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HOMeward BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

It's hard enough to find a home for a bonded Golden pair. Finding a home together for two unrelated, long-waiting best dog friends seemed too much to hope for. Read how Happy and Jocko's hopes were answered in our cover story.

"Which one has been here the longest" is our favorite question – but not often asked. Read how it resulted in not one – but two very special adoptions on page 5.

Who fills their home and heart with a series of senior dogs despite the certain heartache ahead? That would be Mary Lou. Read about her journey with her pack of permanent foster dogs on page 6.

Who steps up to the plate to keep the dogs of Homeward Bound transported to safety, fed, housed, and medically cared for? That would be all of you who contributed to our fall and van campaigns. We express our gratitude on page 4.

And who is there to feed, clean, walk, train, hug, love and support the dogs on their journeys home? That would be more than 200 volunteers. Angels of all kinds are hard at work at 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!



Finding Home Together

"It broke my heart to bring her back, but I knew this was where she needed to be to find her forever home," said Happy's foster. She was right.

Happy had collided face-first with a car. Reconstructive surgery repaired the damage. Her time in foster care provided the TLC needed for healing. Once recovered, this sedate young girl found her energy, and her foster soon realized it was more than she could physically manage. Returning her to Homeward Bound would keep her front and center when adopters came calling. While she waited, Happy made friends; one in particular. Jocko arrived from a shelter in March. Fearful and unwell, his kennel cough quickly turned into a bad case of pneumonia. It would be a month before he was even able to be adopted, and another month before he was returned. The match had not been right. As he waited, our team worked with him and took him on overnights and day trips. As his confidence grew, an energetic, youthful boy was revealed.

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Our Mission

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

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

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

DOGS RESCUED TO DATE IN 2021
357

VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2021
\$270,113



A Message From Our President

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."
~ Robert Louis Stevenson

It has been just over a year since Jody left us so unexpectedly. Our leader. My dear friend. Her presence is felt as strongly today as it was then. Only now we can speak of her with a smile instead of tears.

Recently, friends and volunteers gathered to dedicate the chapel she coveted – built by her siblings – housing the ashes of dogs returned to Homeward Bound. Among them, Chelsea's ashes – the Golden girl that inspired Jody and Mike's vision for this very special place on earth. The chapel was placed by the pond Jody enjoyed in solitude as she closed out days of toil – physical and emotional. Her spirit is strong there. She would be so pleased with the result.

One guest walked the property remembering the bare ground of 20 years past – recounting Jody's vision: "Here we will house the dogs; here, a vet clinic; here, a swimming pool for rehabilitation; here, a pond; here, grassy yards to run and play; here, a place to gather and train; here, a place for puppies to grow strong; here – a memorial garden." They strained to see it and remembered playing along – pretending to believe. And yet – it is all here thanks to the dedication of the volunteers who brought the vision to life. And thanks to the support of good friends who made it possible.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful to all who have helped us through this year of transition and change. Time does not stand still, and neither can we. Jody planted good seeds. They have grown strong and taken root. Things are different, but we persevered. And I know Jody would be proud.

For your gifts of time, talent and support that make our dream of rescue, rehabilitation and home possible – my heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation. You truly are the heart of Homeward Bound.

Sincerely,

Judy Kent, President





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Happy and Jocko have play styles that most dogs don't appreciate, but these two are well matched. They would rough-house their energy away and then turn into cuddle bugs. This is how they spent their waiting days. It occurred to us that they would be perfect in a home together, but it seemed too unlikely to wish for.

There is a question on our adoption application: Would you consider a bonded pair? Most people answer 'no,' but every once in a while, a special family comes forward with a 'yes.' Most want a bonded Golden pair – a rare find. Rarer still are the families open to pairs of any breed. Enter Noël and Sergio Barros.

