

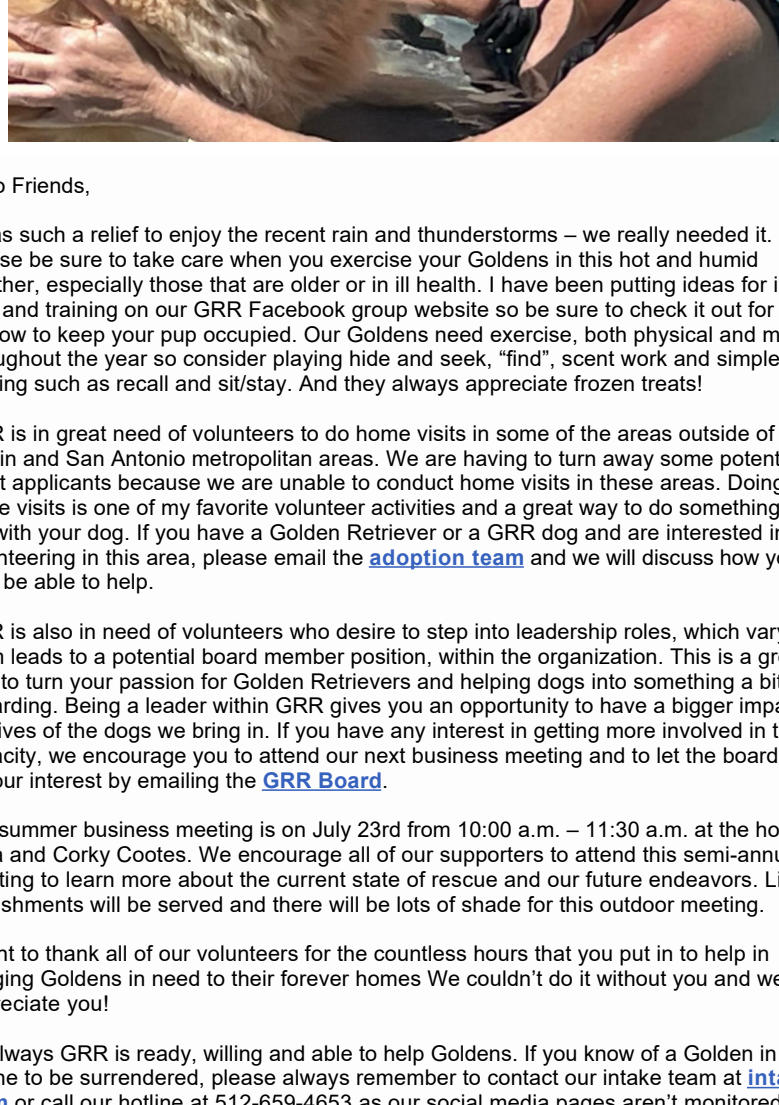


Golden Tales

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July 2022

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

It was such a relief to enjoy the recent rain and thunderstorms – we really needed it. Please be sure to take care when you exercise your Golden in this hot and humid weather, especially those that are older or in ill health. I have been putting ideas for indoor play and training on our GRR Facebook group website so be sure to check it out for ideas on how to keep your pup occupied. Our Golden need exercise, both physical and mental, throughout the year so consider playing hide and seek, ‘find’, scent work and simple training such as recall and sitstay. And they always appreciate frozen treats!

GRR is in great need of volunteers to do home visits in some of the areas outside of the Austin and San Antonio metropolitan areas. We are happy to turn away some potentially great applicants because we are unable to conduct home visits in these areas. I am excitedly looking for volunteers to help with our rescue efforts. Being a leader within GRR gives you an opportunity to have a bigger impact on the lives of the dogs we bring in. If you have any interest in helping more involved in this capacity, we encourage you to attend our next business meeting and to let the board know of your interest by emailing the [GRR Board](#).

Our summer business meeting is on July 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kara and Corky Coates. We encourage all of our supporters to attend this semi-annual meeting to learn more about the current state of rescue and our future endeavors. Light refreshments will be served and there will be lots of shade for this outdoor meeting.

