautiful venue in Sacramento with tented- and tree-shaded lawns, gorgeous greens, ample seating – and the dogs, of course!

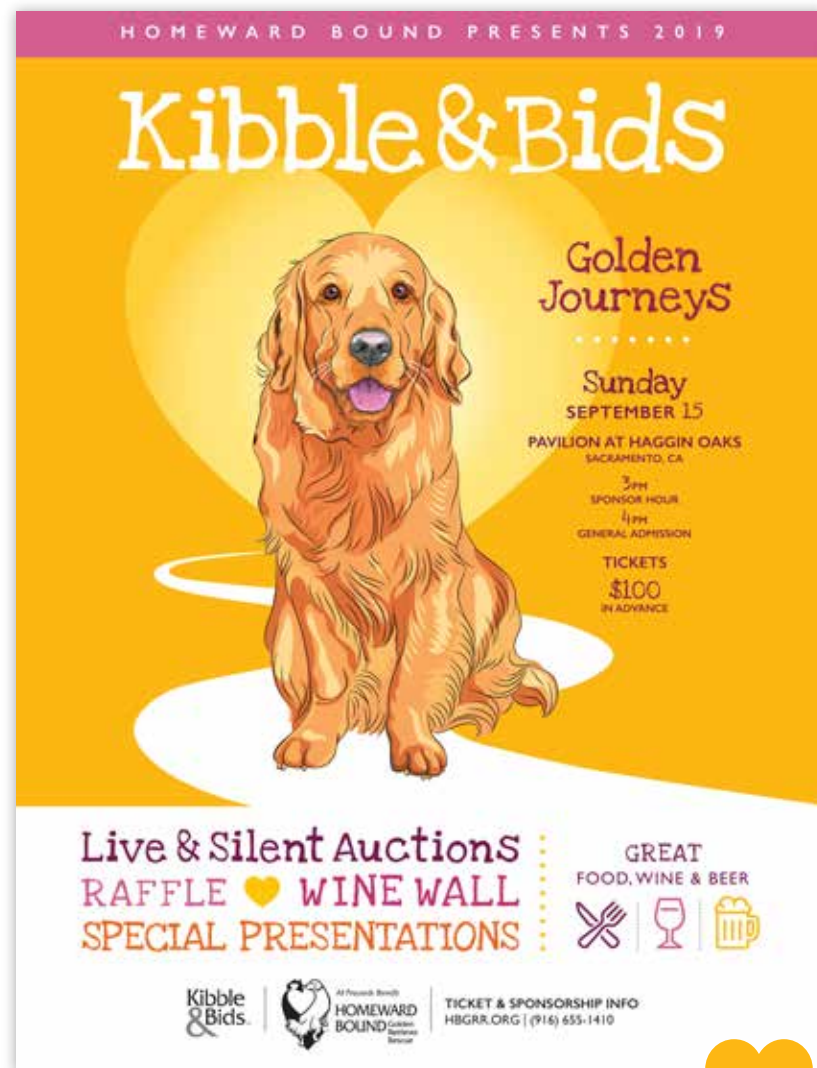
Irresistible deals are waiting in our Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle, and a Wine Wall – each featuring wines from a host of wineries from near and far along with an outstanding selection of other must haves! Try your luck in the Putting Contest and don't miss the Parade of Golden Retrievers! Topping off the evening, a special presentation by Jody Jones, our devoted president.

Our Golden Greeters will be waiting with wagging tails and sloppy kisses to thank you for the support you offer to the hundreds of dogs rescued and placed in loving homes each year.

HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEYS...SPONSOR!

We have sponsorship opportunities to fit every budget. Each sponsor level includes sponsor tickets, entrance to our exclusive Sponsor Reception, private sponsor table or preferred seating, recognition in our event program, on our website, and more! For more information on sponsoring, visit our website at www.hbgrr.org.

For questions about sponsoring, contact Judy Kent at: hbaccounting@homeward-boundgolden.org. You'll be in great company!



A SPECIAL EVENING IS PLANNED FOR YOU:

Be close to home, yet transported, in a picturesque setting full of amenities to ensure that you are appropriately spoiled!

3-4PM: An exclusive Sponsor Reception with a selection of wines, beers, and fabulous passed appetizers as you enjoy live music and the company of our Golden Greeters and learn their stories. Meet old friends and new who share your passion for rescue. Sponsorships begin as low as \$500 and enjoy preferred seating in the Pavilion. Don't miss this VIP opportunity!

