



Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming  
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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April 2019

## A Message From Our President

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for donating to Amplify Austin – we raised \$10,000 for our Extraordinary Golden Fund, to finance surgeries and health care for the neediest GRR dogs. One of our recipients was #19-011 Elliott, who was diagnosed with advanced glaucoma. The painful eye has been removed; Elliott already feels better.



Our five China Dogs arrived safely on March 9th and they are lovely. Health issues were not significant.

The response to bringing in [China Goldens](#) has been overwhelming. So, in April, GRR is again traveling to China to rescue five more Goldens. Again, we are working with several US Golden Retriever Rescue groups who plan to be in Beijing in April, to save the last of the Beiching shelter dogs who have been through quarantine. This next group will arrive in Houston on April 13th.



Our united efforts are making a real difference, by rescuing not only Central Texas Golden Retrievers, but also making room for others who are in dire need of our help.

In Appreciation,  
Margo

## Amplify Austin - Thank You!



## Our China Golden Initiative



So, our first five Golden Retrievers arrived from China on March 9th – safe and sound! They are in remarkably good condition, except for some ear infections and hot spots! Paws crossed that no other issues arise. Read more about our China Golden Initiative [here](#).



In China With The Golden Retrievers  
Michelle Goldberg



China Golden Phoenix



China Golden XiXi



China Golden Promise



China Golden Zera



China Golden Shenshi

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### Announcing Our April Mission

The response to bringing China Golden Retrievers has been overwhelming. So, in April, Gold Ribbon Rescue is again traveling to China to rescue five more Golden Retrievers. Again, we are working with several US Golden Retriever Rescue groups who plan to be in Beijing in April and save the last of the Beiching shelter dogs who have been through quarantine. This next group will arrive in Houston on April 13th.

Thanks to our generous donors, our initial China mission raised more than \$22,000. More good news: our logistical and medical costs for the first five dogs were lower than we anticipated, such that we can fund the second mission enabling us to save a total of 10 dogs this spring. If you would like to help with April mission and sponsor a China Golden, click "[Sponsor a China Golden](#)" or if you want to help possible future missions, click "[Donate Now](#)." Read more about our China Golden Initiative [here](#).



Name: Jade  
Age: 2 years  
Gender: Female  
Sponsored by  
Cam Snyder



Name: Li ming  
Meaning: Beautiful & Bright  
Age: 4 years  
Gender: Female  
Co-Sponsored by  
Amanda Price  
Sponsorships Needed



Name: Mei-me  
Meaning: Little Sister  
Age: 2 years  
Gender: Female  
Sponsorships Needed



Name: Jasmine  
Age: 3 years  
Gender: Female  
Sponsorships Needed



Name: Peony  
Symbolizes Riches  
Age: 14 months  
Gender: Female  
Sponsored by  
Amy McCaffrey

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## GRR's Volunteer Appreciation Party!

### RSVP by April 20th and join us!



Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party will be at Gail March's home! It will be a spring party with Gail cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and featuring salads, beer and drinks. **Gail says to bring a lawn chair!**

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
**RSVP:** [goldens@grr-tx.com](mailto:goldens@grr-tx.com) by April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Location:**  
Gail March's Home  
11703 Santa Cruz Dr.  
Austin, TX 78759-4221

[Map/Directions](#)



**Attn:** *GRR T-shirts for volunteers will be sold for \$10 at the party.*

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## Hudson @ Home



Judith Sebesta and Hudson

## Installment #9 Canines and Kids: A (Not Always So) Perfect Match

Kids and canines – a seemingly perfect match. Literature and film long have captured the special bond that can exist between children and their dogs, from *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *Old Yeller*, to *Marley & Me* and, more recently, *Isle of Dogs*.

Growing up, I felt a special bond with all of our family dogs -- Missy, Teddy, Farah, and Squeaky. But looking back, I realize that we were lucky to have dogs that fit well with children, as I have learned this is not always the case.

Certainly, if any breed would seem to be a good fit for life with kids, it would be the Golden Retriever, with its often gregarious, gentle, and people-pleasing personality. In fact, after I adopted Hudson, I quickly discovered his love for kids, eclipsed only by his love for balls. He displayed such enthusiasm at any encounter with children, I was feeling a little guilty that I did not have any, and I wondered if perhaps he was with a family with children before he was a stray. [Read More...](#)



**Foster Coordinators (FC):** Foster Coordinators are a critical role within GRR. This key position serves as the primary point-of-contact for fosters, the medical team and the matchmakers for each dog in foster care. As the number of dogs coming into GRR foster care grows, we need more FCs. If you have been a GRR foster mom or dad and would like to learn about being a FC, please contact [Louisa Chandler](#).

**Thoughts, Prayers and  
Remembrance...**



Maddie 19-015

Olivia 19-018

## Megaesophagus in Dogs



**(Editor's Note:** GRR attempted to save young Maddie (19-015), who was suffering from this terrible condition. Unfortunately, Maddie was getting worse, had suspected congenital problems and her long-term prognosis was very poor. She was euthanized March 14th.)

**Megaesophagus** is a generalized enlargement of the esophagus -- a muscular tube connecting the throat to the stomach -- with a decreased to absent motility. Esophageal motility is required for moving food and liquid down to the stomach.

**Megaesophagus** is seen more often in dogs as compared to [cats](#). Some breeds are born (congenital) with this problem; for example, wire haired fox terriers and miniature schnauzers. Other breeds reported to be predisposed to this condition include: German Shepherds, Dachshunds, Great Danes, Irish setter, Labrador retriever, Pug, and Chinese Shar-pei.

### Symptoms and Types

Regurgitation is considered the hallmark sign of megaesophagus. Also, **aspiration pneumonia** may develop due to the entrance of food or liquid into the lungs. Other common symptoms include:

- **Vomiting**
- **Cough**
- Nasal discharge
- Increased respiratory noises
- **Weight loss** (cachexia)
- Extreme hunger or lack of appetite (**anorexia**)
- Excessive drooling (**ptyalism**)
- Bad breath (**halitosis**)
- Poor growth

Read the full article [here](#) from PetMD.com

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## Monthly Statistics – February 25 – March 25

**Adopted:** 18-102 Orion, 18-109 Max, 18-106 Bryce, 18-070 Annie, 19-004 Gibson, 19-016 Baker, 18-104 Red, 19-013 Missy, 18-116 Barbs, 18-099 Cardiff, 18-096 Troy, 18-114 Macy

**Came into care:** 19-017 Honey, 19-018 Olivia, 19-019 Dixie, 19-020C XiXi, 19-021C Zera, 19-022C Promise, 19-023C Phoenix, 19-024C Shenshi, 19-025 Dan

**Currently in Foster Care:** 22 Dogs - 7 available/available soon, 9 foster pending adoptions, 6 permanent fosters



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