

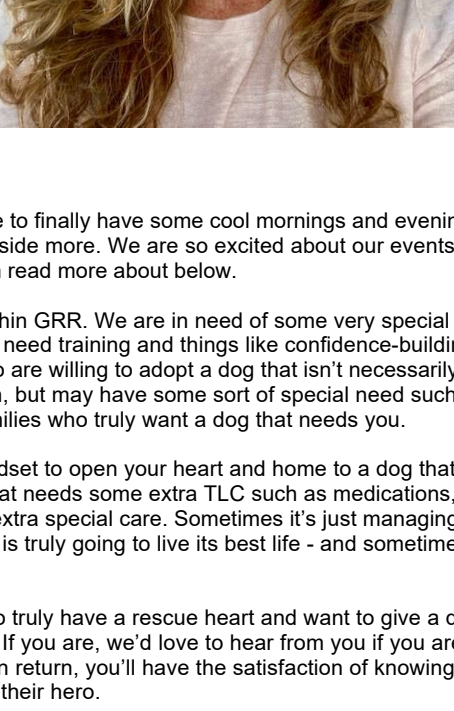


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October 2022

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

Happy fall! It's so nice to finally have some cool mornings and evenings. I am loving the opportunity to get outside more. We are so excited about our events taking place this month, which you can read more about below.

We have a "need" within GRR. We are in need of some very special families who are open to adopting dogs that need training and things like confidence-building and socialization. We need families who are willing to adopt a dog that isn't necessarily the easy, quintessential Golden, but may have some sort of special need such as Stevie and Forrest. We need families who truly want a dog that needs you.

It takes a special mindset to open your heart and home to a dog that is a Diamond in the Rough. A dog that needs some extra TLC such as medical care, behavior management or just extra special care. Sometimes it is just making the environment to ensure your new dog is truly going to live its best life - and sometimes it's a greater commitment.

We need families who truly have a rescue heart and want to give a dog its forever home. Are you that person? If you are, we'd love to hear from you! If you are open to adopting a dog that needs you, in return, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you've given a dog a wonderful life and be their hero.

As always GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden(s). If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our intake team at info@accr.com or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

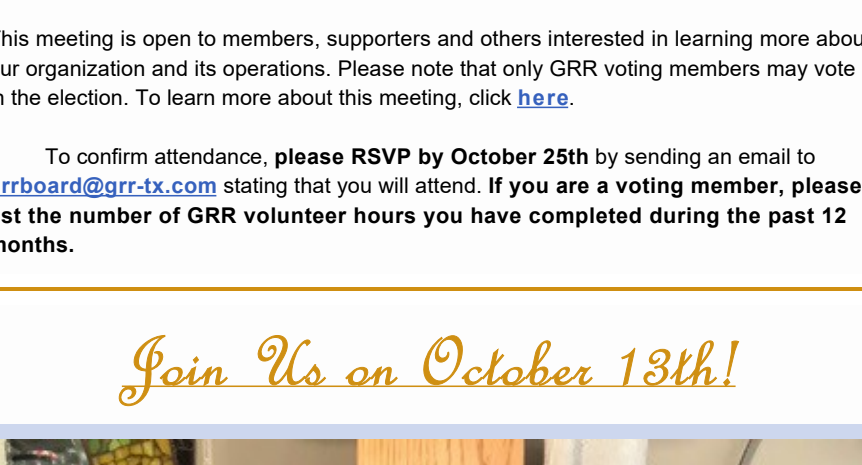
Warm regards,
Michelle

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 **November 12, 2022**.

PEEK A BOO!!!



The GRR ACL Ticket Auction Is Here And YOU Can Win!



The Austin City Limits Music Festival 2022 Kicks off Weekend One October 27th - October 9th

ACL PROMISES
 Lots of Music on 9 stages
 Lots of food at the ACL Food Court
 Lots of Fun.

YOU can attend Weekend One IF YOU win the GRR ACL Ticket Auction. Bid Here.

What you'll get:

TWO (2) General Admission Tickets (Tickets from ACL are SOLD OUT)
 TWO (2) wristbands for ACL Festival access for Weekend One (Oct 7-9)
 2022 Collectible Credential & Lanyard
 2022 overall ACL Festival info click [here](#).

