



Gold Ribbon Rescue

Dedicated to Helping Golden Retrievers and Their Owners in Central Texas Summer 2007 23rd Edition

Letter from GRR's President — Maura Phelan

Saving Goldens Takes Heart and Money

It's been six months since our last newsletter, and the long list of Extraordinary Golden Fund contributors in this issue is a tribute to the generosity of our Golden community. We literally could not make it without all of you! ... especially since we've had a record-breaking year in terms of medical costs.

On the plus side, we've been able to save more Goldens with atypical health problems than ever before. The down side is that our EGF fund is once again in dire

need of replenishment. In addition to the EGF Goldens highlighted on pages 5 and 6, there are two more recent incomings who need help.

Curly-haired Bodie, age 5, was found stray by Good Samaritans who cared for him until he could come to GRR. The sweet boy was walking with a limp, and a vet visit confirmed a torn ACL. He is scheduled for surgery on July 9. Eight-year-old Sammie is a lovely girl with a history of allergy and skin problems, and we're dealing with those, but the most pressing

issue in her case is—again!—a torn ACL. She'll have her operation on June 29th. The price tag for each surgery is around \$1000, but with rehabilitation both dogs should recover well and be pain free so that they can find their forever homes.

Your donations to the EGF can remedy the medical issues for dogs like these that then make wonderful pets that can be placed into waiting families. Thank you for all you do for Gold Ribbon Rescue.

—Maura

Golden Afternoon at Zilker Park

By Susie Schaffer, Events Coordinator

A beautiful, Golden-filled day of sunshine, happiness, and camaraderie brought many volunteers, adopters, and furry Golden friends to Zilker Park on March 24 for GRR's annual Golden Afternoon in the Park.

We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their generous donations.

Donating gift certificates for our \$1.00 raffles:

- Seize the Day Massage
- Dirty Dog
- Mud Puppies
- Benihana's
- Joss McKernan

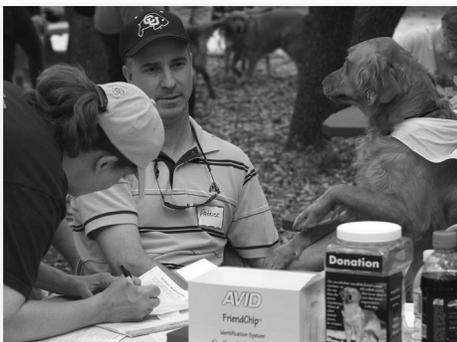
GRR would also like to thank **Sandy Nordstrom** for donating the gift certificates for California Pizza, Sharper Image, The Cheesecake Factory, Barnes and Noble, and the big raffle item: "The Crossings" gift certificate. Thanks, Sandy, for all you do for GRR.

Also thanks to **World Canine Freestyle Organization** (Paws4Freestyle) for

demonstrating some freestyle canine dances at the picnic.

Our special thanks also go to new volunteer **Cliff Visel**, who brought his brand new grill to the picnic to grill the burgers and hot dogs, and to **Kyle Steensma** for letting GRR use his PA equipment once again.

So many wonderful volunteers pitched in this year! I am so grateful to each one of you for taking the time to help out.



Maura microchips the Goldens while Patrick helps with the paperwork.



Olivia Bledsoe wraps her arms around her Golden.



The foster pup in crate draws the attention of picnic goers.



Happy Hour Farms Hosts 5th Annual Shake, Paddle, Roll

By Susie Schaffer, Events Coordinator

Our fifth annual Shake, Paddle and Roll took place at Happy Hour Farms on Saturday, May 19th. We really lucked out because it was a day without rain. This event is always great fun for our Golden Retrievers—they can bark, run, swim, and retrieve to their hearts' content. It really is a Shake, Paddle and Roll event for them.

