

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

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t h e **GOLDEN GAZETTE**

May 2025

Goldens in Spring!!



GRCGLA Fun Day!! ~ Canyon RV Park

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Message From Our President

Moving. It is such a simple word. As an adjective, it means to bring out emotion (as in a very moving stage play), or to describe something in motion (a swiftly moving river). It can also describe the type of an object (as in a moving part or a — yikes — moving violation).

As a verb, it means the state of going from one location to another (as in moving to a new home). And this is the definition I would like to talk about in this message.

After 28 years in the same house, and all but 8 years living in my native state of California, I am relocating to Pennsylvania this summer. The reasons are many, and it was something I was considering doing within the next 10 years or so. However, the sudden passing of my mother at the end of September brought the decision to the top of my agenda. I had planned to move closer to her in Redlands as she aged so that I could give her the care needed. She showed us that she had other plans!

And so — after tossing the pros and cons around for a couple of months, I have purchased a home in the Gettysburg area and plans are in fast forward to head east in mid July.

What does this mean? Personally, it means that my house here in Quartz Hill is completely in disarray. I mentioned that I have lived there for 28 years. There is. So. Much. Stuff. (There is another s___ word that I insert there when I'm by myself...) Seriously, why have I kept all of this? I know — because someday I might actually read that book, have a formal dinner party that requires china and wine glasses (I won't, really), or need that catalog from 1996 or that 5" X 8" dry erase board or Mardi Gras necklace or box of crayons or melon scoop or pair of ballet slipper dress shoes (!) or racquet ball racquet with a string missing in the webbing.

We can all insert our own items to the list, and there was a valid reason at the time that they went into a closet or drawer. And then — when you are moving 2250 miles away, the rubber hits the road and the purging begins. It's honestly a good feeling once you get going! In my neighborhood you can put things out on the dirt road and they almost all disappear within a couple of days. What doesn't disappear goes into the dumpster that I rented.

What all this rambling about moving has to do with GRCGLA is this: after the middle of July I will no longer be a California resident, and so I will no longer serve as President. I plan to retain my membership in the club, because it is important to me. You are important to me.



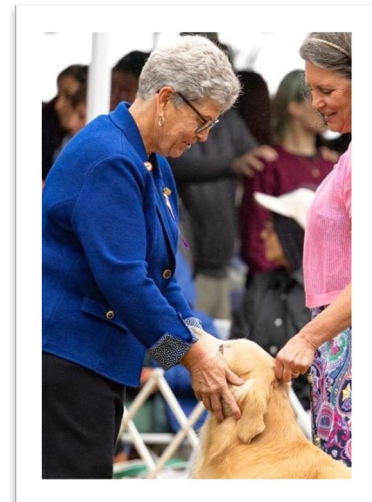
And the breed, maybe most of all, is deeply important to me. You will still see my name pop up here and there, on a committee or sharing show chair duties — things I can do from a distance.

I ask this as I finish packing and moving — keep the club strong. Volunteer. Say yes when a task needs two hands and a computer to accomplish it. Show up at club events as a participant if not as a worker. Smile and encourage your fellow club members — we are a community built around a breed that is gracious, kind, happy, loving, and accepting. They don't care what your income or zip code is. They don't care where your ancestors came from, or who you love. They don't care what color ribbon you bring home — they just want to play the game. Be Golden.

I'll still be here in the high desert for another 6 weeks or so. I'll be the one packing boxes and trying to keep the dogs out of the way of potential home buyers. Cheers!

So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide. -- John Lewis

Nancy Talbott





GRCGLA BOD Meeting: June 10, 2025, 7:00 PM

GRCGLA Agility Trial, June 20-22, 2025, Camarillo

GRCGLA Ice Cream Social, General Meeting: June 29, El Dorado Park, West, Long Beach

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: July 8, 2025 7:00 PM

GRCGLA Awards Dinner July 27, 2025, Mimi's Café, Monrovia

GRCGLA Agility Trial Aug 29-Aug 31, 2025, City of Industry

Plan Ahead! GRCA Western Regional March 2026, Bakersfield

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Watch for future Newsletter requests from your Corresponding Secretary/Editor for submission of brags, bios, fun photos, articles and items of interest. Please submit those directly to Andrea Mraz. Thank you!