I want to thank all of our volunteers for the countless hours that you put in to help in bringing Golden in need to their forever homes. We couldn't do it without you and we truly appreciate you!

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 info@rtr.com or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

Warm Regards,

Michelle

Editor's Note: The correct date of the Business Meeting is July 23, 2022. I sincerely apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the [GRR Board](#) and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is July 23, 2022.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



The More You Know

GRR Volunteer Orientation Webinar

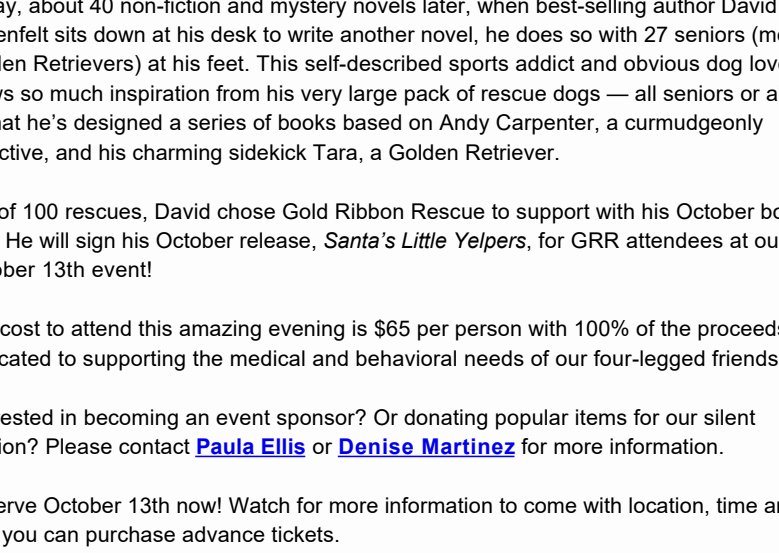
We are taking a break for the summer from our Volunteer Orientation webinar. However, new volunteers and others interested in helping more about volunteering in other roles should contact us at volunteer@rtr.com and we will follow up with you. Our next Volunteer Orientation webinar will be in September.

4th of July Pet Safety

Did you know that the #1 cause of pet suffocation is chip bags? Be sure to read the entire article on 4th of July Pet Safety in 'About Dogs' below.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Fun in the Golden Sun



Let's Go to the Beach

GRR will launch its annual **Fun in the Golden Sun** campaign on July 8th and it will run through July 24th! This online campaign lets you place an ornament on a playful beach scene in honor of in memory of your favorite Golden, or funny friend, along with a special message. Beach ornaments include a boat, sandcastle, balls, shells and more.

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

If you have questions, please contact Paula.Ellis@rtr.com.

GRR Summer Business Meeting

Join us on July 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the GRR Summer Business Meeting at the home of Kara and Corky Coates. This meeting is open to all GRR members and others interested in Gold Ribbon Rescue. We look forward to your input.

Agenda:

- Welcome – Michelle Goldberg
- Financial Update – Tim Harney
- 2022 Year-to-Date Update – Michelle Goldberg
- Incoming Dogs: Changes we're seeing in numbers, medical/behavior issues and where dogs are coming from
- Foster/Adoption Family Overview: Is a Rescue the Best Fit?
- International Rescue
- October 13: An Evening with David Rosenfelt
- Q and A – Everyone

If you have questions about this meeting, please contact the [GRR Board of Directors](mailto:GRR.Board@rtr.com). No RSVP is required. We look forward to seeing each of you.

Date: July 23, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Where: The home of Kara and Corky Coates
5808 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Austin TX 78739

How Our Dogs Speak

We will be having another webinar on understanding dogs' body language from a little bit of a different perspective than the webinar that we had in May. Please join us for this very informative session.

Date: July 25, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
What: "How Our Dogs Speak" Webinar

Presented by Diana Wilkins, CPDT-KA, owner of in Harmony With Dogs.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/784984715>

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 13TH



Author David Rosenfelt

Mark your calendar and don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet author, speaker extraordinaire and follow rescuer David Rosenfelt!

