

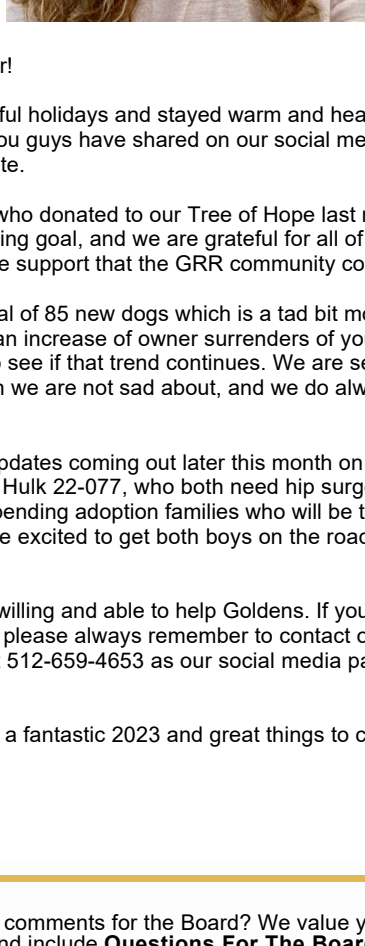


# Golden Tales

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January 2023

## A Message From Our President



Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had wonderful holidays and stayed warm and healthy. I have enjoyed seeing so many holiday photos you guys have shared on our social media pages. It is always fun to see how others celebrate.

I want to thank everyone who donated to our Tree of Hope last month. We are ecstatic as we exceeded our fundraising goal, and we are grateful for all of your generosity. We are always so touched with the support that the GRR community continues to provide.

We ended 2022 with a total of 85 new dogs which is a tad bit more than we had in 2021 (at 77). We have seen quite an increase of owner surrenders of young, mostly male, Golden and it will be interesting to see if that trend continues. We are seeing very few Golden in shelters these days, which we are not sad about, and we do always attempt to tag them when we do.

Stay tuned to see some updates coming out later this month on two youngsters that we have, Charlie 22-063 and Hulk 22-077, who both need hip surgeries. We are fortunate to have two amazing foster pending adoption families who will be taking the boys through surgery and rehab. We are excited to get both boys on the road to recovery and feeling great!

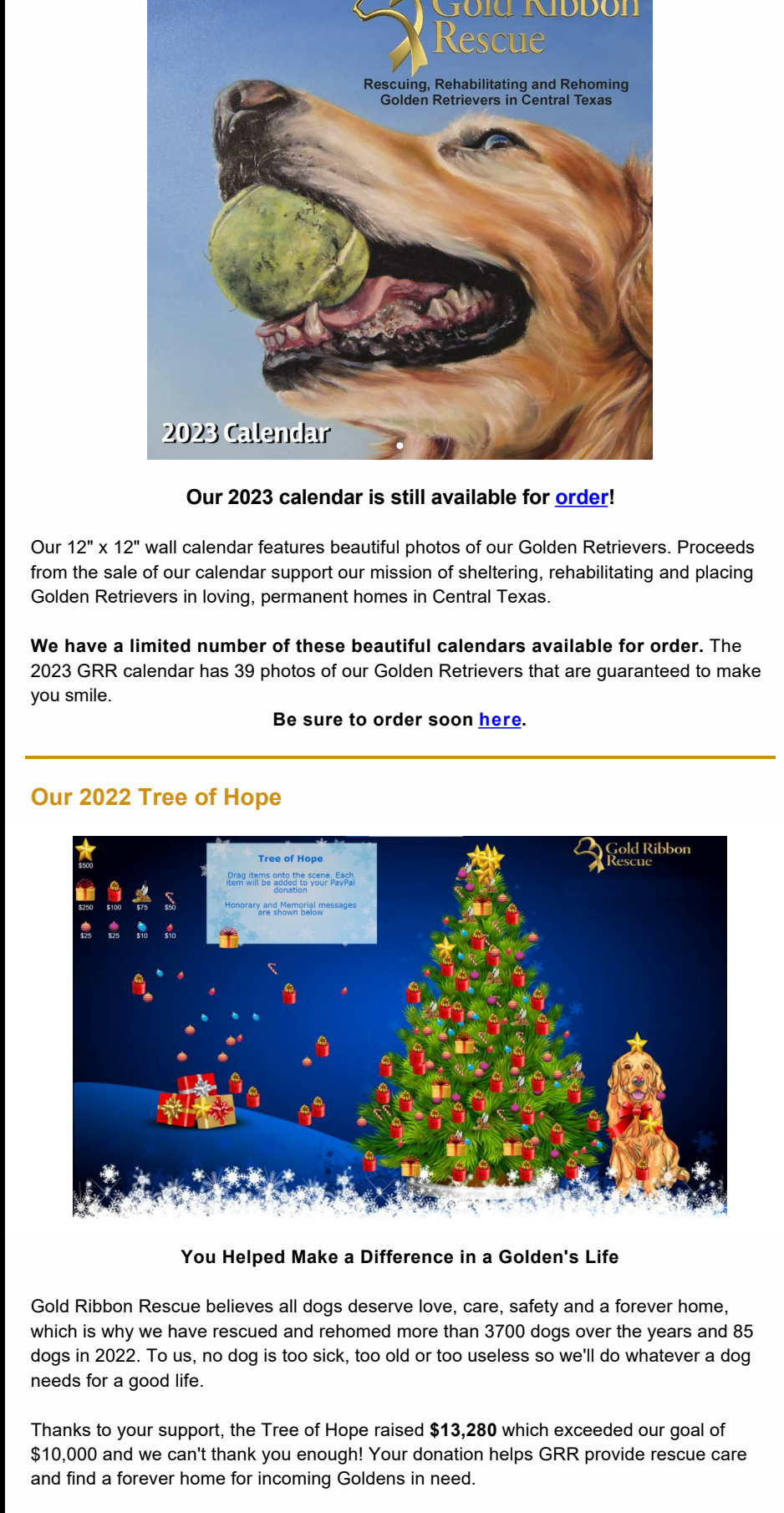
As always GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden's. If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our intake team at [info@takehome.com](mailto:info@takehome.com) or call our hotline at 512-659-4053 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2023 and great things to come with Gold Ribbon Rescue.

