September 2021 Join GRR - Donate - Volunteer **GRR Store** A Message From Our President

Rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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With so much going on in the world right now, this President's column will be a little different from most of them. I'll begin by thanking all of the military men and women who fought for our country and lost their lives in the recent bombing in Afghanistan. Tremendous gratitude to all of the military men and women who have fought and continue Recently, I read an article on the concept and consequences of a Life Quake. A Life Quake is a massive life change that re-shapes our lives with aftershocks that can last for years. COVID 19 is a Life Quake. Over the past 20 months, each of us, our families, our community, our country and the world continues to experience these Life Quakes. We Did you know that gratitude is one of the essential coping strategies to help us manage our personal aftershocks? Gratitude is the feeling we experience when we reunite with families and friends. Gratitude that we can continue to participate in multiple group events and experience the joy and fun of sharing time and activities together. I hope that Gold Ribbon Rescue will continue to be, or will become, one of your coping strategies. Starting this month, we have several in-person events planned during the remainder of the

Hello friends to fight for our freedom. must continue to cope, change and adjust to the ongoing aftershocks.

Rescue and choose to be part of the GRR family.

Best wishes for a great Fall. 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 16, 2021.

year. I hope you will be able to attend, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Or perhaps you'll choose to volunteer in a new role within GRR or simply share stories of your beloved four-legged family members in our Facebook group. We have an immense amount of gratitude for each and every one of you who continue to support Gold Ribbon

Join Us for a **MEET UP WITH YOUR PUP** at the **Celis Brewery** in Austin! Celis, as y'all know, is an Austin institution-

steeped in history, the first craft brewer to bring Belgian beer to the craft world in ATX. So y'all can rest knowing that their wheat beers are AWESOME. The tap room is large, airy, albeit a little dimly lit. Plus, there's patio seating outside and get this--DOGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE AND OUT! " I love this bar, It's my kind of place. Just walkin' through the front door, Puts a big smile on my face. It ain't too far, come as you are. Mm, mm, mm, mm, I love this bar." Toby Keith Celis is reserving their off-leash dog park just for us on Saturday, Sept. 4th from 12:00 - 2:00pm!

So mark your calendar and plan to bend an elbow with your fellow GRR friends. It will be great to see everyone again! If you have questions, contact Gail March. Please note: Gold Ribbon Rescue supports Austin Public Health Stage 4 guidelines which recommend masking indoor and outdoor whether you are vaccinated or not. **Get Their Costumes Ready!** HALLOWEEN Let's get our fun on! GRR is holding a photo contest for the Best Halloween Costume worn by a Golden. More details will be coming in the October issue of the newsletter and the deadline for submission of photos will be the witching hour on October 31st. Check out the photos that will be published in the November newsletter; the winner will be determined by YOUR votes The winner and prize will be announced in the December issue of the newsletter. We can't wait to see your Halloween dogs!

A Gift Tied With a Beau Beau (20-073) is an 11 month-old bundle of high energy and inquisitiveness. He has a big personality and you always know when Beau is around. He loves car rides, playing with his dog buddy and romping with kids ages ten and older.

We think that Beau is so special and smart that to the right family he is going to be what we call 'the dog of a lifetime'. That is the dog that you compare all others to, the one that maybe started out hard, but blossomed, and became the most important and bonded to you. Beau's person or family should be dog savvy, willing to really integrate Beau into their life, would enjoy and want to get training with Beau and would like to participate with Beau in things like dock-diving, frisbee, swimming, running, agility, etc. Beau is not going to be a happy or fun dog to be around if he is not active and engaged with his family. Beau would love an experienced person or family to guide him through his exuberant puppyhood and help him to become the best dog ever. If you are interested in a super smart, high-energy big puppy and are committed to including him in your family activities and giving him daily training, consistency and exercise, both physical and mental, Beau is your boy. If you think that Beau might be the best gift for your family, visit $\underline{\text{Beau}}$. Please contact Michelle Goldberg If you would like more information about Beau.

Adopted!

Olive, 21-036

Mylo 21-012

Flex 21-045

with his new dads!

roll in the grass and play fetch with him 100 times a day if she wants! Dan says his very favorite word has become "OliveHer" to everyone he meets.! He is overthe- moon in love with her and tells us "He will give her the very BEST life." Olive has filled his heart and home with her goodness. Holden 21-042 We're so happy to share that Holden was adopted on August 13th by his new mom Louise. He came to GRR as an owner surrender. Holden is a sweet one year-old full of spunk and wiggliness one second (Louise said her mom tried to snap MANY photos to get just one), then chasing tennis balls the next and napping comfortably on the couch or at the feet of his new mom. Louise is so in love with Holden and they are enjoying life to the fullest! They've become best buddieś in a very short time and can't wait to explore all the goodness life has for them as a new family!

