



Member Newsletter

February 2026

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

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Snowed In!

What a perfect time to order a warm, snuggly sweatshirt or hoodie! Or, wait a sec! We live in the Mid-South. Maybe you're ready for a tee-shirt! Check out our merch below:

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

New design - G901 Paws



<https://www.bonfire.com/golden-paws/>



Peeking Golden - also new



<https://www.bonfire.com/g901/>



From the Heart



<https://www.bonfire.com/fromtheheartgoldens901/>



Traditional Logo



<https://www.bonfire.com/goldens-901/>



*February 3rd is International Golden Retriever Day
CELEBRATE!!*



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>

♥ Share the Love—Golden Style!! ♥

February is all about love—and nothing says love like rescued Goldens finding their forever homes! Tell us how your Golden has filled your home with joy, laughter, and unconditional love. Your submissions may be shared on our website, newsletter, and special event posters—helping inspire others to open their hearts, too.

In Loving Memory

By Janis Ling



Mackie Ling
7.21.16 - 11-16-25

Mackie came to me as a foster dog with MAGRR on 2-3-18. We had four other adopted MAGRR Goldens: Sugar, Clyde, Oliver (a hospice dog), and Lilah. Even though I was not “in the market” to adopt, I adopted him 2-8-18. It didn’t take long to realize he was “special.” His beginning is too sad to mention here. His birthdate was 7-7-16. I’m forever grateful that a former MAGRR adopter had convinced his owner to give him up. His name was Mac, and he refused to let me change it, although I tried.

So, Mackie became our dog. He was so compliant and happy to live inside a home. He quickly learned a few commands by watching my other dogs. “Come,” “sit,” and “down” were easy for him. I decided to take him to a group obedience class. He was such a star. They wanted to teach me “how to reprimand” him if he jumped up on someone. I told the two instructors, he doesn’t jump up. Try as they might with chest thumping enthusiasm, they could not “make him” jump up. For his entire life, he never jumped up on a person or child or toddler. He had infinite patience with adults, babies, children, and toddlers. A toddler could give him a treat or take a toy or ball from him with ease. A child could throw a ball for him and he would retrieve it endlessly and drop it at their feet. In contrast, at home, he had no interest in retrieving a ball.



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Volunteer Spotlight

One of Mackie’s legacies is helping hundreds of dogs to be adopted. He has also showed “the ropes” to hundreds of foster dogs that have passed through our home as well.

Mackie Ling (Pictured on the left with Janis, his favorite human)

I started fostering for MAGRR in 2011. I began doing home visits for adoptions and fosters with MAGRR in 2013. Sugar was my visiting dog. It grew more difficult for her to jump into my car as she got older and she didn’t really seem to “enjoy” visiting homes, but loved going with me.

Mackie took over for her in 2019 and loved visiting all the various homes after just a single time. Firstly, he “loved” meeting the people; if they had dogs that was secondary, but he was submissive to all. He especially liked seeing what kind of toys other dogs had! It seems he lived to please humans. Some young children on one visit asked me how to teach tricks. I had to think for a few minutes and I said we can try roll over. He had a good down and loved treats! He just followed my hand in a rolling gesture and “we” soon taught him to roll over in both directions. I had two young kids and a dog all rolling over with lots of giggling!! He rarely left a home without one of the folks saying, I want one “just like him.” One of our last home visits for G901 was to a family that had four children. He played fetch endlessly. Even got in their playhouse to place Prince and wear a hat. As we left, the three-year-old boy sat on the porch steps crying because he didn’t want Mackie to leave.



I cried buckets when this boy, Mackie left us. For those of you who have loved dogs, you know what a “heart and soul” dog is. They don’t come along very often. I’ve only had two in my long life. Mackie seemed to understand his special job. He was good with other dogs, cats, gentle with all. He helped people see the possibilities in a “rescued” dog. One of Mackie’s legacies is helping hundreds of dogs to be adopted. He has also showed “the ropes” to hundreds of foster dogs that have passed through our home as well. Mackie was truly a one of a kind and a once-in-a-lifetime dog. Mackie died from Multiple Myeloma on 11-16-25. Dearly loved and forever in our hearts.

Thanks so much, Mackie,
for all your hard work and dedication!
Rest in peace!



