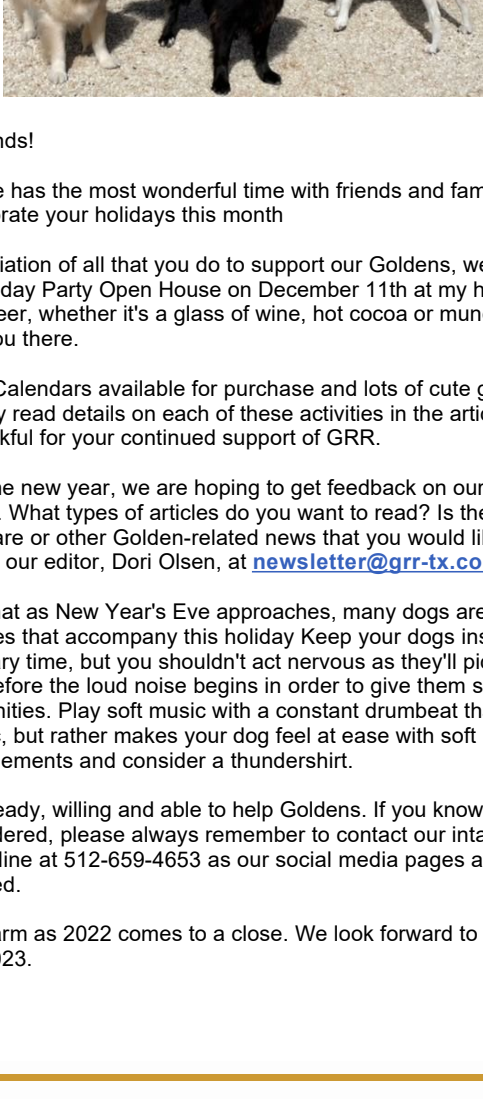


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December 2022

A Message From Our President



Happy holidays friends!

I hope that everyone has the most wonderful time with friends and family, both 2 and 4-legged as you celebrate your holidays this month.

To show our appreciation of all that you do to support our Golden, we hope you can attend the GRR Holiday Party Open House on December 11th at my home. Please stop by for some holiday cheer, whether it's a glass of wine, hot cocoa or munchies. We look forward to seeing you there.

We still have 2023 Calendars available for purchase and lots of cute gift items through the GRR store. You may read details on each of these activities in the articles below. As always, we are thankful for your continued support of GRR.

As we prepare for the new year, we are hoping to get feedback on our Golden Tales newsletter from you. What types of articles do you want to read? Is there information on nutrition, training, care or other Golden-related news that you would like to have us share? Provide feedback to our editor, Dorl Olsen, at newsletter@grr-tx.com.

Please remember that as New Year's Eve approaches, many dogs are fearful of fireworks and other loud noises that accompany this holiday. Keep your dogs inside and comfort them during this scary time, but you shouldn't act nervous as they'll pick up on it. Take them on a stroll before the loud noise begins in order to give them some good enrichment opportunities. Play soft music with a constant drumbeat that's not too loud to drown out the music, but rather makes your dog feel at ease with soft music. Ask your vet about calming supplements and consider a thunder shirt.

