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What's Inside

Tommy, one of our Fund of Love dogs, kicked off our year with \$10,000 in vet expenses to find the cause of his severe abdominal pain. We think it was his way of telling us he no longer wanted to be a backyard dog! His new life is the focus of our cover story.

Valley Fever is now a suspect for a long list of common ailments. Read about it on page 6.

So, you and your dog met your match. Now you want to set everyone up for success by managing the home introduction. Follow our tips on page 7.

Seeing anxiety and behavior changes in your senior dog? It may be cognitive dysfunction syndrome – better known as doggie sundowner's syndrome. Details on page 9.

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And we mark our 25th Anniversary Year with the completion of another very special improvement project...the new and much improved Dog Central - our hub for all dog operations. Read about this undertaking on page 4 and please help support it if you can! THANK YOU!

PLEASE PASS ALONG!

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



Tommy's Tahoe Life: From Wild Pup to Adventure Buddy

By: Clint Nelson

At one year of age, Tommy was surrendered with stomach pain so intense he could not eat or lie down. He was rushed to emergency where he underwent multiple tests and exploratory surgery. The diagnosis was a severe case of gastroenteritis. Or perhaps it was his way of telling us that he no longer wanted to live outside. He recovered and got his wish. While he spends much of his time adventuring, he always has a warm bed to return to with his new Dad by his side. This is Tommy's new life. Amazing.

Since adopting Tommy from Homeward Bound in March, life has been full of joy, movement, and more than a few hilarious surprises. Tommy has settled into his new Lake Tahoe home with gusto. He's become my constant companion and the heartbeat of my everyday routine, and it's safe to say he's thriving.

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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 2025
249

VET EXPENSES TO DATE 2025
\$298,806



A Message from Our President

The year started with a nice, steady pace of incoming dogs. That has changed! The vast majority continue to be owner surrenders from people losing their homes, moving, or simply growing tired of their young, untrained dogs! As I write, we just birthed a litter of nine Golden mix puppies, we are expecting 13 dogs in two batches rescued from the China Yulin meat festival, and we are part of a group of Golden rescues taking in puppy mill dogs following a USDA action, including 86 Golden Retrievers and four pregnant moms. We're a little busy!

While swimming in dogs, we have been hard at work on our latest special project: the complete overhaul of the area we call Dog Central – the center of all things dog! Dog Central is where we prepare the dogs' meals, do endless loads of their laundry, and bathe and groom them to look and feel their best. This extremely cramped, unheated or air-conditioned space with falling insulation, a grossly inadequate hot water supply, and an open attic open to critters desperately needed some love. Our incredibly talented team has been hard at work remaking this heart of our operation. Now, nearly finished, it will be the clean, sealed, temperature-controlled hub with endless warm baths that the dogs - and volunteers - deserve.

While our founders are no longer with us to celebrate our 25th anniversary year with the completion of this project, we know they would approve! Please read about it within.

As always, we are grateful for the support of good people like you, who make it possible for us to be there when help is needed most and to welcome the dogs into a constantly improving facility designed to meet their every need.

Thank you for your big hearts!

Judy Kent
President



Before Tommy came along, I averaged about 5,000 steps a day. Now? Try 14,000. That's not just a blip; that's been my daily average for the past four months. Tommy doesn't just go for walks, he turns them into daily expeditions. Whether ski touring through fresh snow, hiking through alpine trails, or swimming in the river, he brings an energy and presence that transforms the ordinary into something special.

Tommy's favorite hike is along the Truckee River, where he has memorized four swimming holes spaced out perfectly for him to leap in, cool off, and emerge soaked and smiling. Without fail, he ends each dip with a good roll in the long, sun-warmed grass, his version of a beach towel. Snow is another obsession; he bounds through it like a dolphin in water, making winter mornings something we both look forward to.

