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What's Inside

Those who understand the heart of a shy, timid dog, know that time, patience and a willingness to let them progress at their own pace offers incredible rewards. An adopter shares Babe's transformation in our cover story, while we share the roll that foster can play on page 6.

Long goodbyes are both a gift and a challenge. When the quality of days becomes more important than the number, we offer ways that you can prepare on page 8.

COVID has changed our world, but not our mission. You play a critical roll. There are ways to help that cost nothing but make a world of difference to the dogs. Take a look on page 11.

May marks our halfway point in the **Double the Gold Challenge**. Your gifts – no matter the size – are matched by a waiting **Fund of Love**. We need your help to capture every matching dollar. All gifts support the medical needs of the hundreds of dogs that will come into our program this year and nearly one hundred more that we support in permanent foster. Read about the Challenge on page 4 and 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!



Babe: With Head Held High

BY: Creighton Fung

Helping a very timid dog gain confidence is not a specialized skill, but it does take patience, time, and the right environment. Babe was one of the dogs rescued from China last year – and the last to go home. Many of you shared her beautiful face on social media; a couple of you even brought her home despite her cowered greeting. Ultimately, her needs were too great; she was quickly returned. We are delighted to tell you that Babe has found comfort, love, and an upright head as Piper – the loved family dog of Creighton Fung and his adorable Posey. Creighton tells us how he and Posey have changed the life of this very special girl.

I wasn't actively looking for another dog. We had fostered (and failed) and adopted Posey (formerly Nancy) from Homeward Bound back in March 2011 after our Golden Retriever, Bailey, died from cancer. My wife passed away unexpectedly later that year after her own short fight with cancer. So it's been Posey and me since then. Posey had

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Our Mission

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization which rescues and heals displaced, abandoned, and homeless Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, regardless of their age or health. Homeward Bound secures safe, loving homes through a comprehensive adoption program, and also provides lifetime sanctuary for Golden Retrievers that cannot be adopted.

Homeward Bound also provides education on proper animal care and on the benefits of, and need for, rescue and sanctuary. In the event of a disaster, Homeward Bound will provide assistance to other rescue groups and the families of dogs impacted by the disaster.

Homeward Bound will continue to serve as a model rescue organization, addressing animal welfare needs throughout California and neighboring states, and strives to be a national leader in rescue, sanctuary and education.

DOGS RESCUED TO DATE 2020
110

VET EXPENSES TO DATE 2020
\$87,152



A Message From Our President

It has been quieter here at Homeward Bound. Not because we have fewer dogs, but because we have reduced our on-site volunteer teams to two individuals at a time in shifts throughout the day. It ensures that the dogs are well looked after while reducing the risk to each other as this COVID crisis wears on. Our devoted volunteers have accepted the constraints with patience but they miss the dogs – and each other.

I used to look forward to the quiet and solitude that the evening hours would finally bring as volunteers headed for home. Now, I miss the commotion. While I love the company of dogs, I am anxious for a return to human connections, too. I think we all are.

We know that it will take time for the world to right itself. There will be economic hardship and with that will come more dogs. We saw it in the last recession when our intake numbers more than doubled as people lost their homes and livelihood. We will need the help of our volunteers and our supporters to meet the need. It's a big ask when we know that everyone is under increased pressure. But the dogs can't ask for it themselves; they depend on us.

These are the times that test our resilience, our determination, and our humanity. I am so grateful to all who have reached out or dug deep to help – and, of course, for the dedication of our volunteers. We have been through good and tough times. By pulling together, we have always gotten through and I know that will be the case again. It must. Now, more than ever...the dogs need us.

Be well and be strong. Care for yourselves and for each other. Focus on the good that surrounds us all. Let the stories in these pages and the Annual Report we recently published on our website prop you up and remind you that this too shall pass - and miracles can be accomplished when we let hope guide us.

With my heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

Sincerely,

Jody Jones, President





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her issues when she first came to us, but we were able to work them out, and she has become a great dog.

