Rescuing Goldens and changing their lives forever. Gold Ribbon Rescue **Golden Tales** April 2023 A Message From Our President

not have time for them; they were crated for long hours every day or left outside. If you are interested in fostering and are willing to be patient and allow a new dog time to settle in and decompress, we need you. Being a foster is rewarding, but it means having realistic expectations of a dog who has just had its entire world turned upside down and is trying to adjust to a new environment with new people and possibly new animals. Even a young golden retriever needs decompression time and a lot of patience. Some fosters tell us that in order to bring a foster into their home the dog must be good with other dogs, love the cat, not counter-surf, walk well on a leash and more. This is a lot to expect of a dog on Day One. While we do not bring in dogs that have known aggression issues, many of them are in need of training and learning boundaries. It is not fair to the foster family or to the dog to give assurances that the dog will love everyone and follow the rules right away. We do our best to give as much information as

we have about the dog; but when we put a dog in a new environment, we may see new behaviors as the dog needs time to adjust. GRR can provide a lot of support to our foster and foster-pending-adoption families. We build a team for each dog to help ensure that a dog's foster period moves in the right direction. And there is always someone available to answer questions if you need it. If you are up for the commitment of getting these dogs on the path to their happily-ever-

get the foster process started. Our adoption and foster policies are the same and you can review them and apply **here**. Thank you for your continued support and please reach out to me if you have questions. Warmest regards Michelle

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the **GRR Board** and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is May 27, 2023.

**HAPPY SPRING!** 

**It's Bluebonnet Time in Texas!** The More You Know **Volunteer Orientation Webinar** 

Please join in for this high level overview of Gold Ribbon Rescue. We will discuss how the organization functions and the various areas of operation as well as specific volunteers' needs. All are welcome to participate. When: April 19, 2023 Time: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Denise Martinez by April 17th if you are planning on attending. Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 229 427 602 015 Passcode: nFyKf2 Download Teams | Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 689-206-0321,,24305564# United States, Orlando Phone Conference ID: 243 055 64# **Change in Foster Period** We have increased the minimum foster and foster-pend-adopt time from two to three weeks in the new home. This change allows more time for a dog to adjust and for us to better assess its personality and needs. The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

> The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

 Realizing this could possibly be his forever home ☐ Not comfortable enough to be "himself" ☐ Gained a complete sense of security with his new family ☐ Figured out his ☐ May not want to eat or drink ☐ Set in a routine ☐ Getting into a routine ☐ Shut down and want to Lets his guard down and may start showing his under a table true personality □ Testing the boundaries ☐ Behavior issues may start showing up

WE NEED FOSTERS - WILL YOU BE OUR HERO AND HEROINE?

**GREAT NEWS:** we are seeing an unprecedented number of young, active, male Goldens

**EVEN BETTER NEWS:** We would like to welcome and invite **NEW** potential foster families to fill out an application and complete our screening process which includes application, a

**BEST NEWS OF ALL**: Your most important role as a foster is to provide kindness, patience, and support while you help prepare your foster dog for its forever home. Support can come in the form of rest and quiet, basic training and house manners, or medical recovery. You will never forget the joy and feeling of helping a dog at the moment he

vet check, phone interview and in-person home visit.

After

3 weeks,

☐ Starting to settle in

☐ Feeling more comfortable

After 3 months,

Finally completely comfortable in his home.

☐ Building trust

In the first 3 days,

☐ Feeling overwhelmed ☐ May be scared and

unsure of what is

going on

coming in!

needed you most!

