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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

Dan's beautifully crafted tribute to his departed Marty (our cover story) is a reminder to all of us to keep an open mind and heart when we go looking for a new companion. An unexpected match led to a very special bond and a lifelong friendship.

Once you find your new friend, be guided by our "Rule of Three's" to ensure that your adopted dog transitions comfortably and successfully. Read our advice on page 4.

And don't let potty training be an obstacle to adoption of an adult dog that may have spent its life outside. It's easier than you imagine. We take you through the process, step-by-step, on page 6.

November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month, the perfect time to highlight the many benefits that come with providing a sugar-faced friend with a soft place to land in its golden years.

Finally, everyone can play a role in rescue. It's as simple as being alert to your surroundings and speaking for those who cannot. Read "When You See Something, Say Something" on page 7.

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Marty, Darling of Curtis Park, and Joy to His Family, Has Taken His Last Walk

BY: DAN BERNSTEIN

Dan's touching tribute to his beloved Marty speaks to anyone who has ever loved a perfectly imperfect dog. Read it through and you'll understand why we love dogs like Marty and adoptive families like Dan and Jill's.

Marty Glickman Estroff Bernstein, a mixed breed rescue who dazzled Curtis Park residents with his beauty and athleticism and brought immense joy to one particular family, died peacefully in his backyard Saturday, June 4th after a sudden illness. He was 12. Or maybe 11, 13, or 14. He came with no papers, other than a clean bill of health and a warning that he chases cats "with intent to harm," which might have dissuaded other pet-loving families from adopting him.

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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 2022
304

VET EXPENSES TO DATE IN 2022
\$319,955



A Message From Our President

"Once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about." – Haruki Murakami

It feels like this year has thrown everything at us. Overflowing shelters, an endless line of surrendered dogs, major medical needs, navigating the purchase of the Homeward Bound property, levee and development projects that literally surround us, and the announced retirement of our beloved Dr. Codde – our veterinarian of 18 years – my rock. The storm is definitely not yet over; we are still in the midst of these challenges. But one thing is certain – we will persevere.

How do I know? Because I am not the same person I was when I walked into this role. I have the strength of a devoted team behind me. I have the commitment of our "Doc" to help us through the transition. And I have the support of hundreds of people like you.

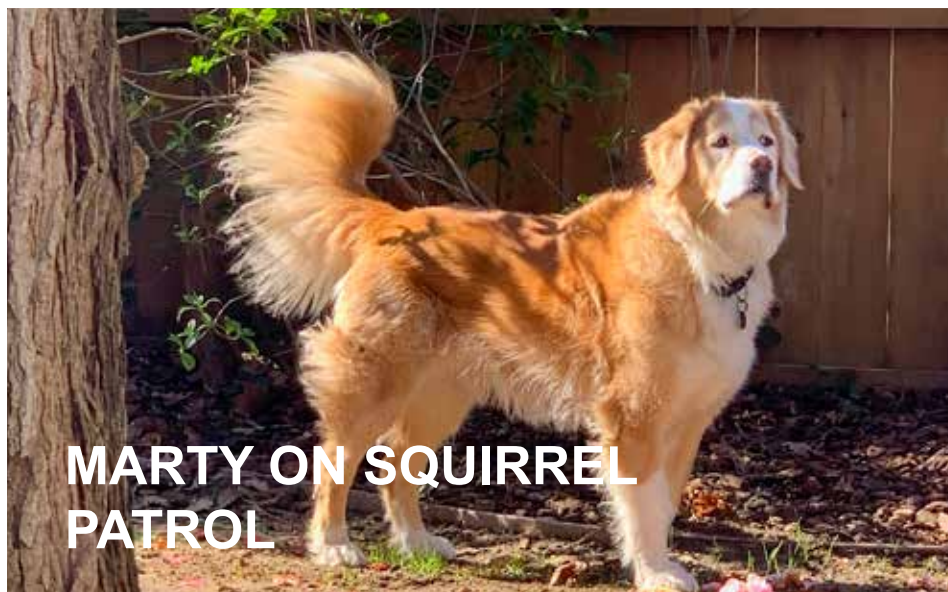
As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all who have helped us through this year. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure never cease to amaze me. In particular, words cannot express our collective gratitude that we are in a position to fulfill Jody and Mike's wish of purchasing the Homeward Bound property and securing their legacy.