We adopted a "tortie" cat named Mai Tai, about a year and a half ago. I thought that a cat and a dog would be enough animals in the house.

I casually follow Homeward Bound online and on Facebook, simply because I love the stories and the photos. That's how I came across Babe's story. Her profile—shy dog, no small children, no mean cats, older dog to show her the way—seemed to fit our house perfectly. I teased my adult daughter and son about her availability (we all have dogs) and they said "Get her. You're exactly what she needs." So after a week of thinking about it, I contacted Homeward Bound and said that I thought we'd be a good fit.

Posey and I came up on Saturday, February 29. We were the third family to "interview" with Babe. She was very withdrawn and reluctant to socialize, but we stayed for about 45 minutes, and she seemed to be alright with us around. Right about the time Carol (the adoption counselor) and I thought we were a match, Babe curled her lip when Posey walked over. Even though Posey did not react, Carol thought it might be a bad sign. We were disappointed, but we had tried our best to connect. If that was the way it was, so be it. I told Carol, if she changed her mind, to give me a call.

I was surprised to receive a call the very next day. It seems that after a discussion with other volunteer counselors, they were willing to give Posey and me another chance. So we drove back and spent another 45 minutes with Babe. She was much more outgoing (for her). There were no negative signals from either

Babe or Posey. Carol suggested a 10-day foster-to-adopt trial.

After we returned home, Mai Tai (our indoor cat who is not afraid of dogs) immediately greeted Babe. Babe had no reaction, so I thought that was a great sign. I wanted her to get into our routine as soon as possible, so we went for a walk on our usual route. She was pretty good on leash, although not aware of her space, and the three of us walked around our neighborhood park so that she could get a feel for it.

Since she was a shy dog, I felt it was important to give her a routine to build her confidence. We kept to our schedule of a morning and evening walk, same time, every day. I worked from home the first day, and my daughter-in-law stopped by the rest of the week each late morning. Babe had one accident in the house, next to the back door, on Day 2. Luckily for me, my daughter-in-law took care of it. For the first two weeks, Babe would relieve herself on my (new) deck and not on our walks. I did not punish her; I just cleaned up and hosed off the deck every time. I could never seem to catch her in the act. I was sure it was because of her life as a breeder, presumably in a kennel, that she didn't know any better.

Gradually, she began to use the backyard lawn to pee, which was a huge accomplishment. Last week she started doing it on our walks and has become much more consistent, although she has amazing bladder and bowel control. I would give

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Here's Your Opportunity To Double The Gold!



Homeward Bound

DOUBLE THE GOLD



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

With shelters increasingly reducing their services during this unprecedented time, and the economic impact of this situation taking hold, we know the need will grow exponentially as it did during the last downturn when our intakes more than doubled to 800+ dogs each year. This is not just a human crisis: it may quickly become an animal crisis, too.

Now – more than ever – your support is needed to capture every penny of that waiting match. No gift is too small. Together, we can get there and ensure that we can still say “yes” to every dog in need.

The dogs featured here are just of few of the hundreds who will receive our support this year.

Remington had been passed around from family-to-family until he was hit by a car and sustained a fractured front leg. No one wanted him then. Even more worrisome, he suffered a massive loss of skin on his leg. It is called “de-gloving,” and that is exactly how it appears. The biggest concern was not the fracture but the risk of infection and subsequent complications.

At 112 pounds, the loss of a leg would be catastrophic for Remington, so amputation would only be done as a last resort. Saving the mangled leg with its exposed tissue and tendons was a challenge no other rescue would take on. Homeward Bound was Remington's last chance. Saving the leg has required twice-daily

bandage changes and the application of a unique (and expensive, \$60 per day) wound honey that is working miracles to heal the skin and help new tissue to grow.



Our president made Remington her special project with her usual dedication and meticulous care. After four months of having his open wound lovingly unwrapped, recoated, and rewrapped daily, new skin now covers most of the injured area. The fractured leg has fully healed, and he is now at foster for final recovery.