Warm regards,  
Michelle

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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



### The More You Know

#### Volunteer Orientation Webinar

Please join us on January 18th as we share a high level overview of the organization and how Gold Ribbon Rescue operates. This is a requirement for all new volunteers and always a great idea for those who would like a refresher or to learn about new volunteer opportunities.

When: January 18, 2023  
Time: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

RSVP Deadline: Please RSVP to [Denise.Martinez@grr.org](mailto:Denise.Martinez@grr.org) by January 17th if you are planning on attending.

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### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR



**Our 2023 calendar is still available for order!**

Our 12"x12" 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.

We have a limited number of these beautiful calendars available for order. The 2023 GRR calendar has 39 photos of our Golden Retrievers that are guaranteed to make you smile.

Be sure to order soon [here](#).

### Our 2022 Tree of Hope



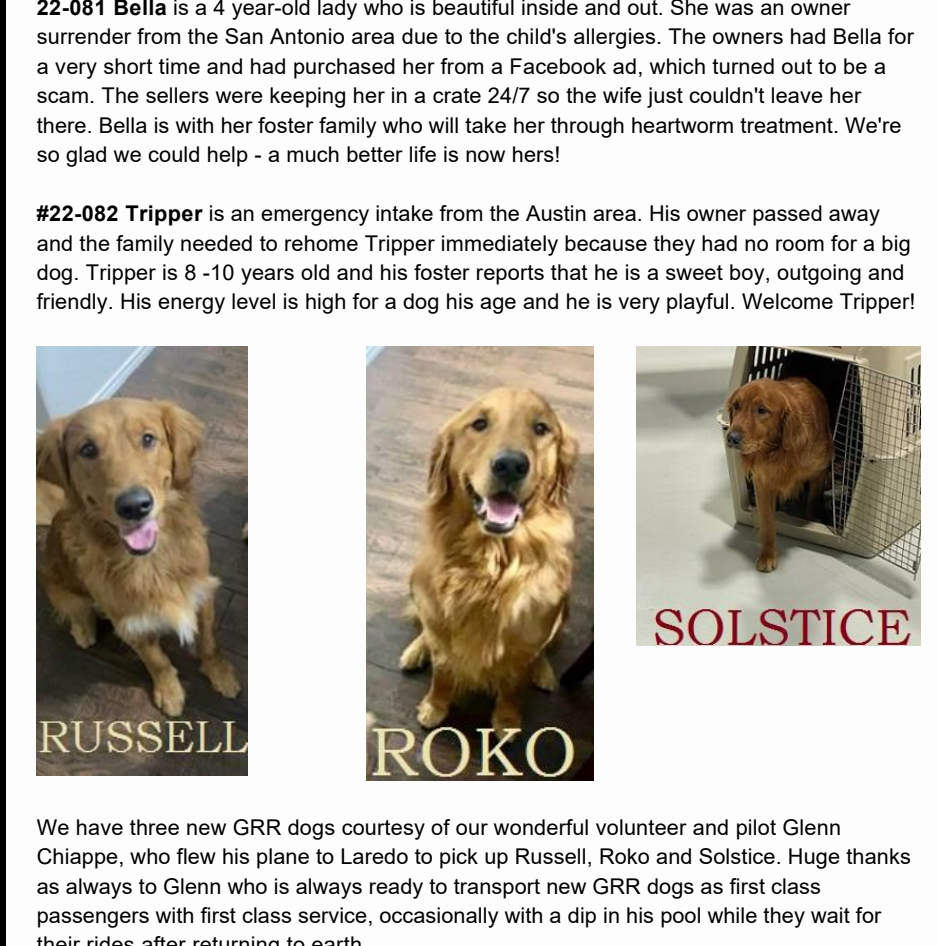
**You Helped Make a Difference in a Golden's Life**

