



# Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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## The Hidden Benefits of Foster Care

There are obvious benefits to the process called “fostering a dog available for adoption”. Families sometimes find themselves in a situation where it becomes difficult to care for their dog, and the rescue process allows them to place the pet in a situation that is safe and caring. At the other end of the rescue process, a family that is seeking to rescue a dog has an organization to go to that can provide a good match between the dog and family. Additionally, strays and lost dogs that are lucky enough to be rescued are in an organization that can take them off the streets and ensure they are well cared for until adopted. But all of this care requires people to provide the care and affection that dogs need while awaiting a permanent home, and that care and affection is provided by volunteer foster parents.

What is not so obvious, is the depth of understanding that the dog has about going through that process. Yes, dogs express what we see as unconditional love. They wag their tails when close to us, want to be near us and lick noses, but does that love go deeper? Is the part that foster parents play important to the dogs in the process? This is a story that seems to



indicate that foster parents play a very important role.

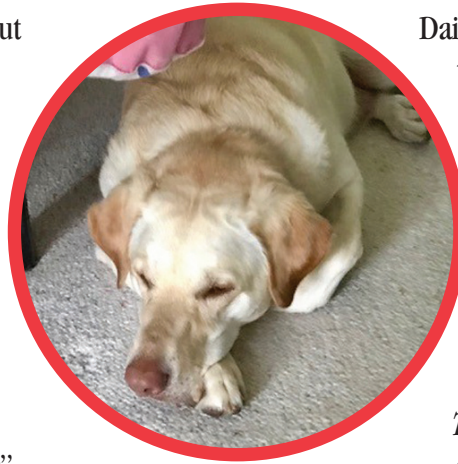
Last fall, a new rescue, Daisy, was placed with her foster mother, Kelly Prado. The dog needed significant physical care and a close relationship with a caretaker, goals that Kelly happily provided. Under Kelly’s care, Daisy slimmed down and regained a smooth, beautiful coat. One of Daisy’s high spots was chasing a “donut” toy, playing fetch with Kelly in her back garden. When it was time to look for a home for Daisy,

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue (GGLRR) placed notices on social media and elsewhere about Daisy.

Anneke and Ray Dempsey, in Palo Alto, had lost Katie, a Lab they had rescued years before from GGLRR. Katie left a hole in their hearts that needed filling and Anneke found the notice about Daisy and called the rescue rep listed. Following discussions and filling out an application, the Dempseys drove to Kelly’s home to meet Daisy. That meeting proved to be a good fit and a few days later, the Dempseys returned to take Daisy home. *Continued on page 2*

As a parting gift, Kelly included the toy donut for Daisy to keep.

Daisy felt right at home and became a loved member of her new family. She also “adopted” a stuffed animal of Katie’s called her “Sleepie-do” which became her go-to toy. It was fun to munch on (not bite), carry around the house, take to bed, and show off to visitors. The Dempseys had kept in touch with Kelly, calling Kelly Daisy’s “godmother” and keeping her informed of Daisy’s new life. They recently invited Kelly to spend a weekend reunion with Daisy, an offer Kelly accepted. They expected that Daisy would remember Kelly, an expectation that came true when Daisy’s tail went out of control when Kelly came into the house, but the depth of that recognition became suddenly clear when Daisy ran, not for her Sleepie-do, but the donut that Kelly used to play with Daisy, a toy she had not used for weeks.



*Daisy, safe at home.*

Daisy is happy in her new home, but the **hidden benefit** of her time with her foster mother came through loud and clear when she brought the toy she clearly associated with good times with her foster mom. There are obvious benefits for everyone involved in a successful adoption, but there must also be hidden benefits for the dog.

*Thank you,  
Author (& Adopter) Ray Dempsey,  
& Foster Kelly Prado*

If you are interested in fostering a rescued dog, or want to learn more about what’s involved in fostering, please go to the Lab Rescue website at <https://labrescue.org/fostering.html>  
You can help save another dog like Daisy!



## Everyone’s Smarter, Including the Dogs, Thanks to our Recent Training!

Golden Gate Lab Rescue began delivering these well-received training sessions in 2022 to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of our volunteers and adopters so we all can provide the best care for adopted dogs and dogs in our fosters’ care. While it is not rocket science, fostering, adopting and caring for a rescued dog can bring challenges and demands that require focus and intent to achieve a positive outcome for all. Lab Rescue wants adopted dogs to thrive with their adopters... and is delighted to provide post-adoption assistance to our adopters. We’ve had 5 workshops in 2022 and 2023 which were highly beneficial to the participants. We will continue to provide these highly effective and hugely popular workshops in 2024. Keep an eye on our website, [www.labrescue.org](http://www.labrescue.org), for details.



## Happy Ending- Quincy



Everything is wonderful with us, we are so happy having Quincy as a member of our family! The photo is from our summer camping trip to Yosemite. Quincy loved it!

*-Nancie Bailey  
& family  
Thank you Rescue  
Rep Liz & the  
Bailey family  
for being a  
wonderful foster  
fail!*





## Farewell to Tiki Tommy



Early in August my friend, Tom Nigman (aka “Tiki Tommy”), long-time Lab owner and supporter of GGLRR, ended his long fight with lung cancer. He was survived by Kona, likely his sixth or seventh adopted Labrador retriever. During his life, Tom made significant donations to many rescue groups throughout Northern California. He sent a check to Lab Rescue only days before he died.