**This GRR ACL Ticket Auction runs for 48 hours:
 Friday, Sept 30 at 5:00 pm to Sunday, Oct 1 at 5:00 pm.**

Best of all, 100% of proceeds from this auction benefit Gold Ribbon Rescue dogs.

Start Your Bidding here.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR

Gold Ribbon Rescue Business Meeting Announcement

**October 29, 2022
 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

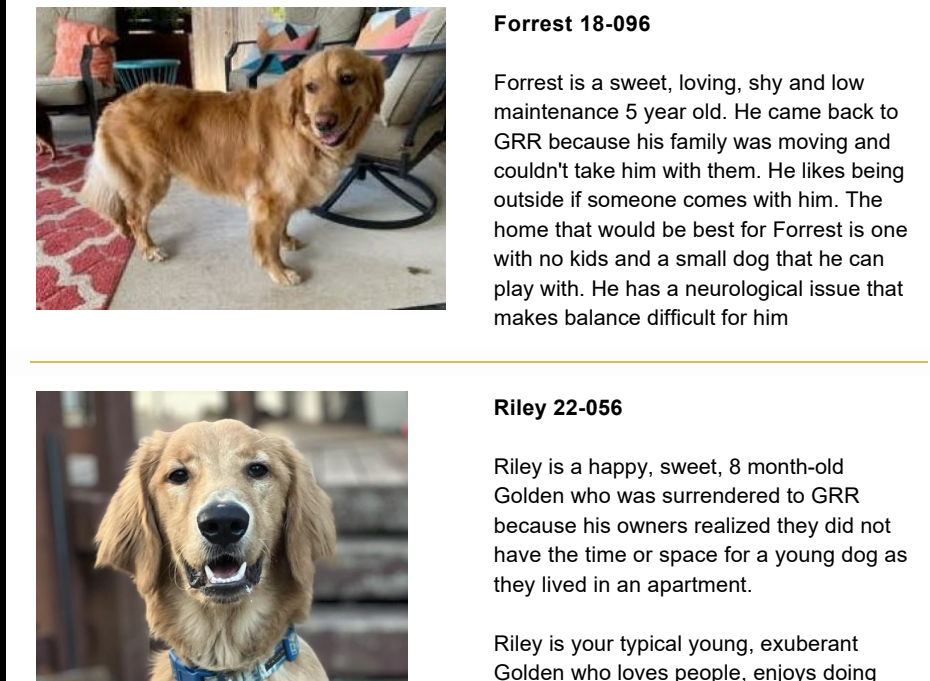
**The Home of Hara and Corby Cootes
 5808 Van Winkle Lane, Austin, TX 78739**

We look forward to seeing you October 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the Annual GRR Business Meeting Update and Election of the Board of Directors for 2022-2023. There will be no online component for this year's meeting.

This meeting is open to members, supporters and others interested in learning more about our organization and its operations. Please note that only GRR voting members may vote in the election. To learn more about this meeting, click [here](#).

To confirm attendance, please **RSVP by October 28th** by sending an email to board@accr.com stating that you will attend. If you are a voting member, please list the number of GRR volunteer hours you have completed during the past 12 months.

Join Us on October 13th!



This beautiful Golden Retriever mosaic (see above photo) is one of many extraordinary items available in our GRR Silent Auction. Could it be yours? Come bid and find out!

Come Party with Us on October 13th!

There's still time to make reservations and enjoy a fun evening with keynote speaker, noted author and dog rescuer **David Rosenfield**. David will entertain you with witty storytelling, his adventures in animal rescue and a signing of his new book, **"Santa's Little Helpers"**. You can mingle with GRR friends and chat with David, sample appetizers from an amazing glazing table, indulge in yummy desserts and wine, meet and hear about GRR Golden(s) and bid on wonderful GRR Silent Auction items.

This year's auction items include a Hill Country Weekend at **Spout Mountain** glamping, an amazing Golden portrait made from mosaics, a portion of up to two of your Golden(s) by our talented resident artist Lori Swanson, jewelry, dinners, a dog wash station, gift baskets and more. Best of all, all proceeds from this fun event benefit Gold Ribbon Rescue.

To make reservations and learn more about this unique event, [click here](#). If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation to support Golden(s), [click here](#). This is a human-only event.