Picture this: an evening filled with warmth and laughter, storytelling, being inspired by an engaging, witty, comical, extremely talented man who shares with us an extraordinary heart for Golden rescue!

Come celebrate at **An Evening with David Rosenfelt** on October 13, 2022 starting at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music, mix and mingle with other Golden lovers, hear touching stories about some of our 2022 dogs and bid your heart to support our Golden at the Silent Auction.

David graduated NYU, joined the movie business, became President of Marketing for Tri-Star Pictures, then later wrote feature films and for TV before becoming a best-selling author.

Today, about 40 non-fiction and mystery novels later, when best-selling author David Rosenfelt sits down at his desk to write another novel, he does so with 27 seniors (mostly Golden Retrievers) at his feet. This self-described sports addict and obvious dog lover draws so much inspiration from his very large pack of rescue dogs – all seniors or ailing – that he's designed a series of books based on Andy Carpenter, a curmudgeonly detective, and his charming sidekick Tara, a Golden Retriever.

Out of 100 rescues, David chose Gold Ribbon Rescue to support with his October book tour. He will sign his October release, *Santa's Little Yelpers*, for GRR attendees at our October 13th event!

The cost to attend this amazing evening is \$65 per person with 100% of the proceeds dedicated to supporting the medical and behavioral needs of our four-legged friends.

Interested in becoming an event sponsor? Or donating popular items for our silent auction? Please contact Paula.Ellis@rtr.com or Denise.Martinez@rtr.com for more information.

Reserve October 13th now! Watch for more information to come with location, time and how you can purchase advance tickets.

See you on October 13th!

Our 2023 Calendar Winners!!!!



The 2023 Calendar Auction Winners are:

- Cover Larry July January Maria McClain February Ann Boykin
- March Mary Sharp April Kathleen Kerr May Howard Curtis
- June Kelly Topfer July Vicki Schmei August Candice Gourey
- September Michelle-Jewett Richmond October Cary Dennis Sunthert
- November Larry July December Mary Sharp

Thumballs: Jennie Lou Reeder, Barbara Michel, Michelle-Jason Richmond, Ann Boykin, Don Olsen, Chrissy Fitzgerald, Michelle Goldberg, Joie Lay, Maria McClain, Opie Avant, Karen Schultz, Chelsey Brimmer, Susan Bryant, Barbara Tankey, Nancy Reiniers, Emma Long Avant

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For questions about the calendar photos, please contact Amanda.Price@rtr.com.

For questions about the calendar photos, please contact Amanda.Price@rtr.com. The 2023 Calendar will be available for purchase the beginning of October. All proceeds from the calendar auction and thumballs directly support GRR dogs.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
We raised \$6855

JOIN US!

"Being a long-time member of GRR just feels like the right thing to do. I've had my wonderful GRR dog for nine years and it has been one of the best things in my life. The small amount for the dues helps to continue the work of GRR and I am proud to be part of this organization. All the volunteers are wonderful, dedicated rescue people and I've made some fabulous friends." **GRR member and volunteer.**

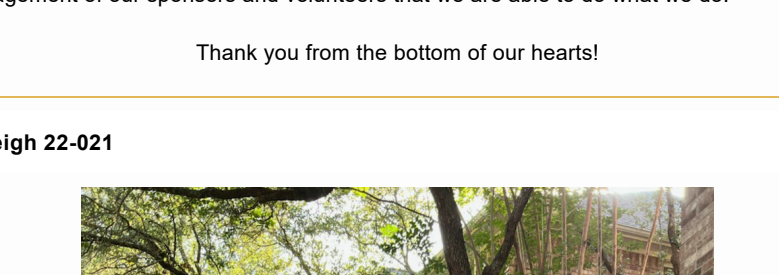
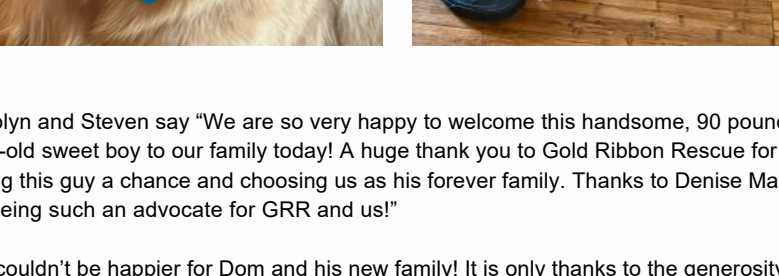
We invite all Golden owners, anyone who is interested in helping needy Golden and all who simply admire the wonderful characteristics of the breed to become members of Gold Ribbon Rescue's GRR Membership. It's one way to show your support of our mission of helping and rescuing more Golden.

