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A Message From Our President

February 2022

and as always GRR is ready to take in any Golden we can help.

Hello Friends,

after coming off close to two years of most of us living very different lifestyles and lots of pets not having the same opportunities to training and exposure they may have had a couple of years ago. We are fortunate to have great resources available to help these dogs that need more than medical care Please know that GRR does not bring in dogs with a bite history and we are able to effectively manage the training and behavior needs of those we do bring in. Tomlinson's came through again and we were notified that we will receive a donation of 1348 pounds from 2021's Pound4Pound Pet Food Drive! We will receive it in a series of three pick-up days spaced throughout 2022, the first of which is tentatively scheduled for March. Special thanks to all of you and especially Tomlinson's Feed for your support.

I hope you are all well and healthy. January turned out to be a very busy month for GRR. On January 31st 3we brought in our 10th Golden Retriever, a handsome boy named Titus 22-010. We averaged 7 dogs a month in 2021. We have no idea if this trend will continue

We have been receiving more dogs with special needs though and this includes things that are not just medical related, such as some resource guarding, total lack of any foundation training and proper socialization. These things are not uncommon, particularly

GRR is supportive of the new  $\underline{\textbf{Safe Outdoors Dog Act}}$  that passed in the Texas legislature and went into effect on January 18, 2022. While GRR policy requires "in while gone" and would never place a dog in this environment, we are supportive of all actions that improve the safety and living conditions of all dogs. With joy and gratitude, Michelle Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to <a href="mailto:grrboard@grr-tx.com">grrboard@grr-tx.com</a> and include <a href="mailto:Questions">Questions</a> For The Board in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is <a href="mailto:March 26">March 26</a>, <a href="mailto:2011.">2021</a>.

Happy Valentine's Day

The More You Know

Important Updates and Information from GRR Fosters Needed for Special Needs Dogs We are still in great need of fosters and adopters who have a true heart for rescue! We have an influx of dogs with special needs, behavior and/or medical and they are all ages, but are mostly young. We are temporarily re-opening applications to those interested in fostering or fostering to potentially adopt a dog with special needs.

True rescue dogs need love, comfort, good nutrition, transport to/from vet appointments (GRR pays for necessary medical costs through our own approved vets), security, healing and training. They need a firm commitment that you'll invest time and care to help them heal and thrive. We work with you and coach you to provide what the dog most needs. Please note on your application under "Consider Special Needs Dog" that you are willing to foster (or potentially adopt) a dog with special needs. If you apply but are not interested

This webinar is for all volunteers, including new volunteers and more long-term volunteers, who want to learn a bit more about GRR. It will be a great overview of Gold Ribbon Rescue

> Date and Time: February 16, 2022 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p,m. Join **Zoom Meeting**

There is a temporary stop on allowing foster families to adopt their foster dog regardless if it is or is not their first time fostering. This should not to be confused with our FPA process,

in rescuing dogs with special needs, your application will be withdrawn.

Introduction to GRR - Volunteer Webinar on February 16, 2022

and our operations. Please join us!

necessary revisions.

Valentine's Pup Meet Up

they'll have fun meeting everyone.

(512) 524-2377 When: Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> **Time:** Noon – 2:00 p.m. RSVP to: Gail March

website.

Live Here Give Here

friends are to see it!

that's a big accomplishment!"

What: Bring your pup to a Valentine's Meet Up! Where: Celis Brewery in the Outside Beer Garden 10001 Metric Blvd, Austin, TX 78758

Meeting ID: 715 4236 7895 Passcode: 0ZCB2x **Applications** New applications remain temporarily closed, except for those willing to foster/adopt a special needs dog (see above). We continue to work to balance our current applications with available dogs. For more information, contact Julie Birkeneder. **Foster Dog Adoptions** 

which is still available For more information, contact **Jacki Mulkey**.

Again, both changes are temporary and will be evaluated monthly for any

Valentine's Day Gifts

GOLD RIBBON RESCUE STORE SHOP NOW Want to Show Your Valentine Some Love? We have a great selection of Valentine tee shirts and hoodies at the **GRR Store**. Surprise your beloved with a Golden gift and a love song. The GRR Valentine's Pup Meet up on February 13th is perfect for showing off your Valentine style! Be sure to order soon for delivery by Valentine's Day.

