Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming Golden Retrievers in Central Texas Gold Ribbon Join GRR - Donate - Volunteer November 2022 **GRR Store** A Message From Our President Hello Friends. Can you believe it's November? This year has flown by I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. My husband and I dressed as Golden Retrievers for a party and had a blast being our favorite dog breed November reminds us to be thankful and we have so much to be thankful for at Gold Ribbon Rescue. We just had our annual business meeting and election of the 2022-2023 board of directors. Thank you to those who attended. We are excited to have two new board members; Denise Martinez and Sandy Nelle. Tim Tierney, one of the original board members of GRR, after 24 years has decided to move away from Texas. We are so grateful for his dedication to GRR for so many years and will miss him dearly. Thank you, Tim, for all you have given to the organization. Also, thank you to Gail March for your term on the board and for all you have done and continue to do to help the Goldens. I also want to thank each and every one of you who continue to support Gold Ribbon Rescue with your generous donations, volunteering, being a member, attending our events and supporting our fundraising efforts We couldn't do what we do without all of your support and we are very thankful and grateful for our amazing community. 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. I hope you all have a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with your two and four-legged family and friends. Remember not to over feed your Goldens even though they'll be asking for lots of yummy stuff. Warm regards, Michelle Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the <u>GRR Board</u> and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The More You Know The GRR Annual Business Meeting and Election was held on October 29, 2022. We are pleased to announce the Directors for the 2022-2023 term. Family Adoption - Julie Birkeneder Medical - Hara Cootes Fundraising/Communications - Paula Ellis Dog Adoption - Michelle Goldberg Volunteer Events/Social Media Content - Denise Martinez Intake - Jacki Mulkey Finance - Sandy Nelle We want to thank Tim Tierney, our outgoing Treasurer, for his 20 plus years of service to GRR as Treasurer and for his dedication to ensuring the accuracy of the Gold Ribbon Rescue finances Additional thanks go to Gail March, our outgoing Volunteer/Infrastructure Director, for her creative monthly volunteer newsletter and her diligent work in liaising with our valued volunteers. DOG THANKSGIVING **FOOD SAFETY** If you are wanting to share your Thanksgiving dinner with your pup, here is a list of safe and unsafe foods to ensure your pet enjoys their meal: SAFE UNSAFE Turkey Bones Turkey Skin **Pure Pumpkin** Plain Yams Nuts **Sweet Potatoes Grapes or Raisins Plain Carrots Onions and Garlic** Plain Green Reans Chocolate **Plain Potatoes** Scallions or Chives **Plain Cranberries** Alcohol HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR **Tree of Hope** Help Make a Difference in a Golden's Life Mark your calendar! Our Annual Tree of Hope launches November 22nd and runs until January 1st. Again this year, all donations to the Tree of Hope support Goldens in need. Enjoy decorating the Tree of Hope with ornaments, lights, Golden angels, presents and stars, knowing that each decoration helps a dog move to a better life. Stay tuned for more information. #GI**≫INGTUESDAY** Giving Tuesday is on November 29th. It was created in 2012 as a day that encourages people globally to do good. Whether it's making someone smile, helping someone in need or supporting animals, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. Please consider decorating our Tree of Hope on November 29th. Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming Golden Retrievers in Central Texas 2023 Calendar Our 2023 calendar is available NOW for order! Our 12" x 12" wall calendar features beautiful photos of our Golden Retrievers. Proceeds from the sale of our calendar support our mission of sheltering, rehabilitating and placing Golden Retrievers in loving, permanent homes in Central Texas. The holidays will be here before you know it! The 2023 GRR calendar would make a fabulous gift for your favorite Golden lover. Please order here. Thank you! amazonsmile We received \$801.32 for the period April 1st - June 30th as a result of You shop. Amazon gives. you selecting Gold Ribbon Rescue as your AmazonSmile charity. To date, we have received \$13,965.44 from AmazonSmile. Please consider adding GRR as your charity when shopping on Amazon and be sure to order from smile.amazon.com to ensure credit to GRR. An Evening with David Rosenfelt And what an evening it was! On October 13th we gathered at Vuka to mingle with keynote speaker, noted author and dog rescuer David Rosenfelt. It was a great event with good turnout, great food, drink and conversation. Best of all, it raised more than \$14,000 to help rescue and rehome Goldens. David Rosenfelt was engaging and passionate as he spoke about his writing career, details about his books in general and his rescue experiences and what animal rescue has meant to him. David chatted with attendees and took questions from the