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November, 2020

A Message From Our President



Hi Friends,

Can it truly be November already? The autumn weather and cooler temps are a true gift for everyone, especially our dogs as they are perfect for weekend hikes or really anything outdoors.

It's hard to believe that it will be Thanksgiving in a few short weeks. Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays as it has always been a time to gather together with family, friends, the dogs of course and to eat some great food!! Things are different this year so my very best wishes to you all and please be safe.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude. I'm grateful that GRR allows me to support my passion of helping dogs in need. I'm grateful for the many volunteers and donors who make GRR possible. I'm grateful, and proud, that GRR has rescued 3000+ dog over the past 20 years, and I am grateful for all the wonderful friendships that have developed with of so many who share the same passion.

Looking forward, check out some GRR happenings:

- Two Golden mamas, with 15 puppies in total, all successfully matched in a record time frame.
- Ten Turkey Dogs arrive November 8th and 10th. Read about this international rescue mission [here](#).
- Check out the GRR store with new t-shirts, masks and sweatshirts
- The Tree of Hope runs November 23rd through December 31st, benefiting our Extraordinary Golden Fund

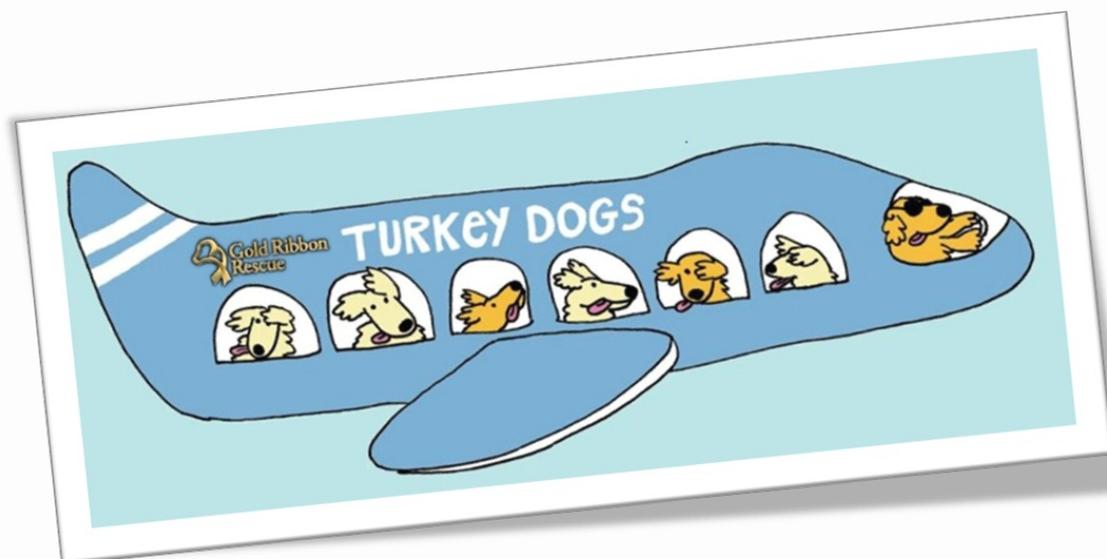
Enjoy this issue of Golden Tails and take a few minutes to relish what you are grateful for. I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Warm Regards,
Michelle



The GRR store is now open. Click on the link above under Golden Tales to see the latest designs in clothing and masks, many personalized especially for Gold Ribbon Rescue. The holidays are coming!!

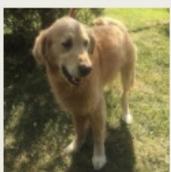
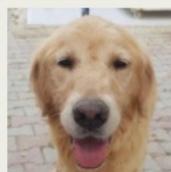
Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to grrboard@grr-tx.com and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **November 14, 2020**.



They are known as Turkey's Forgotten Dogs. On November 8th and 10th, ten homeless Golden Retrievers will be arriving from Istanbul and into the care of Gold Ribbon Rescue. We are calling this initiative [Tamara's Turkey Dog Rescue Mission](#) in honor of a long-time GRR volunteer who is sponsoring this initiative.