Of course, it hasn't been all smooth sailing. When Tommy first arrived, he had a wild streak – charming, but chaotic. With training, he has matured quickly and now turns heads with his polite demeanor and leash manners. Still, every now and then his goofy side resurfaces, like the time we crossed paths with a young girl and her stroller on a trail. Before I could react, Tommy had gently plucked her Minnie Mouse stuffed animal, dashed off into the dust, and rolled around with it like it was a long-lost friend. That was his first encounter with a stuffed toy that wasn't his.



In the short time we have been together, Tommy has become more than a pet; he's family, and probably the family member who loves me the most! His enthusiasm is contagious, his loyalty unwavering, and his spirit full of curiosity and joy.



We've spent our summer hiking, swimming, retrieving tennis balls, and learning new tricks. One of our favorite activities is scent games. He's remarkably talented, able to find not just his ball, but three pairs of my socks hidden around the yard. We've even started amateur avalanche rescue training. His nose is sharp and his drive to work is real. He may just end up being the best search partner I've ever had.

To the team at Homeward Bound, thank you. Thank you for your care, your work, and for matching me with the best possible companion. In just a few months, Tommy has transformed my life and given me a sense of connection, routine, and adventure I didn't know I was missing.

For those who'd like to follow along on his journey, you can find Tommy's latest escapades (and occasional muddy misadventures) on Instagram: [instagram.com/truckeetommy](https://www.instagram.com/truckeetommy).

We'll be out on the trails — sniffing, splashing, and smiling.



A Great New Upgrade Project for the Dogs and Volunteers!

Each fall, we ask for your help for an upcoming special project. This year's project is in progress as we write! Typically, we don't start a project before we fund it, but this one had a very limited window of opportunity tied to the weather. Let us explain:

When our founders moved to this beautiful eight-acre property, there was nothing but a rundown house and a large, empty, metal barn. In recent years, we have transformed almost every space, including the construction of a modern kennel, a new puppy palace, a much more efficient office space where forever matches are made, and, last year, a medical ward for recovering dogs and a fully-equipped vet clinic where Dr. Mary LoCicero and her protégés donate their time weekly. The one space that never received any love was our old, worn-out kitchen, laundry, and grooming area – **Dog Central - the hub where our volunteers labor so devotedly for the dogs.**

Dog Central is where we prepare the dogs' meals, do endless loads of their laundry, and bathe and groom the dogs to look and feel their best. The area was extremely cramped. Imagine preparing

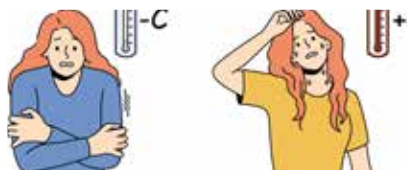
NEW DOG CENTRAL



meals for 25 dogs on a 28-inch long counter that also housed piles of dog bowls, supplements, and a computer to track each meal order.



It was beyond dusty, with ceiling insulation regularly falling on unsuspecting human and canine heads. It was very cold or very hot – without heat or air-conditioning for our hard-working volunteers...and a grossly inadequate supply of warm water for dog baths.



And, with an open attic, there were way too many spaces for little critters to find their way in!



The same team that transformed our other spaces has been hard at work remaking this heart of our operation. The timing was dictated by a brief weather window as all equipment for laundry, dishwashing, and sanitizing had to be moved outside once the rains ended, and we raced to finish before soaring temperatures caused our equipment (and volunteers!) to melt. Now, nearly finished, it is the clean, sealed, temperature-controlled hub that the dogs and volunteers deserve.

HOW TO SUPPORT NEW DOG CENTRAL!

Donate securely online by credit card, PayPal or Venmo.
Or mail a check if you prefer.

Visit our website at:
www.homewardboundgoldens.org and
click on "New Dog Central" for the sponsor levels, links,
and mailing information.

BYE, BYE, OLD DOG CENTRAL!



New Dog Central is outfitted with a tankless hot water heater for always-warm dog baths, stainless steel countertops for sanitary food preparation, tons of storage space, a dropped ceiling to keep old foam insulation out and heated and cooled air in, an actual attic staircase with a door to keep critters out, and a new high-capacity and energy efficient dryer for faster and less costly laundry loads. We are so excited to show it off!

