



# Member Newsletter

May 2025

Goldens 901 is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2023.

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## Goldens 901

is a registered  
non-profit 501(c)(3)  
charitable organization.

## Our Mission

Goldens 901's mission  
is to rescue and find  
loving homes for the  
Golden Retrievers  
throughout the  
Memphis, TN and  
surrounding  
Mid-South area.

## Donate

Consider a donation to  
Goldens 901. We rely  
solely on donations to  
operate and 100% of the  
donations received are  
used to care for the  
Goldens that we rescue.

## Website

[goldens901.com](http://goldens901.com)

## It Takes a Village!

At Goldens 901, we believe that it truly takes a village to rescue, heal, and re-home Golden Retrievers in need. We're thankful that our village includes volunteers who transport dogs, make home visits, foster, and select forever homes; veterinarians who provide expert care; and very generous donors! We are also incredibly grateful for the partnerships we've formed with other organizations. Together, we create a powerful safety net for Goldens who need a second chance.

### The Owners Box



Foster Coordinator, Jody Fisher  
and her dog, Tebow, on the patio

We're thrilled to have partnered  
with Owners Box Grill, a  
premium sports bar in Lakeland,  
TN. In April, they generously  
hosted Goldens 901 and donated  
a portion of their sales to support  
our mission of rescuing Golden  
Retrievers! A huge thanks to our  
amazing community, including  
our furry friends, who joined us  
for an unforgettable night.

### Guaranty Bank



All the Memphis branches of  
Guaranty Bank and Trust (GBT)  
selected Goldens 901 for their  
National Love Your Pet Day  
donation drive. We're grateful for  
their choice and their generous  
gift!

GBT representatives joined  
Goldens 901 Volunteers Debbie  
Lovett with her foster dog, Ellie,  
and Caroline Royal-Evans and her  
husband, Brad Evans, were joined  
by their dog, Lexi.



## How to Help!

### Volunteer

We are an all-volunteer organization and you might be the one who can help us transport a dog or assist with a fundraising campaign. Let us know if you have talents that can help us rescue Goldens!

### Foster

Can you help love and care for dogs waiting for their forever homes? If so, please complete the foster application and a team member will be in touch with you soon!

<https://goldens901.com/help>



## Volunteer Spotlight

At Goldens 901, we are incredibly fortunate to have a treasurer whose talents go far beyond balancing the books. Caroline Royal-Evans manages all of our finances — paying bills, making deposits, and securing grants to help cover the growing costs of veterinary care.

Her passion for rescue started long before Goldens 901 began. In 2008, she and her husband opened their home to foster dogs and have since fostered more than 60!

Their love story with Goldens began with Eve, Brad's puppy who was 8 months old when Caroline and Brad met. Then, they rescued MAGRR dogs, Cagney and then Crockett. They adopted Goldens 901's very first rescue, Rue, who found her forever home with them and was renamed Lexi. She became their fourth Golden and a beloved part of their family.

Beyond fostering, Caroline has also helped in many other ways — volunteering at the Germantown Festival for both MAGRR and Goldens 901, transporting dogs to meet their adoptive families (even during the challenges of the pandemic), and offering her time and heart whenever needed.

She embodies everything we value at Goldens 901: dedication, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to giving every Golden Retriever a chance at a better life. We are deeply grateful for her incredible service and the love she shares with every dog she touches.

Thank you, Caroline, for being such a vital part of our family!



Lauren Hunt shared a silly greeting from Simba to add joy to your day!

(Goldens 901 #1055)



## How to Help!

### Adopt

Do you have the ideal home for a Golden Retriever? We take our mission very seriously and we require applications, phone interviews, and home visits to make sure each dog finds the perfect match and has the best forever home possible!

### Support

Goldens 901 is a member of the Chewy.com Rescue Referral Program!

Shop through our unique page to support our rescue! For each new visitor that uses the link below and completes a qualifying purchase, Chewy.com will donate \$15 to Goldens 901!!

Use the link below to shop or check out the Support Section of our website.