We would like to thank **Rudy's BBQ and Country Store** for donating the most delicious breakfast tacos. Thanks also to the **Upper Crust Bakery** for all those simply wonderful pastries and to **HEB** for providing drinks and fruit. Because these companies donate to us, the funds we raise at this event go 100% to our rescue efforts. We encourage all of our Golden lovers to shop at these establishments! Thanks again to Maura for opening up her farm to us! It's been the

perfect location for so many of our wonderful events and the dogs have a glorious time splashing in the pond and frolicking in the open spaces. Check out the photos on our website. There's an easy link on the home page that will take you directly to the gallery of images. So fun to see all those humans and Golden Retrievers having such a great time!

We hope to see as many Golden Retrievers and their human companions again at Maura's Happy Hour Farms in October for our annual Oom Pup Paws.



These photos and many more may be viewed on our website. Special thanks to Maura Phelan, Emily Tuczowski, Arlene Zirkel and Nick Nichols for taking and contributing photos of the event!

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Golden Health

Tainted Pet Foods Take the Lives of Golden Retrievers

by Margo Biba, GRR Co-Director of Education

Our sincere condolences go to the Pappin & Croft families, whose dogs were poisoned by the same brand of tainted dog food, Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Venison & Brown Rice, during this spring's nationwide pet food recall. Petey & Lucy Pappin and Gus & Harley Croft died, despite heroic medical efforts by their veterinarians.

This spring, multiple pet food companies purchased ingredients containing melamine from a Chinese manufacturer. Melamine, a plastic, was used to artificially inflate the apparent protein content of ingredients such as rice and wheat gluten, in order to increase profits. In dogs and cats across the United States, however, melamine (possibly in combination with another ingredient) caused sudden, severe kidney & liver damage. Mandatory & voluntary recalls are ongoing, both because of direct contamination & cross contamination in pet food plants.

Bill & Francesca Pappin of Round Rock lost both of their dogs: GRR #06-148 Marsha (renamed Lucy), whom they had just adopted, & their longtime dog Petey, age 9. Lucy, just 18 months old, had recently finished heartworm treatment while in foster care with Julie Jerabek & Kyle Jarnagin. Both dogs became ill as word of the recall reached the news. They received multiple treatments, including continuous IV fluids to flush the liver & kidneys, but ultimately they could not be saved. Jim & Cheryl Croft of Buda fed their six dogs the same respected brand of venison & rice food that the Pappin dogs had eaten, for only 3 1/2 days. All six

Croft dogs, including GRR #04-065 Cheerio, quickly became ill with symptoms similar to those of Lucy and Petey: serious liver and kidney malfunction (evidenced by nausea, vomiting, and lethargy) and low body temperature. Veterinarians & staff at Century Animal Hospital in Austin battled to save the Croft dogs. They consulted with specialists & other veterinarians, researched, provided round-the-clock care, and used very aggressive treatments. The Crofts also consulted with Central Texas Veterinary Specialty Hospital. In the end, Harley & Gus did not make it, but Cheerio, Jett, Elvis, & Scooter are back at home. Scooter, a 17-month-old Shepherd mix, was in worse shape than the other survivors. He will be monitored especially closely for future health issues such as diabetes, cancer, and kidney disease.

What is the happy news, after such terrible loss?

*Bill & Francesca Pappin have begun rebuilding their family by adopting GRR



#07-041 Christal, a beautiful & voluptuous 6-year-old red Golden who loves to prance, carrying her stuffed toys.

*On May 12, Cheryl Croft wrote: "I received the results of everyone's lab work yesterday evening and YES!

Everyone's values are well within the normal range!! Music to our ears!! Of course, they are acting Very Well!! As a result, all meds, fluids (I won't miss giving IVSI!), etc. have stopped. Dog food is getting mixed with KD and Scooter is trying to get SOMEONE to play and generally annoying the other 3 dogs, us and the cat. Jett, Scooter, and Cheers are back in training!"

Meanwhile, Nancy Kerns, editor of Whole Dog Journal, reports, "...the industry seems to be taking this event very seriously and very personally (as well they should). I guarantee you that every pet food company executive alive has spent many hours of the past month in meetings about improving their company's ingredient sourcing and testing, manufacturing practices, customer relations, product liability, and more."