4PM: All guests are welcomed by our Golden Greeters for a hearty menu of catered appetizers, wine tasting, with beer, non-alcoholic beverages and water as well. The competitive spirit is alive but friendly as you vie for deals in our silent auction, premium raffle, and wine wall surprise offerings. Test your skills in our putting contest, and marvel at the stories of our Golden Greeters.

6PM: Join us under the big tent for dessert as our memorable program gets underway with a Parade of Golden Retrievers. We'll share highlights of our rescue mission and touching tails of Golden Journeys. It's all made possible by you - so raise your paddles high in our live auction with new and exciting offerings!



SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL PROJECT!

Artificial Turf for Water-logged Winter Dog Yards!

Our low-lying play yards fill with water and muck in the winter that quickly turns Golden Retrievers a muddy brown. It's unhealthy to drink for our thirsty friends and adopters don't much enjoy it either!

With your help, we will upgrade the worst case: Yard one – the closest to the kennels and essential for dogs recovering from surgery or with mobility issues. We'll use durable and professionally installed artificial turf as we did with our Senior Yard, Sugar Shack Acres, where it has passed our winter tests with flying colors!

It's a big undertaking – one that will definitely need your support!

HOW TO PURCHASE KIBBLE & BIDS™ TICKETS

Kibble & Bids Tickets are only \$100, and all proceeds benefit Homeward Bound.

- Purchase by phone: 916-655-1410
- Purchase online, or by mail. Click on the Kibble & Bids™ link on our website at www.hbgrr.org to download the form or purchase securely online.
- Purchase tickets in person at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary.



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A full-service veterinary medical facility, providing excellent medical, surgical and dental care to our patients while promoting responsible pet ownership, preventative health care and health-related educational opportunities for our clients.



BUDDY - AKA SQUISH BUDDY

BY: LIZ KANTER

Black Labs are my weakness. After my black lab Sherman died, I was hoping to adopt another rescued black Lab to my pack.

I landed on Homeward Bound’s web-site and saw Buddy, a black mix and tripod. By the time I asked, he had been adopted, and I moved on. Weeks later Homeward Bound contacted me again and said Buddy had been returned and asked if I would we like to meet him. That Saturday—with my two dogs—we went to the ranch to meet Buddy. He was a sight; no hair on his back end and he sort of hopped. But what a bundle of wiggly love. It was a match.

He has come a long way from that day on the ranch when I needed help getting him in my car. Buddy brought new life into the house as only a puppy can.

My rescue Lab mix, Flora, now 14, takes her job as older sister seriously. Sensing Buddy is different, she brings toys to him. If we’re at the dog park, Flora makes sure Buddy is OK.

A doctor friend noticed Buddy was throwing his leg to the side and suggested I get him evaluated by UCD Physical Therapy experts. After five hours of evaluation, the bad news: Buddy has spinal damage. UCD suggested a custom wheelchair and three days a week of physical therapy. After months of care, we saw no improvement. He hated going and refused his wheelchair. We stopped UCD.

Buddy started going to an Eastern medicine veterinarian who recommended chiropractic, herbs, acupuncture, and a diet change. She also told me to return the wheelchair because it would put too much pressure on his front legs—and if those go—Buddy’s quality of life will



diminish. She asked me how Buddy ate. Standing up, or sitting? Despite a raised bowl, Buddy sat to eat.

After more than a year of the Eastern vet’s regimen, Buddy can run, stand to eat, and he loves to wrestle with other dogs. His fur grew back, too.



He plays in his own way, and his tail rarely stops wagging. Watching him interact with people, I knew it was time to get Buddy tested as a therapy dog with the Sacramento SPCA’s Love on Loan program, where volunteers take their own dogs to nursing homes, universities to de-stress students, and the Children’s Receiving Home. Four of my dogs had successfully passed the test and enjoy their job.

The day of the test, Buddy did not disappoint. The test was augmented for Buddy

because he is terrified of bare floors. Part of the test involves loud noises and meeting strangers. What a personality! Buddy is such a ham. He greeted everyone and demanded pets. Yes, Buddy passed his test.

We visited facilities with carpeting, and Buddy was a natural. Although he has a weird gait, he is a favorite. Many seniors commented that if he can get up and walk, so could they. Buddy is also a sponge for attention, which suits the therapy dog requirements.

