



Volunteer Opportunities

This is a partial list of volunteer opportunities. We hope you will find tasks that interest you and will allow you to use your skills in helping us with our mission.

- In-Home Interviews -- All adoption applications require an In-Home Interview. We physically need to meet the family and see the home, yard, fencing, and other pets. This helps insure the dog's well being and the placement of the right dog for each family.
- Fostering – We work very hard to place all of our dogs in foster homes prior to being adopted. We believe the home environment is critical to the evaluation of the dog's personality, energy level and family friendliness (i.e. cats, dogs, children). Fostering takes a special kind of volunteer and it is not right for everyone. NOTE: If you only want to foster, just fill out the Foster Home application, not the Volunteer Application.
- Events – Our ongoing events include our SCGRR adoption events and occasional presence at air shows, pet gatherings, or all-rescue events such as Best Friends. Our focus is on getting rescued dogs adopted, achieving public exposure of our rescue, recruiting volunteers, and fundraising. One or two volunteers coordinate each event and other volunteers help transport and handle dogs or greet visitors.
- Transporting Dogs – We always need volunteers to move dogs from one place to another---to/from vets, events, during intakes, and occasionally from one foster to another. Transport usually takes place during the day or on weekends.
- Monitoring Shelter Websites – Volunteers monitor shelter websites several times per day and notify the appropriate Board Member of Golden Retrievers who may need our help.
- Fundraising – We need volunteers who can do everything from baking cookies to writing grant applications for large funding sources, and everything in between. If you have creative ideas on fundraising, we really need you!
- Socializing Dogs – Walking, exercising, and playing with Goldens who are temporarily boarded due to lack of foster homes.
- Intakes – Intake volunteers pull dogs from various shelters, sometimes involving a "lottery" to determine who gets the dog, and respond to owners who have to turn their dog in to us (OTIs). OTI volunteers must evaluate the dog as being a purebred Golden, and for human aggressive-ness, obvious medical issues, or other behavioral issues, then transport the dog to a foster home or boarding facility.



- "Repping" – The rep is the dog's agent and part of the placement team (rep, foster, and home interviewer) that determines the most appropriate home for a dog. The rep is responsible for managing the dog's medical care (vaccinations, spay/neuter) if required, developing the dog's bio and pictures for the website, keeping in touch with the foster home for progress updates, ensuring the dog presence at adoption events, responding to inquiries, and actively pursuing the most appropriate home for the dog.

- Special Projects – Quarterly newsletter, eBay auctions, garage sales, writing promotional material, pursuing discounts with veterinarians, taking heart-warming pictures of our Golden Retrievers, assisting with back-office tasks such as database maintenance—these are just a few of the many special projects and tasks we need volunteer help with.

- Committee Participation – SCGRRescue has five committees to help accomplish all the tasks required in a rescue organization and to help achieve our mission. Each committee has a Board member liaison. The committees are:
 - Fundraising Committee: Grants, merchandise sales (eBay auction, garage sale), donation programs (subscription donations, raffles, web-based programs such as Sponsor a Golden), thank-you notes
 - Volunteers Committee: Recruitment, application review, selection, training, assignments, job descriptions
 - PR/Marketing Committee: Promotional materials, recruitment materials (volunteers, fosters, veterinarians), Events Coordinator, newsletter assistance
 - Fosters Committee: Recruitment, selection, training, paperwork administration, dog placement, monitoring
 - Program Committee: Intake evaluation (shelters/OTIs), adoptions (applications, reps, follow-up), in-home interview monitoring, Transportation Coordinator, procedures