Brie came to us with an ectopic ureter – an abnormality in the tissue that connects the kidney to the bladder, where the ureter does not enter the urinary blad-

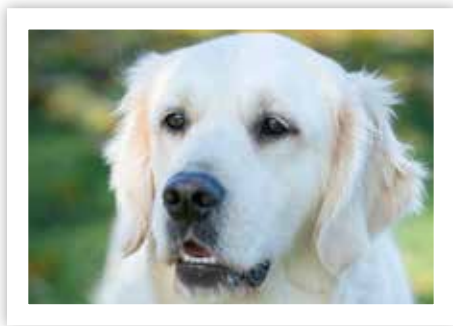
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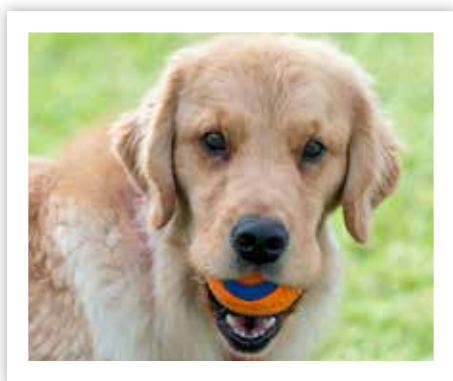
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der in the correct anatomic position. The result: incontinent peeing. Before coming to Homeward Bound, Brie had a surgery to implant a device that prevents leakage. This created an abnormal distention of her ureter, causing damage to her kidney. We were delighted when, despite her health challenges, Brie was adopted by a friend of one of our volunteers. We have an appointment for her to be seen by a specialist at U.C. Davis to hopefully correct the issues. With your help, we'll be there for our special needs girl.

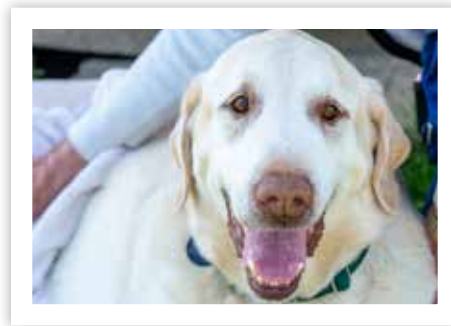


Bonnie is a sweet year-and-a-half-old golden girl who came to us with ectopic ureter, like Brie. She underwent laser surgery before her arrival without success. Our funny girl requires daily baths to keep her clean and healthy. We have scheduled a urology consultation at U.C. Davis to determine whether surgery will correct this condition. The treatment by UCD specialists will be an expensive undertaking but we are committed to doing whatever it takes to help these deserving girls live normal happy lives.

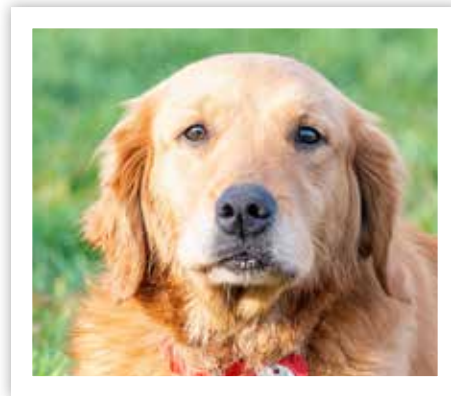


Kobe – a big, sweet seven-year-old yellow lab – arrived with a huge and painful mast cell tumor on his foot. His prognosis

for a long life was poor; hospice was recommended. But Kobe still had lots of life in him. As the cancer was still isolated to the leg, amputation became his only hope. The amputation gave Kobe a new lease on life as he was once again able to run, jump, and play like any healthy dog. He was quickly adopted into a home where he is much loved. We are hopeful that the amputation was curative, but if the cancer should return, we are prepared to work with his new family to support his needs.



