



A DOG'S DREAM *Retreat Story*

To date, A Dog's Dream has provided vacations entirely free of charge for three individual teams, and one group. The first group vacation retreat was held over the weekend of August 12-14, in Yachats, OR, and hosted six teams. Another group vacation retreat will be held August 25-27, 2017.

Ginny Esmond and her dog Sweet Peaches was one of the participants at A Dog's Dream Vacation Retreat, 2016. Ginny had been waiting for a kidney transplant for the past 5 years, and was becoming increasingly weak and ill. She barely made it to that retreat, and needed dialysis immediately before and afterwards to be able to do so. Throughout the weekend, Ginny's amazing spirit was obvious to everyone. She managed to take part in everything, even making it down the riverbank and into a kayak, paddling around, and inspiring everyone with her zest for life and adventure. The weekend also gave Ginny energy and courage to keep going and keep hoping. The gift of a new kidney came only a few days after the retreat ended, and all of the people who had come to know and love her so much were cheering her on as she went through surgery and began the recovery process.



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