

## Letter from the President

# Time, Effort and Spirit Define GRR

by Maura Phelan

As many of you are aware, Katie Harris and Monique Lenczycki are leaving their Board positions at Gold Ribbon Rescue. I want to thank them so much for their dedication, and all the time, effort and spirit that they have invested in Gold Ribbon. Katie and Monique were among the first members of GRR, and were instrumental in getting us off the ground and guiding us to where we are today. They will be sorely missed.

Losing two Board members after so long in service is a major change for any

organization; however, change is a necessary part of growth. I want to welcome our new board members, **Dana DeVoe** and **Kathy Burton**. Their fresh outlook and enthusiasm are going to pave the way for Gold Ribbon Rescue to continue its mission to aid goldens and their owners and educate people about responsible dog ownership and this wonderful breed!

It is almost appropriate that we make these changes at this time of year, for it is at Super Bowl week-end, while everyone else gets worked up about the football, that I

can't help but reminisce about how all of this began...

It was the Saturday before the Super Bowl, 1998. I led Linda Willard and other members of the Austin Golden Retriever Club and the Heart of Texas Labrador Rescue down to a small town in South Texas where we rescued 93 dogs... and Gold Ribbon began.

I found the dogs through a contact in San Antonio and convinced the caretaker to turn them over to me.

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## Golden Afternoon in the Park —April 5th.

You'll want to mark your calendar now for GRR's annual "Golden Afternoon in the Park" to be held on April 5th at in the Rock Garden at Zilker Park in Austin. Every year over 100 happy golden's and their families come to this wonderful event to catch up with old friends, meet new friends, share golden stories and training tips. It's the one time of the year that our Goldens get the chance to bring their 'humans' to their very own social!

We have some fun activities planned—from games to grooming and there will even be an opportunity to have a picture taken with the "Spring Bunny". (Can you imagine how many times we'll hear the command "sit"! ) And there will be plenty of food, drinks and fun for the entire family.

Remember to bring your checkbook as the GRR Boutique will be set up and displaying all of the wonderful gift items. Remember every purchase from our boutique helps raise the much needed funds to keep us moving forward.



*Golden's and their humans at our last Golden Afternoon in the Park.*

To put on an event of this size, we need lots of dedicated volunteers to help out in a variety of capacities. If you are interested in volunteering with please send an email to [events@grr-tx.com](mailto:events@grr-tx.com).

So take the time right now to mark your calendar. If it rains on the 5th the event will be held on Saturday, April 12th at the Polo Picnic Area in Zilker Park. For more information check our website at [www.GRR-tx.com](http://www.GRR-tx.com). Be sure to bring the leash (and crate), and meet us for a GRReat Golden Afternoon. 



This spring Gold Ribbon Rescue says goodbye to Katie Harris and Monique Lenczycki. These two remarkable women helped build the foundation on which this organization stands. Their contributions to GRR are too numerous to list; suffice it to say they gave their all and then some.



Katie Harris



Monique Lenczycki

Thanks to their endeavors we will persevere and we will continue to save more goldens than ever. We wish them the best as they retire to spend more time with their families. We hope when they look back on their time with GRR they will be proud to know they made a difference. We thank them for their time, energy, leadership and most of all for their love of this wonderful breed.

From the GRR board and all volunteers we wish you both all the best. Heaven knows you deserve it.

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We headed south at dawn with trailers filled with dog crates, not knowing what we would find. The dogs were kept in pig runs. They were stinky, wet and still wanting any attention they could get. Then more dogs arrived packed into a small livestock trailer and the back of a pickup truck under a sheet of metal mesh. We brought them back to my house in Georgetown where there were volunteers waiting to identify and inventory the dogs, teams of dog washers, trainer/evaluators, veterinarians and photographers.

There was also a camera crew from one of the television stations—who gave out my home phone number to call for information about the dogs.

My phone never stopped ringing, and by November, the dogs were placed, the club was exhausted and Gold Ribbon Rescue was begun.

Two of these first rescue dogs were Katie's Maggie and Monique's Blue. Many of you have met Maggie as she and Katie did MANY home visits; and Blue is the source

for much of Monique's expertise on thunderstorm fear and ear problems. Monique and Katie were at the very first GRR meeting, and they (along with Tim Tierney, our Treasurer) were drafted to GRR duties right off. They have since done almost every job in rescue and have shared their love of goldens and rescue to recruit foster homes, adopters, and volunteers.

Please join me in thanking Katie and Monique for their service, expertise and guidance. And please welcome Dana and Kathy as they try to fill some very big shoes.

## Monique and Katie, Thanks for the Memories...

*Of saving dogs with you and late night rendezvous  
Hamburgers as bait, that dog can't wait, off to the rescue  
How lovely it was*

*Thanks for the memories  
Of giving one hundred percent, when planning golden events  
The day is here, success is clear, it's over, and we're spent  
We thank you so much*

*In times when GRR was flush  
When time were not so lush  
Oh, yes, you always hung tough  
We made it through, many thanks to you*

*And thanks for the memories  
Of sharing all you know, and bottles of Bordeaux  
Support for all, those late night calls and never saying "No."  
How lovely it was*

*Thanks for the memories  
Of dogs we couldn't save and all the love you gave  
The courage you had to hold them while you watched them slip away  
Yes, thank you so much*

*You poured your hearts into rescue  
And did more than ten people can do  
Of course all of GRR will miss you  
For all you've done, you're number one*

*And thanks for the memories  
The list is much too long, to name all of the dogs in this song  
Whose lives you touch, but it seems to me, the number is five hundred and three  
We thank you so much!*



## GRR Health

# Canine Heartworm— Prevention Comes With Insurance

*Editor's Note: Canine Heartworm infestation is a real and prevalent problem here in Texas as well as throughout the United States. We know — we've had our share of rescue dogs needing heartworm treatment. With spring fast approaching the time is right to repeat this article about Canine Heartworm Disease written by Monique Lenczycki, published in the Gazette in 2000. The following information is meant to supplement that provided by your veterinarian. Nothing can replace a complete history and physical examination performed by your vet.*

Heartworms (*Dirofilaria immitis*) are literally worms that invade a dog's heart and lung vessels. Heartworms are transmitted via female mosquitoes. The mosquito bites an infected dog and then harbors the parasite. When they bite another animal the parasite is transmitted to that animal. If the animal is not on heartworm preventative, infestation results. All dogs, regardless of breed or housing location (indoor or out, by water or not) are equally susceptible to this disease.

There are two components to the heartworm process. The mosquitoes transmit immature worms, *Microfilaria*, into the dog's tissues. The *microfilaria* mature into adult heartworms and move into the bloodstream to take up residence in the dogs heart. These adults reproduce more *microfilaria* and the cycle perpetuates, producing more and more adult worms in the dog's heart. The entire maturation cycle can take up to 6 months.