Storms don't scare us with you by our side (and rain would be welcome!!). Thank you for helping to make our promise of rescue, rehabilitation, and home possible for the hundreds of dogs that come through our doors each year. You truly are the heart of Homeward Bound.

Gratefully,

Judy Kent, President





MARTY ON SQUIRREL PATROL

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But for members of the Estroff Bernstein family, it was love at first sight. In an enclosed area at the Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary, they watched Marty chase tennis balls with abandon, leaping over his competitors to retrieve and return them before burying his head in the laps of unsuspecting visitors, demanding to be rewarded with petting for his prowess. Dan somehow found this behavior endearing, and before you could say “but he’s not exactly a Golden,” Marty was panting in the backseat of our Dodge Caravan as Faith stroked his fur on the way home to the Curtis Park neighborhood. In a candid interview several years ago, translated by a bilingual veterinarian, Marty said he knew he could get away with quite a bit of mischief if he just trained his eager eyes on theirs and offered up his plush chest and softer-than-cashmere ears for petting. “Most people are suckers for a beautiful dog,” Marty said. “I intended to take advantage of this family, but they sort of grew on me and so I agreed to a few of their silly rules.”

In his eight years in Curtis Park, Marty left a mark on everyone he met—usually with cobwebs of fur he transferred onto their clothes as a souvenir of the encounter. His movie-star good looks—something of a cross between Lassie and Brad Pitt—caused pedestrians to alter their routes to approach and admire his regal beauty: white stripe running down

his nose, snowy chest, matching white socks, and a perpetual smile. Marty was half Golden Retriever and half Border Collie, a DNA blend sometimes referred to as a Gollie. He did not so much walk as prance, his tail a fluffy metronome and his shorter-than-expected legs bounding as if to music. Once, a woman driving past Marty made a U-turn, jumped out of her car, said she just had to meet him. Marty happily obliged but refused to sign an autograph.

Though not a fan of most dogs, Marty tolerated Zoey, Sara’s Maltese mix, who hopped on his back like a flea, tugged at his fur, and ran circles around him as he patiently waited for her to tire out. But Marty mostly loved people, and he loved nothing more than to be petted. He would let this be known by wedging his muzzle between your side and your arm and knocking your elbow away, preferably while you were holding a hot beverage. Fall into his trap and you were signed up for extended duty. Pull your arm away and he would give you a look that said, “How dare you not lay a hand on me.” The only person he harassed was the mail carrier: in his fervor to protect the homeland from the uniformed monster, he twice cracked a front windowpane when barking did not seem to scare him off.

Marty also dazzled onlookers with his agility at chasing tennis balls (launched from a Chuck-It stick), leaping to snatch some in mid-air after a bounce, then making a wide turn for the return trip, a hint of

braggadocio in his gait. His athletic prowess caught the eye of a neighborhood tennis pro, who periodically donated a bagful of used balls for Marty’s pleasure. When Marty wasn’t retrieving, he was taking Dan on walks around the park’s perimeter, stopping often to inhale the wondrous scents at the base of sycamore trees before creating a blend with his own.