A pair of wonderful Turkish women have made it their life mission to round up the Golden Retrievers from the streets and forests where they have been abandoned and get them to countries that love them.

Join us in welcoming these beautiful creatures who so desperately need our care and our love. If you would like to sponsor a Turkey dog, click "[Sponsorship Now](#)" to read about sponsoring a Turkey dog..

 Name: Acadia Gender: Male Age: 4 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Biscayne Gender: Female Age: 2 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Denali Gender: Female Age: 5-6 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Glacier Gender: Male Age: 1 1/2 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Katmai Gender: Female Age: 5 years Sponsorship: Available
 Name: Rainier Gender: Female Age: 2 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Rocky Gender: Male Age: 3-4 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Shenandoah Gender: Female Age: 5-6 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Teton Gender: Male Age: 2 years Sponsorship: Available	 Name: Zion Gender: Male Age: 4 years Sponsorship: Available

Read all about Tamara's Turkey Dog Rescue Mission [here!](#)

The GRR 2021 Calendar
It Makes a Great Holiday Gift!



Gold Ribbon Rescue



2021 Calendar

Our 2021 Gold Ribbon Rescue calendar is available now for order. Get yours now - they're perfect for holiday giving ! Limited quantities are still available so order soon.

Click [2021 Gold Ribbon Rescue Calendar](#) to order your copy of the 2021 calendar.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Please Use AmazonSmile - It Really Pays Off for GRR!

Tim Tierney, GRR Treasurer

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You shop. Amazon gives.

I was updating our contact information with AmazonSmile and I noticed that, since its inception, we have received \$11,128.53 by our supporters ordering online using AmazonSmile!!

With the holidays fast approaching, this is the perfect time to order your items online while helping GRR! Go to [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and keep the awards coming to GRR.

We want to thank our 2020 supporters: Vivian, Suzette, Barbara, Anne, Sandra, Dawn

Remi Needs a Special Home

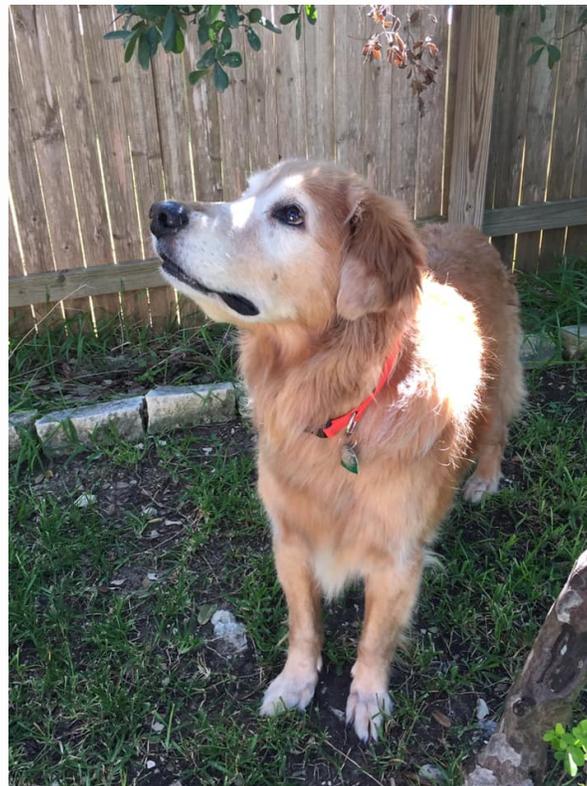


This gorgeous 9 year- old gentleman, Remi, is looking for his forever home. Remi loves people and really thrives best as an only dog. He spent many years of his life living in the backyard without much experience with other animals and encountering many new people. He's a true love bug who will give so much more in return. He's healthy and needs just that special someone to give him the unconditional love he deserves. You can read about [Remi](#) on our website and I will share more details about him. Please email [Michelle](#) to discuss further.





Help Wanted



GRR is expanding its Medical team and is looking for people interested in being a Medical Coordinator, assisting with vet bills, uploading information to DropBox and conducting follow up phone calls. If you are very detail oriented, organized, enjoy talking to people and want to feel that you are truly helping a Golden, these may be the right volunteer positions for you. To learn more, please contact [Suzette](#) or [Michelle](#) Prior medical experience is helpful but not required.

