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July 2021

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I hope you are having fun in the sun with both your two-legged and four-legged family and friends as we get back to what may be our “new normal.” Bob and I take every opportunity we can to take our dogs swimming and for a drive in the beautiful hill country.

This month, I want to talk about leadership within Gold Ribbon Rescue and the need to have

more volunteers step-up into these roles within the organization. While GRR does not have a formal mentoring program, we have had many volunteers over the years who have made it their priority to learn and grow within GRR. The Board has worked, and continues to work, diligently to grow these individuals into leadership roles.

We need more people who see themselves evolving to leaders within GRR. If you have a desire to do more to help GRR Golden Retrievers, please reach out to a Board member and let us know what interests, skills and passions you have. Based on this information we will try to determine the best path forward for you within the organization. This may be a long-term goal or a short term goal with the 2021 election approaching on October 30.

When I began volunteering for GRR in 2009, I worked the hotline and then moved to telephone interviews and home visits. Those areas gave me a good understanding of the day-to-day workings of GRR and a good idea on the direction I wanted to go. We have had many volunteers in the same positions over the years because they love what they do; but also because there are not many who have expressed a desire to cultivate their skills to become a team leader. I am asking you to really look at how you want to get more involved in GRR and if you do, please let us know.

We are deeply saddened to learn that the USDA has a significant backlog in processing permit documentation and they were not able to process our documentation in time for our "Designer Turkey Dogs" to make their flight on June 29. We are working with our rescue partners in Turkey to see if there may be other options for bringing these dogs to the U.S. prior to the CDC ban scheduled to go into effect on July 14, 2021 on international dogs from 113 countries. We will update you as we have more information.

I wish you and your families a safe, happy July 4th. Please keep your pets safely indoors over this holiday weekend.

Warm 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 **August 21, 2021**.

GRR Store - Show Your Golden Patriotic Pride



Our partners at Animal Pride have new patriotic images that are pretty darn PAWsOME. They have partnered with us to share the proceeds and their products are versatile for all ages and genders.

Check out their newest items and order soon from the [GRR Store](#).

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



4th of July Safety Tips



For Americans, July 4th is a time known for pride, exuberance, and festivity. But while we happily celebrate the nation's independence, the day can be confusing and downright frightening for our pets.

More pets are lost on July 4th than any other day of the year, so please keep these Independence Day pet safety tips in mind.

Stay Shady Like humans, dogs can also suffer from heatstroke, so keep your dog in shaded areas. Remember that dogs sweat from the pads of their feet and cool off by panting, so they need extra help cooling down in warm weather. Protect your pet from the heat by keeping your pet shaded when the temperature rises.

Stay Hydrated Make sure you have a generous amount of fresh water on hand to quench your dog's thirst, especially during and after a game of 4th of July fetch. Keep a large bowl of water under a shaded tree or pavilion to keep the water cool, and for good measure fill the bowl with half water and half ice.

Scaredy Cat, Scaredy Dog Your dog can become easily frightened by 4th of July fireworks and loud celebrations. Make sure your pet is wearing a properly fitted collar with proper identification and tags just in case your pet becomes scared and runs away from home. Better yet, have your pet micro-chipped as a precaution and to make it easier for your pet to be returned home safely and promptly.

Fireworks are no blast for some pets, with many dogs becoming easily frightened by unfamiliar loud noises and lighting. Unfortunately the 4th of July is filled with the deafening sound of loud fireworks bursting with light and loud celebrations. Even if your dog has never tried to escape before, don't assume they will react well to the extra stimulation. When they are frightened, an animal is able to run faster and jump higher than when they are normally just playing. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Continue reading [here](#).

Fun in the Golden Sun



Let's Go to the Beach

GRR will launch its annual **Fun in the Golden Sun** campaign on July 10th and it will run through July 25th. This online campaign lets you place an ornament on a playful beach

scene in honor or in memory of your favorite Golden, or furry friend, along with a special message. Beach ornaments include a boat, sandcastle, balls, shells and more.

