



ANNUAL REPORT

2022



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OUR MISSION

**RAGOM rescues, fosters, and finds
forever homes for Golden Retrievers
and Golden mixes in need.**

**RAGOM serves Minnesota,
North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa,
and western Wisconsin.**

LOOKING BACK AT 2022

325

dogs were in our care

302

dogs were adopted
(some were still in our care
at the end of the year)

193

dogs rescued from
commercial breeding life

3

dogs rescued from
other countries

1,647

applications to adopt
the dogs in our care

\$1,090

average veterinary
cost per dog

4

sanctuary dogs lived out
their lives lovingly cared for
by RAGOM foster families



LOLA 22-220

CELEBRATING EVERY SECOND CHANCE

We cheered when some of the dogs in our care who required special adopters found their forever families.

Butch and Buddy came to us as bonded littermates when their owner became too sick to care for them. Butch and Buddy were best friends that needed to find a forever home together. They play tug-of-war, wrestle and chase balls together. It was apparent they adored each other and found the company of each other to be quite comforting. The boys came to us well-socialized and spent time with their foster family working on manners. Their foster home quickly discovered that Butch LOVES tennis balls! He carried around his collection and even kept a few tucked into his bed at night. Buddy is cuddlier than his brother. He would happily forgo a walk in order to spend time snuggling and watching TV.

Butch and Buddy found their forever home where Buddy can snuggle on the couch to his heart's content and their adopters will keep throwing tennis balls for Butch.



BUTCH 22-308 AND BUDDY 22-309



RAJAH 22-051

Like bonded pairs, dogs with ongoing medical needs require special adopters, and we celebrate when we find the right match. Rajah 22-051 came to RAGOM in March 2022 from a shelter, where she had a seizure. She was put on preventive medication at that time and has not had one seizure since. We are so grateful that her medical condition seems to be well under control.

During the time that Rajah was with her foster family, she became much calmer and more settled. Initially, Rajah would bark when she was ready to go outside; after time, she started to nudge her foster family when she was ready for her evening walk and to go to bed. After spending almost a year in foster care, Rajah found her forever family that can manage her medical needs and makes sure she gets plenty of car rides and snuggles.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING RESCUE

We rescued 193 dogs from commercial breeding life, restoring their health, building their confidence, and healing their souls.

2022 was the year that many families returned to school in person, went back to work in the office, and started traveling again. One of the consequences of returning to pre-COVID living was that the demand for puppies fell. Commercial breeders suddenly had too many dogs and wanted to offload them as quickly as possible.



MAGGIE (REGAN 22-210)

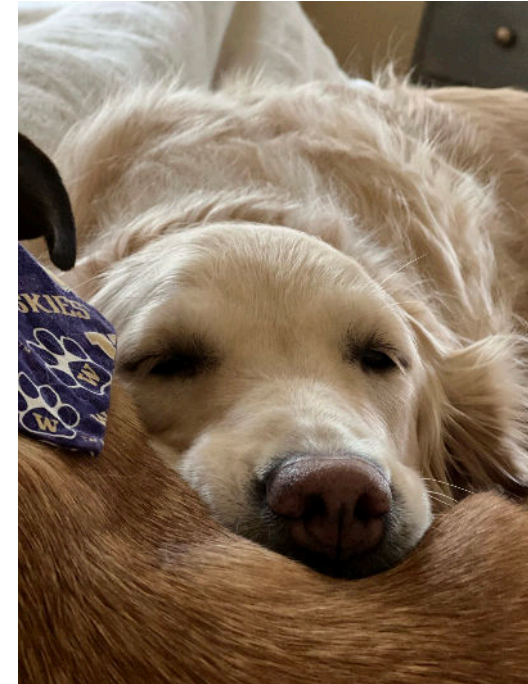
In July, we rescued 29 dogs, including Maggie (Regan 22-210), from a Minnesota breeder that was shutting down operations. Maggie found her forever home in November 2022 where she has a dog sister to pal around with and a family that loves her.

