

NEWS, VIEWS, AND HEROES

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Normally I focus on book reviews but today I want to do something a little different. I recently read about a Golden Retriever in The Washington Post. His name is Duke, and he is an 11 year old senior rescue. Of course he has his own [Instagram site](#). Duke has an unusual habit of stealing things from around his house; pieces of a tea set, books, pretty much anything that is not bolted down. He drags them to his bed to play or cuddle with. Duke does this for every nap and at night so he has something to sleep with.

I also want to shine a spotlight on Jane Goodall, who recently passed away. Ms. Goodall is one of my lifelong heroes. She did so much good in the world. Prior to her passing, she spent time with The Dogist (Elias Weiss Friedman) in Central Park in New York meeting dogs and their people. Mr. Friedman was profiled in our [prior newsletter](#). Anyone that does rescue work or promotes animal welfare and education is a hero of mine. You can watch their [video here](#). For other information on Dr. Goodall, you can watch: [The Hope](#), a National Geographic movie.

Rocky Kanaka is my final hero to recognize. Mr. Kanaka recently published a book called: Sitting with Dogs: Stories of Rescue Dogs Going from Lost to Loved. He rescues dogs from Southern California shelters and focuses on dogs that have been in shelters the longest. One of his trademarks is that he sits with the dogs until they are comfortable with him so he can take them to his farm for rehabilitation. Afterwards he finds them a good home. One of his first dogs was a German Shepherd that showed up at his home one day when he was a child. The first chapter of his new book is about Flip, a boxer, who, as Mr. Kanaka puts it, saved his life by alerting him to a medical emergency. Flip kept bumping into him until he and his wife responded. It turns out Mr. Kanaka was having a stroke and went to the hospital by ambulance. The book is a history of animal rescue and the strides made over the years. He has a [website](#) and a weekly email called: "The Weekly Flip."