Mylo was adopted on August $16^{\hbox{th}}$ by Rick and Ernest! They took this sweet boy through heartworm treatment and love him to pieces! Mylo will have a happy, happy Golden life

Sweet one year-old Flex was adopted August $18^{\hbox{th}}$ by Michaela and Jake. Flex is rapidly learning many things in his new home and his new family says "He's just doing great overall and we love him." This silly boy loves to sit on top of their feet. Isn't he adorable!

Sweet Olive was adopted by Dan on August 10th. Given by her original out-of-state owner to a friend in Austin, who later developed allergies to Olive, this sweet girl began her GRR life understandably anxious and confused. Quiet, calming, super gentle and empathetic, Dan reassured Olive and gave her so much love. Today look at her! Her fur is gaining color and shine, she enjoys endless attention and belly rubs with her new dad and she can

Sophie 21-033

We wanted to celebrate with you all that our sweet Sophie girl was adopted on August 20th by Martha and Jeff. Jeff is retired and has taken Miss Sophie under his training wing. Sophie was surrendered by a family who did not have the time or know-how to invest the

Jeff and Martha have rescued three previous Goldens and were very excited to welcome Sophie. They work hard to figure out and then deliver what each dog most needs. They are determined to invest in her the mental stimulation as well as physical activity that she

Martha and Jeff are thrilled to have her and love Sophie very much! They are determined

Tundra is getting tons of great care, play, attention and physical and mental

stimulation from all five of them plus the

to figure out all that she needs so that they can give her the very best life!

physical and mental stimulation this sweet young girl needed.

needs, and deserves, to thrive!

Tundra 21-031

Eric and Susan and their three daughters, plus doggie sister Dottie, adopted almost two year -old Tundra on August 25th! Eric and Susan and their three daughters

couldn't be happier with their new sweet

boy!

Chanel 21-038T

Never Too Old...

Never Too Young...

chance at a great life.

Never Too Sick...

family with whom he will live out his life.

girls' friends. He's even starting to enjoy plenty of pool fun! Penny 21-040 A big congratulations to Kim who is the proud adopter of Penny on August 27th. They both are in their happy place and now Penny has a new doggie sister, Lizzie. Penny is so sweet! She just wants to be with her people and be loved. Diamond 21-041 We wanted to let you all know that sweet Diamond was adopted on August 29th. Her new mom Pat is the proud new doggie mama and has renamed her Devon. She is SO happy! Diamond is a gem of a dog that enjoys being a Velcro dog and a constant companion to her new mom. Congratulations to Pat and Devon!

A big congratulations to Steven who adopted our darling Designer Turkey Girl Chanel on August 30th. Chanel is so excited to have her furever family and a new brother, Logan!

> Never Too Old, Never Too Young, Never Too Sick, **Never Forgotten...**

 \mbox{Max} 21-044 is about 13 1/2 years old and is a stray from the Austin Animal Shelter. \mbox{Max} does have a microchip, but when the shelter contacted them they said they gave him away and could not offer any contact information for the new owners. Sadly, no one came looking for him. We welcomed Max to GRR and now he can look forward to a wonderful

Stetson 21-037 (now known as Makana) came to us at seven weeks old as an owner turn in. His owner was starting a new job and working long hours and realized she couldn't give him the time and attention that a young puppy requires to grow into a confident, secure dog. Stetson is thriving in his new home. We appreciate that his owner realized she couldn't give him what he needed at this point in her life and did the loving thing and gave him a

She also likes to have a paw on her human at all times! What a sweetheart!

Chanel says she will continue to work on her selfie game!