Andrea Mraz, (Brags, bios, articles, and requests)

Donna Lee , (Technical questions)

~ In Memoriam ~



Remembering, Honoring, and Celebrating Gloria Henderson April 1931 - April 2025

It is with sorrow that I share the loss of one of GRCGLA's Lifetime Members. Gloria Jensen Henderson passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, her 94th birthday.

To know Gloria was to know kindness personified. In decades of time spent with her at shows, meetings, and Golden events I can honestly say that I never

heard one negative comment about another person. She wore a Golden personality as truly as any of her beloved Miraleste dogs. Soft spoken and humble, Gloria was a wonderful mentor and supporter of new exhibitors and club members. She volunteered for any task needed, taking no credit for the success of her endeavors but smiling and thanking those around her. With her husband George always standing behind her, Gloria was a backbone of the GRCGLA.

When her health began to fail, especially as she lost her eyesight, Gloria was not able to participate in club activities, but her support of the club remained. I saw her for the last time a few years ago, and when I said her name and touched her arm she gave that beautiful smile and called me by name before I could tell her who I was. Gloria remembered everyone, and our breed is better for her having been its advocate.

We extend our condolences to her son Scott Henderson and to all of her friends and family. Rest well, Gloria. We will miss you deeply.

~Nancy Talbott

Donations in Gloria's name can be sent to:

Braille Institute: <https://www.brailleinstitute.org/give/>

Golden Retriever Foundation: www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/tribute

GRCGLA Spring Fun Day ~ 3/2/25



Morning set up

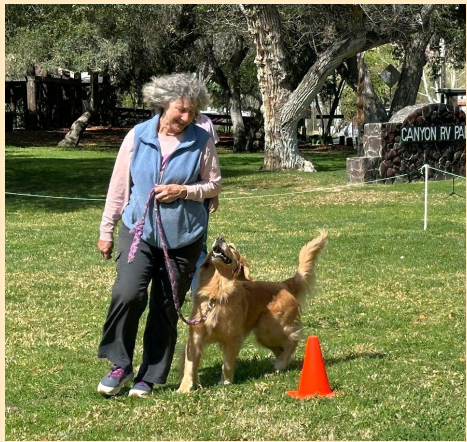
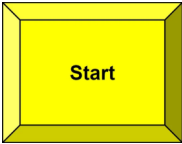


*Match Chairs
Andrea and Mindy*



Golden Spring Fun Day

Rally...



Obedience



Spring Fun Day



Good Dogs!



Canyon RV Park



Golden Fun Day ~ Conformation



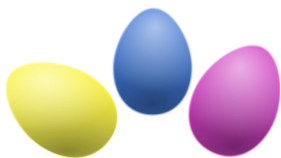
CGC Testing



Canine Good Citizens!



Order of the Egg



~ ~ ~ *March Specialty* ~ ~ ~

Our Inaugural Bakersfield Specialty; A message from Chairperson Dave Garges, Thank-you, Dave!

Our spring specialty in Bakersfield was a tremendous success! The Kern County Kennel Club and San Luis Obispo Club were extremely good hosts, providing us a judge and Steward at no cost to us, giving us the prime ring location, not only for our specialty but for the entire weekend, along with free grooming and parking, very affordable RV parking, set ups adjacent to the ring, easy unloading, and all the ring hospitality that we needed. The extra table set up by the ringside allowed us to have our decorations, trophies, and Rosettes close by and shining for all to see.

Our judges, Golden breeder, Jan Richards for sweepstakes and Laura Reeves for conformation, were pleasant to all exhibitors, excellent with the puppies and adult dogs alike, and very happy with their choices. It was wonderful to have club members ringside, whether entered or not, to support our exhibitors and spend time with good friends.

I want to thank everyone who pitched in before the show began, during the show to help with the small details that always come up, and after the show to finish cleaning and packing up. I want to give a big shout out and thank you to Valerie and Bruce Wagner who came all the way up just to help and support the show and also to Terrie Johnson who volunteered to ring Steward, if needed.

Congratulations to all who took home some great ribbons and wonderful trophies!

And the most important detail is that we made over \$900.00.