Despite using volunteer labor, the total project cost came to **\$110,500 for materials, redirecting the septic system, professional installation of HVAC, flooring, sheetrock, and the new industrial dryer.** We pulled from our general fund to complete the project within the limited window. We're counting on your help to return those funds to direct dog care. Can you help?

While our founders are no longer with us to celebrate our 25th year with the completion of this special project, we know they would approve. Donate, or **Sponsor to Join Our 25th Anniversary Remembrance Circle.** Sponsors will be identified in a 25th Anniversary Remembrance Circle and Plaque in the Memorial Garden in honor of our founders, their inspiration, and all who have made their dream a reality.



You will find sponsor level details and links on our website at: www.hbgrr.org

On behalf of the dogs and the volunteers...**THANK YOU!**

Valley Fever Comes Our Way

Once upon a time, Valley Fever was much more common in Arizona, New Mexico, and other desert regions than in California – but no more. Valley Fever is now endemic to certain regions of the state, particularly the Central Valley and Central Coast with the number of cases rising. With so many of our intakes coming from the Central Valley, it's now a suspect for a long list of ailments that can look like other conditions, including coughing, lethargy, fever, poor appetite, and weight loss. It rose to the top for two recent arrivals, Laverne (below) and Shirley (above).

The four-year-old girls were found wandering stray in the Central Valley. Underweight, and showing signs of general malaise, Shirley was sporting a hugely swollen eye. Laverne went to the emergency vet for a possible obstruction. What we saw, in addition to ill-health, was an entire stomach and GI tract filled with rocks (photo in center). Undoubtedly dumped as poor breeding candidates, the girls were in rough shape.

Valley Fever is a fungal infection caused by *Coccidioides immitis*. *Coccidioides* organisms live in desert soils and produce long filaments of mold that contain infectious spores. When the soil is disturbed, the spores become airborne and can be inhaled. Once inhaled, the spores transform into a yeast-like organism that infects the lungs. As dogs dig and sniff, they become prime candidates for exposure, but it can also infect people and other mammals.

Valley Fever is not contagious. Rather, it's transmitted by inhaling spores contained in dirt and dust—not through contact with a sick animal or person. Valley Fever can be acute or chronic. In a case like Laverne's, Valley Fever can spread outside the lung, leading to other complications, including:

- Back or neck pain
- Lameness
- Seizures
- Abscesses
- Skin wounds that don't heal as expected
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Eye abnormalities
- Blindness
- Heart failure



Some dogs and humans have strong enough immune systems to fight it off; others don't. Valley Fever is commonly tested for with a titer—a test that measures the level of antibodies against *Coccidioides* within a blood sample to determine exposure. Veterinarians combine the results of a dog's titer with other diagnostic tests (complete blood cell counts, blood chemistry panels, X-rays, etc.) and a dog's symptoms and history to make the final determination.

Dogs diagnosed with Valley Fever are given anti-fungal medications that inhibit the growth of *Coccidioides* organisms and allow the dog's immune system to

control—and hopefully eliminate—the infection. Dogs are typically given anti-fungal medications for at least six months to a year, but some may need extended or even life-long treatment to prevent relapses. Veterinarians will closely monitor for relapses after the medications are ceased.

Both girls are now on the mend. Shirley's eye swelling is gradually lessening, and, miraculously, Laverne has passed her entire rock collection! We're grateful to our vet team led by Dr. Mary LoCicero for their quick diagnosis and actions to save these sweet girls.

Sources: <https://www.petmd.com> and Valley Fever Center for Excellence



Introducing the New Dog, or... Who Invited You??

