



# Homeward Bound

*A safe haven for Golden Retrievers finding their way home again.*



## The Sanctuary Has Been Rescued

By Mike Jones

In rescue parlance, a Sanctuary is a place that provides a safe haven for homeless animals, in our case Golden Retrievers and Golden/Lab blends. But, what if the Sanctuary itself was at risk of being destroyed? More about that later. First, I would like to digress for a moment and provide a little historical background on a special place that has already provided shelter to several thousand homeless canines.

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue was incorporated on January 1, 2000 by Jody and I and a core group of rescue volunteers. We were living in Sacramento at the time and realized that we were



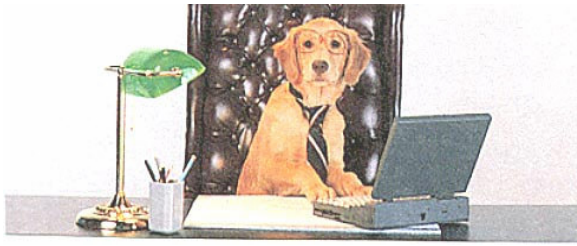
going to need a larger piece of property if we were going to make a serious impact on the needless killing of homeless Golden Retrievers at area shelters. We began looking for property in Sacramento County, but were informed by a Sacramento County official that the County would never approve our rescue facility, no matter how state-of-the-art it might be. It was both a peculiar and telling commentary about the mentality of some public officials. However, it just fueled our fire, our compassion to save lives.

As we began to search for suitable property outside of Sacramento County, we were blessed with what could best be described as a miracle. Out of the blue, Jody received a telephone call from Pam Miller, a dear friend who had previously adopted several Golden Retrievers from us. Pam's mother, Norma Latham, owned an eight-acre parcel in Elverta, Sutter County. There was a dwelling on the property and a very large all-steel barn/shop building. Pam approached her mother about Homeward Bound moving onto the property, and, after meeting with us, Norma agreed to lease the property to Homeward Bound. Norma also promised that we would have first right to purchase the property if it ever were for sale.

Complicating matters was the fact that there was still a tenant residing in the dwelling. That did not slow Jody down one bit. She moved onto the property with a few rescue dogs, living in a trailer donated by a volunteer. I should mention that it poured rain for the entire three weeks before the tenant moved out and poor Jody was up to her ankles in mud. The dogs were housed in the shop building, only half of which had a concrete floor. There was no fencing on the entire property, not even one fence post. Jody was out there alone because I had to remain at our Sacramento home to prepare it for sale and tend to our own Golden Retrievers.

At long last, Jody and I were able to move into the dwelling on the property. The heating and air conditioning system in the house had long since ceased to function and we nearly froze that first winter.

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## From the desk of Chelsea

### Dear Chelsea:

I am a 6-year old Golden Retriever who recently inherited a 1-year old Golden sister named Lucy. She spent several weeks at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary before being adopted by my family. Although I have never stayed at the Sanctuary myself, Lucy has told me some fantastic things about the place. She says there are no rules, she ate cheeseburgers every day, and was either running wild in the dog park or swimming in the pool. How do I get into this Sanctuary program?



Hey, I like it here!

### Luke in Lodi

#### Dear Luke:

Actually, Lucy is spinning some yarns. It sounds like she is trying to send you away to camp. I remember her well. We all do. Her nickname while she was here was *wild thing*, if that gives you any clue. Certainly there are rules at the Sanctuary. She just did not follow any of them. Contrary to what Lucy has told you, cheeseburgers are not served every night. However, we do have an ongoing tradition at the Sanctuary. Barbecued cheeseburgers, with bun, are served to all the Sanctuary residents on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas day each year. Lucy did have a Christmas burger. She did tell you the truth about the dog park. It is about 1 acre in size and completely fenced. It's a great place for the resident Golden Retrievers to practice retrieving or just hang out. It is also available to families who have previously adopted Golden Retrievers from Homeward Bound, as is the swimming pool. Sundays are best if they want to bring their dog(s) out for a run and swim. Tell Lucy I said Hi. Hope to see you two out here some time.