Show Chair
Dave Garges



March Specialty ~ Bakersfield



March Specialty ~ 3/29/25



Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles

March 29, 2025 – Bakersfield, CA

10 Dogs – 2 pts; 20 Bitches – 3 pts

1 Veteran Bitch

7 Best of Breed

6 Sweepstakes

Show Chair: David Garges

Show Reporter: Nancy Talbott

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Jan Richards

PUPPY DOGS, 9 months and under 12 months (1 competing)

1. SUMMITS SHADALANE HILLBILLY BONES – Gunther/Johnson/Manley

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (2 competing)

1. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR – Wilson
2. TWEED'S SHE MAKES THE ROCKIN' WORLD GO ROUND – Posey/Tercero

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (3 competing)

1. CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGC TKN – Thompson
2. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi
3. TWEED'S SHE WHO MUST NOT BE NAMED – Tercero/Posey

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES – 12-15 month Bitch

CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGC TKN

(GCH Hi-Tide's I Can't Drive 55 X Calico's Kiss My Keyster, CGC TKN)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES – 9-12 month Dog

SUMMITS SHADALANE HILLBILLY BONES

(Ersa's Red Bull Gives Me Wings To Fly X Summits Westben Over The Radar)

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Ms. Laura Reeves

PUPPY DOGS, 6 months and under 9 months (1 competing)

1. WATERFRONT'S HELLUVA GOOD TIME – Greer

PUPPY DOGS, 9 months and under 12 months (1 competing)

1. SUMMITS SHADALANE HILLBILLY BONES – Gunther/Johnson/Manley

JUNIOR DOGS, 15 months and under 18 months (1 competing)

1. BLACKNGOLD LEONGOLDEN SPIKED COFFEE – Brown/Seifert/Fenner/Carpenter/El Khorchi

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT DOGS (1 competing)

1. FIRE BURST FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD – Garges/Johnson

AMERICAN BRED DOGS (2 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S THEORETICAL PROBABILITY – Gunther
2. BELMONT-PROVIDENCE "LITTLE" BIG DEAL – Belmont/Smith

OPEN DOGS (4 competing)

1. SEASONS APPLE OF MY EYE – Rovero/Rowan
2. CROSSROAD 18KT GOLD JUST GOT BETTER -- Quiseng
3. ASSURANCE KAIMANA KING OF CLUBS -- Bennett
4. SHADALANE'S SUMMIT'S GER-BEAR NECESSITY – Gunther/Sedor

WINNERS DOG – Open

SEASONS APPLE OF MY EYE

(GCHS Leongolden's Diamond of the First Water Royal X CH Seasons Encrusted with Jewels at Esquire)

RESERVE WINNERS DOG – American Bred

SHADALANE'S THEORETICAL PROBABILITY

(CH Summits Aspenglo I Love That Old Time Rock N Roll X Shadalane's Elizabeth Taylor)

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (2 competing)

1. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR – Wilson
2. TWEED'S SHE MAKES THE ROCKIN' WORLD GO ROUND – Posey/Tercero

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (1 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT BITCHES (3 competing)

TWEED'S SHE WHO MUST NOT BE NAMED – Tercero/Posey
CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGCU TKN VSWB – Thompson
EUREKA SASSY L'IL LASSIE -- Piner

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES (5 competing)

1. GEAUX DOG'S IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT -- Hagstette
2. MASTER'S FAVORITE LITTLE SISTER – Masterson
3. PROVIDENCE PSSST! A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME @BELMONT – Smith
4. GINGER'S PRINCESS BUTTERCUP OF FINN MANOR – Finn/Blanchard

OPEN BITCHES (9 competing)

1. MYSTIC ZEN'S THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE – Collands
2. AUBRIDGE LORNA POLOOZA, TKN -- Baker
3. MYSTIC ZEN'S HERE SHE COMES AGAIN – Collands
4. SHADALANE'S DONATELLA VERSACE – Gunther/Almeida

WINNERS BITCH – American Bred

GEAUX DOG'S IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

(Evening Star's Last Crusade, CDX RA JH X GCH My Buddy's Sweet Melon Pie, BN RN CGCA TKN)

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH – Open

MYSTIC ZEN'S THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE

(CH Summits For Crying Out Loud X Shadalane Zen's Spicy Ginger)

VETERAN BITCH

1. GCH EUREKA ALWAYS REMEMBER -- Piner

BEST OF BREED (7 competing)

CH GEAUX DOG'S KISSES ON THE FIRST DATE – Benbassat

(Littlebitta's Chaos Is King, RN JH BCAT X Littlebitta's Cake By The Ocean, CDX BN RA JH BCAT)

