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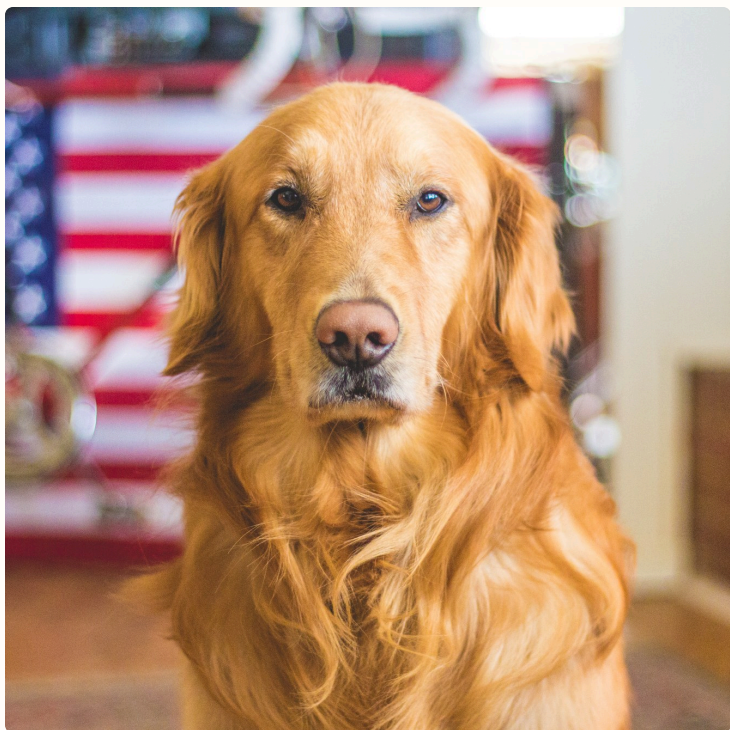
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Every day with you was part of the story.

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Beginning

We drove four hours to a farm in the rain and he was the one who didn't come running; instead, he sat in the doorway and waited for us to come to him. He fell asleep on my lap before we reached the motorway, bringing warmth to our journey together. From 2011 to 2024, he brought sunshine into our lives, often resembling a sun-dog when he was muddy, which was most of the time.



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The Little Things

He found joy in water, whether it was the sea, puddles, the hose, or even a full bath he wasn't invited to, and he had a peculiar preference for only flat, wet tennis balls. Whenever anyone put on a coat, he would carry one shoe to the door, never a pair and never the same one. A long groan would escape him when he lay down, reminiscent of an old man getting into a chair, and I cherished the quiet moments sitting on the back step with him the summer my father was ill, where he simply stayed with his chin on my foot until it got dark.



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Adventures

The first warm Saturday every spring was a delight, as he would swim at the lake until his legs shook, then sleep the whole drive home, a picture of contentment. There was the time he followed a family down the beach for twenty minutes, convinced he'd been reassigned, only to be brought back with a look of disappointment.



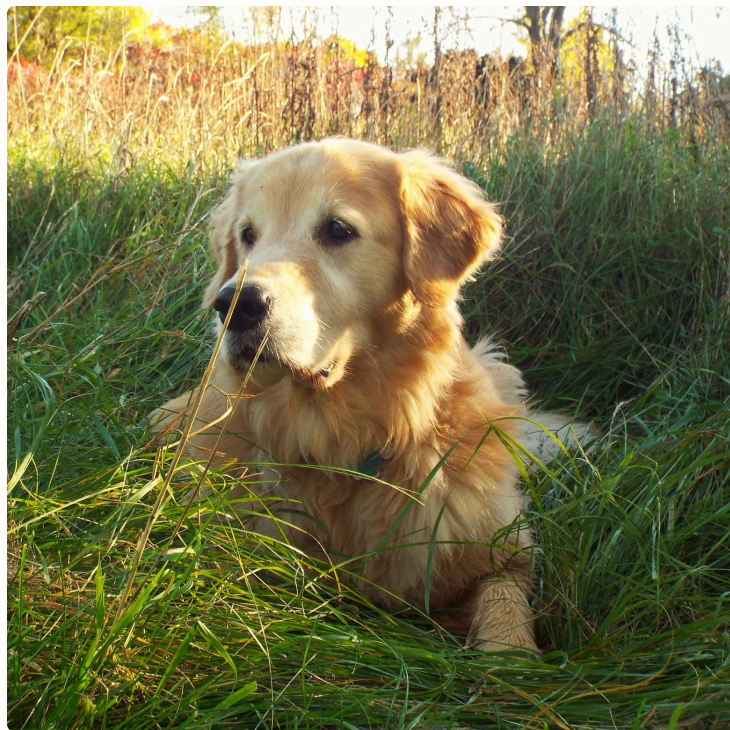
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What You Taught Us