Once, not many years ago, there were three of us, all named Tom, who met walking our dogs at



*Tom's Lab, Harvey*

and Kona was with him at the end.

Tom Nigman had “offbeat” careers that most of us never knew existed. Early in his life, he was a “roadie” for big-name rock groups that traveled the world. Tom’s main job was to travel ahead of the group and make advance arrangements for lodging and at the concert venues. Later in life, Tom became a marketing representative for “medical tourism” arranging for clients to receive elective surgery at hospitals in Thailand. I remember his sending me a photo from the beach at Phuket: He was dressed in shorts and a “tiki” shirt but had a pen in his pocket to prove that he was there on business. Somewhere in all those travels, Tom fell in love with all things Polynesian (“tiki”). He began buying and selling vintage Hawaiian shirts, tiki and hula dolls, Hawaiian music, and

Polynesian household decorative items. Tiki Tom traveled to Polynesian festivals all over the West Coast and was a regular booth renter at shows on Treasure Island and in Alameda. As time went on, we three Toms, who had originally met walking our dogs, also began meeting at Trader Vic’s for a Polynesian happy hour. After Tiki Tommy passed away, we two remaining Toms met one last time at Trader Vic’s and ordered our friend’s favorite drink in his memory, a special Mai tai. Aloha, old friend!

*- Tom Foster, GGLRR Volunteer*



*Tiki Tommy (on left) and 2 more Toms*

Caesar Chavez Park on the Berkeley Marina. Back then, Tom Nigman’s lab was Harvey, an enthusiastic “dock dog” that Tom regularly entered in Diving Dog events. Even as Harvey began to age, Tom started the search for another, younger Lab, and eventually found Kona through Central California Lab Rescue. Tom and Kona fell quickly in love,

**Note:** *A few days before Tiki Tom passed away, he sent an email to Lab Rescue. In it he said “Tom Foster was visiting me today and I handed him a check to show my appreciation for all you did for Kona, formerly Snickers. If you recall, it was the middle of the pandemic when I rescued him and I couldn’t find a vet to treat or neuter him anywhere before I reached out to you and you introduced me to Sue Buxton.*



*Kona Tigman*

*The first few photos are from the time he was rescued and emaciated to a few recent ones in the peak of health and the recipient of the AKC award.*

*I have terminal cancer and you can’t take \$/it with you but certainly can show your gratitude towards whoever helped you out in life. Hopefully there’s room in your next newsletter to say a little something.”*

Tom N., we appreciate and thank you for your generosity and support over the years. We’ve made room for you!



## Happy Ending- Jax & Ollie

This past December, we said goodbye to our 16-year-old rescued chocolate Lab. We knew we weren't ready for another dog and wanted some time. Six months later, on the 12th anniversary of adopting our previous Lab, we came across the post for Jax & Ollie. We knew they'd be adopted quickly and likely unavailable when we returned home.

Much to our surprise, they were still looking for their forever home! We made arrangements with Kris and Dave to visit them the following weekend. The rest is history.



Fast forward two months, and it's been a seamless transition for us all. They love walking, hiking, playing in the water, and sleeping with us. They've experienced multiple camping trips in our trailer while chasing BMX state races up and down the state.

Jax is energetic, spunky, smart, and curious. Ollie is gentle, loving, affectionate, and easy-going. They have the most amazing bond and are truly inseparable. They have finally found their forever home and will forever be part of our family!

*-Tammy MacDonald*

*Thank you, Rescue Rep Kris & Fosters/Previous owners Jeff & Barry*

## Happy Ending- Gumbeaux

We are happy to have submitted our awesome Lab, Gumbeaux's photo for the 2024 Calendar as we missed the entry last year! A little bit about Gumbeaux – aka Gumbo – his old name was Harley when adopted from GGLR in 2013.

4 years ago, he was diagnosed with a rare disease called Addison's disease. After the shock and worry of the initial diagnosis, we found a regimen to manage and control his hormonal insufficiency by daily oral medicine and monthly injection. He has been doing well with this regimen.

The photos are from our trip to the Yosemite National Park this spring. The valley was gorgeous with spectacular waterfalls!

*-The Azumi Family*



## Happy Ending- Hunter



Hunter is thriving in our house since we adopted him and we feel he really likes being a part of our family. Hunter has gone on many outings with us. He loves going for rides in the car and daily walks in the foothills by our house.

We've taken Hunter to our beach house and he loves going down to chase the waves. Hunter is a great dog and is a happy boy! We're so glad to have adopted Hunter from GGLRR and to have him as a part of our family now. And thank you Rescue Rep Liz for all your help and guidance.

