

Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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**GOLDEN
RETRIEVER
RESCUE**

Letter from the President

I can't believe that another year has come and gone, 2013 was a busy year for our rescue. We added more volunteers, foster homes and adopted out golden retrievers, 346 to be exact. It just amazes me that there are so many golden retriever and golden mixes that need rescuing. Once these dogs are in our care, they get a vet check, a spa day, and a warm bed and love with one of our foster homes.

Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue has made great strides to become the rescue we are today. We are growing fast with volunteers from San Diego to Santa Barbara, Inland Empire and the desert communities. We are looking for dedicated people to help with volunteering, fostering, transporting dogs, shelter scouts, fundraising and events. Volunteering with this rescue is fun, exciting, sometimes exhausting but very rewarding knowing that you have helped these second chance golden retrievers find their loving homes. As you read our financial report it takes a lot of money to run a rescue, this doesn't happen on its own. Our expenses for the year 2013 were \$329,366 and our income was \$345,081. We thank all of our donors that help us out financially but we need more. If you can become a monthly donor or a corporate donor it would help us and the goldens that we can save. We had a very nice person who had passed away bequeath a part of her estate to our rescue. No one knows who this person is but with this generous donation we were able to help the dogs in need with surgeries and medical attention.

Our Permanent Foster Program is one that we feel very special about. These are goldens that are ill due to cancer or too old to be adopted out. They live the rest of their lives with a foster family. The rescue pays for all of their medical needs so the foster family can spend time loving them until it is their time to cross over the Rainbow Bridge. These are the special goldens I had the pleasure of being a foster to Shadow who was diagnosed with spleen cancer and had 4 months to live. Shadow was amazing. He lived 4 very happy years with the help of SCGRR. This is what rescue is all about.

Please help us save these sugar faces, the sick, the un-wanted, abused goldens. They need our help.

Jenni Morita - President



Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue Statistics

- 🐾 Rescued 402 Dogs in 2013
- 🐾 Adopted out 346 in 2013*
- 🐾 Are ranked third in the country
out of 98 Golden Retriever Rescues

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The difference in the number of dogs taken in and adopted out accounts for those that crossed the rainbow bridge or were transported to our sister rescue Homeward Bound.