BEST OF WINNERS

GEAUX DOG'S IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

CH JAZZIN'S UPLAND GIRL, CDX BN RN TD JH MHUA CGCU TKN ATT – Darcy/Jaynes

(GCH Jazzin's My Eye Adored You, CD RN SH X CH Jazzin's Sleepless in Seattle, CD RI JH)

SELECT DOG

GCHB MYSTIC ZEN'S 7TH HEAVEN, SDHF – Collands

(CH Summits Ancey One Last Time Marshall X CH Summits Crimson and Clover)

SELECT BITCH/BEST VETERAN

GCH EUREKA ALWAYS REMEMBER

(GCH Emery's White Out X Ridgeview A Dream Come True @Eureka)

BEST PUPPY – 9-12 month Puppy Bitch

ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR

(CH Nautilus Wowie Zowie X GCH Five Star Musicur's The Color Purple, BCAT CGC)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY – 6-9 month Puppy Dog

WATERFRONT'S HELLUVA GOOD TIME

(CH Captivate's The Apple Doesn't Fall Far, RN JH X Waterfront's Rose By Any Other Name)

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
SAVE THE DATE!**

JUNE 29, 2025

**GRCGLA
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL FUN
DAY!**

**EL DORADO PARK-WEST,
LONG BEACH**

11:00AM TO 2:00PM

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT GERRI AT
GMONOHAN@AOL.COM**

**ALL GOLDENS
ARE WELCOME**

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RESERVED SITE C**

~ ~ April Specialty 4/18/25 ~ ~
City of Industry



April Specialty ~ City of Industry



April 18, 2025 ~ Specialty Results



BOB - GCHB MYSTIC ZEN'S 7TH HEAVEN, SDHF -Collands



WB / BOW / BOS - PROVIDENCE PSSST! A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME @BELMONT -Smith



WD - SEASON'S APPLE OF MY EYE -Rovero/Rowan



RWD - SHADALANE'S THEORETICAL PROBABILITY -Gunther



SD - GCH ESQUIRE'S SWEET DAYS OF SUMMER, RN NA XF FITB -Mraz



BEST PUPPY - ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR -Wilson



BOB NOHS - CH 24KT FERRARI LIMITED EDITION -Burrows/Voss



BOB 4-6 PUPPY - FIRE BURST'S OWN MR INCREDIBLE -Garges/Johnson/Dochmaschewsky
BOS 4-6 PUPPY - FIRE BURST'S ESMERELDA -Garges/Johnson/Rowan



BEST IN SWEEPS - SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH -Gunther/DeNevi



BOS IN SWEEPS - PREMIER'S SINGING AND DANCING IN THE RAIN -Montague/Johnson

Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles
April 18, 2025 – City of Industry, CA
12 Dogs – 3 pts; 17 Bitches – 2 pts (BOW 3 pts)
6 Best of Breed
3 4-6 Month Beginner Puppies
6 Sweepstakes
Show Chairs: Nancy Talbott and Lynn Feldner
Show Reporter: Nancy Talbott

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Adrienne Hill

JUNIOR DOGS, 12 months and under 15 months (1 competing)

1. PREMIERE'S SINGING AND DANCING IN THE RAIN – Montague/Johnson

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (2 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S JAZZ SWING N BLUES – Gunther/Price
2. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR -- Wilson

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (3 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi
2. CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGCU TKN VSWB – Thompson
3. SHADALANE'S MANDY YOUNG – Gunther/Young

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES – 12 - 15 month Bitch

SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH

(CH Summit's Donegal LaFata X Shyan's Hope For Shadalane)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES – 12 – 15 month Dog

PREMIERE'S SINGING AND DANCING IN THE RAIN

(CH Forever Dolce & Gabanna X CH Confetti Premiere Missouri Moonshine)

4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY (3 competing)

Judge: Ms. Collette Jaynes

BEST OF BREED 4-6 PUPPY

FIRE BURST'S OWN MR INCREDIBLE – Garges/Johnson/Dochmaschewsky

(CH Wood Duck Cinderfella X Fire Burst Count Your Lucky Stars)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX 4-6 PUPPY

FIRE BURST'S ESMERALDA – Garges/Johnson/Rowan

(CH Wood Duck Cinderfella X Fire Burst Count Your Lucky Stars)

