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2014 "Double the Gold Challenge"

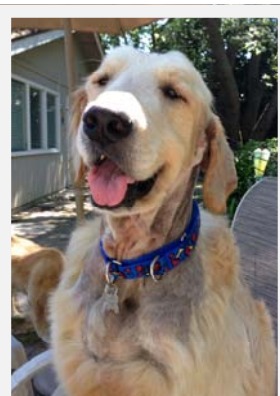


Every dog that crosses the threshold into Homeward Bound's care is special. Each has his or her own unique story and is equally deserving of love, security and safety. Some come to us needing no medical care, except for a vet exam, heartworm test, and perhaps vaccinations. Some need much more extensive or urgent medical care. No matter what the need, no matter what the challenge, we are ready to step up and give the medical care they need.

One example is Buttercup, who came to us as a stray, having been found wandering lost on a country road. She arrived frightened, withdrawn and clearly in pain. A vet exam identified pyometra, a painful and potentially fatal infection of the uterus. If left untreated, she would have died. In addition, Buttercup had an ominous-looking mammary tumor. Surgery was performed to remove the uterus and the tumor, which happily, was benign. As Buttercup began to heal and learn to trust, she blossomed into a charming, happy, playful golden. Once fully recovered, she was adopted and is living happily with her new forever family.



You may remember reading about Gatsby (now known as Stanley) last year. He was



one of our most heart-wrenching rescues to date. He came to us from a local shelter, where he had arrived in terrible shape, covered with horrible bite wounds, the apparent result of a dog attack. One of his ears was torn almost completely off. He was emaciated and suffering. Usually injuries so severe would result in euthanasia at the shelter. But the shelter staff, knowing Homeward Bound's level of commitment to the dogs, called us to ask if we could help. Jody, our president, rushed to pick him up. Homeward Bound's vet, Dr. Justina Codde performed emergency surgery to reattach the ear and treat his other wounds. Jody brought him home to nurse him back to health and named him Gatsby. Since his wounds were so extreme, Gatsby was initially kept in a quiet place away from the general population.

While Gatsby healed, Jody kept an eye out for just the right home for him. One of our volunteers who had been waiting for that special dog to come along, fell in love with Gatsby. With an enthusiastic "paws up" from his wife, Gatsby joined their family and acquired his new forever name, Stanley. We are delighted to report that he is now happy, healthy, and much loved.

We are gratified to have given these dogs, and many others, a second chance at life through life-saving medical care. **Double the Gold Challenge** is an important fundraiser for us. All donations received from April 1 through May 31 will be matched by our **Fund of Love**. For the twelfth year in a row generous donors have created **Fund of Love** to match your donations, thereby giving you the opportunity to double your donation! One hundred percent of all donations received will be dedicated to providing veterinary care for the dogs we rescue. By donating to **Double the Gold Challenge**, you will help Homeward Bound deliver on its mission to provide the best medical care possible to every dog. Each dog undergoes an exam and heartworm test, and receives vaccinations as well as routine heartworm and flea preventative, spaying or neutering where needed, and whatever other medical treatment they need. Your help is critical to our mission.



# The OrthoClub

2013 was the “Year of the Hip and the Knee.” Hip and knee maladies are common to Golden Retrievers. In 2013 we had plenty, and the trend is continuing in 2014. Each of the beautiful Golden Retrievers shown below is an official member of “The Ortho Club” having undergone a surgery to relieve the nagging pain of conditions such as hip dysplasia, torn cruciate ligaments, medial patellar luxation (dislocated kneecap), and elbow dysplasia. To correct hip dysplasia we typically do a Femoral Head Osteotomy (FHO) and even some total hip replacements. Luxated knees require surgical repair. ACL tears require a Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO). None of these surgeries is cheap, but each is a critical part of preparing the dog for a healthy, happy new life. Each of the dogs below, along with several others, has received, or is in the process of receiving the surgery he needs and will ultimately be healthy, free of chronic pain and will (or have already) move on to their forever homes.

We are able to do what we do for these wonderful dogs because of your generosity. Please help us to continue the work of giving them the best possible care by donating to **Double The Gold Challenge**.



*Jax*

Had knee surgery to correct luxating patellas in both knees.  
Has been adopted!



*Sting*

Had Femoral Head Osteotomy (FHO) to correct hip dysplasia. Is currently in foster care.



*Jerome*

Had Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) to correct to torn anterior cruciate ligaments in both knees. Is now recovering from surgery.



*Rocky*

Had TPLO to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament  
Has been adopted!



*Hobie*

Had TPLO to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament  
Has been adopted!



*Max*

Had FHO on left hip to correct hip dysplasia and is currently recovering in foster care.



### *Dodge*

Dodge is a boy that just couldn't control his joy. As a result his tail took a beating (literally). He wagged so hard that he injured it repeatedly. Every time we had it surgically repaired, he would kick it into high gear and reinjure it. Ultimately, for his own protection, the decision was made to dock the tail. Today Dodge is healthy, free of the painful errant tail. Now he can wag to his heart's content and not injure himself. He was adopted and has a lot to wag about!

### *Ruthie*

This pretty blonde came to us from a shelter with heartworm disease and a suspicious looking mass on her shoulder. Our Dr. Codde removed the mass, and happily it was benign. Ruthie underwent lengthy heartworm treatment and is now free of heartworms. She is currently a resident of Homeward Bound.



### *Jackie*

This sweet girl came to Homeward Bound with a cataract in her eye. Our Dr. Codde's examination determined that Jackie was a candidate for eye surgery. Surgery to remove the cataract was performed by Dr. Nick Faber at Animal Vision Center in Sacramento. The surgery was successful and Jackie has recovered and has been adopted. Her new name is Mindy and her future looks great!



### *Sequoia*

This sweetheart was surrendered because of extreme, broad-spectrum allergies to her environment. Despite her owners' best efforts, her symptoms continued to worsen. She was covered with bloody sores and tormented by constant itching. A new medication became available in February, which Sequoia is now receiving. She is the "clinic dog" at Cherry Creek Vet Hospital. It's a great environment for her and her allergies are improving. We are hopeful that her allergies will ultimately be controlled and she will be free of chronic itching and pain.

The dogs pictured above are just a few of the many who have received other types of medical care in the past year at Homeward Bound. Our vet expenses in 2013 exceeded \$198,425. Although the number of dogs rescued is trending downward, we are still taking in more dogs that have costly chronic untreated illnesses and injuries. We are committed to giving every one the care they need. And no matter how severe the illness or injury, Homeward Bound does not give up on a dog, as long as there's a ray of hope that he or she can be saved and recover.

We invite you to join us in our mission to give these wonderful dogs a chance at a healthy new life. Please donate

today and take the opportunity to double your gold! Your donation will be matched by our **Fund of Love** donations, so each dollar you donate becomes two!



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*October 11—Kibble & Bids*

*November 7-9—Santa Photos at Homeward Bound*

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