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HOMEWARD BOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

What's Inside

We have a saying around here: There are no perfect dogs, just perfect matches. Winston and his new family are textbook examples. His is our cover story to warm your heart.

The Compassionate Care Program was launched this year. We share an update on its two components and how they work to keep dogs at home when home is needed most. Read about it on page 6.

November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month. Sugar faces touch our hearts in unimaginable ways and, like a fine wine, get better with age. Read "The Gift of a Sugar Face" on page 7.

November also means it is time for our two favorite holiday traditions: Santa Photos and The Giving Tree which launches Thanksgiving weekend. See details on pages 10 and 11.

And finally, our sincere thanks and acknowledgement of the incredibly generous gifts that helped us surpass our Special Project goal and pave the way for a tremendous improvement for the dogs. Get a project update and give a shout out to our sponsors on pages 4 and 5.

PLEASE PASS ALONG!

You can help us to expand our reach by sharing our newsletter with friends, family, and co-workers! Thank you!



Winston Steals a Heart

By: Audrey Farrington

The surrender form arrived at 2PM. By 2:45, Winston was in our care. A 10-week-old adorable puppy purchased by a young woman who forgot to check with her roommates about bringing a puppy into the home. Their answer was "heck no!" The little boy didn't know it then, but it turned out to be the first best thing that ever happened in his young life.

We sent him off to foster where he immediately took up play with his two foster brothers. You would never guess anything was amiss until he saw our vet two days later. She detected a serious heart murmur and recommended an echocardiogram. It helps to have friends in high (vet) places; he was seen by the cardiologist the next morning. This adorable fluff ball caused quite a stir at the VCA Sacramento Veterinary Referral Center, with everyone from receptionists to techs and vets wanting to catch a bit of puppy breath.

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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 2024
471

VET EXPENSES TO DATE 2024
\$446,730



A Message from Our President

I am grateful beyond words for the outpouring of support for our new medical ward. Donors of all sizes answered our call with gifts that came in all shapes. Together, we raised more than \$250,000 in support of the special project and the dogs. You are all truly amazing. Thank you!

Work on the project is well underway. "Da Guys," our volunteer facilities team, believe we are on track to put the new space to use by the end of the year if not sooner. The new adoption yards have been constructed outside the new office space and should be complete around the same time with some finetuning still to do. Our volunteer team has been pedal to the metal all year, and the result of their hard work is incredible.

Intakes have, thankfully, slowed recently. We are tracking toward approximately 500 dogs, similar to last year, versus the 650-700 we anticipated earlier in the year. It's a blessing for our dedicated and hardworking team and allows us to support more regional shelters as well as surrenders. We hope it is a trend that continues for all dogs everywhere in the coming year. These past two years have been very difficult for dogs.

The one constant in our crazy world of rescue is change, and I would be remiss if I did not share the retirement of Jim Bakker as head of our facilities team. Jim has been with Homeward Bound since 2006. He stepped into the team leadership role in 2013 when we needed him most and has served on the board since 2019. He has touched every project on these eight acres, and for his leadership, we are naming Da Guys' Garage in his honor.

And finally, in this season of gratitude, let me extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you – our volunteers, supporters, adopters, and friends. Without you, there would simply be no Homeward Bound. On behalf of myself and the dogs – thank you!

Judy Kent
President



He's a charmer, and he worked his puppy magic overtime. But Winston isn't stupid; he saved his best flirting moves for his cardiologist.

It turns out that Winston had a lot more going on than a heart murmur. The echocardiogram showed mitral valve dysplasia with severe SAM (systolic anterior motion of the mitral valve). In other words, one of the valves in Winston's heart did not form properly, causing the valve to partially obstruct blood flow through the heart and the heart to become overworked.