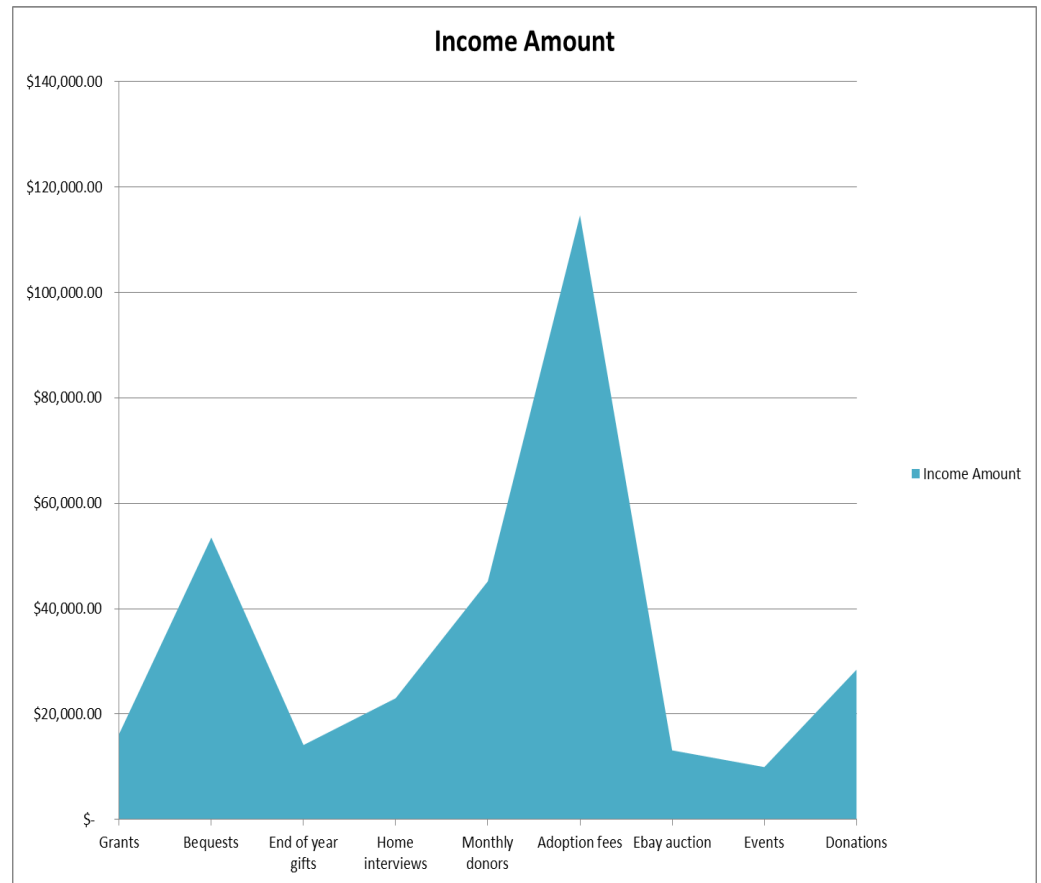


2013 Rescue Income

Total SCGRR Income: \$345,081.50

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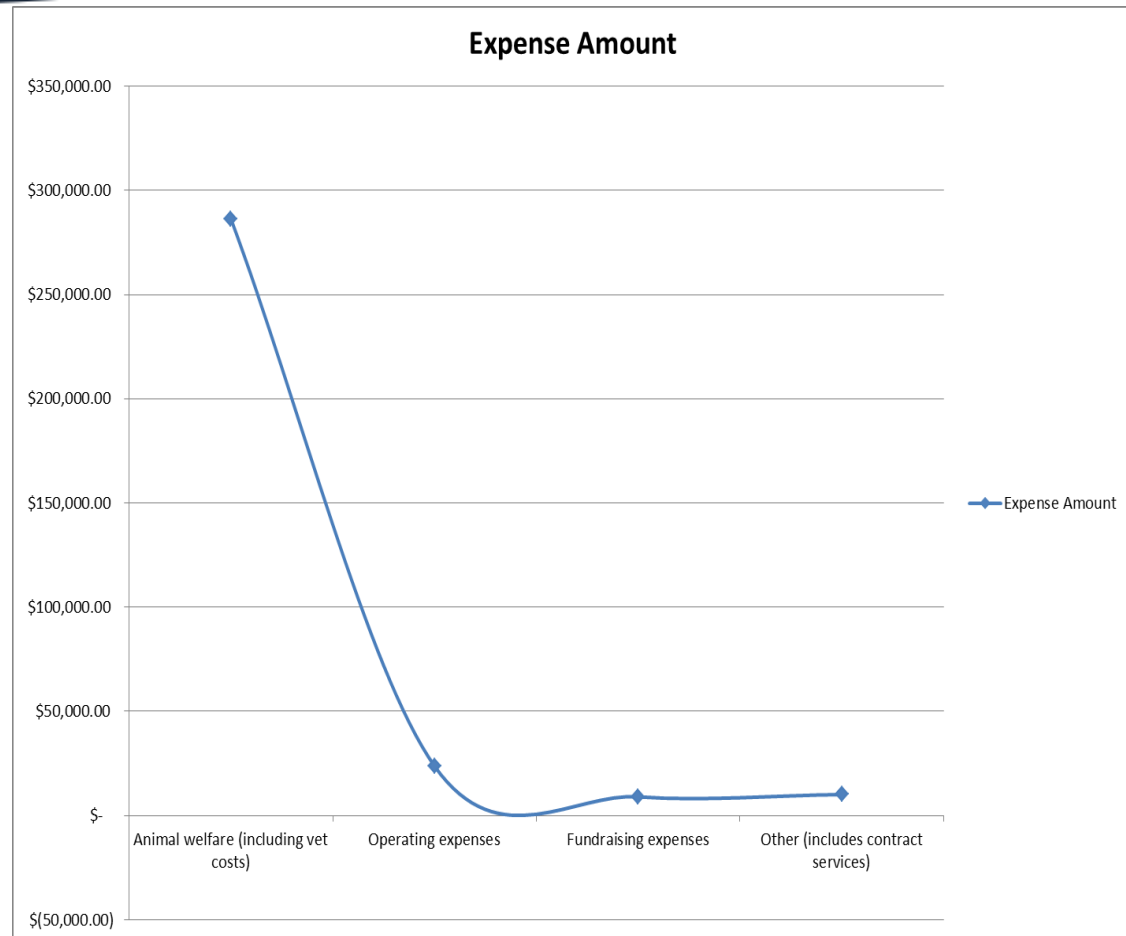
Income Source	Income Amount
Grants	\$ 16,263.12
Bequests	\$ 53,500.00
End of year gifts	\$ 14,155.44
Home interviews	\$ 23,021.00
Monthly donors	\$ 45,208.14
Adoption fees	\$ 114,636.00
Ebay auction	\$ 13,144.66
Events	\$ 9,961.52
Donations	\$ 28,434.14



