



Golden Tales

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January 2022

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed the holidays and are staying well and healthy.

Thank you to everyone who attended the GRR Holiday Party. It was great to see many long-time GRR supporters as well as a lot of new faces. Our village is growing by leaps-and-bounds and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who donated to our Tree of Hope campaign. We exceeded our goal and raised \$18,000, which is incredible! And thank you to all who purchased a GRR 2022 calendar. We still have a handful left.

As we begin a new year, we will continue to focus on the changing face of Gold Ribbon Rescue and what rescue dogs truly need today. We continue to experience a decline in the number of incoming dogs with many dogs having greater behavioral, socialization, medical and other needs. We hope to find more foster and adopting families who understand what it really means to bring a rescue dog into your home — and that it isn't about "them" but about the "dog" and what you can do to make the dog's life better. We are updating our website, modernizing our forms and adding new documents that will help facilitate this goal. Lastly, if you know of a Golden Retriever in need, we are always ready and willing to help.

We have added a new section to the *Golden Tales* newsletter entitled "The More You Know." This section will help keep you informed of important changes, enhancements and updates within the organization.

We want to spotlight our GRR dogs so we're looking for video content for social media. If you have or want to make short, fun videos of your GRR dog, please send them to grboard@grr-tx.com and include Questions For The Board in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **January 8, 2021**.

Looking forward to 2022 and working together to make great things happen within GRR!

With joy and gratitude,
Michelle

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to grboard@grr-tx.com and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **January 8, 2021**.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The More You Know

Important Updates and Information from GRR

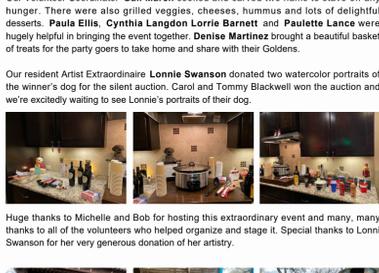
GRR currently has a large number of waiting/approved-to-adopt families along with over 20 adoption applications in process. Unfortunately, we have very few dogs coming into GRR care and to better balance this situation, the Board has implemented two changes that are effective immediately.

Applications are temporarily closed as we work to balance our current adoption applications with available dogs. For more information, contact [Julie Birkeneider](mailto:Julie.Birkeneider).

There is a temporary stop on allowing foster families to adopt their foster dog regardless if it is or is not their first time fostering. This should not be confused with our FPA process which is still available. For more information, contact [Jacki Mulkey](mailto:Jacki.Mulkey).

Again, both changes are temporary and will be evaluated monthly for any necessary revisions.

Tree of Hope

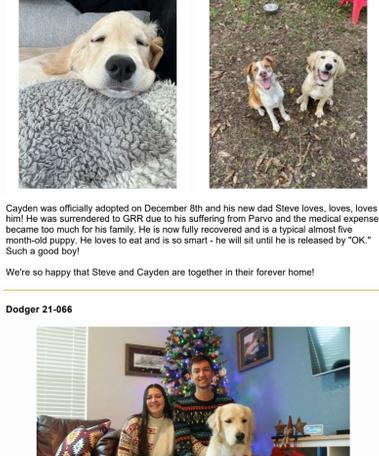


From all of us to all of you, thank you so much for supporting the Gold Ribbon Rescue Tree of Hope campaign. Which will provide needed care for incoming Golden in 2022. Thanks to you, we exceeded our goal and raised \$18,000, which is incredible! You donated an incredible total of **\$18,000**.

Your Gift Makes a Difference in the Life of a Golden.

On behalf of all Gold Ribbon Rescue Golden, thank you for your generosity. Remember that your donation is tax deductible.

The GRR Holiday Get-Together



We gathered together and all was merry and Golden!

Our Holiday Get-Together on December 19th was wonderful. Hosts **Michelle** and **Bob** outdid themselves – their home was a veritable Golden Palace. The decorations were fabulous, the food was delicious, the libations were festive and everyone brought their holiday style and merriment. It was great seeing our old and new volunteers in person to celebrate the season.

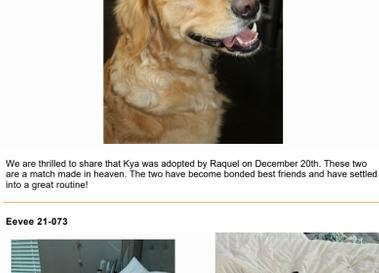


Our Volunteer Coordinator **Gail March** cooked and carved two hams to stave off any hunger. There were also grilled veggies, cheeses, hummus and lots of delightful desserts. **Paula Ellis**, **Cynthia Langdon Lorrie Barnett** and **Paulette Lance** were hugely helpful in bringing the event together. **Denise Martinez** brought a beautiful basket of treats for the party goers to take home and share with their Golden.

Our resident Artist Extraordinaire **Lonnie Swanson** donated two watercolor portraits of the winner's dog for the silent auction. **Carol** and **Tommy Blackwell** were the auction and were excitedly waiting to see Lonnie's portraits of their dog.



Huge thanks to Michelle and Bob for hosting this extraordinary event and many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped organize and stage it. Special thanks to Lonnie Swanson for her very generous donation of their dog.



When shopping on Amazon, please consider shopping on **AmazonSmile** and designate Gold Ribbon Rescue as your charity. We would really appreciate it!

AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$11,512.19 to Gold Ribbon Rescue.

Adopted!