If you need to check on the recall of a particular type of dog or cat food, you can go to the FDA website and search by brand name, type of food, manufacturer, UPC code, type of container, or a combination thereof:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/> 

"Thorns may hurt you, men
desert you, sunlight turn to fog;
but you're never friendless
ever, if you have a dog."

—Douglas Mallock



Golden Success Stories

Kelly and Rocky living large, living loved

by Rebecca LaBrum

Kelly—gentle soul at Rachel House

Kelly, now nearly 9 years old, was surrendered to GRR in the summer of 2005. After a short stay in foster care, she found her forever home with Pamela and Bob Hoch in Harper, near Kerrville. Together, the Hochs direct the nonprofit Rachel Foundation, which provides programs, training, and activities to reintegrate families torn apart as a result of high-conflict divorce and abduction. (It is the only source of such residential family reintegration programs in the United States.) The foundation's goal is to give every child who comes to stay at Rachel House the opportunity to have a loving relationship with both parents, where possible—to rebuild broken families, one at a time. And Kelly does her part to help! She soon became the official greeter and therapy dog for children arriving at Rachel House. The Hochs say she is “just amazing with the children... she senses their feelings and insecurities and makes them feel comfortable. She is such a gentle little soul.”

Kelly has become such a big part of life at Rachel House that she even authors her own column in the Foundation's semiannual newsletter. Here's the latest! The group of visitors Kelly mentions (you can see her posing with them in the photo above) was a delegation of Spanish family court judges, referred to the Foundation by the U.S. State Department.

Kelly's Kerner: *I love humans! In particular, I love my “Mum” and “Dad,” but I also love the people who come to visit Rachel House.*



Recently, I hosted a visit by a group of visitors who spoke a strange language. Thankfully, they knew my name, so when I heard “Kelly,” I knew to go to the person who spoke my name to get a pat. Well, to be honest, I didn't wait to hear my name all the time. Sometimes I just walked over and leaned against someone's leg. One judge wore a dark blue suit, so he was not amused when I rubbed against him.

I also got to greet a friend of “my humans” who came to visit with his mother. She was 99 years old, and got around very well. She had a nice smile and a twinkle in her eyes. She was a little cautious with me, though. I think she may have feared that I might be a little too affectionate and cause her to fall.

Of all the visitors, though, the ones I like the best are the children who come to Rachel House. They always seem to be uncomfortable when they arrive, probably because our house is new to them at first. I take care of them, though. I wag my tail and lean against them to make them feel comfortable. Soon, they go outside with me to play ball. I like that best of all!

To learn more about Rachel Foundation, visit www.rachelfoundation.org, or contact Bob Hoch at bobhoch@rachelfoundation.org

Rockefeller, Rocky, even Rockypants!

Remember Rockefeller? His story appeared on our website last fall—he has a heart condition, so we posted him as a special needs dog. He found his forever home in December, and everything is working out just great! Here's the report from Carrie, his new mom:

Rocky Update: I adopted Rockefeller in early December, and I can't believe he's only been with me for five months! The name “Rockefeller” seemed a little too formal for such a fun-loving boy, so I call him Rocky now, though he also answers to “The Rock” and “Rockypants.” Now that he's on a low-sodium diet and taking a beta blocker, his subvalvular aortic stenosis (SAS) has improved from “moderate” to “mild to moderate”!



Rocky adjusted to life with me very quickly. My friends wonder how I ever get anything done, because he's such a snuggler that he's in your lap within seconds after you sit down. Also, thanks to our walks, I'm now known by many neighbors as “that girl with the really pretty/handsome dog”.

Thank you for matching me up with Rocky! We're making each other very happy.



