



Golden Tales

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September 2020

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I hope you and your families, both 2 and 4-legged, are finding ways to stay cool and healthy as the summer continues to heat up. Our pack of five prefers to just be wet as much as possible, so we have been spending a lot of time swimming or playing in the garden hose.

We are very excited about the 2021 calendar, with the auction raising \$7,438.00 for GRR. I want to say a huge thank you to all who won bids and purchased thumbnail photo spots. We can't wait to see all the great photos. Also, the next GRR Bingo night has been scheduled. Details are below so be sure to RSVP for a night of fun and laughter.

In September, we will be launching a "Golden of the Quarter" photo campaign. You will be able to simply submit your favorite Golden photo and we will post it where everyone can vote on their top picks. The photo with the most votes will be our "glamour shot" and we'll use it in GRR material all quarter long. Stay tuned for more details.

Our next Gold Ribbon Rescue business meeting is tentatively set for October 31st. This will be a virtual meeting so we hope you will be able to attend. Please stay tuned for more details to follow within the next couple of weeks.

Who knew when 2020 started that we would be facing the challenges that have affected us all, but through thick and thin, I can honestly say that the support that you have given to GRR is truly amazing. We will continue to rescue every Golden Retriever we can and could not do it without our donors and volunteers.

Warm Regards!
Michelle

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 **September 19, 2020**.

Tipsy Tuesday Bingo Night

Join us for another Tipsy Tuesday Bingo Night!

Ready for another round of Bingo? Mark your calendars for September 8th from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Join host Gail March for our next round of Tuesday madness. Once again, let Gail know that you're in and the number of people playing in your household. She'll send you the game Zoom link and new bingo cards if needed. Also, please let her know if you have your cards from last time so that we don't have duplicate cards out there. Certain calls will require everyone to drink: others might require you to tell us a dog story or two so be ready. Also, don't drink and drive!

Be sure to make your reservation by noon on Sunday, September 6th, by emailing [Gail March](mailto:GailMarch). Please include the number of individuals who will be playing. We'll need an email address for each person planning to access Zoom so that we can send the invite and bingo card. If you have questions, call or text Gail at 512-423-3416 and she'll get back with you!

We had great fun last time with prizes and more! Let's do it again! And...invite a friend! The more, the merrier!!!

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

RSVP Deadline: September 6, 2020 by noon

Grant Writer Needed - Can You Help?

GRR needs someone to assist in identifying and writing grant applications. The main benefit of grant writing is the economic benefit of receiving a grant. GRR has received grants in the past and they are very important because they range in size from a few hundred to thousands of dollars depending on the nature of the grant.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please contact [Paula Ellis](#).

Our "Golden" Introduction to GRR! – Promise 19-022C

Julie Birkeneder



Bob and I have raised goldens most of our marriage We love the breed, each one with a unique and wonderful personality! A few years ago, our Golden Holly passed at age 16. Our adult daughters urged us to rescue. Boy are we glad! A family in Austin reached out to us... their Max was in danger. We brought Max home with us and immediately fell in love.

Seven months later we began researching Golden rescues online. We devoured every page of GRR's info, immediately impressed by the heart of this rescue! By evening, we were filling out an application online, realizing it might be a long wait.

Our whole family began reading about the first China Goldens mission. Our hearts, with yours, were immediately drawn to doing all that we could to bring these dogs out of their desperate, horrific fate in the slaughter houses of China.

I will never forget my first conversation with Michelle Goldberg, who has now become a treasured friend, respected advisor and valued teammate in all things Golden! "So Julie, it sounds like your ideal is the "just add water dog"? I laughed, "Is there such a thing? We want the dog who most needs us. Can you tell me about your China Goldens? We'd love to help!" And the rest is history.

GRR doggie #1: Welcome Promise — one of the first five to come home from China with Michelle. She is precious, beloved, treasured. A depth of soul in her dark eyes that captivates and enables you to see she is an overcomer. A beautiful girl willing to give love and be loved, just wanting to stay near and chill all day long. The very first time I bathed Promise, she looked back at me. Her eyes whispered: "Thank you for being so gentle. You are one of the kindest human beings." Immeasurable trust and gratitude.

That was it! My heart burned for rescue! No turning back.

The Nose Knows
Kathy Simmons

Looking for something new to do with your pooch?

Consider trying the fun sport of K9 Nose Work (also called Scent Work). Nose Work is inspired by working detection dogs but it's adapted to be enjoyable for our companion dogs. It's a fun activity for virtually all dogs and people. Here are just a few of the benefits:

- easy to learn and allows your dog to build confidence and focus
- provides a safe way to keep your dog mentally and physically fit
- a great fit for today's "new normal" as it lends itself wonderfully to current social distancing requirements. Each handler/dog team works one at a time so it is easy to keep required distances
- dogs work through challenges without the stress of competition with other dogs

The primary goal of Nose Work is to have fun! Dogs learn to detect specific odors (Birch, Anise and Clove) in containers, on exterior surfaces, on vehicles, in water, and even buried. Nose Work is a great activity to build a stronger bond with your dog and helps you to better understand how your dog is communicating with you. The great thing about Nose Work is that just about any dog can participate; any size, any age, any physical ability. If he can smell he can play! There are blind, deaf and three-legged dogs who compete at the highest levels of the sport. It is low physical impact and high mental exercise for both dog and handler.