Thank you to our generous event sponsors:

**Carol and Chris Adams - Bob and Julie Birkeder - Pat Capin
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 Mary Johnston - Kathy and Ken Kerr - Joan and Jeffrey Leva - Denise and Joe Martinez
 Mary, Mark and Ben Martinez - Maria McCain and Ed Hames - Lynn and Andy Nellie
 Dan and Susan O'Reilly - Donnie and Cheryl Smith - Kelly Topfer**

We hope to see you on October 13th!
 Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue.

HOLLO FALL!



GRR STORE **SHOP NOW!**

Fall is here and it isn't a moment too soon. Check out our new fall fashions and prepare for leaves and pumpkins and little ones to play.

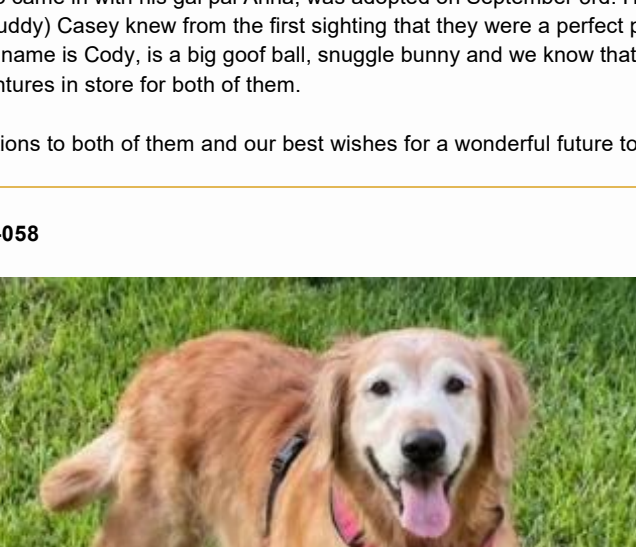
To see the new fall tee shirts and to order, click [here](#).

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS

A Home for Me? Yes! Please!

We have several dogs who are waiting for that wonderful family who will adopt them and give them a loving, forever home. Could it be your home? If you would like more information about Daisy, Forrest, Riley or Stevie, please contact [Paula](#) or [Michelle](#).

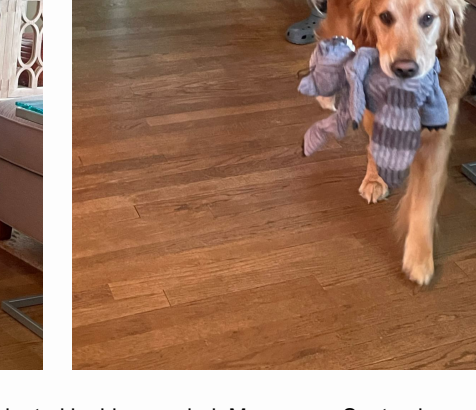
Daisy 22-044



Daisy was found by a Good Samaritan in a dog-dumping area in San Antonio. Daisy was underweight and ran up to everyone she saw for pets and food. After several weeks of not finding her owner, the Good Samaritan contacted GRR and asked if we could help this sweet, young dog that thrives on human attention. She can be an extra special dog in the foster while we estimate Daisy to be about a year old, she is quite calm for a young dog. Daisy is a sweet girl who thrives on her humans.

While Daisy can be calm at times, she needs a family who will work with her on training, provide adequate exercise and continue to build her trust and confidence. She is a relatively low energy dog that enjoys calm, quiet surroundings. Daisy will do well with an older couple or a family with older, calm children. She can be an extra special dog for another dog companion as long as it has similar energy. Learn more about Daisy [here](#).

Forrest 22-086



Forrest is a sweet, loving, shy and low maintenance 5 year old. He came back to GRR because his family was moving and couldn't take him with them. He likes being outside if someone comes with him. The home that would be best for Forrest is one with no kids and a small dog that he can play with. He has a neurological issue that makes balance difficult for him.

Riley 22-056

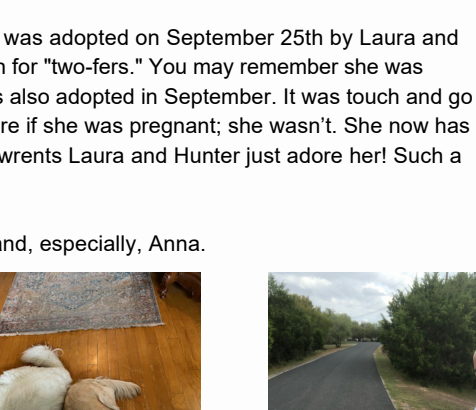


Riley is a happy, sweet, 6 month-old Golden who loves to play, especially with another social dog. Stevie was likely born with a congenital eye issue and, although his vision is impaired with extra tissue covering part of his eye, it does not slow him down at all. Stevie sees well enough to run, play and cuddle and he is expected to live a full and happy life. He will likely need eye drops for the rest of his life due to his condition.

