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March 2021

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I hope everyone has recovered from the crazy winter storm. The impact was so significant and I am happy to see warmer temperatures. Spring is beginning to raise her lovely head in Central Texas so let's hope bad weather is now a thing of the past.

2021 has brought a bit of a slow start for Gold Ribbon Rescue in terms of incoming dogs. As always, we are 100% committed to helping Golden Retrievers in need. Even though we have had to pause our foster and adoption applications at times, our intake team is always ready and waiting to jump into action.

One of our community outreach goals is to help educate shelter, vet clinics and social media groups that GRR is the best option for surrendering a dog. We'll be increasing this effort over the next few months. If you'd like to help with this initiative, we need volunteers. If you are interested please contact volunteer@grr-tx.com. We also have hopes of a Spring Turkey dog mission so stay tuned for more details.

Amplify Austin is just around the corner and I encourage you to help support GRR. You will read more about that and the matching challenge opportunity below. We hope to hold other events, virtual or in-person, throughout the year. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see or help plan an event, please reach out to events@grr-tx.com.

Without your support we would not have been able to rescue the 3000+ dogs we have saved and will continue to save so I will never stop saying “thank you” for being an amazing community of members, donors and volunteers. Together we will stay strong.

Warm regards,
Michelle Goldberg

Check out our Golden Retriever St Patrick's Day items [here](#).



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 **March 20, 2021**.



[Amplify Austin Day 2021](#) will take place
March 4th 6:00 PM - March 5th 6:00 PM
CST. Amplify Austin Day is the biggest
day of giving in Austin.

Over the span of 24 hours, Amplify brings our entire community together to give to more than 700 local nonprofits. Together, local individuals, families, and businesses raised \$12.3 million dollars for 760 Central Texas nonprofits in 2020. Over the past eight years, Amplify Austin Day has raised \$69 million in unrestricted funds for our nonprofit sector.

Note: We are excited to announce that GRR qualifies for a \$25,000 matching grant provided by an anonymous supporter for organizations serving in the animal care and services cause category. We'll receive matching funds pro-rata based on our total funds raised between January 19, 2021 and 6pm on March 5th.

All funds raised directly support the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of Golden Retrievers in need. While Amplify Austin Day starts March 4, you can make an early donation as the Amplify website is open. Click [here](#) to go to GRR's Amplify Austin page.



Welcome Spring!



Adopted!

Teton 20-085T



November Turkey Dog Teton was adopted on February 2nd. "We made it! Happy Gotcha Day to Teton who is now known as Gryffin! He is named after a famous literary wizarding house that is known for homing the brave at heart because this guy has been so courageous to travel overseas for a new life. Gryffin is so excited to meet his fellow Turkey Dogs. As for me, I couldn't be happier to have my redhead sandwich for life!"

Pete 20-057

Yay for Pete, the last of the Noble 4. He was adopted on February 6th by a family in Seguin and they love him! Pete, one of our Fab Four, is settling in nicely with his new mom and dad. His foster family did an amazing job and got him so healthy. Pete is living the great life we knew was in store for him the second he became a GRR boy.



Emma 20-104



It's final! Emma 20-104 was adopted on February 8th by a family that has two boys that are great ages to keep Emma busy with adventures! She will have a fun and adventurous life with them!

They are SO in love with her - she is a perfect fit for them! So happy for all!



Bruno 20-102

We are happy to report that Bruno was



adopted on February 8th. The Matchmakers did a wonderful job with this one - Bruno and his new family are a match made in heaven!

Honor 20-005T

Honor was adopted on February 23rd by her new dad John. Her new name is "Max", who is a Grinch character that his granddaughter loved and thought that Honor resembled him! He said it fits her personality! He loves having her as his companion! Honor is the first in the most recent Turkey Dog group to be adopted and has found the perfect home with John! She has gone from a life of unknowns to a life of abundance.



The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

3D



In the first 3 days,

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- Not comfortable enough to be "himself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table
- Testing the boundaries

3W



After 3 weeks,

- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Realizing this could possibly be his forever home
- Figured out his environment
- Getting into a routine
- Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality
- Behavior issues may start showing up

3M



After 3 months,

- Finally completely comfortable in his home.
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a complete sense of security with his new family
- Set in a routine



March is Pet Poison Prevention Awareness Month

Top 10 Poison Prevention Tips For Dogs

March is National Pet Poison Prevention Awareness Month, and the third full week of March is National Poison Prevention Week. In 2021, it starts on March 21st. It's an important time to learn about some crucial ways to ensure our dogs have safe and happy lives. So let's talk about ways to keep them safe from accidental poisoning.

While it's not something we like to think about, our pets can suffer poisoning from a

variety of items in and around our home.



Remember, if you ever suspect your dog is suffering from poisoning, call your emergency veterinarian right away.

You can also call the 24-hour [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) at 888-426-4435 or the [Pet Poison Hotline](#) at 855-764-7661. You may be charged for these services, but if your dog's life is on the line, it's worth it.



PET POISON PREVENTION

Here are ten tips from vets and specialists discussing what items are poisonous to your dogs and how to keep pets safe.