Volunteers Needed for Tomlinson's Pound4Pound

Once again, GRR has been invited to be a part of Tomlinson's Pound4Pound Program! **Pound4Pound** is a proud tradition at Tomlinson's. Between Black Friday and Christmas Eve, they invite every customer to donate a bag of food to local rescues like GRR, and all

customer donations are matched by pet food manufacturers—pound for pound.

Last holiday season, they raised over 160,000 lbs of donated food which helped many rescue organizations, including ours. Food is distributed at least three times a year and we, in turn, donate it to our foster parents to help with the cost of caring for their foster Golden.

As partners in this program, we are asked to make appearances at local Tomlinson's stores throughout the year to talk up the program and educate the public about our Golden missions. Gail will frequently call for volunteers to help fulfill our obligation to the Pound4Pound Program. If you wish to volunteer, just let her know at gail_march@grr-tx.com or by texting/calling 512-423-3416. It's a lot of fun ... AND you get to show off your Golden!

PUPPIES!!!



Dakota and her EIGHT puppies!

Sweet Golden 2-year-old mama and her eight black puppies, only 3-4 weeks old, were simply dumped on a street in Laredo earlier this week, and rescued by a kind person who could not keep them – see the original FB post (attached). “This dog was just abandoned near my house with all of her pups. Who wants one? I cannot keep all of them. I would prefer someone take all of them and their mom, because they are just babies. I can keep only a few days because I already have two large-breed dogs.” [At least that is as far as my rudimentary Spanish takes me. (:)] Our friend Sid Holden got wind of the situation and called Jacki. Bryant Eldridge made the long drive on Friday and rolled back to Austin with the little family in tow. Poor mama looked exhausted with a Mt. Everest size heap of puppies on top of her! Bryant said, “Mama was giving me the ‘I know I am safe and I thank you’ eyes nearly the whole way back. She is incredibly sweet.” We have four girls and four boys; they all weigh 2.5 to 3 pounds. You can see gold brindling on some of them; some have white tips on their paws.



- 20-060 Dakota (Mama)
- 20-061 Aspen (Miss Purple)
- 20-062 Vail (Miss Light Green)
- 20-063 Rye (Miss Yellow)
- 20-064 Boulder (Mr Orange)
- 20-065 Durango (Miss Light Blue)
- 20-066 Breck (Mr Red)
- 20-067 Denver (Mr White)
- 20-068 Boone (Mr Silver)



Hailey with her SEVEN puppies!

Hailey 20-069 came to us with her seven puppies. When our wonderful volunteer picked them up, one of the puppies couldn't be located. Well, the "No puppy left behind" team went into action and when we received a call a couple of hours later that the missing puppy had been found, another wonderful volunteer jumped into action, made the long trip and reunited the family.

It really does take a village!

Introducing the puppies:

- 20-070 Drambuie (Mr Black), blond male
- 20-071 Kahlua (Miss Pink), blond female
- 20-072 Kamora (Mr Green), blond male
- 20-073 Sheridan (Mr Red), black male
- 20-074 Midori (Miss Purple), black female
- 20-075 Amaretto (Miss Yellow), black female
- 20-076 Sambuca (Mr Blue), black male



The puppies at 3 weeks old doing what puppies do best - napping!



The puppies at 4 weeks old discovering puppy mousse. It took them 1 second to decide it was delicious!

From left to right :

Kamora, Kahlua ,Sambuca
Amaretto, Drambuie, Midori
Sheridan



Give Your Puppy a Smart Start
Whole Dog Journal



Wondering when and how you should start training your puppy? Immediately!

"Catch her doing something right" whenever possible! When you notice your puppy doing anything you like, such as sitting calmly and quietly, or chewing on one of the toys you bought for this purpose, let her know she's being a good dog! Offer her a treat, praise, and/or a little bit of calm petting.

