We love to see tails wagging!

Wisconsin Adopt a Golden Retriever is an all volunteer/member Golden Retriever rescue organization serving Wisconsin and parts of Illinois. WAAGR was established in September 2004 and was given 501(c)(3) status in February 2005. Our first dog came in during the first week of May 2005.

In recent years purebred Goldens, and even mixed-breed Goldens, have become hard to find. This is a phenomenon that Golden rescues all over the country are finding. Therefore, in times of need, and when Goldens are in short supply, WAAGR opens its door to other breeds.

Did you know...
WAAGR spends approximately $688 per dog that we help! Adoption fees help offset the cost of rescue, but donations and fundraising efforts are important for the group to fulfill its mission.

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These are just a few of the dogs WAAGR has helped since we started. Want to learn more about us? Keep reading inside!
WAAGR was established in 2004 to provide rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing services for Golden Retrievers and golden mixes that have lost their homes.

You may be asking yourself “where do WAAGR’s Goldens come from?” One place is shelters. Another is from families that surrender them. Others come in as strays. Finally, some may come from hoarding or puppy mill situations, or other cases where their lives are in danger. Whatever the reason, we are here to help make the re-homing process a smooth one for that deserving dog!

The volunteers in our group have many years of rescue experience. In addition to opening our homes to foster the dogs that come in, we continue to help our adoptive families long after the adoption is finalized. If families ever have questions about their new family member, we’re always here to help. We want your experience to be a positive one - for you and your new furry family member!

Volunteers anyone?

Then raise your paw (or your hand!)

WAAGR is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in many ways. Maybe you would love to welcome a Golden through fostering. Perhaps transporting a dog to its foster or forever home is more your style. Or, maybe meeting new adoptive families through home visits is more up your alley. Whatever your desire is, we can always use extra hands to help out! Our list of ways to get involved are on our Web site, under the Get Involved page.

Active volunteer members typically put in a minimum of four hours per month. But we - and the Goldens - appreciate whatever time you can afford to give us. Many of our volunteers have been involved in rescue for years and are happy to show newcomers the ropes.

Can’t volunteer, but you would like to help?

You don’t have time to volunteer, but you would like to help? We need you too! There are many ways to support our rescue. You can tell your Golden-loving friends, families and co-workers about WAAGR. We will have fundraising events throughout the year that you might like to attend, in-cluding our Summer golf outing or our Golden Opportunities entertainment and silent auction fundraiser in the Fall. Perhaps you have some spare change you would like to throw in our donation canister at one of our events. Or you can fill out the form on the back of this page and mail it back with a tax-deductible donation. You can also select WAAGR as your charity of choice at Smile.Amazon.com. Help us simply by shopping!

Without the generosity our people like you, we could not do what we do to help Goldens and their furry friends in need. WAAGR is an entirely volunteer-run rescue, so all the contributions we receive go to the rehabilitation services we provide for the Goldens in our care and the operation of the organization. The biggest thing you can do to help our group is if you are looking to adopt a Golden Retriever, please consider WAAGR. We get in all sizes, ages and personalities of Goldens, and do our best to match the perfect dog to the perfect family!

WAAGR—The Golden Retriever Rescue for Golden Retriever Lovers