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Ms. Collette Jaynes

PUPPY DOGS, 6 months and under 9 months (1 competing)

1. COPPER CREEK'S COUPE 'D' BOOM – Thompson/Barber

JUNIOR DOGS, 12 months and under 15 months (1 competing)

1. PREMIERE'S SINGING AND DANCING IN THE RAIN – Montague/Johnson

JUNIOR DOGS, 15 months and under 18 months (2 competing)

1. NEW BEGINNINGS OFF TRAVELING FROM WILDFIRE, RN DS – Flocker
2. SEASONS JUST AN ORDINARY DEMIDOG – Decker

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT DOGS (1 competing)

1. FIRE BURST FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD – Garges/Johnson

AMERICAN BRED DOGS (3 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S THEORETICAL PROBABILITY – Gunther
2. PARADIGM DREAM ON AT TAPESTRY – Johnson/Ramsey
3. BELMONT-PROVIDENCE "LITTLE" BIG DEAL – Belmont/Smith

OPEN DOGS (4 competing)

1. SEASONS APPLE OF MY EYE – Rovero/Rowan
2. ASSURANCE KAIMANA KING OF CLUBS -- Bennett
3. SHADALANE'S SUMMIT'S GER-BEAR NECESSITY – Gunther/Sedor
4. CROSSROAD 18KT GOLD JUST GOT BETTER -- Quiseng

WINNERS DOG – Open

SEASONS APPLE OF MY EYE

(GCHS Leongolden's Diamond of the First Water Royal X CH Seasons Encrusted with Jewels at Esquire)

RESERVE WINNERS DOG – American Bred

SHADALANE'S THEORETICAL PROBABILITY

(CH Summits Aspenglo I Love That Old Time Rock N Roll X Shadalane's Elizabeth Taylor)

PUPPY BITCHES, 6 months and under 9 months (2 competing)

1. SEASONS FRANKLY I DON'T GIVE A DAME – Rowan
2. COPPER CREEK'S PICK-UP N GO -- Barber

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (1 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S JAZZ SWING N BLUES – Gunther/Price

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (3 competing)

1. CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGCU TKN VSWB – Thompson
2. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi
3. BRITON KARAGOLD'S CLICK YOUR HEALS – Cecchini/Brady

BRED BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY BITCHES (1 competing)

1. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR – Wilson

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT BITCHES (1 competing)

1. CALICO'S THE PERFECT STORM, VSW1 RATN RN FDC CGCA CGCU TKI FDN – Thompson/McGwire

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES (5 competing)

1. PROVIDENCE PSSST! A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME @BELMONT – Smith
2. MASTER'S FAVORITE LITTLE SISTER – Masterson
3. GINGER'S PRINCESS BUTTERCUP OF FINN MANOR – Finn/Blanchard
4. SHADALANE'S MANDY YOUNG – Gunther/Young

OPEN BITCHES (4 competing)

1. MYSTIC ZEN'S THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE – Collands
2. SHADALANE'S DONATELLA VERSACE – Gunther/Almeida
3. CALICO'S SOME LIKE IT HOT, CGCA CGCU ATT FDC FTN TKN – Feldner/Benzoni/ Thompson
4. KODA'S FIRST HEAR ME ROAR, CCA BCAT – Biermayer

WINNERS BITCH – American Bred

PROVIDENCE PSSST! A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME @BELMONT

(GCHG Paradigm's Field of Leongolden X Avalor Schoolgirl Whispers @Belmont-Providence)

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH – Open

MYSTIC ZEN'S THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE

(CH Summits For Crying Out Loud X Shadalane Zen's Spicy Ginger)

BEST OF BREED (6 competing)

GCHB MYSTIC ZEN'S 7TH HEAVEN, SDHF – Collands

(CH Summits Annecy One Last Time Marshall X CH Summits Crimson and Clover)

BEST OF WINNERS/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

PROVIDENCE PSSST! A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME @BELMONT

SELECT DOG

GCH ESQUIRE'S SWEET DAYS OF SUMMER, RN NA XF FITB -- Mraz

(GCHG Jetoca's Twistin' The Night Away X Esquire's Game of Bones)

SELECT BITCH

MYSTIC ZEN'S HERE SHE COMES AGAIN -- Collands

(Shyan Dagen Edward Dublin X CH Summits Crimson and Clover)

BOB NOHS

CH 24KT FERRARI LIMITED EDITION – Burrows/Voss

(CH Asterling's Hello My Name is Dalton X 24KT The Power of Magic)

BEST PUPPY – BBE Puppy Bitch

ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR

(CH Nautilus Wowie Zowie X GCH Five Star Musicur's The Color Purple, BCAT CGC)

Shining Brightly, A Special Journey

Editor's note: Mary Thompson, a breeder, and longtime member of our club, asked if she could share the story of her journey with her sweet girl, Nottie. We are happy to honor this simple request. Thank-you, Mary. Nottie is a very lucky puppy to have you at her side...