[https://www.chewy.com/g/goldens-901\\_b116466364](https://www.chewy.com/g/goldens-901_b116466364)

## Happy Tails!

Goldens 901 has rescued 72 Goldens since we opened our doors! Below are pictures of the latest Goldens 901 dogs who have found their forever homes! Be sure to check the website and future editions of the newsletter for further reports!



Gilda



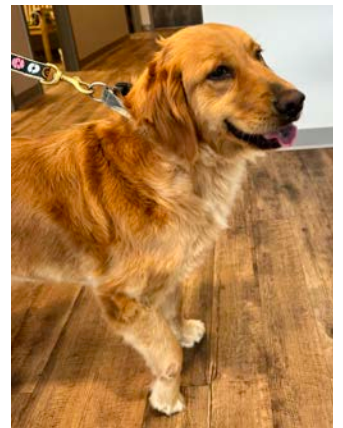
Oakley



Marci



Gidget



Penny

If you would like to share information on your adopted Golden, please send information to Wendy at [wjashcroft@icloud.com](mailto:wjashcroft@icloud.com). Be sure to mention Goldens 901 in the subject line of your email message.





# Obesity - Your Dog's Weight Matters!

"Fatty, fatty 2 by 4! Can't get through the kitchen door!"

Who remembers this hurtful taunt from their childhood? We would never say that about our beloved dog! But many folks see a roly poly canine as cute, not fat, just fluffy. Many people equate loving their dog with giving them treats and more than ample food; however, obesity in dogs is just as challenging physically and medically as in humans. Just look at all the human weight loss programs, diets and drugs that are out there for people. Our dogs are at our mercy. They don't get to choose. "We" control everything that goes into their mouth!



By Janis Ling

These medical conditions are associated with obesity in dogs and humans (Yikes!):

- Reduced life expectancy
- Cardiovascular and respiratory diseases
- Diabetes and pancreatitis
- Arthritis and joint problems
- Urinary bladder stones and incontinence
- Back problems and spinal injuries
- Increased risk of cancer and infections
- Decreased immunity and exercise tolerance
- Anesthetic complications
- High blood pressure
- Liver disease
- Renal dysfunction
- Heart failure

## Is My Pet Healthy?



We humans can get help for our weight issues from Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, Atkins diet, Noom, Ozempic, Wegovy, and so much more. Just watch tv a few minutes and you're bound to see an ad for something. Our dogs depend on us to be their weight control program.

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One article I saw said there are 5 common mistakes a pet parent makes that contribute to obesity. This was by Dr. Judy Morgan.



1. "Guestimating" how much to feed. Read labels and measure accurately.



2. Your dog isn't getting enough exercise. This can include leash walking, fetch, Frisbee. Exercise is good for your dog's mental health as well.



3. Forgetting to count treats as calories. Low calorie treats can be baby carrots, apples, and green beans.



4. Not feeding the best food for your dog.



5. Feeding table scraps. Human table food, in general, is high in calories and fat.

We all love our dogs and want them around as long as possible. Just last week I heard a story on NBC national news that Eli Lilly is developing a drug to extend the life expectancy of dogs by 1-3 years. This drug will cost pet owners about \$100-200 each month! Many dog lovers will be willing to pay this to extend the life of their beloved companions, but the great news is that we already have the ability to extend their lives that long just by keeping our dog's weight at a healthy level throughout their lives.

So, remember something else we heard as children: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." That certainly applies to obesity in our canine family.



## *Many Thanks to Our Generous Donors*

**Beth Broadhurst  
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Dana Pentecost  
Lisa Russell  
Lyndall Snyder**

**Amanda VanDenBerg – Happy  
Birthday MOM, LOMA, Janis Ling**

**Elizabeth Burkley – to honor David  
King and the wonderful life he gave  
Keeper. May Keeper rest in peace.**

**Jim & Linda Busby – in memory of  
Mary**

**Caroline & Brad Evans – in memory  
of Eve, our first golden, March 1992  
- March 2006**

**Kitty Hahn – Delanie's fundraiser**

**Suzanne Smith – Happy Birthday,  
Wendy Ashcroft! Love Suez and Kim**

**Your donations have helped  
us rescue 72 precious  
Goldens like Lucy's  
Guardian Retriever, Larry.**



**Lucy – Protected By Larry!**

