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October 2021

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

It is so nice that we are finally starting to see a little cooler temperatures. At our house we are spending a lot more time playing outside with our dogs. It is also so nice that we are finally getting back to doing some more in-person things like the Celis Brewery meet-up that was held last month (see the great photos below) and the Volunteer Appreciation party and Business meeting that will be held later this month.

For the business meeting the GRR board of directors felt it was important to get people back together for some face-to-face interaction as we have all missed that over the past eighteen months. We are trying something different for the meeting which will be held on **October 30th at 10:00 a.m.** We are having the meeting in two locations: one in Austin and one in San Antonio. We hope more people will be able to attend since you don't have to drive so far. We really want to provide an opportunity for this meeting to be more inclusive

since the GRR community spans such a large geographical area. We will use technology to connect both in-person meetings. This meeting is open to everyone so we hope to see you there. For more information go to [GRR Business Meeting](#).

September was a fairly busy month with ten incoming dogs. Of those ten dogs, the four littermate puppies were named as a tribute to the 9/11 Hero Dogs: Riley 21-052, Thunder 21-053, Apollo 21-054 and Trakr 21-055. Seven week-old Cayden 21-059 came into our care with Parvo. I am so happy to report that all are doing great.

The 2022 calendar has launched and is now for sale (details below). A huge thank you to all who participated in the calendar auction by bidding and winning their calendar pages and to those who purchased thumbnail spots.

I hope you all continue to stay well and healthy. Thank you for all of your support of Gold Ribbon Rescue. You are truly invaluable to the success of our mission.

Warm 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 **October 9, 2021**.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN





We received a spay/neuter grant from
BISSELL Pet Foundation!

Bissell Pet Foundation Grant

Gold Ribbon Rescue is pleased to announce that it has received **\$1750** in funding from the Bissell Pet Foundation to support its "Fix Every Dog" spay/neuter efforts. The grant provides financial support for the spay/neuter of up to 50 dogs during the coming year. This grant promotes GRR's policy that every dog available for adoption will be neutered prior to adoption or, in the case of puppies, soon thereafter.

GRR is a member of the Bissell Pet Foundation Partners for Pets program along with more than 5,000 other rescue organizations and shelters across the nation, and we are delighted that we were one of the 93 Partners across 34 states selected for financial support. Bissell has a long and impressive history of supporting animal welfare by awarding thousands of dollars to spay/neuter projects across the United States and the world, and GRR is very pleased to now be a small part of that worldwide effort.

With the support of this grant, GRR's spay/neuter policy promotes animal welfare in several ways. Veterinary science has proven that fixing a dog increases its longevity and provides for a healthier life with fewer behavioral problems. Fixed dogs are less susceptible to certain medical disorders, especially at older ages, which is especially important for breeds like Golden Retrievers because of their unfortunate susceptibility to cancer. And, most obviously, unwanted pregnancies are prevented.

GRR Grant Coordinator Arlen Zander emphasized that, like most of GRR's successful efforts, obtaining this grant was truly a team effort. GRR volunteers Amy Sebesta, Paula Ellis, Tim Tierney, Becky LaBrum, Sandy Balch and Hara Cootes rounded up all kinds of statistical and financial information, edited text, and established procedures to monitor progress of the grant. Zander noted "It takes a pack all working together to pull the sled!"

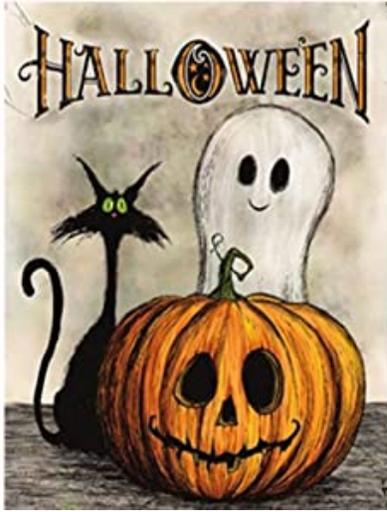
GRR is proud and honored to display the Bissell Pet Foundation logo on its website as a public acknowledgement of its Partnership!

MANY THANKS TO THE BISSELL PET FOUNDATION FOR THEIR GENEROSITY!

Get Their Costumes Ready!

Let's get our fun on! GRR is holding a photo contest for the Best Halloween Costume worn by a Golden. Be sure and send your photos by the deadline of midnight on October 31st to [GRR Dog Costume Contest](#). It's perfectly fine to send your photos before the deadline.

Check out the photos that will be published in the November newsletter; the winner will be determined by YOUR votes. The winner and the very unique, decorative prize will be announced in the December issue of the newsletter.



We can't wait to see your Halloween dogs!



On November 6th we're meeting up again at DogBoy's Dog Ranch for a romping, stomping good time. There's a "pond" or swimming hole for the dogs to enjoy plus a whole lot of room for running their socks off!