Marty—whose family sometimes called him other names including Martin, The Martian, Martay, Martinelli, and Mister Boy—was playful, loyal, affectionate, smart, needy, and more than a bit anxious. Whether that anxiety was due to his early upbringing or genetics is anyone’s guess. But it usually could be eased by hugging or petting, which left both parties happier. Indeed, Marty’s seeming desire for physical contact was his way of providing a service to sad or upset family members whom he correctly sensed could be comforted by touching his warm, thick coat. When Dan came home, Marty would rush to the door to greet him, and would always drop whatever he was doing (or chewing) to respond when called his name. When Dan dared to go to work, Marty kept Jill company, inviting her to curl her fingers under his collar while staring sweetly at her. But Marty was particularly loyal to Dan, whom he followed from room to room, curling up beside him as he played guitar in the bedroom, or read in the guest room, or watched TV on the living room couch. Actually, the couch belonged to Marty, and Dan often had to fight for space. After some negotiating, Dan was able to secure a place beside Marty in exchange for a 10-minute belly rub.

Marty spent much of his time patrolling his small backyard on Sixth Avenue. He would invariably settle down along the west side fence, which afforded him a wide-angle view of the entire yard while allowing him to stay camouflaged and cool under the shrubs. It was there that he would deposit the shoes he had snatched from inside the house, leading to cries of frustration from those who failed to

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appreciate that he was just protecting their footwear. Closing the heavy doors leading to the backyard was no deterrent: Marty long ago figured out how to slide them open with his snout from either inside or outside. In his heyday, Marty caught and killed no fewer than five backyard squirrels, sometimes scaling a six-foot-fence to capture his prey, who paid a dear price for teasing him from above. Marty also liked to dig holes in the yard, sometimes tearing apart irrigation lines to reach the desired depth.

On the food front, Marty was an opportunist, taking meals and desserts from tables and counters left unattended. On separate occasions, Marty made off with and inhaled an entire burrito, a holiday gift of truffles in a sturdy box, and a plate of cookies encased in a glass Pyrex container, leaving shards of glass but not a crumb behind. When confronted, he would get a sheepish look on his face that conveyed he knew he had crossed the line but would make it up somehow. He always did.

In his final weeks, as he was slowing down from a cancer that began in his shoulder and spread throughout his body, Marty found it hard to move toward his food dish or his favorite peeps. And so, we got down on the floor with him, trying to ease his whimpering with prolonged petting and pain pills that he allowed us to place at the back of his throat so he could more easily swallow them. Marty eventually whispered to Dan that he was too weak to carry on and was no longer able to be the dog he was meant to be. And so, arrangements were made to put Marty down in his backyard, with members of his family present to comfort him by constant petting, words of love, and limitless pieces of cold chicken. Dan hugged Marty and thanked him for being such a good friend and for bringing so much joy to him, his family, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. In silent language that needed no translation, Marty replied that he knew all along that he had chosen the right family. And then he was gone.

The Rule of Three's: Our Guide to Successful Transitions Home

Imagine that you have been uprooted from everything and everyone you knew – no matter the circumstance. Suddenly, you are lost on a busy street, or thrust into a strange, loud place with dozens of barking dogs. Maybe your people dropped you off and you watched as they left without you not knowing how you found yourself in this new place.

Would you be feeling your best self? Or lost, sad, and confused? You might wait a few days, weeks, or even months for a new stranger to say “mine.” How long would it take for you to become ‘you’ again?

Dogs coming out of these situations need time to decompress and adjust. We call it the **Rule of Threes. Three days. Three weeks. Three months.**

You meet, you fall in love, and you are determined to give your new friend a chance for a full and happy second chapter. The patience you exhibit through these next few days, weeks, and months will be rewarded ten-fold.

Keep in mind that your adopted dog's new home is completely unfamiliar. Their new surroundings include strangers, perhaps other pets, and new rules. It takes time to feel safe, comfortable, and to learn your home and ways. Confidence grows with patience, time, and trust.

