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## Gracie's Story by Linda Calbreath

My name is Gracie and I'm here to tell you my story. The fact that I can tell you my story is in itself a miracle. I was raised in an awful breeding facility, where I was physically and emotionally abused.



When I was rescued by Jill and her team at True Love rescue I was 30 pounds underweight, and my hair was very thin and coarse and with absolutely no hair on my tail. My teeth hurt from the trauma they had been subjected to and my heart hurt from the trauma I had been through.

When Jill brought me home I didn't trust her or anyone. I curled up in a ball with my heart pounding every time anybody made any sudden moves. But Jill and her husband were patient and very slowly I learned to trust that they would not treat me the way that I had been treated for eight years prior. Just when I was beginning to trust them, I went to this scary place where they stuck needles in me, pulled my teeth out and cut me open. And once again, I had to learn to trust.

One day, this lady and man came to our house. I was afraid of them, but they kept offering me treats and gentle words, and I decided I liked them OK. But then they put me in their car and took me away from my beloved Jill!

# WOOF WAG & WINE



## BUBBLES & Bow Ties

## SEPT 16TH 2023 11AM-3PM

TO BUY TICKETS  
GO TO  
[TRUELOVERESCUE.ORG](http://TRUELOVERESCUE.ORG)

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Once again I was terrified and for a day and a half I just curled up pressed against the couch and wouldn't move. But these people were very patient and gentle and slow. And slowly, I learned to trust these people as well.

I now call these people mom and dad and I also have a brother and sister (rescue dogs). They started taking me out on walks. I was terrified every time we encountered other people pulling as hard as I could to get away. But I learned to follow mom's lead and step aside when other walkers approached us. Next mom took me to this place with wonderful smells, trees and a creek. I was afraid of the creek because I had never seen running water and avoided it even when I was very hot and thirsty. But mom was patient and after 6 weeks I came to love it.

My life has completely changed. The park is 10 miles long and I go hiking and swimming three to four days a week.

My mom has two 13 year old granddaughters who dote on me 3-4 days a week and have taught me so much. And they take me on adventures like a recent Community Halloween costume contest. It was scary at first but I came to enjoy it. I'm still nervous when dad stands up because he reminds of my tormentors but I now beg him to pet me when he is sitting in his chair and I cannot seem to get enough. And I am getting more comfortable with him every day.

I am so grateful to Jill and all the people who collaborated to give me a happy life. I wish there were more people like her in this world.



## Finding Bruno *by Ryan Ruley*



My wife Amanda and I got married in June 2022 and were wanting to rescue a golden retriever to add to our family we just started. Golden retrievers have always been my favorite dog growing up so Amanda and I reached out to True Love Rescue. After completing the application process, we spoke with Cheryl and told her our story. We quickly began chatting regularly about finding a young dog that suited us.

While in Tahoe, where Amanda and I got engaged, Cheryl called me and said she had two 6 months old puppies that she wanted us to meet. We packed things up the next morning and rushed home to meet the pups. Bruno immediately slumped into our arms where we then looked at each other and knew we had to bring him home. Bruno has been the best addition to our family we could ever ask for.

Bruno loves playing with my parents 1 year old golden retriever Max. They were best friends from day 1. Bruno also loves going on walks, hikes, car rides, and anywhere his mommy and daddy go.





## Woof, Wag & Wine 2023: Bubbles & Bow Ties



It's almost time for our annual fundraiser event Woof, Wag & Wine. This year the theme is Bubbles & Bowties. Our event takes place in Lodi on September 16th from 11am-3pm. Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased on our website. This year we are offering a discount if you buy a table that seats 8 for \$320 (or \$40 per person.)

We are so excited to welcome back our wine sponsors Adkins Family Vineyard and Rescue Dog Wines. They will be pouring some delicious wines for our guests to try. Wine tasting is included with your ticket.



Our Silent Auction returns this year and will be better than ever. There will be a wide variety of themed baskets this year. Our volunteers have been working hard securing fun experiences for the auction. We will have a Pebble Beach Golf & Monterey Plaza Hotel gift cards and a stay at the McCaffrey House Bed & Breakfast in Twain Hart. You can also try your luck at our raffle. As usual, we will have a nice selection of baskets.

And probably the best reason to come to our event ... loads of Golden Retrievers running around living their best lives.

All of the proceeds from our event go directly to helping dogs. Your generosity is how True Love Rescue continues to give dogs the better home that they deserve.

Tickets can be purchased on our website at <https://trueloverescue.org/woof-wag-wine/>



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## Play Date 2023: Recap of Reunion

True Love Rescue has been inundated with puppies this past year. We have shut down several puppy mills and, in many cases, we have been able to get both puppies and mothers out. We recently had a Play Date to reunite the puppies that have made their way through True Love Rescue. Of course, all dogs were invited and it was fun day of dogs romping and a BBQ lunch. We had a nice table of silent auction items and were able to raise more money for TLR.

We will be having another Play Date in 2024 and will have more information to follow regarding "Spring Fling" as the date gets closer.

## Adkins Family Vineyards

For the third year in a row True Love Rescue is happy to have Adkins Family Vineyards pour some of their wonderful wines at our upcoming annual Woof Wag & Wine fundraiser event. Winery co-founder Jake Adkins and his wife will attend the event, share stories and introduce many event guests to their beautiful winery property, their relaxing wine tasting patio and stunning concert and wedding venues. We invite you to visit Adkins Family Vineyards in Elk Grove, CA., walk the winery, enjoy indoor/outdoor wine tasting and visit their restaurant on property, the Sheldon Inn.

One of the favorite wines at past events was Adkins' Peach Sparkling Wine with flavors of ripe white peaches, peaches and cream and hints of crisp green apples. We look forward to you adding a real sparkle to our special fundraising day!

[www.adkinsfamilyvineyards.com](http://www.adkinsfamilyvineyards.com)



## Rescue Dog Wines

We were so happy to welcome back Rescue Dog Wines to Woof, Wag & Wine this year. Their mission is dear to our hearts and I am sure to your heart as well. Their mission is to support the placement of as many rescue dogs as possible into loving homes through wine sales and donations. Their business is producing fine wines; their passion is helping rescue dogs.



They are a local company and are pleased to offer a full lineup of wines, many from their sustainable green neighbor's vineyards or their Lodi Rules certified vineyard in Acampo, California. Their commitment is to give 50 percent of their profits to rescue dog and charity organizations. We are so proud they committed to helping True Love Rescue this year and we are excited to see what delicious wines they will bring this year.

[www.rescuedogwines.com](http://www.rescuedogwines.com)

## Ways to Help

### *DONATE*

#### Donations by check

Checks Payable to:  
True Love Rescue  
1040 Kettleman Lane  
Box 140  
Lodi, CA 95240

Donations through Paypal: [tlrgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:tlrgoldens@gmail.com)

#### Donations through Venmo

@TrueLove-Rescue



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### *VOLUNTEER / FOSTER*

Volunteers are needed at Fostering, home visits, and fundraiser events.

Fill out an application to volunteer/foster at  
[www.trueloverescue.org](http://www.trueloverescue.org)

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