So, you and your current dog have met your new dog match. Everything went swimmingly when they met at the rescue or foster home, and maybe even the first day together. Then your current dog suddenly realizes..."Hey, this dog isn't going away!" The new dog is intruding on its space, it's annoying, it wants to share toys...worse still, it wants to share you! Your first dog gives you that look like "Hey, I didn't sign up for this!" Even if you felt certain your first dog would benefit from a companion, adding another dog is a huge change in your current dog's life. It will need time, space, and support to adjust. How you handle these early interactions from the start can shape their entire relationship. So how do you go about a new dog introduction to set both dogs up for success?

Start in a Neutral Space

Choose a neutral location for the first meeting at home. Parallel walking around the front yard helps them start on equal footing. Keep both on leashes, remain calm, and let them sniff, circle, and do their dog intro rituals without rushing things. If that goes well, move to the backyard. Finally, move into the house. Be sure to have picked up all toys or food bowls in advance.

Take it Slow and Supervise Well

Start with short, supervised interactions. Use gates or crates to allow sniffing through barriers, especially if one is much younger or more hyper. After the new dog has had time to get acclimated, start parallel walks but don't rush this. It's tempting to want to show them off to the neighborhood but give the new dog time. Let them get used to sharing space without expecting them to share affection. Tolerance first. Trust second. The relationship will grow. Don't expect instant friendship. Strive for calm curiosity and a slow build offering controlled exposure and safe spaces.



Give Both Dogs Equal Attention, Space and Expectations

You're the prize. And your first dog knows it. This is especially tricky if you're bringing home a new puppy. There's no escaping that the new dog will initially demand more of your time to get it used to the routine. But balance your displays of affection and don't overdo them. Include both in routines of play and snuggling. Greet, feed, and give attention to the resident dog first. Avoid praising one while correcting the other at the same time. And find ways to reassure your first dog that it is still top dog!

Keep your dogs' belongings separate in the early weeks. Feed them separately. Provide individual beds and resting spots. Keep toys out of the picture. Avoid snuggling on sofas or beds which can create conflict. This separation prevents guarding behavior and gives each dog a sense of ownership and safety. As trust builds, you can slowly introduce shared spaces and items but start with clear boundaries to reduce tension.

And remember, your new dog is watching how your other dog behaves - picking up cues about what's allowed and what's not. Be consistent to avoid confusion or conflict. Dogs thrive with structure. Be fair and predictable.

Carefully Watch Their Body Language

Diligent observation heads off issues. Watch their body language and behavior. Loose posture, soft eyes, and gently wagging tails signal comfort with each

other. Whale eyes, raised hair, ears pressed back, raised lips with teeth showing, or growling means it's time to quickly separate them and take a step back. Dogs often provide subtle cues through their body language long before resorting to more overt displays of emotion or behaviors. Be their translator, referee, and support.

Adult dogs tend to have more defined boundaries and experiences that shape how they respond to others. If both are social, this can mean smoother introductions. Tension can arise if either has a history of fear or reactivity. Move at the pace of the more sensitive dog, and focus on safety, space, and small successes.

Introducing puppies to adult dogs presents unique challenges. With endless energy and no sense of personal space, they can quickly overwhelm your adult dog. Supervise closely. Puppies don't always understand social cues and often push limits. Give your adult dog an escape place to decompress. Expect corrections from your adult dog as long as they are not aggressive. This is how your adult dog sets limits and communicates discomfort.

Bringing a new dog home is a major change in the household. With some structure, planning, and patience, you can get both dogs off to the right start and lay the foundation for a happy, lifelong relationship.