Daisy is a beautiful three-year old girl who arrived from China in 2019 with a torn ACL. We provided the surgery to repair her knee. After a four-week recovery period, she went into foster care with one of our volunteer couples. No surprise to us...after an additional four-week recovery period, she became a permanent member of their family. Happy new life, Daisy!



Homeward Bound has been able to support all of these dogs thanks to your generous gifts.

In 2019, our veterinary costs exceeded \$327,000. We took in 386 dogs. Most of the dogs that come to us need basic or minor veterinary care; some require much more including treatments for heartworm, diabetes, surgeries for eyes, ears, teeth, hips and knees, as well as intestinal blockages, and countless mass removals.

In addition to medical expenses for new dogs in our program, approximately 100 are sustained in permanent foster homes with Homeward Bound ensuring their ongoing medical needs are met. A select few with extraordinary needs remain with us in Sanctuary. In this current crisis, we expect the number of dogs in need of our help to increase dramatically. We know that these are extraordinary times and that many of you are under pressure as well. **Anything you can contribute during the Double the Gold Challenge will not only help – it will go twice as far as your gift is doubled by the waiting Fund of Love match created by a few big-hearted donors.**

We cannot do it without you.

How to Help

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with offers of help already. In our 20 years, we have been through good and tough times, but we have always pulled together with one shared passion: our love of dogs. They need us now more than ever. And, now – more than ever – we need you.

You can give securely online to the **Double the Gold Challenge** by clicking the Donate button on our website at www.hbgrr.org.

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Now more than ever...THANK YOU!



Foster: A Lifeline for Dogs in Need

Homeward Bound has always been blessed with special foster angels who take dogs with ongoing needs into their homes as permanent fosters. For all intents and purposes, they are official members of the family except that Homeward Bound holds their “papers” so we can ensure that their medical needs are met.

Last year, we revamped our foster program, now under the leadership of Joanna Hook. One of her important goals was to bring our temporary foster program back to life. Most dogs will use our beautiful facility as a brief way station on their journey, but some dogs are not comfortable in a group setting or need special attention and assistance to prepare for home. Some dogs wait a little longer than most. For them, just having day outings with human friends enriches their time with us while we learn more about them through their visits to the community.

We have been able to recruit a small but dedicated team of temporary fosters. Some were already volunteers who expanded their efforts. Others, like Mary Ann Putman, were new to volunteering with Homeward Bound. In one year, she has made an enormous impact – acting as a bridge to home for seven dogs with very unique needs. From those needing medical rehabilitation to the shy, frightened, unsocialized, or wild child pups, Mary Ann has an innate ability to “read” their needs and help them gain the physical and emotional support and confidence they need. Casey is a great example.

Surrendered in May 2019 at the age of five, Casey is a handsome Doodle who seemingly started life out on the right paw earning his AKC Canine Good Citizen and Community Canine certifications after sailing through training. He had all the commands down, but he couldn’t put them together with comfort around humans – male humans in particular. Casey



arrived wearing a bandana that warned people off petting him – and he meant it. He was afraid and expressed it with a show of teeth and snapping. You wouldn’t want to press your luck.

Casey chose his humans carefully. He developed a trusted circle of select friends that he allowed to walk and care for him. If he did not count you among them, he would be impossible to get out of the kennel or recall from a yard. Men were not high on his list.



People fell in love with his good looks. A series of carefully selected adopters chosen for their experience and patience took Casey home and then returned him, heartbroken.

Mary Ann began her foster journey with Homeward Bound by helping two dogs with their recoveries from knee surgery: Lucy Belle and Luxie. In late November

2019, she brought Casey home, where a transformation gradually ensued. It wasn’t magic. It was just time, patience, and stability without excessive expectations that gave Casey the window he needed to learn to trust and become a more well-balanced dog.

It took 240 days altogether, but in early January 2020, Casey found his forever mom.