Heartworm disease represents a serious health risk to the animal. The worms interfere with the normal bloodflow from the right side of the heart into the lungs. If left untreated they reduce the dogs

quality of life, cause congestive heart failure, organ damage and ultimately death.

Signs and symptoms of heartworm disease vary depending on the duration of infection. Dogs may not show any signs in the early stages. As the heartworms grow and mature, symptoms include fatigue, tiring easily after exercise, occasional to persistent cough and anemia. As the case advances, congestive heart failure may develop along with liver, kidney and blood flow problems.

If your dog is diagnosed with heartworms, he/she can be treated. However, treatment is much more costly (up to 4-5 times the cost of a year's supply of prevention) and difficult on the dog, than prevention. Current treatment methods consist of hospitalizing the dog and giving injections of an arsenical (yes arsenic) drug to kill the adult worms. The injections are painful and the dog remains sore for awhile. Complications such as vomiting, failure to eat, drug reactions, blood clots in the lungs, etc. can arise but are fairly rare.

After the treatment, the animal must be kept confined and quiet for 3-4 weeks as determined by your veterinarian. The dog is not allowed any activity that increases his/her heart rate. This rest period is done because the adult worms, now dead, must be reabsorbed and eliminated by the body. During this clean up phase, a portion of dead worm can move into the blood vessels of the lungs and cause a clot (embolus) which can be life-threatening. The "rest" portion of the treatment is essential to ensure the pets safety. After treatment, the dog is placed

on heartworm preventative to prevent re-infection and kill any remaining *microfilaria* that might still be resident in the tissues. Dogs not placed on preventative can become reinfested.

Heartworm disease is completely preventable. Several products are on the market today which prevent heartworms by killing the *microfilaria*. Most are given in a single monthly dose and must be given year round for the remainder of the dogs' life. Years ago, it was felt there were heartworm "seasons", and that preventative was only necessary during certain months. This has proven false and the prevention must be given year round to afford adequate protection.

Some Heartworm prevention preparations have flea control and/or worming agents in the once monthly pill to kill a variety of parasites for your convenience. Check with your veterinarian to determine which is right for your pet. Heartworm prevention manufacturers actually warranty the effectiveness of the prevention. The makers of Sentinel/Interceptor and HeartGard will pay for heartworm treatment if your dog is on their product for at least six months and becomes heartworm positive. Prevention is not only best, it comes with insurance! For more information visit the Heartworm Society at [www.heartwormsociety.org](http://www.heartwormsociety.org)

*Note: Gold Ribbon Rescue tests all rescue dogs for heartworms and starts them on preventative. GRR mandates that all rescue dogs be given heartworm preventative for the remainder of it's life.*



## GRR Success Story

# Becky's Therapy—Straight to the Heart

*submitted by Mary Faloon*

Becky, our golden retriever and Willie, my Down's syndrome son, moved into the yard ahead of me. Suddenly, Becky raced forward barking furiously at a young man who emerged from the crawl space under the house. Seeing Becky, he backed up quickly. He was trapped. He knew the dog could easily enter his hideaway, and his face displayed his fear. But Becky held her ground, she was waiting for me to evaluate the situation, and tell her what to do.

"It's o.k., Becky, he's a friend" I told Willie. Becky stopped her barking, as I moved quickly, unlocking the backdoor. "Willie, don't let her out again until the men leave, please. There are three of them working under the house. They're fixing it for us. Becky didn't know they were here and the man startled her. She wanted to protect you. Becky loves you, Willie." Willie smiled. "I know, Mom."

Becky was a special dog. We adopted her from the Golden Retriever Rescue group, known as Gold Ribbon Rescue. These volunteers rescue abandon golden retrievers, their favorite breed, and find new homes for hundreds of



Becky proudly wears her "Therapy Pet Pal" tag.

them each year. First, the dogs are examined and treated by a local vet for any neglected medical problems. Next the volunteers foster the dogs to determine individual temperments. They are then adopted into homes consistent with their personalities. The families they join are also closely studied to determine whether they can and will provide a good home.

Becky spent her first three years with a male dog of the same age. They were raised and trained by a young soldier at Fort Hood, who had to find new homes for his dogs when he shipped out for Desert Storm. The dogs were separated by Gold Ribbon Rescue because the volunteers knew the dogs would bond more quickly to a new owner if they could not be dependent upon each other. Also, both dogs had been field trained, but Becky shied from the gun, although she was a good retriever. Her male buddy promised to be an excellent hunting dog. Nevertheless, he watched lovingly as I led her off the day of her adoption.

I felt sorry for the male, and could not get his loving expression out of my mind. I finally called Maura Phelan, who had fostered them, and I asked if the male still needed a home. I was ready to take him if he was still waiting for adoption. Maura laughed, "Don't worry about him, Mary. He already is sleeping on someone else's bed. They look forward to finishing his field training. He has great promise for hunting." I was relieved. Two young dogs would have been too much for me to handle, and he was a big, strong male. Becky was smaller than usual, medium sized, a beautiful golden brown.

I took advantage of her retriever skills by encouraging her to bring the newspaper in each morning. Always she looked up and down the street to see if



Becky 'performing' her morning chore.

neighbors were watching. With an audience, her gait became a glorious prance as she carried the paper to the house. She shamelessly loved to show off. Golden retrievers were first bred from Russian circus dogs and English field dogs. Becky obviously has not lost any of the showmanship.

Becky and I trained with Texas Therapy Pet Pals, and now go to Austin State Mental Hospital to visit with the children and adolescent patients. She loves being with the children although often comes home exhausted from her work. She is accompanied by a St. Bernard and a retired greyhound. They are dear friends, always happy to see each other. To the casual observer, it appears that the dogs do nothing out of the ordinary. Such is not the case. If a child was fearful or unfriendly, none of the dogs would approach the child. The dogs knew, and never forced themselves on anyone. They appeared to intuitively know what each child needs.

Each time we visit, Becky wears a bandanna. When she hears the dresser



drawer opening, she comes running to poke her nose among the many colorful choices. I soon learned that she had definite color preferences from one day to the next. There was no pattern. She was the ultimate female, and felt her choices did not need to be justified.

We visit with the patients in the dayroom and the attendants bring them out to see us in groups of five to ten at a time. One Saturday, a teenage girl, probably fifteen (going on twenty-five) came out with her group. She was obviously in a snit. The body language, which is often exquisitely developed by her age group, was beyond compare. Ignoring us, the young woman sat down on the floor away from the dogs and other teenagers. She leaned against the wall with knees pulled up in front of her. Adults and dogs ignored her. After about ten minutes, Becky and I walked over to her. "Would you like to meet Becky?" I asked. She ignored the question, but it was Becky's cue to make her move.



*Becky with her friends and fellow Therapy Pets.*

Becky sat down between the young lady's knees and wiggled her butt back, snuggling between her legs as close to the girl as she possibly could get. Settled in, Becky whipped around and gave the pouting face a quick lick, the ever enduring dog kiss. The young woman melted. She tightly hugged Becky.