Sources: Canine Journal and Dogs Playing for Life

Some Assembly Required

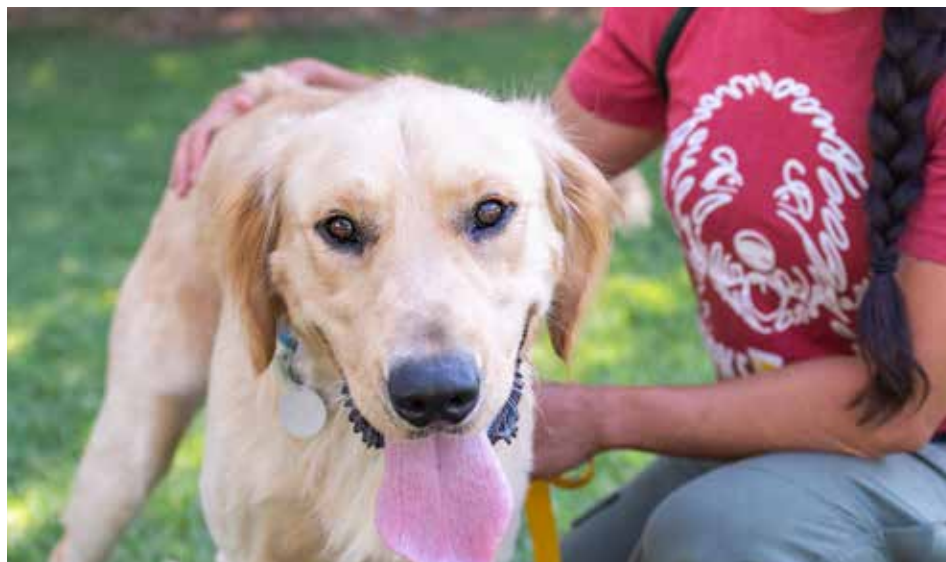
As we write, we have a long list of waiting dogs, overlooked for one flaw or another by people searching for the perfect dog. There is no such thing. The right dog - often lurking inside an ill-mannered or extremely shy pooch - needs time, patience, and training to become the perfect dog for that one individual. Bitey, poopy, jumpy puppies don't start out perfect. Neither do most rescue dogs. Some assembly is required of all dogs.

At Homeward Bound, we do our best to give each dog a good foundation. It starts with an assessment based on input received at intake and our own observations through feeding, walking, evaluations, and playgroup activities. Some dogs are fairly turnkey. Others may require a training, behavior, or special needs plan. As much as we prize our rescue facility and foster homes, the greatest progress occurs when the dogs are matched to forever homes with people who see beyond the training need and into the dog's heart and potential. It requires a little leap of faith - on the dog's part, and the adopter's. But no bond is stronger than the one created by dog and human working in partnership and companionship. And Homeward Bound is here to help.

We hope these dogs will be adopted by the time you read this. Even so, others will follow in search of their special someone who knows that a rescue dog is a perfect dog waiting to blossom.

Leo, Age 1 (above and to right)

To understand how far Leo has come, you must know his beginning. Animal Control found him chained inside a makeshift shelter, exposed to the elements, and at the mercy of other dogs or critters that passed by to torment him, steal his meager food, or trespass on his "home" - such as it was. Leo has an amazing capacity for human forgiveness and allowed Animal Control to rescue him.



He greets people with genuine happiness and a wagging tail, grateful for any attention. Not so with other dogs or critters. Months of work in his foster home and with other dogs at a professional board and train facility have greatly improved his reaction to other dogs. Still, there is more work to be done.



Affectionate, eager to please, and always up for an adventure, he needs a sturdy, dog-skilled, and dedicated person who will follow his plan to bring out his best.

Rocky, Age 2 (below)

Rocky was destined for an unspeakable fate in China until rescuers intervened. An infection, now cleared, left him permanently sightless. But he sees with an open and kind heart. At foster, he lives with multiple dogs and navigates his world beautifully.



Rocky loves snuggling, playing, finding his ball, and walking, which he does exceptionally well. He shares his toys and has excellent house manners. He enjoys the company of other dogs and would love one at home to help guide him. Blind dogs aren't hard to manage. They need the furniture to stay put, no open pools, and not too many steps. In exchange, this young boy offers you his whole Golden heart.

Rex, Age 1 (photo page 11)

A puppy in a dog body, Rex is a wonderful, young, affectionate, and active boy with good house manners and training basics. When a little human moved into his home,

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Sundowner's Syndrome in Dogs

If you are familiar with human sundowner's syndrome, you might recognize some of the characteristics in your aging dog: Confusion, agitation, anxiety, restlessness, and behavior changes. In dogs, it is called Cognitive dysfunction syndrome or CDS.

