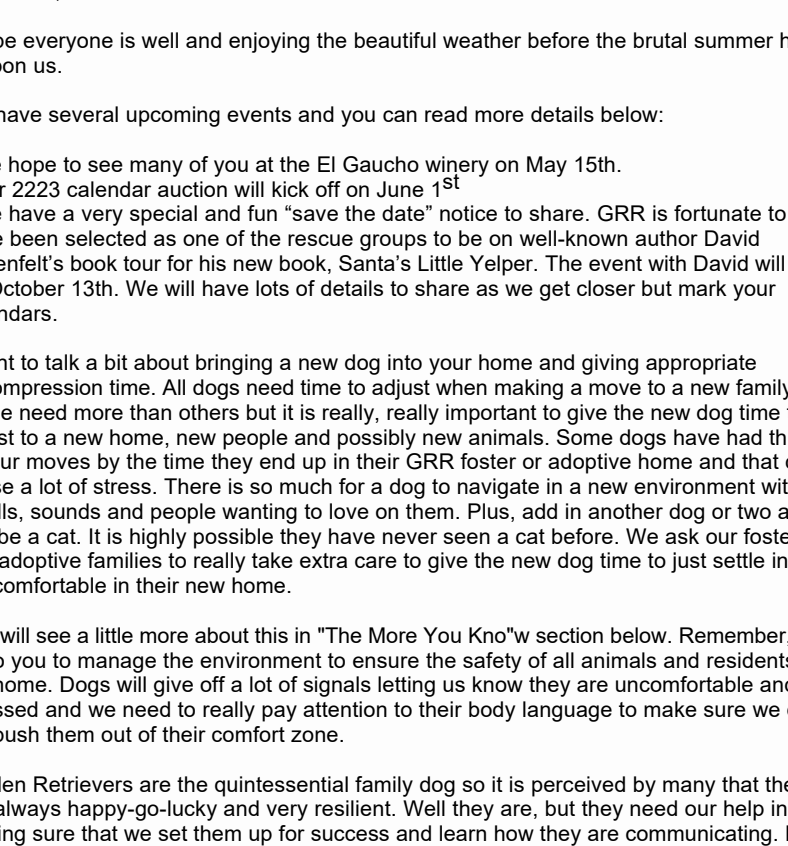


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May 2022

A Message From Our President



Hi Friends,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the beautiful weather before the brutal summer heat is upon us.

We have several upcoming events and you can read more details below:

- We hope to see many of you at the El Gaucho winery on May 15th.
- Our 2223 calendar auction will kick off on June 1st.
- We have a very special and fun "save the date" notice to share. GRR is fortunate to have been selected as one of the rescue groups to be on well-known author David Rosenfelt's book tour for his new book, Santa's Little Yelper. The event with David will be on October 13th. We will have lots of details to share as we get closer but mark your calendars.

I want to talk a bit about bringing a new dog into your home and giving appropriate decompression time. All dogs need time to adjust when making a move to a new family. Some need more than others but it is really, really important to give the new dog time to adjust to a new home, new people and possibly new animals. Some dogs have had three or four moves by the time they end up in their GRR foster or adoptive home and that can cause a lot of stress. There is so much for a dog to navigate in a new environment with smells, sounds and people wanting to love on them. Plus, add in another dog or two and maybe a cat. It is highly possible they have never seen a cat before. We ask our foster and adoptive families to really take extra care to give the new dog time to just settle in and get comfortable in their new home.

You will see a little more about this in "The More You Know" section below. Remember, it is up to you to manage the environment to ensure the safety of all animals and residents of the home. Dogs will give off a lot of signals letting us know they are uncomfortable and/or stressed and we need to really pay attention to their body language to make sure we do not push them out of their comfort zone.

Golden Retrievers are the quintessential family dog so it is perceived by many that they are always happy-go-lucky and very resilient. Well they are, but they need our help in making sure that we set them up for success and learn how they are communicating. Dogs give a lot of signals to show they are stressed or uncomfortable such as:

- panting when they have not been exercising or are hot
- yawning when they are not typically tired
- low tucked tails and low wagging tails
- tightly closed mouths and not having a loose body and face.

