

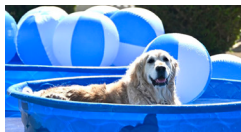
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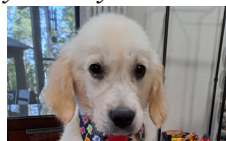
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Woof, Wag & Wine 2025 Recap

Mahalo to everyone who made True Love Rescue's annual Woof, Wag & Wine a sun-splashed success! Our 2025 theme "Aloha: A Golden Tropical Party" turned the day into a festive island getaway filled with wagging tails, bright leis, and community spirit.

By the numbers

- 147 amazing attendees
- 79 playful dogs
- 15 generous donors who supported the event even though they couldn't attend



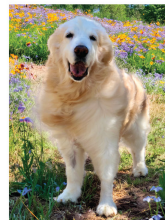
Event highlights

- Crowd-favorite chaos: multiple rounds of the Hot Dog Eating Contest kept smiles wide and tails wagging.
- Live music: The Taylor Chics set the soundtrack with feel-good tunes.
- Fundraising fun: Your bids and lucky streaks powered the silent auction, raffle, and our 50/50 card raffle—all directly supporting Golden Retrievers in need.

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Stay Tuned

TRUE LOVE RESCUE
9TH ANNUAL

Woof, Wag &
Wine 2026



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Community heroes

- Bear Creek High School's Pets & Pals Club returned again this year, lending helping hands for set-up, event support, and break-down.
- Future Farmers of America joined the volunteer crew, keeping everything running smoothly with big hearts and bigger energy. We are deeply grateful for your time, teamwork, and joyful spirit.

From the board

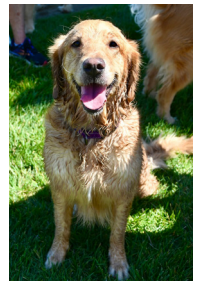
Your generosity translates into medical care, foster support, training, and second chances for Golden Retrievers across our community. Whether you attended, donated from afar, volunteered, or spread the word—thank you for making a real difference.

Want to keep the aloha going?

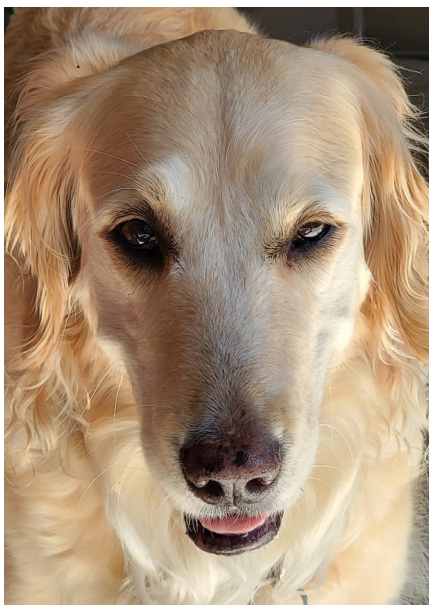
- Share your favorite photos and tag us so we can feature your pups.
- Interested in sponsoring or volunteering next year? Let us know—early support makes a huge impact.

Looking ahead dust off those cowboy hats and pull on your boots:

Woof, Wag & Wine 2026 rides into town for a boot-scootin western hoedown on **September 12th**. We can't wait to trade our leis for lariats and toast another year of second chances. Until then, mahalo for your hearts, your hands, and every wag you helped make possible.



A Heart of Gold by Jeffery Carney



Over three years ago, I was deeply saddened by the passing of my previous Golden Retriever, Sophia. Before long, it became clear that there was an empty place in my heart that only a Golden could fill. I was out walking alone one day, feeling sad, when I met my friend Judy and her wonderful Golden Retriever, Tucker. I mentioned casually that I was hoping to get another Golden. It was a surprise when I got a call a couple of days later from Judy. She said, "I have a friend of a friend who knows where there might be a Golden available." That path led to Jill and True Love Rescue. The odds of it all happening must have been a million to one, but it was meant to be. Soon, I had my Golden girl, Gracie.