Gold Ribbon Rescue believes all dogs deserve love, care, safety and a forever home, which is why we have rescued and rehomed more than 3700 dogs over the years and 85 dogs in 2022. To us, no dog is too sick, too old, or too useless so we'll do whatever it takes to get a dog to a good life.

Thanks to your support, the Tree of Hope raised **\$13,280** which exceeded our goal of \$10,000 and we can't thank you enough! Your donation helps GRR provide rescue care and find a forever home for incoming Golden's in need.

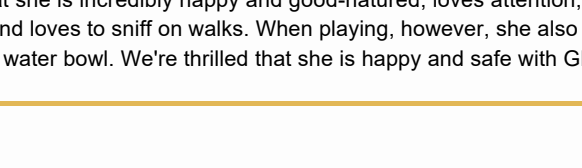
Thank you for your generosity!

### OUR HOLIDAY PARTY



On December 11th we gathered at the home of our president, Michelle Goldberg, to celebrate the holidays and each other. It was wonderful to see so many old friends and to make new ones in such a festive atmosphere. It was impossible to miss Michelle's home because the entire front yard celebrated holiday-themed Golden Retrievers. Michelle, with the assistance of volunteer and Phone Interview Coordinator Paulette Lince, made many delicious, Golden-themed tidbits for our dining pleasure, to complement the lavish charcuterie boards, delicious baked goods accompanied by wine, soda, tea and coffee.

Editor's Note: New this year is a photo album of the party that you can view [here](#). Many, many thanks to Denise Martinez for creating the photo album so that we can all share in the event!



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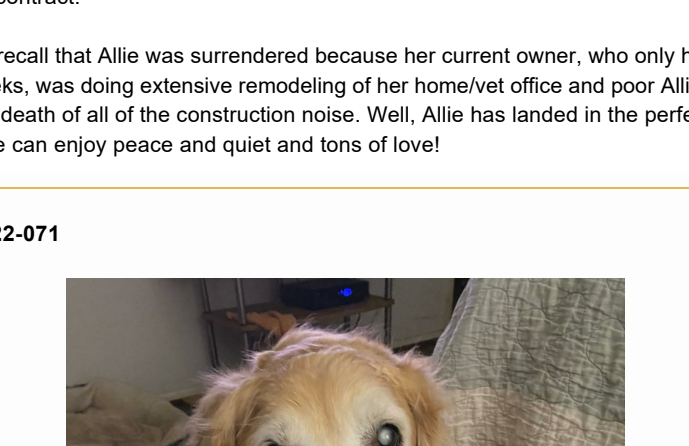
Thanks to all of you, AmazonSmile made a charitable donation of **\$142.58** because you used the AmazonSmile site for your qualifying purchases between July 1st and September 30th.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated **\$14,708.02** to Gold Ribbon Rescue.

We truly appreciate you using the AmazonSmile site when ordering from Amazon. Every donation helps us to continue our mission of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming Golden Retrievers.

### NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

#### Introducing Our Newest Permanent Foster - Charlie 11-078



Charlie is a 13 year-old happy Golden who was returned to GRR when his owner was no longer able to care for him due to the owner's health issues. Charlie meets everyone with a smile on his face and a wagging tail and enjoys adults, children, doggies and kitties.

Charlie gets excited to go on short walks, enjoys a warm bath and is very content with his daily routine. He may be 13 but he knows how to enjoy life. His foster mom dotes on him, which makes every day that much more special. He is a happy senior boy.

Charlie was designated a Permanent Foster due to his advanced age, significant muscle loss and mobility issues. GRR always looks at what is best for a dog. In Charlie's case, he has adjusted well, is happy and we know changing his environment would be harder on him; hence he is now a GRR Permanent Foster.

Charlie is sponsored. To learn more about the Permanent Foster program, please go to [Permanent Fosters](#) on our website.

#### Look Who's Here!

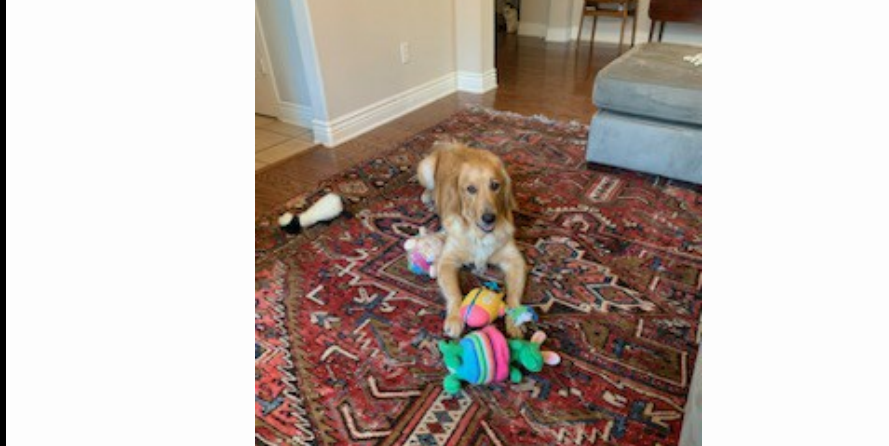
##### Our December GRR Arrivals



**22-080 August** is an 8 year-old owner surrender from Kyle. His elderly owner was no longer able to care for him so the neighbors took him to temporarily to find him a good home. August is the sweetest thing ever, well-trained, friendly, obedient and has a distinguished sprinkling of gray. Welcome to GRR August - your future is bright!

**22-081 Bella** is a 4 year-old lady who is beautiful inside and out. She was an owner surrender from the San Antonio area due to the child's allergies. The owners had Bella for a very short time and had purchased her from a Facebook ad, which turned out to be a scam. The sellers were keeping her in a crate 24/7 so the wife just couldn't leave her there. Bella is with her foster family who will take her through heartworm treatment. We're so glad we could help - a much better life is now hers!

**22-082 Tripper** is an emergency intake from the Austin area. His owner passed away and the family needed to re-home Tripper immediately because they had no room for a big dog. Tripper is 8-10 years old and his foster reports that he is a sweet boy, outgoing and friendly. He is very sweet and is high for a dog his age. He is a very playful. Welcome Tripper!



We have three new GRR dogs courtesy of our wonderful volunteer and pilot Glenn Chappie, who flew his plane to Laredo to pick up Russell, Roko and Solstice. Huge thanks is always to Glenn who is always ready to transport new GRR dogs as first class passengers with first class service, occasionally with a dip in his pool while they wait for their rides after returning to earth.

**22-083 Russell** is 1 1/2 years-old and was surrendered with his pal **22-084** because their owners work outside the home and the boys were left alone up to ten hours a day. The owner wanted a better life for them and contacted GRR for help. Russell has never met a stranger, is always up for fun and reports are that he also likes flying! Russell is enjoying freedom with his FPA family and is adjusting well.

**22-084 Roko** is 2 1/2 years old and was surrendered with his pal **22-083 Russell**. Roko likes to play with ropes and antlers. His owner reported that he does get car sick, so let's hope the flight wasn't too hard on him. Roko is relaxing with his foster. Welcome to GRR boys!