The dogs seem to know what each child needs. I watched as a teenager lay down on the floor with his body as close to Becky's as possible. He gently stroked her soft fur. They spent the whole visiting period together, and neither moved except for the gentle fingers that continually entwined with her long silky fur.

One ten year old, freckled-face boy, who could easily have been the child down the street, said, "This is the second time I have been here. I don't think I could have made it last time without the dogs." I resolved that Becky and I will visit the children as long as we are able.

To return to our workmen, they were from the Dominican Republic, recommended by a contractor who specialized in foundation repairs. The leader of the three was the only one with adequate English for the two of us to converse. (My Spanish is practically non-existent.) When the job was finished, they were loading their truck just when we wanted to go out on an errand. They had parked in our driveway, so I asked Willie not to let Becky out of the yard until they left. Consequently, Willie and Becky stood by the fence while the men prepared to leave.

When they finished their task, Willie looked at the man Becky had frightened earlier, and motioning his hand in the universal sign, said, "Come 'ere."



*Becky and Willie.*

The man stared at my son. He understood, but obviously didn't want to comply. Again Willie motioned with his hand and said, "Come 'ere." His tone was slightly more insistent.

The labor boss said, "He wants you to come over to him." I knew the situation was stressful for the men. In the Latin American cultures the retardates are never seen in public for parents are fearful their child will be taken from them. Still, I did not intercede.

With obvious discomfort, the man moved around the truck and drew close to Willie and the dog. Reaching across the fence, Willie took the man's hand and gently laid it on the dog's head. Becky did not move. Willie released his grip. He only wanted the man to realize the dog would not harm him. With obvious relief, the man smiled as he return to his truck and climbed in. We called our good-bye as they drove from the driveway. 



# Donna's Story

*Editor's note: Becky LaBrum has recently expanded her volunteer role with GRR to Co-Intake Director. What this means is that Becky, along with Kathy Burton, are on the front lines of rescue work, bringing in the Golden Retrievers that desperately need our help. What she's learning is that she can't keep them all!*

by Becky LaBrum

With two big dogs in the house already, I wasn't planning on a foster dog, too. However... with Christmas just around the corner, the foster situation for GRR was tight, and after I saw a photo of 2-year-old Donna in her Town Lake cage, looking scared and bedraggled—who could refuse that sad little face? “All right, she can stay here,” I said, “but only until right after Christmas.” A few days later Beth's car pulled into the driveway and out popped Donna, covered with mats the size of softballs and dragging Beth behind her like the tail of a kite. She whirled around the backyard at top speed, too excited to stop. In the house, she raced across all the furniture (at one point she even traveled a few steps along the back of the living room sofa), snatched dog toys and threw them down, jumped on me, jumped up on the counters... “Eeek! What am I in for!?” I thought, and then, as a red blur zoomed past me for the hundredth time, “Good luck getting her to hold still for a bath.” Nonetheless I resolutely collected oatmeal shampoo and towels, approached her with the hose... and Donna actually settled right down to be bathed. Guess she was happy to lose those mats and grime. As I towed her dry, her clean fur began to sparkle in the sunshine—and I discovered that her clever head was covered with cowlicks that all stood on end in a frizzy halo, making her look like a dogie Albert Einstein!

After her first mad rush through the house, Donna proved to be quite the lady. She was housetrained and went to the door when she needed to

go out. She didn't climb on the furniture or chew what she shouldn't. She was interested in our cat but paid attention when the kitty told her with a glare and a hiss to stay away. She knew a few commands and responded to “sit” by almost flinging herself backwards onto her bottom—very cute! She was familiar with the leash and ran to the front door as soon as we picked it up. Of course, she also proved to be a litter-pan raider and a compost-pile excavator, with so much energy that she wanted to play fetch at one in the morning. Oh well...nobody's perfect!

About a week after Donna's arrival, Kathy Burton and I were discussing where to move her, and... “Er, well, it would be a shame to bounce her around,” I hedged, admiring Donna as she lounged on her dog bed. The Kelly green cover set off her shiny auburn fur perfectly. “She can stay here a little longer.”



*Donna playing with Tucker and Lulu.*

As the next week went by, we discovered that Donna likes to play fetch with herself—she'll seize a toy, hurl it forwards, and then give chase and repeat the



*Donna enjoying the sunshine.*

performance. She can generate surprising force—hearing a tennis ball go BO-O-OING off the sliding glass door, I bawled at my husband, “Eric, I have told you a million times NOT to play fetch with them in the house!!”... and then realized that Eric was innocently sitting in his office at the end of the hall.

Around New Year's, as I distributed Kongs and watched all the dogs bustle off to lie down side by side, I found myself thinking, “Gosh, what a nice picture.” Then I thought, “Are you nuts—do you really want three dogs?!” But then I thought, “Can I really let Donna walk out the door?” The answer was no. Donna has come to stay!

Sometimes I wish Donna could tell me her story. She had already been spayed when Animal Control collected her, and given the fact that she knows commands and is housebroken and walks pretty nicely on a leash, somebody took good care of her for a long time. But—how did she end up on the streets, matted and dirty, with infected ears and heartworm? We'll never

know. I guess the most important thing, though, is that she's safe and happy now... and we are so happy to have her.



## Volunteer Training

### Can you spare 5-8 hours every other month?

Hotline volunteers return phone calls received on the hotline.

### Can you spare 3-5 hours a month?

Home visitors spend about an hour with new families helping them learn to care for their new golden. It's fun, easy and all training is provided.

### ***We are in desperate need of Foster Homes.***

Please consider opening your home to one of these lovely dogs.

Fostering is wonderful, and even though it's hard to let your foster dog go, it's so worth it to see a delighted family and a happy dog and know that you really helped an animal get a wonderful home.

Please visit:

[www.grr-tx.com/about/foster\\_faq.htm](http://www.grr-tx.com/about/foster_faq.htm)

for a host of answers to "Frequently Asked Questions". GRR makes sure that you get the training you need and there are always plenty of GRR volunteers just a phone call away to answer your questions and provide support.

***Won't you join us for training? We really do need you!***

**[www.GRR-tx.com](http://www.GRR-tx.com)**

*RSVP on-line so we can send your training materials to you in advance.*

***Call 512-659-GOLD for more information.***

## Randall's\Tom Thumb Food Stores support GRR

Randall's/Tom Thumb Food Stores are committed to assisting non-profit organizations that are important to their customers and families with the "Good Neighbor Program". Last month, GRR received \$82 from Randall's—which means that \$8,192 was spent there by GRR supporters from October through November. Thanks to everyone who continues to shop at these fine stores and use the GRR charity number. Every dollar counts!

If you're not yet taking advantage of their Good Neighbor Program, the next time you visit one of these stores, simply ask them to put Gold Ribbon Rescue as the designated charity on your Randall's card.

