



Gold Ribbon Rescue

2020 Annual Report

GRR 18-088 Lucy

Mission

Gold Ribbon Rescue was founded in 1998, based on a dream to provide safe, loving, lifetime homes for Goldens in need regardless of age, medical conditions or circumstances. Everything we do as an organization supports that goal. In addition, Gold Ribbon Rescue provides education on responsible dog ownership, organizes dog activities for Golden Retriever fanciers to meet and supports a community Facebook page for exchanging information. Gold Ribbon Rescue focuses on Golden Retriever welfare and needs throughout the Central Texas area. We are an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization.

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GRR 15-134T Emma Long



GRR 11-024 Buddy and GRR 15-019 Finn

The Year in Review

What a challenging year 2020 was for all of us. At Gold Ribbon Rescue we crossed many bridges that we have never crossed before. Though there were some difficult hurdles, we pushed through and remain strong thanks to our incredible community who never wavered with their support and volunteer hours.

Covid-19 forced us to restructure how we operate. We quickly turned to technology, as did the rest of the world, and successfully held meetings, training sessions and fun events virtually. We found different ways to interact with our potential foster and adopting families through the application approval process.

In 2020, another 110 dogs made their way to us seeking help, hope, and a forever home. We processed 236

foster/adoption applications, completed 145 telephone interviews and 139 home visits. In total, 106 dog adoptions were completed through our comprehensive adoption program.

Our 110 new dogs included 13 Goldens from Turkey, three litters of puppies and the Nobel Four, who were abandoned Search and Rescue dogs. All GRR dogs received the medical and behavioral care needed to become healthy and ready for their forever families. Words cannot express our gratitude, but the faces of the dogs say it all.

You'll note that not all of our Golden faces are pure Golden. Thanks to a variety of reasons, the number of homeless, purebred Goldens is declining. This trend has enabled Golden Retriever rescue groups across the US to help dogs in great need whether they are Golden-mixes or from international locations.

We continue to see more dogs with serious medical issues and more dogs with emotional and training needs. Fortunately, we were able to address both in 2020, resulting in reduced euthanasia and more dogs having the opportunity to move forward to their forever home.

All Volunteer Organization

It is heartwarming to look back at all of our accomplishments—all made possible by the dedication and passion of volunteers and supporters. Every day

- Our Intake volunteers evaluate and transport our dogs.
- Our Adoption volunteers talk to potential adopters and find the best possible match for each dog and family.
- Our Medical team works tirelessly with area veterinarians.
- Our Fosters provide needed care, love and attention to get dogs ready for adoption.
- Our Operations volunteers work behind the scenes to keep the organization running.

Each time we ask for help, our supporters step up, ensuring that we have whatever a dog may need. Such steadfast support is a blessing we never take for granted. Our volunteers make the work of saving our Goldens' lives possible.

As we round the corner to begin our 22nd year, what we have created and accomplished together has enabled Gold Ribbon Rescue to save more than 3,000+ dogs. And through our Extraordinary Golden and International Rescue funds, we are able to save even more Goldens. Each one of you makes a life-changing difference for a dog in need—by volunteering, fostering, adopting, supporting, and championing our effort. Thank you!





GRR 13-135 Herald and GRR 19-076 Rex

“BE THE PERSON YOUR DOG THINKS YOU ARE.”

— C.J. Frick

Our Turkey Golden Initiative

Goldens “used to be” a status symbol in Istanbul. They were imported from Germany and England and sold in pet stores. But when the dogs reach adulthood, people felt they were too big and turned them out into the streets to fend for themselves, joining the packs of other dogs foraging for food in dumpsters, trash cans or, if they’re lucky, from the bags of kibble dumped on the ground by concerned volunteers. Goldens have a calm, sweet nature so they are unable to survive as well as some of the more aggressive breeds because they can’t compete as aggressively for food. So, they starve to death, are poisoned, get hit by cars, or are killed by more aggressive dogs.

A pair of wonderful Turkish women have made it their life mission to round up the Goldens from the streets and forests where they have been abandoned and get them to countries that love them. They are being transported to England, Canada, the US and other countries.

Saving dogs in Central Texas is our top priority and always will be. However, we have many more families wanting to adopt than we have local dogs so international rescue makes sense right now. In 2020, thirteen Goldens made the long journey from Istanbul to Houston. Today, these dogs are happy and thriving in their forever homes. In January 2021, we brought five more Goldens who are also doing well.

Please note that before leaving Turkey, all dogs receive medical exams, are microchipped and get health certificates which are reviewed by the USDA upon entry to the United States. The dogs have also spent 30 days in quarantine in Turkey before entering the US. The dogs are then further vetted by a preferred veterinarian in Austin. Because our international programs have been successful, we plan to bring more international dogs to Texas in 2021.



GRR 16-014 Lark and GRR 19-076 Reggie



GRR 19-104C Wimberly

“The face of a Golden Retriever feels like home.”