**22-085 Solstice** is approximately 1 year old and is from the Laredo Animal Shelter. She arrived with 22-083 Russell & 22-084 Roko via a private flight with our volunteer and pilot Glenn. She fostered briefly with longtime volunteer former GRR director Gail where she settled in so nicely that she and resident Golden Jazz played biley-face. Her current foster says that she is incredibly happy and good-natured, loves attention, loves to cuddle, loves to play and loves to snuff on walks. When playing, however, she also loves to drop her toys in the water bowl. We're thrilled that she is happy and safe with GRR!

#### Adopted!

##### Allie 22-074



Allie was adopted on November 30th by Lauren and Nick Owens. They were so excited about the adoption that they actually got her Christmas stocking before signing the adoption contract.

You may recall that Allie was surrendered because her current owner, who only had her for a few weeks, was doing extensive remodeling of her home/office and poor Allie was scared to death of all of the construction noise. Well, Allie has landed in the perfect home where she can enjoy peace and quiet and tons of love!

##### Mutley 22-071

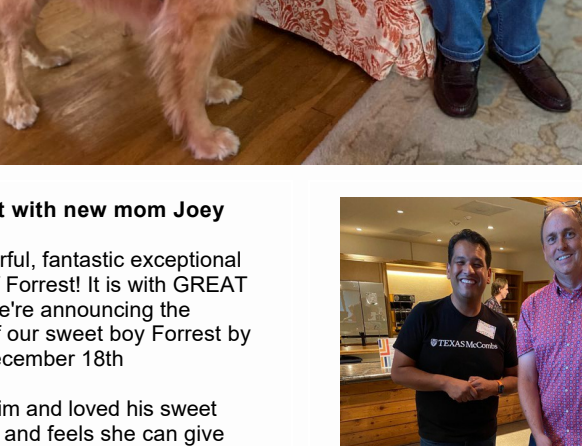


Mutley was adopted on December 3rd by her new mom, Nancy. Nine and a half year-old Mutley, now known as Marie (which is Irish for Mary), has settled well into her new home and Nancy is so in love with her.

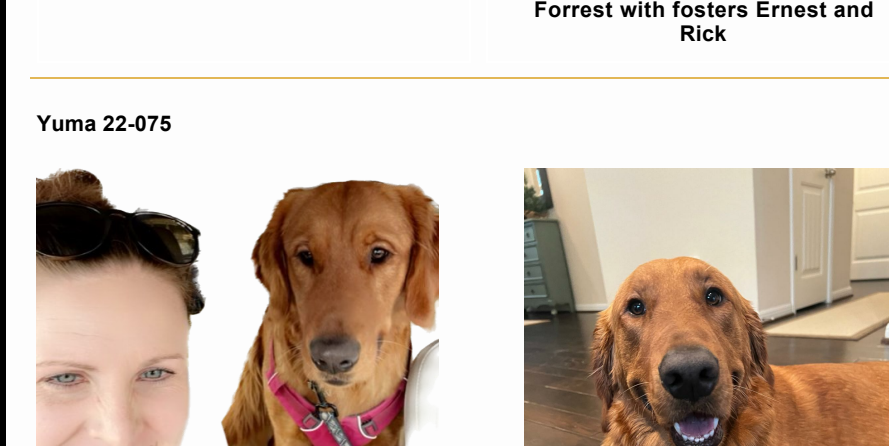
Mutley was orphaned when her owner passed away unexpectedly and left behind a gentle, blind Golden Retriever. Mutley can see and always gets out of bed until the alarm goes off. Play the alarm sound right before you get up, every time. Eventually your dog will stay in sleep mode until she hears that sound. Predictability is your best friend when you live with a dog - particularly how Gold Ribbon Rescue operates. Your enemies are The Unexpected, The Unknown, and The Unsure. The Un's tend to make dogs jump up and run higher and yon, barking their questions, ideas, warnings, and enthusiasms. We humans have the job of directing the scene before us: Come! Sit! Stay! Place! Off! Leave it!

Editor's Note: This sweet girl was never a "Mutley", her name at intake. She is a beauty!

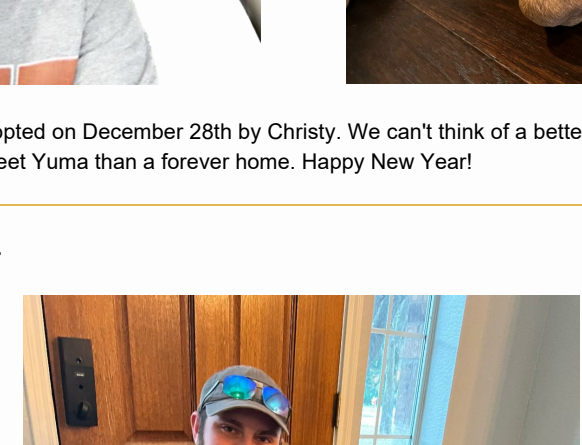
##### Leo 22-073



Hooray for Leo! He was adopted on December 3rd by Darrah and Alex who will give this sweet boy a wonderful forever home. Congratulations to the new family!

