

FEATURED FOSTER DOG: SEQUOIA

Sequoia has the quintessential Golden Retriever beauty and personality. She is one of the most gentle, loving, trusting dogs you will ever meet!



Sequoia came to the attention of our intake coordinator as a Golden who had been abandoned in a house after her family moved and left her behind. We discovered that although someone was coming by periodically to feed her, she was left in an empty house, alone. Unfortunately, Sequoia has not had a stable family or place to stay. She was not well supervised as a puppy and was allowed to eat rat poison, which we suspect caused permanent neurological damage and left her with grand mal seizures. Her former family did not have the resources to care for her and follow up with twice yearly bloodwork and seizure medication. After she was left alone when they moved, they agreed to turn her over to SEVA GRREAT.

After being turned over into our care, we quickly realized that Sequoia needed medical intervention, as she had not been stabilized on her medication. She began to have cluster grand mal seizures. After emergency veterinary care on more than one occasion, our vets were able to stabilize Sequoia with two medications and with spaying her to cut down on the contribution of hormonal changes. She now takes those daily, and although she continues to have seizures occasionally, she is stable, happy, and very much loved.

Sequoia has such a wonderful personality and disposition, we hope that she will find a family that can look past her medical problem and see her beautiful spirit. If you are considering making Sequoia a part of your family, please fill out an adoption application at <http://www.adoptagolden.org/download/adoptionform.htm> and mention Sequoia's name. She is exceptionally gentle, and gets along well with dogs, cats, kids, and everyone she meets. She also has a beautiful, light blonde coat that makes her look like an angel. If you have a special heart to help Sequoia, we would appreciate any financial contributions that can be sent to the SEVA GRREAT PO BOX and earmarked for her care. Thanks to SEVA GRREAT's wonderful volunteers, vet staff, and financial contributors, Sequoia will have good medical care and a loving environment for the rest of her life.

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LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION

Recently we received an email from our friends at the Virginia Beach SPCA regarding animal welfare legislation being introduced in the Virginia Legislature. Currently there are over two dozen bills that are related to animals including dog fighting, tethering, and regulation of puppy mills. To keep informed, visit <http://legis.state.va.us/>. Call, email or write your local representative and let them know how you feel about these issues. Also, let the VB SPCA know that you have contacted your Delegate or Senator and, if possible, join them in attending a session of The General Assembly. ☺



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