Lynnette had a great deal of dog experience, including her most recently departed companion, who was scared, skittish, and reactive around other dogs. Not only was the bond between Casey and Lynnette instant, but the home setting was also perfect. Now living the life in Carmel by the Sea, Casey has the time and space he needs to gradually expand his world at his pace. He has a beautiful yard and home that overlook the ocean, goes on long walks in this peaceful setting, and is gradually mastering new experiences with people coming and going – and even a successful vet visit! As a bonus, Casey has fallen head-over-paws for Lynnette’s granddaughter, who provides equal parts snuggles, understanding, and adventures.

Fostering was the lifeline that Casey desperately needed to be successful. If you are interested in joining our foster program, please complete an application on our website or email Joanna at fostering@homewardboundgoldens.org for more information.

Violet: A Promise Made and Kept

Violet was a featured dog in our **Fund of Love** appeal this year. She was surrendered to us at the age of 13 when her person could no longer care for her. We always believe that we will outlive our dogs or at least be able to see them through their golden years. When that is not the case, the decision to surrender is especially hard.

Violet had acquired a long list of medical concerns. The most concerning of her needs was laryngeal paralysis. It causes labored breathing, fatigue, and difficulty eating. Violet had to be closely monitored.

Along with copious notes from her human came a request: please keep Violet in Sanctuary with you where I know she is safe. While we have devoted permanent fosters, he needed to know that Violet was in the place he had come to know and trust. Because we have a dedicated senior sanctuary, Violet could remain under our watchful eye – loving the outdoors when the weather was good, and enjoying the company of canines and humans.

Still, we could not stop the progression of her disease. We lost Violet in late March. At the age of 14, her body finally gave out and we helped her to a gentle 'goodbye' to ease her suffering. Jody made the incredibly hard phone call to her Dad who is struggling himself. A promise was made – and kept.



It is quieter now in the Senior Yard. Her absence is felt most notably by our long-time resident, Red, his sidekick, Miller, and the devoted volunteers who spoil our Sanctuary dogs with cookies, care and love.

While our mission is to serve dogs in need, human lives are touched as well. Thanks to your support, Violet was where her human wished - in safety, comfort and surrounded by love bringing both of them the peace they needed and deserved.

A Lasting Legacy

Eileen Kopp was a longtime foster of Homeward Bound's senior dogs, particularly those in need of hospice care. She would ask "who is not getting adopted?" and Jody would send her home with a long line of sugar-faces in need of a quiet place to rest their heads and tender lov-

ing care when it was needed most. The goal wasn't to rehabilitate but to make the most vulnerable and overlooked comfortable and loved.

She moved to England but remained connected to our family. Last year, she called and asked if we could please help by rescuing some of the dogs in desperate positions from afar. Eileen was not alone in that hope; 53 dogs from China made their way to us in 2019. We think she would be pleased.

Eileen passed recently. She remembered Homeward Bound in her estate – a gift that will help to carry her passion forward to those in need. Eileen Kopp had a very big heart. She will be sorely missed, and her memory will live on through our work at Homeward Bound.

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.

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- Jody Jones, President, Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary



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The Long Goodbye

BY: Audrey Farrington

Losing a dog suddenly and unexpectedly is heartbreaking. It can be hard to accept or process grief without time to prepare. But losing a dog gradually due to a terminal illness represents an entirely different challenge.

After the shock of the diagnosis comes a decision about what you want for your dog. The honest input of a trusted veterinarian is crucial now. Do you want to fight to extend life as long as possible, even if it means potential side effects and complications of treatment? Or do you want to make the most of your time together as long as your dog's health allows? It's human to put our own needs at the center of these decisions, but the greater gift is to base the decision on the dog's needs, weighing their age, strength, and quality of life. Sometimes, the decision starts with a fight until the dog tells us otherwise. If you have concluded that the quality of your days together is more important than the number, there are things you can do that improve your dog's quality of life while helping you with the grieving process.

Create a Bucket List

As long as it is healthy and safe, create new memories together or relive old ones. Indulge your dog in the things they love most. Trips to the beach, the snow, visits with friends, or even extra outings to the park in hopeless pursuit of squirrels will bring joy to you both and help you remember them in their happiest state.