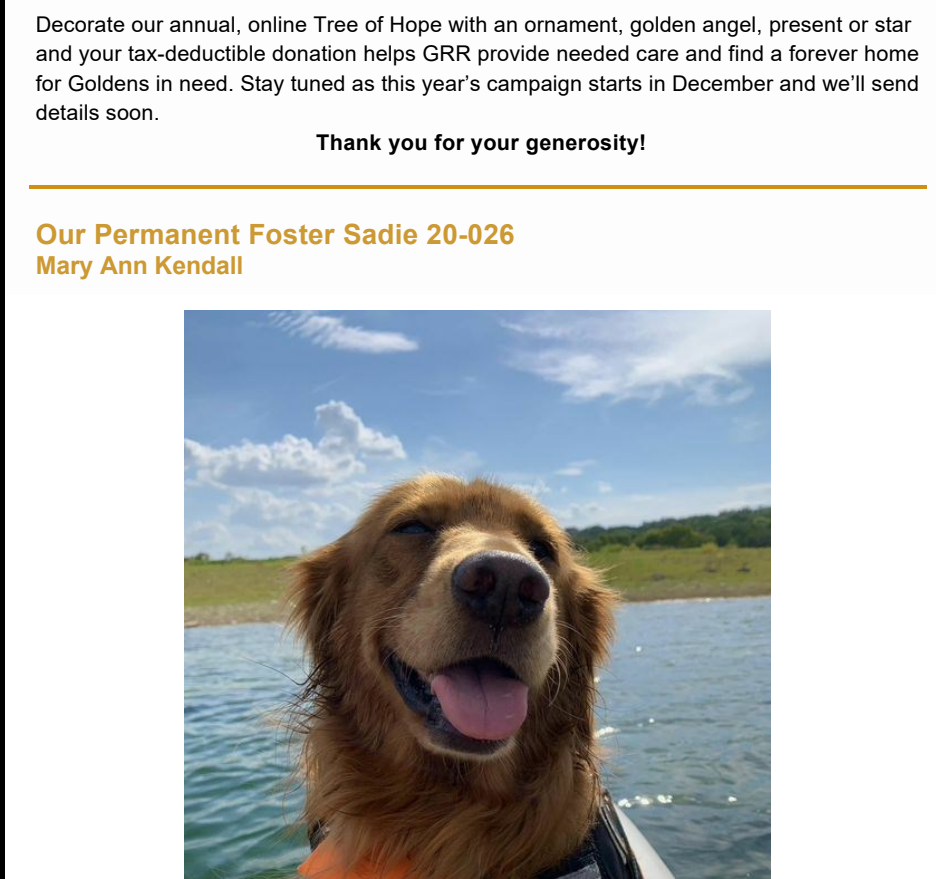
As always, GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden. If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our intake team at IntakeTeam@GRR-TX.com or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

Stay healthy and warm as 2022 comes to a close. We look forward to lots of GRRest things to come in 2023.

Warm regards,
Michelle

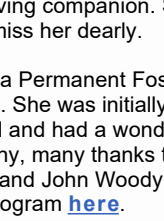
Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the [GRR Board](mailto:GRR.Board@GRR-TX.com) and include [Questions For The Board](mailto:GRR.Board@GRR-TX.com) in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **January 14, 2023**.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good. It's a simple idea that has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people worldwide to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. Whether it's making someone smile, helping someone in need or supporting animals, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.

On Giving Tuesday, we hope you will help provide needed care for incoming rescue Golden. Click [here](#) to make your donation and select General Donation. Thank you for supporting Golden Ribbon Rescue on Giving Tuesday.

Coming in December: The Tree of Hope



Help Make a Difference in the Life of a Golden

Decorate our annual, online Tree of Hope with an ornament, golden angel, present or star and your tax-deductible donation helps GRR provide needed care and find a forever home for Golden in need. Stay tuned as this year's campaign starts in December and we'll send details soon.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Permanent Foster Sadie 20-026

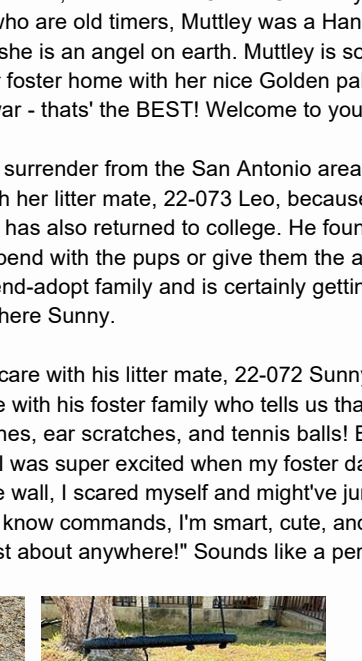
Mary Ann Kendall



So sad to say that we had to say good-bye to our sweet foster Sadie this weekend as she passed the Rainbow Bridge. We took her in with Gold Ribbon Rescue in May of 2020 and found out soon after that she had kidney disease and would not be able to be adopted out. We were blessed to have her for 2 1/2 years longer than was ever predicted. She was the sweetest, the most gentle and loving companion. She never met a stranger. We had such fun times together and we will miss her dearly.