Your friend, Chelsea



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# Why We Love Fostering

By Jan Kooser

Last year I came to Homeward Bound to find a place to volunteer. I love dogs, especially Golden Retrievers. I lost my best buddy, Ozzie, and although I have two other Goldens, I felt like I needed to get involved working with rescue dogs. I gave baths and played with dogs and then I even started to do placement. I loved every minute of it. When I was asked about fostering, I said no. I have two young Golden boys, Reggie and Archie, and three kids. My kids, Brian, Ty and Kendall are involved in sports and other activities. We did not have time. Also I knew we would get attached.



**The Kooser kids with Reggie, Archie and**

Then one day I was out at the ranch and Jody asked me to foster Katie. She was already set for adoption but it would be a week or two until her forever mom could pick her up. So I brought her home. We all liked Katie but she snapped at my dogs, and I thought what have I gotten myself into. Then Katie settled down and began to co-exist. She watched our dogs play but when she tried to join in it appeared awkward, and after the snapping incident, she had my guys a bit shy. One

day I saw Archie try and engage her, and finally she started to play! I was hooked on fostering. I had watched my dogs adjust and bring out the best in another dog.

We had all enjoyed the experience and so we continued to foster. Next came Chili, and then Gabby, and then Buford, who stole our hearts. He was a big round guy that growled when touched, but down deep he was a sweetheart. I thought he would be around awhile, but just three weeks later he was adopted. Next came Daisy, then Bingo, the cutest 3 month old puppy you have ever seen. He was so hard to give up. I mean, how do you give up a beautiful puppy that adores you? It was hard but we did it. Why? Because we love to foster! If we kept one of our fosters, we would not be able to foster anymore. Three dogs is the limit! If we could not foster, we would miss out on all the fun of seeing an old dog play like a puppy because you tossed him a tennis ball; of a puppy realizing that he is loved unconditionally; of a youngster jumping into the pool for the first time; and an insecure girl getting the courage to come up to you to be petted. We would miss watching our dogs teach a grumpy girl that playing is fun, or teaching a wild thing how to swim. And we would miss the joy of showering a dog with a family's love and affection.

There are challenges to fostering but I feel like ours have been manageable and most disappear quickly. As for not having time, well we just take the dogs with us as much as possible. We have taken our foster dogs to soccer games and baseball games. We take them to school and on walks. As for the getting too attached, we have all loved each dog, but each of us has our special bond. Each time we give one up we miss them, but when I go to the ranch to volunteer, I meet new dogs and bring the perfect one home, and we start over.

*I like fostering because you get to meet new dogs. My favorite dog was Bingo. Not because he was a 3 month old puppy, because he was funny!*

*Kendall Kooser, age 8*

*I like to foster because having to see a lot more dogs and watching them progress is fun. My favorite foster was Buford because seeing an older, big dog go after a tennis ball is very funny. I really liked Chance too. I have liked all of our foster dogs and would like to keep doing it.*

*Ty Kooser, age 11*

Fostering has been a great thing for my family. I like to think that we have helped the dogs make the step into a new life and helped them on the road to happiness. But our fosters have given us much more than we have given them. They have made us feel like we make a difference. They have loved us even if for a short time and they have made us see that giving them up is the best thing we could do for them. All of my fosters have remained in their homes and some of their forever families send me updates and pictures, which we all love. It is so satisfying to hear that one of our dogs is adjusting to their new life and that they are so loved. Our greatest joy will be if a

few meet us at the reunion picnic and come up and give a kiss!





# The Miracle of Sammy Jo

By Linda Peterson

*Although Homeward Bound focuses on rescuing purebred goldens, we do occasionally rescue golden mixes in need. Honey, a sweet golden mix was scheduled for euthanasia at a local shelter when Homeward Bound decided to give her a second chance at life. Here is the story of how this little “throwaway” has healed hearts and changed lives.*

Ten months ago I felt I had little left to live for. A ravaging fire had destroyed my home and everything in it, including killing four of my five dogs. I was living in a bleak, empty, rental, along with Boulder Bob, my one surviving dog, a big lovable St. Bernard.



**Smilin' Sammy**

I did not know how to go on after such a devastating loss. But poor Boulder was so traumatized that he would not eat, walk, or play, and went into an absolute panic if I tried to leave him alone, even for a few minutes. I knew he would starve or die of a broken heart if I didn't do something. Finally I knew that we had to get another dog, and quickly.