Riley has been in Board-and-Train where he thrives in working with him on rescue guarding issues. Resource guarding is very manageable in dogs.

Riley will require a family willing to continue his training. Ideally, Riley would best in a home with adults only and no other dogs; however he will be OK with one other calm, well-behaved dog. If you'd like to learn more about Riley and feel he'd be a good fit in your home, please reach out to [Michelle](#).

Stevie 22-028

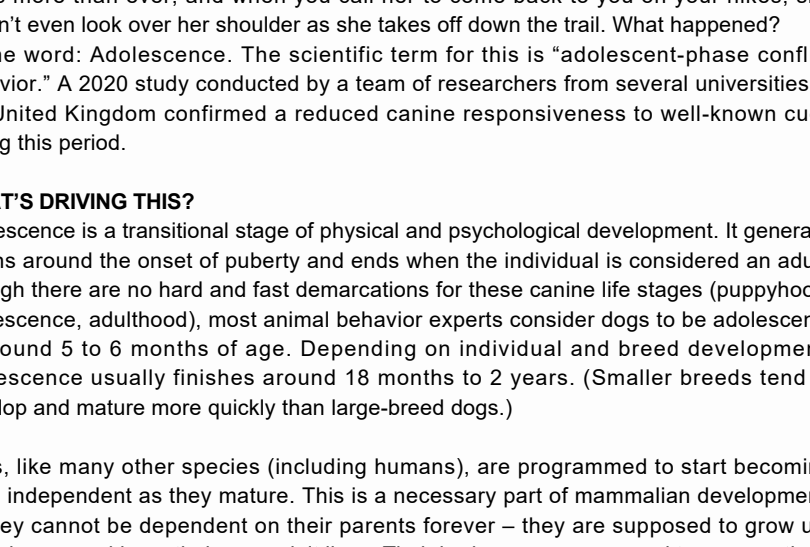


Stevie is a very special two-year-old. He's a happy-go-lucky and loves to play, especially with another social dog. Stevie was likely born with a congenital eye issue and, although his vision is impaired with extra tissue covering part of his eye, it does not slow him down at all. Stevie sees well enough to run, play and cuddle and he is expected to live a full and happy life. He will likely need eye drops for the rest of his life due to his condition.

Stevie would love a family that will support and appreciate him and he would LOVE to have an active, well-balanced companion dog that would enjoy playing with him. Stevie is great with children and he loves anyone's willing to get him. He can be an extra special dog for another dog companion as long as it has similar energy. Learn more about Stevie [here](#).

Look Who's Here!

Our September GRR Arrivals



22-062 Cooper 22-062 is an outgoing 20 month-old who is super easy going and who loves to follow his foster-pend-adopt family around the house. He came to us at about 98 pounds, but he will soon be on the "green bean diet." Reports are that he's a big goofy Golden who lives everyone. We're so glad you're with us Cooper.

22-063 Charlie is an 18 week-old puppy that came to GRR because he was a very sick little guy who was experiencing vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite and was very lethargic. We were concerned that he might have Parvo, but his test was negative thank goodness! He is with his foster family and his health is improving under their excellent care. Welcome to GRR Charlie. More news about Charlie to come soon!

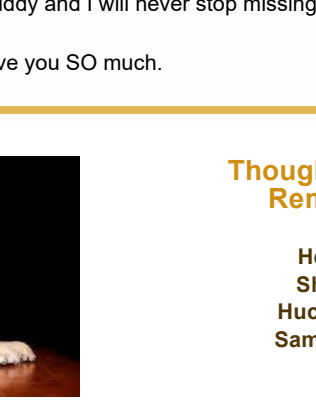
22-064 Emory is a sweet 4 month-old puppy who came to us as an owner surrender from San Antonio. Emory stayed with a long time GRR foster who never says no. She lives on Emory street and his foster-pend-adopt dad went to Emory university so what can we say...it's fate. Emory it is.