Editor's note: Sadie was designated a Permanent Foster because she wasn't considered adoptable due to her kidney disease. She was initially given a few weeks or months to live, but Sadie didn't know that she was ill and had a wonderful life full of adventure and love with her permanent foster family. Many many thanks to the Kendall family and also Sadie's permanent foster co-sponsors, Ann and John Wooddy and Nancy McGowan. Read more about the GRR Permanent Foster program [here](#).

HOLIDAY PARTY



Artistic GRR Volunteer: Laura Swanson

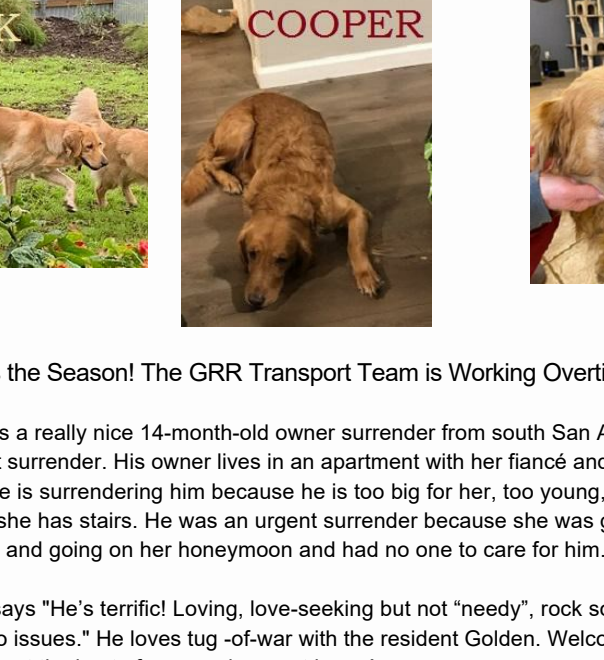
You and a Guest are Invited for Holiday Cheer at the
Gold Ribbon Rescue Holiday Open House

Eat, Sip & Be Merry

Join us on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm
at the
Home of Michelle Goldberg and Bob Benson
2304 Berkshire Way, Cedar Park, TX 78613

Dress is Holiday Casual
This is a human-only event
Please RSVP to Paula or Denise by December 8th

Happy Holidays from Gold Ribbon Rescue

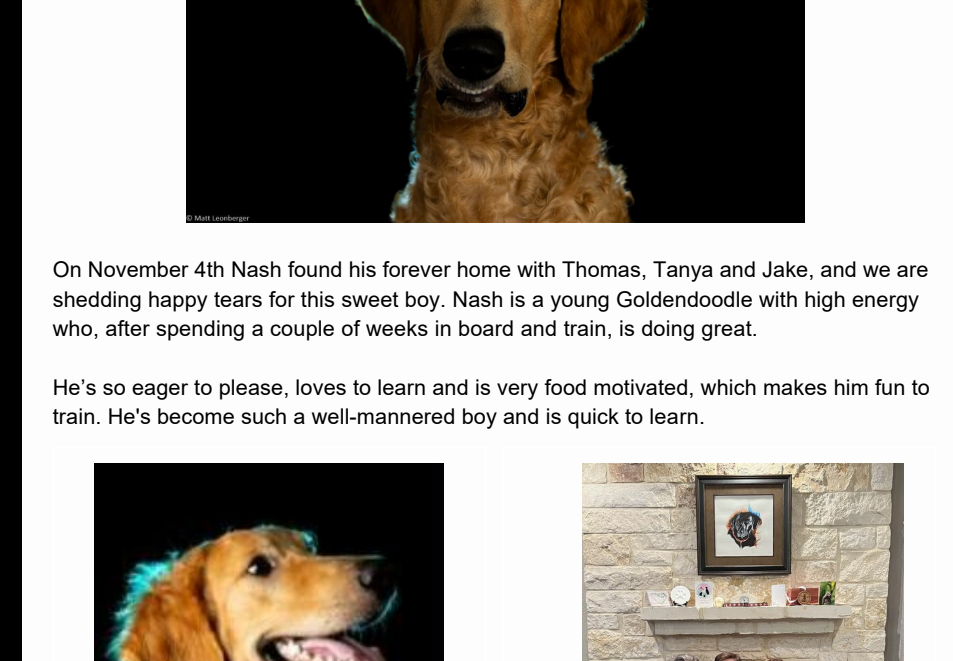


2023 Calendar

Our 2023 calendar is available NOW for [order](#)!