We offer four levels of membership with 100% of your membership dues going toward the medical needs of our dogs. To learn more about how your dollars help our Golden in need and the levels and benefits of membership, go [here](#). Please take a moment right now to [join](#) or [renew](#) your GRR Membership. Our heartfelt thanks for helping us rescue more Golden.

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

Sedona Turns 14! Michelle Goldberg

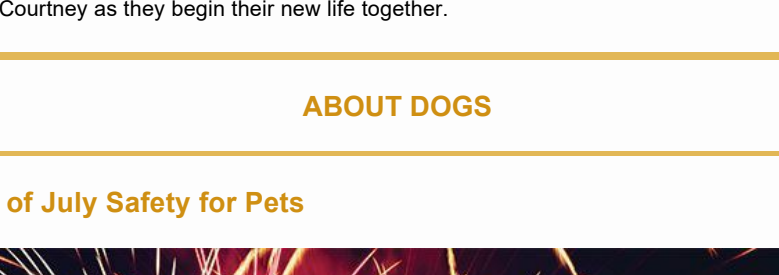
June 10th was a pretty special day at our house. Sedona is 14 years old and is our initial link to GRR. He is our first adopted dog and the reason that we became so involved with such a great organization.



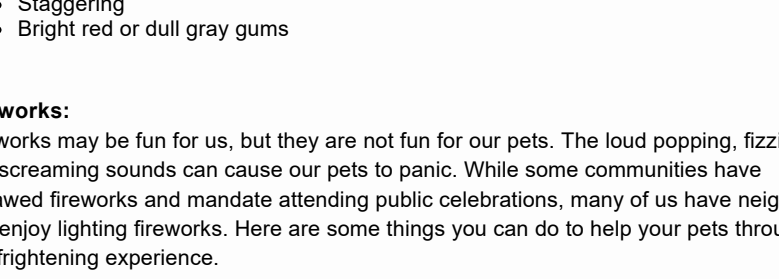
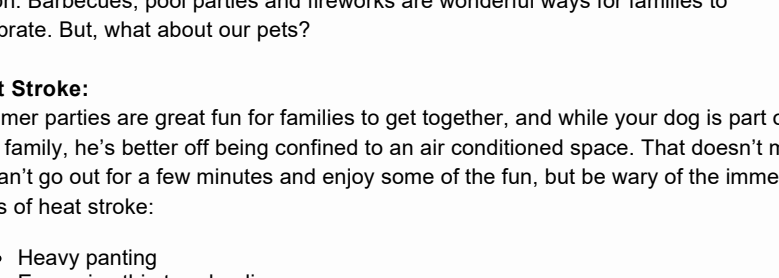
Sedona on his Gotcha Day in 2010

Sedona enjoying the sun

We adopted him when he was two years old. He was an owner surrender who had lived in a backyard for two years. He was so handsome and had such an amazing personality so we knew right away he was perfect for us. We didn't know though, that he had horrible leash reactivity that would take us years to overcome. We have learned more than we ever imagined from him over the past 12 years. I'm grateful for each and every experience as he had made us better every step along the way.