CDS is a common age-related disease that affects the brain, causing deterioration similar to dementia or Alzheimer's disease in humans. Dogs may start to develop CDS around nine years of age or older. Because the behavioral changes progress slowly, it may be underdiagnosed with owners assuming that some changes are a normal part of aging. The good news is that early intervention with environmental enrichment, diet and medical management can improve the quality of life for dogs affected by CDS.

CDS is caused by gradual and degenerative age-related changes in the brain. Cells, called neurons, transmit essential information throughout the body, helping regulate mental and physical interactions. But when dogs start to age, the cells in their brain, including neurons, start to waste away. One of the degenerative changes that occurs is the build-up of a protein called beta-amyloid, which creates toxic conditions for neurons. As the neurons stop functioning properly or die off, the brain loses its capacity for processing information. This breakdown of internal communication leads to the physical and behavioral changes that owners observe.

CDS Signs

CDS may start with one sign that progresses over time, or multiple signs simultaneously. The most common may include:

- **Disorientation:** Getting lost in familiar places, stuck in corners, staring into space
- **Interaction changes:** Suddenly clingy or avoiding, not recognizing familiar people
- **Sleep pattern changes:** Wandering



the house at night, sleeping more during the day

- **Potty accidents:** Urinating or defecating indoors when they were previously house-trained
- **Activity level changes:** Decreased interest in playing or doing other activities, restlessness, or pacing
- **Anxiety:** Increased anxiety, new fears, irritability, even aggression
- **Learning changes:** No longer responding to previously known commands or struggling to learn new ones

Diagnosis

CDS is diagnosed based on the demonstration of clinical signs. Your veterinarian will perform a physical exam and recommend checking blood and urine tests to rule out other conditions with similar signs, such as pain, arthritis, seizure disorders, systemic illnesses like bacterial infections and UTIs, and vision or hearing loss. Brain tumors may also be suspected.

Treatment

There is no one treatment or cure for CDS. Management may include a combination of the following:

- **Diet:** Certain prescription foods are rich in antioxidants, fatty acids, and other important nutrients that help support the brain.
- **Enrichment:** Interacting with your dog regularly through play, interactive toys, and regular exercise can help stimulate their brain.
- **Medications:** Selegiline is a medica-

tion approved for CDS treatment in North America. Your veterinarian may also prescribe medications to address specific issues, such as anxiety.

- **Supplements:** Multiple supplements may help with CDS, including omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants (like vitamins E and C), medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), and other supplements like SAMe and phosphatidylserine. Consult with your veterinarian before starting any supplements to avoid interactions with other medications or conditions.

CDS is a slowly progressive disease that many elderly dogs experience. Dogs that are severely affected with CDS or have other compounding medical problems may not respond well to therapies. Early intervention can help and greatly improve their quality of life, so be alert to changes in your senior dog.

Source: www.vet.cornell.edu



Not So Different Dasher

By: Carolynne Beno

The twelve-week-old puppy named Simon that I adopted in late February had it all... adorable floppy ears too large for his head, puppy breath, highly entertaining zoomies, and velvety fur. He was affectionate, loving, and always ready to give sloppy kisses. When I held him, he snuggled in, resting his head on my shoulder. As I watched him dart and dash around the yard the day I met him, he exuded joy, and I knew his name would be "Dasher."

Dasher has a difference. Born with a deformed right front leg, his front paw was turned 180-degrees backwards from the wrist. His breeder surrendered him to Homeward Bound when he was just five weeks old and five pounds. Dasher attempted to use his deformed leg as a crutch, resulting in a wound that would not heal and imbalance impacting his mobility. At seven weeks of age, the decision was made to remove his leg.