Years ago I had adopted a 15 year old Golden Retriever who lived to be 18. The three years we had together were wonderful and I loved her gentle, playful personality, so I called Homeward Bound. Lea answered the phone and after hearing my story, she said she would come to my house to fill out the application forms, as my computer had been destroyed in the fire. She also asked if she could bring a dog. I said absolutely, and she said she would bring Honey, her current foster dog, a golden mix.

When she arrived, out bounded this pure gold fluff-ball who bounced into the house and started playing with Boulder. An absolutely beautiful mixture of Golden Retriever and Samoyed, her coloring and face were pure Golden.

After we finished the paperwork, Lea invited me to the Homeward Bound Adoption Center to pick out my Golden the following weekend. Soon I noticed that Boulder was actually playing with Honey and responding happily. Boulder had not eaten in over a week, not a bite, not a treat. All of a sudden, they both started begging for treats. Then the play was on! They ran around the house as if “playing tag”. They both ate. I could see the light coming back into Boulder's eyes, not to mention, my own. Honey was perfect! “I want her,” I said to Lea. Lea explained that Honey had been surrendered to the shelter by her owner because of separation anxiety. I did not care. I have done rescue work with senior dogs for years, and, had several who had the same problem. I knew she was perfect. Besides, she was the sweetest, prettiest little girl I've ever seen. Lea said “yes” so we kept her right from that day.

I changed her name to “Sammy” after my old Golden, Samantha. She is sweet, funny, has a sense of humor. Folks say she “smiles,” and she does! She has few teeth, but can still put down a rawhide chew faster than any dog I've seen. She outruns Boulder when chasing a rabbit and he is only three! She swims, plays with my cat, is so good with kids, people, and all other animals.



**Sammy with her pack**

We are back home now, as my house was rebuilt over the next 8 months. Although she had exhibited symptoms of separation anxiety while still in the rental house, as soon as we moved back home it was as if she had always lived here. Gone was the anxiety, the panic of being left alone. Now she suns herself on the deck, has a dog bed all her own (she, of course, prefers the couch), and is totally happy.

Boulder recovered completely thanks to this indomitable little spirit, and she helped me begin to heal also. Yes, she's a golden mix, but I call her, our “Golden Angel.” Before Sammy, I was reluctant to bring another dog into my home for fear of “betraying” those I had lost in the fire. But Sammy's love has enabled me to open my heart to two more orphans—Lollypop, a St Bernard, and Jessie a young St. Bernard Mix.

I knew it would take a miracle to bring both Boulder and myself back to healing, laughing again, going for long walks, and being open to loving again. And that is the miracle of Sammy Jo.





## Golden Cheers Award

by Jody Jones

Homeward Bound is blessed with many dedicated, passionate volunteers. Most live within driving distance of our Adoption Center in Elverta. However, Donna Walters, one of our most dedicated and passionate volunteers lives some 500 miles away in El Cajon, CA. Donna is a phenomenal woman. As a volunteer at the El Cajon shelter, she has a passionate commitment to finding homes for as many dogs as possible. She devotes countless hours to placing homeless dogs with rescue groups, including Homeward Bound. She fosters shelter dogs and spends every Saturday loving, grooming walking and cuddling homeless shelter dogs. Donna epitomizes compassion in everything she does.

Donna has fostered Homeward Bound goldens (and adopted two of them!) and helped to arrange transport of shelter goldens to Homeward Bound and to golden rescue groups in the south. In addition to making regular generous donations of wonderful items to Kibble and Bids and the reunion picnic raffle, Donna finds many ways to help Homeward Bound from her El Cajon home. She has sold Sees candy bars to raise money (and sold more than any other volunteer during that particular fund raiser). She does the mailing of the rescue pins and magnets available for sale on the HBGRR website (including donating the postage). Donna did all the mailing for the 2005 Homeward Bound holiday card inserts. She adds a special touch by including a personal note of thanks with each order.

In addition, Donna has been an outstanding voice for Homeward Bound in southern CA. So many people in the southland know and respect Homeward Bound because of Donna's devoted support. Thank you, Donna, for all you do for the goldens!