22-065 Hailey (aka Bailey) is a 14 month-old owner surrender from the Lakeway area. Her owners recently downsized to a small home with Astor in the back yard and there just isn't enough space for a young active Golden. They got her as a puppy and she is now a friend. It seems that Bella was owned by a couple of guys who planned to breed her, then COVID happened and they became traveling nurses and could not keep her. She went to someone else, and then she went to what they called "house call" dog training and so on. And then, when Bella went to Humane Heroes to be spayed and updated on her shots, a blood test revealed she was heartworm positive.

A Massachusetts rescue was going to take her but apparently the state of Massachusetts did not admit heartworm positive dogs. They have a 48-hour quarantine period and the dog must have a negative heartworm test before one paw can cross state lines so Sandy Paws contacted GRR for help. Of course we can help! She is with her foster and is doing well, especially because she was pumped so much in the past months. Bella, GRR will find you the best forever home, be promised!

22-067 Meadow is a 3 month-old Goldendoodle who is an owner surrender from Austin. This little cinnamon-colored fluffball was acquired by her family the end of August and then found out that her son is allergic to her. The breeder won't take her back so GRR is lucky enough to receive her. She's a lovely, typical puppy who loves to jump around, graze on your fingers and do all of the things that puppies do. Meadow is with her foster-pend-adopt family who love her to pieces.

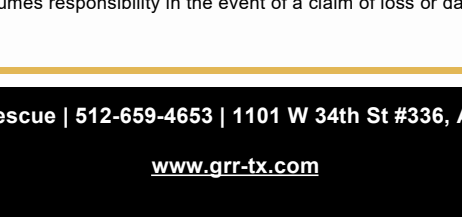


11-078 Zeus (now Charlie) is a 13 year-old GRR adoptee who came back to GRR because his family is having many problems and can no longer care for him. The family circumstances were dire and this was clearly an ASAP situation. Our GRR volunteer, Bob, who was minding the hotline, not only completed the surrender form promptly, but hopped into his car the next morning and drove all the way to Fort Worth to collect Zeus. Charlie is a bit rickety on his feet, needs assistance standing up about half of the time and is having some issues with incontinence if he cannot manage to get up on his own. He's a sweet old boy with a lovely sugar face.

Welcome back Charlie! Once a GRR dog, always a GRR dog.

Adopted!

Kristoff 22-047



Kristoff, who came in with his gal pal Anna, was adopted on September 3rd. His new dad (and best buddy) Casey knew from the first sighting that they were a perfect pair. Kristoff, whose new name is Cody, is a big goof ball, snuggle-bunny and we know that there are many adventures in store for both of them.

Congratulations to both of them and our best wishes for a wonderful future together!

Bonnie 22-058

On September 21st Bonnie found her happy forever home with Jeanette and Gary when she was officially adopted. She is a beautiful, well-behaved senior girl who is loving her new family. We're thrilled that Jeanette and Gary and Bonnie have found each other.

Congratulations to the new family!

Nehemiah 22-051

Such wonderful news! Nehemiah was adopted by his new dad, Marcus, on September 21st. All you can see, Nehemiah is totally happy in his new forever home. Nehemiah and his friend Sharkey both came to us as owner surrenders from a home that had four Golden Retrievers and the family felt overwhelmed. Nehemiah now has everything a lucky Golden could want: a wonderful dad, a wonderful home, toys and lots of love and attention. We're so happy for both Marcus and Nehemiah. Congratulations to them both!

Sharkey 22-050

Sharkey was adopted by Nehemiah on September 22nd, one day after his friend Nehemiah found his forever home. Both Sharkey and Nehemiah came to us from the same Killeen home in July after their owners could no longer care for them. Sharkey's skin condition and extreme hair loss were significant, but foster parents Carolyn and Steve brought him back to the beautiful golden he always was deep down.

New mom Jayne is over-the-moon in love with this boy and they are already enjoying watching football together. Perfection!

The photo above of Sharkey was taken in July of this year. The photo on the right is Sharkey on September 22nd. What a difference!

Anna 22-046

We're so happy to announce that Anna was adopted on September 25th by Laura and Hunter. September was really the month for "two-ers." You may remember she was surrendered to us with Kristoff, who was also adopted in September. It was tough and go there for a while because we weren't sure if she was pregnant, she wasn't. She now has a Py brother to chill with and her new parents Laura and Hunter just adore her! Such a lovely, loving family!