When it comes to puppy training, it's never too early to start. Puppies are more than ready to learn by the time they leave the litter and transition into a home. After all, they've been learning since birth, so why not keep the ball rolling as soon as you welcome a puppy into your family?

It's our responsibility to teach puppies how to successfully live in our human world, which has a rule structure quite different from what they're used to with their littermates. There are plenty of options for positive-reinforcement training starting at a young age: a well-run, in-person puppy kindergarten class; one-on-one instruction with a trainer; an online program; books and videos; your own knowledge of training; or a combination of options. No matter what you opt for, starting sooner, not later, is key to success. From the first day you bring your puppy home, have these three basic principles in mind:

1. Have clear goals for your puppy's behavior from day one and support his understanding of them every day.

It's important to have some basic training goals before your puppy comes home, so you can create clear behavior contingencies from the very beginning.

Your puppy is constantly learning. From the moment he sets paw in your home, he will be learning which behaviors get him things he wants and which ones don't. Make it easy for him to get what he wants when he does behaviors you like, and prevent him from getting what he wants when he explores behaviors you don't want him to practice. The more black and white your expectations, the easier it will be for the puppy to figure out what works for both of you.

Continue reading [here](#).

Our China Girl - Dixie 19-102C
Julie Birkeneder



Dixie in China before her trip to the United States in November, 2019

We fostered two others. So intense, but so rewarding. Love is costly. Sometimes painful. But so worth it. What joy overflowed to meet the families eager to receive Bella and Clyde into their hearts and homes!

November rolled around and Michelle reached out to us. She was about to return to China and had one dog unclaimed. You may remember Dixie? Bob took one look at her video: those desperate sad eyes, protruding ribs, the look of true hopelessness. He said "She is ours." I wavered, by the way: what if she is more than we can handle? THREE? He never did and I am so glad!

Once they landed in Houston with Michelle we watched live videos, anxiously searching for Dixie. Then the photos from the vetting day: skin and bones. Significant eye issues. A vet once told me she suspects someone in China tried to poke Jovie's eyes out. I am not sure any other rescue would have claimed Dixie. But our friends at GRR did. They knew they had to get her out of there. FOREVER GRATEFUL!



Bob and Dixie, now Jovie. It's love!

Carol and Tommy Blackwell poured so much love and care into our re-named Jovie until we were home to receive her. Jovie needed vigilant care, nutrition, healing. It became clear that she IS a survivor. Love and patient consistency trained her that she doesn't have to be fearful or defend herself here. Redemption: she reached her desired weight and has the most beautiful coat of all our dogs! And her eyes? Her depth of sadness has been overcome with love, light, healing and trust.

The Art of a Clean Home and Having a Pet at the Same Time
Architectural Digest



I love a good cleaning hack almost as much as I love my two golden retrievers, snuggled right this moment at my feet, looking innocently cute and peaceful...as they drool giant puddles all over my new carpet. I can't make my dogs act more adult-like, nor do I want to spend hours cleaning up after them. Which raises the question: How does one keep the house clean with dogs? Lucky for me (and hopefully you, dear Clever readers), through extensive research and a solid game of trial and error, I've learned it is indeed possible to keep the pet dirt at bay—and keep your free time free—with just a few preventative measures, some household items you probably already have on hand, and a deep breath. Intrigued yet? Keep on reading to find out how to keep a clean home and let your pet run free all at the same time.

Make all your rugs indoor-outdoor rugs

They've come a long way since you last saw them in your grandparents' basement. There are lots of stylish versions out there, and they're available in a variety of color schemes. Put a small one in front of each door—sort of like an indoor doormat—to catch any dirt and water your pet may drag in. I also recommend placing one under the sofa, dining room table, and any other place your pet likes to lounge. These rugs don't let anything soak in, and they wipe clean with a damp rag. My dogs love reclining on the one in front of the kitchen sink. Another great option: carpet tiles. If there's an accident resulting in an irreversible stain, you've only got to replace a square rather than the entire rug.

Continue reading [here](#).



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Salsa 20-056
Sunshine (Kacey 16-056)
Bella 10-173
Cricket (Athena 18-020)



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