Gracie had a rough start to life as a breeder dog in a puppy mill in Taiwan. She had no issues from the past, however, but knew only how to express love. She was very overweight when I got her, but thanks to long walks and a good diet, she lost over twenty pounds. Now every morning starts out with a long walk. It is her favorite part of the day. Most of the people I know in the neighborhood are because of Gracie. Everybody wants to stop and greet her. She is the ultimate goodwill ambassador. She loves all people and all dogs. With her temperament, I

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am going to get her approved to visit nursing homes and those confined to their homes. She has a lot of love to share.

Gracie is my constant companion. I could not have asked for a more perfect dog. She loves to sit on the sofa and cuddle while I'm watching a ballgame. If I sit down to play the guitar, she always comes right over and rests her head on my lap. Wherever I go in the house, she is right there.

After I feed her, she always comes over and kisses me, as if to thank me for her dinner. How did I get so lucky? Honestly, if I made a list of all the traits I wanted in a Golden, Gracie would check every box. I can only say thank you by trying to show her all the love and affection that she has shown me. A lot of what I have learned about life and love, I have learned from Gracie. I call her, "Amazing Gracie!" It has been three years since we adopted her, and they have been among the happiest years of my life. I cannot imagine life without Gracie. Today, she is a happy, healthy girl, and living her best life.



In closing, I would like to encourage you to do two things. If you know someone who could use a little Golden love in their life, urge them to reach out to True Love Rescue. Also, consider making a donation to this organization. They do wonderful work. There is a lot of love and joy for both the dogs and the adopters.

How did I get so lucky? All I know is, Gracie has a heart of Gold!

Beautiful Bodi *by Melody Martorano*



We rescued our beautiful Bodi one and a half years ago and it is honestly "True Love." Bodi is our 3rd Golden Retriever and has not disappointed us yet with the typical "personality" that goldens have. True Love Rescue has a wonderful facility where the dogs they rescue have plenty of room to run, play, relax and enjoy all the comforts of a relaxing life. We were very impressed with how happy the puppy's were and how the litters each were placed together with their own pool, toys and beds. It was very easy to sit with the puppies and see who liked us the best instead of who we liked the best. We went to get a little



girl and ended up with a boy, as he seemed to like us. It was a perfect fit. We also want to thank True Love Rescue for increasing our vocabulary to include these almost daily phrases..."What is in your mouth", "Leave that kitty alone", "Put your 100 toys away", "Drop It", "Does the Chihuahua look like she wants to play", "Leave the deer alone", "I can stuff a pillow with all your shedding hair". Next time you are looking for a new family member we highly recommend True Love Rescue.



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Volunteer *Spaw*tlight : Pets & Pals and Future Farmers of America



At Bear Creek High School, the spirit of service shines bright through the student-led club, “Pets & Pals.” This dedicated group of animal lovers is committed to making a difference in the lives of furry companions in their community. From crafting delicious dog biscuits to assisting local animal shelters with fundraising events, their efforts showcase a passion for care and compassion towards animals in need.

Recently, Pets & Pals and Tokay Future Farmers of America (FFA), a group of enthusiastic students eager to support animal causes joined forces and helped True Love Rescue at their annual fundraiser Woof, Wag & Wine. Around 10 students from Pets & Pals and 20 FFA students volunteered their time and energy. Together, they helped ensure the event was a resounding success because of their shared commitment to animal welfare.



The FFA students brought their agricultural expertise and enthusiasm to the event, assisting with various tasks while connecting with community members who share their love for animals. Their involvement not only enhanced the event’s operations but also helped raise awareness for local animal charities.

Both Pets & Pals and Tokay FFA show that youth can lead the way in fostering a compassionate community. Their collaborative efforts exemplify what it means to give back, and they inspire others to join in caring for the animals that enrich our lives.

If you’re interested in supporting local animal causes or learning more about these inspiring groups, consider reaching out to Pets & Pals at Bear Creek High School or the Tokay FFA. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our four-legged friends!

Ways to Help

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Box 140
Lodi, CA 95240

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