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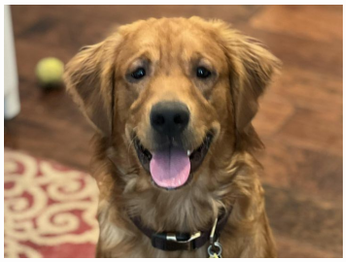
Gold Ribbon Rescue

Golden Tales



May 2023

A Message From Our President

Hello friends,

I want to update you on happenings within Gold Ribbon Rescue. We just brought in our 38th dog year-to-date, which puts us on track to bring in 108 dogs in 2023 compared to 85 dogs in 2022. Of course we have no control over when dogs come in and we continue to have more owner surrenders of young dogs. This is a trend that I expect won't change throughout the year.

We still need foster homes as you will read about below; however, we have been placing more dogs with foster-pending-adoptive (FPA) families over the past few years and expect that to continue this year. FPA means that a dog is placed in what we hope is its forever family, which means one less move for the dog, allowing it to settle and adjust sooner.

GRR puppy Charlie 22-063 had his total hip replacement surgery on March 31st but unfortunately, due to the complicated nature of his hips, the hip popped out of the socket so he needs to have a revision. His second surgery will be on May 4th. The surgeon will do several things differently to provide extra stabilization to the hip joint and minimize the risk of the same thing happening again. Charlie remains in great spirits and is doing well considering he is a one year-old, active boy who just wants to run and play.

Sadly, over the past year we have had to say goodbye to several of GRR's permanent fosters and for the first time in as long as I can remember, we have only one permanent foster in care, Tripper 22-082, who is getting lots of love and care from his foster mom.

We have several upcoming events. You can read details about each in the articles below:

- We are holding a **25th Anniversary Celebration** on June 17 and hope you can attend. Space is limited so RSVP early.
- There is still room to sign up for **Painting with a Purpose** on May 21st.
- We also have several upcoming webinars over the next few months including **"Managing a Multidog Household", "Dealing with Dog Reactivity and Resource Guarding"** and **"Using Training and Enrichment to Have a Well-Balanced Dog".**

As always, thank you for your support of Gold Ribbon Rescue. I wish each of you a marvelous May.

Warm regards,
Michelle

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 **May 27, 2023.**

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO

The More You Know

Managing a Multi-Dog Household Webinar
Do you have multiple dogs? Do they each have their own schedule that doesn't intersect? Are they making you crazy? If so, this is the webinar for you.

GRR is hosting a one hour webinar on managing a multi-dog household. Our instructor is Michele Mendoza, Founder of Every Dog Behavior Training, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA and a GRR approved trainer.

What: Managing a Multi-Dog Household
When: May 23, 2023
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michele Mendoza, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA

Please RSVP to **Michelle** by **May 20th** if you are planning on attending.

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 830 1638 6103
Dial by your location
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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The Rule of 3-3-3 For Rescue Dogs

It Doesn't Happen Overnight

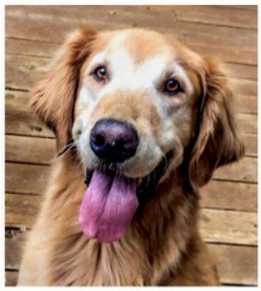
3 DAYS

TO DECOMPRESS

- FEELING OVERWHELMED
- MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT IS GOING ON
- NOT COMFORTABLE YET TO BE HIS/HERSELF
- MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK
- SHUTS DOWN OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE
- TESTS THE BOUNDARIES

ADVICE

GIVE THE NEW DOG TIME AND SPACE. HAVE LOTS OF PATIENCE. DON'T GO TO PUBLIC PLACES, INVITE GROUPS OF PEOPLE OR TAKE DOG TO MEET NEW PEOPLE/DOGS. NEVER LEAVE KIDS UNATTENDED WITH THE DOG. DON'T OVERCROWD AND ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN QUIET SPACE TO DECOMPRESS. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO BODY LANGUAGE. EVEN A SWEET DOG CAN SNAP.



3 WEEKS

TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE

- STARTS SETTLING IN
- FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE
- REALIZES THIS COULD BE HIS/HER FOREVER HOME
- FIGURES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT
- GETS INTO A ROUTINE
- LETS HIS/HER GUARD DOWN
- MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY
- SOME BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES MAY START TO APPEAR

ADVICE

BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR ROUTINE. CONTINUE TO ALLOW TIME AND SPACE WITH NEW DOG AND RESIDENT PETS/PEOPLE. SLOWLY INCREASE TIME TOGETHER. CLOSELY MONITOR DOGS WITH TOYS. DECOMPRESSION WALKS AND MENTAL STIMULATION ARE VERY HELPFUL.

