



No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend; and the poorer he gets, the better friend he has. — Will Rogers

For young pups, few things are more satisfying than a good chew. When teething, it hardly matters to them what they've got between their teeth. For safety, make sure electrical cords aren't a chewing option by keeping them as far out of reach and sight as possible, encasing any visible cords in thick plastic sleeves.

Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies. — Gene Hill

The vet has prescribed a pill for your pet and he refuses to take it. What do you do? Here are a few ideas: Crush the pill and stir in with food or a treat. Check with your vet to be sure this won't interfere with the way the medicine works. Coat the pill with butter, cream cheese or peanut butter or hide it in a bite of hot dog. Look for a great product called Pill Pockets ... hollow soft treats designed to mold around the pill. If your pet is not eating, stand behind him, gently open his mouth and put the pill as far back of his throat as possible. Close his mouth, gently holding his snout to keep it closed while gently stroking his throat, an action that will urge him to swallow, and holding his head back. He won't like this much but it does work. 🐾

RECENT EVENT PROCEEDS

- Dog Days of Summer \$241.00
- Hatteras Vacation Raffle \$1,840.00
- Heritage Bark In the Park \$219.00
- Macy's Charity Day \$2,688.00
- PetPalooza \$725.00
- Silent Auction \$937.00
- Langley 50/50 Raffle \$544.50 🐾



Dear GRREAT,

I think the very best of human nature is demonstrated when simply the association of Golden Retrievers in one's life has the power to make people more open and friendly. I'd like to give you a prime example.

My wife, Karin, and I are long time foster parents and home evaluators (and transporters, Golden Days attendees, occasional searchers, etc.) for SEVA GRREAT. At the moment, however, I'm a Navy Reservist serving in Kuwait in support of OIF and OEF. I live in the desert in a metal shipping container converted to living space, one of hundreds. The biggest problem with living here is it's hard to make friends with the neighbors. Of course, many of the 500+ servicemembers come into the housing area tired and worn out, with time only to eat chow, call the family for a few minutes, then catch some sleep.

I noticed that several people like to post logos of their units on their doors. As this is an Army base, I knew almost none of these units. But I liked the idea of giving folks a look into my associations. A short while back, I posted a small sign on my door. Within no time, people would stop me and ask about GRREAT. I shook a lot of hands. One sergeant actually asked me if I had a dog in my POD! But all of these people liked to talk about their dogs, past and present. I got to describe the work of an organization dedicated to fostering, caring for, nurturing and finding homes for Golden Retrievers. We discussed the one stray dog we've seen around the camp (definitely NOT a Golden, save for his color, who is very shy of people), and how much we missed our furry friends back home. So the formula to building a friendly community is simple... get everyone to adopt a Golden Retriever!

CDR Mike Pettinger, USNR 🐾

GRREAT STATISTICS

	Jun-Sept '08	Jun/Sept '07
Rescues (Intake)	39	21
Adoptions	27	22
Total GRREAT Dogs	29	11

Paid Memberships: 127 🐾