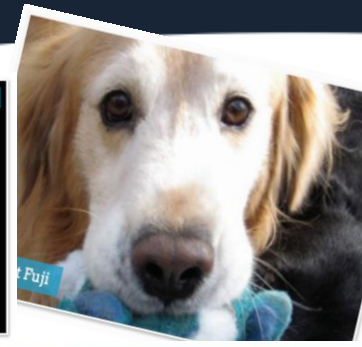
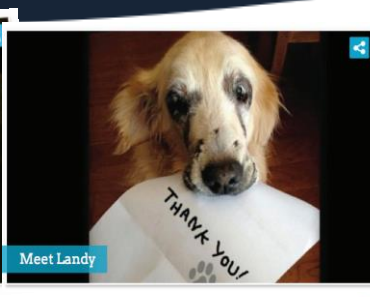
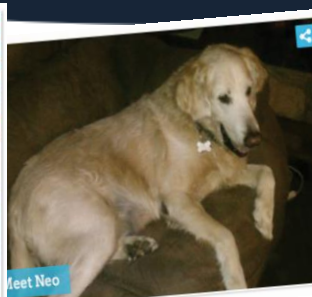
2013 Rescue Expenses

Total SCGRR Expenses: \$329,366.65
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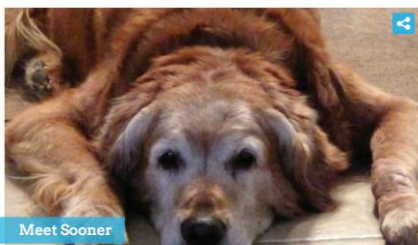
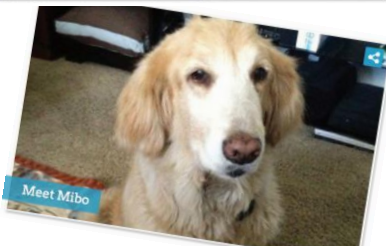
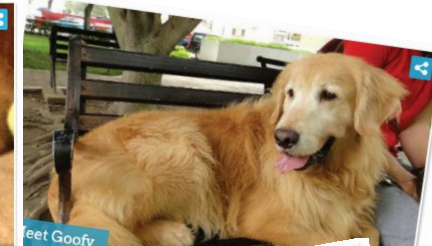
Expense Item	Expense Amount
Animal welfare (including vet costs)	\$ 286,122.51
Operating expenses	\$ 23,603.28
Fundraising expenses	\$ 8,981.51
Other (includes contract services)	\$ 10,091.02



Our Permanent Fosterers



Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue is lucky to have twenty very special families that care for our precious Golden Retrievers who for health reasons are not adoptable. These volunteers love and care for the fur babies without the worry of vet expenses. One hundred percent of the vet care is paid for by your generous donations and our continuous fundraising. They are truly heroes and vital to saving those that need ongoing care. Some of the dogs are seniors with arthritis, some have severe hip problems that cannot be helped with surgery and some are terminal.



Alone and Afraid

FAYNE AT THE SHELTER



Fayne was found by an SCGRR volunteer, tucked away in the back of the Downey Shelter on 11/6/13. She was so afraid and shaking, the shelter people put her back there away from the public. Her fears were growing worse, she would have never made it out alive without Rescue. She required 7 medicated baths to get all the fleas and dirt off her skin. Again, our Foster Family is credited for helping Fayne be brave, and giving her a big bed to hide in while she became familiar with her new inside living conditions. Her foster family adapted their routine to fit her fearful personality and try gently to coax her out of her shell. She so loved being inside, that it was hard to get her outside to even go potty!

Finding a family that would understand and accept a fearful dog and have the patience and compassion was a challenge. But together the SCGRR volunteer team came through. Today, Fayne (now Annie) rides proudly on the little boat and visits the neighbors regularly. She is happy, and making many humans in her neighborhood happy. Not to mention, it warms our hearts that we were able to help this sweetest of sweet dogs find a deserving life.