Our 12" x 12" wall calendar features beautiful photos of our Golden Retrievers. Proceeds from the sale of our calendar support our mission of sheltering, rehabilitating and placing Golden Retrievers in loving, permanent homes in Central Texas.

The holidays are almost upon us! The 2023 GRR calendar with 30 photos of our Golden Retrievers would make a fabulous gift for your favorite Golden lover.



OFFER IS AVAILABLE THROUGH NOVEMBER 28TH ONLY! DON'T WAIT!

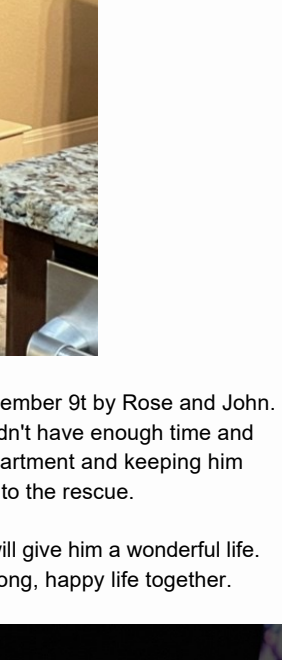
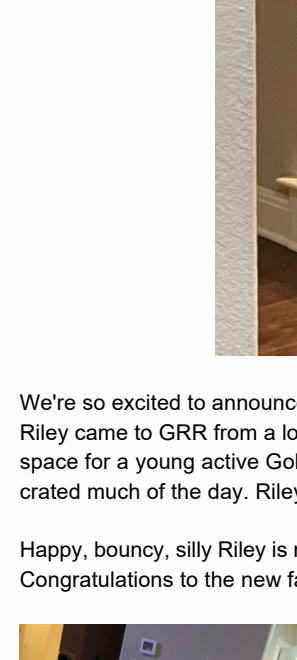
The Holidays are almost here! Get gifting at the GRR Store and enjoy selecting the perfect gift for your favorite Golden lover. Happy Holidays!

To see the new gift-worthy items and to order, click [here](#).

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

Look Who's Here!

Our November GRR Arrivals



22-071 Mutley is a beautiful sweet and loving 9-year-old girl. Her previous owner referred to her as Mutley Gal and it stuck, but there is NOTHING Mutley about her! She is beautiful. For those of us who are old timers, Mutley was a Hanna-Barbera cartoon character. Her foster says she is an angel on earth. Mutley is somewhat visually impaired, but she is doing well in her foster home with her nice Golden pal helping her to navigate. Balls are nice, but tug-of-war - that's the BEST! Welcome to your new life as a GRR Girl!

22-072 Sunny is an owner surrender from the San Antonio area. She is 9 months-old and was surrendered along with her litter mate, 22-073 Leo, because the owner lives in an apartment, now works and has also returned to college. He found that he just didn't have enough time or space to spend with the pups or give them the attention that they deserve. Sunny is with her foster-pend-adopt family and is certainly getting lots of love and attention now. We're so glad you're here Sunny.

22-073 Leo arrived in our care with his litter mate, 22-072 Sunny, both of whom are 9 months old. He is loving life with his foster family who tells us that Leo says "I'm super chill and love pets, belly scratches, ear scratches, and tennis balls! Boy do I love tennis balls! I'm also a big scardy cat. I was super excited when my foster dad got home and when my tail beat happily against the wall. I scared myself and might've jumped a little. I'm very timid until I warm up to people. I know commands, I'm smart, cute, and super easy according to my fosters. I would fit in just about anywhere!" Sounds like a perfect boy to us! Welcome.



