



**Gold Ribbon Rescue**

***2021 Annual Report***



## Mission

Founded in 1998, Gold Ribbon Rescue is an all-volunteer, tax-deductible IRS 501(c)3 organization. We are dedicated to providing safe, loving, lifetime homes for Goldens in need regardless of age, medical conditions or circumstances. Everything we do as an organization supports this goal.

In addition, Gold Ribbon Rescue provides education on responsible dog ownership, organizes dog activities for Golden-lovers to meet and supports various social media platforms for exchanging information.

Gold Ribbon Rescue is not affiliated with any breed-specific organization. Consequently we are able to rescue Goldens and golden-hearted dogs in need.



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## About

Gold Ribbon Rescue focuses on Golden Retriever welfare and needs throughout the Central Texas area. We do not own or operate a shelter or kennel and instead, place all dogs in loving foster or foster-pending-adoption homes. Gold Ribbon Rescue supports using only positive, non-adversive training principles.

Over the years, we have rescued more than 3500 dogs. We focus on Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes from animal shelters and owners who can no longer care for them because of changing circumstances in their lives. Golden Retrievers from Turkey, China and Mexico have found a better life in Central Texas through our active involvement in international rescue programs.

There are no paid officers or staff within Gold Ribbon Rescue. Volunteers staff the myriad of functions associated with running the complex day-to-day operations of a dog rescue.

## The Adoption Process

Through our comprehensive adoption process, Gold Ribbon Rescue finds safe, loving homes for all our rescue dogs - sick and injured, young and healthy or senior citizens. While in foster care, each of our dogs receives thorough medical care and behavioral evaluations by professional trainers, if needed. Adopters are apprised of what we know about their new dog's medical and behavioral needs. We are not concerned that our dogs carry AKC papers in their luggage.

All potential adopters complete an application, telephone interview and in-person home visit. This helps us ensure that each dog is placed with the right family to receive the individual attention, medical care and training that they need lifelong. We also have a Permanent Foster program that provides lifetime care for Goldens that cannot be adopted because of age or medical/behavior situations.



16-014 Lark and Hunter

## *The Year In Review*

2021 was another challenging year for all of us. Covid-19 forced us to continue leveraging technology to hold 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 2021, 83 dogs made their way to Gold Ribbon Rescue seeking help, hope and a forever home. We processed 355 foster/adoption applications, completed 205 telephone interviews and 120 home visits. In total, 84 dog adoptions were completed including 11 Golden Retrievers from Turkey. Incoming dogs ranged in age from 7 weeks to 18 years.

For a variety of reasons, the number of homeless, purebred Golden Retrievers is declining across the United States. This trend has enabled Golden Retriever rescue groups to help dogs in great need whether they are purebred Golden Retrievers, Golden-mixes or from international locations. We continue to see more dogs with serious medical issues and more dogs with behavioral and training needs. Fortunately, we were able to address both in 2021, resulting in reduced euthanasia and more dogs having the opportunity to enjoy life in a forever home.

***“Once someone has had the good fortune to share a true love affair with a Golden Retriever, one’s life and one’s outlook is never quite the same.”***

***— Betty White, 1922–2021***





# ***There Is No Gold Ribbon Rescue Without Volunteers***

Gold Ribbon Rescue is an all-volunteer organization with NO paid staff.  
Every day

- ❖ Our Intake volunteers evaluate and transport dogs
- ❖ Our Adoption volunteers talk to potential adopters and Matchmakers find the best possible home for each dog
- ❖ Our Medical team volunteers work with area veterinarians
- ❖ Our Foster volunteers provide needed care, love and attention to get dogs ready for adoption
- ❖ Our Training and Behavior team works to assess the needs of each dog and finds appropriate solutions working with professional trainers
- ❖ Our Operations team volunteers work behind the scenes to keep our website running, our social media streaming and organization humming

Each time we asked for help, our dedicated volunteers and supporters stepped up.

Each one of you made a life-changing difference for a dog in need. Words cannot express our gratitude, but the faces of the dogs say it all.

# ***Thank you!***





*“Intelligent  
dogs rarely  
want to  
please  
people  
whom they  
do not  
respect.”*