*-The Merten Family  
Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!*

## Happy Ending- Dutch



When my 8-year-old twins saw Dutch (formerly Brodie) in your newsletter, they said, “We have to save him!”. He was a badly abused dog, and when we adopted him (at one-year-old), he still had open wounds on his shoulders and hind legs. All the fur had been rubbed off where he was muzzled, but it gradually

grew back in white! It is a distinctive marking, and we call it his milk mustache or badge of courage. He was a wild child when we brought him home (pulling the Christmas turkey off the table), but soon, he could trust us enough to relax and rub his belly. He immediately moved on from his past...” To err is human, to forgive, canine.” He quickly became a beloved member of the family. He has survived two cancer surgeries and one on his larynx for GOLP, so he’s a survivor. Year by year, he has become sweeter and sweeter, and we are now celebrating 12 years with us and his 13th birthday. We love him dearly.

*-The Deam Family*

## Happy Ending- Sydney



We adopted Sydney through GGLRR last October 2022 and we have been so happy with her. She is now about a year and a half. She loves our boys and bed hops at night, starting with our youngest son while he reads stories to her then she hops in with the teenager for the night. She spends days at the office with her best friend MO. Her favorite place at home is perched on the retaining wall in the front where she can peer over the fence to who’s coming by and alerting us. She still loves to play but eventually snuggles in and sleeps like a champ.

She was exactly the pup for us and so thankful to have found her through GGLRR.

*-Heather Stewart and Family  
Thank you Rescue Rep Kris!*

## Happy Ending- Ranger

Let’s just say Ranger is thriving! This handsome guy has plopped himself in our hearts, world, and always our kitchen. Ranger loves swimming in the bay, diving into snow piles, and always knows where the muddiest puddles are hiding. His favorite word is park, and he loves tomatoes! We recently saw the vet for a checkup, and she was showering him with praise and noted how confident he has become over the past six months.



He is now a gentle giant weighing 80 lbs and always with his pack! The first name anyone calls out when they get home is “Ranger,” he is living a pretty charmed life with back and belly scratches, an entire toy box, and six people who love him unconditionally alongside many fans in and around the neighborhood. Thank you for pairing us with this sweet, mischievous, loyal guy!!

*-The Smith Family  
Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Kathy!*



## Happy Ending- Cody

Cody, our first-ever rescue, came into our lives six months after our lab, Xena, passed away. We had no idea what to expect, but from the moment we met him, even if he was initially somewhat timid, we had a good feeling about how lovable he could be. When his new dog bed arrived, we decided to introduce it to the living room for a few days, but Cody had other plans. That first night, he made it abundantly clear that the crate was no longer his preferred sleep spot – his newfound bed was an instant hit!



Fast forward to now, and we are watching him mature every day. He may still be a tad shy, but his vocabulary has expanded, impressively learning commands like “leave it,” “take it,” “down,” and “stay,” although “chill out” remains a work in progress. After all, relaxing can be challenging for a lively 15-month-old like him. We feel so lucky and grateful to have found GGLR and appreciate everyone’s efforts to bring Cody to us.

*-Dave White*

*Thank you, Rescue Rep Kris & Fosters Kristin P. & Lorianne*

## Happy Ending- Diesel

Here’s a pic of Diesel with us. He’s been a great dog and good addition to the family.

*-The Bracken Family*

*Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!*



## Happy Ending- Zoe

Hi Liz, I wanted to let you know how Zoe’s adoption was progressing. I picked her up and her owners were kind enough to meet me half way which I really appreciated. They also provided lots of items that were familiar to Zoe, like her bed, food and many other items. Zoe looked really well taken care of and we understand how difficult it must have been to part with her. She did really well with her trip to her new home and even slept part of the way. Upon arrival I took her inside to meet her new petmates (we have a dog and 4 cats). They are very socialized and accepted Zoe with no problems and Zoe just fit right in



like she had been there forever.

Zoe got to meet the neighbors’ pups and again, had no problems socializing. She has a large fenced yard to roam in and we are continuing to make sure she has daily walks. She is mostly an inside pup and will never be alone because there is always someone here. She just got her license and saw her new vet who prescribed meds for her arthritis. She is a total pleasure to be with and we are looking forward to new adventures with her. We really appreciate the efforts of Liz, GGLRR and Zoe’s former family that have made this adoption possible.

*-Tim Cooperrider*

*Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!*

## What It's Like to be a Youth Foster

Growing up with my mother who's devoted her life to caring for over 30 different foster dogs through the GGLRR program has been a truly enriching life experience. GGLRR has not only provided homes for countless dogs in need but has also shaped my perspective on responsibility, and the importance of giving back to the animal we call man's best friend. The GGLRR program is an organization dedicated to rescuing and finding forever homes for Labrador Retrievers and Lab mixes. It operates in Northern California and has been a lifeline for many Labradors in need. The program relies heavily on a network of foster families (like mine) who open their hearts and homes to these dogs while they await adoption. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a part of GGLRR has been providing a loving, safe, and temporary home for dogs that have often experienced abandonment or mistreatment. Each foster dog that has come through our doors has had its unique story, quirks, and personality. It's incredible to witness the transformation in these dogs as they go from being anxious or scared to becoming happy, trusting, and well-adjusted pets.



Being a child in a household that fosters dogs has taught me valuable life lessons. I have learned about the importance of responsibility and empathy. Taking care of a foster dog is not just about feeding and walking; it's about offering love and patience to a dog that may have never experienced it before. This experience has cultivated a sense of compassion in me and I will always apply it to every dog that crosses my path.