New this year is a raffle for a 7-night stay at the **Wyndham at the Majestic Sun on Miramar Beach Resort** in beautiful Destin, FL. The booking is a one-bedroom suite with kitchen for October 30 – November 5, 2021.

Best of all, all money raised supports our Golden Retrievers in need.

Watch your email for details on the campaign and the Wyndham resort raffle. If you have questions, please contact [Paula Ellis](#).

Update: The Designer Turkey Dogs

We want to let you know that due to circumstances beyond our control, the Designer Turkey Dogs didn't arrive on June 30th as scheduled. We are HOPEFUL that they will be able to come to Texas mid-July, but at this point we just aren't certain. Stay tuned!

2022 GRR Calendar Auction



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

The 2022 Calendar Auction Winners are:

Cover	Nancy Reither
January	Karen Schultz
February	Mary Elizabeth Johnston
March	Christi Bass
April	Kathy and Ken Kerr
May	Howard Curtis
June	Kelly Topfer
July	Marla McClain
August	Ann E. Molloy
September	Megan Hanley
October	Christi Rawls
November	Megan Hanley
December	Michelle and Jason Richmond

Thumbnails: Christi Bass, Amanda Price, Ashley Iadarola, Dori Olsen, Michelle and Jason Richmond, Amy McCaffrey, Chrissy Hammond, Marla McClain, Vicki Schnell, Robin Early, Jeanne Avant, Susan Eggert, Jennie Lou Reeder, Karen Schultz, Rebecca White, Lisa Savage.

REMINDER: ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 1ST

For questions about the calendar, please email [Allie Herbert](mailto:Allie.Herbert).

THANK YOU!

We raised \$6450

All proceeds from the calendar auction and thumbnails directly support GRR dogs.

Finian Turns Seven!



Finian 15-034

Finian came to GRR from the San Antonio shelter in April, 2015 as a beautiful, friendly, healthy two year-old with an unknown past. He was soon adopted by the Woolums and has had a wonderful life with them. Finian (above left) celebrated his 7th Birthday last month with his sister Aurora. Doggie ice cream from HEB was the bill of fare (YUM!), lots of loves and a new birthday toy made it a fabulous day.

Thanks to James and Trish for the celebratory photos! Happy Birthday Finian!



Hot Dog! Recognize the Signs of Overheating



The dog days of summer are upon us! That means spending time at the lake, frolicking in the sun and, unfortunately, the threat of heat stroke.

Pets are especially susceptible to overheating because they can't sweat like humans do. Instead, they cool themselves by panting, which isn't the most efficient way to dissipate heat. This increases their risk for overheating and heat stroke, which can cause brain swelling, kidney or liver damage, and cardiac arrest. But the good news is that it's completely preventable.

Preventing Heat Stroke

The main cause of overheating is from pets left in parked cars. You should never leave your dog or cat in a parked car (not even for a few minutes!). On an 80°F day, it doesn't take long for the temperature inside your vehicle to top 120°F — and cracking open the windows doesn't help. In fact, leaving your pet in your car is such a bad idea that it's illegal in some cities and states.

Other prevention methods include making sure your pet is hydrated and has access to fresh, clean water; staying indoors when it's 90°F or higher; making sure your house isn't too warm, and avoiding hot pavement. You can also trim your pet's fur if he has a long coat (just don't make it too short or he might get sunburned). You should also limit outdoor time on hot days. If you do need to be outside, try to stay in the shade to keep cool.

If your pet needs exercise, find activities that will reduce the potential for overheating. Go swimming, let him run through a sprinkler or take a walk during the early morning and late evening, the coolest parts of the day. And be sure to bring along water so your pup can hydrate along the way.

Recognize the Signs

One of the biggest indicators of overheating is your pet's body temperature. Over 103°F is cause for concern, as your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion.

Continue reading [here](#).

ADOPTED!



Knox 21-015

Knox was adopted by his FPA family on May 31st. Everyone was so happy that this day finally came. Justin and Miriam are the best parents for Knox and he is the best dog for them! It is a match made in heaven. 😊



Valor 21-020T



We're thrilled to share that Valor was adopted on June 2nd by his new family and he has settled in wonderfully.