—David Rosenfelt

Dogs Rescued in 2020

06-159 Jingles
12-162 Ranger
17-107 Beaumont
18-005 Abbie
19-058 Paris
19-117 Menorah
20-001 Petey
20-002 Barney
20-003 Boz
20-004 Sammy
20-005 Baron
20-006 Marley
20-007 Beckham
20-008 Chloe
20-009 Sookie
20-010 Teddy
20-011 Riley
20-012 Minnie
20-013 Daisy
20-014 Luna
20-015 Sol
20-016 Murphy
20-017 Charlie
20-018 Archer
20-019 Roadie
20-020 Sasha
20-021 Broly
20-022 Lola

20-023 Remi
20-024 Julio
20-025 Enrique
20-026 Sadie
20-027 Layla
20-028 Kennedy
20-029 Monroe
20-030 Reagan
20-031 McKinley
20-032 Clinton
20-033 Rosie
20-034 Beau
20-035 Sally
20-036 Charlie
20-037 Merrit
20-038 Molly
20-039 Esme
20-040 Jackpot
20-041 Cassie
20-042 Izzy
20-043 Ollie
20-044 Cersei
20-045 Ronan
20-046 Kingsley
20-047 Kofi
20-048 Buddy
20-049 Amber
20-050 Benji

20-051 Honey
20-052 Oscar
20-053 Dixie
20-054 Tuff
20-055 Gus
20-056 Salsa
20-057 Pete
20-058 Belle
20-059 Bailey
20-060 Dakota
20-061 Aspen
20-062 Vail
20-063 Rye
20-064 Boone
20-065 Durango
20-066 Boulder
20-067 Denver
20-068 Breck
20-069 Hailey
20-070 Drambuie
20-071 Kahlua
20-072 Kamora
20-073 Sheridan
20-074 Midori
20-075 Amaretto
20-076 Sambuca
20-077 Honey
20-078 JoJo

20-079 Moose
20-080 Rayne
20-081 Pumpkin
20-082 Amber
20-083T Acadia
20-084T Denali
20-085T Teton
20-086T Katmai
20-087T Zion
20-088T Biscayne
20-089T Rainier
20-090T Rocky
20-091T Shenandoah
20-092T Glacier
20-093T Bryce
20-094T Joshua
20-095T Cascade
20-096 Scarlett
20-097 Sophie
20-098 Teddy Bear
20-099 Ruby
20-100 Centurion
20-101 Tintin
20-102 Bruno
20-103 Winnie
20-104 Emma

*“Dogs are not
our whole
life, but they
make our lives
whole.”*

—Rodger A. Caras



2020 Financials

Condensed Statement of Activities | Year Ended December 31, 2020 | Unaudited

We have been blessed to receive several gifts from friends who remembered us in their estate planning. Their legacy ensures that the joy they experienced from the love of a dog is shared with others and that more lives will be saved.

2020 Revenue

Adoption/Application Fees	46,254
Donations/Grants/Bequests	178,963
International Rescue	60,987
Extraordinary Golden	42,889
General	24,913
Membership	8,465
Interest	10,256
Total Revenue	243,938



GRR 20-027 Layla

2020 Expenditures

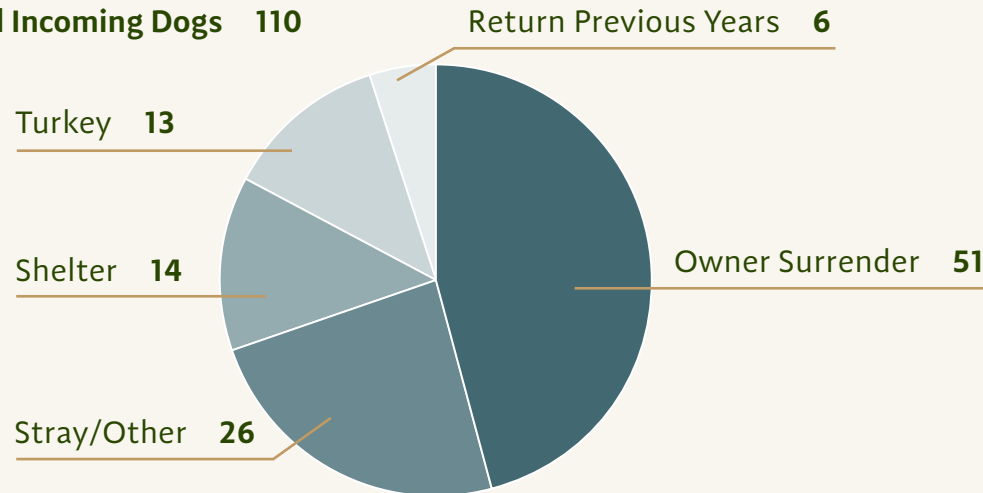
Administrative	31,444
Internet	13,740
Software	1,254
Postage/Office supplies	1,919
Telephone/ Storage	2,365
Credit card fees	4,709
Accounting/Legal	7,268
Dog Expenses	139,629
Medication	7,972
Chips/Tags/Bail Out	2,290
Training	3,450
Veterinary	84,567
Transportation	1,375
International	39,360
Other	615
Total Expenditures	171,073
Net Operating Revenue	72,865
Adjustment/Credit	1,953
2020 Net Revenue	74,818



GRR 20-036 Charlie

2020 Demographics

Total Incoming Dogs 110



Age Range in Years

0 – 2	63
3 – 5	17
6 – 8	16
9 – 11	5
12+	9

Total Adoptions 106

Where Your Donations Go

- ♥ \$150 Rabies, DHLPP and Bordetella vaccinations, Heartworm and fecal testing
- ♥ \$250–\$350 Neuter or spay surgery
- ♥ \$750 Heartworm treatment
- ♥ \$1500+ Hip or other surgeries

GRR 21-004T Harmony



It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.

—Anonymous



GRR 17-020 Bevo