Both of my GRR dogs participate in Nose Work and love it!

Continue reading [here](#):

(Pictured below are Sam 12-127 and Eddie 13-076 performing Search, Find and Alert)



Sam - Search



Sam - Find



Sam - Alert



Eddie - Search



Eddie - Find



Eddie - Alert

Continue reading [here](#):

Where Are They Now?

Esme 20 039 - Esme was adopted on July 31st. One year-old Esme was an owner surrender. She is really super sweet and is

as beautiful as her personality.

How wonderful- a forever home for Esme!



Molly 20-038 Molly was adopted on August 1st. This lovely 12 year-old came to GRR as the well-loved dog of a woman who rescued her in 2012. Unfortunately, this lady suffered a brain hemorrhage and was not expected to live.

The family decided that since Molly was a rescue, she should once again have the opportunity to fill the hole in another family's heart through rescue.

Molly is on the way to the next stage of her life in a wonderful forever home!



Daisy 20-044 Daisy, now known as Cersei, was adopted August 2nd at the Bark Park in Georgetown with a gazillion witnesses, both human and canine. Cheers and well wishes were in abundance. So thankful for her new forever, wonderful life thanks to GRR!

A very happy Golden with a delightful family.

Sally 20-035 Sally was adopted on August 12th. She was dumped on I-35 by one who cast aside her value. Sally is where she belongs: in the arms of her new family who are MORE than happy to welcome her into her forever family!!! ♥





Rosie 20-033 and Beau 20-034
Rosie and Beau were adopted on August 13th. Twelve year-old Rosie and eight year-old Beau are a bonded pair and have been together all of their lives. GRR did not want to see them separated and a wonderful family came forward and adopted them together.



Beau becomes upset if he is separated from Rosie for even a few minutes so they have found their perfect forever home. We're so happy for Rosie and Beau and their new family!



Kingsley 20-048 Our big boy Kingsley was adopted on August 14th.



Kingsley came to GRR from a loving owner who wanted a better life for him when she had to move with her young child in with her grandma. Now Kingsley enjoys lots of long walks, endless cuddles and a wonderful life filled with play! As you can see from their family photos above, all three could not be happier

Izzy 20-042 Sweet Izzy found her forever home on August 14th. Here she is snuggling with her new mom and dad. She's a very loved and happy girl!

Izzy was a member of the same family for just over six years. When their life

circumstances changed, work obligations prevented her from knowing the happy life she once enjoyed. Instead she was spending ten plus hours a day in her crate.

Thanks to GRR she has found daily walks, lots of play, enormous love and great consistent companionship with lots of cuddles!



Kofi 20-047 Kofi was adopted August 20th by a great couple! He is a love bug who loves to eat and does a happy dance all over the kitchen when he sees his bowl.

Kofi loves laying his head in your lap and he has a look that he gives you when he wants you to sit with him. He will use his nose to pick up your hand so you can rub him. He has two new fur siblings, Sadie Mae and River.

Congratulations to all! Kofi is home!!!



Jackpot 20-040 Jackpot came to GRR from the Laredo shelter to his forever home. He was adopted on August 30th. Jackpot hit the Jackpot with a family. committed to giving him all that he needs and the wonderful life he deserves.

Another GRR victory!
Thank you ALL!

Coming Soon - The GRR 2021 Calendar

Look for it in October!



Gold Ribbon Rescue



2021 Calendar

In Memoriam - Toby 17-123M
Dana, Stephen and Finn Drane



I am writing to let those of you at GRR know that Toby, GRR #17-123M, crossed the

Rainbow Bridge on May 28, 2020. Toby was an interesting Golden to have in our home. He arrived in Austin on a flight from Mexico City. This was on a Sunday, late in October 2017. We drove to Austin on the first Wednesday in November and met Toby for the first time.

Toby was rather shy and he was also a bit overwhelmed by moving to the Texas Hill Country where he had deer to bark at and lots of room to run and get lost in. On one occasion he chased a critter into a brush pile on the acres and it took more than an hour to locate him. Stephen and I both called his name and searched for him. Finally we found him deep in the brush pile, after his prey.



The photo above is Toby in Mexico before he became a U.S. citizen.



For those of you not in the loop, Toby came to us with quite a list of medical issues. His teeth were almost nonexistent and we had the teeth repaired and cleaned. He also developed hip dysplasia from, we suspect, a previously broken back. He may have been injured in the Mexico City earthquake or he could have been hit by a car that caused his back and hip injuries. According to his birth certificate, at the time we put him down, here at home by the fireplace, his age was approximately 15 years. We wished that he could speak to us of his experiences while living in Mexico City.

On a happier note, during Toby's tenure with us we acquired an English Cream Golden puppy. They became playmates and friends as dogs do. This occurrence made Toby's departure most difficult. Toby is now under our oak grove with Sammy, another Golden rescue (bone cancer) and two Border Collie brothers, Shadow and Blue (dementia and dysplasia at ages 13 and 15). Thank you all for your dedication.



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Toby 17-123
Banksie (Banks) 17-104
Myko (Shasta) 08-075
Bevo 17-020
Nash 19-099
Cash 18-014
Rusty 08-064
Angel (Asia) 08-144



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