



Golden Retriever Rescue  
of Illinois

## As Good as Gold Newsletter

July 21, 2016

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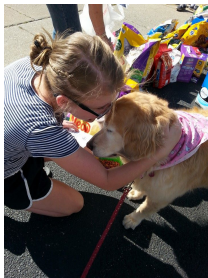
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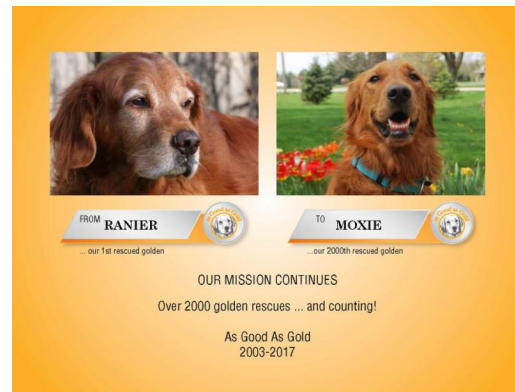
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Greetings!

## Announcements

### 2017 AGAG Rescue Calendar *Have You Ordered Your Copy?*

From Ranier, our 1st golden  
rescue, to Moxie, our 2000th  
golden rescue, ... our mission  
continues! Click [here](#)  
to preorder the 2017 rescue  
calendar, one of most popular  
merchandise items. Order for  
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Your purchase helps to  
continue our mission ... 2000  
rescues and counting! Thanks as always for your generous support.

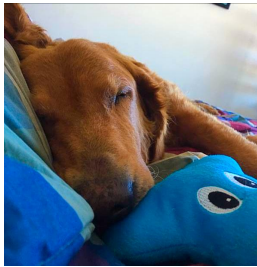


## Welcome Our New Coordinators

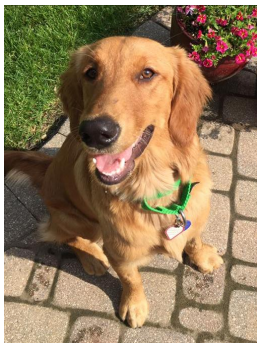
Congratulations to our newly appointed Coordinators, **Jim King and Laurie McConahay**. Jim is our very first Technology Coordinator! In this role, he will be helping AGaG become a more tech-savvy organization and can provide technology/web support. Jim and his wife, Nickey, have been members since 2004. They have two golden's, Divot (a 10 year old they adopted at 9 months) and Georgia (a 7 year old they adopted at 2 years). Jim can be reached at [support@asgoodasgold.org](mailto:support@asgoodasgold.org). Laurie will be taking over as our Administrative & Fiscal Coordinator. In this critical role, Laurie will be working with our Treasurer to maintain AGaG financials. Laurie started volunteering with AGaG in 2010 when she became a foster. Auggie and May (pictured below) were her first duo. Unbeknownst to Executive Director Robin at the time, she named these abandoned golden's after Laurie's grandparents so she had to say yes to 2 pups! Auggie is still in her home today. Laurie can be reached at



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[Meet our Volunteers and Goldens](#)

[fiscal@asgoodasgold.org](mailto:fiscal@asgoodasgold.org). We are so lucky to have Jim and Laurie take on these important roles!



## Foster Homes Needed

We've had an influx of dogs over the past month, which has left us very short on foster homes. If you are able, please consider [fostering](#) or dog sitting a pup in need while they look for their forever family.

If we can't find foster homes, we typically have to board the dogs, which takes away from funds we could use to help save more dogs. If you have a vacation planned, we will arrange for your foster dog to be taken care of by one of our dog sitters.

Please contact our [Foster Coordinators](#), Laurie & Barb, if you are interested in opening your heart and home to a golden who needs a temporary place to lay his or her fluffy head.

A huge thank you from foster graduates, *Tinkerbell & Rhett*.