The bond formed with each foster dog is incredibly special. It's a connection built on trust and understanding, and it's a

profound experience to see a scared or anxious dog learn to trust and love again. These dogs, with their wagging tails and joyful spirits, have brought immeasurable happiness to our lives, and I believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience such a bond. With some of our foster dogs, the bond was too strong and we ended up adopting them ourselves.

Growing up in a household that fosters dogs through the GGLRR program has enriched my life in countless ways. It has taught me about compassion, responsibility, and the importance of giving back. The experiences I've had and the bonds I've formed with these dogs are treasures that I will carry with me throughout my life. I urge other kids and families to consider participating in similar programs, as they offer a unique opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of animals while also fostering personal growth and lasting memories. The love, joy, and lessons that come from fostering dogs are truly priceless.

*-Andrew Hallett, 18, UC Berkeley, Class of 2027*

*The whole Hallet-Brasher family is into dogs and rescue! In addition to fostering lots of dogs, daughter Abby works at a doggy day care and volunteers at a local shelter while attending college full time, and mom Stacy continues to foster (and adopt!) GGLRR Labs. One of the reasons the family started fostering was because Andrew and Abby were too young to help at the shelter. Stacy and partner Paul were motivated by the documentary "One Nation Under Dog"; Stacy says "it changed our lives".*



## Safely Support 35+ Years of Lab Rescue

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### Shop **pet food express.com**

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### Youth Volunteer Program

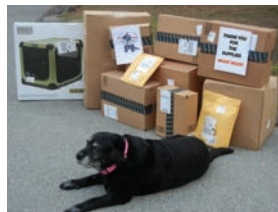
Student volunteers, meet your volunteer hour commitment by volunteering for Lab Rescue. Go to [www.labrescue.org/volunteer-youth.html](https://www.labrescue.org/volunteer-youth.html) for details. There are lots of different volunteer opportunities— find the one that suits you!



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wishlist

We have an Amazon Wish List with items needed for our Labs. Have fun shopping and help needy Labs at the same time.

[www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/PBYXN\\_r\\_fa\\_ws\\_HKW8sb01X2KWB](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/PBYXN_r_fa_ws_HKW8sb01X2KWB)



### Employer Gift Matching Program

Check with your employer's HR Dept. to see if they offer a matching gift program. If they do, fill out the form and then submit it to the appropriate personnel. We'll be happy to help complete any necessary paperwork to facilitate this process. GGLRR is already setup to receive donations from various Bay Area businesses.



### Donations Make Great Gifts

For a special occasion, donate to GGLRR "For" a special dog or dog loving person. GGLRR will also send a professionally printed card with our logo if you would like a card to be sent. We also acknowledge all our generous patrons in our newsletters.

[www.Labrescue.org/donate.html](https://www.Labrescue.org/donate.html)



### Direct Financial Contributions Donation of Stock Estate Bequests

[www.Labrescue.org/donate.html](https://www.Labrescue.org/donate.html)



### Memorial

You can donate to create a Memorial for any special friend (human or canine) who has left us. You can just make a donation and tell us who it is for in the online donation form and we will send an acknowledgement to whom you designate.

### Donate Stuff Supplies Kids Fundraising

[www.Labrescue.org/volunteer-youth.html](https://www.Labrescue.org/volunteer-youth.html)





## Watch Out For Splenic Tumors! *By Dave Ely*

Many large breed dogs, especially Labs, develop tumors on their spleens when they get older. These tumors, while displaying no noticeable symptoms, can cause the spleen to bleed and often rupture without notice resulting in the dog's sudden death. If detected early, these tumors can normally be removed without major incident. Once the tumor is removed it will be biopsied, and the biopsy will reveal whether the tumors may be benign or malignant. If benign, the removal of the tumor resolves the issue. If malignant, additional treatment may be required.

Lab Rescue recommends that you discuss this spleen tumor issue with your vet. One option for early detection that many of us in Lab Rescue are using, is an annual ultrasound on our Labs when they reach eight years of age. Because these tumors are generally asymptomatic until it's too late, these annual ultrasounds allow us to detect a developing spleen tumor early on to enable us to take appropriate action.



For more information, check out the following websites:

- [https://www.mspca.org/angell\\_services/so-your-dog-has-a-splenic-mass/](https://www.mspca.org/angell_services/so-your-dog-has-a-splenic-mass/)
- [https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/cancer/c\\_dg\\_cancer\\_spleen\\_liver](https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/cancer/c_dg_cancer_spleen_liver)
- <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/splenic-tumors>
- <https://pettao.com/hate-dog-spleen-cancer/>



## Don't Miss These Holiday Events!

### Santa Photos are Coming to Town!

Don't miss out on these **Pet Fairs** because they're the last Pet Fairs of 2023 *and* they're also **Santa Photo shoots!** Bring your pets and family for an awesome picture with Santa! Get your holiday photos, cards, and **new 2024 Calendar** and help Lab Rescue at the same time.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 18th</b>	<b>11 am -3 pm</b>	<b>Pet Food Express San Jose</b> 1152 Blossom Hill Road Photographer Pooja
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 19th</b>	<b>11 am -3 pm</b>	<b>Pet Food Express Danville</b> 609 San Ramon Valley Boulevard

### Holiday Shopping & Giving Events

Giving Tuesday – Tuesday Nov. 28th

Check out the event calendar at <http://www.labrescue.org/news-events.html> for details and latest information!