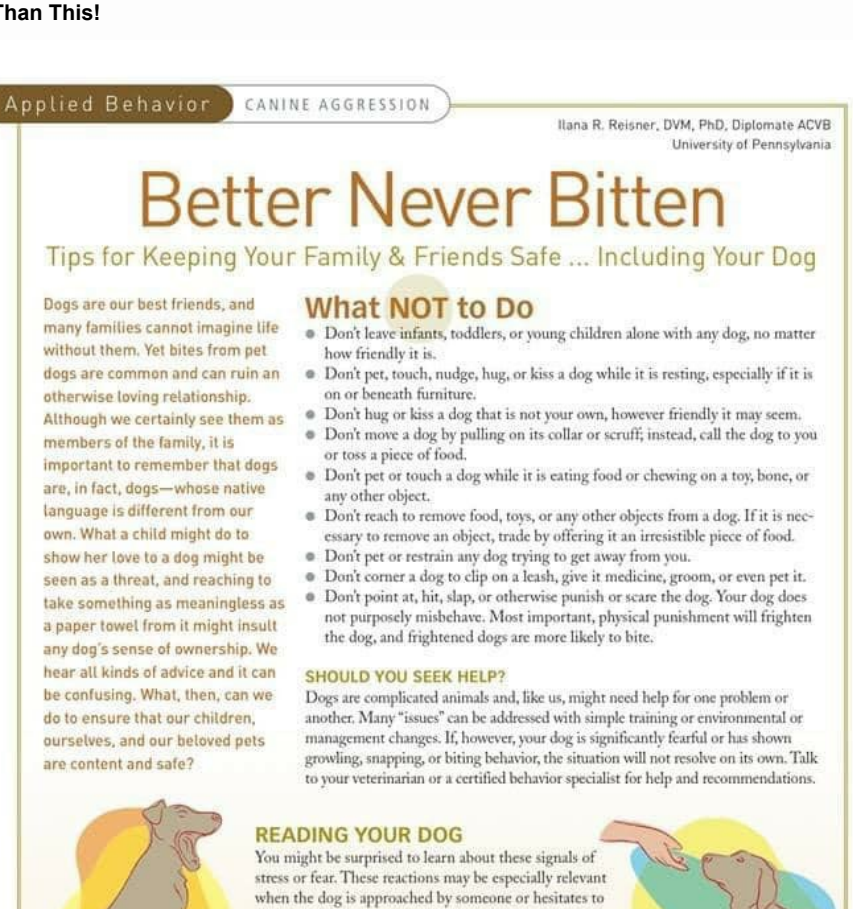
All of these are some of the indicators that the dog may not be comfortable. Even a relaxed dog should be given an adjustment period. A few days of decompression in the beginning of the new relationship will go a long to build a really good foundation for you and your dogs.

I want to wish all of the moms out there a very Happy Mother's day. And as always, GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden. If you have a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our intake team at [Intake Team](#) 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

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to grboard@grr-tx.com and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **May 21, 2022**.

Springtime!



The More You Know

Let Them Be!

Whether you are a foster or adopter, it is very important that the new dog is allowed to adjust to his/her new surroundings for at least the first three days and some dogs may need a couple of weeks or more. This means that the dog has his/her own separate space where they can relax and just settle in, away from the hustle and bustle.

They should have a routine established that, initially, is simple and pretty boring. It is important that the dog is not totally isolated in the home so they are still able to become familiar with resident people and animals, ideally using baby gates and/or a crate (this may take time to train as not all dogs are initially comfortable in a crate). Allow the new dog time alone to be out with the family while the established dog is not present. Allow the new dog to decide when they want to interact and do not force them to have contact. Giving them the freedom to make this decision on their own time will help build their trust in their humans.

Better This...

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

THE 3/3/3 RULE IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD OF A DOG AFTER ADOPTION. EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST DIFFERENTLY.

