

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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April 2020

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I am excited and honored to step into the role as the president of Gold Ribbon Rescue. I promise to do my best to be the leader that GRR deserves. Margo Biba is truly a legacy in our organization. She has had such an incredible impact on all of us and done tremendous things for our organization.

To get to know me better, I want to share a few things about my background. I was raised as a dog enthusiast from a very early age. My parents were very reputable breeders of Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs from the time I was in 2nd grade. I was a junior show handler and went on to compete with my dogs in both confirmation and obedience for many years. While I will always have a place in my heart for Collies, my passion turned to

Retrievers. After my first Golden Retriever, Dakota, crossed the rainbow bridge, I found GRR in my search for another Golden.

I began volunteering with GRR in 2009 working the hotline and conducting phone interviews. Eventually, I started doing home visits, was the events director for a few years and then added matchmaking to the list. I joined the GRR Board of Directors in 2015 and took over as the Training and Behavior team lead in 2017. I've also fostered, done intake evaluations and transported dogs (from as far away as China). My husband and I have adopted six dogs from GRR over the past 10 years and five of them are still part of our happy family.

As we move forward, I envision GRR improving its methods and processes, offering more programs for fosters and volunteers, strengthening the bond amongst our teams and continuing to facilitate a more unified community. In its 22nd year of existence, GRR is looking for ways to better leverage technology, social media and the amazing talent from our volunteers who are the heart of our organization. What won't change is our strong commitment to rescuing, rehabilitating and finding homes for Golden Retrievers.

We are facing unprecedented challenges in our country today along with much uncertainty. [GRR's response to the COVID-19 virus](#) has required us to cancel all events, meetings and home visits.

We are still committed to rescuing Golden Retrievers in need so we will continue to bring in dogs and place dogs with current fosters and waiting-to-adopt families. If you have questions or need assistance with your GRR dog during this time of uncertainty, please contact the [GRR Board of Directors](#).

I look forward to working with you. Stay well and stay safe.

Best regards,
Michelle Goldberg

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input as members and volunteers. Please send a note to grrboard@grr-tx.com and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **May 16, 2020**.

The Lunchables Puppy Reunion



On March 14th, the Lunchables Litter had a reunion at Jumping Jack Dog Ranch. Breck, Cheeto, Islay, Nala, Coalby, Ralphie and Ziggy plus most of those who helped raise these

babies came. Can you believe that they are one and a half years old? Great fun was had by all!

Their mama, Avery Noel, is happy and thriving with her forever mom Jennie Lou.



Puppy pool party!



Lunchables mama Avery Noel



Tomlinson's Meet and Greets were Great!



Kellyn Smith and Juniper



Denise Cole and Romeo

On February 29th, Gail March led the GRR delegation to the Tomlinson's Airport location. Thanks so much to Kellyn Smith and Juniper, and Denise Cole and Romeo for working the Tomlinson's in-store on February 29th. Tomlinson's graciously provides food for our foster families through the Pound for Pound program. Special thanks to Gail for organizing the Tomlinson's events!

And the following weekend, on March 7th, Gail and her new pack were once again at Tomlinson's at the Allandale location. Gail says:

Thanks go out today (March 7th) for very special pack members who spent their afternoon promoting GRR and the Golden Breed! Vicki Schnell and Lacie, Joan Lava and Echo, Amy McCaffrey and Cowboy, Sarah Scott and Elliott, and my sweet Mandy- all representing our sweet Golden Retrievers to Tomlinson's customers. GRR, give them a hand!!! Until the next one... my thanks to you, as well!!!

And to you, Gail! You're great!



Sarah Scott and Elliott



Amy McCaffrey and Cowboy



Vicki Schnell and Lacie

Happy News!

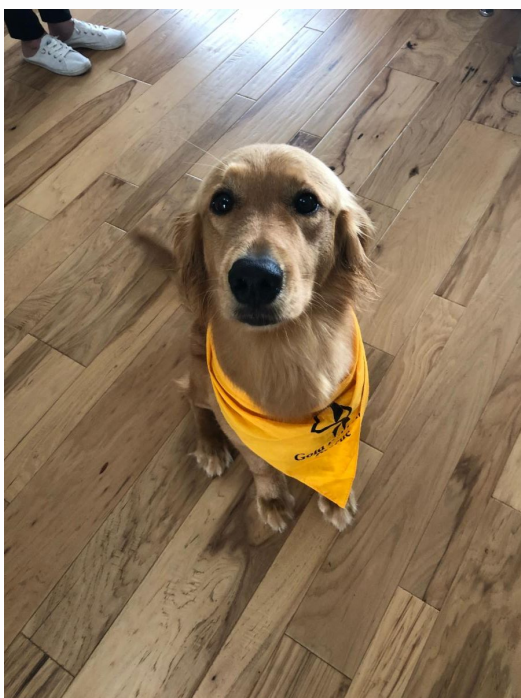
While the world may be on pause, GRR is busy finalizing homes for our pups. These are our March adoptees who all went to absolutely wonderful homes! Congratulations to all of our adoptive families!