**We thank you!**

*Thank you to all of our wonderful donors. Without you, we would not be able to continue to help the Labs that need medical care and/or new homes. Your donations make it happen!*

*Donors listed from April 2022 through mid Oct. 2023; we do our best to recognize all of our generous donors.*

**\$10 - \$50 "FIRST EXAM"**

Linda & Walter Hines  
In memory of Joan Peterson

Emily Askin  
In memory of Buddy Balmat, a wonderful good boy!

Adrian & Carol Bal

Beverly & Rudy Herrera  
In memory of Jessie, Katie, Satah, Sadie & Paco

Claudia & Roy Nedrow  
In memory of Edison a friend to all!

John Oda  
In loving memory of Hoss!

Marc Cohen

Eileen Macapinlac

Connie Musso  
In memory of Madison, Mollie Musso

Cheryl Ramos

Hal & Lydia Rosen

Kimberly Fitch

Greg Friedman  
In memory of Taser Jerome

Tammy Halley

Michael & Karen Nakamura  
Shawna & Benjamin Thibado

**\$51-\$100 "First Shots"**

Virginia Bommarito  
Happy Birthday to our dear friends Maisie & William 60 years of Lovin Labs!  
With wags & licks from Calvin & Jasper Bommarito & their people

Karen Hilliard  
Marilyn Brosnan  
Kathy Reed  
In memory of Konrad Egger

Cecily Bond

Evie McClintock

Ewoud Bonsen  
In honor of our sweet Gus, rescued by GGLRR, loved tremendously and saved by Cheryl & Dave until his passing today. We love you Gus!

Brian & Anne Bubnic  
In loving memory of Pixie.  
Thank you Golden Gate Lab Rescue for bringing her into our lives.

April Carlson  
In memory of Annalee Rosenblatt. She is the mother of Seth Rosenblatt & Sara Dobbs who adopted Bruno.

Tracy Harcourt & Ed Chejlava

Stacy Einsidler

Stuart & Karie Epstein  
In memory of Bear

Mark Fillingier  
On behalf of Maise & William Hom – Happy Birthday!

Mike Hallock  
In memory of Tessie

David Hettick

Patrick Irlon  
In memory of Carl Walter – a man who loved black Labs.

Robin H. James

Anna MacNaughton  
In loving memory of Jaxon

Sam Meehan  
In memory of our chocolate Labs Paloma, Sienna, & Junior, who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the virtues of Man without his Vices.

Jennifer Mitchell

Karthikeyan Murugendran

Dion Oakley  
In memory of Ivy

Bridgette Schrader

Harinder Singh

Judy Taylor  
In memory of Hoss!

**\$101 - \$250 "LAB TESTS & BLOOD WORK"**

Jennifer Bollong

Peter & Judith Coy

Lush Music

Lynn Wassom

Karla Abrams

Michele Beach

Renee Caggiano

Trinka & Lloyd Dyer

Christopher Donnelly & Kathy Reed

Larry Miller

Tish Yeats

SF Basque Cultural Center  
In memory of Paul Arretche  
Judith & Robert Chinello  
Michael Dong & Darci Whitley

Thomas Foster  
In memory of Dale Jenssen

Jill Wylie  
Uncle Dave & Auntie Deb, we are very sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet Hazel and are thinking of you. We have made a donation in her honor to the Golden Gate Lab Rescue. You gave her a beautiful life. Love, Your Nieces and families

Oon Yek  
Keep up your excellent work for the sweet Labs! For the joy and love they bring to this world, they deserve better.

Jean Camy  
Georgia Cornell  
In living memory of Egan – he was lovely

Philip Henika

**\$251 - \$500 "SPAY & NEUTER"**

Peter & Carol Grassi  
Hansen Family Trust

Beverly & Jeanne Mager  
In memory of CCI Bebe

Roxanne Nelsen

Janet Berry  
For the senior/special needs fund, in honor of Cody

Donald Powell  
In honor of Julie Powell, dog

Andrew Price

Dr. Jill Sideman

Richard Bartlett  
Michael Manuel  
Thank you for raising funds for the dogs!

Dos Margaritas  
Donelle Nicoson  
David Reedy  
Grazyna Wicik  
I am so touched for what you do for these animals – just reading now about Jonah. Please continue the good work.

**\$501 - \$1000 "SPECIAL SURGERY"**

Maria Fernanda  
Dianne Lynch  
Tammy MacDonald  
Al Stephens

**\$1001+ "ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURES"**

Liz Frome & Jim Barnes  
In memory of Brody, Sweet Cowboy, Jack and in honor of Kaleen and Carter!