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

Heartworm Awareness Matters!

February is **Heart Month**, a time to focus on heart health. For our dogs, that includes awareness of **heartworm disease**, a serious and potentially life-threatening condition. Prevention and early treatment truly save lives, and protecting a dog’s heart is one of the greatest acts of love there is.



Valentine Holiday No-Nos!

During the Valentine Holiday, be sure to keep your pet safe from the following:

- Chocolate
- Xylitol (Sweetners)
- Toxic Essential Oils
- Flowers
- Small Decorations
- Overstimulation



Please Share!



We invite you to spread the Golden love on your own social media! Sharing your adoption story helps shine a light on the many wonderful dogs in the 901 area still waiting for families of their own. Don’t forget to encourage friends and family to adopt, foster, or support rescue efforts.

Every story shared and every voice amplified helps make a difference. Your continued support allows us to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome even more Golden Retrievers in need—and for that, we are endlessly grateful.

Thank you for being part of our Golden community. If you would like to share information on your adopted Golden, please send information to Wendy at wjashcroft@icloud.com or text her at 901-674-3553. Be sure to mention Goldens 901 in the subject line of your email message.



Happy Tails! A Goldens 901 Love Story



Shared by Janis Ling

A ROUGH START



Riley was a three-year-old Golden from a breeder. Breeder dogs who have been in a professional kennel and never socialized as puppies are among the most difficult to rehabilitate. They often have the most anxieties of any dogs we encounter. They have surface and threshold anxiety. They sometimes freeze and are afraid to walk, anywhere. Changing from carpet to hardwood, and through doorways is anxiety producing. The breeder had to carry Riley to our car. She likely had several litters in her short life. Riley only weighed 35 pounds.

THE START TO A NEW LIFE

As foster dogs, they do best with other dogs around them. It helps them to see other dogs doing normal dog activities. Once they are comfortable with grass, it is sometimes hard to get them off the grass. It feels so good, they roll and roll, body surf, eat it and just want to lie on it as long as they are allowed. Riley loved grass and had a leaping gait when running in grass. (I've never seen anything like it!) That gait and the way she sat with one or the other hind leg cocked in the air led us to have her hips X-rayed for dysplasia, but they were OK. (One of her pups who went to a local couple, cocks her leg when sitting as well.) It became my mission to help Riley and hopefully get her adopted.



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A Goldens 901 Love Story (continued)

I took Riley to different pet stores at least 2-3 times weekly for a month. It's a good thing she was quite small as she would not really "walk" on a leash or halter. She curled her body into a "C" shape with her head down (no eye contact), and tail between her legs. In this position, I was able to scoot her forward in small steps, almost snail like. One person in Hollywood Feed said she must be autistic, because of no eye contact, and no real walking. She wouldn't take even the most valuable of treats. They began to remember her, and one guy would announce, "the autistic" dog is back! After many trips to stores, I decided to take her on some home visits. I always "explained ahead"; this dog is not for adoption, only socialization experience.

HOME VISIT MAGIC

Everyone who met her was gracious. Most often they got on the floor to encourage her to scoot toward them. On one HV there was another dog, which would be new for her. The other dog was a very large English Cream male. Lifting Riley out, she remained frozen until she saw Brooks. Then she stood up, tail still tucked, but obviously interested. At least she followed him inside, without me having to scoot her along. We then put the 2 dogs in the huge backyard. The couple got to see her leap frog around! It is memorable! It was way too hot to leave them outside for long. After we came inside to talk, both dogs sat near us, but more interested in one another. Brooks began licking Riley and vice versa. It was almost embarrassing as they literally French kissed one another.



IT WAS MEANT TO BE

When we were leaving, Brooks walked out with us. The couple pointed out that Riley was walking, not having to be scooted, and her tail was flagging high and wagging. It took me by surprise when they called me on my way home and asked if they could "adopt her?!" I was astounded and told Riley she had picked her own "Prince Charming." She did return for another outing to this home, because they also had a young baby she had not met. Turns out she fell in love with the baby boy as well.



Thank You to Our Giving Tree Donors!

Your generous donations have allowed Goldens 901 to rescue 110 Goldens since opening in 2023!

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