They had adopted a Golden pair, Goldie and Zoë, a decade earlier. Later, they adopted Charlie whose cancerous tumor on his heart and lung cut his life unexpectedly short. Dogless, they submitted a fresh application. They have a large, rural property with a fenced acre; plenty of room for young, rambunctious dogs to get their zoomies out. There it was: "We are looking for an adult pair – adoptable only as a pair, prefer golden or golden mix but if not available, any breed will be considered."

"Having tracked Happy and Jocko on your website for adoptable dogs, we realized that each of them had been there quite a while. In our past adoptions, we

always tried to help most by trying to look at canines who were hard to place. The Homeward Bound team thought Happy and Jocko might fit the bill as we looked for a bonded pair. Our first impression of each was that they were sweet, smart, and lovable.



Bringing them home together gave them a built-in support system for each other. Going through all the changes and adapting to the new life as a pair seemed to be comforting to them. Both look to each other for help when one becomes uncertain."

Bringing home a pair of dogs requires a little different approach. No matter how well matched they are for play, after wearing them down, we recommend separating them for dedicated individual time. It's important for their training, and for bonding to their humans as well as each other. Noël and Sergio know this.

"Due to their ages, we knew they would be a high energy duo with boundless energy. Together they manage their own exercise program in the one-acre fenced backyard. Never unchecked by us for more than a few minutes at a time, we know they are glad to be here and to have each other. Each has gotten into minor mischief but overall, they have been very good and are trying hard to please us and to do the right things. Still, we are addressing obedience with both and barking issues with Happy. Judging from their progress so far, we foresee no problems with time and some joint work on our part."

Noël and Sergio know that bringing home one dog – much less two – requires a commitment to exercise, training, love, and patience.

"Thank you to all at Homeward Bound for making this great match possible. The dedication, effort, and time of the volunteers at Homeward Bound has been a wonderful gift for us. I think the biggest joy these two have given us is seeing them thriving, playing with such enthusiasm, and cuddling with us and each other."

What a beautiful end to their time at Homeward Bound and the beginning of their new lives together. Happy lives to you both!



Fall Campaign: Thank You!

This year, for the first time in two decades, we paused our annual Kibble & Bids™ event. Much has changed over the years, including the interests of our guests and the cost to put on such a large event. While we are hard at work reimagining a Kibble & Bids that can welcome all who want to attend and provide a greater return to the dogs, we want to thank all for helping to achieve our fall fundraising goals through generous gifts from longtime friends and everyone's support of a new van.

Accepting our president's van challenge, a generous donor stepped forward with a question: "How much more do you need to achieve your goal?" Her gift put us over the top and – combined with all of your donations - ensures reliable transport with modern safety features for the dogs and our Golden Taxi team.

We are delighted to announce that the new van will be named the Gummo Mobile. Gummo (phonetically) literally means "gold fur" in Cantonese, in honor of the much loved "Gummo Brothers," Buddy Lau and Max Lau.

Buddy Lau and Max Lau will be joined on the van by Sunny and Summer, the dogs of our other two highest donors.

Chelsea's Chapel



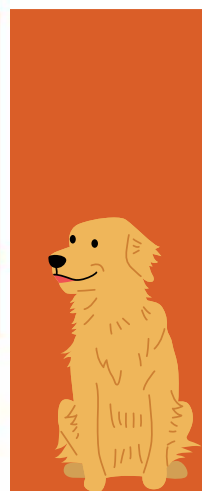
ON GOLDENS' POND

We also conducted a random drawing from all donors. Our winner, Lynda Rose, takes home a beautiful, handcrafted quilt donated by talented adopter, Diana Hunt.

Our sincere thanks to all for helping us reach our goals! If you have ideas for a reinvented Kibble & Bids event for next year, please share!



