

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Season's Greetings from Retrievers and Friends of Southern California



As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our organization. This year, we would like to feature some RFSC alumni in our holiday newsletter.

Molly

We received the following note from Molly's family
"We rescued Molly in July. This will be her first Christmas in our family. She has embraced the tree. She's pretty sure we put it up for her and its her new favorite place to hang out...in front of the tree, looking cute!"



There is nothing more comforting than a happy dog curled up near your feet or in Molly's case, on your feet!

We're pretty sure she loves her new life and we are so grateful to have found her. Molly replaced Tascha, who we lost to bone cancer in June. She has made us smile again. And although we saved her life, there isn't a day that goes by that we don't hug her and thank her for saving ours. Merry Christmas to everyone at Retrievers and Friends and thanks for all the good work you do." Vicki Lawrence

Violet



Violet came to us from a breeder. She had spent her entire life in a crate. Since she was used for breeding, she had not known the love of a real family.

We are so happy to see the picture of her now. Violet is a cherished member of the family. She gets to take naps on a soft blanket by the fireplace, in a loving home.

Tessie

Tessie was adopted by Ron and Nancy in September 2009. Ron wasn't sure that they needed another dog in their busy household, but he reluctantly went with his wife to meet a Golden Retriever named Tessie.



Tessie went right over to Ron and then Tessie went right home with Ron and Nancy.

The next morning, the Sunday paper had an article about therapy dogs and pet partner teams that visit schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

Tessie and Ron took obedience classes and learned about the Delta Society program. In March 2010, they were evaluated and passed the skills and aptitude tests. They became Delta certified and an authorized pet therapy team.

Tessie and Ron started with READ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), joining several other teams visiting Temecula's 2 local libraries. They are pictured here, assisting a young girl with her reading.

They continued on to become certified to visit assisted living facilities, day care facilities for disabled adults, and a juvenile detention center. Ron reports that they have met some very kind and wonderful people. Ron said that the work is enjoyable and satisfying to him and to Tessie, it is an adventure.

As you plan your end of the year charitable donations, please consider supporting RFSC.
All of the RETRIEVERS and FRIENDS in our program thank you.

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RFSC Participates in the Paws & Claws Program

For the last few years, RFSC has participated in the Paws and Claws program with our local shelters. The shelters partner with rescue groups to try to get as many pets out of the shelters and into warm, cozy homes (or foster homes) for the holidays. This year, we took in 5 wonderful dogs.

Click on the picture to see more information.



Whitney



Cuddles



Ginny



Bambi



Scooter

Happy Holidays