***Our number is 8583***

*(write it on the back of your card to help remember).*

For every dollar spent, they will credit GRR. We need to meet a minimum level of activity to receive the donation, so please tell your friends, family and coworkers. It will help so many of our goldens and doesn't cost you a cent. Again, thanks to all you shoppers and thanks to Randall's\Tom Thumb for their support to Gold Ribbon Rescue. 



## Treat Your Dog

*recipes submitted by Sharon Ogilvie*

### ***Homemade Frosty Paws***

32 oz. vanilla yogurt

1 mashed banana or 1 large jar of baby fruit

2 Tbsp. peanut butter

2 Tbsp. honey

Blend all ingredient together and freeze in 3 oz. paper cups or ice cube trays.

Microwave for a few seconds before serving.

### ***Microwave Dogie Doughnuts***

2 cups whole wheat flour

3 Tbs. oatmeal

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 tsp. garlic powder

2/3 (two-thirds) cup beef or chicken broth

Place flour in a bowl, add egg and broth, mix well. Blend in oatmeal and garlic powder. Roll dough into a ball on a lightly floured surface to one-half an inch thickness. Cut with small doughnut cutters. Reroll scraps and repeat. Shape last bits by hand. Arrange on shallow microwave dish or on paper plates in a single layer. Cook on high 10 minutes or until firm. Let cool until hardened. Store in covered container.

*If you have a recipe you'd like to share please email it to [Brenda@GRR-tx.com](mailto:Brenda@GRR-tx.com)*



# Holiday Party Fosters Spirit of Giving

On December 15, 2002, Gold Ribbon Rescue celebrated the holiday season with a fun and festive gathering at the American Legion Hall. Sixty-five golden retriever-loving partygoers feasted on a buffet of ham, turkey, meatballs,

cheese and various other goodies and helped raise money for GRR.

The silent auction featured a signed original print of a fire fighter at Ground Zero and his search and rescue

Golden Retriever. It was down to the wire to see who ended up taking this wonderful print home with them as the bidding was very competitive! The new and improved boutique was rolled out at the party and attendees were quickly buying the



Max Ploeger and Chris Lenczycki.

new items. Thanks to all those who made the boutique opening such a success!

Overall the party was a huge success and helped GRR start 2003 off with a nice cushion in the bank account! If you missed the party, we hope you will join us for other social activities this year, like the Golden Afternoon in the Park scheduled for April 5th. It's a great way to meet new friends and learn about volunteer opportunities with GRR. 🐾



Shown from left to right; Mark Harris, Katie Harris, Laura Reed and Ryan Reed.

## Spring Clean Your Cabinets and Closets for GRR

Spring is right around the corner, and what better time to think of GRR while your in the mist of spring cleaning! We are always in need of 'basic' medications and even office supplies. If you can donate any of these or other items, please e-mail [Tim@GRR-TX.com](mailto:Tim@GRR-TX.com) or call our Hotline at (512) 659-GOLD. We will be happy to arrange pickup and provide you with a tax receipt.

Thank YOU!

■ Heartgard, Sentinel, Interceptor for all size dogs

- Frontline & Advantage for all size dogs
- Glucosamine with and without Chondroitin
- Medications, if you have any of these medications leftover in labeled containers, please consider donating them to the rescue dogs: Rimadyl, Drontal Plus, Cephalexin 500 mg capsules, Doxycycline, Baytril, Cipro, Otomax, Etogesic.
- 36" to 48" Wire mesh dog crate—new or used
- Gift certificates to local vets listed in this newsletter or past issues.

- Gift certificates to local copy shops for printing of GRR adoption packets and dog records
- Postage Stamps
- Copy paper
- 10x13 Envelopes to hold adoption packets and dog records
- Science Diet D/D dry dog food for dogs with food allergies (available from your vet)
- Long Distance cards for our intake and adoption teams
- Digital Camera for dog photographs—new or used. 🐾



# Ain't Misbehaving—Just Need Training

by Kathy Burton

In 2002 Gold Ribbon Rescue took in 148 dogs, of those over 25% were between the ages of six months and two years. Go to any local animal shelter, you quickly find the percentages are much higher.

Why are so many dogs in this particular age group? They were all once cute, adorable puppies that someone took home with great hopes of having a wonderful companion and friend.

**P**roper training increases a dog's confidence, quality of life and may someday save his life.

To find the answer to that question let's look at the reasons our volunteers typically hear when owners call to surrender a young dog "he keeps digging out, running away, digging in the yard, knocks the children over, chews on the furniture, gets into the trash, barks all the time, soils the house, won't come when called, jumps on people, tears things up, I can't control him, he needs more attention, I don't have enough time for him" In other words he is being a dog.

Golden Retrievers are considered to be in the top five breeds for intelligence based on a study that became the best selling book *The Intelligence of Dogs* but even intelligent dogs need three things to become a pet you can live with and enjoy: Management, Leadership and Training.

**Management** is another word for controlling the environment. It involves making changes in the dog's immediate living conditions and situations to help prevent some problems from occurring or eliminating problems that have become

ingrained. Rather than punish or blaming the dog for acting like a dog you can:

- Confine to a safe area using baby gates or crating (put a toy or chew in that the dog normally does not get except when confined—so that this experience is enjoyable for the dog rather than a punishment).
- Keep counters cleared of all food items to remove the temptation to steal food.
- Keep shoes, socks and kids toys picked up and out of reach. Shut doors to other rooms so he does not have access to these items. Close the closets.
- Put wastebaskets up or behind doors with a child proof latch hook attached to the inside of the door.

**Leadership** is the act of establishing authority over the dog in a benevolent manner that makes the dog feel secure rather than intimidated because it duplicates the Alpha role in a canine pack. This is achieved with a "me first" manner.

- You eat before the dog does—always—even if it is only a piece of toast (you can have a snack while preparing his food, it is important that he see you and does not get a share of your food).
- You go through a doorway first (by getting in front of him and blocking him, give the command "wait"). You nudge the dog out of the way rather than going around the dog if he's blocking your pathway (with the command "move").
- A treat is given only when the dog sits for it (even the youngest dog will naturally sit if the treat is held above his head and use the word "sit").
- All toys belong to you. You just let him use them. Require a sit before giving them to him. To teach "give" requires the dog to release the toy or ball, if he does not, say "no play" then totally ignore the dog. When he catches on praise him and give the toy to him immediately. (Do not play keep away with the dog, it causes mistrust and an overly excited dog.) When play time is over say "enough" and ignore the dog until he stops attempting to continue, then praise with "good dog".



**Training** is communication, consistency and incentive. Training can be as simple as teaching good manners. Training is giving the dog a job by communicating what is expected on a regular basis and rewarding him for doing it. Training opens up opportunities for both the dog and the owner. A trained dog can go for more walks because it is a pleasure to walk a well behaved dog. A trained dog can go more places and be welcomed. Proper training increases a dog's confidence, quality of life and may someday save his life.