3 DAYS	3 WEEKS	3 MONTHS
TO DEPRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● FEELS OVERWHELMED● MAY FEEL SCARED/INSECURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON● NOT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE "HIMSELF"● MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK● SHUTS DOWN AND/OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE● TESTS THE BOUNDARIES	TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● STARTS SETTLING IN● FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE● REALIZES THIS COULD BE HIS FOREVER HOME● FIGURES OUT HIS ENVIRONMENT● GETS INTO A ROUTINE● LETS HIS GUARD DOWN, MAY BEGIN TO SHOW HIS TRUE PERSONALITY● BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY START TO APPEAR	TO START TO LIVE AT HOME <ul style="list-style-type: none">● FINALLY FEELS COMFORTABLE IN HIS HOME● BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE HOME● GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY● SETS INTO A ROUTINE

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

Than This!

Applied Behavior CANINE AGGRESSION

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Better Never Bigger

Tips for Keeping Your Family & Friends Safe ... Including Your Dog

Dogs are our best friends, and many families cannot imagine life without them. Yet bites from pet dogs are common and can ruin an otherwise loving relationship. Although we certainly see them as members of the family, it is important to remember that dogs are, in fact, dogs—without native language is different from our own. What a child might do to show her love for a dog might be seen as a threat, and reacting to take something as meaningless as a paper towel from it might insult any dog's sense of ownership. We hear all kinds of advice and it can be confusing. What, then, can we do to ensure that our children, ourselves, and our beloved pets are content and safe?

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Don't leave infants, toddlers, or young children alone with any dog, no matter how friendly it is.
- Don't pet, touch, stroke, hug, or kiss a dog while it is resting, especially if it is on or beneath furniture.
- Don't hug a dog's head; that's not your own, however friendly it may seem.
- Don't snare a dog by pulling on its collar or scarf; instead, call the dog to you or give it a food reward.
- Don't pet or touch a dog while it is eating food or chewing on a toy, bone, or any other object.
- Don't reach to remove food, toys, or any other object from a dog. If it is necessary to remove an object, make by offering it an irresistible piece of food.
- Don't pet or restrain any dog trying to get away from you.
- Don't corner a dog to clip on a leash, give it medicine, groom, or even pet it.
- Don't punish or hit, slap, or otherwise punish or scare the dog. Your dog does not properly misbehave. Most important physical punishment will frighten the dog and frightened dogs are more likely to bite.

SHOULD YOU SEEK HELP?

Dogs are complicated animals and, like us, might need help for a new problem or another. Many "small" can be addressed with simple training, environmental or management changes. If, however, your dog is significantly fearful or has shown growling, snapping, or biting behavior, the situation will not resolve on its own. Talk to your veterinarian or certified behavior specialist for help and recommendations.

READING YOUR DOG

You might be surprised to learn about these signals of stress or fear. These reactions may be especially relevant when the dog is approached by someone or someone to do something that you have asked it to do:

- Yawning
- Licking over on its back
- Wagging a stiff tail
- Licking its face
- Lifting a front leg
- Staring

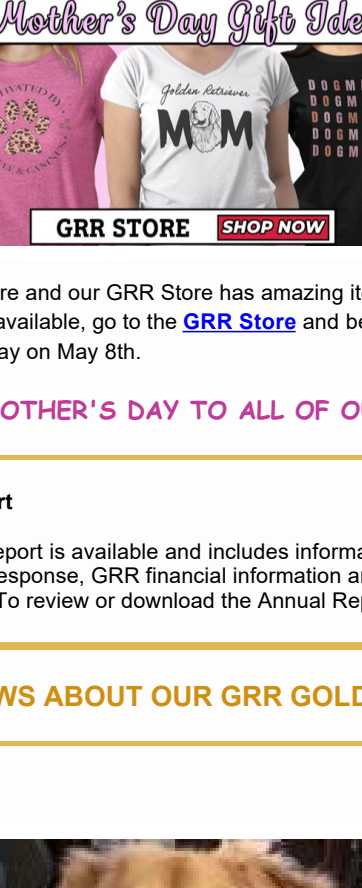
This client handout from Clinician's brief may be downloaded and printed for use in your clinic.

A scared, overwhelmed dog that isn't allowed to decompress slowly may bite. This likely won't lead to a good outcome for the dog.

