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July 2020

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I hope you and your family and friends, both 2-legged and 4-legged, are all doing well. My family continues to practice social distancing while finding fun ways to keep our dogs exercised and cool. I want to share a few updates on things going on within Gold Ribbon Rescue as we move into the summer months.

GRR will be holding a summer business meeting on July 25th at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held virtually via Webex. Our goal is to get people engaged, as well as provide an opportunity to see some GRR faces and stay connected to the organization. Given the forum of the meeting, we are hopeful more people will be able to attend. Meeting details will follow soon.

We continue to have a very low number of incoming dogs, so we are launching a social media campaign this month to help spread awareness of the organization and to promote the goodness of owners surrendering their dogs to GRR. We are processing the many applications we have received and utilizing very safe protocols to conduct home visits at this time.

Our 2021 calendar auction will launch on July 11th and runs for ten days. There are some new features this year, which include the ability for you to bid on multiple months at the same time and the opportunity to purchase special monthly thumbnails. We are also going back to the 12x12 wall calendar, as requested by popular demand. Please stay healthy and well.

Best regards,
Michelle Goldberg

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to grrboard@grr-tx.com and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **July 11, 2020**.

Tipsy Tuesday Bingo!

Join Us For Tipsy Tuesday Bingo Night!

Here's a way for us to all be together while we're apart! Join host Gail March for a fun game of Tipsy Tuesday Bingo! Gail will email you your card(s) by the day before so you can print them out at home and use coins or poker chips to cover your numbers. Certain calls will require everyone to drink: others might require you to tell us a dog story or two so be ready. Also, don't drink and drive!

We'll do this via Zoom, so if you will have more than one player on the Zoom call, let Gail know so that she can send you an extra bingo card or two. The number of cards provided will depend upon the number of players we have. We may even surprise you with a few prizes!

Our first game will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 7p.m. Be sure to make your reservation by noon on Sunday, July 5th, by emailing Gail at gail_march@hotmail.com. Please include the number of individuals who will be playing. We'll need an email address for each person planning to access Zoom so that we can send the invite and bingo card.

If you have questions, call or text Gail at 512-423-3416 or send an email to Gail_March@hotmail.com. She'll get back with you! Fun!

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

RSVP Deadline: July 5, 2020 by noon

Heads Up: Announcing the GRR 2021 Calendar Auction



The 2021 GRR calendar auction runs from July 11th through July 26th for 10 days.

New features for the 2021 calendar include:

- To simplify and speed-up bidding, you may bid for as many months as you like **at the same time**. Simply watch the bidding and update as you prefer.
- Based on your feedback, we are returning to the 12" x 12" wall calendar.
- New this year, there will be three thumbnails per month so select the month that is most meaningful to you and your dog.

More information will be available soon via an email and on our home page at www.grr-tx.com. Thank you for supporting our GRR Golden.

Mark your calendar: GRR Calendar Bidding begins on July 11th.



Gold Ribbon Rescue, recently received a quarterly donation of **\$485.20** thanks to all of you shopping at smile.amazon.com. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of **\$6,971.70** to GRR. This helps GRR so much in our mission of helping Golden.

Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

Fun in the Golden Sun!



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our Fun In the Golden Sun campaign. We know that these are difficult times and your generosity in helping our Golden Retrievers needing medical care is extraordinary. Thanks to you, we more than met our \$3000 goal:

You donated a total of \$4225!

With so many upheavals going on these days, you are an exceedingly generous group of donors that care so much for our dogs and their well being. Your support is greatly appreciated and our Golden Retrievers thank you as well!

Happy 4th of July!



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Where Are They Now?

Baxter (19-088)
Candy Schmidt



Here is a photo of my ten year-old GRR, Baxter who I adopted in November, 2019, He is joined by one



As you can tell, this is why he was named Smudge. He is a one year-old Siamese and a real pistol.

Baxter is my shadow. He is always close to me and does want cuddles all the time. He sleeps alongside my bed

of his brothers, Smudge. They are obviously not observing social distancing of six feet apart.

and enjoys our morning walks. My sweet, sweet baby.



**London (Chynna 10-110)
Sandy Turner**

Just to let you know, London is doing great!

**Anna (13-073)
Cam Snyder**

I have Anna, GRR 13-073, and Louie, a big 100 pounder from Texas Great Pyrenees Rescue.

Anna's mother was rescued by GRR when she was very pregnant and she looked like a pure golden. The pups were mixed. Anna's DNA says her dad was a GSD for three generations back and her mom was a Golden, with a little something else, two generations back. She also has a couple of champions in her family tree.

I have fostered and adopted dogs from GRR since about 2000, and have recently gotten interested in Pyrs.



The 5-second Rule you NEED to KNOW!



Place the back of your hand on the pavement. If you **CANNOT** hold it for 5 seconds, it's **TOO HOT TO WALK YOUR DOG ON IT!!**

Adopted!



McKinley (20-031)

His new family LOOOOOOOVES McKinley and were ready to adopt him as soon as he got home from his check up. Thankfully, his health had improved and he was able to be adopted on June 18th.

He is adorable! We are so glad he is so greatly loved and cared for!

Another GRR victory!





Clinton 20-032

Clinton was adopted on June 27th and he loves his new mama and his new brother Ollie. His mom is smitten with him. Don't the three of them make a sweet family!



Reagan 20-030

We are OVERJOYED to tell you that Mr. Reagan has been warmly welcomed and adopted forever into his new family of Golden Retrievers!

In the days of Covid-19 and quarantine, Reagan has reminded us all of so much good in the world. It is a pleasure to love him and give him a great life!



Monroe 20-029

Rejoice! Monroe 20-029 has found her forever home! They love this sweet girl, and she is thriving. She joins big brother Baron, GRR 20-005, and boy, are they bringing out the best in one another!