Extraordinary Goldens

GRR Medical Expenses Reach an All Time High

by *Becky LaBrum*

Here at GRR, we seem to be dealing with more medical issues each year, and (unfortunately!) 2007 is no exception so far. Aside from the usual costs of check-ups, spay/neuter, ear meds, heartworm treatment, and so forth, we've had a few dogs with some pretty big-ticket surgeries and other treatments. All told, in the first four months of 2007, we've already spent over \$35,000 on medical care (we've had 71 dogs come in, and there are more than 50 in foster homes right now), but collected just over \$13,000 in adoption fees. Without your donations, we wouldn't be able to give Goldens in need the medical attention they require... especially the dogs who need more than the usual care. Every dollar you donate to our Extraordinary Golden Fund helps dogs like these so much. Thank you for all you do!

Here are just a few of the "extraordinary" dogs from the past few months.

"Nice dog, age 6, neutered, sits & shakes hands, wonderful." That was the first report on **Chance**, the very last GRR Golden to come into care in 2006—the San Antonio shelter let us pull him on December 30th, so he wouldn't have to spend the holiday weekend at the pound. Heartworm positive, anemic, suffering from cancer, kidney problems... it has been a long haul for this great boy!

Here is the report from his foster mom, Jane:

Chance is a true rescue story. He was picked up as a stray, wearing a muddy collar with a frayed, broken rope attached to it. He was a bit underweight and his red fur was dirty, smelly, and dull. Since he didn't have any identification, GRR volunteer Tracy and



Chance

her son named him Chance, because he was being given a second chance for a good life. And from his behavior, we could tell right away that someone had cared for him once. He is housebroken and doesn't jump, chew, or counter-surf. He walks well on a leash, he sits for treats and walks, and he has excellent car manners. He has the sweetest habit of sitting down and raising his paw when he wants attention, and his favorite pastime seems to be cuddling on the couch (or bed, or chair...).

But you really never know what to expect when you foster a true rescue. We found out right away that Chance had heartworms—which meant injections of immiticide and strict "house arrest" during the treatment—tough for an "I love to run and play" Golden! He was anemic, too, and needed a boost of daily vitamins. And while we were still figuring out how to approach the heartworms (since he was pretty debilitated), Chance was diagnosed with transmissible venereal tumor. The bad news: that's a form of cancer. The good news: it's not only treatable, but curable. The vets decided to deal with the cancer first, then tackle the heartworms... Five months on, Chance has had about 8 chemo treatments, and we are hopeful that his cancer has disappeared. But no sooner

had he started the chemo than he developed a kidney infection (with nausea, vomiting, and weight loss), so he's been on a special prescription diet since then.

...So, since he came to our home in January, he's been receiving treatments of one kind or another. Whew! At this point, he's completed his chemo (for now) and is getting ready to have his second heartworm injection. We are all looking forward to the day he'll be able to bolt out the back door and run to his heart's content! And we're looking forward to meeting a "normal" Chance, too. But we already know he's a wonderful boy and a joy to have around. He's truly the definition of a rescue dog! *Chemotherapy, heartworm treatment, treatment for anemia and kidney infection:* **\$1,939.48**



Bebe

Thoughtful Miss **Bebe**, age 5, is my own wonderful foster dog. She was found stray a few months ago with a severe leg wound (a "degloving" injury, where skin and fur are pulled right off) and soon began to slip downhill from infection.

It took surgery and about 5 weeks of recuperation to get her through that, with a few bumps along the road to recovery... for instance, on just her

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second night in our home, Bebe took advantage of her foster mom's lack of vigilance to do a little self-surgery, removing (a) her bandages; and (b) her stitches!

That little escapade resulted in another overnight stay at the clinic for repairs. But the leg looks super now. Great! She also had a couple of benign but frankly ugly growths on her side. The vets tried freezing them off—no go. So, they advised we just bring her in for a quick snip-snip. Well! Some quick snip. Poor Bebe had an allergic reaction to the anesthesia. Her heart rate plummeted, then soared to nearly triple the normal rate, then dropped again; and as she came to, she had a seizure. She ended up staying at the clinic longer than planned, and getting more IVs and meds than planned, too. But when we picked her up, you'd never know a thing had happened to her (she fared better than her vet, who definitely picked up a few gray hairs thanks to all the excitement).