In the first few days with your newly adopted dog, it's easy for your new companion to feel overwhelmed and even scared. Go slow. Don't rush to throw them into unfamiliar situations. Take your time with pet-on-pet interactions and meeting new people. Resist the urge to run to the dog park. Monitor and manage your children's engagement with the new dog. All that chasing, hugging, and kissing can be frightening to an unaccustomed dog and a recipe for disaster. Keep things low key and give your dog time. Some dogs react by withdrawing a little; be patient and give them space. Others want to test their limits

immediately; set them up for success by limiting their freedoms and setting ground rules with kindness. Don't suffocate your new dog by staying by its side 24/7. Help to build its confidence and independence by leaving them for gradually longer increments of time. Your dog will learn to expect that you will return. (Remember – puppies should never be left crated for more than four hours.)

After a couple of weeks, your dog will start feeling more comfortable and begin to display its true personality. Behavior issues may reveal themselves. This is your time to be the leader they need. Your daily routine and training should be in place. Be consistent and praise, praise, praise for the behaviors you want.

After three months, if you have followed the steps above, you should have a handle on your dogs' needs and quirks. You have built a bond of trust and a true sense of security that is the foundation for your long-term relationship.



IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

THE 3-3-3 RULE FOR RESCUE DOGS



The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline for the adjustment time of a dog after adoption. Every dog is unique and all will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow it to go at its own pace.



3 DAYS

TO DECOMPRESS

- FEELING OVERWHELMED
- MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON
- NOT COMFORTABLE YET TO BE HIS/HERSELF
- MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK
- SHUTS DOWN AND/OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE
- TESTS THE BOUNDARIES

ADVICE

Give the dog time. Don't go to dog parks, invite groups of people over, or take your dog to meet all your human/dog friends. Never leave kids alone with a new dog. And don't crowd your new dog. Even a sweet dog can snap out of fear.



3 WEEKS

TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE

- STARTS SETTLING IN
- FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE
- REALIZES THIS COULD BE HIS/HER FOREVER HOME
- FIGURES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT
- GETS INTO A ROUTINE
- LETS HIS/HER GUARD DOWN
- MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY
- BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY BEGIN TO APPEAR

ADVICE

Be consistent in your routine. Teach children how to behave respectfully with a dog. Start positive reinforcement training. Seek advice of a certified trainer for the appearance of any behavior issues.



3 MONTHS

TO START TO FEEL AT HOME

- FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME
- BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND
- GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS/HER NEW FAMILY
- SETS RELIABLY INTO A ROUTINE

ADVICE

Three months is a general guideline. Some dogs get there sooner... some later. Stay in your routine as much as possible. Remember that training is a lifelong commitment for a well-behaved dog and a strong canine/human bond.

Potty Training for Adult Dogs

BY: GAIL WESTRUP

Homeward Bound takes in a great many dogs from shelters that are in urgent need of rescue. Because we don't know much about their history, we can't always confirm that they are housetrained. Some adopters steer clear for this reason – but it should not be a major obstacle. Adult dogs can be house-broken, and trainers agree it is easier than training a puppy as most have better muscle and impulse control than puppies. Setting a schedule and limiting the dog's space is essential to accomplishing the housetraining goal.

Kathryn Baines of Golden Rule Dog Training recommends taking a newly adopted or fostered dog for a leashed walk around your yard as soon as you get it home, so they see where you want them to potty. In this first critical week, take them outside on their leash first thing in the morning, after breakfast, every two hours throughout the day, after dinner, and before bedtime. If they don't go, bring them back in (and keep them in sight or in their crate) for 10 minutes and then try again. Using the leash allows you to confirm they go. Be sure to reward them with praise or a treat. That helps them make a positive association with their behavior. It seems like a lot of effort, but this early diligence ensures the quickest result.

Be warned, these trips outside need to have one mission: POTTY. If they don't relieve themselves and you turn a potty trip into play, they'll be asking to go out all the time, and not necessarily for potty. So, separate the activities: go potty, come back inside, then in a few minutes, go out to play.