GIVE THEM TIME! GIVE THEM SPACE!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Our Spring Pup Meet Up at the El Gaucho Winery



Come join us for a fun time at the Winery, overlooking beautiful Lake Travis!

We're planning another Pup Meet Up - this time it's a road trip to El Gaucho Winery. Come join us as we sample some of the best wine in Texas! It's a taste of Argentina in a Texas Hill Country Winery! While you're there, try a little Provelto, taste their Empanadas or savor a cheese plate. Bring your favorite companion - and your spouse or loved one, too - and let's indulge in some of nature's finest delicacies together.

What: Pup Meet Up at the Winery
Where: [El Gaucho Winery](#)
21301 Kathy Ln, Spicewood, TX 78669
(512) 362-0620
When: Sunday, May 15, 2022
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
RSVP: Please RSVP to [Gall](#) by 5/10/22

Please note: Although the address is Spicewood, the Winery is MUCH closer to Lakeway or Bee Caves.



GRR 2023 Calendar Auction



The GRR 2023 Calendar Auction begins June 1st so it's time to begin thinking about which photos of your precious pups you want to share in the calendar. Once again the cover photo and each month's calendar photo will be available for auction. You also can donate to have thumbnail photos of your dog in the month that you select. The details and auction links will be in the June issue of *Golden Tales*.

Get ready! Thumbnails go quickly!



Mother's Day is almost here and our GRR Store has amazing items to gift to your favorite Dog Mom. To see what's available, go to the [GRR Store](#) and be sure to order by May 1st for delivery by Mother's Day on May 8th.

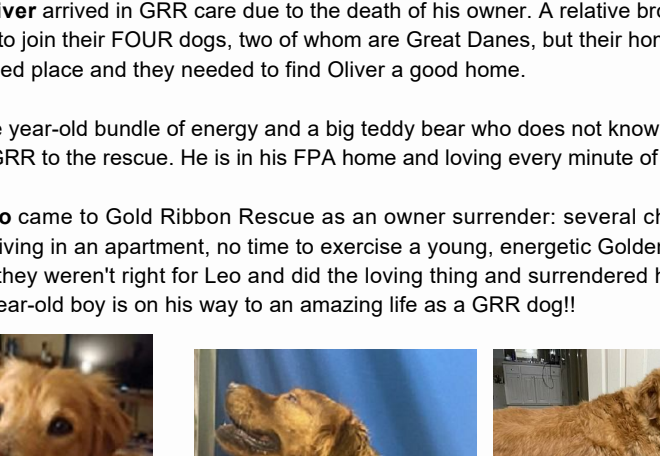
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOMS!

GRR 2021 Annual Report

The GRR 2021 Annual Report is available and includes information on trends in rescue, actions GRR is taking in response, GRR financial information and more! If your family might be a good fit and to learn about our adoption policies, please review [How to Adopt](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

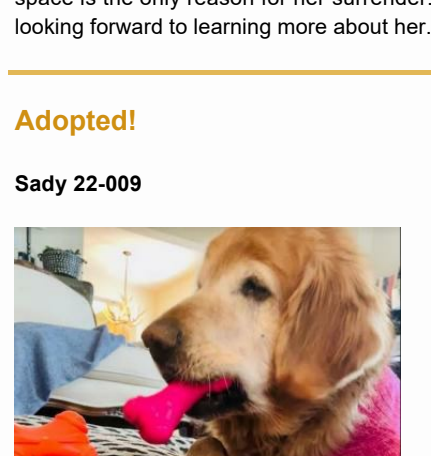
Way to Go Ollie!