3 MONTHS

TO START TO FEEL AT HOME

- FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME
- BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND
- GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS/HER NEW FAMILY
- SETS INTO A ROUTINE

ADVICE

REMEMBER THIS IS A GUIDELINE AND ALL DOGS ADJUST AT THEIR OWN PACE. SOME DOGS GET THERE SOONER, SOME LATER, BUT NEVER RUSH. CONTINUE YOUR ROUTINES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. TRAINING IS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT AND REMEMBER THAT MENTAL ENRICHMENT SHOULD BE A DAILY PART OF YOUR ROUTINE.

NEVER, EVER MESS WITH A DOG WHILE THEY HAVE RESOURCES; FOOD, TOYS, BOWLS. EVEN A SWEET DOG CAN SNAP. FEED DOGS SEPARATELY AND ALWAYS MONITOR!

GRR Resource Section
We're updating the Resouces section on our website and new sections have been added. The new Rule of 3's (shown above) has been added, in addition to a new section on Puppy Training 101. Be sure to check back often as we will be continually updating it with information of general interest.

As always, GRR is ready, willing and able to help Goldens. If you know of 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.

WE STILL NEED FOSTERS!

Great News: We asked and you answered! We have received a number of NEW foster applications and many have joined the GRR Foster Family!

More Great News: We are still bringing in several young, active dogs and with the summer travel season approaching, we want to be ready for both foster and respite needs.

Even Better News: We still need foster homes and we would like to welcome and invite NEW potential foster families to fill out an application and complete our screening process which includes application, a vet check, phone interview and in-person home visit.

Best News of All: Your most important role as a foster is to provide kindness, patience, and support while you help prepare your foster dog for its forever home. Support can come in the form of rest and quiet, basic training and house manners or medical recovery. You will never forget the joy and feeling of helping a dog at the moment he needed you most!

Please read our criteria to apply **here**.
IF YOU QUALIFY -- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE ASAP!

After reading our criteria, if you still have questions: please email our **adoption team.**

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Painting With a Purpose

Paint Your Pet
Join us on May 21st for a fun afternoon of painting (along with wine and munchies) and leave with a 16x20 canvas of your Golden. You can learn more **here**.

What: Paint Your Pet!
When: Sunday, May 21st 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Directions: **8820 Burnet Rd, Ste 507 Austin, TX 78757**
Questions: Please contact **Denise**.for more information.

Paint with a Purpose is a fun (wine and snacks), easy way to paint your pet. You send an image in advance to an instructor who sketches your pet. At the event, you paint (fill in the sketch) with an instructor's assistance and leave with a painting of your pet.

Learn more and make reservations at the **Paint with a Twist** website.

HURRY! ONLY 6 SPACES LEFT!

Note:: 50% of the proceeds from this Painting with a Purpose class will be donated to Gold Ribbon Rescue

GRR 25th Anniversary Celebration

Cheers to 25 Years!
GRR's Whine and Barkcuterie
Saturday, June 17th - 7-9 pm

Join us for a fun evening honoring Gold Ribbon Rescue's 25th Anniversary at **Water 2 Wine**, a unique venue with the perfect blend of atmosphere and fun.

Sip hand-crafted wine, munch on appetizers, mingle with friends and catch up on GRR happenings. Best of all, you will leave with a special, commemorative 25th Anniversary bottle of Gold Ribbon Rescue wine. This event is limited to 40 people so make your **reservations** early. If you can't make this event, there will be other celebratory events throughout the year.

Let's have some fun and celebrate the 3500+ dogs that GRR has rescued over a span of 25 remarkable years.

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023
Time 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: **Water 2 Wine**, 3300 W. Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78757 **Map**
Cost: $50 per person
Reservations: **GRR's Whine and Barkcuterie**
Questions: Contact **Denise Martinez**

Help us celebrate 25 years of rescuing Goldens! Help us celebrate 25 more! Our 25th anniversary apparel and more is available **here**.

Mother's Day is on May 14th. Check out our beautiful Golden-themed Mother's Day items and order **here**.