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Paying it Forward ...with Love

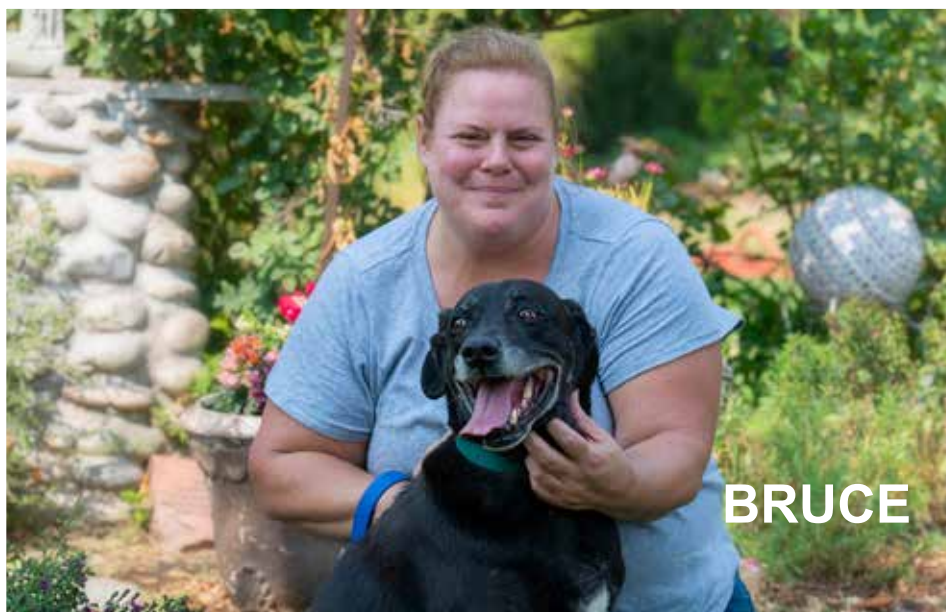
Madeleine had long rescued animals from the streets. She rescued another from a dog fighting operation. Her dogs lived long happy lives in her care – well beyond a typical life expectancy. Given her love of rescue dogs, it was no surprise that when she came to meet one – she fell in love with two.

Bruce had been found stray in the Central Valley. A handsome but worn Black Lab with a sugar face. We put his age at 10+ – not the eight years assigned by the shelter. He had bad knees, bad hips, and arrived with a peculiar lump on his back. Thankfully, it was benign and easily removed. The last thing that Bruce needed was a camel hump – he had enough going against him. Not everyone comes looking for a fixer-upper like Bruce. But he was a sweet and gentle boy with an easy-going disposition who got along well with others.

Gillis was another stray taken to the Stockton shelter. At seven years of age, he was shy, timid and a bit wary of people. If there was a reason for that, he wasn't telling. Having just missed our transport, the shelter staff drove him to us. It was a rare gesture for an obviously special dog. Dogs and cats were OK in his book. People? They required more effort. Once he understood that he could trust, he would reveal his tender nature. He just needed to be given the space for that. Not everyone understands a dog like Gillis.

With a new home and two cats, Madeleine's home could only accommodate one dog. It seemed an impossible decision. She asked a question we hear occasionally with glad hearts: "Who has been here the longest?" At a month and counting, the answer was clear...Bruce it was.

Then we heard something we have very rarely heard: To help Gillis get home, Madeleine insisted on covering his adoption fee as well.



As it turns out, Gillis' wait was not long. The next day, a former adopter who had lost his wife came with his son and his lonesome Lab looking for a companion. The adopter looked right into Gillis' heart and seemed to understand everything Gillis was trying to tell him. With the adoption fee covered by Madeleine's generous gift, Gillis' adopter paid it forward with his own donation to Homeward Bound ensuring that more dogs would benefit from the kindness of two very special people.

Hello Golden People!!

I just wanted to let you know Bruce, who now goes by Bruce Neguse, had an excellent first weekend home. He was meant to be here. It took him a minute to figure out the dog bed is for him, but now he is all about his dog beds. He is a very good boy. He has zero interest in playing ball or with toys, does not want to go for a swim, and doesn't even chase squirrels. But he's happy following me around and going for walks. He seems younger today than he

was on Saturday. He is able to go for long walks at a fairly rapid pace. He walks proudly with his head high, tail wagging, and a spring in his step. I love him very much. Thank you for taking good care of him until he could find his way home.