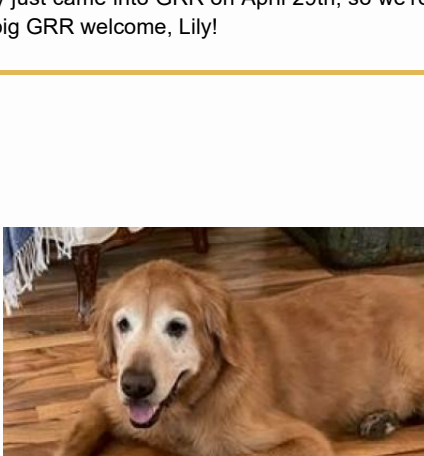
Ollie 21-063

Ollie (formerly Colorado) came to GRR in October, 2021 as a rescue from the San Antonio Animal Shelter. He had been hit by a car and suffered a broken pelvis that required surgery and he was in a shelter where he was unlikely to survive. Ollie was designated a recipient of the GRR [Extraordinary Golden Fund](#) and, at GRR expense, Ollie had surgery to repair his pelvis. After recovery from his pelvic surgery, he endured another surgery to correct entropion in his left eye. Ollie was a trooper throughout his several months of recovery from both surgeries and was a wonderful patient. Both surgeries were successful. Ollie is a typical dog and he's working on his obedience training. His mom brags that he follows her hand signals without her saying a word.

Ollie came to us as an injured, shy, scared dog, but under the loving care of his fosters during his surgeries and recuperation periods he gained confidence and learned to trust.



Ollie and his new miniature donkey sibling get along wonderfully.



Ollie with his forever mom, Lenice. They love him so!

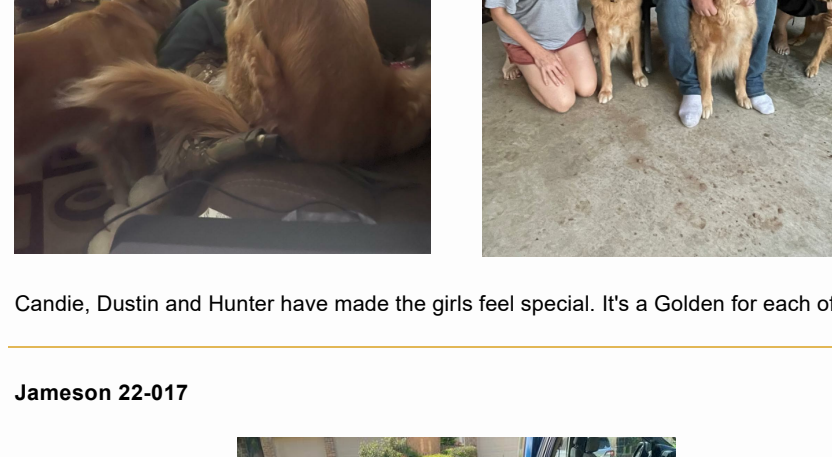
Ollie was adopted by his forever family on March 24, 2022 and his new family says "Well, Ollie is finally ours! Surgeries done, recuperation complete, contracts signed and microchip registration changed. Woo Hoo! We couldn't be happier. We are also so grateful to provide at Gold Ribbon Rescue for all of their help and support during this entire process. We are continuing to believe that we needed him as badly as he needed us. The evidence of God!"

Look at this sweet boy now! Ollie is such a great example of why we do what we do. Thank you to the myriad volunteers that contributed to the metamorphosis of a broken, scared, homeless, at-risk pup to a beloved member of his forever family.

This is how we do. This is who we are.

Spotlight on Asher and Thunder
Could Yours Be Their Forever Home?

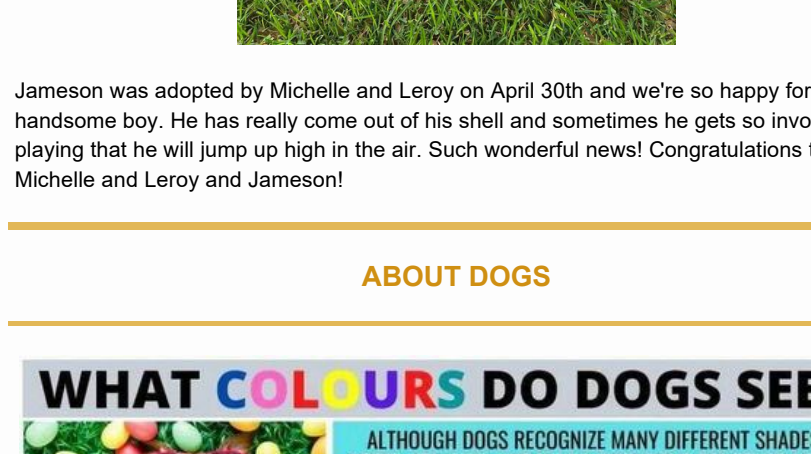
Thunder (formerly Tracker) and Asher are both looking for their forever homes. Could it be yours? Both dogs are young and enjoy nothing better than snuggling with their humans, playing with other dogs and going on walks, hanging out at coffee shops, exploring Home Depot and going on car rides. They can be your best buddy!