When he was still a foster his mom said:

"Every day his personality blossoms, but he is still the sweetest, mellowest little teddy bear. He loves his walks and everyone he meets, has decided that he likes rolling in the grass, figured out what dog beds are for, will briefly play with a tennis ball, still isn't sure what toys are for and isn't scared of the rain storms, which has always been a scary thing for our pups. His chill attitude about them is even rubbing off on big brother Finn. Yay!!"



"This sweet little bear is now officially a member of our family!! Thanks GRR for bringing him safely from Istanbul to us! We couldn't love him and big brother Finn 15-019 more."





Halley, now known as Honey, was adopted on June 6th. Our congratulations to her new mom, Liz, who has patiently worked with Honey. They are doing great together! We're wishing them many fun years together!

Bentley 21-027



Sweet Bentley was adopted on
June 12th.



When his new parents met him they fell for him hard. Things are going well with Bentley adjusting to his new home. We so appreciate our volunteer foster homes - especially Emily who patiently worked with Bentley for several weeks before he found his forever home!

Miles 21-025



June 12th was a day worth celebrating. On that special day, Miles was adopted by his new forever family and they are in love!

This sweet 6-1/2 year old Golden mix was surrendered to GRR by his owners when their new baby became allergic to him. He had been cared for by his family, but he hadn't received the benefit of positive redirection or patient, loving, consistent training.

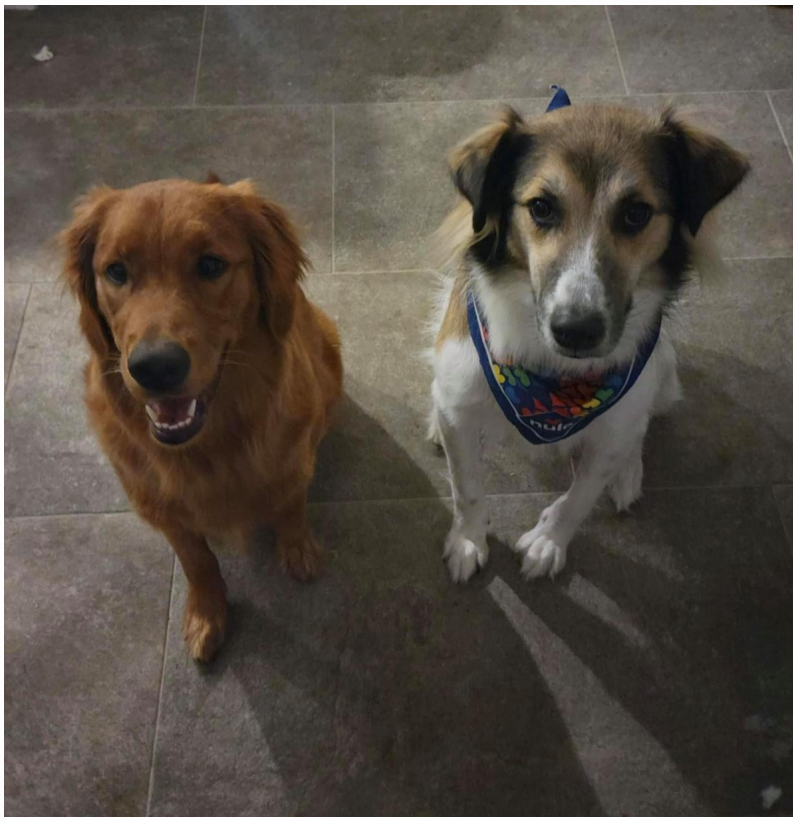
This boy needed and still needs the training work he deserves to become a great family member. Michelle and her training team invested so much time, energy and love coming up with the very best training plan for Miles. His new family is following through, giving Miles lots of mental stimulation, enrichment games and puzzles and plenty of physical exercise.



Miles' new parents and his two new human sisters obviously love Miles very much and are so happy to have him join their family. He even has a big brother Golden named Max.

Biscuit 21-023

Happy Gotcha Day to Biscuit who was adopted on June 15th.