John & Valerie Klobe  
In memory of Bodie Boy

Peggy Kivel

The Hodges Survivors Fund

Ed & Janis Cherry

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Donation in honor of Oliver

William Donner Foundation

**Happy Ending-Tiggy**

Hi, Dave! I wanted to take a second and let you know that Tiggy (adopted from GGLRR in 2018) is absolutely LOVING life since our move to Central Oregon. I took a group of kids plus Tiggy and another dog out on a mountain bike ride to the river today. The dogs went bananas running and swimming. This town is made for an active life with pups! We love her SO MUCH. She is such a happy girl, goes



with us everywhere, and loves everyone (Tiggy is a "leaner," and likes to look up adoringly at people as they scratch her ears. There's nothing cuter!) Thank you yet again for connecting us with Tiggy. She is the BEST.

-XO, Christie



# Where do the Donation Dollars Go?

*Ever noticed those pleas for help for dogs on the website? Wondered where those dollars went? So far this year we've helped at least five dogs with medical or behavioral needs. Here are some of their stories:*

## Theo

For a six-year-old, Theo was a bit of a mess when he came to us. He was originally a stray and GGLRR helped him through recovery from heartworm, a partial amputation of his tail due to happy tail, ongoing daily meds for pulmonary hypertension, large skin tag removal and an ongoing hot spot on his front right foot. As if that wasn't enough, he then required major surgery to remove a blockage in his small intestine.



Remove intestinal blockage

Approximate Cost:  
**\$3500**

## Bodie

By nine months of age, Bodie had five different homes until Sandy got him training! Clearly this pup needed serious help, and fast! GGLRR took him to a board and train with wonderful trainer Jourdan who worked miracles with him. He started out as a "wild animal" and he's still a ball-crazy Lab puppy, but as a result of the board and train we were able to adopt him to a wonderful couple who is very happy with him, and will continue working with him.



Behavioral training

Approximate Cost:  
**\$3000**

## Dominic

Dominic's owner passed away, and a friend took him in, then went looking to find a new home for him. Dominic is an older boy, we think between 10 and 12, but still in great shape, other than a tumor on his abdomen that GGLRR had removed. Fortunately, it was benign, and this lovable, goofy, sweet boy can go on to his forever home in good health!



Removal of large tumor

Approximate Cost:  
**\$1500**

## Trooper

Trooper was found as a stray suffering from not one but two broken hind legs. A wonderful rescue called us and we took him straight away to our vet, who was able to perform surgery on his right rear leg but his left rear leg had to be amputated. Trooper has fully recovered from the surgery and is doing great!

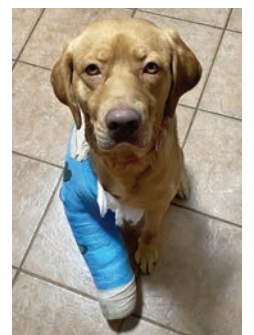


Repair broken rear leg

Approximate Cost:  
**\$5000**

## Tater

Tater came to GGLRR from the Stockton shelter, where he had been brought in as a stray with a fractured right leg (humerus bone) and the unfortunate name of Potato. We changed his name and we got him to a Dublin vet that treated the fracture (with a titanium plate and screws). Tater is now fully healed and headed to his forever home!



Repair broken front leg

Approximate Cost:  
**\$12000**

## More Thanks:

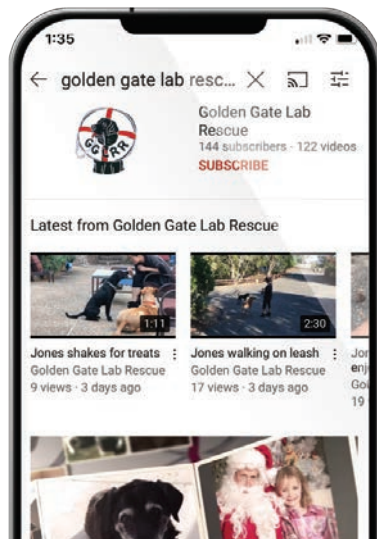
*To all the dog transporters, Pet Fair volunteers, wonderful fosters, and others – we wouldn't be able to save as many dogs as we do without you!*

- Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care/Veterinary Services
- Companion Animal Mobile Vet Clinic/Veterinary Services/Dr. Sue Buxton
- Fango Fund Donors, UC Davis/Veterinary Surgery
- Greg Flejtuch Design/Greg Flejtuch, Designer
- Happy Tails To You Dog Training & Canine Corral Daycare/Dog Training, Socialization and Assessment/Dawna Caldwell and team
- K9 Country Club/Dog & Cat Boarding/Tiffanie Brown
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- Onyx Worldwide/ Merchandise/John Oda
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- Trish King/Animal Behaviorist
- Dr. Brenda Mills/Veterinary Services, Livermore
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- Translating Dog with Jenna McDonald and Jay Rose/Training
- Shamrock Kennels and Lisa Rhodes Trainer
- Sage Veterinary Centers Redwood City/Dr. Heidi McClain and Dr. Diane Roberts /Veterinary Services
- Dr. Sheila Segurson, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Behaviorists
- Dogtopia
- RFRD Academy/Board & Train Facility
- Iron Horse Veterinary Care Dublin / Veterinary Care
- Insight Veterinary Wellness Center, El Dorado Hills / Veterinary Care
- Placerville Veterinary Clinic / Veterinary Care



## Check out GGLRR on YouTube!

GGLRR is now on YouTube with great videos featuring your favorite Labs that you can watch most any time and anywhere!