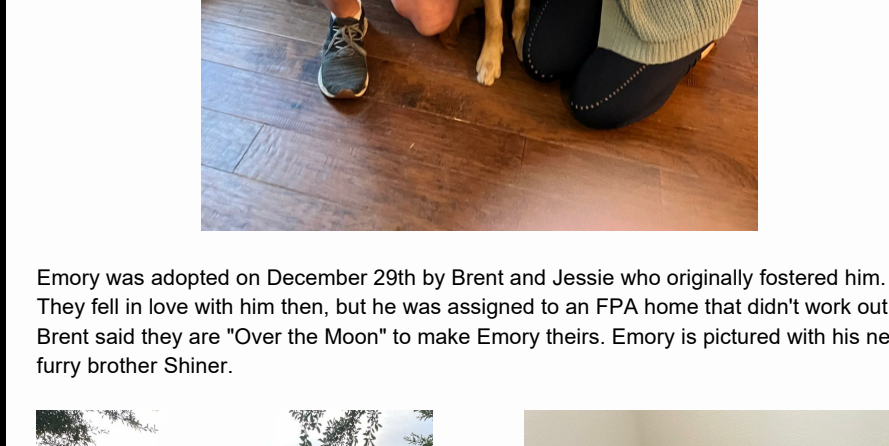


##### Bella 22-066

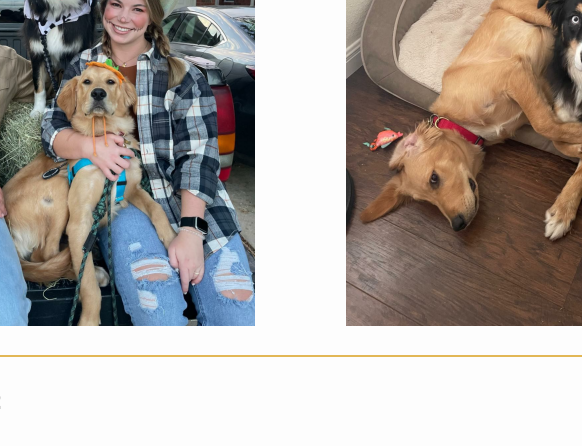


We are so happy to announce that Bella was adopted by Jessica on December 4th. It is wonderful that Bella was officially home for the holidays! Jessica will be taking Bella through heartworm treatment at GRR expense, but it's lovely that Bella has been adopted and doesn't need to wait for her forever home.

Congratulations to them both!



##### Bailey 22-061



Bailey was adopted on December 9th by Charlie and Bryan. This beauty is now living the life she deserves. She has blossomed so much since she was adopted and her new family is so happy to have her. She has a new fabulous family who are going to dote on her. We love this so much!

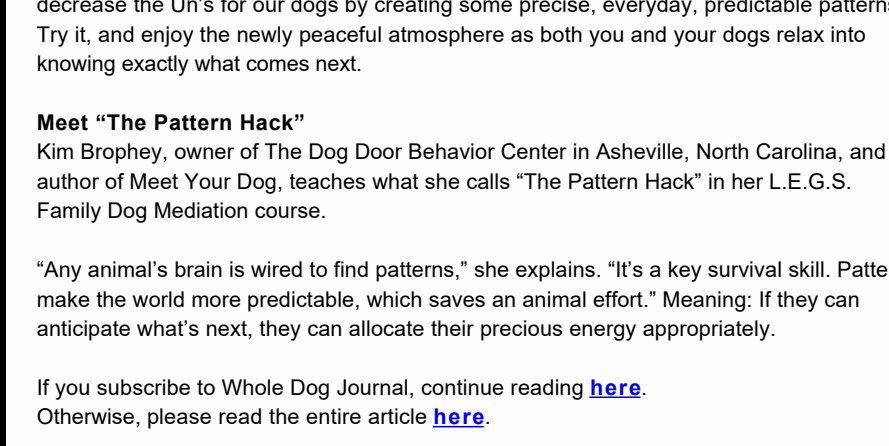


##### Daisy 22-044



We're beyond thrilled to announce that Daisy got her own family on December 18th when she was adopted by Mary and Jason. She has officially home for the holidays! Jessica will be taking Daisy through heartworm treatment at GRR expense, but it's lovely that Daisy has been adopted and doesn't need to wait for her forever home.