Winston would need to start on medication immediately. The medication dosage would need to be carefully monitored and adjusted as he grew, promising a great many future vet visits. Life expectancy? Perhaps cut in half, but potentially longer with great care. We think Winston instinctively got that part. This is where the charm comes in. Before we left, a photo of Winston and his cardiologist had already been snapped to share with her husband. This leads us to his second-best-ever thing.

Only a day after Winston's appointment, we received word that the cardiologist and her human physician husband may be interested in him. Our Permanent Foster Program is designed for dogs like Winston; families bring the dog home as their own, but it remains in our Program so Homeward Bound can cover all related medical care and special foods. This Program, which supports a revolving list of up to 80 dogs, ensures that dogs with extraordinary special needs can be home.

Dr. Maureen Oldach, DVM, DACVIM/ Cardiology, and Dr. Benjamin Oldach, DO MPH (above), made an appointment to meet Winston together that Saturday. The rest, as they say, is history. Maureen was already smitten. It didn't take long for Ben to follow suit. Paperwork was signed, and Winston began a new life that included three acres of fenced country property, two dog companions, and two kitty friends. He goes to work with his



mom for plenty of socialization, but more importantly, consistent monitoring and adjustments to his medication. Instead of us always playing constant catch-up to his growth and changing needs, Maureen can stay ahead of them. This level of care will give Winston every life-extending advantage.



Winston is already settling in very well with his new pack. He loves to play with his dog and cat siblings and is a particular fan of family time on the couch. He also has developed an avid taste for tomatoes and tries to steal them at any chance he gets (even straight from the plant if he is fast enough!) He is a very good patient

and slurps up his marshmallow/chicken-flavored medication like a treat. It is too soon to know how his heart will respond to the medication, but he does not seem to be slowed down at all and is happy and energetic as can be!

Maureen shared: "For as long as I can remember, I have been absolutely enamored by Golden Retrievers as a breed, and I have always had a feeling that one day, the perfect one would find his or her way into our family. We are delighted to be able to welcome Winston into our pack and help him to be the healthiest version of himself. Our hearts are full. We are so grateful to Homeward Bound for bringing him into our lives."

It is we, at Homeward Bound, who are grateful. We could not imagine a better home for Winston, a very lucky little boy.

We're Building a Better Dog (Care) House!

One Word: Wow! In August, we shared our request for help to build a medical ward for recovering Homeward Bound dogs and to bring our vet clinic shed indoors ensuring warmth in winter and cool in summer. You more than answered the call!

Your gifts arrived in all shapes and sizes – from fulfilling our Amazon Wish List items to major gifts and sponsorships. Together, we raised more than \$250,000 to complete the vision and support the dogs. We are fortunate and thankful to be surrounded by donors and volunteers who see a need and step up to fill it. We are grateful beyond words.

As we shared, we relocated our office space to accommodate the new ward. The space is custom-designed to support adopters in search of new companions, including dedicated adoption yards right outside the completely accessible door and ramp.

The same amazing volunteer team that turned a cramped, chaotic, and overflowing portion of the barn into a modern, well-organized, and efficient workspace has undertaken the new recovery ward project, on which work is already underway.

The converted space will include modern chrome and glass kennels behind a raised wall for privacy, comfort, and cleanliness. Overhead, UV disinfection lamps will help to purify and disinfect, adding an additional layer of protection for dogs recovering from or vulnerable to illness. Coved floors will ensure proper sanitization in the climate-controlled space. Designed for dogs recovering from surgery, illness, or with compromised immune systems, this new space is perfect for dogs whose care needs close



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monitoring or complicated medication regimens or bandage changes before they may be well enough for foster.

Adjacent to the space will be the relocated vet clinic. Our adorable, converted Tuff Shed served us for many years. But the lack of heating or cooling takes a toll on our vet, her trainees, our staff, and our blood and urinalysis equipment. Have you ever tried squeezing six people and a large dog in a Tuff Shed on a 100-degree day? The new, climate-controlled space will accommodate our team on vet days and will be outfitted with a modern exam table, upgraded testing equipment, proper lighting, and ample medication storage.