Gold Ribbon Rescue 2022 Annual Report

Our 2022 Annual Report is now available. This report tells our 2022 story --- our mission, key activities, demographics, dogs and financials Plus lots of photos of our beautiful Goldens. You may read our Annual Report **here**.

The Largest Golden Retriever Meetup

On April 29th "The Largest Golden Retriever Meetup" in Austin had 341 Goldens in attendance. It was hosted by Central Machine Works at their location and there was food, dog vendor booths and beer. Many thanks to all of our GRR friends who participated and also many thanks to Tito's for their generous donation of $2000 to GRR. It was a huge success and hopefully the first of many such gatherings!

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

Spotlight on Taurus - Mr. Green 23-014

That face! Taurus, AKA Mr. Green, is an absolutely adorable husky little guy with a personality that's bigger than he is and energy to match.

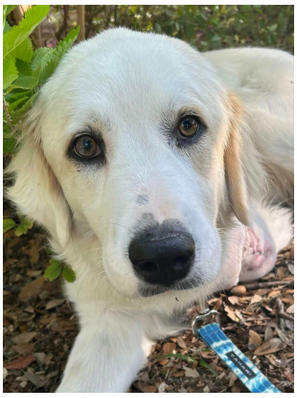
He is an excellent communicator and was the spokesman for the litter! He will tell you when he's hungry, wants love, wants to be left alone and wants to go outside. He loves playing with humans and will not say 'no' to snuggles (unless there is something more exciting on the horizon). He is also a great eater!

This little cutie is the last of Star's puppies. If Taurus sounds like your kind of guy, please contact **Michelle** for more information. He's waiting for his forever home and is excited and looking forward to a lifetime of adventures with his people.

Reese's Journey - 23-033
Hara Cootes

Meet foster girl Reese. Reese was a stray at Austin Animal Center who needed help. Her front leg was not working so the amazing vets at Manchaca Village Vet Clinic had to remove it. She was very scared when she was picked up and first went to her foster home. Over the last few weeks she has blossomed and really come out of her shell. She is healing wonderfully and is not being slowed down with the loss of her leg. Reese is looking for her forever family. If you are interested in learning more about Reese and possibly adopting her please contact **Michelle**. You can read her daily diary **here**

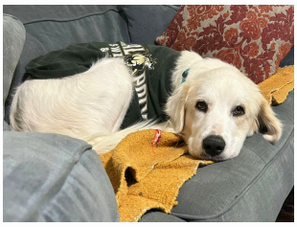
Reese
GRR's newest girl.
4/9/23



The face of guilt!
The tri-pawed counter surfer. 4/11/23

Snuggling in her Golden Retriever shirt.
4/11/23

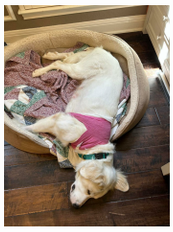
The Rocket
412/23



Her favorite spot is snoozing on the couch.
4/18/23

Reese jumped on the bed by herself!
4/26/23

Wound cleaning scores a pretty pink bandage.
4/27/23



Nap time! The vet visit was exhausting/
4/27/23

Patrolling the yard and enjoying the sunshine!
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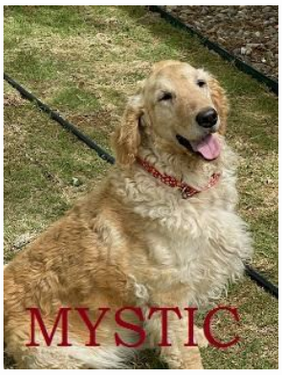
Look Who's Here!

Our April GRR Arrivals

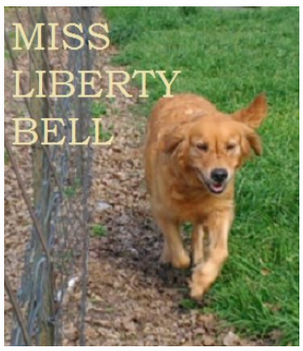


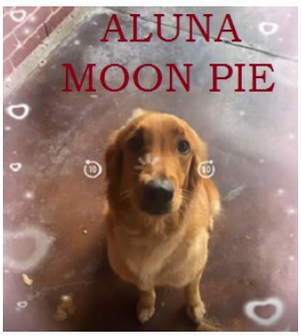
23-033 Reese is around 1 to 2 years old and came to GRR from Austin Animal Care. She is a beautiful cream Golden mix who, unfortunately, has one useless and atrophied front leg. AAC was very concerned about Reese and her disability and our GRR vet recommended amputation. It also appea**rs** that she has probably had a litter of pups in her short life. **Read more about Reese in the article above.**