Her foster family remembers when Maggie came to them in August 2022:

When we went to pick her up from the temp foster, she wouldn't make eye contact with us. She let us pet her, but she wouldn't move; we had to go to her. Once we got her to our house, we saw her immediately connect with both of our resident dogs. Maggie still wasn't super interested in us, but she followed them without hesitation. She took the stairs very slowly to our backyard and explored at the same pace. When she came inside, she preferred to lie down by herself in a quiet spot. Sleeping a lot over those first few days, she decompressed. And she would eat every now and then, although not while we were in the same room with her. She was very startled by sudden movements and noises. Being in the house was completely new to her.

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With time and patience, though, Maggie came out of her shell. Outside, she was exuberant. Taking the stairs like a champ, galloping around the yard, and playing with the resident dogs. Her little ears would flop up and down and she would grin as she'd play. Maggie seemed joyful. Inside she was more subdued, but the change was still there. Maggie found a new safe spot in the living room where she could be with her foster family and the dogs. Curled up in her spot, she could take in all the goings on of the house. Maggie gradually became more confident. Noises and movements that initially sent her into a panic no longer phased her. Eating regularly and sleeping peacefully became the norm—she knew she was safe. Her head was up and she would look at us. Maggie was a different dog.





DUCK! (SAWYER 22-261)

The Golden Legacy Circle

is a special group of supporters who have included RAGOM in their estate plans through their will, insurance policy, or retirement account. The support of members ensures that each dog will be welcomed and taken care of, well into the future.

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*in remembrance

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

RUBY (OLIVE 22-376)

2022 BALANCE SHEET

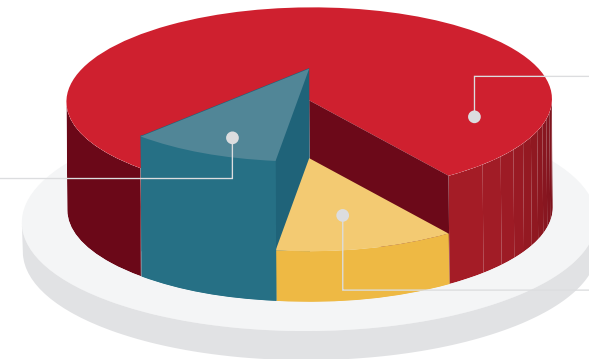
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,168,833
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$45,671
NET ASSETS	\$1,123,162

2022 INCOME STATEMENT

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$688,924

10%
Management



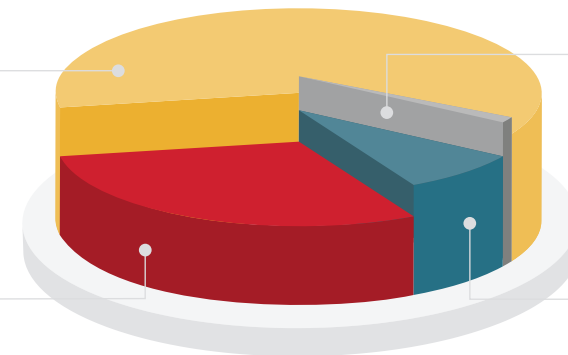
78%
Program

12%
Fundraising

PROGRAM EXPENSE

\$534,144

61%
Veterinary Care



1%
Boarding

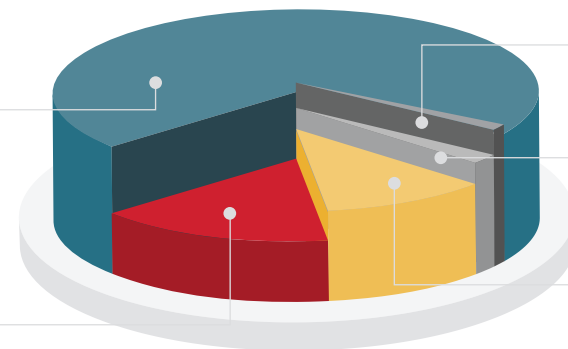
30%
Dog Supplies

8%
Commercial
Breeder Rescue

REVENUE

\$948,757

70%
Contributions



1%
Other Income

16%
Program Revenue
(Adoptions and Applications)

2%
Merchandise Sales/
Investments/Misc

11%
Fundraising Events



STANLEY 22-083



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