##### Forrest 18-096



#### Forrest with new mom Joey

The wonderful, fantastic exceptional adoption of Forrest! It is with GREAT JOY that we're announcing the adoption of our sweet boy Forrest by Joey on December 18th.

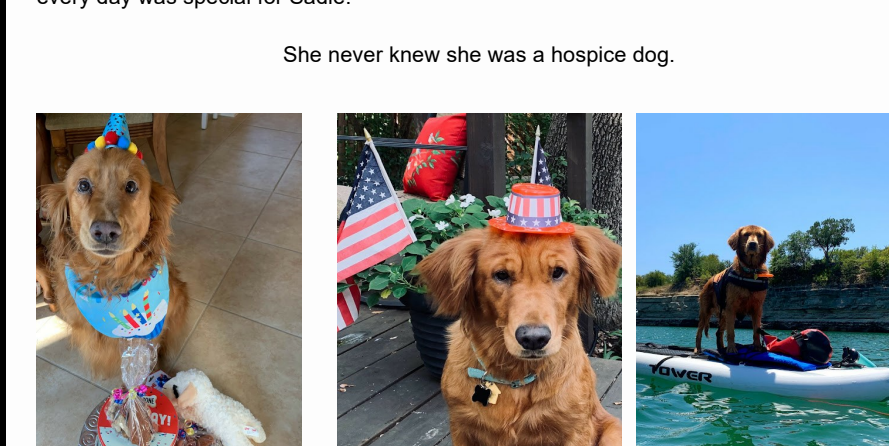
Joey met him and loved his sweet personality and feels she can give him a great home with her, a place of comfort and love. Fostered by Ernest delivered him to Joey and report that Forrest enjoyed investigating her home. Smiles abound!

This is one of those adoptions that make everything worthwhile.



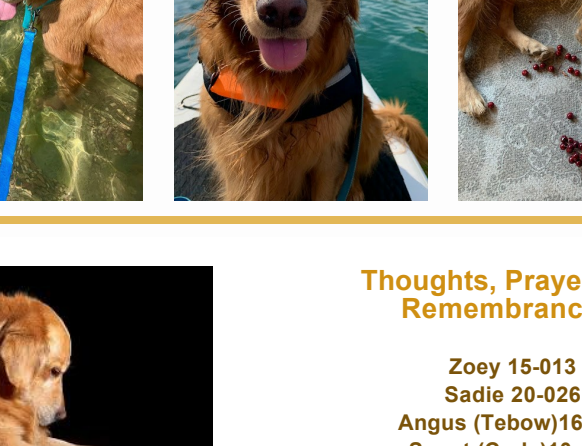
**Forrest with foster Ernest and Rick**

##### Yuma 22-075

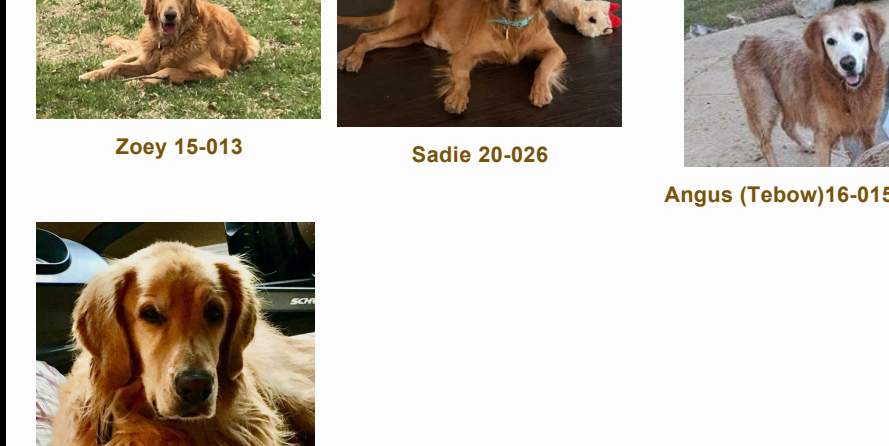


Yuma was adopted on December 28th by Christy. We can't think of a better Christmas present for sweet Yuma than a forever home. Happy New Year!