Mark Your Calendar!

Bring your pup for a Valentine's Meet Up. Pose for Valentine Pictures with your dog under the Valentine heart, chat with old friends and meet new ones and share stories about our dogs. Celis has a new Beer Garden open and ready for us. While pups must be leashed,

We're Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Please note: Covid guidelines will be followed. Should we need to cancel, we will notify those who have registered and post information on our Facebook page and the GRR

**Amplify Austin** 

Amplify Austin Day is March 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> and is the #1 giving event in

Central Texas. We hope you will participate this year and support Goldens in need. Click here to learn more about Amplify Austin, Gold Ribbon Rescue and make an early donation Thank you for your support! Honey is a Honey! **Becky LaBrum** 

With some dogs, you might feel like you've invited a firecracker into your home! It's Snap! Fizz! Pop! – indoors, outdoors, here, there and everywhere. But sweet Honey brings something else: a soft, warm, quiet glow that's slowly growing brighter and stronger as time goes by. After a lifetime spent in the background, she's learning day by day how nice it can be to make her way out to the front and show a little sparkle– and how happy her human

**Honey's Story** Honey's first few years are a question mark, but we do know that she moved in with her former owner at the age of one or two; she was already a timid girl, and there is some suspicion that she had been treated harshly as a pup. For the next eight years, she lived out in the country, coming and going in and out of the house through a dog door, keeping company with the other household pups, but not getting much at all in the way of socialization, trips to new places, and so on. The whole lifestyle reinforced Honey's tendency to keep her distance and hang back. When the owner moved to a nursing home, though, her life had to change—and in October 2021, the petite Lab/Golden mix arrived in

Peek- A- Boo, I see you! Tail wags so fast they're a blur! Honey's Life is Changing You can imagine that Honey was pretty taken aback by the wide world and the new places and faces! She quickly staked out an observation post under the bed while deciding how best to dip her toes into this new existence. Over the next weeks and months, her foster mom celebrated each milestone: spending more time out from under the bed, sleeping on

a dog bed, going to the vet in the car (still a bit scary), accepting the leash for walks into the backyard, rolling over for a tummy rub, eating her meals with her person by her side. This month, mom reported that "Honey hardly ever goes under the bed any more. For her,

Honey does just fine with other dogs, but as you might expect given her lifelong habit of yielding the spotlight, she tends to defer to them and hang back, so she might do best as an only dog in a quiet, loving, supportive household without a lot of commotion (but with a

Honey is a Sweetheart GRR volunteer Gail, who has done respite care for Honey on several occasions, says: "She's so tender and gentle, so curious and sweet. When she visited me, she she began to come out into the hallway when I returned from the garage to welcome me home. She wagged her tail and yes, she just loves those belly rubs! You can tell she really, really wants to conquer her shyness, and I have a firm belief that she will do just that. She glides up behind you to check you out and give your hand a little lick; if you sit outside or in, just knitting or reading or relaxing, she'll lie down beneath your chair and keep you company.

Honey Wants Her Forever Home - Could You Be Her New Family? The word everyone uses to describe Honey, over and over again, is "sweet" – and she so wants to share that sweetness with you. We're so proud of how far she's come. She'll never be a bottle rocket, but a soft and steady sparkler – absolutely! If you think you're a match for this loving, gentle little gal and are eager to help her continue on her journey,

Sleepy time ON her bed

mom or dad home most of the time). We think she'll really shine!

Hello Beautiful!

So you see, she really, really does WANT to be close."

please review our **adoption guidelines** and application.

play. Some have eyes darkened with deflated hope.

SPECIAL NEEDS"!