~ Madeleine



A Foster Journey

BY: MARY LOU HOLBROOK

Many individuals find their calling as Permanent Fosters. Through our program, dogs with long-term needs go home with families just like any adopted dog, except Homeward Bound covers their medical costs for life. This is Mary Lou's story of her journey as a permanent foster, providing love and care to senior dogs when they needed her most.

It took two years after losing my precious Golden Retriever, Quincy, before I could entertain the idea of getting another dog. My daughter and I went out to visit Homeward Bound. I must have looked at seven different dogs. They were young and very energetic. I clearly needed an older dog but was concerned about vet bills. I learned Homeward Bound had a permanent foster program for senior dogs with long-term needs. Medical care is provided by Homeward Bound.

I was introduced to an older dog named Teddy, age 10, who had been there for some time. Teddy seemed resigned to living wherever he was taken and to appreciate the kind care he received. But I also felt he had somewhere else he needed to go. When I let him out, I always found him standing at the gate. On our walks, when I could see he was getting tired I would say, "Let's cross the street and go home." He would stare ahead for a while before turning around. I asked Jody about Teddy's history. He'd come from Oakland, and his Oakland rescuer had refused to give any background information about the sweet old boy. I thought Teddy needed a companion and asked for another oldie. I brought home Daisy, a short-haired Golden.

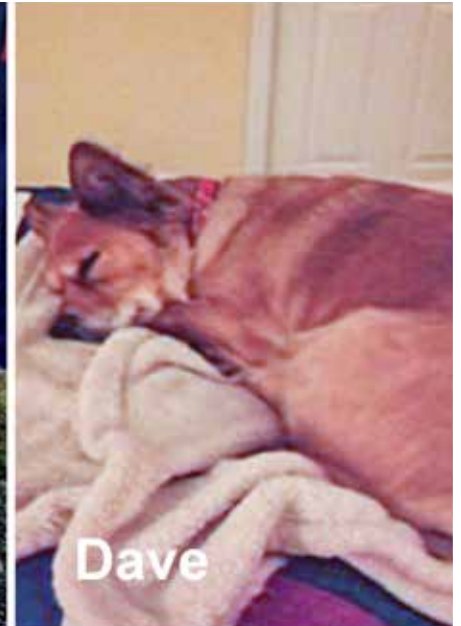
Daisy was 10, trim and had a tight muscular frame. She had lived on a ranch. Her person had recently moved to the city and Daisy was having difficulties being left home alone. My retirement status and a doggie-door were a good fit for this girl.



She was quick to show her feelings: happy, sad, or disgusted. She adjusted and bonded to me right away. She watched over me much like my former Golden. I called Daisy "my rock."



It was 2007, and the rescue was bulging at the seams with dogs of all ages. Our country was in a recession and people were losing their homes and pets. Homeward Bound issued a call for foster families, and I volunteered to take another dog. Jody introduced me to Tipper, a Border Collie. Tipper had been surrendered with a Golden named Bear. Both were 11 years old and had been together since puppyhood; their people hoped they could be kept together. This was proving to be difficult due to their older ages. I took Tipper home and talked my daughter into taking Bear as my HOA only allows three dogs.



I was given a copy of a letter from Tipper and Bear's former family. I quickly glanced over its content. I'm not sure if I accidentally or subconsciously missed the sentence about the dogs being outdoor pets. Who would leave a Golden outside?

My daughter was waiting to have an ankle operation. It was difficult for her to get up to let Bear outside, and he was having numerous accidents. He came to my house for training. I covered all the rugs in the house with plastic sheets and stayed close to home so the dogs could be let out every 30 to 45 minutes. Ten days later, Tipper and Bear were still pooping and peeing faster than I could clean it up. I finally had enough and told the dogs in an upset voice, "I'm taking you back to the ranch because you won't stop pooping in the house!" I sat down and wrote an email to Jody explaining that I would have to return them. I was emotional and decided to wait until the following day to click 'send.' When I woke up the next morning, the dogs had already gone through the dog door and were outside doing their duty! Neither Bear nor Tipper ever had another accident in the house! I'm sorry Jody didn't see this letter; I think she would have had a good laugh.