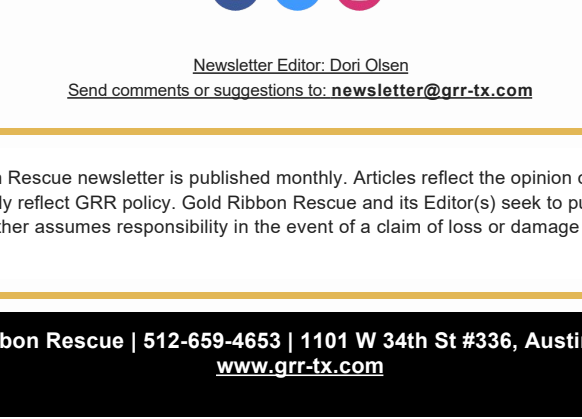
##### Emory 22-064



Emory was adopted on December 29th by Brent and Jessie who originally fostered him. They fell in love with him then, but he was assigned to an FPA home that didn't work out. Brent said that Emory was "the best" and that Emory was "the best" and that Emory was "the best".



##### Sunny 22-072



After almost two months of being in FPA care and addressing multiple health problems, we are super excited to announce that Sunny was adopted by David and Annette on December 31st. What a great way to end 2022 and an awesome way to start 2023 for Sunny!

### ABOUT DOGS

#### How to Calm an Anxious Dog: Be Predictable

##### Whole Dog Journal



If you're looking to calm dog anxiety naturally - or reduce over-excitement - make your everyday routines consistent. When dogs can predict what's next, they become calmer and less anxious.

Does your dog gleefully start the day the split second you stretch or roll over? She's named the unwelcome pattern that your movement signals getting up. Fix it by teaching her a new one: Nobody ever gets out of bed until the alarm goes off. Play the alarm sound right before you get up, every time. Eventually your dog will stay in sleep mode until she hears that sound. Predictability is your best friend when you live with a dog - particularly how Gold Ribbon Rescue operates. Your enemies are The Unexpected, The Unknown, and The Unsure. The Un's tend to make dogs jump up and run higher and yon, barking their questions, ideas, warnings, and enthusiasms. We humans have the job of directing the scene before us: Come! Sit! Stay! Place! Off! Leave it!

Consider this: It doesn't have to be this chaotic, or this much work. We can significantly decrease the Un's for our dogs by creating some precise, everyday, predictable routines. Try it, and enjoy the newly peaceful atmosphere as both you and your dogs relax into knowing exactly what comes next.

#### Meet "The Pattern Hack"

Kim Brophy, owner of The Dog Door Behavior Center in Asheville, North Carolina, and author of Meet Your Dog, teaches what she calls "The Pattern Hack" in her L.E.G.S. Family Dog Mediation course.

"Any animal's brain is wired to find patterns," she explains. "It's a key survival skill. Patterns make the world more predictable, which saves an animal effort." Meaning, if they can anticipate what's next, they can allocate their precious energy appropriately.

If you subscribe to Whole Dog Journal, continue reading [here](#).

Otherwise, please read the entire article [here](#).

#### In Memoriam - Sadie 20-026



On November 12th Sadie 20-026 took her last breath. Sadie came to GRR in June, 2020 with severe kidney disease and was given weeks or maybe months to live. That was over two years ago. She passed as a happy 5 year-old who lived a life full of adventure thanks to foster mom Mary Ann Kendall. You would have never guessed that she was sick until two weeks before her passing when the test showed how bad her disease had gotten. By the end of the second week, she wasn't eating or moving.

Sadie was greatly loved by her family. We are so glad that she was able to live a great life in GRR's care for more than two years beyond what was expected. Thanks to Mary Ann, every day was special for Sadie.

She never knew she was a hospice dog.



Editor's Note: Sadie was a Permanent Foster due to severe kidney disease/renal failure. Our sincere thanks to her permanent foster, Mary Ann Kendall, for taking such great care of Sadie and giving her such a good life and to her co-sponsors, Ann and John Woody and Nancy McGowan, whose generous donations helped to defray the cost of Sadie's medical care.



**Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...**

Zoe 15-013  
Sadie 20-026  
Angus (Tebow) 16-015  
Scout (Cody) 10-134  
Reagan (Noah) 10-078



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