Please read our criteria to apply here. IF YOU QUALIFY -- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE ASAP! After reading our criteria, if you still have questions: please email our Adoption Team. HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRR GRR Rocked. GRR Amplified. GRR Saved Goldens. Austin Day We asked and you came through. Wow, did you come through! This year our Amplify Austin Day goal was is to raise \$12,500 to help save Goldens. And the result? Are you ready? Drum roll please! Thanks to you we raised \$18,295, which is almost 150% of our goal! You have our heartfelt thanks. We're overwhelmed and so grateful for your generosity! **Paint Your Pet** 

Join us on May 21st for a fun afternoon of painting (along with wine and munchies) and leave with a 16x20 canvas of your Golden. You can learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

Sip, Mingle and Have Fun at the GRR Whine and Barkcuterie evening on Saturday, June 17th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.in Austin. Event details will be coming shortly and registration will begin on May 1st. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to help celebrate GRR's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 17<sup>th</sup>. All attendees will leave with a commemorative 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bottle of red or white wine.

GRR 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Our 2022 Story

Gold Ribbon Rescue

Goldens. You may read our Annual Report here.

The Puppies are On the Move!

News Flash: Puppy Update

puppy applications.

**Look Who's Here!** 

GRR dog. Welcome!

now GRR dogs.

Madison back to Austin.

Adopted!

Bear 22-076

this one happen! Team work makes the dream work!!

Our 2022 Annual Report is now available. This report tells our 2022 story --- our mission, key activities, demographics, dogs and financials Plus lots of photos of our beautiful

**NEWS ABOUT OUR GRR GOLDENS** 

companion. The puppies are healthy; they are starting to play and their personalities are The puppies just turned 6 weeks and are really starting to play with each other and They will be ready for adoption shortly after Easter. Read more about Star and her puppies and how to complete an adoption

adoption criteria, be sure to submit your application right away...

The story of Star and Her Puppies touched all of us. However, one of our supporters was so touched that they are donating half the adoption fee for each puppy. While this supporter wishes to remain anonymous, they are thrilled to be making a difference in each puppy's life. With this donation, the puppy adoption fee is \$225 and we are now accepting

• Star is basking in all her roles: mom, foster dog, foster sibling and human

application. If you are interested in adopting one of the puppies and you meet our

**Our March GRR Arrivals** 

23-025 Ranger is a 14 month-old male who was surrendered because he was getting into trouble chewing things. He was bored just living in the backyard with another dog and has likely had minimal exposure to new people and situations. He is a very nice dog who was

23-026 Ally (aka Socks) is a 16 month-old owner surrender from Laredo. Her family was moving and couldn't take her with them. Ally has lived her entire life outside in the backyard, except on very cold days when she was put in the garage. Ally is a very good girl and will lead the life she deserves with a loving family. We're so glad she's with GRR.

23-027 Buddy is approximately 4 months old and is an owner surrender from the San Antonio area. The owner had always wanted a Golden and her mom got her a puppy as a surprise, not taking into account that the family is in a second floor apartment with three small kids and with a fourth one on the way. It was just the wrong situation. We put a plan together quickly so that the owner wouldn't just give him away and thus, Buddy became a

just in the wrong environment. Good things are in store for Ranger!

so we're taking it slow and giving them plenty of time to decompress. Luna is the lighter Golden and is with her FPA family. Travis is the darker of the two and is currently at boardand-train for two weeks to help him settle in. Welcome to GRR! 23-031 Madison is a 6 month-old foundling from South Odessa. It appears that she was dumped in the area with a Border Collie. Various neighbors had

Next, we tried GRR volunteer and private pilot, Dave, but he and his wife Lisa were in NYC for the weekend. HOWEVER, they asked Tom Cedel, a friend of theirs who is also a pilot, if he could transport Madison and Tom and his wife readily agreed to fly to Odessa and bring

What teamwork and awesome volunteers we have! It sure took the entire village to make

We are absolutely ecstatic to announce that Bear was adopted on March 4th by David, Kelly and Ethan. Bear is so lucky to find his perfect home with them - they knew from the

Bear came to GRR late in November, 2022 after he had been used as a breeding dog and then was cast out because he was "old." He is probably around 10 years old and after undergoing heartworm treatment and neuter, he was finally adoptable! He's a wonderful

Congratulations to the new family, especially to Bear, for finding each other and joining

moment that he came to their home that he should be theirs.

together as a wonderful family

**Gunny 22-022** 

the Golden.

seen the two dogs around for a while. a Good Samaritan was able to find a foster home for the Border Collie and then contacted GRR to see if we could help with

After scrambling to find a way to get this girl transported from Odessa to Austin, we reached out to our volunteer and private pilot, Glenn, who was unable to fly.

