



Golden Tales

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October 2020

A Message From Our President



Hello,

Well September ended up being a busy month! We had many new dogs come into GRR and it definitely ended up being a very exciting time.

I'm sure most of you have read about our "Noble Four", senior retired bomb sniffing and cadaver dogs, Pete, Salsa, Gus and Tuff. They are all settled into foster homes and getting the TLC they need. All four are heartworm positive so they'll be in GRR's care for a while. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the GoFundMe and helped raise funds for their medical care. You are extraordinary and we exceeded our goal, raising almost \$6,000.00.

Have you seen the photos on Facebook of the new family that arrived in GRR's care on Friday? Yes, we received a beautiful two year-old mama Golden and her eight, four week-old puppies. It's so exciting to have a litter of puppies this year. We will have lots of enjoyment over the next four weeks as we watch them grow and flourish. A huge thank you to those that jumped in and purchased items from the Amazon wish list for mom and babies. Their foster family will keep us updated through social media.

There's more big news to share. The GRR board has approved our next international

mission. We will be bringing over 10 Goldens from Turkey in early November. Some of you may remember we brought 14 Goldens from Turkey five years ago. We will be working with the same group in Istanbul and are thrilled to get this underway. Stay tuned for more details to come.

We have had applications temporarily closed for a while; however we do have several senior dogs, our 8 eight adorable puppies and the Turkey Goldens, who will be in need of their forever families. If you have an interest in applying to adopt these dogs, please contact Dawn at adopt4@grr-tx.com. If you are already approved and interested please contact [Michelle](#) or [Paula](#).

The GRR annual business meeting will be held on 10/31 at 10:00 a.m. We will provide an update on 2020 and have the election of the 2020/2021 board of directors. This will be a virtual meeting and registration is required so we can send you the Webex link to attend the meeting. Here is the link to [register](#). There will also be a separate email coming with more information. We hope to see you there.

As we head into the last quarter of 2020, we have no idea what adventure awaits us, but we know there will be some more dogs to rescue and we will be here for them. We stand ready and willing and we know you do too. Our volunteers and donors are truly our lifeline and we appreciate each and every one of you.

Best regards,
Michelle Goldberg

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**.

The GRR 2021 Calendar Is Available Now



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!

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

September Tipsy Tuesday Bingo

Our GRR Bingo "Czar" Gail March did it again! The Tipsy Tuesday Bingo event on September 8th remained a great hit and was a welcome diversion during these unusual times. It's a great way to stay connected with your GRR friends during this period of social distancing.

The big winners were Kellyn Smith and Laura Bredt, both of whom won PetSmart gift certificates. Everyone seemed to have fun and we hope to do it again soon! Watch for upcoming events.

Huge thanks to Gail for organizing these fun events!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Thanks to all of you, **Gold Ribbon Rescue** received a new donation of **\$579.13** for this past quarter. To date, Gold Ribbon Rescue has received **7,550.83 from our** supporters shopping through AmazonSmile.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you will continue to generate donations by shopping at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile ON in the app.

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Let Them Sniff



Do you know why sniffing is healthy for your dog?

We all know dogs require daily exercise to thrive. But in the rush to provide our canine companions with a good cardio workout, we may be overlooking another equally important need: the need to sniff.

Sniffing is central to a dog's experience of his environment. Consider the daily dog walk. As we put one foot in front of the other alongside our best friends, our human eyes scan the scene in front of us to make sense of our surroundings. But for our dogs, it's their nose that knows—and it knows more than we can begin to imagine. Just sniffing a patch of grass, for instance, can reveal detailed information about other dogs who have passed through the area, including their gender, age, diet, how recently they stopped by, and much more.

Think of sniffing as the canine equivalent of a mental workout. We have our work and hobbies, problems and puzzles, and Shakespeare and physics to keep our minds occupied and sharp. Dogs have an infinite world of smells to catalog and interpret. A good dog walk then, is a balance of physical and mental exercise. And that means taking time to smell the roses—or at least allowing your dog to do so. Give your dog plenty of time to sniff what interests him, especially on short potty walks where physical exercise isn't a focus.