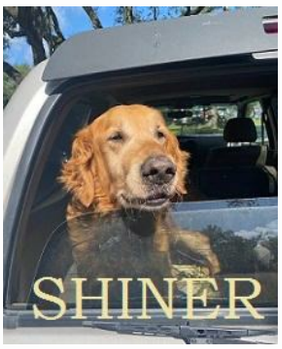
23-034 Mystic is a 6 or 7 year old Goldendoodle from Chico. She and a younger Goldendoodle, perhaps her baby, were abandoned in a very rural area. A local Good Samaritan took in the pair and found a home for the younger Doodle, but the local Goldendoodle rescue was full so GRR was happy to take her in. We look forward to hearing good things about this girl as we get to know her.

23-035 Echo is a 5 to 6 year old from the Valley who came to us from our friend Sid Holden. Sid picked him up in the Valley and transported him to her home in Marble Falls where he spent the night. Our GRR transport volunteer met Sid the following day. So far

Echo has glowing reviews from everyone that he has met, including other dogs . Welcome to GRR Echo.







23-036 Miss Liberty Bell had been a breeding dog since she was acquired by the previous owners at the age of one. She is about seven and the owner reports that she has had at least six litters. Since Liberty was a breeding dog, she lived her life in a kennel run with other dogs and was allowed out for about ten minutes a day. We really do not know much about Miss Liberty Bell, but we hope to hear about her favorite toy and how she loves to do zoomies in a yard as she enjoys life in retirement in her GRR.foster home.

23-037 Aluna Moon Pie is a 2 year-old owner surrender from Laredo. Her owners felt thatt they weren't giving her the time and attention she deserves. She was transported from Laredo by a transport service that was bringing a van full of animals from the Laredo Animal Shelter to San Antonio and Austin area rescues. As you can image, poor Aluna found this very stressful, especially because her whole world had changed in a matter of minutes. She is enjoying plenty of peace and quiet and her own space in her foster home while she is decompressing. Welcome to GRR Aluna; we look forward to getting to know you!.

23-038 Shiner came to GRR courtesy of the Bastrop Shelter, who sent us an email . “We have a stunning Golden Retriever in our shelter I would love to share with you. He is not at risk, but we are over capacity so hoping to find rescue to clear a spot for another animal." The transport team sprang into action and Shiner was a GRR dog the next day. He was originally picked up by animal control in a field and was very calm when transported to the shelter. We just learned, however, that he's heartworm positive so he will be undergoing treatment soon. We look forward to hearing good things about this handsome gentleman.

Adopted!

Ally 23-026

Ally (far right as evident by her socks:) was adopted by Troy and Joyce on April 2nd. We know she’ll live a great life being part of this wonderful family. Very happy news! She is in exactly the right spot.

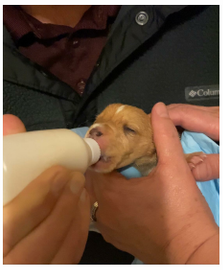
Gus 23-019

Gus was adopted on April 5th and Michelle said it best - this couple that adopted Gus has "an amazing rescue heart to provide him (Gus) exactly what he needs!". They have worked so hard with him to shape him into an obedient and sweet boy! A wonderful family for this awesome boy!

Congratulations to Logan and Colin and especially to Gus!

They're on Their Way!

We met them when they were two days old. We watched them grow and enjoyed their antics in the many videos that their fosters posted on our Facebook page. They opened their eyes, started to eat puppy mush, learned to play, started to learn puppy manners and developed their own personalities. Now they've flown their nest and are starting on a long life, full of adventure, with their adoring forever families.



Capricorn 23-018 ***Mr. Red

Capricorn (now Zeke) was adopted on April 14th by Megan and Jameson. Zeke met his five-year-old Golden sister, Ziggy, in a backyard reveal, and they are already playing together! Mr. Red/Capricorn/Zeke is sweet, fun, rambunctious and loving. He is overall the MVP at the moment. He has come out of his shell and loves to play, eat, snuggle and he loved to keep his siblings on their toes.