We expect to have the space ready for use no later than the end of the year.

This significant enhancement would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters and sponsors including two very big-hearted donors who will receive naming rights. We feel thankful and fortunate to be surrounded by people who care deeply for the dogs.

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New Office Space and Adjoining Adoption Yards



Compassionate Care Program Update

This year, we launched Homeward Bound's Compassionate Care Program. The Program has two components. The first is for dogs at risk of surrender or euthanasia purely due to an extraordinary medical need resulting from trauma, obstruction, cancer treatment, orthopedic surgery, etc. The dog's prognosis should be good, and the family must have a record of providing good primary care with the capacity to do so on a continuing basis. The family must be committed to providing rehabilitative care in the home following medical guidelines. The care will be provided by the family's vet or emergency vet but paid for by Homeward Bound.

The second is a hospice care component providing financial support for palliative and end-of-life care in the home, so the dog earns its wings in the comfort of the surroundings it knows and trusts. The family must have a record of providing good basic care and be committed to providing hospice care in the home, following the hospice vet's guidelines.

Both elements of the Program are available to families within 50 miles of Homeward Bound and are approved at our president's discretion. So far this year, both have been well used.

Extraordinary Medical Care

Gordy - now Bucky (above) - was found abandoned in a Central Valley orchard in 2021. At only seven months of age, he was emaciated and hairless with crusty, inflamed skin (photo, right). This Great Pyrenees mix looked more like a rat, but Gordy had a heart of pure gold. From the start, he was a happy boy who loved being with people – not the least bit self-conscious about his bedraggled looks. Gordy went home as foster-to-adopt so



Homeward Bound could see to his medical needs while his coat grew rich and full in his family's care. As he began to recover, we noticed a limp. It resulted in a shoulder implant to correct a disease that causes the affected cartilage to separate from the underlying bone. Genetics, rapid growth, and severe malnutrition in his early life likely all played a role. When the implant failed, given his compromised body, our orthopedic specialist looked at other options to save his shoulder, including a complex and costly surgery using a cadaver bone allograft in an attempt to save the shoulder joint. Ten hours later, multiple attempts proved unsuccessful as the remaining bone crumbled under the pressure – leaving our dedicated surgeon in tears. In the end, Gordy lost his leg – but not his family, who adopted him.

Fast forward three years. Gordy recently injured his back leg knee. As a tripod already, this leg is vital to Gordy's future. Between the emergency visit and the needed TPLO surgery to stabilize the knee joint, the bill would exceed \$8,000. It was more than his family could afford and a perfect use of our Compassionate

Care Program. We were able to step in and ensure that Gordy got the care he needed and could recuperate in the loving care of his family, thanks to our generous supporters.

Helping Dogs to the Bridge

We began the palliative and hospice care component of the Compassionate Care Program by forging a new partnership with Dr. Jackie Conner, DVM, an in-home hospice and euthanasia veterinarian in our area. Many of our volunteers used her services and spoke highly of her kindness and experience in guiding their beloved pet's end-of-life journey with respect, compassion, and understanding.



The Gift of a Sugar Face

By: Audrey Farrington

The gift of a sugar face is hard to measure. We lost our Bella at eight due to cancer; we lost our Bear at nine to the same. It was our Jackson (at right), mostly Golden but a little bit Beagle, who made it from puppyhood to age 15.

Homeward Bound volunteer Lynn called and said, "You need to come out here immediately and meet this puppy." It was 2008, the height of the recession, and Homeward Bound was tracking toward more than 800 intakes. In truth, Lynn was probably under orders to "get that puppy out of here!"

Less than 18 months before, Lynn visited our home, resulting in our approval and adoption of puppy Bella, who now desperately needed a playmate. I will be forever grateful that Lynn dragged me out in my Thanksgiving apron to meet the sweetest, kindest little boy I have ever known...and Bella agreed. It was an instant match.