**Look Who's Here!** 

**PRIMROS** 

DIAMOND

What Sets Apart the Heart of a True Dog Rescuer **Julie Birkeneder, Adoption Director** The face of Gold Ribbon Rescue has changed significantly over the last several years. While we used to foster and adopt 200+ dogs annually, in 2021 we only had 77. Most come to us with significant behavior and medical needs. Most come from shelters or strays so have unproven histories with children; others are surrendered by their owners, most often due to behavior. Since they come to us from situations of neglect, abuse, or changing family circumstances, we do everything we can to ensure only the best outcome for each and every dog. Can you or I measure if your heart is open to true rescue? Because some come super smelly. A smell that multiple baths over months may take to clean. Some come emaciated with fur and skin wasting away. Some obese due to lack of exercise and being crated all day while the owner was at work. Some come eaten up by

fleas and ticks or parasites. Some may have heartworms or failing organs because of neglect and abuse had GRR not stepped in. Some have been tugged or teased by children or left tied up outside without shelter, shade, food or water. Some come so fearful and unsocialized it might take months for them to come out from under the bed or begin to

Each rescue has a unique story of his or her own. From what was to what can now be!

So if you're not concerned about color, size, shape of head, shape of body, if the rescue has accidents due to stress or has trouble sleeping or anxious moments, if the dog barks or doesn't bark, if the dog is Golden or mix...but you have a heart that yearns to give love,

desperately need the kind of love, time, patience, gentleness, nurturing, training, exercise, work and care you are willing to devote. If you are willing to foster or adopt a dog with medical or behavior challenges, we pay all vet bills at GRR-approved vets and provide the coaching and help you need! Please fill out an application and clearly mark "YES TO

**Our January GRR Arrivals** 

light and hope to another being – yes you have a heart truly made for rescue!

Over the course of the year we will have plenty of dogs with special needs who

were initially adopted by a family who subsequently moved out of their house into a RV. A second family adopted them, but they were essentially outdoor-only dogs who became quite adept at digging under the fence and constantly escaping. They were surrendered to GRR due to health problems in the family combined with the need to constantly fill in the holes under the fence and round up the runaways. Welcome to GRR boys! They are both settling in nicely to their new indoor life. 22-003 Max came to GRR as an owner surrender. As so often happens, Max was a gift for their daughter and the parents subsequently separated and moved into separate homes that wouldn't accommodate a big dog. Grandma took in Max, but she has another back

surgery pending, so she can't give him the exercise he needs. Max has NO naughty habits

**BRODY** 

22-004 Primrose is an almost 10 year-old beautiful English Cream girl whose family is moving to Hawaii. She has ongoing anxiety issues and stresses very easily and the flight to

22-005 Brody is a 10 month-old who was surrendered because he is a wild child with no manners. His owner has a very bad back and can't give him the exercise he needs. Brody is spending one to two weeks at a board-and-train to help him become the Golden we

22-006 Gypsy is a 10 year-old lady who was surrendered because her family has a very young child who likes to climb on Gypsy and pull her fur. Gypsy is not amused! Her

22-007 Diamond is an owner surrender from East Texas. The surrendering family convinced their neighbors to give Diamond to them to rehome because she was tied up outside all day, every day, coming in only at night and during inclement weather. She is

on October 24, 2010, but don't let her know that she's getting on in years. Welcome to

22-010 Titus came to GRR just under the wire on the afternoon of January 31st. Titus is an owner surrender and we don't know much about him yet, but more details will be

16-098 Kimber Zoe was returned to GRR because her adopter is no longer able to care for her due to medical issues. Zoe is about seven and a half years old now. She came to us originally at about a year and a half as an owner surrender who had been subjected to constant physical and emotional abuse from the owner's boyfriend. Zoe has made progress over the years and is no longer so fearful. GRR keeps its promise- once a GRR

> **Baggage Evelyn Colbath (1995 - All Rights Reserved)**

Now that I'm all home, settled, bathed and fed, All nicely tucked in my warm new bed, I'd like to open my baggage lest I forget, There is so much to carry, so much to regret.

Hmmmmmm, yes there it is right on the top, Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss, And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame, As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave, I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.

I loved them, the others, the ones that left me, But I wasn't good enough; for they didn't want me. Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack? Or will you just look at my things and take me right back? Do you have the time to help me unpack? To put away my baggage, To never repack? I pray that you do; I'm so tired you see But I come with baggage; will you still want me?

coming soon. Welcome to your new life Titus.

dog, always a GRR dog.