Let your dog initiate sniff breaks on longer walks, too. If you worry about your dog getting enough physical activity, try adding some running to your walks, or games of fetch or tug during walks or at home. Also keep in mind that mental exercise can be quite taxing all on its own (just think how tired we humans can feel after a day of hard thinking work). So next time you put on your tennis shoes and reach for the leash, try rephrasing that age-old question to “Wanna go for a sniff?”

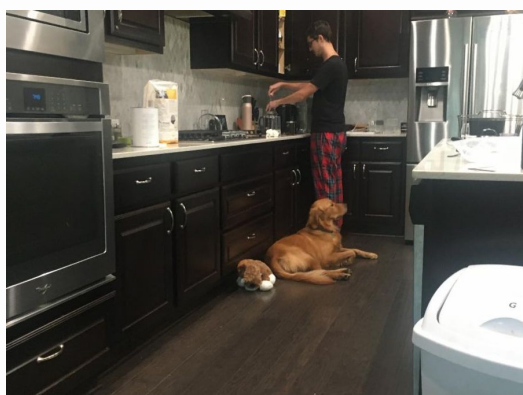
Editor's Note: Many thanks to Robin Early for contributing this article.

10 REASONS TO LOVE GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

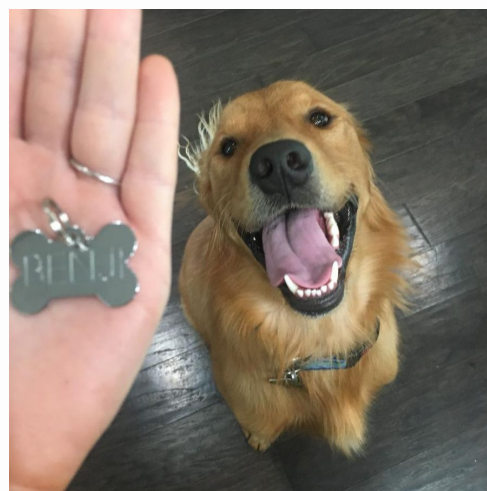


Where Are They Now?

Menorah 19-117 Menorah was adopted on September 11th. Her name is now Sunny, befitting her lovely personality, and she is now sister to her new brother, GRR Bear (15-031).



Benji- 20-050 Benji was adopted on September 17th by his new parents. They married in Utah and say "Thank you so much! He is definitely the best wedding present."



Ollie 20-043 Ollie was adopted on September 21st. Here he is on his way to his forever home. He packed only the most important things, like his pizza toy. Ollie participated in the Austin Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 26th. What a trooper!



Amber 20-049 Amber, now known as Ms. Penny, was adopted on September 24th. Penelope's new family is beyond excited and truly looking forward to providing a fantastic life for Penelope!



Dixie 20-05 Dixie was adopted on September 25th. Here she is with her new Mom. A match made in heaven!



The Golden Angel Program - Saving Wheeler 11-094

Margo Biba



This is the story of Wheeler, a GRR Permanent Sponsor, who lived with her beloved GRR fosters for seven years.

Wheeler became a permanent foster gal in 2013, when she was returned to GRR, due to severe separation anxiety and storm anxiety destruction. At first, GRR advised euthanasia, because we were sure no one would be able to tolerate her destructiveness. She was taken to a vet clinic for euthanasia; the vet refused because she as so nice. She was then taken to a shelter for euthanasia; they refused because she was such a sweetie. Finally, Wheeler was brought from West Texas to my house, so that we could arrange the euthanasia in Austin.

In Austin, Dr. Stried ran out of euthanasia medication, so we kept her for a few extra days while awaiting the medication. In those brief days, Wheeler convinced Gary and me that she

was too wonderful a girl to be euthanized. Instead we kept her for seven happy years of destructiveness; goodbye couch, mattress, window blinds, rugs and dog beds!