Bella raised Jackson up, her ever-accommodating prince bowing to every whim of the royal princess. When cancer stole Bella from us only seven years later, we went looking for a companion for our sorrow-filled boy. Every introduction to a dog close to his age was met with complete disinterest. No one could fill her paw prints – until Jody, our founder, called me and said, "You and Jackson need to come out here immediately and meet this boy."

Jackson and I watched as a large, muscular, 18-month-old hooligan dragged Jody to the park. "He's going to kill Jackson," I protested. Jody insisted: "Just let Jackson go." Dutifully, I set Jackson free and prayed. They played for three hours until, thoroughly exhausted, I threw the juvenile delinquent we named Yogi



into the car and brought him home with Jackson. The rest is history.

Together, they raised more than 60 foster puppies (photo below), including our one and only foster failure, Skye. Jackson was the little man who set them all straight. He never raised a paw or snarled in protest. All he had to do was give the little



hoodlums "the look," and they knew to mind their manners.

Once upon a time, Jackson was a rascal. Eating socks at such a pace that he was on a first-name basis at the vet hospital. Constantly raiding the litter box for Kitty Rocha. The small part of him that was Beagle alerted to every single breeze. As time passed, his face grew white, his body slowed, and his misadventures faded. Steps were added to reach the bed until he started simply favoring the floor. His long walks became shorter

until a slow trip around the block was all he wanted. His internal clock became confused. We would find him relentlessly staring when he thought it was time for a cookie or meal. It wasn't. His hearing weakened; a blessing for the once-Beagle-howling-prone boy who quaked during storms. It seemed impossible, but he became sweeter. All he wanted was to be wherever we were.

With good bloodwork, I hoped Jackson would live forever, but arthritis and spinal nerve pain became too much, and we held him tight as we let our gentle boy gently slip away. For 15 years, he was always by our side. The empty space was palpable. The loss, painful. But we wouldn't have traded our time with him for the world.

Senior dogs have so much to offer; calm companionship, devotion, and love. There is an entirely different level of connection experienced with a senior dog. And adopters who welcome them into their family know they are truly saving a life someone else turned away from when the dog needed help most. Many adopters feel a deep gratitude from their adopted senior, creating an extraordinary bond. If you are lucky enough to experience life with a senior dog, you will understand the gift.

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month and a good time to remind all that Homeward Bound offers two programs

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Planning for the Unthinkable

Bequests are gifts made as part of a will or trust. They have played a key role in Homeward Bound's sustainability in recent years, including helping to fund the property purchase in 2023. Along with important financial planning is a responsibility that comes with being a pet parent: ensuring their future if the unthinkable happens.

At Homeward Bound, we encourage everyone to make a plan for their dog(s) in the event of their own passing. Without a plan, it is highly likely that beloved companions will end up in shelters or worse. Oggie is a great example.

Oggie (right) and his canine sibling, Leo, were adopted from Homeward Bound by Melissa Hirt, a woman

with a big heart for rescue. Leo was adopted as a puppy in 2016 – part of an abandoned Easter Litter. Oggie, who is very much not a Golden Retriever, was adopted two years later at the age of two. All was well until it wasn't. Melissa began a long battle with cancer, and while she remained optimistic throughout, she was

also pragmatic. She put a plan in place for her beloved dogs in case the battle was lost. Her pet guardianship plan included a bequest to ensure the dogs' care. Originally, the two dogs were destined to live with a close friend. Unfortunately, the dogs in her friend's home had other ideas.

Life doesn't always go as planned. Some promises can't be kept. But our promise to the dogs placed through Homeward Bound can be – thanks to generous supporters. When we commit to a dog, we commit for that dog's entire life. When Leo and Oggie



needed a safe place to land, they came back to us. We promised Melissa's friends they would be loved and kept together just as she wished. A few weeks later, we were able to keep that promise. Auggie and Leo went home together.