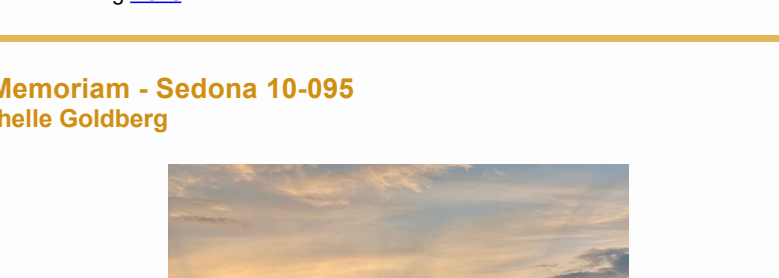


Sedona has done dozens and dozens of home visits, being a true GRR ambassador. He's represented GRR at dozens of events over the years showing the public just how amazing our rescue dogs can be. Because of him, I've met some of my closest friends.

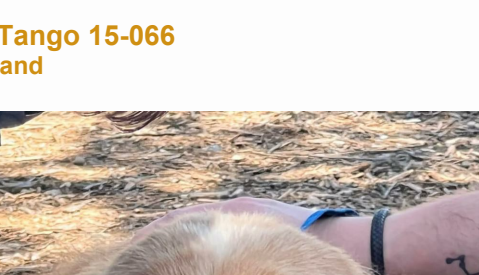


We know that this will be his last birthday and it breaks my heart. BUT we will celebrate every single second we have left and will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have him in our lives for as long as we have. Sedona is truly a remarkable Golden who has been a life changing part of our family. Happy birthday to our most precious boy.

Editor's Note: Sedona peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge on June 29th. We are so sorry and send our heartfelt condolences to his family. He was a very special boy and much loved.

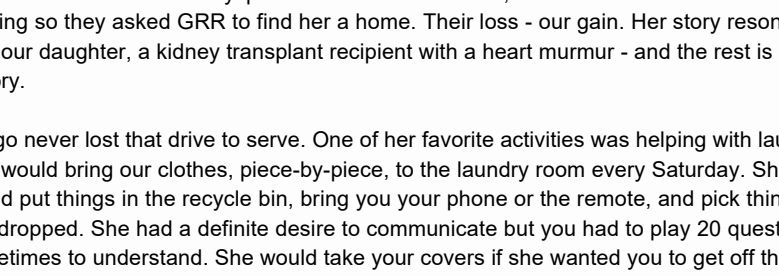
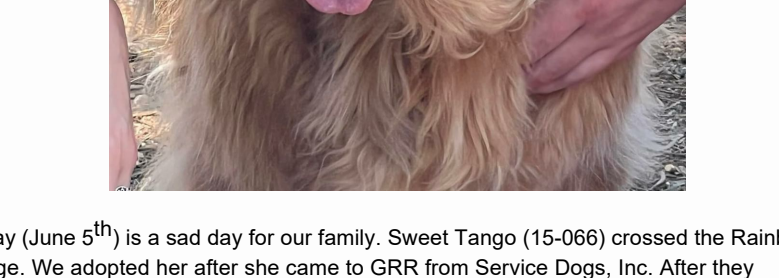


Spotlight on Stevie 22-028



Stevie is looking for his forever home. Could it be yours?

Stevie is a handsome, 2-year-old boy who is super sweet, loves playing with other dogs and thrives on spending time with his people. He has a nice, outgoing personality and enjoys kids. Does he jump up when meeting new people? No! Stevie melts into the ground with a happy grin, just waiting for pets. All he wants from the beginning of the day until the end is to be loved, held, played with and petted. He is the absolutely sweetest boy.