All dogs deserve training, those who don't often end up condemned to the backyard their entire lives, taken to a shelter or if they are fortunate enough, surrendered to a rescue organization like Gold Ribbon.

*Recommended reading:*  
*What all Good Dogs Should Know* by Jack Volhard and Melissa Bartlett  
*The Canine Good Citizen* by Jack & Wendy Volhart  
*Bones Would Rain From the Sky* by Suzanne Clothier  
*Culture Clash* by Jean Donaldson  
*On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals* by Turid Rugaas



# Adoptable Golden Oldies

*Editor's Note: Most of the writeups were submitted by their foster families—and in some cases by their own paw! Be sure to check the website for updates.*



## Danny

Hi Everyone! My name is Danny and it's so nice to be in Golden territory. I can't tell you how much I appreciate GRR taking me in. When I walked into my foster parents home I thought, "Now they know what makes a Golden Boy like me tick." I love all the stuffed toys. I can carry around two at a time and I have tons of toys to choose from. We also have a bone basket. I just go help myself. I even have two Golden foster sisters and get this, my family has a big white cat whom I get along with just dandy.

I have been behaving myself. I do really well in the crate at night or if my foster parents have to run an errand. I don't bark or whine. I'm just a happy boy.

I know some commands; sit, shake, and down. If my name is called and I'm in the back yard I put all my energy into coming as quickly as possible. I'm completely housebroken and I love everyone. I have a very soft and loving nature and I would like a home where I can get lots of hugs and kisses. I like to be groomed.....in fact it's awesome! I would love to be your companion. In fact, I think in the dictionary under "companion" it says, "See Danny."



## Rigley

Rigley is a Golden Oldie and needs a loving home in which to spend his golden years. Riggs, as we call him, is *THE* sweetest dog. He is very mellow but he enjoys going on walks and we enjoy walking him because he never pulls on the leash. Riggs is completely well mannered he only has one flaw; he likes to dig. But when I go outside with him, and bring him back in right after he goes potty he could care less about digging. Riggs has a ghost-like gray face that really shows off his dominant brown eyes. At 77 pounds he is a tall, lean guy with big paws who has a great deal of love to give.



## Lola

Lola is just mature and calm at 8 years old, but with energy to go on walks and play with my pup. Lola loves to snuggle up and be pet, but is not demanding of it. She is a wonderful companion.

Lola adores her tennis ball—not to retrieve, just to carry around and have with her. It is kind of fun to catch, too.

Lola is playful but appropriately demands respect of her boundaries. They nap together and do a wonderful job of taking

alternate treats (with their noses a few inches apart). Lola is extremely gentle when taking a treat.

Lola is such a love and so easy to have around. She loves her morning pet and belly rub, followed by a rousing time playing in the back yard. She is so cute; she'll roll over tuck her front legs up close to her chest to get her pets.

## Maggie

This is the third time Maggie, our 10-year old girl, has appeared in the 'adoptables' section of this newsletter. Many people are hesitant to give a senior a good home because they think they're "too old" and will die soon. The benefits of owning a senior Golden like Maggie are wonderful. Senior ownership is filled with rewards and daily joys young dogs can't/don't provide until they're older!



Some of the common misconceptions about seniors are addressed on our website.

Maggie, who has been nicknamed "Panda" because of her cute facial features is as sweet as pie. She is very affectionate, and frequently does the typical Golden maneuver on your hand to get you to start petting her. She loves to be smothered with kisses and attention.

Please take a look and see if our Maggie could be right for you. Maggie is just a happy, cuddly girl with a lot to give.





### Romeo

We had to name him Romeo when we saw what a lover he is. This sweet 2-year old boy came to us from the San Antonio shelter and as you can see he's beautiful. Although Romeo didn't know any training commands when he first arrived, he has quickly learned his new name, to come, to sit and to potty "outside". He is extremely intelligent and adapting well to his new foster home.

He is a natural retriever with a gentle personality. With a little training, he'll learn to drop along with his natural instinct to fetch. He gets along great with babies, kids and other dogs. He is very tall, slender and handsome. Romeo just needs a loving home to give him some structure and the love a Romeo deserves.



### Sonny

Meet Sonny. A mahogany colored 2 year old male that is a ball playing fool. As long as there is a tennis ball around, Sonny will be pushing it into your lap and waiting

patiently for you to throw it. You will get to throw a slimy wet tennis ball over and over again. And, I can guarantee that Sonny will not be the first one to quit playing ball. He can catch line drives, grounders and fly balls with all four feet off the ground. If you are not playing enough ball with Sonny, he will play by himself. He lets the ball roll away from him and then grabs for it.

Sonny is an owner-surrender from a Military couple recently deployed. He has been well cared for and shown a lot of love. Sonny needs a family who will be consistent with his training. He has a lot of confidence and is very bright. I think he is a man's dog, but then I find him snuggled in bed with my wife so she might disagree.

Sonny is ready for a forever family. He will do great with any family, but would be exceptional in a family with older children that LIKE TO PLAY BALL!



### King

King is a sweet gentleman who is eager to please. King has really come out of his shell and now wears a smile on his face all the time—he just has a happy easy going pleasant look.

I guess it just took him awhile to trust himself to love and be loved. King really luxuriates in his human companionship and someone will be very lucky when their lives intertwine with King.

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

—M. Acklam



### Melanie

How do you describe yourself in just a few words? I know... "*Princess*, looking for a castle."

I am a very sweet, 1-½ old female, found in San Antonio and rescued from the shelter. I'm a very quiet and calm girl, hard to imagine for someone of my age, but I seem to possess a wisdom and maturity beyond my years. I get along wonderfully with other dogs in the house, but being a princess, I do like my subjects to treat me with the respect I so deserve. I must have been cast under the spell of a mean ol' witch because I seem to have lost the memory of much of my puppyhood years. I'm not very keen on playing and I'd much prefer to watch the antics of others. To be honest I'd much rather cuddle up and be told what a wonderful little lady I am.

If you're looking for a sweet, young princess to fill your castle and heart with love, that would be me!

See more of our Adoptable Golden Retrievers on the following page —Extraordinary Golden Fund.



# Extraordinary Golden Fund

Many dogs with atypical medical expenses find their way to Rescue. Our \$250 adoption fees can't cover the costs, even with generous discounts from area veterinarians. Faced with the prospect of turning away or euthanizing Golden Retrievers with high medical costs, we created the "Extraordinary Golden Fund." Donations towards this fund go directly to the care of Golden Retrievers like these:



## Rio

In our last issue you may have read about our "Radiant Rio" who was treated for heartworms and on his way to a happy, healthy new life. Wrong. This sweet, adorable guy began to show signs of distress when he would lay down or stand back up. He'd get this pained look on his face—almost a wince—and slowly ease himself down. He even began to walk around with his hips tucked in to relieve the pain.