Congratulations to Lauren and Hunter and, especially, Anna.

ABOUT DOGS

Angst with Your Adolescent Dog Whole Dog Journal

How to increase the odds that you and your dog survive their trying teenage times with your relationship intact.

Congratulations! You've made it through the puppy months pretty much in one piece and hopefully laid a solid foundation for your many years together to come. You breathed a sigh of relief when the last of those needle-sharp puppy daggers were replaced by pleasantly white adult canines as your pup turned 6 months. You posted photos on social media when you graduated with honors from her puppy kindergarten class with a repertoire of solid good-manners behaviors including sit, down, polite greeting, come-when-called, and more.

But suddenly, your lovely pup has turned into an apparent wild and crazy stranger. She's jumping on visitors, no longer waits politely for her food bowl, she's chewing up household items more than ever, and when you call her to come back to you or your heels, she doesn't even look over her shoulder as she takes off down the trail. What happened?

In one word: Adolescence. The scientific term for this is "adolescent-phase conflict behavior." A 2020 study conducted by a team of researchers from several universities in the United Kingdom confirmed a reduced canine responsiveness to well-known cues during this period.

WHAT'S DRIVING THIS? Adolescence is a transitional stage of physical and psychological development. It generally begins around the onset of puberty and ends when the individual is considered an adult. Though there are no hard and fast demarcations for these canine life stages (puppyhood, adolescence, adulthood), most animal behavior experts consider dogs to be adolescents at around 5 to 6 months of age. Depending on individual and breed development, adolescence usually finishes around 18 months to 2 years. (Smaller breeds tend to develop and mature more quickly than large-breed dogs.)

Dogs, like many other species (including humans), are programmed to start becoming more independent as they mature. This is a necessary part of mammalian development, as they cannot be dependent on their parents forever – they are supposed to grow up, leave home, and have their own adult lives. Their brains are programmed to prepare them for independence.

If you subscribe to [Whole Dog Journal](#), continue reading [here](#).
 "Oh-Way", continue reading [here](#).

In Memoriam - Sam (Bubbas) 13-056

Billie Nixon

I will so very much miss you Mr. Butters. When we got the news of the two aggressive cancers after your being so brave through and after surgery, I knew you were to be leaving for heaven soon. How soon was the question. So thank you for letting me sleep on the floor with you, brush you and spoil you to the point I may have been a bit annoying. But you loved me anyway... you are the most loving of them all.

He came to us through GRR and Carol & I was our malchuker. I asked for a female. "Why?" Carol asked. "Because that's all I know," I replied. "Males are THE MOST LOYAL AND LOVING," and she was right. Sam is his name.

Formerly Bubbas, a surrender from a loving military family who had lived in Spain (his name means something about drooling and boy, did he!), who had a small child and a baby on the way; they just couldn't give him the time and attention he deserved. We met Sam and he went home with us on the same day because he was very "interested" in the foster family's cats. He jumped right in my Jeep and the rest is nine and a half years of nothing but love, adoration, chasing tennis ball, playing tug (sometimes by himself), kisses and wags.

Once we got him home, he immediately took to the pool and it was tough to get him out! He brought along a rubber duck (not the cute little bath time kind, but a mallard). He and that duck were as thick as thieves in that pool until the poor duck was in pieces. It was then that I also learned about hot spots. From that day forward, Sam, a piece of my heart is with at least one toy with him at all times. When the pool would come to the door, he would run to his toy stash and bring it to those entering. EVERY SINGLE TIME... until August 31, 2022. This was the day his cancer returned and it was not to stop at nine and nine was broken.

The moment your heart stopped my world changed forever. I know you are in a much better place. No more pain, now clear, big brown eyes and a bel all of your life is now again. I know that duck was there waiting for you and you are running and chasing all of heaven's tennis balls, showing up in heaven's kitchens any time someone entered and staring lovingly into the souls of those who give you love. The Best Boy ever. My Bubba, Mr. Butters, Buttes, Sweet Boy. The gooddest boy. Sam, a piece of my heart is with you. I miss you in everything I do. I can't wait to see you again when it is my time to greet you in Heaven. I love you Buddy and I will never stop missing you.

Mama, Chloe and Sophie love you SO much.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Sam 13-056

Shephard 13-140

Patch 18-089

Hershey 22-060

Huck (Patch) 18-089

Sam (Bubbas) 13-056

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