## 2006 Calendars Are Still Available!

They're flying off the shelf! Have you ordered yours? The beautiful 2006 wall calendar is still available in our online store. Each page of this unique 12-month wall calendar is full of beautiful Homeward Bound alumni. Many of the photos were submitted by YOU, our golden adoptive parents! What could be better than a whole year of smiling golden faces? What an ideal gift for any golden lover. Every purchase helps to support the goldens.



Take a look at all the golden goodies available in our store (including Valentines Day items)! To get to our online store go to the Homeward Bound website ([www.hbgr.org](http://www.hbgr.org)) and click on the "Shop our golden mall" link, then click on CafePress. Or go directly to the online shop at: [www.cafeshops.com/homewardbound](http://www.cafeshops.com/homewardbound)

## Time to Re-Member!



Are you a Homeward Bound member? If so, it's time to renew! If not, what are you waiting for??? The 2006 HBGRR membership drive is in full swing! Visit the HBGRR website at [www.hbgr.org](http://www.hbgr.org) for more information about how to become a member or how to renew your current membership. You will also learn more about the benefits you'll receive as a member of Homeward Bound (like the nifty 2006 membership button shown here.) Your membership helps to provide veterinary care and support to all our rescued dogs. Thank you for your support!!



# Kibble & Bids

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With five years under our belt for Homeward Bound's premier fundraiser, Kibble & Bids, we're shooting for the stars in 2006 with an expectant financial goal of \$125,000.00 and a new month for the event. Mark your calendars now for ***Kibble & Bids Celebrates The Year of the Dog!*** **Saturday, September 9, 2006** at The Riverwood Estate, thanks to the generosity of Doug Alcorn and John White, the property's Golden-loving owners and Homeward Bound adopters of Buddy & Holly.

A goal of \$125,000.00 this year for Homeward Bound's adoption center and sanctuary and hundreds of Golden Retrievers means we need your help more than ever!

- Will you **DONATE** to Kibble & Bids *and* do you know of someone who can donate? Think of the businesses you frequent and personal friends who would be supportive of Homeward Bound's mission.

We're looking for high-quality items of all types for our silent and live auctions - vacation property that can be used as a weekend or weekday getaway, timeshare vacations, restaurant certificates, dog-related items, art glass, pottery, sports items including anything "golf", wine and food, and theatre tickets, for example. Anything and everything as long as it's first class!

- Will you become a Kibble & Bids **SPONSOR** *and* do you know of an individual or corporate business that can sponsor? Again, think of the businesses you frequent and personal friends as potential sponsors. Here are the sponsorship levels this year:

<b><i>General Admission</i></b> \$55.00/\$65.00 per person at the door.	Entrance to Kibble & Bids.
<b><i>Coral Sponsor</i></b> \$150.00 per person.	Includes private reception, one ticket to Kibble & Bids, and valet service.
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<b><i>Ruby Sponsor</i></b> \$1,000 and above.	Includes private reception, ten tickets to Kibble & Bids, one reserved table for 10, valet service, recognition in the K&B souvenir program, newsletter & website.
<b><i>Jade Sponsor</i></b> \$2,500 and above.	Includes private reception, twenty tickets to Kibble & Bids, two reserved tables for 10, valet service, banner advertisement, recognition in the K&B souvenir program, newsletter, and website.
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### Contact/Send Sponsorships and Donations to:



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*Let's make 2006 a banner year for Homeward Bound!  
 Thanks for your help and support!*





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## JOIN US ON APRIL 24 FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL GOLF FORE GOLDENS!

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Wow, what a exciting golf tournament we have planned! Celebrities, Raffle, Putting, Chipping, Long Drive, Hole-In-One for a car contests, and much more! Two BBQ's serving an on-course lunch, followed by a steak dinner and awards ceremony. Our Master of Ceremonies for the night is the legendary **Big Jim Hall of Boss Radio 101.9!** If you like golf, this will be the most exciting event of the year! Plan on attending!