This beautiful girl is **Asher 22-023**. She is a one and a half to two year-old sweetheart who has the biggest heart of gold. She loves everyone, both two-legged and four-legged, and loves to begin the day with play and kisses. Her foster family says "She is a very intelligent, gentle, and sweet-natured girl." Asher loves to swim and play and would be a wonderful addition to her forever family.

To learn more about Asher, please see her profile [here](#).

Edito's Note: Asher has been matched to her potential forever family. Paws crossed for this sweet girl.

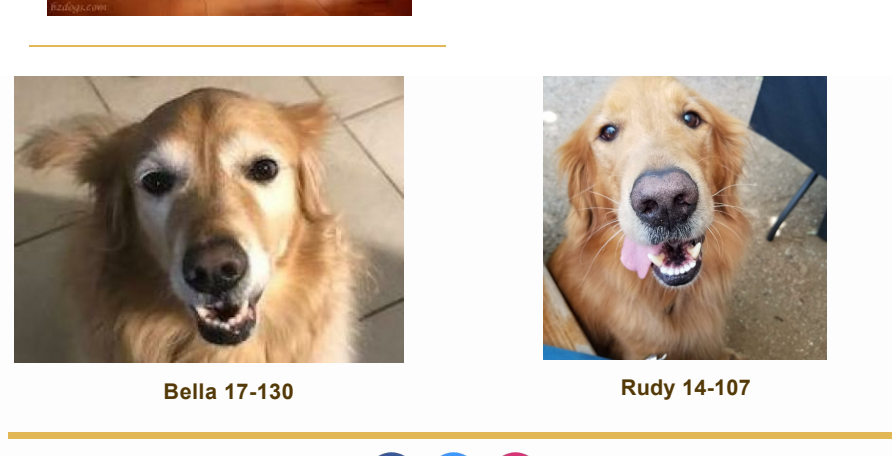


Thunder 21-055 is definitely a big boy at 80 pounds, but what makes him extraordinary is his easy-going manner and his gentle spirit. He is eleven months-old and is a healthy, sweet and calm boy. He's mellow without a huge exercise requirement and loves to hang out with people who thrive on attention from humans. Thunder is a big, happy puppy so he needs a person or family who will continue his training and is willing to give him lots of attention, enrichment and love. To learn more about Thunder, please see his profile [here](#).

If you think that Asher or Thunder might be the perfect addition to your family, please contact our adoption team for more information. To see if your family might be a good fit and to learn about our adoption policies, please review [How to Adopt](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

Look Who's Here!

Our April GRR Arrivals



22-024 Camper is a five month-old owner surrender from Austin. This little cutie is extremely social, loves lots of attention and he's thriving in his FFA home. Welcome to GRR little one!

22-025 Oliver arrived in GRR care due to the death of his owner. A relative brought him to her house to join their FOUR dogs, two of whom are Great Danes, but their home was a very crowded place and they needed to find Oliver a good home.

He is a five year-old bundle of energy and a big teddy bear who does not know just how big he is. GRR to the rescue. He is in his FFA home and loving every minute of it!

22-026 Leo came to Gold Ribbon Rescue as an owner surrender: energetic children, wife pregnant, living in an apartment, no time to exercise a young, several Golden. His family knew that they weren't right for Leo and did the loving thing and surrendered him to GRR. This one year-old boy is on his way to an amazing life as a GRR dog!!

22-027 Charlie is a two-year-old owner surrender who is reportedly good with other dogs and excellent with kids. Charlie does like to chase small animals and he has been known to go on a walkabout when the door is open. He received his name "Tailwagger" because he wags his tail so hard that his tail fits both sides of the hallway. Welcome to GRR Charlie!