From Mary: "I have written a story that is close to my heart that most people don't know, but I feel it is important to share the trials and heartbreaks of a breeder..."



A Special Journey ~ Mary Thompson

My story of dreams dimmed to only shine brighter in the end.

My sweet girl Nottie, who knows how to make me smile!

My pick of the litter, a standout at 5 weeks of age, started her show career at the GRCGLA Specialty in 2023, by winning Best of Breed 4-6 puppy.

She glided across the grass as smooth as silk without missing a step and loved every minute of it.

Shortly thereafter, my dreams were dimmed as Nottie started limping on one front leg, then followed by both front legs.

Both X-Rays and CT scans were done, along with several veterinarian consults, to find out that she had severe Bilateral Fragmented Coronoid Process (FCP).

Well, this was something very new to me and I had to research the possibilities of what kind of life my sweet girl would have.

Many people told me to just place her after the surgery, she will be fine. I even had a few tell me that several dogs are in the ring being shown after the same type of surgery.

What in the world, I would never do that!

So, at 8 months of age, Nottie had bilateral arthroscopic elbow surgery so she would be able to live a comfortable life WITH ME!

Her recovery was uneventful, and she runs and plays with the best of them.

Fast forward to 18 months of age, Nottie has not come in to season as of yet. Ugh, now what is going on?

More time goes by, at 24 months of age she now looks like a spayed bitch. She is tall, over standard, long in body and head. She even appears to have a soft spay coat.

A vet visit was in order, blood work was done and was all completely normal including a thyroid and testosterone test to determine if she might be a hermaphrodite.

I joked about her being a hermaphrodite with friends and co-workers, saying, that would be my luck! Those test results were normal, phew!!

I still need to have her spayed, but I fear what they might find as she is now going on 3 years old this coming July, and still without a season.

Sometimes, things just go sideways, and we find ourselves having to take a different path. This new path we are on has been exciting and fun!

Now, let me get to the fun stuff that Nottie and I have been learning together.

In February 2024, I ventured back into the obedience ring for the first time in a very long time, entering Nottie in beginner novice for 2 days. She completed her BN title with a 2nd place.

Nottie had won her first Q last year, ***after she was attacked ringside by a golden retriever, go figure!*** So only 2 Q's were needed.

While at the same shows at Silver Bay, we entered a brand new sport to us: Rally Novice. Oh, what great fun Nottie had going around the ring with her wagging tail, (maybe mine too) and smiles on both our faces! Nottie Q'd on both days with scores of 97's with 4th and 2nd place wins.

Now onto March, we were in Bakersfield for the Vines & Wines show on Saturday plus the GRCGLA specialty. Nottie was entered in Novice B obedience and placed 3rd for her 1st leg towards her CD title.

Now, here's where it got a bit tricky. I am tied up in the golden retriever ring with Drama and Rally Novice is wanting Nottie in their ring. I am one person needed in two different rings that were not close together. So.....I asked good friend, Vicki, to please take Nottie in Rally for me and just have fun, win or lose.

Vicki has never worked with Nottie and I had no idea what would happen but did not want her to miss the class and opportunity to Q.

Well, I was so delighted at the report from Vicki that she and Nottie scored a 99 and 1st place to finish her RN title, this is what great friends are for and so much more!

Nottie is such a true golden retriever in wanting to please and shine where she can!

On to April, and the Apple Valley KC for the next adventures in the ring. I entered us in Novice B, and Nottie scored a 191.5 and a 3rd place for her 2nd leg.

We also entered Rally Intermediate for the first time and that sweet, sweet girl of mine Q'd with a PERFECT score of 100 and 1st place! Yes, I had happy tears!

I have told my friend Vicki many times the signs are confusing and if we don't Q it would be my error, NOT Nottie's.