One day I noticed a little blood in Tipper's urine. Dr. Codde did an ultrasound and found a tumor in his bladder. He wasn't expected to live more than a few months. He seldom left my side in the following

weeks. It was as if he was saying, "I'm scared, please help me." I dearly missed that precious boy when I had to say goodbye five weeks later. My first foster, Teddy, also died soon after.

Bear came home with me permanently after my daughter's operation. He looked shell-shocked the first year. He was well-behaved and followed along with whatever the other dogs were doing. A couple of nights after Tipper died, I woke to the sounds of an angry dogfight between Bear and Daisy. They didn't actually touch one another but sounded like they were tearing each other apart. They had to be separated for the next few nights. Dr. Codde put her finger on the problem: a new order for the alpha dog position was being established. She later asked who had won, the male or the female? I told her the female, and she wasn't surprised. Once the order was settled, they became best friends.

Dave was my next oldie. At age 13, he was a medium sized Golden mix with a barrel chest that would push into the center of the pack as we were getting ready for an outing. This was a bit annoying, but it didn't take long to realize what he was really saying, "Where are we going today? I'm ready, I'm ready to join the adventure!" It was clear Dave had been raised in a loving, caring home. He had medical problems but didn't let them stop his movements. I adored him and had Dave for almost two years.

These dogs were my kids, my friends, and brought endless joy and contentment to my life. Daisy, who I thought would outlive the whole crew, died from bladder

cancer just a month short of her fourteenth birthday. I had her for over four years. I told her to hang on; she was my rock and I know she tried.

Within weeks of Daisy's passing, Bear seemed to come out of his haze and closely bonded to me. We loved going to McDonald's for a coffee and a biscuit, which of course, we shared. Dr. Codde had removed a cancer from Bear's neck just after I got him, and it was four years before the cancer returned. On the morning of his final goodbye, he staggered up and seemed to smile: "Hurrah, we're going out for coffee!" We did stop at McDonald's for a nice slow treat before heading to Dr. Codde's office.

If only dogs had longer lives - but alas, we have to say goodbye far too soon. Although it can be difficult, I'm glad I could give these wonderful dogs a safe and loving home in their elder years. I'm grateful for the time we had together. A look at their pictures most often brings a smile to my face, and I am reminded of their funny antics. Sometimes, it brings tears.

My current foster is Aggie, a little 12-pound mix found in a park on a freezing night, pregnant, sick, and covered in mud. A young woman bought her to the ranch front door. I just



happened to be there and got to take this frightened little girl home. She is perky, adorable, and well trained. Because she is young, I can take her for long walks, which is good for both of us. I do miss the Goldies but feel blessed to have darling Aggie.



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 resulting in thousands of donated dollars each year. Nature's Select provides FREE HOME DELIVERY in the greater Northern California area for purchase over \$39. It's all-natural, holistic pet food from a local, family-owned and operated company.

"We love the convenience of having this quality food delivered to us, as well as the generous donations the 'Kibble Into Cash' program provides."

- Judy Kent, President, Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary



International Rescue: CDC Ban Update

Earlier this year, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a blanket ban on dogs imported from 113 countries due to the risk of rabies. While addressing the genuine issue of puppies and breeding dogs illegally imported for sale, legitimate rescue operations and even U.S. Service member pets have been caught up in the overly broad action.