1. Have A Pet Poison Prevention Kit

It's important to make sure every pet owner has a pet poison prevention kit. You might think you're the safest pet owner in the world who would never let anything happen to your dog. However, it's always better to be safe than sorry. Some of the items that the kit should include are:

- liquid dish washing detergent
- rubber gloves
- hydrogen peroxide
- a bulb syringe
- saline eye solution
- tweezers

Check out the video (click "Continue reading here" below) to learn more about this important kit. Remember, being overly prepared for an accident is better than having nothing ready at all.

2. Lock Poisonous Household Items Away

In the video (click "Continue reading here" below), Robert from Grady Veterinary Hospital gives an overview of different household goods that can be hazardous to your dog. The three most common cases he has dealt with are chocolate, gum, and grapes/raisins.

Continue reading [here](#).

Peaches is Three!



Texas Governor Greg Abbott with Peaches

Peaches just celebrated her third birthday! Pancake, First Dog of Texas, and Peaches, Second Dog of Texas, reside in the Governor's Mansion with Governor Greg Abbot and First Lady Cecilia Abbott. Below are Pancake and Peaches waiting to greet guests to the mansion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEACHES!



Editor's Note: Many thanks to JC Smith for contributing the photo and information about Peaches' birthday.

Skunk!



**Dog Got Skunked? DON'T Use Water (At Least Not at First).
Try This Formula Instead.
Whole Dog Journal**

One of my friends posted on Facebook the other day, "What works best for skunk spray? My dog Pepper got skunked right before we were leaving for work!" (She gets to bring her dog to work — usually!)

I immediately responded: "Don't wash her!" And my friend responded just as quickly, "Too late! Why?" If your dog gets hit with skunk spray, DO NOT wash him with water (or tomato juice or anything else). Get thee to a bottle of hydrogen peroxide! And a box of baking soda! Chemist Paul Krebaum gets the credit for applying his chemistry knowledge to the age-old need for a substance that can neutralize the smell of skunk spray. He researched the putrid oil (which skunks can shoot out of special glands under their tails as a potent defense mechanism) and determined that the chemical responsible for the distinctive odor was in a class called thiols. The human nose is extremely sensitive to these organosulfur compounds and can detect them at 10 parts per billion. But if you subject the substance to just the right compound, you can inactivate the chemicals responsible for the odor, as fast as a chemical reaction can occur.

A Formula That Really Works

Krebaum came up with a formula — a quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide and a 1/4 cup of baking soda — that would alter the thiols in skunk spray and render them odorless. He recommends using fresh peroxide (not an old bottle that's been open for years). Stir together in a bucket or large bowl — NOT a bottle, as the mixture will bubble and produce gas bubbles (which could cause a plastic bottle to explode). A teaspoon or two of dishwashing liquid (such as Dawn) is added to make it easier to distribute the mix evenly through the dog's hair.

He recommends you wet the dog thoroughly with the mixture, down to the skin. Be careful not to get any in your dog's eyes (or cuts) however; it stings! I've used a sponge before to thoroughly wet my dog's face without getting it in his eyes. (You can also put a sterile lubricant eye ointment — such as Artificial Tears — in your dog's eyes first, which will help protect them from being stung by any of the mixture.)

After the dog is thoroughly wet, you shouldn't be able to smell the skunk spray any more. If you can still smell it, you haven't gotten every bit of the skunk oil wet with the mixture. Once the odor is neutralized, rinse the mixture off. I usually follow this rinse with a regular shampoo bath; even though you can't smell the skunk spray any more, it's still oily and a shampoo will help get it off the dog's fur.

If you FIRST washed the dog with water (or tomato juice, or some other home remedy), sorry, this approach won't be as effective as it could be. Water also affects the thiols, making the stinky substance resistant to being chemically neutralized.

Tracy Gundy

Our beloved Rocky boy crossed the Rainbow Bridge on January 30th. We are completely heartbroken because he was not a pet but family. He loved us unconditionally for nine years and was taken too soon.

Rocky (11-131) came to us as a six month- old foster pup from Gold Ribbon Rescue. The moment he pranced through the door we knew it was a foster fail and he was ours to love forever. Rocky was silly, happy, smiley, loyal, protective and my constant shadow. He was a lover of shoes but he hated feet. No squirrels were safe in our yard. A "goose" to the human rump was his trademark acceptance of newcomers and we couldn't break him of that habit.



A huge hole is missing in our hearts and the grief continues to hit us in waves. One minute, we are remembering something that makes us laugh and the next moment the tears are uncontrollable. Each day is a little easier and we do find comfort that he is at peace.



Sweet Rocky Roo, our Rock Star.



We hope that where you are the squirrels are plentiful, the Jeep rides endless, the fields beautiful and the ponds sparkling. We miss you to the depth of our souls!"

Editor's Note: Rocky came to GRR as a puppy with his three sisters. One sister, Faith, crossed the bridge two years ago from heart failure. Her mom says " she was the sweetest dog and so happy with us. We lost her two years ago from sudden heart failure. She was

healthy until the end."



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Sadie (Candy Corn 07-137)
Gus 20-055
Rocky 11-131
Jack (Bob 17-127)
Apollo 09-120



Apollo 09-120



Gus 20-055



Rocky 11-131



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