We really don't know much about either of them, except that they are both shy and timid,

23-028 Nori is a 5 year-old owner surrender from the Kaufman, TX area. Nori had been used to a quiet household with an older couple, nice cats, and a companion dog of similar age and temperament. Then she found herself in a new home with four other dogs, all under age 2, and a fairly pesky cat. Nori was overwhelmed and intimidated by them and spent most of her time in her crate. Now Nori has peace in her FPA home and is wagging her tail and loving all the hugs and sweet pets that she is receiving. Such a good girl!

23-029 Luna and her pal 23-030 Travis are two year-olds who were abandoned at a grooming salon in Kaufman, TX. The owner of the business contacted GRR to see if we could helpand after a few days we were able to formulate a plan for both of them. Tthey're

his new family. He loves his daily walks, play time with his new furry sister, Millie, and snuggling with his human parents. He's growing so fast and has learned so much in his six months on earth. His family is taking many pictures of him and you can see how he's growing and changing every time they share a photo. Congratulations to them all! Sam 23-020

Congratulations to Sam and Mary, his new mom, who became family on March 16th. Mary had been so missing having a furry companion after losing her Herald and Sam seems to be just what she needed! Likewise for Sam, who was rescued from quite a bad situation,

Sam will be NINE in May! Looking at his sugar face (or lack thereof), we really can't believe that he will be that old. He certainly doesn't look or act like it! Sam and Mary are such a

Magnus was adopted on March 25th by Rick and Brittany and it's such great news that this gentle giant has a forever family! His new mom an dad and two human brothers are thrilled

This boy came to GRR due to uncontrolled seizures that his previous family was unable to cope with. Many thanks to his foster family for taking such wonderful care of him and loving him, while working to get his seizures under control with proper, scheduled medication.

Hooray for Magnus on his new life!!

and Mary is just the mom that he needs!

Magnus 23-008

that he has joined their family

Amber 22-023

happy team now and we couldn't be more thrilled!

Gunny was adopted on March 15th by Andrew and Erin and he is a wonderful addition to

We're so happy to announce the adoption of Amber to Ann and John on March 28th. Amber was a stray from the Lampasas Shelter with a baseball size growth on her left ear that GRR vets removed a month ago. Amber received the most wonderful care from her foster parents, Brandon and Devon, who declared her their absolute best foster experience ever! Amber has such a sweet and sunny personality, you cannot help but fall in love with that adorable sugar face! Ann and John have been wonderful long time supporters of GRR and have been waiting for quite a while to be able to welcome a sweet girl like Amber into their home. There is no doubt how much in love Ann and John are with Amber already and she has totally fallen for them too. She is loving all of the belly rubs they are giving her and Amber has made herself right at home, sprawled out on the floor with her favorite toy!

Congratulations to Ann and John and Amber! Heartfelt thanks to all of the GRR family who helped to make this special day happen for them! This is a true storybook ending for our sweet gal! **ABOUT DOGS** Who Says Dogs Can't Fly!

Meet Madison, GRR's latest high flying Golden

Cha Cha 16-075

**Thoughts, Prayers and** Remembrance...

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Hello Friends, Happy Spring! As you may have seen in our social medial posts, we have had many owner surrenders of young dogs. Thus far this year, 26 of 33 incoming dogs (almost 80%) have been under the age of 2 years. Many of these young dogs are very active and in need of training as their surrendering owners did

after forever home, we need you to foster. Please visit our website to view our policies and