While GRR has temporarily suspended accepting new adoption and foster applications due to the difficulty of properly processing new applicants in the age of the coronavirus, we are definitely continuing to take in Golden Retrievers. The happy news is that our dogs are also being adopted by already-approved families.



Steffi 19-112 Steffi didn't show the slightest hesitation heading out the door with her wonderful new mom and into her new life. She was adopted on March 1st.

Latke-19-118 Latke, now known as Willow, was adopted on March 2nd. Willow is living the good life with her new mom and dad.



Chloe 20-008 Chloe was adopted March 15th and is proud to brag that the GRR family rescued her into the life she deserves!

Chloe came to us from an owner surrender in Laredo.



This is **Murphy 20-017** who was adopted on March 21st and now goes by the name of Bentley.



Murphy went from a young family with not enough time, attention, and resources to properly care for him -- to this young man who now says life is complete and so much happier with this sweet golden by his side or in his lap!

Beckham 20-007 Beckham was adopted on March 21st. This Golden boy went from being tied to a pole or tree in a yard with zero owner interaction and often little or no water and food. Today he is living the good life and is greatly loved by his mom, dad, and his Golden sister Daisy.





Riley 20-011 Riley was adopted on Saturday, March 21st. What a cutie!



Chase 19-086 and Elvis 19-087

Elvis 19-087 and Chase 19-086 were adopted on March 22nd. This adoption is particularly exciting because these guys have been together their whole lives and have been through so much!

Holiday 19-113 Holiday (now Maggie) is about the most lovable and affectionate pooch one could ever meet. Her dad says:

- If she has missed you she will do rally laps around the house brushing up against you for just a moment
- Also has this thing she does when she is being silly where she



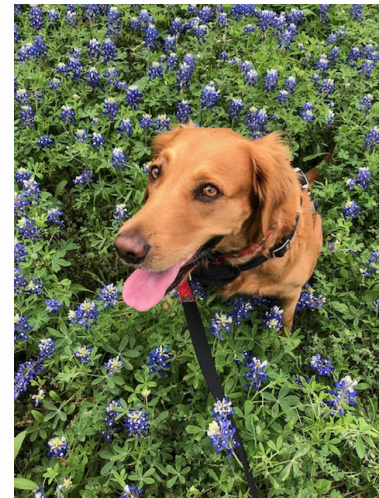
will lay on her back and waggle back and forth kicking her feet up like a cheerleader

- She loves the hose and thinks she'll get the better end of it one day.
- Loves to lead when we walk as if to say "Hey Daddy. I'll take it from here"
- Loves kisses
- She knows when you aren't feeling well and will do her best to

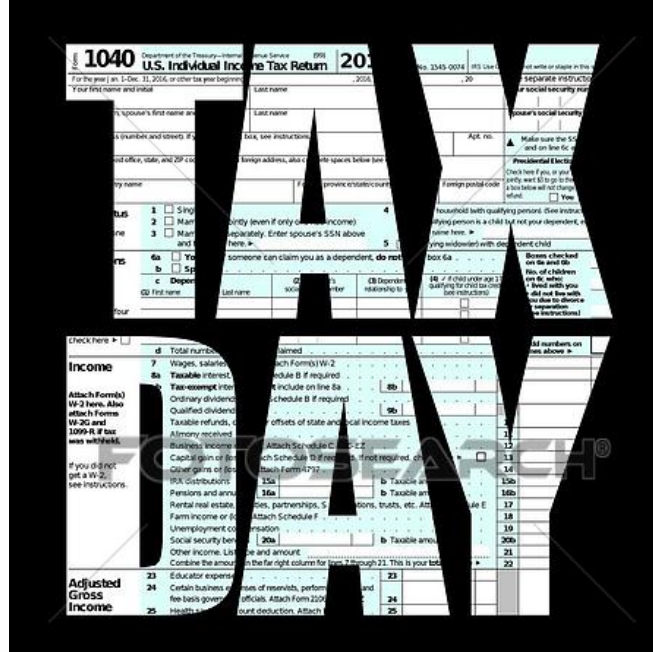
snuggle.

- Also likes to help you with your work, especially when you are on your laptop. She'll be sure to stick her nose in where it doesn't belong
- Thinks she's an Olympic swimmer

Maggie recently went on a walk-about, but returned safely to her doting dad. Social distancing is also getting to her.



