



Gold Ribbon Rescue

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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August 2019

A Message From Our President



Dear Friends,

This past month has been bittersweet, with both heartbreaking losses and encouraging recoveries.

- Our darling Distemper/Parvo puppy, Justice "Huxley" succumbed to Distemper.
- Huxley's three sisters, Star, Glory and Liberty, are doing very, very well – better than any Distemper/Parvo pups that we've had in twenty years. We're optimistic that the girls will survive and thrive.
- Redford was an elderly, skeleton-thin San Antonio shelter stray, with neurologic symptoms and a host of severe health issues. Painful and unwilling to eat; he had no hope of recovery and was gently euthanized.
- Dino, an 8-year-old Laredo shelter stray had severe muscle wasting in his rear legs, caused by Valley Fever. He unexpectedly passed away; we're not sure why.
- Kyna had been attacked by dogs; she was covered in cuts, bruises and scratches. Her liver values were scary high, and her GI tract was not functioning. For a time, we expected she would die. Then the miracle happened – the emergency hospital phoned, "Kyna is 10,000 times better tonight than at 7:00 a.m. Come get her!" Kyna is now flourishing!

Huxley, Star, Glory, Liberty, Redford, Dino and Kyna were given much love and compassion while in GRR's care. We tried our utmost, for each one of them. As rescuers, losses weigh heavily; making our victories that much more precious. I appreciate you all so much!

Hoping for many more sweet successes,
Margo

The next Board meeting is Augst 24, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE -SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th A Golden Celebration Party

Meet our China Golden in person and see their PawPrint Art
Learn about our China Golden missions – Mingle with friends –
Meet new ones – Enjoy scrumptious cuisine by Food!Food!

Join us as we celebrate all things **Golden**.
Tickets will be available soon.

Calling Golden Angels

Our Golden Angel Sponsorship Program supports GRR's Permanent Foster Golden; dogs that, due to special needs, are best served by receiving life-long care by Gold Ribbon Rescue. They enjoy their life to the fullest with a permanent foster family, where they are a loved family member, while GRR takes care of their medical needs for the rest of their life. You can help fund the care for these sweet dogs. There are two sponsorship levels: a Full Sponsorship is \$500 and a Co-Sponsorship is \$250.

If you wish to become a Golden Angel, please go to <http://www.grr-tx.com/goldens/permanentfosters> and select from the list. The Permanent Foster currently available for co-sponsorship is Marley.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

AUGUST DOG DAYS OF SUMMER MEETUP

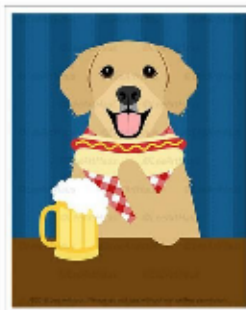
Date: Saturday, August 24th

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Celis Brewery

[10001 Metric Blvd, Austin, TX 78758](#)

Dog and human friendly – See you
there!



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Our China Girl Li Ming

By Patsy and Carl Monaco

We are the lucky ones that are fostering, pending adoption, Li Ming (19-034C). We picked her up 04/16/19 from Manchaca Village Vet in Austin. At the time that we picked her up, she had received a dose of Bravecto for her fleas, as well as her heartworm treatment. However, about a month later, I noticed more fleas and she was given Frontline. She also weighed 57 lbs. and we were told that she needed to gain about 9 pounds, which would not be a problem in our household! She eats four cups of food a day and is now at her weight goal.

Li Ming was a little shy when we picked her up, but she has really come out of her shell in the time that we have had her. She goes to work with us every day, so she is always around customers and our employees. She goes to Port Aransas with us on weekends and, since we always have company, she is around more people there. We have only taken her to the beach one time to take her picture. Once we get past her health issues, we plan on taking her to the beach more often. We have discovered that she is not a fan of the pool because we put her in once and she started to panic. We are hoping with time she will get better with swimming.

Continue reading about Li Ming [here](#).



Deadly!

This common sugar substitute can be deadly for dogs, FDA warns.

By Rachael Rettner | [LiveScience](#)

You should always be careful about what you let your [dog eat](#) — case in point, a common [sugar substitute](#) found in everything from chewing gum to peanut butter can be deadly for man's best friend, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



This week, the FDA warned pet owners about the dangers of xylitol, a type of sugar alcohol

that is sometimes found in [sugar-free foods](#). Although the substance is safe for humans, it can be poisonous for dogs. Over the last several years, the agency has received reports of dogs being poisoned by eating foods that contain xylitol.