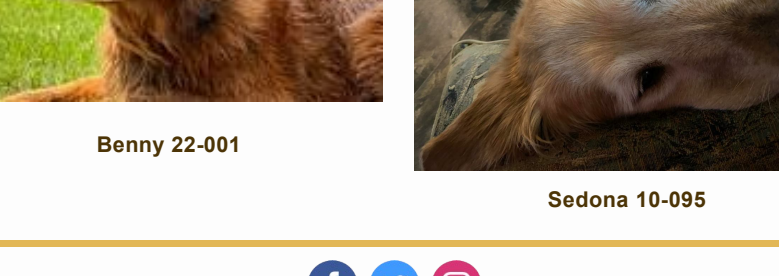
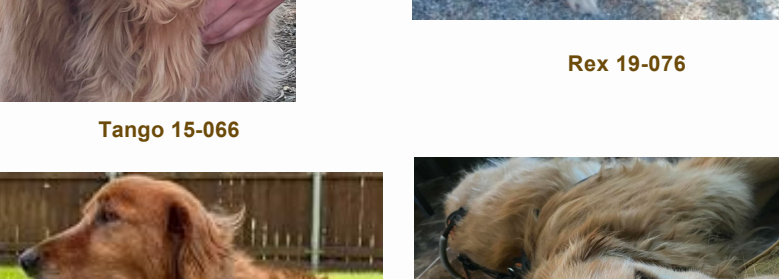


Stevie was likely born with a congenital eye issue. Although his vision is impaired, with extra tissue covering part of his cornea, it does not slow him down at all. Stevie sees well enough to run around, play and cuddle and is expected to live a full and happy life.

If you think that Stevie might be the perfect addition to your family and want to learn more about him, click [here](#).

Look Who's Here!

Our June GRR Arrivals



22-036 Scout just turned one year old and, as is typical of young Golden, he is extremely high energy. He was surrendered because he had too much energy for his owners but, to the far, he was trained for extensive periods of time. His owners said he's a great dog in the wrong home. Welcome to GRR Scout! You have a wonderful forever family in your future.

22-037 Bubbles was found as a stray in Kemper, TX by a Good Sam who found her on a country road. After trying a few shelters and being too far to take her, the Good Sam contacted GRR and we were able to arrange for her to complete her total hip replacement surgery and recovery and it wasn't easy keeping a 90 pound, one-year-old Golden on major restriction for months. They did an excellent job with him and you can see and feel the strong bond between them all!

22-038 Benelli joined our GRR family along with **22-039 Jingles**. They were both abandoned with several other dogs at a boarding facility in San Antonio. GRR was contacted to see if we could help. The dogs had been there over a year and the owners stopped paying the bills a few months ago. We don't know much about Benelli, but we're looking forward to getting to know her. Benelli is approximately 5 years old and she is with her FPA family. We're so glad you're here sweet girl!

22-039 Jingles joined our GRR family along with **22-038 Benelli**. They were both abandoned with several other dogs at a boarding facility in San Antonio. Jingles is approximately eight years old and is with his FPA family, so we'll know more about his personality soon. Welcome home!

22-040 Oscar is an owner surrender from the Cedar Park area, and he will celebrate his first birthday with us on July 28th. He's a sweet boy who is in with his foster so we will find out more about him soon. Welcome to our new little Oscar!

22-041 Arizona and **22-042 Powell** arrived in our care on June 30th from the Lockhart Animal Shelter. The shelter contacted us and asked if we could help two 6-month-old Golden. Of course we can! The shelter is full, their stay hold was up and, unbelievably, no one came looking for these two cuties. Welcome to GRR babies!

22-042 Powell and his significant other **22-041 Arizona** arrived in our care on June 30th from the Lockhart Animal Shelter. We don't know much about them yet, but one thing we are sure of - they are absolutely adorable! More information to come.

Adopted!

Dom Perignon 21-077

This is the day we've been waiting for! Congratulations to Carolyn and Steven on the June 18th adoption of our last intake of 2021, Dom Perignon, who is now known as Bear.

It's been a long journey for Dom and we're so excited that he's now well and healthy, with great muscle mass. Carolyn and Steven took Dom through his total hip replacement surgery and recovery and it wasn't easy keeping a 90 pound, one-year-old Golden on major restriction for months. They did an excellent job with him and you can see and feel the strong bond between them all!

Carolyn and Steven say "We are so very happy to welcome this handsome, 90 pound, one-year-old sweet boy to our family today! A huge thank you to Gold Ribbon Rescue for giving this guy a chance and choosing us as his forever family. Thanks to Denise Martinez for being such an advocate for GRR and us!"