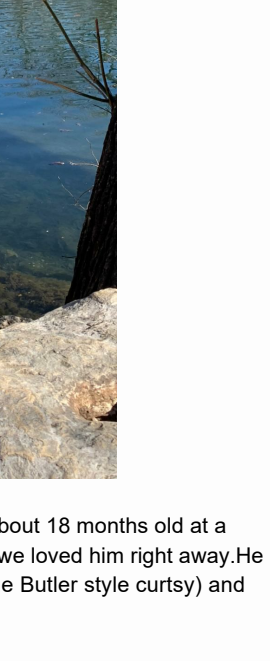
22-074 Allie is a 1-year-old owner surrender because her owner of only a few weeks, who is a vet, was doing extensive remodeling of her homes/vet clinic and poor Allie was scared to death. She was in danger because she ran off every chance she got.

Her owner bought her from her prior owner who brought her into the vet clinic. She offered to buy Allie because he didn't give off good vibes to the vet. Allie is with her foster-pend-adopt family and is enjoying life running around in the back yard and playing with her new doggy friend. You are safe now little one.

22-075 Yuma is our 20-month-old boy who was an urgent rescue because he wasn't safe and secure. The house was undergoing renovation and he was relegated to the back yard. He was escaping and traveling to neighbor's homes, which unfortunately backed up to the 35, with cars speeding by at 70 mph. Our Transport team sprang into action and he quickly became a GRR dog.

He's living large with his foster-pend-adopt family and loving all of the attention he's getting. Another happy ending!

22-076 Cooper is a 10-year-old Golden who was a breeding male that belonged to the current owner's pastor's dad; the dad breeds Golden in the Houston area. Bear was discarded because he is too old to breed and has significant health issues. He lived mostly alone and has huge calluses on his elbows and knees from lying on concrete to Bear has a number of medical issues that include: being heartworm positive, underweight and arthritic, having ear infections and needing dental work - all as a result of lack of medical care. Bear, GRR will give you the best care and find you a wonderful home.



*Tis the Season! The GRR Transport Team is Working Overtime!

22-077 Hulk is a really nice 14-month-old owner surrender from south San Antonio who was an urgent surrender. His owner lives in an apartment with her fiancé and a German Shepherd. She is surrendering him because he is too big for her, too young, plus he has bad hips and she has stairs. He was an urgent surrender because she was getting married the next week and going on her honeymoon and had no one to care for him.

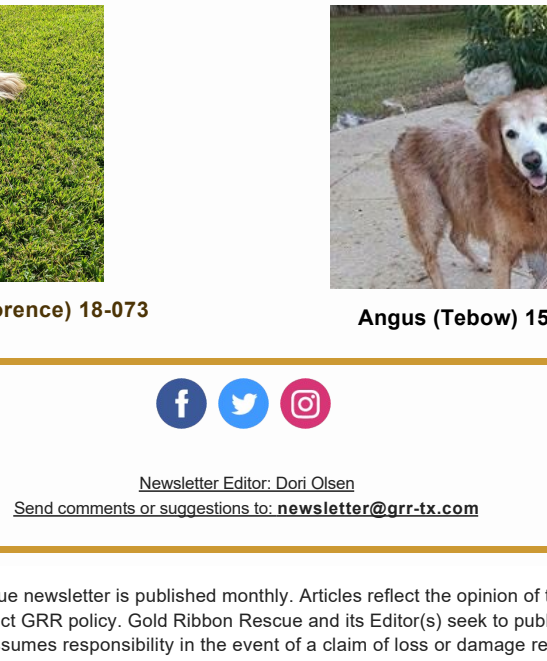
Hulk's foster says "He's terrific! Loving, love-seeking but not 'needy', rock solid personality, no issues!" He loves tug and great with the resident Golden. Welcome to GRR Hulk! You will get the best of care and a great home!

22-078 Cooper is a sweet 5-year-old boy who was also an urgent surrender. Cooper's owner is currently hospitalized and will not be able to return to his home. GRR jumped into action and picked up Cooper within a day.