ANNIE (FKA FAYNE)
WITH THE LESER FAMILY TODAY

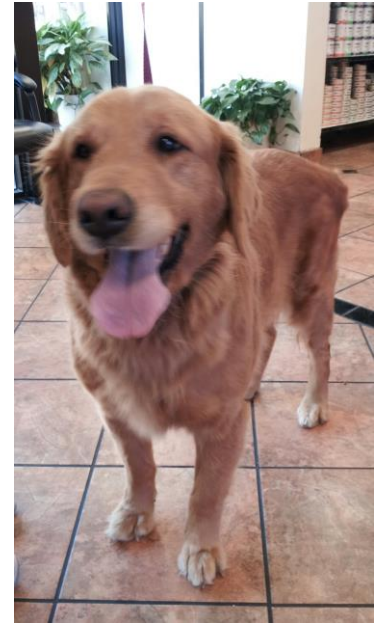


Crossing the Bridge

ALYSSA was the sweetest golden pulled from the shelter on January 1st. She was only in rescue a week before her cancer was so bad, we had to hold her in our arms and let her go peacefully to the bridge. Her caring foster family at first only thought she was sad, after being dumped at the shelter and then spayed, and then transported via freeway to their home. But the lack of eating and not wanting to move caused alarm, and we rushed her to the vet again. There, they ran several tests and confirmed her entire body was riddled with cancer. It was only a few more days that her fosters and the vet decided it was too painful for her to go on, and they held her in their arms while she fell asleep.

Her foster family wrote: "We just wanted to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to take care of Alyssa. She was truly an angel, and we know that she is with our beloved Sandy now at the Rainbow Bridge. The boys are coping appropriately and have drawn some pictures of Sandy greeting Alyssa at the Bridge and "showing her the ropes."

We are so lucky to have so many giving, loving families volunteering to help us help the Golden Retrievers.



Escaping Abuse & Finding Love

Jakey came to us as a result of a woman escaping an abusive situation with her husband, and not wanting to leave Jakey defenseless. She turned him into our "dog" rescue, before going to her own "human" rescue. Jake (a smaller mixed breed with fluffy golden fur) was indeed fearful of humans but he warmed up to his foster mom quickly, loved his foster sister and doggy-sister! They all helped him feel safe and be happy. Again, the family that accepted Jakey into their home was very understanding and willing to work with his shyness issues, as was their current dog (big sister) and human children. Jakey's first day, he dug out of the yard, ran through the neighborhood, but returned, waiting by the back gate for his new family to let him in.



JAKHEY AND THE SOBEK FAMILY



Golden Oldies-Changing Lives



Meet Tilly! A 10 Year Old Golden that we think may have landed at the Burbank Shelter in one of those tragic situations where the owner may have passed and a family member turned her in saying she was a "stray." She was obviously well loved and cared for. Whatever the circumstances, to think of this poor angel sitting behind bars on cold concrete is too awful!

In foster care, Tilly showed that in spite of her years she is still quite active. Walks with her younger foster siblings were no problem. In her subtle way she was always so loving and outgoing, she'd make friends with everybody she'd meet. When Diane De Paolo of Burbank expressed her interest with such tenderness, I felt she was the one. She is home a lot and has music students coming and going. Diane has a cat and a 16 year old blind Shih Tzu, and thanks to Tilly being great with all, this has turned out to be a great fit.

Diane recently wrote our volunteer this email:

Flori, I just have to give you an update on Tilly. First of all I am so in love with her. She is the most remarkable animal I have ever encountered. She has been out walking every morning and knows when to turn for the driveway that leads her home. She knows where the back door is to go outside where to go potty and waits at the door to come in. She has been eating well and is spoiled. Yesterday she experienced her first encounter with "music" and sat peacefully and appreciative of the piano students that I taught in her presence. It seemed to calm her. Thank you for choosing me as her mother. She is the greatest gift.

🐾 Diane De Paolo



Going to great lengths



Joren (aka Jordan) was turned in to our Rescue in August by his mom, who was moving to a small apartment and working very long hours and could not see him being alone so much. Being a "perfect dog," he was quickly adopted and seemingly happy. Although a few socialization issues with other dogs occurred, we never saw a bite coming. Back into rescue he came, as his adoptive family was no longer willing to deal with that issue. In November he was moved to a kennel, evaluated by our behaviorist, Paul Owens, and deemed to be very adoptable however still requiring a particular protocol for reprogramming his fear aggression and resource guarding issues. Our volunteers worked with Joren for 2 months, in the kennel, with Paul Owens, with other dogs and then in the foster home. Many hours were volunteered and paid for to rehabilitate Joren. We finally found a young couple willing to continue with his behavior modification training, willing to let Rescue approve their behaviorist, and willing to pay for all the special treatment Joren needed to keep him safe. Most importantly, they looked past all the "bad" things and totally fell in love with him. To date, Joren has not shown aggression again, and is doing well with other dogs. Our rescue goes to great lengths to save a dog!