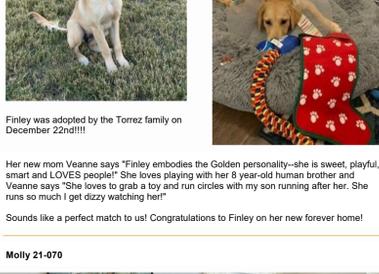
Cayden 21-089



Cayden was officially adopted on December 8th and his new dad Steve loves, loves, loves him! He was surrendered to GRR due to his suffering from Parvo and the medical expense became too much for his family. He is now fully recovered and is a typical almost five-month-old puppy. He loves to eat and is so smart – he will sit until he is released by "OK." Such a good boy!

We're so happy that Steve and Cayden are together in their forever home!

Dodger 21-066



This sweet boy was adopted by Carol and Eric on December 16th and they are super excited to have Dodger join their family. Congratulations to Dodger and this young couple! They are a perfect family!

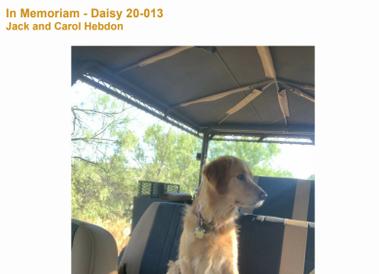


Alice 21-068



Our Alice was adopted by her new mom Barbara on December 18th. Originally from Killeen, Alice is ruling the roost with Barbara and looks very happy, even when getting a bath!

Lindy 21-064



This petite little one was adopted by Mary and Craig and family on December 20th. Look how she snuggles with their son's Golden, Layla, who is visiting for the holidays (Lindy is on the left in the photo below right). Lindy is also part of the family holiday photo and is held by Mary.

We're certain that this sweet girl and her family had a great Christmas. A new family is the perfect gift for the holidays!



Kya 21-072



We are thrilled to share that Kya was adopted by Rachel on December 20th. These two are a match made in heaven. The two have become bonded best friends and have settled into a great routine!

Eevee 21-073



We're so happy to announce Eevee was adopted on December 21st. What a great way to celebrate the holidays! She's such a cute, happy girl for new James family!

Brutus 21-050

Handsome Brutus aka Andre the Giant, now known as Andre, was officially adopted on December 21st by the Steans family. Brutus has gotten his wish for Christmas... a forever home.

This 100 pound baby has come such a long way, thanks to Hara and Corly Coates who fostered him. He was afraid of everything – grass was like stepping in lava for poor Brutus and walks were to be avoided at all costs because the world was such a scary place. No more! We're so glad this sweet boy has found his forever home!

Finley 21-071

Finley was adopted by the Torrez family on December 22nd!!!!

Her new mom Veanne says "Finley embodies the Golden personality—she is sweet, playful, smart and LOVES people! She loves playing with her 8 year-old human brother and Veanne says "She loves to grab a toy and run circles with my son running after her. She runs so much I get dizzy watching her!"

Sounds like a perfect match to us! Congratulations to Finley on her new forever home!

Molly 21-070

Molly was adopted this past week by David and Stephanie! Molly will have a wonderful life with her new mom and dad, human brother and sister and four cat siblings!

After being handed from one family to another several times before she even turned one, this energetic little pup has landed with a family that adores her and could not be happier about her enthusiasm and energy! We are so excited for them all.

Don't Wait! Prevent Collar Accidents

Whole Dog Journal

I'm not one of those dog owners who has her dogs wrapped in cotton wool, constantly looking to protect them from any and all possible hazards. I walk my dogs off-leash in rattlesnake habitats. I sometimes feed them raw eggs. I allow them to swim without wearing life jackets, and so on.

Some of my willingness to expose them to potential health risks might be due to my generation. As the youngest of four kids raised in the 1960s, I grew up un-seatedbelled – in fact, most of the time I sat on the hump between the two front seats! My generation was subjected to many more potentially life-ending risks than are even legal today.

But there are a couple specific risks I absolutely will not take with my dogs, and they have to do with their collars.

STANDARD TANG BUCKLE

The first danger I won't expose my dogs to is a collar with a regular metal buckle – you know! The kind that has a frame and a tang or prong that fits through a hole on the collar and is secured by the back of the buckle frame. Why have I taken a stand against such a ubiquitous piece of dog equipment?

The answer is: Because in a terrible emergency, when a dog's collar is caught on something and he's choking to death, the only way to unstick that buckle – to get that metal prong or tang out of its hole – is to pull it a little bit tighter. And you will have to believe me when I say I know, from personal experience, that when a dog starts choking to death, he won't be holding cooperatively still in perfect understanding that you need to make his discomfort worse for a moment in order to save his life.

If you subscribe to *Whole Dog Journal*, continue reading [here](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com). If not, continue reading [here](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com).

In Memoriam - Daisy 20-013

Jack and Canon Hobbs

We adopted Daisy at the beginning of March 2020. She was a sweet girl, but had an issue with small animals and big men in baseball hats. She also was a little out of control when she met people for the first time. After working with a trainer she really learned fast and settled down a lot. She never got over the small animal issue however, so I had to watch her all time when we were outside to make sure she didn't go after squirrels or skunks.

She loved the ranch! She loved to ride around with me with to check on the animals. She would run around the pool all day long barking until you got in and then she would most likely jump in with you. Boy did she love to run. Our fenced-in yard at the ranch is a little over two acres. She would "run blaisy run" all day long.

She passed away suddenly on November 4, 2021 from an apparent heart attack. She is missed every day and riding around checking on animals is not so much fun anymore.

They say when you see a red cardinal that a loved one is visiting you. We have red cardinals all around the ranch. I know she is with us and lives full time in the place she loved.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Bella 13-043
Honey 10-010

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