

## RYLEY'S STORY

Every year, thousands of Golden Retrievers are surrendered to shelters and rescue groups when their families no longer want them or are unable to care for them. Those are the lucky ones. Hundreds more are discarded on the side of the road to fend for themselves or die trying. This was Ryley's plight, but it also marked the beginning of his second chance for life.

On May 23, 2006, Ryley wandered into a woman's backyard in Florida, alone, and looking near death. She rushed him to the local animal hospital to see if they could save this Golden boy's life.



The animal hospital staff contacted Emerald Coast Golden Retriever Rescue Inc. located in the Florida Panhandle to see if they would be willing to accept Ryley into their rescue and cover the medical expenses to save him. Without hesitation, the rescue volunteers told the hospital they would accept him and gave full permission to pursue any and all medical treatment regardless of cost.

With the help of a nationwide plea, donations began to come in to help cover his medical bills. Four weeks after being brought to the hospital, Ryley was released into the care of the rescue volunteers who placed him into a loving foster home. His recovery from the neglect took another five months of continuing medical

treatment for heartworm, mange, ear and eye infections.

Ryley is not the only Golden that ends up in this condition every year. Cruelty to animals is a nationwide epidemic that must be stopped.

Ryley's Run was established in Albany, New York to help with Ryley's medical expenses. Ryley's story is one with a happy ending, as he is healthy and thriving in his new home. The spirit of his story lives on in Ryley's Run, which will help the thousands of abused and abandoned dogs in need.

RYLEY'S RUN 2008, benefiting local rescue organizations around the country, will be held in multiple locations:

Sacramento, California  
Albany, New York  
other cities to be added

### Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. is a local non-profit, all volunteer rescue organization dedicated to securing safe, loving homes for displaced or homeless Golden Retrievers. The organization receives Golden Retrievers from owners who can no longer care for them because of changing circumstances in their lives. We maintain close working relationships with animal shelters to ensure that Golden Retrievers are relinquished to us instead of being euthanized at the shelter. We also rescue Golden Retrievers found wandering the streets or reported to us by concerned neighbors. Homeward Bound rescues Golden Retrievers of all ages and medical conditions.

Homeward Bound will share the profits of Ryley's Run with other non-profit dog rescue groups in the Sacramento area.

For more information please contact,  
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## Ryley's Run 2008

### Sacramento



### American River College

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Pre-register to receive free  
t-shirt and magnet!

Check-in: 8:15am

Run/Walk begins at 9:00am



**MAIL-IN ENTRY APPLICATION**

**\$20.00 per walker/runner over 12  
12 years & under free**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phones:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Home**

**Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Age on Race Day:** \_\_\_\_

**Sex:** Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_

**E-mail  
address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check mark one in each column:**

Participating in...	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk with ___dog(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	Run with ___ dog(s)

**Emergency Contact:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:  
HBGRR, Inc.**

**and send to:**  
HBGRR (Ryley's Run)  
7495 Natomas Road  
Elverta, CA 95626

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN RYLEY'S RUN AND WALK AND RELATED EVENTS ("Event") ARE REQUIRED TO ASSUME ALL RISK OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT BY SIGNING THIS GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT The undersigned athlete ("Athlete") on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of Athlete's personal representatives, assigns, heirs, executors, hereby fully and forever releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the Los Rios Community College District, Ryley's Run, Homeward Bound Golden Retriever & Sanctuary, Inc., and/or all promoters and volunteers whose property and/or personnel are used, and all other sponsoring or co-sponsoring companies or individuals related to the Event (collectively "Releasees") from all liability to the Athlete and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and executors, for all loss(es) or damage(S) and any and all claims or demands therefore, on account of injury to the Athlete or property or resulting in the death of the Athlete, whether caused by the active or passive negligence of all or any of the Releasees or otherwise, in connection with the Athlete's participation in the Event. The Athlete represents and warrants that he/she is in good physical condition and is able to safely participate in the Event. The Athlete is fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating in the Event and hereby elects to voluntarily compete in the Event, knowing the risks associated with the event. The Athlete hereby assumes all risks of loss(es), damage(S), or injury(ies) that may be sustained by him/her while participating in the Event. The Athlete agrees to the use of his/her name and photograph in broadcasts, newspapers, brochures and other media without compensation. The Athlete acknowledges that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. In the event the Event is delayed or prevented by reason of fire,

threatened or actual strike, labor difficulty, work stoppage, insurrection war, public disaster, flood, unavoidable casualty, acts of God or the elements (included without limitation, hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning, earthquakes), or any other cause beyond the control of Ryley'sRun, there shall be no refund of the entry fee or any other costs of the Athlete in connection with the Event. **ATHLETE HAS READ THE FOREGOING AND INTENTIONALLY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

IF ATHLETE IS UNDER AGE 18: The parent/guardian certifies that my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the Event. The parent/guardian has read the forgoing RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT and by accepting the waiver intentionally and voluntarily agrees to its terms and conditions. The parent/guardian further certifies that my son/daughter is in good physical condition and is able to safely participate in the Event. I hereby authorize medical treatment for him/her and grant access to my child's medical records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent (if under 18)**  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Participating Rescue Groups**

- Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue*
- Central California Labrador Retriever Rescue*
- Creatures of the Heart Sanctuary*
- Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue*
- Sacramento Independent Animal Rescuers*