While Buddy has his limitations (no slick floors, no hikes), he has his own brand of fun. At the dog parks, he goes to visit each person. Buddy refuses to swim in the pool but enjoys river swims. I still have to hoist him in the car or my bed, but he can do what any other dog can do. He tires easily, but then we rest.

People ask me, “How did he lose his leg? Cancer? Hit by a car?” I patiently answer each person putting together the story I gleaned from his medical records. People respond, “Aren’t you an angel?” I argue that Buddy is the angel; he has brought so much joy to my life and to the lives of those he visits.

Dogs with missing limbs like Buddy do best with consistency, a lot of positive reinforcement and adaptive environments. I would adopt another tripod in a minute.

DOGS AND KIDS :101

Most kids love dogs, but they don’t always know how to express that love. It comes down to communication. Not the verbal kind, but the body language kind. Kids don’t naturally understand dog body language. Lots of adults don’t either. But it is something that can be learned and taught.

When we introduce a dog to a family, how the dog and any children interact is a critical part of the equation. When they meet at the rescue, or when they first get home, how children behave toward the dog can make or break the match. The right approach is equally important whenever children encounter dogs, whether on the street, at a park, or in a friend’s home. Knowing how to “read” a dog will lead to better interactions. Here are some ways to ensure that both enjoy their time together and stay safe.

Avoid Too Much Excitement

Kids and dogs like to run around. But the fast movement and high-pitched screams of kids at play may get a dog too excited or be misinterpreted. Dogs with herding or watchdog instincts may chase or nip if they think the child is at risk; their protective instincts can have unintended consequences.

Red Light, Green Light (Yellow, Too)

Some behavior consultants recommend the “red light, green light” game. If kids are running around the yard and a dog starts to chase, call “red light” for everyone to freeze and be a tree, giving the adults a chance to get the dog out of the situation before play resumes.

Traffic light colors can also be used to help kids learn dog body language. Knowing whether a dog is saying ‘yes’ or ‘no’ is something we all should know.



Green. Enjoyment. The mouth is open; the tail is swishing in a loose wag; the ears are relaxed. Things are going well.

Yellow. Tolerance. The dog is uncomfortable, and things are tense. The dog may show the whites of its eyes, tighten or lick its lips, put ears back, look away, or put the tail down and move it in a slow, stiff wag. That dog is saying, “I’m uncomfortable.” It’s looking to you to make the situation better. You may need to end the interaction and give the dog some space.

Red. Enough Already! Growling, snarling, nipping, and snapping. You have missed the signals. The dog wants the interaction to end or is looking for an escape. Intervene immediately. Give everyone some time to relax and unwind before engaging again.

Red zone behaviors are a failure of management and supervision. They are the symptoms of the problem, not the problem itself. Do not punish red zone behaviors. Make a plan for preventing similar stressful situations in the future. If you’re not sure what to do differently, find a good dog trainer to help you and the dog.

Ask First

Kids often want to pet dogs they meet. Teach youngsters to first ask the dog if it would like to be petted. If the body language is yellow, suggest the child wave

to the dog instead of petting it. If the body language is green, allow the dog to go to the child instead of the other way around. Children should stand still, with hands resting at their sides or gently patting their legs in encouragement. There’s no need to offer a hand for the dog to sniff. When the dog comes forward, kids can then offer a scratch under the chin or a soft pat on the shoulder. If it’s your dog, explain how it likes to be touched. Let the child pet the dog twice, then wait to see if the dog “asks” for more with a nudge or a look. If the dog has had enough, it may “shake off” or walk away.

One Hand Enough; Two Hands Too Rough

Hugging or crowding the dog or grabbing its face may be more than the dog can handle. One-handed petting, from the side of the dog closest to the child, is gentler and prevents the child from leaning over the dog, which can seem threatening or scary from the dog’s point of view. A child hugging a dog is intending to be kind but may make the dog feel trapped or anxious. Good interactions are enjoyed by all participants.

When dogs have a choice in how they interact with kids — or anyone — they will feel more comfortable. That makes for happier and safer encounters and sets the stage for a lifelong friendship.

International Rescue Fund: New Hope

In February, ten dogs arrived from China. Rescued from horrible circumstances. Guided by a group of U.S. Golden rescues to safety. It wasn't the first time that we have welcomed dogs from foreign lands. It was just the first time that we talked about it so broadly, and it caused a stir with some folks outside our network who don't understand the care we take to work with reputable partners, vet the dogs, and ensure that they are free of potentially harmful diseases.