(Contributed by Julie Birkeneder)

Adopted!

Axel 21-075

Cali 19-080

Sven 21-069

days of being a jungle gym are over and she looks forward to her new family.

Hawaii just isn't an option: it would be too hard on Primrose. Welcome beautiful!

**GYPSY** 

and is the consummate Velcro dog. We're so glad to welcome him to GRR!

22-001 Benny, along with his pal 22-002 Boston, are our first two arrivals in 2022. They

estimated to be six to eight months old and is SUPER sweet and loves people. Of course! She is a Golden! 22-008 Walter is a 19 month-old owner surrender who was surrendered because his owners cannot give him the attention a young, active Golden needs. Walter also suffers from year-round chronic allergies, which GRR is treating.. 22-009 Sady arrived on January 27<sup>th</sup> and is settling in. She is just as anxious as we expected, but super sweet and a spunky girl at eleven and a half years-old. She was born

It is with great pleasure that we announce that 19 month-old Axel was adopted on January 6th, our first adoption of 2022! Ed and Monica call him "the perfect dog!" hey fell in love with him on day one and are the perfect family for Axel. He's such a happy boy!

His original military family was transferred and he was taken in by another family to be sure that he went to a great home. As we all know so well, giving a young active dog everything that he needs is hard, and sometimes impossible, so his second family kept their promise

Cali,now Maggie, was adopted by Corinne and Marty on January 15th. They are so in love

Sven was adopted by Jeff on January 25th and is totally enjoying the good life! The photo of Sven was taken on one of their recent trail walks. He sure looks like a happy boy! We

We want to share the exciting news that Primrose was adopted by AJ and Ken on January  $27^{\mbox{th}}$ . Primrose's new family consists of her human parents Ken and AJ, and not one, not two, but three Golden siblings! All but Seamus are GRR babies. In the photo above, Primrose is the smiling blond beauty in the front. The other cuties left to right, are Seamus,

AJ says that now that they have Primrose, their home is complete and they thank everyone

Max was adopted by the Avery family on January 30th. He is a super love bug and we think they may need a bigger couch. Max likes to sit ON his family We're so very happy for Max

Ellie, and Rosie in the back. And of course, Ken is on the far left.

from their heart, as they adore her and all of their fur babies.

with her and Maggie has found her forever home.

think that they are both pretty lucky!

Primrose 22-004

Max 22-003

and the Averys.

and made sure Axel went to a great family by letting GRR rehome him.

Harley 21-076 We're so happy to announce that Harley, our rescue from a defunct breeding kennel, was adopted the evening of January 31st by the Lyon/Barrick family Their daughter was absolutely ecstatic to have a friend and Harley was very much the lady as she moved to her forever home.

**Betty White - Rest In Peace** 

Betty White passed away on December 31, 2021, just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday. In her memory, the nationwide "Betty White Challenge" was launched in honor of the her longtime advocacy for

Thanks to all who donated to GRR in honor of this great lady and Golden lover. We received donations totaling \$625. It is so kind of you and we really appreciate it.

In Memoriam - Queenie 17-048 **Gregg and Georgann McIlhaney** 

animal welfarel

**Mona Tague** 

laughter and happiness.

In Memoriam - Blondie 07-054

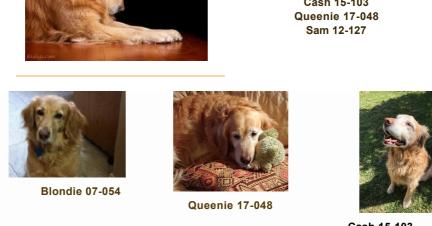
We adopted sweet Blondie in 2007 and she quickly became Murphy Brown. When our vet first met her, he said "This one is gonna be trouble". She brought us so many years of

Sadly, we lost her on December 19th and she was almost 16 years old. Thanks for the great work that you do. When we're ready for another, we hope to contact you.

> Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

> > Blondie 07-054

Gracie (formerly Queenie) loved all she met and all loved her. Greatly missed and forever in our hearts.



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