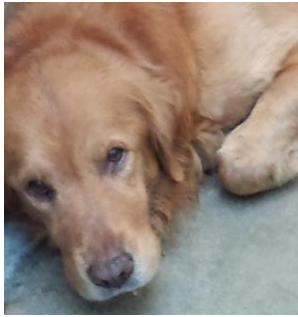
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Giley Finds His Happily Ever After



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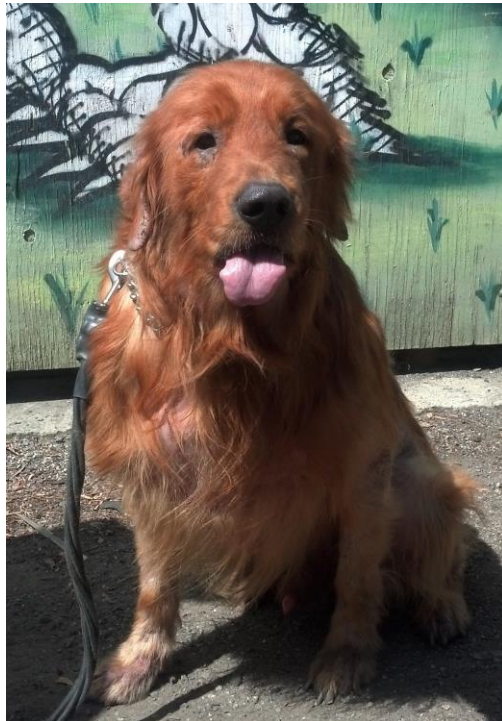
**GILEY
WITH
HIS
NEW
FAMILY**

Giley was a victim of leg trauma, most decidedly he was hit by a car. He was taken directly to the animal shelter where SCGRR (exited him on a Good Sam only to pay for his surgery while waiting to see if his family came to claim him. No one showed. One of our fabulous fosters nurtured Giley through recovery and rehab, taking him to The Total Dog Canine Swim and Fitness twice a week for swim therapy. She also nursed him through a subsequent staph infection (which included a biopsy) that had developed on his lower jaw. Giley was adopted and is living happily ever after!



Norway

Norway was a shelter pull from North Central. He had a highly contagious skin condition called Norwegian Mange. Poor Norway was in isolation at the shelter and risked being put to sleep if we did not pull him quickly. After his hair came back, he became a beautiful young golden!



Fenway

- ❗ Fenway who is a Golden/Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Mix was pulled from North Central Shelter. He was so petrified on the leash that he had to be carried from his cage to the viewing area, then from being neutered at the vet to the car. Our wonderful foster Myrna said he was an angel with no messes, no chewing, loving with people, and great with other dogs. He was also good in their back yard; but he would not go on walks. For some reason, he is afraid to go out into the world. The mere sight of the leash spooks him a lot. Fenway found is forever home with lots of love and attention.
- ❗ An update from his adopted mom reads *"Fenway is getting more & more comfortable everyday. He is finally understanding this is his house & he can have full run of it. He has brought us so much joy, and we only hope he is as happy as he makes us. Thank you!"*

MEET FENWAY



Everyone Can Make A Difference Collectively

Often folks don't give to the rescue because they can't give a huge sum of money....every \$10.00 a month helps. Consider our monthly donor program. Visit our website for details.



Become a SCGRR Monthly Donor

A little goes a long way to help a Golden in need!

Take the money you would spend on a movie at the theatre, popcorn and a large drink and sign up for \$30 a month (\$1.00 per day)

Skip going out to lunch once a month (brown bag it and feel great about donating \$10 a month (33¢ per day)

Have a family Friday night at home with your kids (babysitters and dinners out are pricey) Use the \$75 a month (\$2.50 per day) to help the rescue and teach the kids about giving back

Bring coffee from home rather than battling the long Starbucks line every morning. You can donate the \$100 a month (\$3.33 per day and save yourself a bunch of extra calories)

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Our Mission

- ❃ Our mission is to find loving, lifetime homes for all Southern California Golden Retrievers in need, regardless of conditions or circumstances. We will always strive to heal the sick and injured, rehabilitate the neglected and abused, and nurture the aged and unwanted until we find the perfect family who will shower them with unconditional love.
- ❃ Our vision is to build a refuge - a sanctuary – to serve as a halfway house where each of our beloved Goldens can rest and recuperate, prior to being placed with a foster or permanent family and moving on in their new lives.



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, fosters, donors and adoptive families!



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