These dogs touched many hearts the same way our Korea dogs, Taiwan Dogs, and other dogs from China have touched the hearts of the families that adopted and love them. Among those moved by their stories were two individuals who stepped in with substantial gifts to help us establish a special fund for international rescue. By doing so, they allow us to quietly go about the business of saving these deserving dogs and bringing them to a place where they are welcomed, valued and loved. Their generous gifts have formed the foundation of a fund we hope will continue to grow, ensuring that we can continue this mission.

And let us catch you up to date on our efforts since February. First, all of the dogs that we welcomed in February are happy, healthy and home. Having spent so long together living communally, we found them to be exceptionally well-socialized. Perhaps we read more into them than is true, but we also found them to be extraordinarily appreciative; the gratitude of a rescued dog.

Next, we work with two established and trusted partners in China – one on the ground and the other, the consortium of Golden Rescues. We have codified the best practices to ensure the health of our



Samantha

Miranda

Mr. Big

dogs here and the ones who are joining us, including prerequisites of pre-quarantine, veterinary exams, vaccinations, tests for disease, heartworm, and for other parasites. We require any current or potential partner to abide by these requirements; complete medical records and having partners on the ground will ensure that. While we have never had a health scare or issue, we believe that this is the prudent and responsible thing to do.

So far this year, Homeward Bound has welcomed 31 dogs from China including Samantha, Miranda and Mr. Big featured above who arrived in late May and are all happily home. More are waiting with another trip planned as you read this newsletter. These are lives saved. These are dogs loved. And this would not be possible without your support.

To the founders of our International Rescue fund and those who wish to join – we offer our sincere thanks. If you are interested in directing your donation to this fund, please contact Judy Kent at hbaccounting@homewardboundgoldens.org.

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Don't forget that you can support Homeward Bound every time you shop on Amazon – at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. It adds up to thousands of dollars in support of the dogs each year.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue as your charitable organization before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation!

What a great and simple way to contribute to the dogs – at no cost to you!



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Paying It Forward: Volunteer

BY: BRENDA NARAYAN

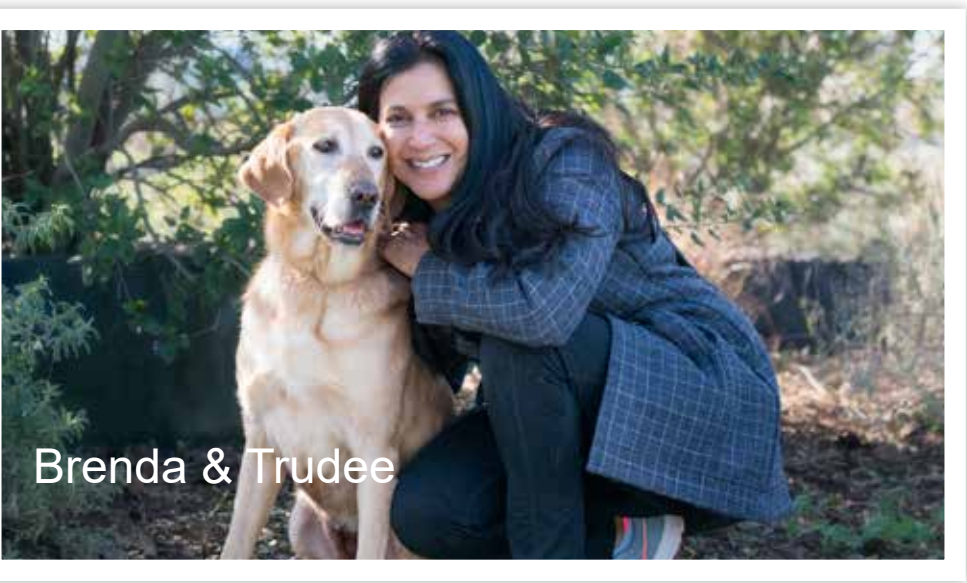
As an all-volunteer organization, volunteers make our organization run. We could not do what we do without them. They come from all walks of life, and they fill every need imaginable from office support to transport, feeding, walking, fostering, and so much more.

Adopters are one of our greatest sources of volunteers; people, like Brenda, who was connected to us through her adoption of Trudee - a beautiful yellow Lab who was left in a shelter when she developed seizures. Here, she shares her perspective as a new addition to our Board of Directors and our volunteer team.

