

Rescuing Golden Retrievers and changing their lives forever.

Gold Ribbon Rescue Golden Retrievers 25th Anniversary October 2023

A Message From Our President

Happy Fall y'all! Well yes, it is fall but sadly the weather is not cooperating. If you made it out to the Golden Pawloozza we hope you had a blast...

I want to share a great story about Bentley 23-082, who was surrendered to us because he had allergies so bad that his family was struggling with managing his medical care. When he came in his ears were so badly infected that black gunk was oozing out of them...

After a few weeks of living in a different climate, our hopes were fulfilled and we received the best news we could have imagined. Bentley's allergies have almost cleared up and his ear infections are gone!

We've had two beautiful dogs, Violet and Aster, come to GRR at the end of last month who really needed our help. Violet is an 8-month-old female who was found on the side of the road sitting in an old wicker chair with lots scratches and infested with ticks.

Aster's age is not known to us just yet. He was in the Pharr shelter in South Texas. He has an injury to his rear foot that is badly infected, and the shelter contacted us for an emergency rescue...

GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden Retrievers. If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please contact us...

Warm regards, Michele Mendez

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...

What's Going On This Month?

From FAX Machines and Sticky Notes to Social Media

In the past three newsletters, we shared how Gold Ribbon Rescue was founded and how our Intake and Adoption processes have evolved...

In 1998, we only had FAX machines, paper forms and the telephone - plus lots of notepads and yellow sticky notes to stay in sync.

In 2001, we created the GRR website and began gathering applications online. Some of our potential adopters and fosters didn't have a computer...

Considerable volunteer time was spent working around these limitations, which greatly slowed the time needed to rescue a dog. It was a seat-of-the-pants approach...

Social media has totally changed how GRR shares information with our community and vice-versa. Today, we have three Facebook sites - our FB community, our public page and a volunteer page...

Our current newsletter, Golden Tales, reaches over 2000 people and Golden Notes reaches all volunteers. We are able to better educate our volunteers via training webinars and hold business meetings via Zoom.

In 2023, we began researching various technology tools that will work to integrate our content and make it easier to share data. We're also working to reduce technology costs.

Saving Golden Retrievers and finding their special homes is our purpose and passion - we have rescued and placed over 3500 dogs in our 25 years. Our enhanced communication and technology resulted in good numbers around the globe.

Shake, Rattle and Roll!



Grab your pup and head to Shake Shack on October 16th and October 23rd to help raise money for GRR! Shake Shack has assorted burgers and shakes for you and a Pooch for your pup!

They are pet-friendly and dogs are welcome at their outdoor tables. Best of all, when you visit on October 16th and October 23rd, use the code DONATE25 when checking out and GRR will receive 25% of your purchase.

Celebrating the Past and Preparing for the Future

A \$25K Challenge - 25 Years of Rescue Thanks to our generous supporters, we've hit 43% of our goal to raise \$25,000 for incoming Golden Retrievers.

But we need your help to hit our goal. As one of our supporters said, "A donation is the least I can do to help future Golden Retrievers - in honor of the joy, love and laughter that my own GRR dogs have given me."

As Golden lovers, we all know the positive and powerful impact our Golden Retrievers have on our daily lives. Please help us reach our \$25,000 goal to ensure future Golden Retrievers a well-deserved life too.

Read about several of our special 2023 Golden Retrievers! Make a donation here!

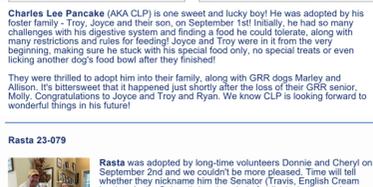
The More You Know...

Leash Reactivity Webinar As promised, we are resuming our training webinars this fall and Michele Mendez, with Every Dog Behavior Training, will be presenting the next webinar on Leash Reactivity.

Volunteer Orientation Webinar A high-level overview of GRR and learn about volunteer opportunities. Grab a computer and a friend, a loved one, even your dog! All are welcome! Please RSVP with Denise Martinez if you are planning to attend.

Gold Ribbon Rescue Year End Business Meeting and Election This meeting will include a general update on 2023 and the Board of Directors election. This is an in-person meeting and all members are welcome to attend.

The 2024 GRR Calendar is Available for Pre-Order Now! Our beautiful Golden Retrievers can be on view all year-round!

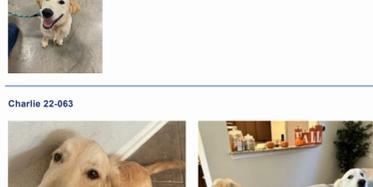


Preview the calendar and order today!



Pumpkin Spice, Falling leaves, cooler days for long walks with your favorite Golden. Get in the mood for Fall and stay your style. Check out our new designs here.

The Golden Pawloozza - September 30, 2023



121 Golden Lovers! 62 Goldenies! What a Day!



Happy Halloween

It's All About the Dogs! Here's Our Roundup!

Look Who's Here! Welcome to GRR!

23-084 Harper is a stray who was found by the side of a highway shortly before dark and taken to a shelter...

23-085 Carley is a 2-year-old owner surrender from the Austin area. She was surrendered because the owners' schedules have become a lot busier lately and they have just found out that they are expecting a baby.

23-086 Nash is a 1-year-old owner surrender from the Georgetown area. He was surrendered because a few months after he was adopted, his mom's family is about to change drastically and she no longer had the time to spend with this big, sweet puppy who needs attention and lots of exercise.