Many of the poisonings occurred when dogs ate sugar-free gum, the FDA said. But xylitol can also be found in other food or consumer products, including sugar-free candy, breath mints, baked goods, sugar-free (or "skinny") ice cream, toothpaste, cough syrup, and some peanut and nut butters. [[These 7 Foods Cause the Most Pet Deaths](#)]

When dogs eat xylitol, it is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream and causes a rapid release of [insulin](#), the hormone that helps sugar enter cells. This insulin spike may cause dogs' blood sugar levels to plummet to life-threatening levels, a condition known as hypoglycemia, the FDA said. In humans, xylitol isn't dangerous, because it does not stimulate the release of insulin.

Continue reading [here](#). Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/health/this-common-sugar-substitute-can-be-deadly-for-dogs-fda-warns.amp>

The Triple B Girls – Bonded Britney and Brandi

Britney and Brandi were found wandering the streets in a South Austin neighborhood by a Good Samaritan, who contacted GRR. When they came into our care, it became obvious that they are life-long BFFs, so it is GRR's wish that these two blonde beauties stay together. They have settled well into their foster home with Deb Alme and they literally eat, drink and sleep together, including eating out of each other's bowls! Britney is about 11 years old and is a Golden/Lab mix. Brandi is approximately eight to ten years old and looks more Golden. They are gentle, plump, petite and so sweet and they haven't stopped wagging their tails since they came into GRR!

The B Girls would love to stay together with a loving family who wants to help two beautiful older ladies live out their lives comfortably and with love. All they ask is a comfy bed, a little exercise and lots of love. Does your family fit the bill?

To learn more about Britney and Brandi, go to <http://www.grr-tx.com/dogs/britney-and-brandi>



XiXi

By Ben and Kristy Wear

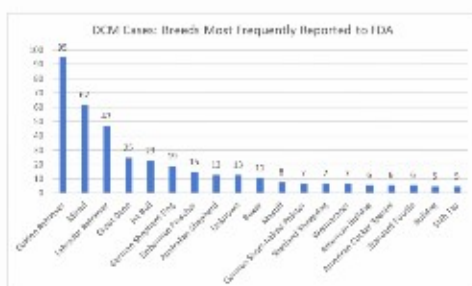
XiXi (19-020C), one of the first group of China dogs, has come through a lot in her four months in America. While still adjusting to this strange new world in Texas, she was diagnosed with a very curable form of cancer that had infected a couple of lymph nodes. But with the able help of Northwest Austin Veterinary Center, she gamely endured five rounds of chemo, and last month was pronounced cured! With that trial over and her growing realization that she has a comfy home and a family who loves her very much, XiXi has grown more and more frisky and engaging. She is a truly gentle, sweet dog, but also very observant, keen to please, and eager to be a part of our family. She loves her walks in the neighborhood where she can encounter squirrels, rabbits, and deer. We couldn't be happier with her. XiXi, who never barks and communicates mostly by presenting us with her toys, was not available for comment.



FDA Update on DCM

FDA Investigating Potential Link Between Diet and Heart Disease in Dogs

Report Updated July 2, 2019



June 27, 2019 — The [FDA has published its third status report](#) regarding a potential connection between grain-free diets and a type of heart disease in dogs known as dilated cardiomyopathy... or DCM. The Dog Food Advisor initially [alerted readers about this issue](#) on July 12, 2018, the day it was [first announced by the FDA](#) and continues to update this report on an ongoing basis.

Link to Grain-Free Dog Food Still Not Conclusive

The FDA has still not discovered why certain dog foods may be associated with the development of DCM. In fact, the Agency now believes the connection between diet and DCM is a complex scientific issue involving multiple factors.

The Agency writes... "It's important to note that the reports include dogs that have eaten grain-free and grain containing foods and also include vegetarian or vegan formulations. They also include all forms of diets: kibble, canned, raw and home-cooked. Therefore, we do not think these cases can be explained simply by whether or not they contain grains, or by brand or manufacturer. The FDA has received reports about 560 dogs diagnosed with DCM suspected to be linked to diet. Tens of millions of dogs have been eating dog food without developing DCM."

About DCM?

DCM is a disease of a dog's heart muscle that results in weakened contractions and poor pumping ability, which can lead to an enlarged heart and congestive heart failure. Even death.

Although the root cause of DCM remains unknown and even though initially the condition appeared to be more common in certain breeds, the FDA has received reports of DCM in a wide range of breeds, including many not genetically prone to the disease.

Continue reading [here](#).

<https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-news/fda-investigating-potential-link-between-diet-and-heart-disease-in-dogs/>



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Roxy (Colleen 09-042)

Huxley (Justice 19-054)

Chance (16-027)

Redford (19-067)

Monk (Austin 15-129 Turkey Dog)

Dino (19-069)



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