Leo passed unexpectedly, but Melissa's bequest for their care has seen Oggie through a few medical bumps into his senior years. These included a cancer diagnosis, which he overcame, and more recently, elevated liver enzymes, which were successfully treated. His adopter says: "We have always felt blessed that we got to

adopt Oggie and his brother." That decision was made easier thanks to Melissa's planning and gift for their care.

You know that sharing your life with any dog is a blessing. Sharing your life with a rescued dog is doubly so. By including Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary in your planned giving, you create a legacy ensuring that more Golden lives are saved. As well, by planning for your pets' future, you ensure their safety, security, and happiness when

you are no longer there to care for them. Planned giving takes many forms. **Download our Guide to Giving** to help determine the right approach for you—providing current or future benefits to yourself, your heirs, and the Golden Retrievers in our care. You can also download our Pet Guardianship form, entrusting your dogs' care to Homeward Bound in the event that you or your family members can no longer be there for them. You will find both on our website under "Donate" at www.hbgr.org.



Millie (right) is a ten-year-old Labrador Retriever who first came to us in 2022. This sweet, gentle girl arrived from a shelter marked for euthanasia because she was a “senior” at the age of eight. She appeared to have had a hard life already, likely kept outdoors, and arrived with anaplasmosis, a tick-borne disease. We treated the disease and knew we could make her life better. She was adopted to an adoring home but was returned this summer with great sadness when the family had to take in an elderly parent who was allergic to dogs. Our commitment to dogs who enter our program is for their lifetime; we gladly welcomed her back.

We noticed some blood in Millie’s urine and had her undergo additional testing. Unfortunately, the news was not good. Millie has TCC (transitional cell carcinoma) – a cancer that will greatly shorten her life. A wonderful hospice volunteer was found for her, and Millie was enrolled in both our Permanent Foster and the hospice component of the Compassionate Care Program. At home, she is doted on and receives hospice visits from Dr. Conner to ensure her comfort. When it is time, she will make her way to the bridge in the arms of her devoted foster.

The Compassionate Care Program and its two components have greatly enhanced our ability to extend help when needed, making a meaningful difference in the lives of dogs and their humans. We are grateful beyond words to our supporters who make it possible.



The Gift of a Sugar Face Continued from page 7

for individuals willing to open their hearts and homes to senior dogs. Through the Golden Touch Program, people 60 years of age, not working, and on a limited income are eligible for a fee-waived adoption. They have a great gift to contribute to the dog: quality time. Our Permanent Foster program is designed for dogs with ongoing medical needs and

people who live within 50 miles of the rescue. Homeward Bound ensures the dog’s medical care for life so they can be home.



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A gift from the heart that benefits the dogs! The 14th Annual Homeward Bound Giving Tree will be ready to decorate online beginning Thanksgiving weekend!

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For donations of \$10 or more, you can help us decorate our online Giving Tree. Place a virtual light, ornament, package, or star on the 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. You'll find it on our website (www.hbgrr.org) beginning Thanksgiving weekend. It's magical to watch your gifts turn our bare tree into a bright light of hope every year during the holiday season.



Our Wishlists for the Holidays!

Spreading holiday cheer to the dogs is as easy as shopping our wishlists! We maintain two - one at Amazon and the other at Chewy. On both, you will find frequently used (and sometimes abused...as in toys!) items that are always in demand.

The links are easy to find on our website. Just click on Donate on the navigation menu and scroll down. And don't forget to include a gift card so we know who to thank!



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Santa Photos with Your Pup(s)!



Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24, 2024
At Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue
10AM-2PM (except for an elf break between 12N-12:30PM)

Santa Returns to Homeward Bound!

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

Dates: Friday-Sunday, November 22-24

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 a \$20 donation, we provide the photographer, a winter backdrop, doggie scarves and holiday gear, homemade cookies for dogs and humans...and Santa, of course! You provide the dog(s)!

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