There is a limit of two dogs per family. Dogs must be well-mannered, non aggressive, altered and up-to-date on vaccines. A Pet Waiver must be signed by each family onsite. Dogs must be on leashes until they enter the fenced dog park area.

We are only able to accommodate a total of 50 dogs for this event. Reservations will open on October 15th on the GRR website home page. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us with your pup(s) for a frolicking good time. There is no charge to attend this event.

What: Pup Meet-Up at DogBoy's

When: November 6, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: DogBoy's Dog Ranch 2615 Crystal Bend Dr. Pflugerville, TX 78660

Reservations: Reservations will open on **October 15th**. Sign up [here](#).



It's time to get your Golden Fall Wear on!! Check out the image above and you can see more items and order [here](#). All orders help support our GRR Golden.

Pup Meet-Up at Celis Brewery - It was Great!



Our Brewery Meet-Up Organizer Gail March

Whoop Hoo! Our Pup Meet Up at Celis Brewery went sooo well! By my count we had 32 people and 19 dogs on hand! We all wandered inside for a cold beer and hot pizza as the temp was pretty high. Thanks to all who came out! We've been invited back, too, so I'm sure we'll do it again!

Check out the video [here](#).





Our 2022 GRR Calendar is now available for order. It is once again a 12 X 12 wall calendar featuring beautiful photos and stories of our Golden Retrievers that are guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

These are perfect gifts for your special Golden lover! Each calendar is \$18 plus shipping and handling. The proceeds help GRR dogs in need.

To order our Golden calendars, go [here](#).

Order soon - when they're gone, they're gone.

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Gold Ribbon Rescue received a quarterly charitable donation of \$807.75 from AmazonSmile as a result of you, our supporters, selecting GRR as their charity when shopping on AmazonSmile. Over time, Gold Ribbon Rescue has received \$10,781.40 from AmazonSmile.

The holidays are fast approaching, so please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) when ordering on Amazon and select Gold Ribbon Rescue as your charity . You may add or change your charitable designation on your [AmazonSmile Impact Page](#).

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GRR!

Adopted!

Prada 21-039T



Prada, Sue, Jaffa and Carrie

Our Turkey Girl Prada was adopted on September 3rd by her new mom Sue. It was a fabulous way to begin the Labor day weekend! Many thanks to foster mom and longtime GRR volunteer Beth Freeman for driving Miss Prada to New Braunfels TX to meet Sue. In fact, it was Beth who read Sue's home visit report and said she felt overwhelmed that Prada and Sue were made for each other.

Sue lost the use of her legs when she suffered lower back herniated disc issues two years ago. Sue's daughter Carrie lives five minutes away and cares for her mom daily. Sue and Carrie have been attached to GRR for the last 20 years and both have adopted three GRR dogs each over the last two decades.

At the meet Prada was completely unflappable: talk about a sweet, easy-going girl! Prada acted like she had been with Sue all of her life, Carrie's dog Jaffa and Prada became fast and gentle friends and Carrie and Prada had an immediate and sweet loving bond.

From thousands of miles away in Istanbul, Turkey, sweet Prada found her way into Sue's loving heart and arms. Note Sue's extended back scratcher that she created to help her give Prada her much-loved daily belly rubs!

Congratulations to Sue and Prada and Carrie and Jaffa - a new family is born!



June 21-046



Brenda and Bob are the new proud parents of June who they adopted on September 8th. June is living her best life in her new forever home with her lucky parents.



Sundance 21-029

Sundance was adopted on September 13th by Terry and we are so excited for both of them. Terry loves Sundance, now Skeeter, so much and he is definitely a happy boy! You may remember Sundance as one of our "jet-set" puppies who came to us in a GRR volunteer's airplane from south Texas..



Sundance came in with his bud Cassidy and was underweight, low-energy, had a respiratory infection and skin issues. After a proper diet and medical care, Sundance is now a typical, delightful puppy. We want to thank everyone that helped Skeeter get better. We're so happy that Skeeter has found his wonderful forever home.



Buddy 21-047



It's official! Buddy was adopted by Holly and Erik on September 18th. Buddy, now Tuck, went to their home as a temporary stash home and never left. They love this sweet senior so much! No one can believe this cutie is over ten. He's friendly, easy-going and loves to hang out with the family. He's adorable.



Beau 20-073



We are so happy to report that Beau was adopted on September 22nd. His new family is thrilled and we know Beau (they are now spelling it Bo) will have a great life! Check out the photos of the happy family and Beau's high jump. Do you think he's a Spurs candidate?



Touch: The Simple Cue That Makes Life With Your Dog Easier [Rover.com](https://www.rover.com)



As a professional trainer, I teach many different cues (trainers prefer “cue” to “command”) to dogs of all shapes and sizes. But of all the cues in all the world, only one is so versatile that it can make a big difference in the life of any dog, whether fearful or exuberant, puppy or senior.

That cue (drumroll please...) is “touch.”