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Roseville, CA  
APRIL 24, 2005



*Cost: \$125.00 entry fee per golfer*

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*12:30pm shotgun start – Four person scramble format*

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c/o Bob Williams  
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Roseville, CA 95678



For questions please call Mike at 916-947-4720 or Sharon at 916-428-3598  
Additional entry forms available at: [www.homewardboundgoldends.org/events/golf/entryform](http://www.homewardboundgoldends.org/events/golf/entryform)

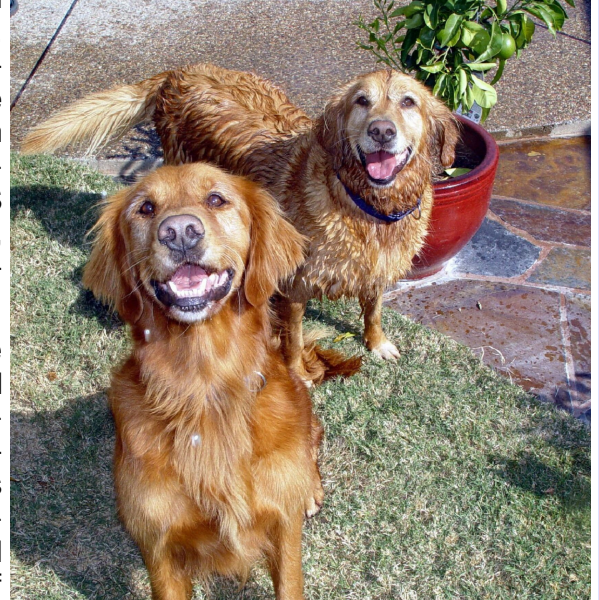




## DOUBLE THE GOLD NEEDS CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

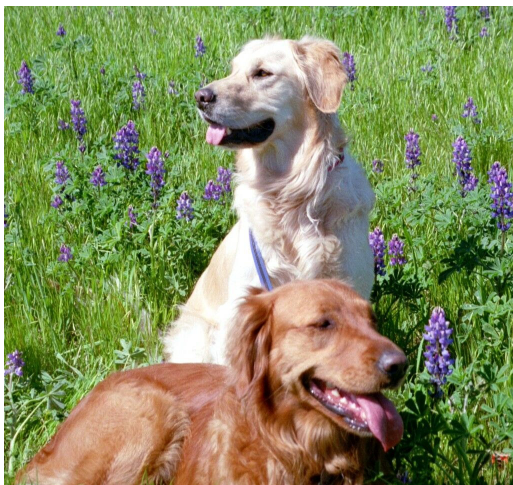
One of the most successful fundraisers that Homeward Bound has ever enjoyed is the Double the Gold Challenge. This matching fundraiser was made possible by the generosity of the Bontems Family Foundation, which provided the matching funds. It was unique in the fact that the return on our investment and effort was outstanding. Individuals, companies, and groups from all over the state, around the US and even beyond have given generously to this fundraiser, which provided a major portion of Homeward Bound's operating funds.

Unfortunately the fund from which the matching funds were donated is now gone. But the important work that it funded is still very much alive. Double the Gold is a critically important fundraiser to defray the costs involved in saving hundreds of innocent golden lives each year. We must keep this fundraiser alive. Thus we are coming to you, our loyal supporters, for help. We are building a consortium of Homeward Bound supporters who are willing to pledge some amount of money to build a "matching fund of love," so that we can again launch the very successful Double the Gold challenge during April and May of 2006.



**Dermot and Diana**

Here is how the "fund of love" will work: You pledge any amount of at least \$250 to create our matching pledge fund. We will launch Double the Gold on April 1, 2006, with the pledged funds to back up the hundreds of donations we will receive. When the final numbers are in at the end of May, we will ask you to send in the tax deductible amount you pledged, or a percentage of that amount, if we receive a smaller dollar amount of donations that our matching "fund of love" contains.



**Chloe and Libby**

Additionally for the individual, small business, corporation or foundation pledging the largest amount toward our matching challenge fundraiser, you will have the opportunity to rename "Double the Gold" to reflect your family, business, or foundation name or the name of a golden pal you wish to honor.

If you are interested in joining us in this labor of love, please contact Candy Courtney by email at [double\\_gold@netzero.net](mailto:double_gold@netzero.net), or by telephone at **916-933-7434**.

### Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue Mission Statement

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc. is a volunteer organization which rescues and heals displaced, abandoned, and homeless Golden Retrievers and Golden/Labrador mixes throughout Northern California, no matter their age or health. Homeward Bound secures safe, loving, homes through a comprehensive adoption program and also provides sanctuary for Golden Retrievers who cannot be adopted. Homeward Bound provides education on proper animal care and on the benefits of, and need for, rescue and sanctuary. Homeward Bound will continue to serve as a model rescue organization, which addresses animal welfare needs throughout California and neighboring states. Due to HBGRR's leadership in rescue, sanctuary, and education, all Golden Retrievers and other dogs will be well cared for, living in safe, nurturing, and loving homes.





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However, there was a lot to accomplish on the property and that took our minds off this minor discomfort. With the aid of numerous dedicated volunteers, we began the necessary renovations to the shop building, for it was to become the kennel building housing the dogs. Pam and Bruce Miller own PBM Construction and they donated a crew and materials to install a concrete floor in the other half of the shop building. We installed bat insulation and sheetrock on the interior walls of the shop building and had the ceiling sprayed with acoustical insulation.



**Our own wading pool!**

We installed hundreds of fence posts and several thousand feet of 6-foot high fencing to contain our Golden residents. All the plumbing and electrical systems in the shop building were brought up to code. Then we added the final touch—a 1600 square foot kennel building inside the shop building. It is fully insulated with its own dedicated heating/air conditioning system. To this day, the dwelling in which we live does not have a heating/air conditioning system, but those pampered dogs live in air conditioned comfort. I guess we have our priorities straight!

During that first year, we became intimately acquainted with various officials from Sutter County government. They were initially skeptical of our project and our capabilities, as they had experienced considerable difficulties with at least one other rescue organization in the County. They informed us of the many Sutter County laws and regulations governing rescue facilities and we complied with every one and then some. These folks were very supportive throughout the arduous permit process and we actually received rave reviews from the Sutter Planning Commission when our Use Permit was finally approved.

Now we fast forward to November, 2005. A developer contacted Norma Latham and made an offer to purchase the Sanctuary property. He indicated that once the property changed hands, all of the buildings would be demolished so that a housing development could be built.

Needless to say, this caught us off guard. All along, we had intended to purchase the property from Norma, but were not quite ready to do so from a financial standpoint. However, the developer forced our hand. Jody immediately sprang into action by contacting Greg Fulkerson, an ardent supporter of Homeward Bound. Greg owns Mortgage Network Resources in Davis and he put together a loan package for us in record time.

Once the financing was finalized, we contacted Norma. True to her word, she accepted our offer and all of us at Homeward Bound breathed a collective sigh of relief. If Norma had sold the property to the developer, Homeward Bound would have ceased to exist. On December 21, 2005, Jody and I became the owners of the property. Homeward Bound, and the Sanctuary was saved. As long as we have our health, Homeward Bound and the Sanctuary will continue to flourish at 7495 Natomas Road, Elverta, CA.

We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to Norma Latham, her daughter Pam Miller for her continued support of Homeward Bound and to Greg Fulkerson for helping us to realize our dream.



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## IT'S A WRAP!

Homeward Bound wishes to extend a thank you to Borders Books in Folsom, Natomas, Roseville (Douglas Bl. Location) for their support. In the month of December, HBGRR volunteers wrapped gifts for donations at these locations. Everyone had a great time and raised more than \$2,500 for Homeward Bound. Thank you Borders!





## The Well Behaved Golden

By Joshua Kachler-Leake

Does your precious golden have a habit of helping himself to things that don't belong to him? Do you find yourself saying "NO" a zillion times a day? Maybe I can help. I'm Joshua, a handsome nine-year-old golden, and I help my mom train the foster dogs who come to stay with us. You know, we dogs want to do the right thing. We need YOU to help us learn the rules. A long time ago my mom taught me the "leave it" command, and now I know when to leave things alone that don't belong to me. You can teach it to your dog too!



"Leave it" is one of the most important commands you can teach your dog, because it could prevent him or her from taking something that could cause injury or illness. Once your dog has learned "leave it," you'll find many opportunities to use it and you'll be able to stop saying "no" so often.