23-087 Kayce is a 8-month-old owner surrender from Kyle. Lisa flow their alter to McAllen to pick him up and bring him to Austin. GRR volunteer Merry met the plane and transported him to CTVSH for care.

23-088 Macey is a 5-year-old owner surrender from Sour Lake, TX who sheds too much. ("Too much of a house cleaning issue"), is too big and they don't have enough time to spend with her.

23-089 London was turned into the Williamson County Animal Shelter by a Golden who said she was found in Leander. The shelter notified us that they had a beautiful Golden and just knew someone was going to reclaim her, but sadly, they did not, so she has joined the GRR family.

23-090 Violet is around 8 months-old and was found on the roadside about 3 weeks ago by Good Samaritans. She was sitting on a broken wicker chair by the side of a busy road and the Good Samaritans (rightfully so) that she was in danger so they rescued her.

Spencer 23-091 sneaked in right before the end of the month. We don't know much about him, other than he was found as a stray and did his stay hold at Schertz Animal Shelter. Spencer is going to be boarded at Converse for a few days while he waits for his neuter surgery.

23-094 Aster is an urgent, last minute intake who came into GRR on September 30th. He is badly injured and volunteers Dave and Lisa flow their alter to McAllen to pick him up and bring him to Austin. GRR volunteer Merry met the plane and transported him to CTVSH for care.

23-095 Poppy arrived in our care late yesterday. This little girl was found by a Good Sam a few weeks ago in San Antonio and is estimated to be about 8 months old. That's all that we know at this point. The name Poppy symbolizes love and remembrance.

Editor's Note: You may have noticed that the intake numbers are out of sequence. We have two Goldenies coming in on October 2nd that have been assigned them "one-of-one" visits - we considered them necessary to return to us.

My Dreams Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!



Charles Lee Pancake (AKA CLP) is one sweet and lucky boy! He was adopted by his foster family - Troy, Joyce and their son, on September 8th, his first day in his new home.

They were thrilled to adopt him into their family, along with GRR dogs Marley and Allison (his bitterweet but it happened just shortly after the loss of their GRR's senior, Molly. Congratulations to Joyce and Troy and Ryan. We know CLP is looking forward to wonderful things in his future!

Rasta 23-079

Rasta was adopted by long-time volunteers Donnie and Cheryl on September 2nd and we couldn't be more pleased. Time will tell whether they nicknames him the "Colonel" or "The Colonel".

Luke 23-074

Luke was adopted on September 8th by Grayson who made a point of thanking everyone at GRR for vetting him thoroughly and handing Luke to adoptive family such care. He is so excited to become Luke's family, enjoy daily walks together, and to introduce him to the rest of his sweet group - both human and canine!

Scoop 23-077

Donnie (aka Cooper) was adopted on September 10th by Donnie and Nikki and their three teenagers. Scoop is being accepted as a family member by the family cat. Congratulations to Scoop and the entire family!

Charlie 22-063

Charlie was adopted on September 2nd. Who knew this boy would be a GRR boy for over a year before he found his happy ending? It sure took a village - with worms, GI issues, two hip replacements and a few interesting ingested items.

This is a match made in heaven! Huge thanks to everyone who played a role in Charlie's GRR journey. There are a whole bunch of GRR volunteers who will forever be a part of Charlie's story.

Goldie 23-080

Goldie, now known as Macy, was adopted on September 25th by Darian and Todd. They have absolutely spoiled her beyond blessed! to be this sweet/gentle/silly girl's forever family.

Congratulations to the new family!

You Really Need to Know This Stuff

Halloween safety for dogs



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

In Memoriam - Gypsy 22-006 Mike and Sylvia Griffin

March 13, 2011 - July 26, 2023 Only 15 months ago, April 24, 2022, an angel in the form of a 15-year-old Golden Retriever, came to share her absolute sweetness and love with us. Last week we lost her. We are devastated.

Gypsy was an amazing blessing - calm, quiet, and unbelievably gentle. She could offer us anything and everything we needed. She was lanky, with long slender legs, a long topline, and a longer muzzle than most Golden Retrievers. Her fur was a mix of reddish to blonde waves, curls, and long, straight feathers.

Gypsy's beauty was surpassed only by her loving nature and her devotion to her mom and dad. She took short separations in stride - two to three hours for napping while the folks were away at church or shopping. She accepted boarding as an occasional interruption to her normal routine and poured her sweetness over everyone who cared for her.

In Memoriam - Joshua 20-049T Holly Burgeson

My family wanted to let the Gold Ribbon family know that another much loved member passed last week. My Joshua 20-049T, was with the last group of Golden Retrievers brought back from Turkey, November 2020. He was not in the final group of 10 that we were able to bring back to the States.

When he arrived, he was an underweight (50 pounds), older (estimated age was 9 years-old), diamond in the "ruff" Golden boy. For almost the first year he was with us, he was never seen without his tennis ball or tug rope. That changed over the next three years. He enjoyed camping and road trip adventures and he was never seen without a squeaker toy in his mouth, at home and on every walk and Gold Ribbon Rescue Home Visit.

I will most miss our talks in the mornings, sitting with him next to his bed drinking coffee, reading and waking up to the day.

Thank you sincerely Gold Ribbon for bringing me Joshua. He and his Blossom, Biscuit, Wiley, Max, and Geep Goldenies now. I can't wait to see them all again when I cross that bridge some day.

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