

09-107 Maggie

Foster Home: MH			
Status: Behavior Hold	Age: 11 years	Weight: 63 lbs	Color: Red
Mix: No	Housetrained: Yes	Crate Trained: No	
Good w/ Children: Yes		Good w/ Seniors: Yes	
Good w/ Dogs: Yes		Good w/ Cats: Yes	
Special Needs: Hip Dysplasia			
Reason for Surrender: Moving			

July 21, 2010

On the medical side of the house, I took Maggie in to get some lumps checked out on her back legs. They appeared to be fatty tumors and aspirates confirmed this. Due to their location, they may cause some mobility issues in the future, but as of now, they will not need to be removed. She does not like the heat and humidity, but other than that, the glucosamine is keeping her moving without too much discomfort. On the behavioral side, the warmer weather has brought some concerns. Maggie has always been somewhat unpredictable in what dogs she likes and doesn't like, and now that she is outside more, it has become more problematic. She is reactive on leash, in small spaces, in the car and along the fence line. Maggie has issues with my neighbor's dog. It can take several minutes to calm her down. Now that there is a solid fence (replaced the chain link) she and the other dog will still react through the little slits, but it is much more subdued and Maggie will sometimes come off to play with her tennis ball. It is becoming more manageable.



March 27, 2010

It's been a while since I updated, but not much has changed. Maggie's hair is growing back nicely and she continues to entertain me with her antics and personality. If she's not chasing after a tennis ball, she's playing chase with the cats (who enjoy teasing her). If one of my dogs steals her ball, she just looks at me to do something about it. She gets along with some dogs but not with others on initial meeting. This will always have to be carefully managed. She's definitely enjoying the snow being gone as moving around the yard is much easier for her. My young niece and nephew absolutely love her and she loves them right back. I continue to look for the right home for her. She has a lot to give to the right family.

January 12, 2010

The biopsy of the mass removed was determined to be a trichoepithelioma. This is when skin cells differentiate into hair follicles for an unknown reason. Complete excision should be curative, so Maggie should not have any recurrence of this mass. Her incision has healed beautifully, as well as the other sites where she had lumps removed. Now we just need her hair to grow back.



She is ready for adoption and I will start looking shortly. She will be 11 on Feb. 4th, and I still can't believe how great of shape and lively she is for her age. She can be reactive at first to new dogs, so whoever adopts her will need to be very cautious with this. Once she becomes used to the situation, she is wonderful with other dogs. She is not a dog that should go to dog parks or be taken to busy areas with lots of dogs in. She gets a little scared in these surroundings.



Because of her hips, she needs shorter, more frequent exercise and needs to avoid lots of stairs or trudging through snow or brush. Exercise is vital, as well as keeping her weight low, in order to keep muscle mass in her back legs so her hips don't bother her too much. Swimming would be wonderful for her, but she hasn't had the opportunity to do it, so not sure how well she'll like it. She should also continue to be on a daily glucosamine and fish oil supplement in addition to her food. She would love to have the right golden buddy to live with and also loves cats.

December 31, 2009

Maggie has a fatty tumor on her side that ruptured just before coming into GRRoW. It ruptured again in foster care about 6 weeks later, so we did some biopsies. Pathology report stated "chronic inflammatory condition" and since it would very likely keep rupturing, GRRoW decided to remove it.



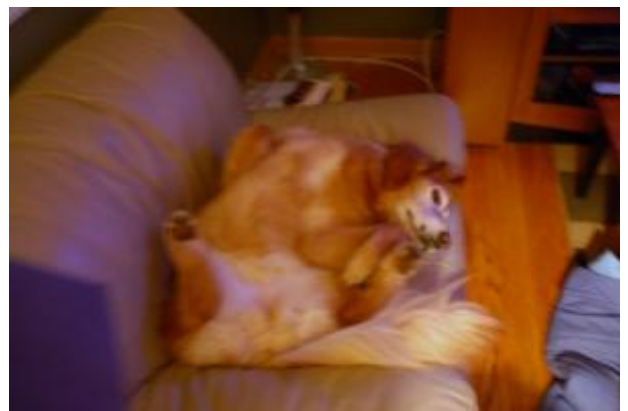
Maggie is currently recovering very nicely. We also had a small cyst on her eyelid and a large skin tab on her chin removed. I have to keep the cone on her continually or she will scratch her face and lick her legs raw where they were shaved for the IV. Other than that, you would never know she had surgery. She continues to bring me the tennis ball in the house and bark for me to throw it. She is quite the character and I'm amazed by her large personality and overwhelming happy attitude. Watching her chase after my two guys through the snow is such a delight.

November 23, 2009



It is very difficult to believe Maggie is almost 11 with hip dysplasia by her attitude. She is very playful with both my dogs and cats and is a very happy dog all the time. She settled in immediately and decided the leather chair in the living room was going to be her "spot". She occasionally asks to sleep on the bed, but needs a little help getting the back end up. Same with the car. She wants so desperately to go out for runs with the rest of us, but is happy with a couple treats when I have to leave her home.

She absolutely loves to play chase me with tennis balls...she doesn't do fetch. She swallowed a sock this past summer before coming into GRRoW, so I have been careful to keep items put away. She will steal my slippers and parade them around when I'm not looking and as all goldens, needs to have something in her mouth when she's excited or happy. She also has to be watched around food... she had no problem getting



up on the counter to eat two pieces of pizza (my lunch) while I ran to the other room to get the phone. Only evidence left was the paper plate on the floor and her licking her lips.

Her vet visit went well and other than the hip dysplasia, she is in really good shape for her age. She has the thickest coat I have ever seen on a golden and looks like a bear. She is a wonderful girl and a joy to have around.



November 1, 2009

Maggie 09-107 came into GRRoW.