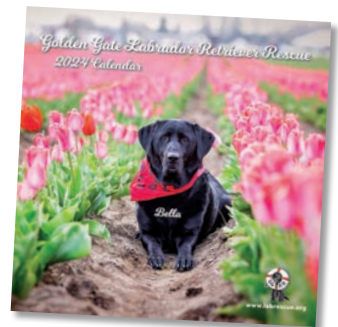
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# Found a Stray? The Facts of Pet Ownership

“I’m not giving her up, she’s my dog now. I’ve had her for over 30 days,” the gentleman says after I identify the actual dog owner via an implanted microchip.

I already know the answer before I ask the question, but I ask anyway. “Who told you that the dog becomes yours if you keep it for more than 30 days?”

“They did,” he says.

If I didn’t know better, I’d have sworn storm clouds were, in that moment, filling the horizon behind me.

They. It’s always “they.” Throughout the last couple of decades, I have yet to uncover the members of this secretive group that started the rumor – that finding a stray animal becomes your property, as long as you’ve had it for an increment of time. The amount is always in constants of three: 3 days, 3 weeks, 30 days, etc.

What follows is always a repetitive discussion. I explain the same thing in different words until the person I am speaking to comes to the realization that whatever “they” told them about pet ownership is not how it actually works.

## Here’s how Pet Ownership Works in the State of California:

Pets that can be legally owned are considered personal property. Your TV, your car, your clothes, your wallet, and everything else you own that is movable, is personal property. This includes your pet.

If you’re out walking and find a bag full of money, it doesn’t become yours after a certain period of time. The same goes for stray domestic animals.

The only legal way to take ownership of a stray domestic animal (thus preventing the original owner from reclaiming their pet, or claiming you stole it) is by adopting from an animal control agency or rescue organization that has taken the stray animal from an animal control agency after it has served a mandated stray holding period.

There are no laws to support any exceptions to this rule, and there is the potential for “your new pet” to end up with its rightful owner if the person demands it, and is willing to go to court.

I am by no means a lawyer, nor am I giving legal advice (property laws fall outside of animal control/pound services’ jurisdiction), but what I’ve seen and read regarding who gets to keep Fido, when it comes to civil court rulings, depends on if all reasonable efforts were made to locate the owner. “All reasonable efforts” could include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Posting in various online lost/found pet directories/forums like Facebook groups, Neighborhood apps, websites such as FindingRover, etc.
- Filing a found pet report with your local animal control agency and browsing through their lost pet logs.
- Having the pet scanned for a microchip at a vet or a shelter. If a microchip is found, it is your obligation to deliver the pet to your local animal control agency to have them try to contact the owner and return the pet. You are able to adopt the pet if no owner comes forward and it serves the warranted stray holding period. This is the most sure-fire way to secure yourself as the pet’s owner!

If your local animal control agency refuses to take the pet and it has a registered microchip, attempt to contact all individuals registered with that chip by phone, mail and email (if listed). I’d also document if an animal control agency declined to take the animal from you. Something in writing or on a recording would be your best option.

- Making “found pet” posters and posting them around your neighborhood and the neighborhood where you found the stray animal.

In addition, I recommend keeping all bills associated with caring for the pet, as this may have the potential of allowing you to place a lien, a form of security interest granted over an item of property to secure debt payment, on the pet. The owner may be required to pay within a certain time frame or forfeit their rights to the pet.

*- By Jesse Boyce, Field Operations Manager/Humane Officer  
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## Help Wanted!

GGLRR is an all-volunteer rescue organization serving the SF Greater Bay Area whose mission is to find loving homes for unwanted Labs or Lab mixes. Our Lab Rescue team saves purebred Labrador Retrievers and Lab mixes from shelters, as well as assists people giving up their dogs for adoption. We provide foster homes, veterinary care, and rehabilitation when needed, and place them with loving, forever families. Our volunteers *are* GGLRR!

These positions are our current, most critical needs!

### Volunteer Website Manager

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue needs a Volunteer to help manage the website. This exciting position requires organization and drive. This is a job that would be shared with a full-time company volunteer and thus would be only needed for the volunteer to fulfill requests on the weekends. Tasks include: receive email requests to post newly available for adoption Labradors onto the organization's website; update the status of dogs throughout the adoption process (no more calls, adoption pending, recently adopted); creating pages for new dogs; updating old pages; and resizing pictures for the website. You would receive training from the current Volunteer Website Manager and to prepare you for the position. Coding expertise is not required; the coding style is similar to logic programming and can be learned on the job. This is a great job for a student volunteer.

If you are interested, please contact Liz: [liz@jobshopsf.com](mailto:liz@jobshopsf.com)

### GGLRR Event Organizer

The event organizer would be the on the ground leader for our participation in particular events such as pet fairs and community events. This includes recruiting and managing volunteers and coordinating with the event location to ensure our participation runs smoothly. The GGLRR Event Organizer also coordinates with local Pet Fair Coordinators; in some cases, Pet Fair Leaders may also take on the Pet Fair Coordinator role.