*—W. R. Koehler*



19-053 Daisy and 19-052 Glory



## 2021 Incoming Dogs

10-077 *Drake*

13-101 *Rusty*

19-080 *Maggie*

20-045 *Ronan*

20-073 *Sheridan*

20-102 *Bruno*

21-001 *Lucy*

21-002T *Dream*

21-003T *Truth*

21-004T *Harmony*

21-005T *Honor*

21-006T *Peace*

21-007 *Emerie*

21-008 *Lady*

21-009 *Murphy*

21-010 *Shammy*

21-011 *Momma*

21-012 *Mylo*

21-013 *Mika*

21-014 *Cruz*

21-015 *Knox*

21-016 *Maggie*

21-017T *Sloane*

21-018T *Gunnar*

21-019T *Akins*

21-020T *Valor*

21-021 *Halley*

21-022 *Nash*

21-023 *Biscuit*

21-024 *Memphis*

21-025 *Miles*

21-026 *Jesse*

21-027 *Bentley*

21-028 *Cassidy*

21-029 *Sundance*

21-030 *Indy*

21-031 *Tundra*

21-032 *Montana*

21-033 *Sophie*

21-034 *LouLou*

21-035 *Lizzie*

21-036 *Olive*

21-037 *Stetson*

21-038T *Chanel*

21-039T *Prada*

21-040 *Penny*

21-041 *Diamond*

21-042 *Holden*

21-043 *Maye*

21-044 *Max*

21-045 *Flex*

21-046 *June*

21-047 *Buddy*

21-048 *Enzo*

21-049 *Angel*

21-050 *Brutus*

21-051 *Chase*

21-052 *Riley*

21-053 *Thunder*

21-054 *Apollo*

21-055 *Trackr*

21-056 *Ash*

21-057 *Toree*

21-058 *Leo*

21-059 *Cayden*

21-060 *Boogey*

21-061 *Aria*

21-062 *Willow*

21-063 *Ollie*

21-064 *Lindy*

21-065 *Honey*

21-066 *Dodger*

21-067 *Cooper*

21-068 *Alice*

21-069 *Sven*

21-070 *Molly*

21-071 *Finley*

21-072 *Kya*

21-073 *Eevee*

21-074 *Archie*

21-075 *Axel*

21-076 *Harley*

21-077 *Dom Perignon*





21-009 Bruce and Rosie

*“Home is where the dog runs to greet you.”*

*—Unknown*



# 2021 Demographics

## Total Intake

Total Incoming Dogs **83**

Owner Surrender **36**

Shelter **21**

Turkey **11**

Return from  
Previous Years **6**

Stray/Other **9**

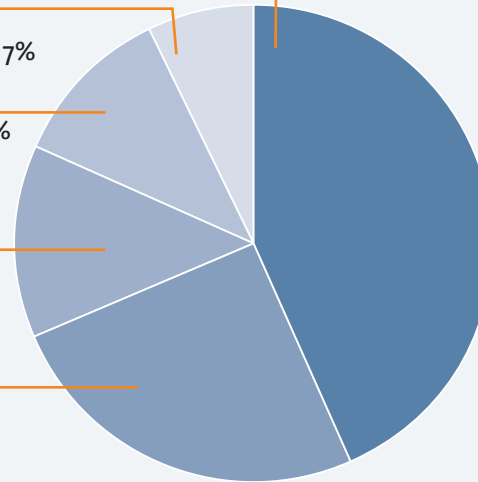
Return from  
Previous Years 7%

Stray/Other 11%

Turkey 13%

Shelter 25%

Owner Surrender 43%



## Health/Breed/Origin

Intact **46** Heartworm Positive **4**

Golden **59** [71%] Mixed **23** [28%] NonGolden **1** [>1%]

Owner Turn-Ins came from 19 different communities  
and 11 different shelters

Total Adoptions **84**

## Age Range in Years

0-2 **43**

3-5 **19**

6-8 **10**

9-11 **5**

12+ **6**

## 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

20-091T Apricot

15-082 Theo

13-135 Herald 19-076 Rex

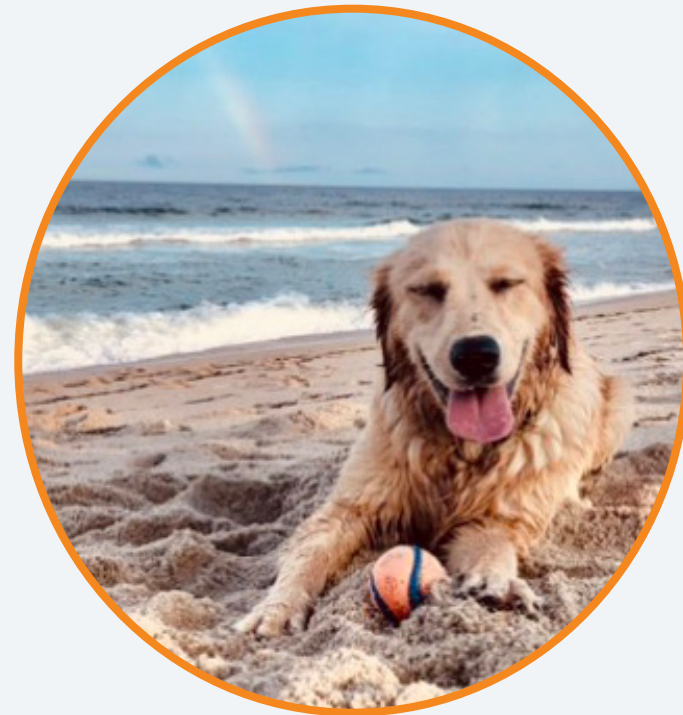




# 2021 Financials

Condensed Statement Of Activities | Year Ended December 31, 2021 | Unaudited

2021 Revenue	
Adoption/Application Fees	\$37,387
General Donations	\$93,107
International Rescue Fund	\$9,495
Extraordinary Golden Fund	\$15,966
Membership	\$13,425
Interest	\$616
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$169,996</b>



20-93T Bryce Clyde

2021 Expenditures	
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$26,001</b>
Internet	\$10,805
Software	\$1,398
Postage/Office supplies	\$1,118
Telephone/ Storage	\$2,390
Credit card fees	\$3,725
Accounting/Legal	\$903
Insurance	\$4,795
Misc	\$867
<b>Total Dog Expenses</b>	<b>\$119,584</b>
Medication	\$10,477
Chips/Tags/Collars	\$1,105
Training	\$10,200
Veterinary	\$65,186
Transportation	\$89
International	\$30,912
Misc	\$1,615
<b>Total Events/Education</b>	<b>\$887</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$146,472</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,523</b>





21-006T Peace and 19-023C Phoenix