In a letter sent to the Director of the CDC on September 27, 2021, 57 bipartisan Members of the U.S. House of Representatives expressed concern about the blanket ban that the CDC imposed on dogs coming from these countries. The Congressional letter to the Director of the CDC specifically addresses dogs rescued from China, stating:

“The CDC’s ban prevents thousands of dogs from 113 countries from being rescued and adopted into loving and safe homes. China is a country that fails to enforce laws against the consumption of dog meat and does little to halt particularly inhumane means of killing dogs at annual Yulin “dog meat” festivals. **According to [the CDC], not a single dog originating from the People’s Republic of China, and imported into the U.S., has been diagnosed with rabies in the past decade.**”



The letter further states that the signing Members of Congress believe that dogs destined for American adoption can be safely imported by requiring confirmation of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian in the country of origin, followed by pre-departure rabies serology testing, and development of a secure and fraud-resistant “pet passport.”

This letter follows both the recently passed House appropriations amendment to provide the CDC with \$3 million towards screening dogs for entry into the United States, and the introduction of the Healthy Dog Importation Act. These actions, taken together, show that Congress believes there is a more narrowly tailored solution for the CDC to respond to any legitimate concern about canine rabies than a wholesale ban on the importation of dogs around the world.

Our efforts to rescue dogs from overseas never interferes with our work to save dogs here at home. But our mission is Golden Retriever rescue. And when a life is at stake, we provide safe haven and loving homes while those on the ground work to change a culture of inhumane treatment from within. We join in supporting other rescue groups in working to achieve the CDC’s public protection goals while leaving the door open for lawful and genuine rescue efforts.

The CDC’s ban has accomplished one thing: it has united animal rescues in the fight for the enforcement of animal welfare laws across the globe.

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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.





Still Young at Heart

November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month. If you are lucky enough to have your young dog grow old with you, or you adopt golden oldie, you know the unique joys of a senior dog. Along with the sugar face and the slower steps, comes a gentle companionship. Yes – there will be changes in abilities and health needs ahead. But if you're considering adoption, the advantages to bringing home an older dog are clear.

Loyalty. Seniors are often overlooked or at high risk of euthanasia at shelters. A rescued senior seems to sense that they have been saved. After a period of adjustment, you can see them relax into safety and care, returning your kindness with deep loyalty and appreciation.

Fewer Lifestyle Changes. Forget about the 2+ years of puppy zoomies, chewing and destruction. There's no need to puppy proof your life. Senior pets are generally mellow, relaxed, and fit easily into your home. Senior dogs have learned many of life's lessons. Most know, for example, that shoes are for walking and bones are for chewing.

WYSIWYG ("What you see is what you get.") When you meet your senior dog, you will get an immediate sense of their

well-developed personality. With permanence may come some changes – typically for the better. As your senior dog settles in and feels comfortable at home, the positives that attracted you to him or her are likely to be accentuated.

Easy Does It. Most senior pets do not demand the same time and attention that younger dogs require. As we age, we all slow down. Long romps and hyper fun turn into casual walks, shorter play time, and an appreciation of naps! Many senior pets snooze the day away inside while you are busy with work and are waiting calmly at the door for you when you return home.

Natural Stress Relief. Studies have shown that petting a dog for just 15 minutes boosts the so-called "feel-good" hormones, serotonin, prolactin and oxytocin, and even lowers blood pressure by 10 percent, reducing the stress of our hectic lives. Leisurely walks and gentle play with your senior dog may also encourage you to take a break and exercise for a few minutes on even your busiest days.

Old Dog, New Tricks. Senior dogs can learn new tricks. In fact, adult dogs are often easier to train than younger canines specifically because they aren't as active. Older dogs aren't as easily distracted as pups and can focus for longer periods of time. This ability to concentrate helps

them learn new routines more easily while the process provides mental stimulation. Time shared while learning new tricks will deepen the bond you have with your canine friend.

Companionship For All. Senior pets make wonderful companions for people of all ages, but especially for senior humans who often feel isolated. Dogs give us a reason to get out and interface with others, helping to keep hearts young. They also make excellent therapy dogs - paying their good fortune forward.

Adopt a senior. Save a life. And change two lives – yours and theirs – forever.



Holiday Gifts & Fun • For Every Human, Dog & Budget!

Light Up The Homeward Bound Giving Tree!