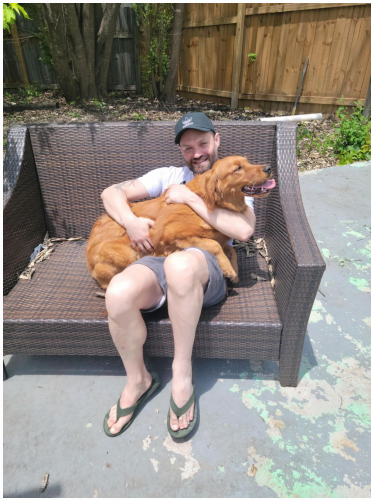


Biscuit (left) with her new BFF Laika

She was adopted by her new dads, Mike and Ben, and they LOVE HER!!! Biscuit now has a doggie sister that she really loves, and who, hopefully, can keep her busy so she won't be wrecking the backyard, which is why the previous owners surrendered her.

Biscuit is already well-loved and cared for by Ben and Mike and her new doggie sister, Laika, adores her. She can look forward to a long, happy, adventurous life.

Congratulations to all!



Akins 21-019T

Celebrating! Jeff became a new dad on Father's Day, June 20th, to his boy Akins. GRR rescued Akins from a shelter in Istanbul, Turkey in early May. Jeff recently lost his last rescue dog when she crossed the Rainbow Bridge and he longed for the companionship that a loving, velcro Golden brings! It's amazing and beautiful how dogs rescue us, and not only the reverse!



Akins and Jeff are a great match. Akins jumped into Jeff's car without looking back and they've been snuggling, playing and bonding ever since.

Such a happy ending! From 6450 miles away, from Turkey to Texas, Jeff and Akins are joined together as a family!



Indy 21-030

Indy was adopted on June 27th and we couldn't be happier for both Indy and his new dad, Joe. Indy has completely grabbed Joe's heart, filling his life with the zest, energy and abundant joy that only a high-energy two year-old can bring! Actually, Joe says Indy claimed him as his own at very first glance!

Joe recently lost his beloved 14 year-old Golden to a second bout of cancer, so Indy is definitely keeping him busy. They are working hard at training and practicing twice a day! Joe wants you to know he worked really hard to get these pictures, but it was pretty difficult because Mr. Indy and staying still don't yet go together!

The two are a match made in heaven. Indy now has the life that he truly deserves! Congratulations to both!



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\$9,973.65 that is used to support our GRR dogs.



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In Memoriam - Frankie 19-098
Margaret Guzaldo



Frankie came to us as a foster in December of 2019. She was all the things we didn't want; a puppy, medical needs, and later we learned she was terminal with her paralyzed larynx. They didn't think she'd live through last summer, but she did. We made it official in December of 2020 and she became a Guzaldo, only to develop megaesophagus in February of this year.

Today (6/24/21) we made the heart wrenching decision to help my sweet Frankie cross the Rainbow Bridge. She had a multitude of problems. Her neurological issues included back leg partial paralysis that was worsening, seizures with the ME and a paralyzed larynx and her quality of life just wasn't there anymore. I hope she is frolicking with my Henry dog (GRR 2006) with a body that works the way it is supposed to. I will miss her so much. My heart is broken.

Frankie was a reminder of what you want and need are often two different things. She taught us a different love and care for a special needs dog. I didn't think after only a year and a half I would be so heartbroken, but even vacuuming up the last of her hair made me sad, knowing I wouldn't do it again. She was the sweetest, most loving dog I've ever had. She is going to be missed so very much.

Editor's Note: Frankie came to GRR in 2019 as an 11 pound, 10 week-old puppy. Due to her incurable neurological issues that affected her mobility and breathing, Frankie became a Permanent Foster with Margaret until she officially became a part of Margaret's family. We are so sad to hear of Frankie's passing, but we are so glad that she had a loving family of her own who provided her with wonderful care and love until the end. Many thanks to Margaret who gave Frankie a wonderful life. Run free sweet Frankie.



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Frankie 19-098



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