

# Wisconsin Adopt a Golden Retriever Holiday Appeal 2024

Dear Friends of WAAGR,

Happy Holidays to you all! If you've adopted a dog from us, attended one of our many events, or donated time or money in the past, you know the impact we strive to make every year. It's quite simple: rescue, rehabilitate and rehome dogs. But of course, it's never that simple. We see unimaginable cases that make us want to work even harder to save as many dogs as possible.



We've brought in quite a few retired breeding dogs, many of which came with medical, emotional or behavioral challenges. These cases typically require the use of certified vet clinics, professional trainers and animal behaviorists which can drive up our costs. That is where we look to our network of incredible donors for help. Every challenge is an opportunity for our network of volunteers and friends to change the lives of these less fortunate dogs.

While we would love to share the stories of all of the rescued dogs, we decided to narrow it down to just three: Aurora, Mar and Nova. Each of these special girls are on their way to having a healthy and happy life because of the generosity of our donors.

**AURORA #24052** is a one year old female who was found in the basement of an abandoned home in Milwaukee. Her matted fur was covered in dirt or worse and she weighed just 28 pounds. For perspective, a typical adult female golden should weigh about 55 pounds. After a trip to the vet and groomer, this sweet-tempered girl was placed in a foster home. A balanced diet with nutritional supplements paired with the love and patience of her new family have put her on the road to recovery. Her fur-ever family says she is loving her new life, especially all the attention she's getting from her human sibling. Below are her before and after pictures, which were taken only three months apart. Look at that beautiful girl, now!



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**MAR #24023** is a three year old female mix: part Puerto Rican, part sweetheart. She was surrendered by her owner when they had to move. She has overcome remarkable obstacles including Florida Eye (a condition caused by tropical fire ants) and debilitating noise sensitivity. Mar first arrived in March at her foster home. Due to her eye condition, she requires regular checkups to monitor whether it's progressing. Mar's heart beats for people, she's gentle with older children and craves snuggles. We believe the ideal life for Mar is in a serene setting where she can roam, chase critters, and bask in belly rubs, walks and car rides. Are you the right home for her? Apply to adopt today!




**NOVA #24018** Nova came into rescue in February, a scared, 4-month-old puppy. While she enjoyed playing with her foster mom's resident dogs, it was clear she was afraid of people. Any time a person got too close, she would cower and tuck her tail. She did not like to be pet and she wouldn't seek out affection. Her foster mom knew if she couldn't help her feel safe around humans, the chance of finding her forever home was slim. Over time, she built trust by teaching Nova that humans are the source of all good things. With consistency, and tasty treats of course, Nova began realizing that she was safe with her foster mom. Over time, Nova gained confidence and began going on walks. After seven months in foster care, she finally found a home of her own. Her new family is so patient with her and loves how sweet she is. They take her on regular outings to parks, trails, and beaches. Nova is thriving in her new home and her family loves her so much. From frightened puppy to happy dog, Nova is a true rescue story. Sometimes, it just takes a bit of time, consistency and love.





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Thank you to all our donors, volunteers and animal advocates for making these smiles possible .

## *3 Easy Ways to Help Make a Huge Difference*

1. Donate online, simply visit our website at [www.waagr.org](http://www.waagr.org) and click on the donation tabs.
2. Provide a check and mail it to:  
**WAAGR, 12605 WEST NORTH AVE #285, BROOKFIELD, WI 53005**
3. Scan our QR code below to take you directly to our donation page.



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**Looking to get involved? We're always looking for volunteers, fosters, transporters and more!  
Visit our website and make a difference for these pups!**