"She seems fine," we said to ourselves the next day, and headed out to a concert. Returning home, we found blood all over the floor. Panic stations! I knew it wasn't her lumpectomy incisions, as she was wearing her E-collar. A little more checking, and... unbelievable! The ever-unpredictable Beebers had gone into heat! That "spay scar" that two vets thought they saw was clearly an optical illusion! Now there's another surgery in her future (she'll need to finish up her heat cycle and wait at least 2 weeks after that, though). Fingers crossed she doesn't come up with something else "interesting"...

Surgery, X-rays, and wound care for injured leg; blood/urine testing; cryosurgery; lumpectomies; spay surgery (to come):

\$1,308.97



Jane Austen

Found wandering stray one weekend in April, 10-year-old **Jane Austen** had clearly had a hard life. The wonderful Good Samaritans who took her in chose the name they did because "we want her to have a happy ending." Just going out of heat, the skinny old girl had had more than one litter in her day. Underweight, covered with fleas and ticks, infected ears, heartworm positive, several mammary tumors—there was a laundry list of problems to tackle. Despite all that, the patient dog "just wants love. She doesn't have to be in your lap, but she does want to be near you and have you touching her."

Jane went straight to the vet before heading to her foster home. Spay and tumor removal were uneventful (the tumors turned out to be benign)... but the day after surgery, the clinic staff noticed Jane looking odd and uncomfortable. Incredibly, she had a gastric torsion—the very same potentially fatal condition that Hannah, another of our EGF dogs, had faced just a month earlier (*see her story at www.grr-tx.com/adoption/to_adopt/hannah_07-006/hannah.htm*). She was rushed back into the operating room for another major abdominal surgery.

Amazingly, she's come through with no complications and is beginning the long road to recovery. Once she's fully recuperated from her surgeries, we'll

decide how to tackle the heartworms. But for now, she's just enjoying living the soft life at long, long last.

Foster mom Melinda says, "Lady Jane has definitely turned into a house dog. She doesn't like to be outside for a minute longer than she has to. She's kind of wobbly, she falls down occasionally, and she shuffles her feet when she walks. My husband says it's because her legs are so long! She is a tall, lanky old lady with huge feet. Everything about this dog is so gentle and sweet."

Spay, tumor removal and histopathology, torsion surgery, treatment for ear infections, heartworm treatment (to come): **\$1,825.80**

Updates on Donnie and Millie

We'd like to take this opportunity to update you on two EGF dogs from the past.

Four-year-old **Donnie** had shoulder surgery in February, and his new family says, "Donnie is doing great! He adjusted very well and we just love, love, love him!! We could not imagine life without Donnie. Recovery wise, he is doing great too. His fur is growing back and you can no longer tell he had surgery by just looking at him. He runs and walks and plays every day. He has a best friend name Charlie (GRR name was Clifford) that we see almost every day for walks and playdates. We wanted to thank everyone who donated money towards Donnie's surgery, what a blessing!"

Old Milly, now age 15, was our holiday poster girl for 2005. Her personality was A-plus (and still is!) but her health was really poor. Nightmarishly bad bladder infection, ugly cyst on her back, many mammary tumors, low thyroid,



obesity—she needed help fast! We had been planning to remove the largest mammary tumor (a lipoma), but before we got to that, Milly began slipping downhill. Her energy level and appetite kept coming and going. Some days she'd be perky, other days droopy, reluctant to get up, refusing to eat or drink. The vets thought they felt a new tumor, a hard, likely cancerous mass beneath the big lipoma; they figured it shifted around a bit internally, and when it pushed on a nerve, Milly had her down days. The best guess was that she had very little time left, maybe only a week. Well, that was 15 months ago, and Milly, AKA LadyBug, has rebounded! The vets