Let them Feast

Their whole lives, we have watched their diets to help optimize their health and longevity. Now is the time to throw that out the window. While ensuring that your spoiling does not create digestive issues,



treat them to the tastiest, most decadent meals possible. Is your pup eating better than the humans in the household? Good! You can't change their prognosis, but you can make them smile!

Pampering and Photo Shoots

Does your dog relax and turn to mush when groomed? Arrange for a spa day, followed by a professional photo shoot in a favorite spot. The photos you take during this time will be some of your most cherished.

Recognize and Manage their Pain

To ensure your commitment to quality of life, learn to recognize the signs of pain. Dogs are excellent at hiding pain, but there are tell-tale signs that it is time to seek additional help from your veterinarian.

Changes in Vocalization: a normally quiet dog is suddenly whining, or a typically vocal dog may be suddenly quiet. Other signs include stomach ache or loss of appetite, excessive panting, trembling, drooling, nausea, vomiting, constipation, or diarrhea. Watch for restlessness or changes in sleep habits: A dog in pain can feel restless and exhibit an inability to get comfortable and lie still. Pacing, repeatedly readjusting position, or getting up and down frequently are all cause for concern.

Changes in Behavior or Temperament:

In dogs as in humans, pain can cause sudden behavior changes. Irritability, snapping, avoidance of touch, depression, lethargy, mental dullness, or even excessive neediness can all be signs of underlying pain. Work with your veterinarian to manage your dog's pain with palliative or hospice care.

Seeing Them Through

The hardest part of a terminal illness is knowing that a goodbye is ahead. Sometimes, the kindest thing to do is to intervene when your dog is in pain or has lost all quality of life. Dogs have a way of telling us when it's time. Just watch and listen.

As difficult as it is, the greatest gift you can give your dog is to be by their side when that time comes. If possible, make arrangements in advance. Some vets will come to the home so your dog is in its most relaxed state and setting. If you choose to go to the vet's office, try to make arrangements ahead. A good and caring vet will be concerned for both you and your dog, acting with empathy. If you find comfort in the company of others, bring a spouse or friend to lean on. Whatever helps you to have the strength to be there when your dog needs you most. Tears are shed, but regret never leaves.

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Celebrate their Life

Some people say grief is the pain of loving so much. There is no playbook or timetable for managing loss and grief. Everyone and every instance is unique. Dogs provide us with so much unconditional love and companionship; the emptiness upon their passing is palpable. Give yourself time to experience your grief without apology but also allow for the time when a reminder of them makes you smile. That day will come, and when it does, find a personal way to celebrate the life you shared and congratulate yourself for returning their love by seeing them through.



Babe Continued

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her a treat whenever she pottied in a proper place, which Posey caught onto on the first day. Now Posey looks at me for a treat every time she goes, too!

We changed her name to Piper after the first week. There was no way we were going to give up on her. She had met other dogs and people on our walks, and enthusiastically greeted all of them without a sign of fear or aggression. When I came home from work, she would wag her tail, make those snorty, moaning noises that excited dogs make, and push her head forward to be petted.

I think she was debarked when she was in China. She has a sad, quiet bark that

I've only heard a couple of times: once during a movie and a couple of times playing with the cat.

We're at Day 25 now. Since I've been working from home during the COVID-19 lockdown, we have three walks a day. She comes to her new name, sits before her food dish gets put down, plays hard with the cat, walks with Posey on a double leash, poops and pees almost every time on our walks (and a lot less on the deck), and sleeps in my bedroom with Posey and Mai Tai.

She has met and played with my son and daughter-in-law's nearly two-year-old Golden, and has socialized with my son's in-laws as well as dogs and people at the park. She has really come out of her

shell, initiating contact and saying 'hello' to everyone. Her curiosity for people and things has really picked up, as well. I've noticed every little step of her growth from her excitement at me getting out of bed to not ducking her head when I put her harness on. When she's dozing, I like to say her name and get her to wag her tail.