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## Tails From the Backseat - Marsha Hofner Campbell

### Suzie & Nadine

We may never know if they share the same parents, but Suzie and Nadine are akin to sisters and have had many of the same experiences in their short lives. They were tied together to a tree when they were found by Love Puerto Rico Goldens. After a short stay with a foster family in Puerto Rico, Suzie and Nadine

shared cargo space on their flight to Chicago. They enthusiastically met their AGaG greeters. Volunteers helped the newcomers into their Back Seats and headed to the veterinary intake exams. Suzie and Nadine shared the same diagnosis of worms. Suzie with coccidian and whipworms and Nadine with hookworms. The other diagnosis they had in common was Heartworm and they immediately started their treatment.

Volunteers split the trek of Suzie's transport to meet her foster. Meanwhile, Nadine was introduced to her family at the animal hospital. This Tale of the sisters' slow recovery from Heartworm was just beginning, but not without a detour along the way.



At a petite twenty-seven pounds at intake, Nadine is a happy girl who loves cuddling on the couch. With her sleek black coat, she is a real eye catcher. She was quick to let fur foster brother Lucky know that she was in charge and wanted foster mom's full attention. After a slow start and eating very little, forty-two pound Suzie soon turned into a piglet dancing with delight at the sight of her filled dinner bowl. She is generous with kisses and likes to stay close to Wendy. As the days passed, Wendy noticed that Suzie's girth was becoming rounder and other body changes were noticeable. It was also noticed that Nadine seemed to be filling out too. After exams by their vets, it was discovered that sisters Suzie and Nadine shared something else in common; they were both pregnant and very close to giving birth. Nadine was moved to a "doggie doula" foster home home for whelping.



On June 19, Suzie delivered six male and four female puppies in a variety of colors. Not to be outdone in this race to motherhood, Nadine delivered four puppies the next day. Sadly, only one mighty male puppy named Chesney survived. It soon became evident that Chesney needed siblings to provide warmth from puppy piles and companionship to help him socialize. Mama Nadine would also be more comfortable with a bigger litter to consume her milk supply and help prevent mastitis. At the same time, there was concern that as the pups grow, caring for such a large litter could overtax Suzie's Heartworm compromised heart. So, in the ultimate gesture of sharing with her sister, Suzie gave up three of her babies to Nadine's loving care. Nadine immediately accepted these newborns who had the familiar scent of the sister she had been separated from. Suzie is raising JoJo, Miki, Bella, Chicky, Buster, Jack and Rosa while Nadine is mothering Chesney, Petey, Nina, and Lola. All is copasetic with these combined families of cousins and siblings. After the

puppies are weaned, both mothers will continue their Heartworm treatment and be ready to enjoy healthy Golden lives.

The [puppies](#) will be ready to go home on August 13th and are looking for forever homes! E-mail our [adoptions coordinator](#), Kristin, with any questions.



*One of the best things about being grown up  
is the realization that you can share with  
your sister and still have plenty for yourself.  
-Betsy Cohen-*

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## FUNdraising - Joe Lunn

### Golden Guardians Monthly Giving Program

Golden Guardians are golden retriever lovers who make a recurring gift each month to make sure rescued goldens receive everything they need while in foster care. Join today and a monthly donation can be set-up to help pups in need. Each month you will receive an e-mail receipt when your donation is charged and a story with a photo of a rescued golden whose life was changed by your gift.

Please note Tamara Roush is now the contact for the Golden Guardians monthly giving program. She can be reached at [goldenguardians@asgoodasgold.org](mailto:goldenguardians@asgoodasgold.org).

### VOTING BEGINS FOR THE 2016 WINE AND CANDLE CONTEST

All the photos have been submitted and prepared for the contest. Now you get to see them and, more importantly, you get to vote for your favorites!! The top 12 dogs, based upon the total number of votes received, will end up on this year's selection of Benefit Wines and Charity Wicks Candles.