Aries 23-013 ***Mr. Blue

Aries (now Boo, as in Radley and Bippity Boppity) was adopted on April 14th by Tisha. He greeted her and son Ethan with plenty of kisses! Mr. Blue/Aries is such a sweet and loving and easy going boy! He loves to be held and play with pups and people. At his foster home, he really enjoyed playing (especially with Mr. Green) and running around the yard. He loved the slide and toy mobile. What a little sweetheart!

Virgo 23-016 ***Miss Yellow

Virgo (Miss Yellow) was adopted on April 15th by Avery and Erik. They and their kids are besotted with her already! Congratulations to the new family!

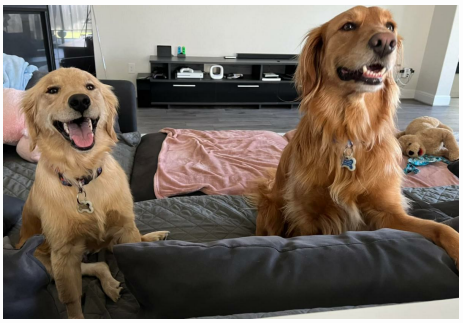
Pisces 23-012 ***Miss White

Pisces (now Luna) was adopted on April 21st by Eydie. She is ecstatic to bring this sweetheart home and introduce her to Amber and Lil Girl, her new four-legged sisters! Look at her puppy pics and her grownup picture with Eydie. Perfection!

Bella 22-081

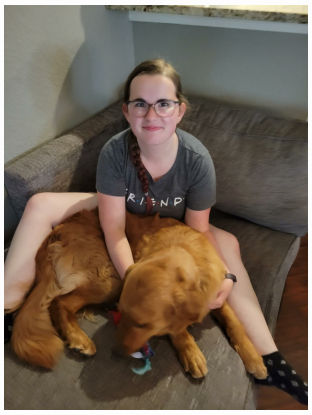
Bella (now Lucy) was adopted on April 15th by Terri. She is overjoyed to welcome Bella to her forever home! We're not sure whether Bella or her new mom has the biggest grin.

Madison 23-032



We kept the adoption momentum going over one weekend with Madison, our private plane passenger from Odessa, who was adopted on April 16th by Yan and Kevin and their Golden boy, Dug! They had a wonderful first meet and were over-the-moon excited while waiting the required 24 hours to be able to finally adopt Madison. The photos say it all! Congratulations to the new family!

Lyric 23-034



Lyric was adopted by David, her two human sisters and the two family kitties on April 16th. Theirs is the perfect home for Lyric because the family lives in a one story house so Lyric won't be navigating stairs daily. She is recovering from her fracture and this will make it so much easier for her. It was literally love at first sight; the family wanted to meet Lyric before ever seeing her photo. We're thrilled that Lyric has found the perfect family!

Nori 23-028

Nori was adopted by Kevin and Deanna on April 21st. She loved becoming a a member of their family and she has settled in very quickly. They already love her so much! They recently lost their China dog, Cedar, so they are so thankful that Nori made her way into their lives. We're hoping for many years of fun and love for all of them!

Luna 23-029

Luna was adopted by her FPA parents, Haley and Jenna, on April 23rd. You may recall that Luna and her pal Travis 23-030 were abandoned at a grooming salon in Kaufman, TX. How anyone could abandon this beauty is beyond comprehension, but that is well in Luna's past. Haley and Jenna love Luna and she isn't leaving them ever. She will have a long and happy life with her new forever family.

Kimber 23-021

Kimber was adopted by Artem and Bailey on April 24th and this is such a happy final page in Kimber's life! At almost 12 years of age, she has found her forever home They are so happy with this addition to their family and Kimber is ecstatic!

Teddy 23-031

We are excited to announce that Teddy was adopted by Alex and Chris on April 29th. As you can see by their first official family portrait, everyone is absolutely over the moon. Teddy looks like he definitely approves of his new forever family!

Buddy 23-027

Sweet little Buddy was adopted on April 30th by his FPA family, Paul and Laura and his new human and canine siblings! What adventures are ahead for Buddy with this wonderful family! Congratulations to them all!

ABOUT DOGS

A Few Drops of Blue-Green Algae Can Kill a Dog
Whole Dog Journal

Signs of blue-green algae poisoning can begin within 30 minutes of ingestion.