Milly and Madelaine

now think the internal mass is just an extension of the lipoma, but whatever it is, it isn't slowing her down. Milly's foster mom says, "I am stunned at her energy level and busy optimism. She had her annual geriatric bloodwork on April 19th, and the vet's comment was, 'Amazing!...all the values are just where they need to be, including thyroid.' Her abdominal lump has grown to the size of my fist & is pendulous...it may be herniated fat?...doesn't bother her. She has increased stiffness from arthritis...we may consider tramadol, etc., if it becomes a problem. Still takes thyroid pills & Proin, which solves her urinary incontinence. Overall she is in GREAT SHAPE." 🐾

EGF Donors Save Golden Lives

It's been way too long since our last newsletter and way too long since we've thanked all the wonderful people who generously donated to our Extraordinary Golden Fund. Once again, we desperately need to replenish this fund, used strictly for Goldens requiring beyond-the-ordinary medical treatment.

Visit <http://www.grr-tx.com/about/egf.htm> to learn more about our EGF Goldens and how you can make a real difference today.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following donors:

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Claire Gregory – this is a present for my sister-in-law in honor of Scarlett Elliot, our beautiful Scarletta that is missed dearly.

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GRR thanks **LISA SAVAGE** for her continued support of our Goldens in need.

Valentines For Donnie

The Valentines came pouring in to help our Donnie. See his update on the previous page. Thanks to these generous donors, Donnie is doing wonderfully:

**Helen Almanza
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Janette Ward
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Anne Williams**

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Justin Greenhaigh
Russell McMindex**





A living tree honors Gus & Harley

by Margo Biba

GRR team members and friends joined to honor the memory of Cheryl and Jim Croft's dogs, Harley and Gus, with the gift of a living tree and memorial donations (see page 3 for their story).

Cheryl and her husband, Jim, are the adoptive parents of GRR #04-065 Cheerio, and they cheerfully foster and train our more energetic Golden youngsters. Cheryl helps GRR with behavioral and training suggestions for foster dogs and provides invaluable advice for our GRR Education Committee seminars. Many of us have taken positive training classes with Cheryl or have had her evaluate our foster dogs—and some of us have adopted Cheryl's own foster dogs. We count her as a mentor and friend. Many people donated to GRR's Extraordinary Golden Fund in memory of Harley and Gus. The EGF pays for extraordinary (and expensive) medical treatments such as hip, back, knee, ear, eye, and gastric torsion surgeries for our foster dogs. Kathy Simmons put together a gift basket filled with toys and treats—and a stake to mark the place where Cheryl and Jim's tree of choice will be planted.

On April 24th, Cheryl wrote: "Harley and Gus will be so missed. They are a part of our family. It's just hard, as each of you knows... A friend of mine sent me the text below about her dog going to summer camp ... that's how she thought of it. I liked it and kept it... imagining that it's a great place to be. Not only would they be there, but all the dogs we've had would be there to greet them... with the s'mores! I don't know exactly what happens... but I'd like to think this... and that I'll see them again. Here's what my friend sent: *In our house dogs don't cross the rainbow bridge; they go to a sort of "summer camp," where they can swim in the lake, dig holes, play agility games, roll in smelly things, and snooze in the sun. There are never any loud noises except barks of joy, and they get to eat s'mores made with real chocolate.* With Gus and Harley around, 'camp' will always have two willing volunteers for KP duty, a new expert alarm system, someone who is good at ranch security and keeping everyone in line (Harley), and also someone to keep everything 'herded up' as well as laughing! (Gus).

"Thanks" to everyone for your prayers and good thoughts. We'll see what tomorrow brings."

Adoptables

Check out our Adoptables online at GRR-TX.com



GRRreat Vets!

GRR wishes to thank these animal clinics for their continued support of our dogs and rescue efforts. Please show them your support and tell them "Thanks for helping GRR!" next time you're in one of their offices.

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 Universal City Animal Hospital

If you're holding on to canine medications that you no longer need, please consider donating them to Gold Ribbon Rescue.