**Your can vote for as many dogs as you like and you can place as many votes as you wish.** Each vote requires a \$2 tax deductible donation to As Good as Gold. To place your votes, go to: <https://shopasgoodasgold.com/contest>.

Current vote totals update in real-time so you'll always know who stands where. We'll also be posting updates throughout the contest to Facebook, Instagram and our website here.

**BONUS TIP :** those that won in previous years did so by:

- Enlisting the help of friends, family and co-workers.
- Sharing the url above with them and ask for their support.

Every dollar raised results in us being able to help rescue more dogs. And the top 12 dogs will be immortalized on a wine or candle. It's a special honor that you will cherish for many years to come.



Any questions or problems, please contact [Jim King](#).

### A Day at the Races - Sunday, July 31st *Tickets Going Fast - Get Yours Now!*

Regular adult (\$45) and children's (\$20) tickets are available for As Good as Gold's Day at the Races on Sunday, July 31. Join us for an afternoon in our private tent in the Park Pavilion at beautiful Arlington International Racecourse. Starting at 12:30 p.m., you'll be treated to a buffet lunch, raffle, and silent auction. Three levels of Sponsorship (\$500, \$250 and \$150) also remain available.

For tickets or sponsorships go to <https://asgoodasgold.ejoinme.org/races>



Throughout the afternoon, you'll be treated to the racing of some of the world's finest thoroughbred horses! Place your bets at nearby betting machines and drown your sorrows at a nearby cash bar in the event your favorite horse doesn't win! Dress casually for a hot summer day or participate in our Best Hat Competition!

Do you have a gift card or auction item you would like to donate for A Day at the Races? Contact [Laurie Zurn](#).

### Logo Merchandise Now On Clearance!

We're moving out old merchandise to make room for the new. You are the winner with never before seen prices on As Good as Gold logo t-shirts, both long and

short sleeve, as well as the popular blue Hoodie. Sizes are limited so when they're gone, they're gone, so [order](#) quickly!



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## Meet & Greets - Susan Lunn

### UPCOMING MEET & GREETs AND EVENTS:

#### July 24:

Petco, 440 N. Orleans St., Chicago, 12 noon - 4 p.m.

*This is our first event at the River North Petco, so please consider coming to show off AGaG to the neighborhood. Free parking is available.*

#### July 30:

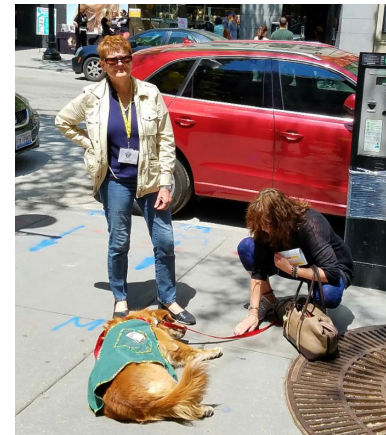
Petco, 412 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tucker's Doggie Delights, 2011 Calistoga Dr., New Lenox, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kriser's, 1658 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, 12 noon - 2 p.m.

#### August 6:

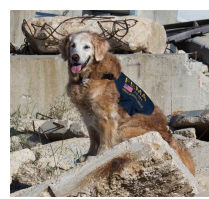
Pasquesi Home & Harden, 975 N. Shore Dr., Lake Bluff, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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## Golden Education

The last 9/11 search dog, a golden named Bretagne (pictured here), recently passed away. You can watch the touching coverage [online](#).



If you think your pup would be an awesome service dog, you may want to consider pursuing the [Canine Good Citizen](#) certification as a first step. We will be offering the test at our AGaG Parade Your Pooch and Picnic event on September 25th.

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## Congratulations to Pups Adopted in June!



Addie (pictured above with her new sibling), Amos, Avery, Bentley, Dasha/Sasha, Dinga, Fedora, Goliath (pictured above ready for fetch), Max, Medalla/Della, Pepe/Petey, and Yeika/Ryka all found their forever families!

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