audience. Afterwards, David signed his book Santa's Little Yelpers. The Entertainment - Special thanks to Gail March and her musical partner Richard Mattingly for the great music. The Honored Guests - Michelle spoke briefly about Gold Ribbon Rescue and the 3500+ dogs GRR has rescued and rehomed over 24 years. She also introduced Pixie, Forrest and Sharkie who are three special 2022 GRR dog who have or have had health challenges. Special thanks to their adopters and foster who brought these sweet Goldens to the event. Pixie and Sharkie were recently adopted and Forrest is still available for adoption. Sharkie Pixie **Forrest** The Silent Auction - Many thanks to to our supporters who donated items to the Silent Auction. All items were popular, but the Mosaic Golden that was created by artist Grace Gibson, Glamping at Spoon Mountain and having your name as a character in one of David's future books were especially popular. We truly appreciate all of the donations that also included jewelry, dinners, gift baskets and a dog wash station. The Comradery - From a member: "Wonderful food, great company and three very special GRR dogs. What more could you want? David Rosenfelt. We were so fortunate to have super successful author David Rosenfelt visit with us. He told us about his background and how he writes his books and does a book signing." Thank You From the 2021-2022 GRR Board of Directors Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$14,000. All proceeds will be used for the benefit of our GRR Goldens. We want to especially thank our generous event sponsors and Silent Auction donors. THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING GOLD RIBBON RESCUE! Hello Fall **GRR STORE** SHOP NOW The holidays are right around the corner and it isn't a moment too soon to begin thinking about your holiday gifting. Check out the possibilities and prepare to wow your favorite Golden lover. To order, click here. **NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS Look Who's Here! Our October GRR Arrivals** 22-068 Benny is a 2 1/2 year-old owner surrender from the San Marcos area. His family didn't have a yard and they felt that this sweet dog needed a home where he would have more room to run and play and receive much more attention. We've got you Benny! 22-069 Cap and his brother 22-070 Bucky are owner surrenders from Giddings. These 2 year-olds came originally from a Florida breeder and were acquired by the owner's son and his fiance. As often happens, the engagement collapsed and dad took in the duo. Dad has taken very good care of them and has tried very hard, but he is caring for his disabled son, has health issues and the boys need more attention and exercise than he is able to give them. Both Bucky and Cap are really nice dogs with Bucky being the more energetic and heavier of the two. Cap is with his foster-pend-adopt family and Bucky is with his foster family. Welcome to GRR boys. Adopted! Pixie 22-053 Pixie was adopted by Melody and Mac on October 5th. tt wasn't such a hard decision for them to decide that they wanted to adopt Pixie, even though she was diagnosed with cancer. They visited with an oncologist to help them make the decision whether to begin radiation treatments. Sadly, last fall they got the same diagnosis for their dog Shilo and he was gone five months later. Melody and Mac have BIG hearts and we are hoping and praying for some significant extra time together. Pixie is a sweet girl and as Melody said: "I have adopted many dogs, but this one was special from the minute I put her in my car. Thank you all for bringing us together!" Congratulations to the new family! Pixie was an honored guest at the October 13th Evening with David Rosenfelt. Hunter 22-055 Hunter was adopted by Rachel on October 7th and our hearts are happy to see these two looking so good together! Hunter is a special boy who was. given a chance to thrive! He had an excellent foster home and is now in his forever place with Rachel. We can't count the number of applicants who were interested in Hunter. His fosters said "He's what we'd call the perfect brunch dog. The dog you can take to the farmers market, happy to be out with his person, will say hello to people, totally fine with dogs around him, doesn't beg and is just happy to fall asleep at the feet of his person." We agree! Congratulations to both of them! Banks 22-059 Banks, our owner surrender pup from Spicewood, was adopted on October 8th by Paige and Josh. Despite some persnickety skin issues, he is finally better and his older Golden sister, Mila, has a new playmate to keep in line. Congratulations to the new family. Cooper 22-062 We are thrilled to share that Cooper was adopted by Sheila and Jeff on October 9th. Cooper is so excited to have a new family and a new brother, Gunnar, who is a GRR alumnus! Congratulations Sheila, Jeff, Gunnar and, especially, Cooper! Bailey (Hailey) 22-065 Bailey was adopted on October 11th by Fiona and Nandan and is settling nicely into her new home. She was surrendered by a loving couple that had moved into a small retirement home with a very small yard. They soon realized that it was no place for a young, energetic pup and did the loving thing and contacted GRR. Bailey is enjoying life with her new family that includes Fiona, Nandan and their