### Rescue Reps

We desperately need more Rescue Reps! Rescue Reps are the dogs "Hollywood Agents!" You would meet and evaluate dogs at shelters and at homes as well as manage the adoption process, including promoting the dog, identifying prospective adopters, coordinating with foster families for adopter meetings, organizing home visits, making the adoption decision, and providing post adoption support to new families.

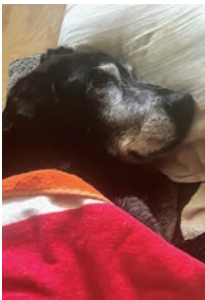
### Fosters

Fosters provide loving interim homes for our dogs until a new forever home is found. Fosters are critical to our ability to save Labs; without them, we cannot meet our mission!

*For information or to apply for any of these positions, send an email to [labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com](mailto:labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com) or go to [www.labrescue.org/volunteer.html](http://www.labrescue.org/volunteer.html) and complete our brief volunteer information form.*

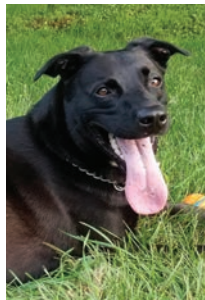


**For our many good boys and good girls who have left us to cross the Rainbow Bridge.**



**Brody,**

you were a **good boy.**



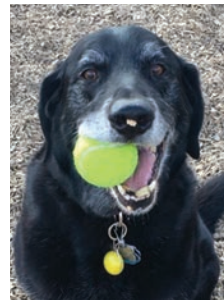
**Gilly,**

you were a **good boy.**



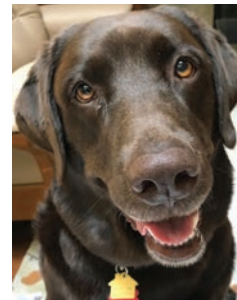
**Coco,**

you were a **good girl.**



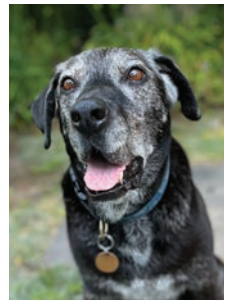
**Bandit,**

you were a **good boy.**



**Pixie,**

you were a **good girl.**



**Luna,**

you were a **good girl.**



## How to Contact Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue

**Mailing address:** 268 Bush Street, #4322, San Francisco CA 94104

**Website:** www.Labrescue.org | **Email:** Labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com

### Local/Area Contacts

#### Santa Clara County

Kris 415-652-6091 (text or email preferred)  
krisellen.nm@gmail.com

Mitzi 408-472-2030 (text only)

Debbi 408-309-7830 or email (preferred)  
dragonflydebbi@gmail.com (surrenders only)

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### Other Contact Information

#### Donation Information

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[www.Labrescue.org/donate.html](http://www.Labrescue.org/donate.html)

To send a check:  
268 Bush Street, #4322, San Francisco CA 94104

#### Donating through Amazon.com

Amazon Wishlist:[http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/PBYXNJ19EFYF/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_fa\\_ws\\_HKW8sb01X2KWB](http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/PBYXNJ19EFYF/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_ws_HKW8sb01X2KWB)

#### Address Changes

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#### Volunteer Information

[www.Labrescue.org/volunteer.html](http://www.Labrescue.org/volunteer.html)

#### Newsletter Editor

Labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com

#### Website

mike@jobshopsf.com

## Other Ways You can Help Lab Rescue: Make a Gift through your Estate or a Charitable Trust!

Making a gift through your estate can be pretty simple if you have a will or living trust. If you would like to add GGLRR, consult with your tax planning/estate advisor to simply add Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, San Francisco California to your list of beneficiaries. Specify the amount and nature of the gift (cash or stock or property, for example). It's potentially even easier to give by making GGLRR the beneficiary



of a bank account, life insurance policy or retirement plan. If you'd like your donation to go to a specific purpose, you can make that clear as well. If it helps, our team here at GGLRR is happy to chat directly with you and/or your tax and estate consultants to help come up with a plan that works best for you and GGLRR. Your donation is always greatly appreciated, and will go directly to save the lives of Labs in Need.

### About GGLRR, Inc.

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. (GGLRR) is organized under the California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and educational purposes. We have been granted nonprofit tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. GGLRR is a public, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization.

GGLRR facilitates the placement of unwanted Labrador Retriever dogs into new homes. We are sought out by concerned individuals and humane organizations who come into contact with Labrador Retrievers. We have a spay-neuter requirement for all dogs that we place. Families residing within our Northern California service area who desire to adopt a Labrador Retriever complete an application form and are introduced to potential pets. Our purpose is solely to provide good homes for Labrador Retrievers who might otherwise be abandoned or euthanized by their previous owner.

Our service area is Northern California and primarily covers nine counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Marin, and Sonoma. GGLRR has more than 300 volunteers. None of our volunteers receive any form of compensation for their time and effort, other than the pure satisfaction of matching a displaced Lab with a loving family.

GGLRR relies upon placement and adoption donations, fundraising events, and charitable donations for its funding. We suggest a minimum donation (currently \$400) for prospective families wishing to adopt from us.



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