Trudee came into my life in January of 2017. When a volunteer brought Trudee out to the yard for our first meeting, I knew I wanted her before she reached me. I was made aware of a lifetime medical condition; we processed the paperwork and took a photo. A group of volunteers walked us to the car and with smiles and tears, said goodbye to Trudee and waved as we drove off.

The volunteers need not have been so sad. When I travel for work, Trudee becomes Homeward Bound's office dog where people are familiar and comfortable with the needs of a seizure dog.

I often thought about the volunteer effort that went into bringing this amazing dog into my life. I wanted to give back. After reading about the need for feeding help-



Brenda & Trudee

ers, I signed up and have started giving a few hours a month to Homeward Bound. They say that the feeders are the dogs' favorites (don't tell the walkers!). I joined a fun, dedicated, and well-orchestrated team working side-by-side with a few other volunteers. We prepare food, rotate the dogs to outdoor yards for fresh air and exercise, clean their kennels, refresh

water, dispense medication and hand out love. Our reward: wagging tails and grateful, happy faces.

Volunteers are the foundation for every life that comes through Homeward Bound. As a volunteer, I soon realized that each role - whether visible or not - had

a purpose in Trudee's life.

I am grateful to the volunteer that pulled and transported Trudee from the shelter; to those who travel to homes to screen adoption prospects; and to the walkers and feeders who cared for her until we could meet. Thank you to the office volunteers who keep things running smoothly; the event and fundraising teams who make sure the coffers are full, so the dogs can receive whatever medical care is necessary; and to those who console families that must surrender a dog when circumstances arise that are beyond their

control. And I thank all of the hidden faces who keep this remarkable facility clean, beautiful and functioning smoothly, so the dogs are comfortable while they wait for their forever homes.

No matter the role, there is a need. Whether you contribute your skills on-site or remotely, your skills are wanted and valued. Especially for those of us who have adopted from Homeward Bound, volunteering is an opportunity to give back and ensure that other dogs find what ours have: a second chance to be loved and a place to call home.

I encourage you to join our volunteer team giving a few hours and a little of your heart to Homeward Bound.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please complete an application on our website at hbgr.org. You will be contacted by our volunteer coordinator who will provide an introduction to Homeward Bound and help you find the right fit for your skills and interests. Thank you!

Fund of Love & Double The Gold Challenge: Grand Slam!

Proving once again that Homeward Bound supporters are THE BEST, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts (and paws!) for helping us reach - and exceed! - our 2019 Fund of Love and Double the Gold Challenge goal. Together, we raised over \$213,000 for the dogs' medical care this year! A record!



This critical, annual fundraising effort begins each year when a small group of generous individuals steps up to create a waiting match called the *Fund of Love*. Then, we turn to a broader group of equally generous individuals to pool their contributions – large and small – so we can claim every cent of that match. When everyone gives at the level they can – it makes a life-changing difference for the dogs.

Our veterinary expenses to date are \$130,377. That includes the extraordinary discount and volunteer services provided by our devoted Dr. Codde of Cherry Creek Veterinary Hospital. Your support ensures that we keep the promise captured in our mission: to rescue and heal displaced, abandoned, and homeless Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, regardless of their age or health.

Thank you for, once again, being there for the dogs. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you!



A Lasting Legacy That Expresses Your Love of Dogs

If you have shared your life with a rescued dog, you know how blessed you have been – not only for the love and companionship you shared, but to know that you helped to save a life.

Including Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary in your final giving plans is one of the most powerful statements you can make about your love and concern for animals.

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. Planned giving is an option for donors of all incomes and may allow you to make a larger gift in the future than you otherwise could from current assets. A planned gift can also help you reduce capital gains or estate taxes on your heirs.

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. You can also provide for the

care of your pets in your estate plan – an important consideration for all of us.

We always recommend that you speak with your accountant or financial advisor to determine the most beneficial means of giving for you and your family. If you need a starting point, you can download our Guide to Giving from our website. You'll find it here: <https://homewardboundgoldens.org/how-to-help/planned-giving.html>.

You will also find information there on securing your Golden's future by entrusting its care to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue in the event that you or your family members can no longer be there for them.



Reunion Picnic 2019

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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

Kibble & Bids, Sunday, September 15th
Giving Tree, Starts Thanksgiving Day
Santa Photos, December 6th, 7th & 8th

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:

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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