The Universe definitely interceded to keep Wheeler alive and we are so thankful. Fortuitously, in her final year, Wheeler became deaf and the destruction mostly ended.

Wheeler was a wonderful gal - my happy and devoted shadow who never met a stranger. She loved nightly 5:00 Dog Drives, having company, eating(!), and hanging out with us.

Wheeler detested baths, and she had Bath Radar: whenever it was her turn for a bath, she climbed the stairs to Gary's office and hid out with him. Wheeler's finest moment was in 2018, when she carried a live opossum indoors, then spit him out on the living room floor: Bedlam ensued.

Wheeler was diagnosed with liver cancer in December, 2019. In spite of her health problems, Wheeler was cheerful and happy right up until her last 24 hours. She was 14 years, 9 months old and her GRR days were her best days.

Many thanks to GRR for rescuing Wheeler. She, and Uncle Sherm who also recently passed away, made our family complete.

Editor's Note: The Golden Angel program is a sponsorship program that helps GRR with expenses for dogs that, are, for various reasons, considered unadoptable. They live out their lives in comfort and love with their fosters. Wheeler was co-sponsored by Tom Duffy and Mike and Kim Rogers and we extend our sincere gratitude to them. Learn more about the [Golden Angel Sponsorship program](#). Currently all of our Permanent Foster dogs are sponsored.

What You Need to Know About Yellow Dogs and DINOS Whole Dog Journal



The Yellow Dog Project is a not-for-profit organization promoting the concept of “yellow means caution” for dogs.

I grew up around horses. In the horse world, if you tie a red ribbon in your horse's tail, everyone knows that means your horse kicks – so you don't walk behind that horse, or ride your own horse too close to that horse's back end. If you do, and you get kicked, it's your own fault. So, everyone stays away from the rear end of a horse with a red ribbon in her tail. There is an active effort in the dog world to do something similar with the color yellow to protect dogs who need others to respect a space bubble around them as well as educate people about appropriate interactions with dogs in public in general (DINOS – Dog In Need Of Space).

A Yellow Dog or DINOS may be aggressive, but is not necessarily so. He may be fearful and/or reactive, and needs people or other dogs not to get too close. He may be in pain – recovering from recent surgery, or arthritic, and again, needs dogs and humans not to pester him. He may just be too friendly and his human doesn't want to constantly have to deal with him jumping up on people. He may be in training, and needs to focus on his tasks-at-hand rather than being intruded upon; a service dog, perhaps, or a dog just in the early stages of his good manners training. Perhaps he's simply the canine companion of a human who wants to keep distance between herself and her dog, and others.

The Yellow Dog Project [is](#) a not-for-profit organization promoting the concept of “yellow means caution” for dogs, and they have representatives around the world, in North and South America, parts of Africa, Asia, Russia, Australia, and numerous European countries. They utilize volunteers globally to help educate dog owners and others, and offer Yellow Dog volunteer opportunities, resources and products on their website and Facebook page.

Continue reading [here](#).

In Memoriam - Bevo 17-020

Cathy Smith



Sweet Bevo (17-020) "Boo Bear" crossed the Rainbow Bridge yesterday, August 18th. ☐ ☹ ☐ He passed away in the car on the way to the Emergency Vet, so he left on "his own terms" and JC and I were both with him. At 14 years old his body finally wore out. He is being greeted by Candy O'Connor at the Bridge. She and Anne Williams cared for Bevo for a few days when he came to GRR care in 2017, then brought him to us to foster (our Latest Foster Failure.) Thank you to Robin Early and Dr. Emily Oliver for his laser treatments that helped ease his hip pain. Bevo was a sweet, gentle soul.....until we meet again. ☐ ☐ ☐ Gone but always loved.

Rest in peace sweet Bevo!



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Daiquiri 09-033
Honey 20-051
Wheeler 11-094
Uncle Sherm 18-072

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