We couldn't be happier for Dom and his new family! It is only thanks to the generosity and engagement of our sponsors and volunteers that we are able to do what we do.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Kaleigh 22-021

We want to share the good news that Kaleigh was adopted by Andrew and Courtney on June 24th. She is an absolute sweetheart and her fosters said "Kaleigh is the most loving dog. She loves to cuddle, rather than humans or other rescue dogs." She's lived in new situations but she's become a well-adjusted dog. We're so happy for Kaleigh and Andrew and Courtney as they begin their new life together.

ABOUT DOGS

4th of July Safety for Pets

Every year Americans set out on July 4th to celebrate the independence of our great nation. Barbecues, pot parties and fireworks are wonderful ways for families to celebrate. But what about our pets?

Heat Stroke: Fireworks are great fun for families to get together, and while your dog is part of your family, he's better off being confined to an air conditioned space. That doesn't mean he can't go out for a few minutes and enjoy some of the fun, but be wary of the immediate signs of heat stroke:

- Heavy panting
- Excessive thirst or drooling
- Staggering
- Bright red or dull gray gums

Fireworks: Fireworks may be fun for us, but they are not fun for our pets. The loud popping, fizzing and screaming sounds can cause our pets to panic. While some communities have outlawed fireworks and mandate attending public celebrations, many of us have neighbors that enjoy lighting fireworks. Here are some things you can do to help your pets through this frightening experience.

Keep them inside: Pets are easily terrified by the sound of fireworks exploding. While there is little we can do to keep neighbors from celebrating, we can manage our pets differently.

- Loud TV or Radio:** Turning on a television or radio at a higher than normal volume can help drown out the sound of fireworks. The pet acclimates to the sound of the TV and will naturally pay less attention to fireworks.
- Dark and cozy space:** Create a den for your dog by blanketing the top and three sides of his crate. This will give him a secure place to rest and relax while you're out enjoying all of the action. Some pet owners secure their pet inside the covered crate and add lavender aromatherapy near their dog's environment to keep him as calm as possible.

Continue reading [here](#).

In Memoriam - Sedona 10-095 Michelle Goldberg

Today (June 5th) we said goodbye to our handsome boy, Sedona. Two weeks ago we celebrated his 14th birthday and today we mourn his loss. He was a love, surrounded with love. He had one last walk at sunset yesterday and ate cheeseburgers and ice cream. We won't sleep peacefully, dreaming of being able to run and swim again. Our hearts are more broken than we imagined, but we do find some comfort in knowing he had an amazing life and we are grateful for 12 incredible years. Run free and painless our beautiful Sedona.

In Memoriam - Tango 15-066 Julie Karney Holland

Today (June 5th) is a sad day for our family. Sweet Tango (15-066) crossed the Rainbow Bridge. We adopted her after she came to GRR from Service Dogs, Inc. After they determined she had renal dysplasia and a heart murmur, she could not remain in the training so they asked GRR to take her home. Their loss - our gain. Her story resonated with our daughter, a kidney transplant recipient with a heart murmur - and the rest is history.

Tango never lost that drive to serve. One of her favorite activities was helping with laundry. She would bring our clothes, pet-by-pet, to the laundry room every Friday. She also would put things in the recycle bin, bring your phone or the remote, and pick things up you dropped. She had a definite desire to communicate but you had to play 20 questions sometimes to understand. She would take your covers if she wanted you to go off the couch and follow her and would bring random objects if she wanted you to get her outside or to fill her water bowl.

We know of her health issues when we adopted her and we were blessed with years of relative good health. A little over a year ago, her kidneys began to struggle more and over the past few weeks, they just couldn't keep going. She was an incredible blessing to our family and took a part of our hearts with her. She left this world surrounded by her people and her favorite red ball. Thank you GRR for all you do to rescue Golden. Our family was made better because of your incredible work, and we will forever be grateful for all you do.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Tango 15-066
Rex 15-076
Benny 22-001
Sedona 10-095