Well let me tell you, Nottie knew what she was doing but for me, I just followed her lead to perfection!

The temporarily dimmed dreams shine brighter than ever before with Calico's Tri And Stop Me BN RN CGCA TKN.

Mary

Mary Thompson
Calico Golden Retrievers
Since 1982
AKC, Breeder of Merit

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Mavis, Calico's An Eclair To Remember For Westwood

Oh my ganache! Our sweet Pastry Litter girl, Mavis (Calico's An Eclair To Remember For Westwood) finished her championship at the Silver Bay KC show on February 22. Bred by our co-owner Mary Thompson (Calico Golden Retrievers), Mavis also has a savory side—she's our Tart & Soul. A crepe many thanks to Judge Dr. Jill Warren and our incomparable handler, Janice Hayes. Everybody cut footmousse for Mavis!

Carey & Allan Cooper



Breezy, GCH Ch Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer RN NA XF CCA FitB ORT

On April 5, 2025, in Somis CA at the NW1 trial, Breezy used his odor finding talents to be awarded first place on his Exterior search and third place on his Interior search and he successfully completed a difficult Vehicle search. I'm especially proud of Breezy for overcoming the distracting tennis balls on the table legs on the interior search to earn his placement! Go Breezy!

Andrea Mraz



Wyatt, Ch Seasons Date Night CGC

Wyatt passed his CGC! We received excellent training at the Hidden Valley Obedience Club (HVOC) in Escondido. HVOC offers terrific and affordable instruction teaching teamwork and positive communication between dog and handler. Their experienced volunteer instructors provide classes for all levels, from puppy to utility.

We completed Obedience I, and II classes before CGC testing. Classes were weekday evenings in a group with less than 10 dogs. HVOC promotes team building, positive interaction between dogs, and camaraderie and friendship between handlers. We highly recommend HVOC!

Wyatt gave his paw **automagically** :-)) when Bob knelt next to him for the photo!

Bob Rubin

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Rio, AGCH MACH9 PACH2 SkyRiver TLC's Dances On The Sand CD BN RA JH MXG3 PDS MJC3 MXP8 MXP8 MJP8 PJS MJPG PJD MJPB PAX2 MXF MFG TQX T2B5 TKN CGC WC ADHF

Happy Birthday to Rio who turned 12 on March 28th!! She is owned and loved by Teri Chang.

Teri Chang



Rush, OTCH Firemark's Free Fall UDX4 OM6 RN

OTCH Rush finished his therapy dog certification in ten visits over a couple months to rave reviews. Here he is at the Simi Library with a group of autistic and Down syndrome teenagers who were thrilled to meet such a soft and friendly dog.

David Zelitzky



Breezy, GCH CH Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer RN NA NJP XF CCA FitB ORT

Breezy finished his JWW Novice Agility title, in style, at the Border Terrier Club Agility Trial at City of Industry, with a first place and a speedy time of 19:87 (The allocated course time was 42 seconds)!! WhoHoo! Party time! Best of all, Breezy held his start line AND we felt like a fine tuned team! Many thanks to Terry Simons and Michelle Kiernan for their endless patience and guidance of team Breezy! We are looking forward to many more fun and fabulous agility runs together!

Andrea Mraz

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Nick, CH Verdoro's National Treasure

Nick is now Ch. Verdoro's National Treasure (Ch. Pebwin XPDNC OS SDHF ex BISS Am GCh BISS Can Ch Verdoro's Overcoming Obstacles NTD Am Can OD) completing his championship at the Sacramento Kennel Club in Lodi, Ca with his third major. Many thanks to Megan Honari and Christian Rutten for getting Nick across the finish line! Nick now looks forward to those Scent Trials and starting his Agility career! Nick was bred by Ann Greenbank and Michael Faulkner and is owned by Sharon Shilkoff.

Sharon Shilkoff



Juice, Ammo TLC's Queen Of Hearts CD RA JH MX MXS MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 SBM SCM SEM SHDM SWE TKI WC ADHF

Juice welcomed a litter of pups on Easter Sunday, April 20th. She had 7 healthy pups, 5 boys and 2 girls in the record time of 2hrs and 8mins! Since they were born on Easter, our litter theme is the "Beach Bunnies" Juice and the Beach Bunnies are owned and loved by Teri Chang.