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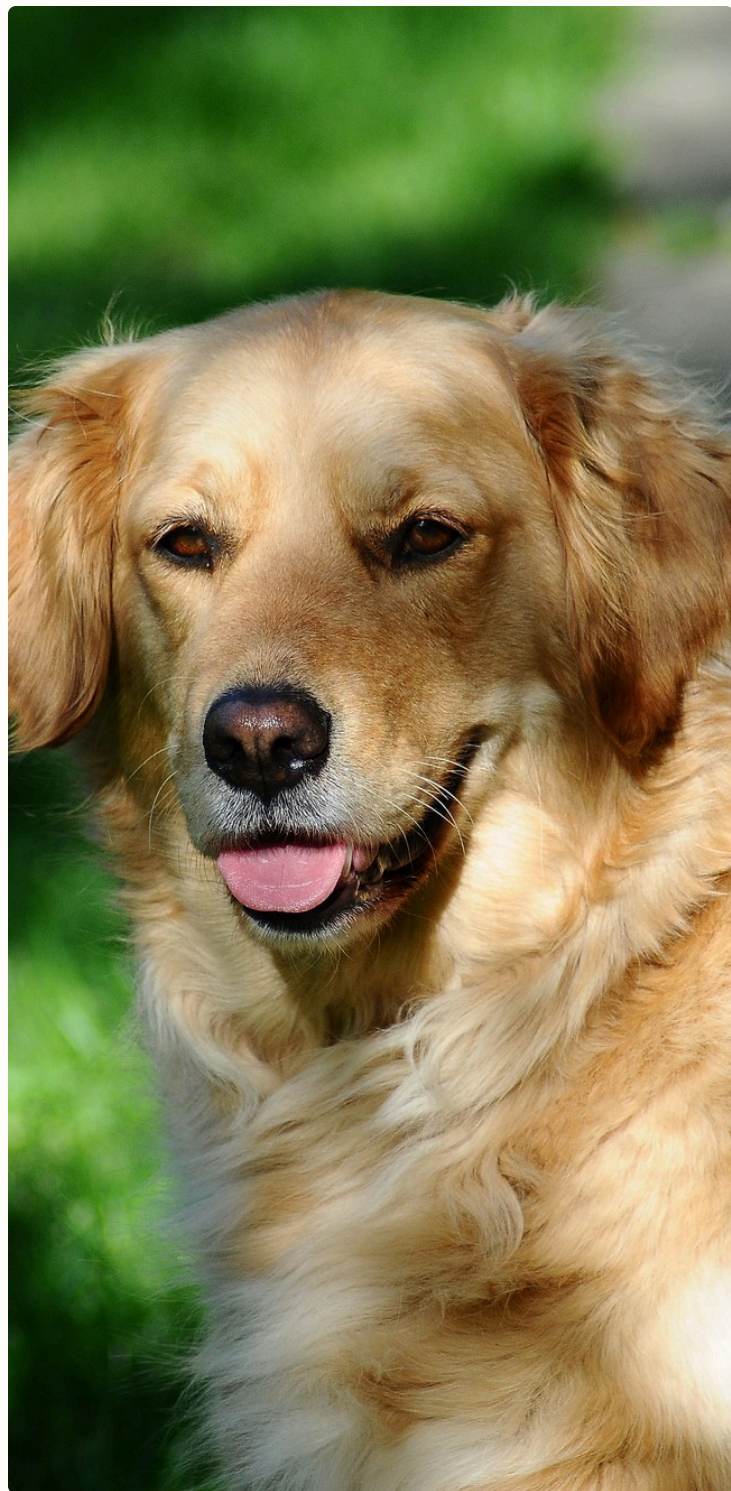
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Goodbye

I can still hear the sound of his tail against the kitchen cupboard when he heard the car. At thirteen, he grew tired, and it was time; we were both with him, and he wasn't frightened, which is the part I hold on to.



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