Fun fact: Greg and Jordan re-named Monroe "Margo" in honor of our own Margo Biba and all that she did to enable them to thrive in being part of our rescue efforts.



Kennedy 20-028

Kennedy was adopted on June 28th and is on her way to a wonderful life with her new family, complete with four feline siblings and her Lab brother Max.

This precious girl is flourishing. She is well cared for and loved and will live an amazing life with her new forever family.



Layla 20-027

Layla was adopted on June 30th and is so happy with her wonderful new family and her new sister, Buttercup.



She came to GRR with her three and a half months-old children McKinley, Monroe, Reagan, Clinton and Kennedy. Layla is the sweetest little thing and boy, can she JUMP! She just levitates into the car.

Check out the close-up below of her stylin' wavy fur with blond highlights.



Keep Your Dogs Safe This 4th of July
Barkpost

Fireworks Safety *for pets*



Keep your pets secured INSIDE your home. Even dogs in fenced yards find ways to escape the scary sounds.

Give them a safe place to hide. Set up a comfortable room or crate in your house just for them.

Use ambient noise to mask the noise. A radio or TV playing comforting music works well.

Update their IDs & microchips (*just in case*).

Skip the celebration and stay home with them. Sometimes your presence makes all the difference.

Keep them busy. Treat toys, like Kongs, can help distract them during the display.

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Pool parties, beaches, and barbecues are a few things that probably spring to mind when you think of the 4th of July. Dogs, unfortunately, don't share the same fun-loving views.

Nothing seems to freak them out more than this summer day (although the vet comes in a close second). The loud explosions and weird fires in the sky (or "fireworks" in human speak) are enough to send any dog running.

Best Friends Animal Society knows this better than anyone. The organization runs the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary and is the only national welfare organization dedicated exclusively to ending the killing of dogs (and cats) in America's shelters.

The 4th of July is the busiest time for them, as well as shelters across the country. With this in mind, the organization has provided a few tips to avoid any mishaps during your celebration.

1. Keep dogs indoors.

Large crowds and loud noises are sure to frazzle any pup. Keeping dogs indoors can help you keep tabs on them through all the chaos and ensure they stay safe.

2. Allocate a designated doggie room.

Having all your dog's favorite toys and bedding in one room will help them to feel comfortable. Playing music, or putting on the television, will help drown out some of the celebratory sounds.

3. Keep dogs away from fireworks.

If keeping your dog indoors isn't a practical option, make sure your dog stays away from any lit fireworks. Dogs are bound to be curious about any sparking objects they come across, and won't realize how dangerous they are.

4. Make sure your dog's name tag is up to date.

Lando (06-026) 2005-2018

Daphne Crouch

We adopted Lando from GRR when my daughter was ten and he was two. She found your organization online herself. Our boy watched her graduate high school and get into and go to fifteen and was one of the most healthy and happy dogs I have ever met, despite his rough start of abuse and neglect before we adopted him.

He was our entire family's best friend and we all miss him greatly. This is just one of thousands of pictures. Lando was out trick-or-treating with his best friend, my daughter Coral. This picture is from 2006, but shows their relationship for his entire life. We are blessed my daughter found GRR and connected us to Lando. Thanks again GRR!



Little Miss 11-002

Cam Snyder

Little Miss, GRR 11-002, passed away on June 8th due to declining health. She had begun showing signs of dementia and her rear legs were giving her lots of trouble due to arthritis. She let me know she was ready.

She came to me in November, 2015 with her bonded partner Stevie, 12-052, who passed away in January of 2016 due to kidney failure and severe dysplasia.

Little Miss loved walks and people. At the dog park, she would spend the first half hour bouncing down the trails, nose to the ground, sniffing everything. Then she would slowly circulate between all the people, stopping to say hello and sharing her beautiful smile with each one. She especially loved children, and they loved her. There is a two year-old girl in the neighborhood who would laugh and make a 'grrrr' noise when she saw Little Miss because she thought Little Miss looked like a lion. Once introduced, the little girl would toddle toward Little Miss with arms open, and Little Miss would meet her halfway.



A couple of years ago, I took Little Miss on a trip over to the family farm in Louisiana. It was

fall and there were dry leaves all over the yard. She had a blast crunching through them, nose down, smelling all kinds of new critters.

When one of my pups leaves, it seems like the closing of a chapter in my life. She was a warm, loving companion.

Tax Day

Tax Deductibility Reminder - The Due Date This Year is July 15, 2020

As a 501(c)(3), GRR is a "qualified organization." The IRS allows you to claim the following deductions as charitable contributions, if you itemize: mileage for every mile you travel for GRR purposes, vet appointments, transport, home visits, etc. Direct expenses such as food, medical supplies and other items for a foster dog. Money spent on envelopes, postage, containers for supplies, baggies for supplies, membership fees, dues, etc.

From publication 526: "You may be able to deduct membership fees or dues you pay to a qualified organization. However, you can deduct only the amount that is more than the value of the benefits you receive." GRR always recommends that you talk with your tax consultant/adviser on all deductions. See publication 526 [here](#).

In Memoriam - Honey 19-017 Diana Halcomb



Honey 19-017 came to Gold Ribbon Rescue in February, 2019 and then came to my home in June, 2019 as a permanent foster. She truly blessed our home with so much love and joy over the last twelve months. Sadly, we had to say our goodbyes today.

Thank you to everyone who helped Honey by fostering, sponsoring, donating, and providing respite care. Thanks also to our foster coordinator, medical coordinator and all others who had a part in Honey's care.

Honey, we miss you.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Honey 19-017
Little Miss 11-002
Hank 17-043
Charlie 20-036
Bonnie Lass 09-094



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