Using a crate to limit the dog's space while housebreaking is often a win-win. Most dogs don't like to eliminate where they sleep, and the crate also gives them



a safe, calm place to be as they become accustomed to your home. However, if a rescued dog was raised in a confined space (such as a puppy mill), they likely had no choice except to potty where they slept. Using a crate for potty training in these instances may be more difficult. For dogs that just dislike crates, try a pen or a room behind a baby gate to limit the area where accidents can occur.

Recognize that accidents will occur. Everything is new to your adopted dog, so don't punish them when they have an accident inside. Instead, if you catch them in the act, get their attention and take them outside to finish. Be very observant of the dog's behavior; you are learning each other in this phase. Once dogs start "getting it," they will generally provide a signal that they need to be let out, such as pacing, whining, circling, or even going to the door.

Some dogs have difficulty doing their business on grass or dirt because they've never gone on a surface other than concrete or a pen. Some have never gone while on leash. However, most dogs will relieve themselves where other dogs have already gone, so try a walk in a park or a street where neighbors walk their dogs.

Sometimes accidents happen just after the dog has been outside and didn't go. They aren't being stubborn; they probably just weren't outside long enough. Patience is necessary. Remember the end game: the more chances they're given to do their

business outside, the more successful they get at it, and the faster they will learn what's expected.

Carla McCreary is a longtime Homeward Bound volunteer who has adopted and fostered dozens of dogs. She feels the best potty-training tools are other dogs and doggie doors. Dogs are pack animals. Carla says most newcomers are quick studies on doggie door usage and the outside potty routine when the pack leads the way.

Homeward Bound volunteer Norma Braden also became a believer in doggie doors with her dog Jinny, a Homeward Bound dog rescued from China in 2019. Most of the China dogs are housed outdoors on dirt or in small crates. Jinny was tough to potty train but learned how to use the doggie door on a visit to Carla's by watching the other dogs. Norma installed one, and Jinny took to it immediately. Now, if the dog door is shut, Jinny will come to Norma to let her outside.

Ongoing accidents in the home may be due to an underlying medical condition. In this case, an exam by a vet is in order. And remember, as with all training, dogs progress at different rates. So, stay with the schedule, reward them when they get it right, and remain patient when they don't. It's all part of building the relationship and helping a dog with a rough start in life become a special part of your family or put on a successful path from foster to adoption.

If You See Something; Say Something

Sweet Jelly Bean was left outside for years in a concrete yard in the cold and damp Bay Area. The result was severe skin infections and arthritis. She was hairless and pink as a newborn piglet. Medicated baths and arthritis medication for life have restored her. But at the tender age of 5, she moves like an old dog – her youth stolen and nearly, her life. Her former owners said they hated her.

Dexter, age 8, was also relegated to a concrete side yard. Chained, his bilateral hip dysplasia caused him unbearable pain. When he arrived at Homeward Bound, he could barely walk. His owners thought they were treating him well.

Emily was found stray in the Central Valley – likely dumped after she was no longer useful. It seems clear that she was used for breeding and rarely, if ever, let out of her kennel. Matted, filthy, and shut down. Who knows how long she lived like that – or how many people purchased her puppies without inquiring about her living conditions or well-being.

The unnecessary pain that these dogs endured for years might have been prevented if concerned citizens spoke up. Animals don't have a voice to call out and ask for help. When we see something that may look suspicious or see that an animal's welfare may be in danger, we



can use our voices to help. Neighbors must have seen Jelly Bean's and Dexter's situations. Puppy purchasers could have asked to meet Emily and her living conditions – a simple step in ensuring that any purchased puppy comes from a responsible breeder.

"Nosey" neighbors and puppy purchasers who ask vital questions are our angels in disguise. Concerned citizens may be the best thing that ever happens to dogs like these.

If you suspect someone is neglecting animals, offer solutions to the owner including rescue resources. If that fails, contact the agency responsible for enforcing the animal-related laws in your area and ask for a welfare check. That may be the local police, animal control, SPCA, or other local humane organization. If the issue is abuse, contact your local police or animal control immediately.