Rio was taken in to the vet and the X-rays showed that he was suffering from Lumbosacral Disease. In layman's terms, one of his vertebrae in his lower back—near his tail bone, was pinching the nerve and causing severe pain. Rio is on his way to a 100% recovery and dreams of the day soon to come that he'll be back to playing ball. For all that he's been through, Rio is a real trooper. Tic disease, heartworm treatment and surgery—near \$2,000.

## Chablis

Now this girl's story is a true, blue rescue story. It began one evening when one of our volunteers received a frantic call from Chablis' owners who explained that Chablis was dying and that they could not afford the medical expenses to save her life. They loved her so much and would rather give her up than see her die.

At 3am in the morning GRR volunteers headed out in the dark of night to find a sweet, 8 year old female, laying with her head on the lap of a child for comfort. She couldn't stand or walk as she was exhausted from pain and completely dehydrated. Rushed into the Emergency Clinic, Chablis was diagnosed with Pyometra. A full day was needed just to get Chablis stabilized and hydrated. She underwent surgery to remove her uterus.

What they found was heart wrenching. Chablis had been suffering with a 10 lb uterus loaded with infectious materials that were poisoning her system. Chablis had never been spayed which could have avoided this life-threatening condition and



costly surgery. Luckily Chablis made it through. One more day meant the difference between life and death for this lovely lady. Cost of surgery and care—\$1,400.



## Rye

Rye is a beautiful, 10 month old puppy who enjoys running and playing in the backyard, playing fetch and romping in the water. That was when his foster parents noticed that Rye had a pretty serious limp. X-rays revealed that Rye had OCD — Osteochondrosis—which basically means that he had an extra flap of cartilage on his left shoulder that had to be removed. It was absolutely necessary to keep Rye from further pain and inevitable arthritis caused by the OCD. With the surgery now behind him, Rye will be 100%! And that's great news for this happy go-lucky guy. Cost of surgery and care—\$1,200.

GRR's charter dictates that general funds for things like shots, spays, neuters, etc. cannot be used for extraordinary procedures. All monies for non-routine care must be raised specifically for that purpose. The Extraordinary Golden Fund (EGF) was created for these special Golden Retrievers and their unusual problems. If you can help, please make your on-line check or credit card donation at [www.GRR-tx.com](http://www.GRR-tx.com) or mail it to Gold Ribbon Rescue, Attn: Thor Fund, PO Box 956, Austin, TX 78767-0956. Any and all tax-deductible donations are appreciated. Thor and all of us here at GRR thank you for your generosity and support. Because of you, over 475 dogs have entered our program in the last 4 years! Thank you, thank you! 🐾



# Thanks to our Vets!

Gold Ribbon Rescue wishes to thank the following Animal Clinics for their continued support of our dogs and rescue efforts. Without them there would be no rescue. They give us discounts, provide education and medical guidance, squeeze us in at the last minute, board dogs short term when there's no foster space available and generally make our job much easier.

**Broadway Animal Hospital** — San Antonio

**Griffith Small Animal Clinic** — Central Austin

**Central Texas Vet. Specialty Hospital** —  
North and South locations

**Prairie Creek Animal Clinic** — Plano

**Century Animal Hospital** — So. Austin

**White Rock Veterinary Hospital** —  
Pflugerville

**Deerfield Animal Hospital** — San Antonio

**Emergency Animal Hospital of Northwest  
Austin** —North & South locations

*Please give them your business and support!*

## Golden Memorials

### In Memory of "Ginger" & "Dottie"

who left us too quickly in our lives  
but enriched us so!  
*Mark A. Fowler*

### In Memory of "Lucy"

beloved 'girl' of Sharon & David Mills  
*Bob & Sharon Ogilvie*

### In Memory of "General"

*Tom & Anita Moore*

### In Memory of "Lucy Mills"

*Carolyn Ward*

### In Memory of "Hazel/Mandy"

GRR #01-99  
*David & Sharon Mills*

### In Memory of "Abby Biba"

*Sharon & Bob Ogilvie*

### In Memory of "Spike Render"

*Cam Snyder*

### In Memory of "General Tierney"

*Sharon & Bob Ogilvie*



### In Loving Memory of "Darwin"

*Emily Tuczowski*

### In Memory of "Paris"

who was loved and admired by all.  
*Andy, Drew & Lynn Neille*



## GRR Thanks!

GRR would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Without your caring and generous support, the work we do would not be possible.

### Extraordinary Golden Fund

These funds are used specifically to cover atypical medical expenses that our adoption fees and discounted vet services can not cover. As you can see from the EGF stories—like Rio's, Rye's and Chablis'—medical expenses can be very, very high. Thanks to:

**Tim Tierney**  
**Todd Harrison**  
**Katie Harris**  
**Lin Murray**  
**Susan King**  
**Mark Fowler**  
**Marion & Edward Damen**  
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**Jack Doyle**  
**Margaret & Scott Fitzgerald**  
**(from Bernard Lechner)**  
**Rick & Peggy Fitzgerald**  
**(from Margaret Fitzgerald)**

### Donations to GRR

All donations, large and small, monthly, quarterly, annually and occasionally, do make a big difference in the lives of homeless and unwanted Golden Retrievers in Central Texas. And, we thank you...

**Brad Duncan**  
**Brad & Day Webb**  
**Augustine Vicari**

**Jacqueline Coley**  
**Max Ploeger**  
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**Patti McCall**  
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**Drew Neillie**  
**Pete & Ann Lyon**  
**Lori Bradshaw**

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"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

-Will Rogers

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## Golden Honors

### In Honor of Kellye Williams

for the EGF -- aren't they all extraordinary?

*Robin Caldwell*

### In honor of 10 years with Senior Rescue Golden "Tasha"

*Kathy Heck*

### In Honor of Heidi

*Jill Goodwin-Sherman*

### In Honor of Holly

*Joseph & Patricia Nahas*

### In Honor of Dennis R. Meals Foundation

*Denise Petronio's father*

### In Honor of Efren T & Corazon T. Rebugio

*Liezl T. Rebugio*

### Golden Honor & Happy Birthday to Tammy & Chance Saxon

#### In Honor of

*Tennis balls, squeaky toys, peanut butter, cheese, and most of all, a warm, cozy bed and all Golden Retrievers in need of a warm bed and a full supper dish.*

### Shadow and Sweet

*Emily Tuczowski*



## Golden Memorials

### In Loving Memory of Judy Curran

Judy Curran, age 56, passed away in November of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). It was her love of her 13 year old Golden, Abby, that inspired her son and daughter to request donations be made to GRR in Judy's memory. Judy passed away peacefully, with Abby at her side. Abby is adjusting very well and now living in North Carolina with Judy's son and his family.



Judy Curran and Abby.