Dogs ingest water when they swim, whether they intend to or not. Blue-green algae is deadly to dogs. You can identify it through **"foam, scum, mats, or streaks"** on the water, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The algae produce one of the most powerful natural poisons known.

How Much Blue-Green Algae Is Toxic?
A tiny amount of the toxin – literally a few drops – **can kill a dog** Dogs who ingest water containing blue-green algae while **swimming**, lick the water the water off themselves, or just take a quick lap of water can be poisoned. The algae can even be in water sources around your home.

Symptoms Appear Quickly
Blue-green algae begin to affect the dog almost immediately. Symptoms develop quickly, usually within 30 to 60 minutes. Many people report their dogs started getting sick on the drive home, usually with vomiting and diarrhea.

Symptoms of blue-green algae poisoning in dogs include:

- **Black, tarry stools**
- Diarrhea
- Difficulty breathing
- Disorientation
- Drooling
- Elevated heart rate
- Hives or rash
- Jaundice
- Muscle tremors
- **Pale mucous membranes**
- Seizures
- Shock
- Stumbling
- Vomiting
- Weakness

If you suspect poisoning, go to a veterinarian immediately. Fatal liver failure occurs quickly. Aggressive veterinary therapy includes IV fluids and plasma to help replenish electrolytes, regulate blood glucose, support organ function, and to prevent shock. Muscle relaxers and anti-seizure drugs are sometimes necessary, too. Sadly, the prognosis related to blue-green algae toxicity is poor.

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Otherwise, continue reading **here**.

In Memoriam - Ferris (Butterball) 11-159
Anita Briggs

Yesterday (4/17/23) we had to say goodbye to Ferris (Butterball 11-159) from the Thanksgiving 2011 litter. My favorite thing about old dogs is how they know our routines and communicate their thoughts.

The Christmas photo (left) is from a couple years ago when the kids slept in VERY late on Christmas morning and Ferris was ready to open his stocking!! The only thing sadder than losing Ferris is losing Ferris and having a despondent Scooby (17-031), so we adopted another boxer mix a couple weeks ago. The photo with all three of them sitting so nicely for chicken strips (right) is just a couple hours before Ferris started to decline quickly from his sickness. We are so thankful for our years with him. The goodest boy!

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

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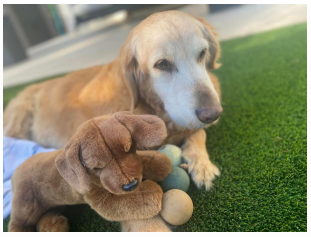
Ferris (Butterball 11-159



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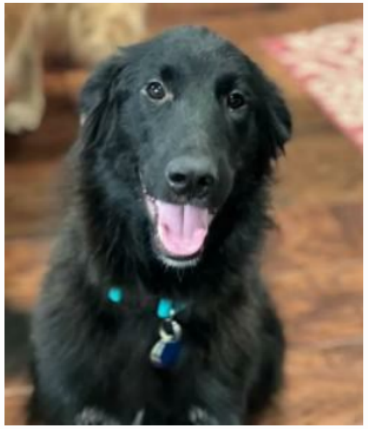

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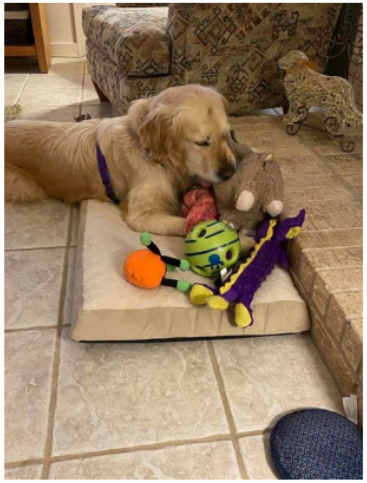
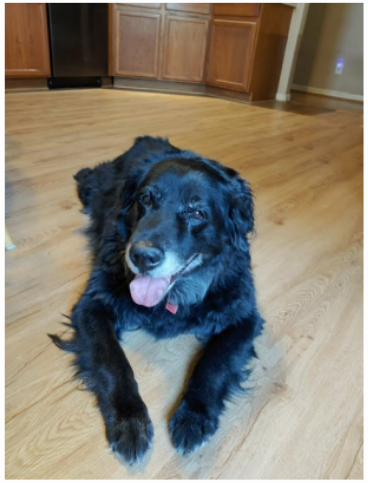


Charlie 12-041



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