Here's the thing about saying "no" frequently. It just tells your dog that he's doing something wrong *again*. It doesn't really tell him what you want him to do. By replacing some of those "no's" with positive commands such as "off" and "leave it", your dog gets to learn what you want and has another opportunity to succeed.

"Leave it" is easy to teach. Find a "forbidden object," something that you will never allow your dog to have. It should be something desirable, such as a shoe or slipper or forbidden food (that's my favorite)! Place the forbidden object on the floor in front of your dog. As soon as he moves toward it, say "leave it," and gently push his nose to the side. Repeat until the dog looks away. The minute he looks away, even for a second, give him a happy "Yes!" and give him a treat. Next, place the object closer to your dog and in various locations near him, repeating the command, and rewarding him with "yes!" when he looks away. With your dog on leash, walk him near the forbidden object, saying "leave it" as you approach the object. When he looks away, praise him.

When you've finished your practice session, put the forbidden object away. He'll learn that it's off limits if you are consistent and don't allow him to have it.

You'll find many opportunities to use "leave it" - on walks when your dog approaches another dog or person that you don't want him to approach; when he's interested in something yucky on the sidewalk; when he starts nosing around your sandwich on the coffee table; when he rushes to grab the cookie your son just dropped on the floor. "Leave it" teaches your dog exactly what you want from him. And by complying with the command, he gets an opportunity to please you. That's a win-win situation!

**You're  
Invited!**

All interested volunteers are welcome to attend our quarterly volunteer meetings. This is a good way to find out what's happening at Homeward Bound, and get involved in areas that interest you. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 12 from 12:00–2:00 at the Homeward Bound Sanctuary and Adoption Center, 7495 Natomas Rd., Elverta. Please send an email to [meetings@homewardboundgoldens.org](mailto:meetings@homewardboundgoldens.org) if you're interested in being on our meeting distribution list (you'll receive meeting reminders and notices should a meeting be canceled). Come join us, and meet other volunteers whose passion is the same as yours!





## CARTRIDGES FOR CANINES!



Thank you to all of you who are sending in your used printer cartridges for the Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue Recycling Program! If you haven't started participating in this worthwhile program yet, please do! It is such an easy way to raise money for the goldens. For example, we can earn \$2 each for many HP, Lexmark, Canon, Compaq and Xerox cartridges!

To determine whether your cartridge is eligible for the program, just go to the *CKA Recyclers Cash for Critters* home page at [www.cashforcritters.com](http://www.cashforcritters.com). Click on "Cartridge Listing". If your cartridge is listed, you're in the game! Just place your empty cartridges in one of the plastic postage-paid envelopes that you can either pick up at the ranch or get from JoAnn Williams, program coordinator. If you use lots of cartridges (12 or more) or have the bigger laser cartridges you can send them in using your own box and print the postage paid label from CKA Recyclers website. Remember to put the smaller cartridges in a zip-lock type bag for mailing to prevent leakage.

If you have any questions or need the smaller bags contact JoAnn Williams at [zebnut@surewest.net](mailto:zebnut@surewest.net) or call 916-782-6500. Thank you for helping the goldens.

**Thank you!**

The Homeward Bound 2005 holiday gift card inserts were a huge success! This program raised **\$1,847**, our highest total ever! Every penny goes to help the goldens. To all who ordered gift card inserts, and to Donna Walters who did all order fulfillment, thanks from the bottom of our paws!

### Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc.

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### HOMeward BOUND RESCUE STATS:

2005: 395 dogs rescued in 2005  
2006: 39 dogs rescued as of 2/1/06

### Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc.

*Your help and ideas are always welcome!  
Contact team leaders below if you're  
interested in helping in any of these areas.*

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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
 Golf Fore Goldens: Monday, April 24  
 Homeward Bound Reunion Picnic: Sunday, June 25  
 (changed from September)  
 Kibble & Bids: Saturday, September 9  
 (changed from June)

### Our Golden Wish List

*If you're interested in donating any of the items on our wish list, please contact us at 916-655-1410.*

- ◆ Canned dog food Dog supplies
- ◆ Glucosamine & Chondroitin
- ◆ Heartguard 50-100#
- ◆ Frontline or Advantage
- ◆ Large dog biscuits
- ◆ Towels, blankets, bedspreads, rugs
- ◆ Lowe's gift cards for fencing
- ◆ Shade Trees

- ◆ Liquid laundry detergent
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Petco/PetSmartGift Cards

Volunteers

- ◆ Foster families
- ◆ Clerical Support
- ◆ Fundraising team
- ◆ Placement



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# Announcing Homeward Bound's Feelin' Lucky Raffle!