Our GRR Maye 21-043 is a perfect example of how GRR is devoted to Goldens, no matter how old or sick. Michelle dedicated her August " From the President" column to Maye, who came to us from Palm Valley, down by the border: The shelter gave her age as 18 (although we think she was closer to 14 plus) and her health was unknown. A volunteer drove nine hours round trip to claim her from the shelter and Adoption Director Dawn Hinckley cared for her for days. Unfortunately. Maye was diagnosed with metastatic cancer that was inoperable and was not subject to treatment. She could barely stand but after a couple of days, Maye was wagging her tail and enjoying her foster home. Maye was loved, bathed, groomed, deticked, medicated, pampered and she enjoyed a comfy bed and a devoted doggy friend while she was with us. Dawn slept on the floor to be near her. Although Maye's journey with GRR was short, she received all of the care and love that GRR could provide. Never Forgotten... We celebrate the life of all of our GRR dogs. We memorialize them in our newsletter and their photos and stories remain on our website. They are loved! Why Become a Member? This is why we're members! Becki Adler "Dogs teach us how to love and they give that love willingly, no matter their circumstances. GRR gives our rescues a second chance at having their best life. I also believe that extends to the families who adopt them. I wanted to affiliate myself with a responsible dog rescue who does just that." Julie Birkeneder "I love being a member of GRR because I get to know wonderful people with like-minded deep love and commitment to giving dogs who've experienced the worst the very BEST in life; I've gained better understanding of big picture needs, priorities and service opportunities: I've learned so much more from GRR in two years about how to give my dogs their very best life than from any previous trainer or breeder!" "I adopted a dog and got a family. That's what I thought when I brought Chance into my life. Susie and Peter and Paula and so many others welcomed me into the GRR Family. I immediately became involved with this fantastic organization! I began doing events, then home visits, foster coordinating, transporting, evaluating, finance oversight, and now Volunteer Wrangling! One of my most memorable moments was when I volunteered to drive way out west of Killeen to pull a dog who was being threatened with a bullet for eating the farm's chickens. When I got there the guy told me she was out in the field under a lean-to of nailriddled fencing. I got down in the mud and looked under the wood and there she was, shaking, and not about to budge. So, I crawled in for her and grabbed her and dragged her out, picked her up and carried this 60 pound dog through the field to my car. I got the guy to open my back door and I literally shoved her in, surprising my 80 year-old mom in the front seat. That dog was Rosebud and she's had a wonderful life with our former

President, Margo. Whenever I saw her at Margo's house, I swear she remembered me. This is what rescue ... Gold Ribbon Rescue...is all about."

We cordially invite all Golden Retriever aficionados who are interested in helping needy Goldens and all who simply admire the wonderful characteristics of the breed to become members of Gold Ribbon Rescue. Basic Membership is only \$40 per 12-month period and allows you to attend and vote at our business meetings. Best of all, you'll know that your

Go to $\underline{\text{\bf GRR Membership}}$ to read more about the benefits of membership. To join or renew your GRR membership, please click <u>here</u>. As an all-volunteer organization, 100% of your

GRR adopted dogs should be kept on leash outside of an enclosed area.

Getting the opportunity to smell things, whether a gopher hole or another dog's "pee mail" on a tree or post, can vastly increase your dog's enjoyment of and stimulation from a walk. Give him permission with a cue, such as "Go sniff!" And if you are on a walk without enough time to allow sniffing, you can also teach your dog a "Let's hurry!" cue, to indicate that stopping is not on the agenda. Make sure to reinforce him for coming along with you

I recently saw a cartoon of a person walking with her dog by her side in perfect heel position – and clearly not enjoying the experience. The dog's thought bubble said, "Whose walk is this, anyway?"

Sadly, this exemplifies the all-too-common approach to dog-walking: go out, take the obligatory march around the block, let the dog stop to empty his bowels and bladder, and march back home. Besides being boring, the dog gets very little exercise or mental

Fortunately, more and more dog lovers are realizing that, for maximum value and enjoyment by both species, a dog needs to go far beyond the around-the-block bathroom

Long lines are recommended instead of off-leash.

4 Dog Walk Approaches to Add Enjoyment
By Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA Published: July 24, 2021

Kelly Topfer

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Four Ways to Walk Your Dog

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at a good clip!

stimulation on this kind of walk!

Learning from our Goldens to enjoy the simple things in life.

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walk. For more fun on your walks with your dog, check out the following types of walks and select the ones that are most suited to you and your canine companion: * The Scent Walk (also known as a Sniff Walk or Sniffy Walk). This one is easy, and your dog will love you for it. If you are a Whole Dog Journal subscriber, click here to continue reading. If you are not, click **here** to continue reading. Because It Makes me Smile... In Memoriam - Jiya (Comal 15-162T) **Stephanie Copeland**

On Wednesday (August 4th), sweet Jiya crossed over into doggy Heaven. Born in Turkey a little over 12 years ago, Jiya was a puppy mill mama until she no longer could produce and found herself being taken in by a rescue group who had connections in Texas. She was just 5 years old at the time and was named Comal after a Texas River. Gold Ribbon Rescue flew Jiya and several of her orphaned Golden Retriever friends to Texas to find furever homes. She came bounding out of her air kennel with a huge smile on her face and we just instantly clicked. She didn't know it yet but her life was about to drastically change for the better. She was a kind, loving, and gentle soul with a mind all her own! Nothing slowed her down not even when she became a tripawd. She was my co-pilot, partner in crime, my swim buddy, dock dog and I truly miss her. We had so many great times! She was simply the best! **Thoughts, Prayers and** Remembrance... **Goldie 15-010** Jiya (Comal) 15-126T Opie 10-077 **Charlie 20-107** Tanner 15-083 Daisy (Aggie/Angel) 10-071 Lark (Princess Layla) 16-014 **Dixie 19-019**

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