Laws vary by region. Many are far too lax. A bucket of water and food scraps may be sufficient despite deplorable living conditions. Work to strengthen weak laws in your area so law enforcement and animal control have the tools they need.

You have more of a voice to create positive change than you might think. There are so many ways animal lovers like you can make a positive difference.



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



The Homeward Bound Forever Fund: Gifts into Gold

As we go to press with this newsletter, we are hopefully closing in on the purchase of the Homeward Bound property. In 2017, Jody and Mike Jones announced that they had put the property in trust to Homeward Bound, giving our nonprofit organization the option to purchase it for the balance of the mortgage upon their passing plus a sum over that for their beneficiaries. Gratefully, we are in a position to complete this purchase thanks to generous bequests that we reserved for this purpose.

These unexpected gifts turned into gold, arriving at about the same time as Jody and Mike drafted the trust. They represented the wishes of former adopters and volunteers touched by our mission. With foresight, Jody insisted that they be put aside to ensure Homeward Bound's future. Sooner than any of us imagined, they will help secure Jody and Mike's legacy.

With the purchase will come a host of improvements needed to make their former residence and their portion of the property workable for a caretaker, the dogs, and our adopters and volunteers. To fund these improvements, we established the Homeward Bound Forever Fund and created a



special reserve line where these past and future gifts will be secured providing full transparency. The Fund was launched with a generous \$50,000 pledge and \$80,000 in donations to the Fund donated during our Kibble & Bids event.

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. Bequests and legacy gifts to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue ensure 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 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. Thank you!



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WERE REWARDED WITH
THE LONGEST LIVES,
DOGS WOULD OUTLIVE
US ALL.**

National Adopt A Senior Pet Month

In our 22 years, we have been blessed with many repeat adopters. Dogs' lives are unfortunately shorter than ours and we all feel the pull to fill that void with another companion friend. However, time passes for us as well. What we could take on physically in our younger years is more challenging as we age. We tend to underestimate the energy and physical strength that a young dog (much less a puppy!) demands.

November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month and a perfect time to highlight the many benefits of a mature dog. If you have been lucky enough to have your young dog grow old with you, 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:

- WYSIWYG ("What you see is what you get"): You will get an immediate sense of a mature dog's well-developed personality when you meet.
- A senior dog is more relaxed and slides easily into your current lifestyle, relieving stress instead of increasing it as a very young dog will.
- Most senior pets do not demand the same time and attention that younger dogs require. As we age, we all slow down. Active adventures 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.
- And 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, blossom, and return your kindness with deep loyalty and appreciation.

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. Finally, adopting a senior dog is paying it forward. If roles were reversed and your senior dog was looking for a new home, you would want someone to see and understand their specialness and need.

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



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Light Up The Homeward Bound Giving Tree!

The 12th Annual Homeward Bound Giving Tree will be ready to decorate online beginning Thanksgiving weekend!

The 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!



Two Ways to Use Amazon for the Dogs: AmazonSmile and Amazon Wishlist

Amazon makes it easy to support Homeward Bound! With AmazonSmile, you shop, and 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!

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Santa Photos with Your Pup(s)!



Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 2022
At Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue

Santa Returns to Homeward Bound!

Despite his hectic schedule, Santa is never too busy for photos with the dogs! Photographer, Eric Schuman will join us again for photos with your pup(s)...just in time for your holiday card mailings!

Dates: Friday-Sunday, November 18-20

Location: Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue 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 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: grdog-training@gmail.com



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Dates To Remember

Santa Photos - November 18-20, 2022

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.
- **Short-Term and Medical Fosters:** Short term foster is a gift for the dogs and creates more room for others in need. Medical foster provides the quiet that dogs need for recovery. We provide all needs.

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 for Older and Rehabbing Dogs
Chewy, Petco & PetSmart Gift Cards

Office Supplies

Postage Stamps

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
Tree Service Donations or Discounts