What is ‘touch’ in dog training?

Touch is really just the name many dog trainers assign to a behavior called hand targeting. Hand targeting is the simple act of a dog voluntarily touching their nose to your hand.

Teaching a dog to hand target is like implanting a permanent magnet in your dog's schnozz. They'll be automatically drawn to the palm of your hand when outstretched. A little bump and that's it. The touch is complete.

How can such a simple action be so useful? Well, hold onto your hats, because hand targeting can:

1. Give an overexcited dog an alternative behavior to jumping.

The higher you hold your hand, the more energy your dog has to burn to bounce up and touch their nose. Do several of these in a row and your dog is now playing a fun, productive game.

2. Offer a reactive dog an alternative to unwanted barking or lunging

Starting a dog on a series of several touches in a row when you see one of your dog's triggers coming down the street gives them an activity that, with practice, prevents a reaction.

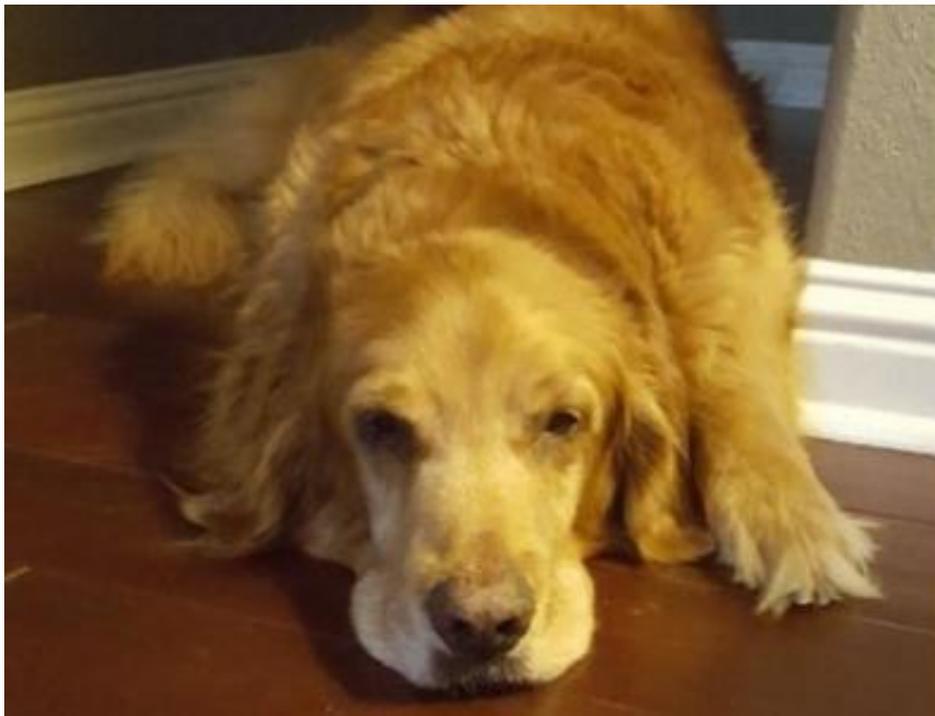
To continue reading this article, go [here](#).

To read more about Nose Targeting (Touch), go [here](#).

There are several training videos available on the internet. Search "Train Hand Targeting."

In Memoriam - Cooper 10-054 Debbie, Danny, and Matthew Malecha

I am heartbroken as I type this note about Cooper's passing. Cooper was put to sleep the morning of September 19th. He had lost most function of his back legs on Friday and was diagnosed with heart cancer (Hemangiosarcoma) on Sunday morning. The lack of blood flow due to the cancer was the cause of the loss of leg function. Danny and I were with him for his last moments.



Cooper April 8, 2008 – September 19, 2021

Cooper was two years old when we adopted him and we brought him into our home on my 40th birthday. We had lost our 10 year-old Golden that previous December to bone cancer. We longed to have another loving Golden Retriever in our family. We were graced with this sweet dog for 11.5 years and are so grateful God sent him our way. He loved

walks, sleeping on his blanket on the couch (before arthritis made it so he couldn't get up there anymore), eating his breakfast and dinner, car rides, rolling in the grass, getting brushed and being petted by anyone and everyone

Children of any age were always his favorite to get love from and give love to and he was the gentlest dog with them. I will miss the conversations and the interactions Cooper and I had with the neighborhood kids along our walks. I am missing and will miss my shadow in the house, my constant work buddy, his soft personality and the unconditional love that we all experienced each and every day that he was with us.



Thank you so much for having let us adopt him. We couldn't have loved him any more and Cooper couldn't have loved us any more. I still can't believe he is gone. We will be OK and hope that someday we will see him again.

Forever grateful.



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Gracie (Collette) 10-133

Bonnie 18-048

Ash 21-056

Cooper 10-054

Enzo 20-048

Hannie (Handsome Devil) 09-009



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