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Let's Come Together Again. Kibble & Bids™ 2020

Sunday, September 13, 2020
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When all of this terrible news is hopefully behind us, we hope you will join us as we come together at this year's Kibble & Bids. The event will have special meaning – not only because we are celebrating our twenty year anniversary, but for all that we will have been through together by that point. Through this COVID crisis, we have gained a new perspective and fresh appreciation for each other and our shared devotion to the dogs. Our theme: Twenty Years of Rescued Love.

We are headed back to the Pavilion at Haggin Oaks – a favorite of everyone last year. It's a beautiful venue in Sacramento with shaded lawns, gorgeous greens, ample seating – and the dogs, of course!

Join us for a late afternoon and early evening event with fine food and drink, live and silent auctions, wine wall, raffle, and fun activities for all. We can't wait to share the stories and faces of some of our most memorable rescue tails. And, of course, our gorgeous Golden Greeters will be there!

Look for details on our website in June. We hope to see you there!



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Thank You to GRSRS&EC

Our fellow rescuers at the Golden Retriever Senior Rescue Sanctuary and Educational Center (GRSRS&EC) sent a generous gift for food for our senior and special needs dogs who reside in sanctuary at Homeward Bound. This was in addition to the support they provided for last year's Lab Lift.

GRSRS&EC's mission is to provide life-long support for seniors, special needs, and hospice Golden Retrievers rescued by their group, approved sanctuaries,

and nonprofit Golden Retriever rescue programs nationwide. They have become steadfast friends and supporters of Homeward Bound.

Rescue most definitely takes a village. We are so grateful for GRSRS&EC's ongoing support of the dogs and our shared mission of rescue. P.S...Red and Miller say that all the funds should be used for cookies!!



How COVID Has Changed Our World - And How You Can Help

COVID-19 has changed the world for all of us. We know that—like us—many of you are under pressure but still want to help. Here are some simple ways you can assist that cost nothing or very little.

Nature's Select of Northern California – the dogs' food of choice – donates \$3 per 30-lb. bag of dog food ordered. If you are a Nature's Select customer, select Homeward Bound as your charity beneficiary to support their dogs without any additional cost to you. It adds up to thousands of dollars each year! You can also donate dog food to Homeward Bound by adding it to your order. Unsure how to do either? Give them a call at (916) 480-0900. They will be happy to help.

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We also maintain a list of critical supplies on our **Amazon Wish List**. Some of them very low-cost items that add up to a very big impact! Just click on the link at the top of our website home page to go there.

Gifts of Goods and Services

If your business provides good or services that could be of use to Homeward Bound during this time, please let us know. We will be scrimping on every penny.

Create a **Facebook Fundraiser!** Raise funds for Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, spread



awareness, and rally your social media followers all at the same time. They say it takes a village...this is an easy way for your village to join ours!

Gifts of Foster Support

As time goes on, we may need additional foster resources to ensure that we have the capacity to care for all of the dogs who come to us. Fostering is a gift not only to the dog that is in our program but to the one that hopes to be welcomed. When you open your heart and home to one, you create space for another. If you are interested in learning more, visit our website at:
<https://homewardboundgoldens.org/foster.html>.

Most importantly, whether you can give gifts of time, services or financial support - thank you for all you do for the dogs of Homeward Bound.

How to Reach Us

Your help and ideas are always welcome! Contact team leaders below if you are interested in helping in any of these areas:

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Dates To Remember

The Double the Gold Challenge runs through May
Reunion Picnic...Postponed: To Be Announced
Kibble & Bids, Sunday, September 13th

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.
- **Event Support:** Having fun while helping the dogs!

Our Golden Wish List

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

For Our Goldens:

Nature's Select Dog Food (donate with your online purchase)
Large Pill Pockets
Dog Cookies
Rubber-backed Rugs
Amazon 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