22-079 Buddy is a nice 8-year-old owner surrender from Leander whose owner has taken great care of him. She has done a great job of handling his issues for five years and even took him to a dermatologist for a while, but it has come to a place where she cannot afford the upkeep. She wants him to have better care than she can provide. Welcome to GRR Buddy!

Adopted!

Nash 22-049



On November 4th Nash found his forever home with Thomas, Tanya and Jake, and we are shedding happy tears for this sweet boy. Nash is a young Goldenoodle with high energy who, after spending a couple of weeks in board and train, is doing great.

He's so eager to please, loves to learn and is very food motivated, which makes him fun to train. He's become such a well-mannered boy and is quick to learn.

They said "We kept Nash a secret for an entire week from our son until he came home from TAMU this weekend. So excited and blessed to offer this boy our home. Thanks GRR for all you do!"

It looks as if Nash has found his boy. Congratulations to the new family!

Riley 22-056

We're so excited to announce that Riley was adopted on November 9th by Rose and John. Riley came to GRR from a loving owner who unfortunately didn't have enough time and space for a young active Golden puppy due to living in an apartment and keeping him crated much of the day. Riley needed a new home and GRR to the rescue.

Happy, bouncy, silly Riley is now with his forever family who will give him a wonderful life. Congratulations to the new family and our best wishes for a long, happy life together.

Cap 22-069

Hurray for sweet Cap who came in with his brother Bucky in October!

Cap found his forever home on November 13th when he was adopted by Danny and Debbie. We couldn't be happier for the new family. They are crazy about him! as is their son who is home from college. Cap is a winner for sure to have found this family that is so perfect for him. Congratulations to them all!

Bucky 22-070

Bucky was adopted on November 21st by Seth and Leigh. Bucky found his forever home just a week after his brother, Cap, and we're so glad these boys found their forever families so quickly after they came to GRR in October.

Congratulations to the new family!

ABOUT DOGS

WHAT DOES "NO !" MEAN ?

DOGS DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO "NO !" "NO!" IS NOT A BEHAVIOUR INSTEAD OF SHOUTING "NO!" TO STOP A BEHAVIOUR SHOW YOUR DOG WHAT YOU WOULD PREFER THEM TO DO INSTEAD		
<p>The word "NO!" is something dogs hear so often it becomes white noise & has no meaning</p>	<p>We may say "NO!" when we're feeling angry, frustrated or impatient</p>	<p>Dogs recognize our emotions & this can lead to fear, insecurity or uncertainty</p>
<p>For example, instead of shouting "NO!" when a dog jumps up - show dogs that keeping 4 paws on the ground is more rewarding</p>	<p>Showing dogs what to do instead of shouting "NO!" builds trust, communication, helps dogs feel safe & encourages them to work things out for themselves</p>	<p><i>Dogs Deserve!</i></p>

In Memoriam - Sammy (Fletcher) 09-168

Ron Bata

We met Sammy (called Fletcher GRR-09-168) when he was about 18 months old at a GRR foster family's home in Wimberley around Oct 2009 and we loved him right away. He came to us across the room, sat on his rear legs (a very unique butler style curtsy) and held his hands up when we offered.

We loved him right away due to his gentle disposition. He gave us unconditional love and amazing memories to our family. Our kids went from elementary school to college with Sammy providing comfort, love and kindness at every step of the journey of life. Even for Mom and Dad, he knew when we had a bad day or a moment and quietly used to come comfort us.

Sammy used to love camping, walks, trails, sticks, chasing rabbits, squirrels and playing with squeaky toys in his backyard and also lovingly looking at ducks at Town Lake, one of his favorite trails. He was naturally playful and occasionally mischievous with trying to create games/tricks with whatever was in hand.

In our neighborhood, he made long-lasting relationships with adults and kids alike and made friends quickly. We (Mom and Dad) were often called "Sammy's Mom and Dad." Sammy often used to "walk himself" holding the leash in his mouth while we would amusefully walk behind him on our street and all the neighbors would smile at his approach. Once in a while, he used to try "walking" the neighbor's dog who was also his friend.

Words are not enough and we can go on and on about so many loving memories with Sammy. While nothing can replace Sammy, we hope to make new memories with another Golden very soon.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...
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