**Michael Speller**

**Tracie Speller**

**Jim & Bettie Cassady**

**Gerald Black**

**William & Sharon Monroe**

**Virginia Gaffney**

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**Helen Kutin**

**The Brallier Family**

**David Curran**

**Neil Power**

**Connie Horn**

### In Loving Memory of Keith Dickinson

Keith was a 'fan of Golden's all his life'.

**Camille Stewart**

**Sheryl Jouvenat**

**Gary Smith**

**Betty Jodry**

**James & Carol Mitchell**

**Managed Care Systems**

*We sincerely thank the friends and families of Judy and Keith who made donations in their memory. We extend our deepest sympathy.*

Golden Memorials, Honors and Dedications may be made to memorialize, thank or pay honor to a special person, Golden or pet of any kind. You can make your donation on line at [www.GRR-TX.com](http://www.GRR-TX.com) via a check or credit card or you may mail your donation to:

**Gold Ribbon Rescue,  
Attn: Golden Honors**

**PO Box 956, Austin, TX 78767-0956**

Remember to include the following information:

- for whom the donation is being made
- your name, address and phone number
- words of personalization.

An acknowledgement will be sent shortly thereafter and your memorial will appear in the next issue of Gold Ribbon Gazette. If you would like more information please call: (512) 659-GOLD



# GRR Boutique is Open!

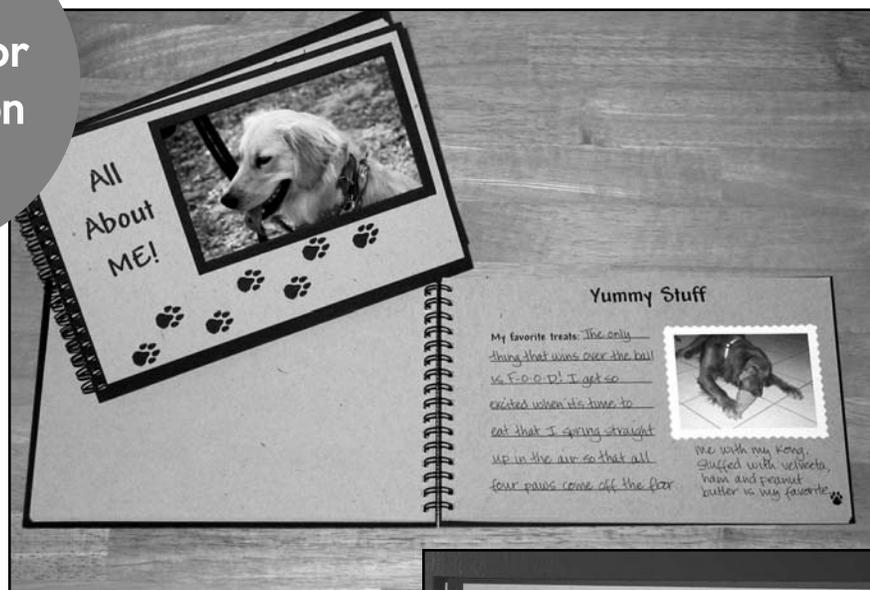
We are so pleased to announce that our boutique is alive and well and filled to the brim with wonderful gift items and pet products. In fact, we have so many GRRreat products one page of this newsletter just wasn't enough! Unfortunately this single ink printing doesn't do the items justice! Especially when it comes to those wonderfully hand-made leashes and collars. Please be sure to check our website to see them in full color. Ordering over the website is convenient, secure and easy. You may also order by mail by simply using the form on page 19 and feel free to copy as many order forms as you need!

All profits from the sale of these items go directly to helping Gold Ribbon Rescue earn the dollars that are needed to save these wonderful dogs. The medical costs for our ExtraOrdinary Golden Retrievers continue to escalate as do the number of Golden Retrievers coming in that need medical attention. By shopping at the GRR Boutique you not only get a GRRreat gift item—you're making a difference.

A big *Thanks* to **Sandy Nordstrom, Jane Parke** and **Jody Branson** who have done such a fantastic job working behind the scenes stocking the GRR Boutique with exceptional products and bringing the boutique back to life. Great job!

## Keep Your Memories Golden...

Designed  
Especially for  
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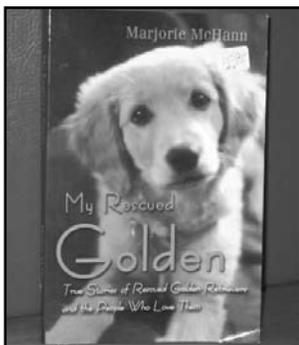


### All About Me! Pet Memory Book

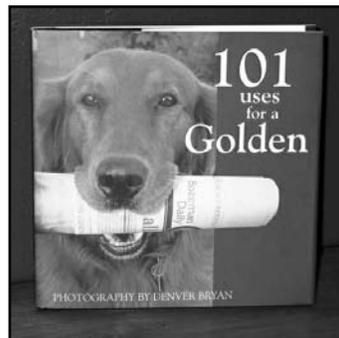
This cute memory book was especially designed for the pet lover in all of us—and *created especially for Gold Ribbon Rescue*. It's a one-of-a-kind! 48 pages to help you capture all the loving moments in your pet's life beginning with "My Name Is... and this book is all about ME!" Each pre-printed page allows you to document special events and holidays as well as personality traits like "My Best Trick" and "My Naughty Habits" while leaving ample room to place in 4"x6" pictures. And it's a perfect place to keep track of your pet's immunization record. You can simply fill in the pages as instructed or have a little creative 'scrapbooking' fun. Your family will cherish these memories for years to come. They also make excellent gifts for the dog or cat lover! **Item #1—\$14.95/ea**



## From the Golden Bookshelf...



**My Rescued Golden, by Marjorie McHann**  
 This book has wonderful, heartwarming true stories of rescued Golden Retrievers and the people who love them.  
**Item #2—\$16/ea**



**101 uses for a Golden, photographs by Denver Bryan**  
 How about a “door greeter”, or a “foot warmer”?! This humorous, heartwarming book is also filled with lots of beautiful photos.  
**Item #3—\$15/ea**

## For Every Golden Household or Office...



**“Golden Retriever Lover” Notepads**  
 This magnetic pad is perfect for jotting down your shopping list. “Don’t forget my treats, Mom!” **Item #4—\$10/ea**



**Golden Retriever Pet Notes with Pencil**  
 This magnetic pad has a handy holder to keep the pencil where it should be—with the pad! **Item #5—\$12/ea**



**Golden Pens**  
 The most adorable images of Golden Retrievers are on this pen.  
**Item #6—\$4/ea**



**Golden Light Switch Plates**  
 Light up your rooms with “Switch in Art” decorative switchplates. Available in single or double switch.  
**Single, Item #7—\$8/ea Double, Item #8—\$12/ea**