Teri Chang



Drama, Calico's Making a Scene TKN VSWB CGCU

This past year has been fun raising Drama. She is a fast learner and loves to please! Calico's Making a Scene has earned her TKN VSWB CGCU titles.

The San Diego Specialty in 2024 was her debut in 4-6 puppy and she was Best In Show Puppy under judge, Ms. Collette Jaynes

At the GRCGLA January specialty Drama won BOSS under Judge, Mrs. Deborah Hubbard and at the GRCGLA in Bakersfield, she won BISS under judge, Ms. Jan Richardson.

I look forward to starting Drama in obedience and rally very soon while waiting for her to grow up!

Mary Thompson

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**Cali, CH Jazzin's Upland Girl CDX BN RN TD
JH MHUA CGCU TKN ATT WC VCX CCA**

Cali was entered in Rally Advanced on Sunday at the Kern County KC trial in Bakersfield. She won the class on time with a 100. We have been concentrating on field work and conformation so it was nice to be back in the rally ring!

Jennifer Darcy



Breezy!

Breezy had a blast as he played the role of a "celebrity" for a photo shoot for a big deal, top secret, for now, dog food company. He was selected from several Golden entries and had to perfect, and HOLD, his "bow" while surrounded by all sorts of fancy equipment and people. He nailed it, the corporate designers loved him, and I couldn't be more proud! Breezy's confident personality has opened so many fun and exciting new doors for us!

Andrea Mraz



**Cali, CH Jazzin's Upland Girl CDX BN RN TD
JH MHUA CGCU TKN ATT WC VCX CCA**

Cali finished her Championship at Silver Bay on February 24th by going Best of Winners for a major handled by Janice Hayes. This title helped her earn her VCX from the GRCA. Her photo will be in the fall issue of the GRCA News (Field issue) for earning her VCX and also on the Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun page which acknowledges dogs with a conformation championship and field titles. I am really proud of Cali and so grateful to Collette Jaynes for letting her become part of our family!

Jennifer Darcy

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**Rain, Calico's The Perfect Storm RN BN FDC
RATN DJ CGCA CGCU VSWI TKI FTN FITB**

Mary Thompson and Vicki McGwire are pleased to say that we have been busy adding end titles to Rain's name. As of April 30, 2025, she is now known as Calico's The Perfect Storm RN BN FDC RATN DJ CGCA CGCU VSWI TKI FTN FITB, and already has her first Rally Advanced leg, and another RWB to a major (to add to the major and RWB major she already has) in very limited showing. Love our girl! She will try anything!

Vicki McGwire and Mary Thompson



Maple Cider

Six-month-old Maple Cider earned her first AKC titles at Goldie Palooza on April 6, 2025: Novice Tricks and Intermediate Tricks.

Diane Schlesinger



Enzo, CH 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition

CH 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition, ENZO, garnered a fantastic Best In Show Owner Handler award at the Lake Matthews Kennel Club! Enzo, after only 2 weekends out with his Dad, Alan Burrows, picks up 2 major selects and 2 Best of Breed Owner Handler awards! Then on to Best In Show owner handler. ENZO is 16 months old! When Enzo was just 4 months old he captured a Best in Show puppy. Making this his second BIS! I couldn't be more proud of this team. ENZO is owned and loved by Alan and Susan Burrows and Judi Voss.

Judi Voss

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Curry, Columbia River's Aquaman

Thank you Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles for your generous sponsorship of the High in Trial (golden retriever) at the Wines and Vines obedience trial in Bakersfield. I'm happy to report that my boy Curry won High in Trial from Open B.

Roxanne Stevenson



Boomer, Copper Creeks Coupe "D" Boom

So proud of this youngster...Boomer, Copper Creeks Coupe "D" Boom, goes reserve winners dog to a major from the 6-9 puppy class at the Lake Matthews Kennel Club dog show. A special thank you to the judge, Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke, for the honor and a HUGE thank you to his amazing handler, Maddie McCue!! I'm not sure how you did it, but you have worked your magic with both of my boys and you are truly appreciated.

Leah Thompson



Devyn, Rosecreek's Free Fallin' At Musicur, POA

I am proud to report that "Devyn" picked up her 2nd Best Puppy award at the GRCGLA Specialty at Industry Hills last month. We thank judge Collette Jaynes for this award and kind remarks. Thanks also go out to the GRCGLA members who worked hard to make this specialty a success!

Suzanne Wilson