Email emilyt@grr-tx.com

Golden Memorials

In honor and memory of my beloved **Katie**, a beautiful Golden Retriever who died September 28, 2006. She was 15½ years old. She will forever be missed and always loved.

Lainey Garcia

In memory of **Reagan** (GRR #05-081) who I met as Carolyn Whitten's Granny

Maureen Seals

In memory of **Chester**—Mark Salmanson's Golden

Sandi Aitken

In loving memory of **Ali**, who will be missed so much by all who loved her

John G. Shinski

In memory of **Amber French**—Golden Retriever of Patrick and Jen French

Susan & Chris Wilson

In memory of **Megan and Kelsey**, dear, sweet, faithful canine companions of Donna Hart

Carol Hunt

In memory of sweet girl, **Scout Schaffer**, and in honor of the loving care provided her by Susie and Gary

Sandra Balch

In memory of **Audrey**
Lynn Smith

In memory of **Scout**, a sweet and loving dog. We all will miss her gentle nature and her great desire to be petted.

Cas & Raezel Poplawski

In memory of **Carolyn Solberg**
Freddie Mac Foundation

In memory of **Chiquita**, who joined our family in 1995 (Gold Ribbon puppy mill rescue) and shared her joy of life with us for more than 10 years.

Christina Helmerichs

In memory of my angel boys, **Buddy**, who passed away on 9-17-05 at age 14 and **BJ** who passed away on 6-16-06 at age 13 ¾.

Jan Wallace

In memory of **Precious** and **Nikki** who we were blessed to have here on our journey

Teresa Shinski

In memory of **Red**
J.C. & Cathy Smith

In memory of **Maggie Whitman**
Susan Whitman

In memory of Pat Capin's mother,
Denni Capin
The Nichols Family

In memory of our sister-in-law,
Denise Dillon
Teresa & Paul Szostak

In memory of **Scout**—loved by Susie and Gary
Sandy Nordstrom & Bob Ashenbrenner

In memory of **Mikey**, our GRR dog (#03-006), who passed away October 19, 2006
Sandy Weeks

In memory of our **Maggie Mae**, who we adopted in Summer 2004. She was the sweetest, most loving dog who is very much missed.
The Williams Family

In memory of Miss July 2006,
Shadow Schell. She will live forever in our hearts and minds.
Janet Shinnick

In memory of **Marsha** (GRR# 06-148) and **Petey Pappin**. Thank you to Bill and Francesca Pappin for their loving care and heroic efforts to save them.
Sandy Balch



For the Puppy Memorial
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In memory of **Grady Savage**. A wonderful dog who will be truly missed.
Mindy, Gregg, Jonathan, Nat, Brandy & Peanut Fine

In Memory of **LuLu** – Becky and Eric's "eternal puppy." May she find a laundry basket full of goodies in heaven.
The Forsythe Family

In Memory of **Lexie**—Golden Girl to Debra Stark
The Forsythe Family

In memory of "**Bubba**" Iacobucci, the best chocolate lab ever (and forever fiancé of Frances, the Golden)
Teresa & Paul Szostak



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In honor of our beloved GRR goofball,
Harper, who graciously continues to allow us to live in his house.
Susan & Dick Klusmann

In honor of **Jude Kessler's 4th birthday**
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In honor of **Bryce** and his new, good home
Cathy Porter

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In honor of **Beau**—adopted by wonderful people in 2006. Thanks so much to Mike for all his guidance and help!
Maureen Mimari

In honor of **Dr. Lisa Savage**
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In honor of **Tessa and Toby**, who found their owners before I had to surrender them to your center.
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Mark your calendars now for GRR's Annual Fall Oom Pup Paws!

When:

Saturday, October 20th, 2007.

From Noon until 3:00 pm

Where:

Happy Hour Farms (map on website)

What to bring:

Bring a side dish and drink to share, lawn chairs and possibly a towel or two to wipe your Golden down before putting him back in the car.

What to do:

RSVP on the website (www.GRR-TX.com) today!

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