*Homeward Bound rescues between 350-500 goldens per year. Each dog receives the veterinary care he or she needs, is vaccinated, and is spayed or neutered (if not already done). Help us prevent unwanted puppies and give these wonderful dogs a new start!*

It's no blarney! One (or more) of the FABULOUS prizes shown on the back of this flier can be YOURS if you hold one of the winning tickets in the 2006 Homeward Bound **Feelin' Lucky Raffle!** Don't have your tickets yet, you say? Well, faith and begorrah, we can fix that! Buying tickets is as easy as falling off a shamrock. Just hop onto our website at [www.hbgr.org](http://www.hbgr.org) and follow the raffle link. Tickets are just \$5 each or buy four and get one FREE! (a bargain, don't you

know!)

Our goal is to raise \$6,000 (or more!) to pay for spay or neuter surgery for 45 dogs (it costs us an average of \$150 to spay/neuter one dog). Here's a fun way to help... and you may win one of eight fantastic prizes worth over \$2,000!

There are **three ways** to enter. To save the cost of printing and mailing tickets, we're holding the raffle online. You can:

- Purchase tickets online by going to our website and paying via PayPal OR
- Send a ticket request via email to Donna Walters at [donna@danielscompanies.com](mailto:donna@danielscompanies.com) OR
- Print the ticket order form below and send to: Donna Walters, 1242 Redwood Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019

Be sure to check out our prizes and enter the drawings for the prizes you want to win.

Your name will be entered once *for each ticket you purchase*. *You will receive confirmation by US mail.*

**WIN PRIZES and HELP THE GOLDENS GET THEIR NEW START!**

**Ask your friends to buy tickets too!**

**Hurry! Winners will be drawn on March 26!**

To order by check or money order, send this form to: Donna Walters, 1242 Redwood Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019.

Make checks payable to: **HBGRR**. You will receive a confirmation US mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets cost \$5 each or Five for \$20**

Indicate *the number of tickets desired for each prize*: The more tickets you buy, the more you can win!

_____ Prize #1 Golden retriever pendant	_____ Prize #2 Pearl & Diamond ring	_____ Prize #3 Golden puppy print	_____ Prize #4 Tea cups print
_____ Prize #5 Bird Dog Blues Print	_____ Prize #6 Golden water color print	_____ Prize #7 Stained glass golden	_____ Prize #8 Portrait sitting

**Thank you on behalf of the goldens!**





**Prize #1**

14k gold pendant showing golden mom and pup. Designed specially for Homeward Bound. Measures 1" x 3/4" Value \$250



**Prize #2**

A stunning 14k gold ladies' ring size 7, with an 8m m pearl and 12 diamonds totaling 1/4 carat . Value \$650



**Prize #3**

Who could resist this precious golden face? This adorable poster-sized Golden Puppy framed print measures 43" x 44 " and is sure to bring a smile every time you look at it. Value \$300



**Prize #4**

This beautifully framed and matted print, a collection of old world English tea cups is something special. It measures 32 1/2" x 43" and is in a gold leaf-motif frame. Value \$350



**Prize #5**  
"Bird Dog Blues"

This adorable golden acrylic on board by artist Scott Kennedy, has been beautifully framed. Measures approximately 17" x 9 3/4 ". Includes certificate of authenticity. Value \$125



**Prize #6**

This beautiful golden water color print is framed and measures 11 x 14". Value \$100



**Prize #7**

Any golden lover would treasure this gorgeous hand-made stained glass golden retriever window hanging. It measures approximately 14 3/4" in diameter. Value \$150



**Prize #8**

This prize is a gem! A photo session for your dogs with talented Homeward Bound photographer Jeff Austin, at a professional photo studio in Rancho Cordova. It includes your choice of an 8 x 10, 8 x 12 or 11 x 14 portrait. Value \$200