22-028 Stevie is a medical needs dog who is partially blind in both eyes from what may be a congenital condition. The Bryan Animal Shelter contacted GRR to see if we could help and the answer was "Of course." Stevie is estimated to be between one and a half to two years old and is reportedly very sweet. He is very new to GRR and he is in a GRR foster home with two older Golden who will help him settle in and get the lay of the land. You're in good hands Stevie - Welcome!

22-029 Lily is an owner surrender because her owner is moving to a small trailer and there just isn't room for Lily. Her owner says that Lily is a "fabulous dog" and the lack of space is the only reason for her surrender. Lily just came into GRR on April 29th, so we're looking forward to learning more about her. A big GRR welcome, Lily!

Adopted!

Sady 22-009

Congratulations to Sady and her new mom Sandy who officially became family on April 8th. Sady is now known as Daisy for her sunny personality and she is a great fit with her new canine sibling. When she received the good news, our volunteer Denise wrote "Woo hoo, just a dollop of Daisy!" Such a great match!

Gypsy 22-006

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Gypsy was adopted by Sylvia and Mike on April 24th. She is just what they were looking for and everyone seems very happy indeed! We're so glad that their family is now complete!

Rosie 15-084 and Rosie 22-020

Rosie

Rosie

Rose and Rosie were adopted by Candie and Dustin on April 24th. This is the perfect home for these two sweet ladies and they are really enjoying playtime with their new Golden brother, Bourbon. It's such a great news that these two carenians together as they have been throughout their lives.

Candie, Dustin and Hunter have made the girls feel special. It's a Golden for each of them!

Jameson 22-017

Jameson was adopted by Michelle and Leroy on April 30th and we're so happy for this handsome boy. He has really come out of his shell and sometimes he gets so involved in playing that he will jump up high in the air. Such wonderful news! Congratulations to Michelle and Leroy and Jameson!

ABOUT DOGS

WHAT COLOURS DO DOGS SEE?

ALTHOUGH DOGS PERCEIVE MANY DIFFERENT SHADES OF GREYS, YELLOWS, AND BLUES, THEY DON'T SEE OTHER COLOURS.

THE VISUAL WORLD OF A DOG IS FAR LESS VIBRANT THAN OURS.

DOGS HAVE DICHROMATIC VISION WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO SEE ONLY 2 BASIC COLOURS.

GREY BLUE YELLOW

EVEN THOUGH A DOGS COLOUR SPECTRUM IS LIMITED, THEY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF SEEING OBJECTS IN DIM LIGHT AND CAN DETECT MOVEMENT BETTER THAN WE CAN.

DOGS HAVE PUPILS THAT DILATE TO THE MAXIMUM, ALLOWING THEM TO CAPTURE AS MUCH LIGHT AS POSSIBLE.

DOGS ALSO HAVE MORE CELLS IN THEIR RETINA CALLED ROD CELLS THAN WE DO. ROD CELLS FUNCTION TO DETECT SMALL MOVEMENTS AT A FAR DISTANCE.

THEIR WIDER FIELD OF VISION ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO SEE OBJECTS AT 240° DEGREES COMPARED TO OUR 180° DEGREES.

DOGS GENERALLY HAVE 20/75 VISION. THIS MEANS THAT THEY MUST BE 75 FEET FROM AN OBJECT TO SEE IT AT THE SAME TIME AS A PERSON STANDING 75 FEET AWAY.

WHAT DOGS SEE

WHAT PEOPLE SEE

CERTAIN BREEDS, LIKE LABRADORS, HAVE BETTER VISION THAN OTHER DOGS - ESPECIALLY 20/20 VISION, WHICH IS WHY THEY MAKE SUCH GOOD GUIDE DOGS.

KEEP YOUR DOG'S COLOUR SIGHTING IN MIND WHEN CHOOSING DOG TOYS - YELLOW OR BLUE TOYS ARE MORE VISUALLY APPEALING THAN OTHER COLOURS.

Dave Drexler

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

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