Tax Day Extended until July 15, 2020



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On March 20th, it was announced that TAX DAY has been extended until JULY 15, 2020 for both filing and payment of taxes..

Tax Deductibility reminder

As a 501(c)(3), GRR is a "qualified organization". The IRS allows you to claim the following deductions as charitable contributions, if you itemize: Mileage for every mile you travel for GRR purposes: vet appointments, transport, home visits, etc. Direct expenses such as food, medical supplies and other items for a foster dog. Money spent on envelopes, postage, containers for supplies, baggies for supplies, membership fees, dues, etc.

From publication 526: "You may be able to deduct membership fees or dues you pay to a qualified organization. However, you can deduct only the amount that is more than the value of the benefits you receive." GRR always recommends that you talk with your tax consultant/adviser on all deductions. See publication 526 [here](#).

Where is She Now? Copper 11-010



(Copper checking out what might be on the counter)

Copper (formerly Kopper) came into GRR care at the end of 2010, pregnant with 10 puppies and craving attention. She had been used for breeding, had had three owners before coming to GRR, and had a previous litter of seven puppies, all before the age of two. She was fostered by Donna and Arne Larson who helped Copper bring her babies into the world and nurtured Copper and her puppies until all were adopted.

Copper was adopted by Ann Woody and John White on August 4, 2011 and has been a much beloved member of their family ever since, along with her sister Chloe (12-140 pictured below) who recently passed away from cancer.

Copper was a counter surfer from the beginning and remains so to this day. Ann says:

"She has been (and continues to be) a great pet. Granted, we have suffered the occasional loss of, say, a salmon steak, a beautiful Trader Joe's bone-in pork chop, half a pan of cornbread, 16 chocolate chip cookies, cooling on the rack, but...we're not holding it against her. Copper is a lovely dog!"



Chloe - Rest in peace

15 Minute Games to Play with Your Dog



By Victoria Schade - Pet Central

You've got a full schedule ahead of you and a dog who's begging for your attention. While it might be tempting to go for a quick walk and call it a day, a better way to take the edge off your pup's pent-up energy is a quick 15-minute game to play with your dog, one that taps into their natural drive and incorporates body and brain.

The following dog activities are on near-constant rotation in our home, whether I only have

a few minutes to spare or I have the luxury of spending more time playing with my dogs, Millie and Olive. Fifteen minutes isn't a huge time investment, but if you play the right kind of games, your dog will thank you for the good time.

Tug-of-War

People used to mistakenly believe that playing tug-of-war could cause aggression in dogs, but playing it with a few simple rules is actually a fantastic way to quickly exercise your pup.

The rules of tug-of-war are simple:

1. Your dog waits to take the tug toy until you present it.
2. They release the toy when you ask.
3. They respond to "sit," "wait" and "down" during breaks in play to encourage focus and discourage over-excitement.

The type of toy you use to play this game with your dog is important since your dog is likely to have a preference for both the size and texture of it. Smaller dogs might enjoy a soft toy like the KONG Scrunch Knots Fox Toy, while bigger and more energetic tuggers might benefit from a rope toy like the Frisco Rope with Squeaking Ball toy, which puts enough space between the eager mouth and delicate fingers.

Tug-of-war is a perfect quick game because it's easy, it doesn't require much space and adding the training element in between rounds helps your dog's training stay fresh.

Continue reading [here](#):

Happy Easter



What Happy Looks Like!!!!!! Scout 19-085





Do you have sago palm trees near your home? Or does your dog walk take you near any sago palms? Sago palm trees are extremely toxic to dogs, and ingesting any part of the plant can be fatal to your dog.

These palm trees, for all their beauty, are so toxic – and, in so many destinations, so common. Many homes and businesses across Texas feature them, and they're especially common the closer you get to the coast. We even see them on the grounds of dog-friendly hotels, which is really frightening.

These palms are low-rise plants, and can even sometimes be found potted. You've no doubt seen them in one size or another. If you have sago palms near your home—or you might run across them on your day trips or travels with your dog, please be sure to read this story by Tampa's Keene Veterinary Hospital:

Paula Tatgenhorst had been living in Tampa for only nine months after relocating from St. Louis, Missouri for a new job opportunity. Her three rescue dogs, Bella, Boomer and Cindy had made the trip to the Sunshine State with the rest of her family. On a warm day in March, Paula decided to do some spring gardening, which involved her replanting two seeds from a plant in her front yard into a pot on her pool patio. Hours later, she found Bella playing with one of the walnut-size seeds.

Continue reading [here](#).



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Chloe (12-140)
Sandy B (da Beach Babe 07-083)
Fritz Nuckols of the Isles
(Honorary GRR)
Chuck (18-015)
Sampson (07-050)



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