The 11th Annual Homeward Bound Giving Tree will be ready to decorate online beginning Thanksgiving weekend!

The Homeward Bound Giving Tree has become such a special way to celebrate the holidays. It's the perfect gift to remember a loved one (canine or human), honor someone close or a dedicated volunteer, or just demonstrate your shared passion for rescue. When you donate to the Giving Tree – in honor or in memory of your special someone – you're giving a gift from the heart that benefits all the dogs who need our help on their journeys home.

For donations of \$10 or more, you can help us decorate our Giving Tree. Place a virtual light, ornament, or package under our tree in honor of, or in memory of, friends, family, or pets. The honoree will receive a beautiful certificate from Homeward Bound telling them of your gift and where to view the online tree with your posted message. You will warm the heart of the honoree while helping Homeward Bound continue to take in, provide medical care, and place hundreds of dogs each year.

The Giving Tree is the last of our annual fundraising efforts and represents a third of the funds we raise in support of the dogs. The tree will be ready to light and decorate on Thanksgiving weekend. Look for it on our website at www.homeward-boundgoldens.org. It's incredible to watch your gifts turn our bare tree into a bright light every year during the holiday season.

Please join us in making this the most memorable year ever!



Planned Giving: A Gift for Live

If your heart has belonged to a rescued dog, you already understand the impact that our mission of rescue and adoption has on Golden lives and families. Estate or planned gifts to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue are excellent opportunities to create a legacy ensuring that more Golden lives are saved.

There are many options from which to choose in your estate planning. Naming us in your will or trust, for example, is one of the easiest ways to ensure that future generations of Golden in need will find a second chance at life.

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

Don't Forget: Shop & Donate At No Cost With AmazonSmile

Here's another way to contribute to Homeward Bound through Amazon: You shop – Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (which we hope is Homeward Bound!). It adds up to thousands of dollars for the dogs each year!

Simply do your Amazon shopping through the AmazonSmile site. You receive the same Amazon pricing and service while the dogs benefit - at no cost to you! Just enter this address in your browser and start shopping! smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0442702





Santa Returns to Homeward Bound!

Santa is so excited to get back to business as usual! Photographer, Eric Schuman will join us again for photos with your pup...just in time for the holidays!

Dates: Friday-Sunday, November 19-21

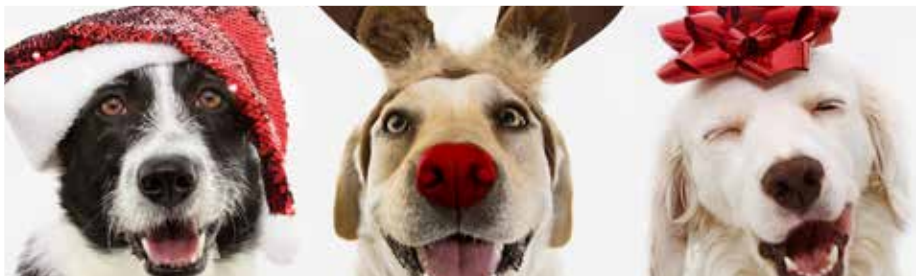
Location: Homeward Bound,
7495 Natomas Rd., Elverta, CA

Time: 10AM-2PM each day

(Except between 12N-12:30PM when Santa and his elves load up on cookies.)

For \$20, we provide the photographer, a winter backdrop, doggie scarves and holiday gear, hot apple cider and hot chocolate, plus homemade cookies for dogs and humans...and Santa, of course! You provide the dog(s)! Your Santa Photos will be available online for download - with super speedy turnaround.

Schedule your Santa Photos today! Slots go quickly. Drop-ins accommodated but there may be a wait. To schedule, email: golden-training@homewardboundgoldens.org



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Your help and ideas are always welcome!

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The Giving Tree - Begins Thanksgiving Weekend

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.
- **Fosters:** Short term foster is a gift for the dogs and helps us make the best matches possible.

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