**Spoiled Rotten Golden Retriever Mug**  
 Say no more! **Item #10—\$9.99/ea**



**Golden Pillow**  
 What a face! This Golden is contrasted well on a lovely green background. Perfect for any family room sofa or chair. **Item #9—\$20/ea**



**GOLD RIBBON BOUTIQUE**

**Beautiful, Hand-Made Collars and Leashes Exclusively from GRR!**

These are not your average pet store collar! You must see these in color on the website ([www.GRR-tx.com/boutique](http://www.GRR-tx.com/boutique)). They truly are gorgeous. These collars are hand-made in Maine, especially for Gold Ribbon Rescue and we are the only Golden Retriever rescue offering these! All collars feature high-quality, beautiful trims meticulously hand-sewn onto 800 pound tensile strength nylon and lined to protect your dog's coat. All hardware is extra-strength and guaranteed not to break. The collars and leashes are machine washable and available in regular snap-buckle or martingale style which prevents the dog from backing out of the collar. The loop of the martingale collar is lined in an attractive coordinating fabric. All collars come in several widths and many different sizes and are perfect for any size dog. Better still, every collar comes with a free tag clip that is removable so it can be easily moved from one collar to another! All collars in stock are adjustable and sized to fit Golden.

**25% Off**  
*Until end of March!*

The leashes and collars shown below are just a sampling of what's available— there are several to choose from on the website and you can even have one *custom-made to your specifications at no extra charge—with hundreds of trims available to choose from!!* From holiday holly to everyday plaid, these collars and leashes are a must have for the well dressed Golden in your life.



**Soft Green Velvet Collar, 1.5 in.**  
—Item #11 \$34/ea  
**Matching Green Velvet Leash, 1.5 in.**  
—Item #12 \$32/ea



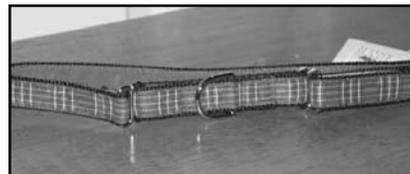
**Gorgeous Gold and Black Collar, 1.5 in.**  
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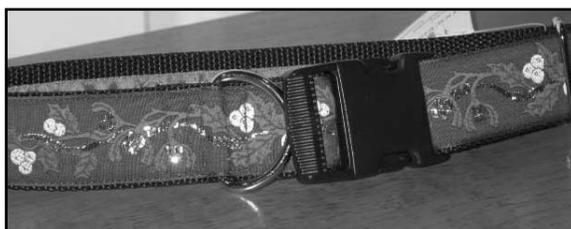
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\$28/ea



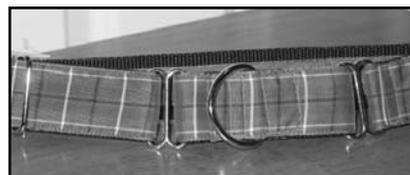
**Smart Red Plaid Collar, 1.5 in.**  
—Item #13 \$34/ea  
**Matching Red Plaid Leash, 1 in.**  
—Item #14 \$32/ea



**Red Plaid Collar, .75 in.**—Item #18  
\$22/ea



**Holiday Holly, Red and Green Collar, 1.5 in.**—Item #15 \$34/ea



**Light Blue and Green Plaid Collar, 1.5 in.**—Item #19 \$34/ea

*Leashes are custom made in 4 or 6 feet long!*  
Also available, matching belts and suspenders.  
Order the same fabric in a collar for your dog and a belt for yourself!  
All belts are reversible, sized just for you and include a buckle. Contact the Boutique for more information.



# Fashions that are Pure Golden...



## Goldens With Balloons T-Shirts

Available in Med, Large and XL these T-shirts are silkscreened on blue/gray, white, and yellow cotton. Standing Golden is also available—check out [www.GRR-tx.com/boutique](http://www.GRR-tx.com/boutique)  
**item #20 —\$18/ea**



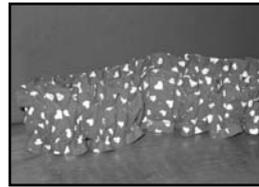
## Golden Sweatshirts

Almost as soft as your very own Golden!  
 Large available in yellow and blue/gray.  
 XLarge available only in blue/gray.  
**item #21 —\$30/ea**



## Assorted Key Rings

**item #22—\$3.50/ea**



## Pop-Over Collar Covers

These collar covers with elastic make it easy to slip into the holiday spirit. White hearts on red for Valentine's Day and green shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.

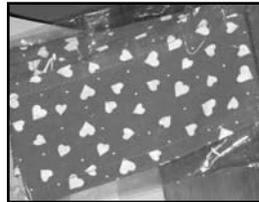


**Valentine Collar Cover**  
**item #23—\$6/ea**  
**St. Patrick's Collar Cover**  
**item #24—\$6/ea**



## Collar Covers

White hearts on red for Valentine's Day and green shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day without elastic. Machine washable.



**Valentine Collar Cover**  
**item #25—\$6/ea**  
**St. Patrick's Collar Cover**  
**item #26—\$6/ea**

*Remember—it's not just shopping;  
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*We also accept orders via mail. Send in your order today!*

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# Gold Ribbon Membership Levels

Gold Ribbon Rescue offers a Membership Program that will allow each member to choose their level of commitment. A portion of each membership fee will be tax deductible based on the value of the benefits received.

## Annual Membership Dues\*\*

and how it provides for the GRR dogs:

Membership Benefits:

### \$40- \$99 Golden Friend

- Intake exam and vaccines for one dog OR,
- X-rays for one dog OR,
- Ear infection treatment for one dog

1. Gold Ribbon's quarterly newsletter.
2. Special recognition in the quarterly newsletter.

### \$100-\$249 Golden Nugget

- Suspicious lump removal to rule out cancer for 1 dog OR,
- Total health blood profile with thyroid test for 1-2 dogs; OR,
- Kennel cough treatment for 2 dogs

1. Gold Ribbon's quarterly newsletter.
2. Special recognition in the quarterly newsletter.
3. Sheet of personalized GR return address labels.

### \$250-\$499 Gold Medalist

- Spay or neuter 5 dogs OR
- Crucial dentistry for 1 dog OR,
- Shelter fees for 5 dogs to come into care

1. Gold Ribbon's quarterly newsletter.
2. Special recognition in the quarterly newsletter.
3. Sheet of personalized GR return address labels.
4. Complimentary pair of tickets to your choice of GRR events that requires a paid entrance fee during 2003.

### \$500-\$999 Golden Circle

- Heartworm treatment for 1 dog OR,
- Major surgery for 1 dog
- Rimadyl for an arthritic senior for one year

1. Gold Ribbon's quarterly newsletter.
2. Special recognition in the quarterly newsletter.
3. Sheet of personalized GR return address labels.
4. Complimentary pair of tickets to your choice of GRR events that requires a paid entrance fee during 2003.
5. One All About ME! pet memory book.

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