Having three legs instead of four doesn't prevent Dasher from climbing in the dishwasher, counter surfing, or jumping on the fence to hunt squirrels; he excels at these activities! Dasher torments his five-year-old Golden Retriever sister, Aspen, relentlessly, stealing her frisbee and biting her neck and ears. He also insists on doing everything that Aspen does. While some things take some doing, he figures it out. Running appears easier for him than walking, he builds up speed and his momentum carries him. He's happiest playing with other dogs because he can bite, zoom, howl, wrestle, rest, and then do it all over again.

I didn't know Dasher when he had four legs, so him having three legs feels just as natural as if he had four. It's just who he is. I work in special education, so accommodating differences is what I have been trained to do. But Dasher doesn't have many special needs. He needs what all puppies do; lots of love, play, exercise, and training. As a tripod, a stand for his water and food bowls assists him in balancing while eating and drinking and he has a



harness designed for tripods to avoid neck strain and imbalance.

A life vest is one accommodation that is necessary for tripods. Since I love all adventures that involve splashing or swimming, a life vest was one of my first purchases after bringing Dasher home. We practiced having him wear it around the house for weeks and as soon as he completed his series of shots, we were off to Putah Creek. Since Dasher wants to do everything that Aspen does, he barreled into the water after her without hesitation. As a former lifeguard, I stood ready to respond if he needed help. Much to my delight, he very quickly learned to undulate his body like a river otter and move efficiently through the water. He even uses his tail to motor along! He now swims almost as quickly as Aspen.



While I am mindful of Dasher's health and safety needs, I am also focused on Dasher living puppy life to the fullest. Poet Mary Oliver asked, "Tell me, what is it you plan to

do with your one wild and precious life?" I am determined to provide opportunities for Dasher that make the most of his wild and precious life. Dasher recently went on a proper adventure at Donner Summit which included a four-mile drive on a Jeep road – seatbelt on, windows down, cool mountain air whipping through his ears followed by a mile long flat hike with a few rest stops and then swimming at Long Lake! This summer Dasher, Aspen and I will be getting happily lost on the trails in Tahoe, splashing around Putah Creek and paddle boarding at Lake Natoma.



But we also have bigger plans. As a special education teacher, I've seen how stigmatizing and isolating it can be for a child to have a difference or disability. I had been searching for a dog like Dasher to train to go on therapy visits. Now my goal is to work towards visiting kids with differences like Dasher. Dasher breezed through the AKC STAR Puppy certification and is working towards his Canine Good Citizen certification...two important first steps towards our dream of helping kids with their own differences not feel so alone.

Rex got moved out. At Homeward Bound, he has been working hard at learning how to be a grown-up dog in a grown-up body! He is an active, athletic, fun-loving, and playful boy who enjoys all kinds of activities, including car rides, swimming, and likely hiking adventures.



He didn't get much training or dog socialization in his first home, so he arrived with some mouthy and jumpy behaviors, which he has worked hard on. He also did not learn how to properly interact with other dogs. He can get grabby and pushy with dogs when over-stimulated. Rex should be the only dog in the home and be closely monitored around other dogs while continuing his socialization education. The reward? A super-affectionate boy with a big personality, who is always up for an adventure, and adores spending time with humans.

All three of these dogs (and more!) have the potential to be amazing companions. Like so many of our soon-to-be perfect dogs...*some assembly is required!*

Planned Giving: A Golden Legacy

Bequests have played a major role in our ability to purchase the property after our founders' passings, and to support much needed improvements.

Estate or planned gifts to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue are excellent opportunities to create a legacy ensuring the rescue's permanence and that more Golden lives are saved. Planned giving is an option for donors of all incomes and may allow you to make a larger gift in the future than you otherwise could from current assets. A planned gift can also help you reduce capital gains or estate taxes on your heirs.

Naming us in your will or trust is one of the easiest ways to ensure that future generations of Golden Retrievers in need will find a second chance at life. You'll find more information on our website under "Donate."



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- **Taxi Drivers:** As the dogs' transport to safety and medical care, you hold a special place in their hearts.
- **Fosters:** From puppies to seniors and those recovering - the gift of fostering comes from the heart, and the rewards are rich.

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