two twin seventeen year-old sons. She is in for a wonderful life! Congratulations to the family! Stevie 22-028 GRR family, we are thrilled to announce that Stevie was adopted by Jeff and Miranda on October 11th! In addition to his new mom and dad, Stevie has two human siblings and two canine siblings, King Cavalier Spaniels Bella and Juniper The family is an experienced rescue family and they once had a dog with some of the same eye issues as Stevie, that required daily drops, so we know Stevie will be in good hands. Congratulations to them all! Kam 22-052 We're so happy to to share that Kam was adopted by Becky and Eric on October 12th. Kam is so excited to have a forever family and to have two new Golden siblings, Layla and Buttercup! Plenty of good times to come! Meadow - 22-067 Meadow was adopted by Sherrie on October 12th. Sorrowfully, Sherrie has lost two pups in the last eight months so darling Meadow is a blessing We know that they will be great companions for each other and will have a wonderful life together. Congratulation to Sherrie and Meadow! Benny 22-068 Just in time for Halloween, Benny was adopted by his FPA family, Cheryl and David, on October 30th. Benny is definitely a treat! In addition to his new mom and dad, Benny has an older canine sister, GRR alumnus Lola. They are all smitten with him and Benny couldn't be any happier. Benny wants everyone to know that he is thankful that we have found him a home with his own personal squirrel observation deck, doubling up as a bottom cooler, where he has reportedly spent much of his last two weeks (photo below right). Congratulations to the happy family! **ABOUT DOGS** Thanksgiving Pet Safety Tips for a Safe and Fun Canine Holiday Rover.com For many, Thanksgiving is a time of turkey, stuffing, and family. It can also mean a break in routine that is fun for humans but could be confusing or even dangerous for our furry family members. Keep Thanksgiving dinner on the table While it can be tempting to let your pup join in on the festivities by sharing your Thanksgiving meal, many human foods are dangerous for dogs, especially carved turkey, where bones can splinter and cause internal damage if eaten. Be conscious of guests If you're hosting guests this Thanksgiving, keep in mind that extra feet in and out of doors can mean an opportunity for your dog to wander. Be the "treat police" So don't be afraid to be the "treat police" and let your guests know they can only give approved treats to the resident canine. Watch the Foliage A surprising number of common plants and flowers can be poisonous to dogs. If you're hosting, and receive a host gift of flowers or a potted plant, be aware if the plant is dogfriendly. Secure your trash Your garbage may be extra appealing after preparing the meal, but raw food remnants, as well as packaging and wrappers, are dangerous for dogs to digest. Know the signs · vomiting or diarrhea excessive drooling · irregular heartbeat · lethargy or trouble getting up · seizures or tremors • a bloated or distended belly These are just a few common signs your dog has gotten into something they shouldn't. If you see these signs or are concerned your dog is acting irregularly, it's a good idea to visit your vet. If they show more alarming symptoms, such as an irregular heartbeat or seizures, a trip to the emergency vet is likely needed. Be prepared for the unexpected The holiday season can be a great time for travel, food, and fun. It can also mean your local vet is taking time off to celebrate. Make sure you know your veterinarian's schedule, and which emergency vet clinics are open during the holidays. Editor's Note: This article was truncated in order to capture the most important points. Please read the entire article here. In Memoriam - Annie (Anna Belle) 12-069 **The Goldstein Family** We are the Goldsteins. We adopted Anna Belle from GRR in 2012 at five years old. It was a great fit and 'Annie' lived a great life with our family, being a true companion to our then two year-old son, now twelve! Annie passed away last month peacefully with us by her side. She was amazing and is missed immensely. There is a quietness now in our house that can only be filled with a Golden's love and energy. We are interested in reconnecting with your program to begin a new journey. Seth, Leigh-Anne and Greyson Goldstein San Antonio, TX In Memoriam - Theo 15-082 **Susan Eggert** I wanted to let you know that we recently had to say goodbye to Theo, aka Theodore Nicolas Eggert-Brown (GRR 15-082). He always had joint issues, with dysplasia in all four joints and had had great success with twice-weekly physical therapy. Recently he somehow fractured a bone in his hip and collapsed. As he was never a candidate for surgery (his other joints were not strong enough to hold

his weight during recovery), our vet and I decided that his quality of life going forward would be seriously compromised and we arranged for Lap of Love to come to our home to take him over the bridge with his pup-sister Scout, friends, and ourselves surrounding

He was a true gift to us in every respect. Thank you, Gold Ribbon for bringing him into our

Annie 12-069

Major Tom 15-152

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Major Tom as Puppy

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