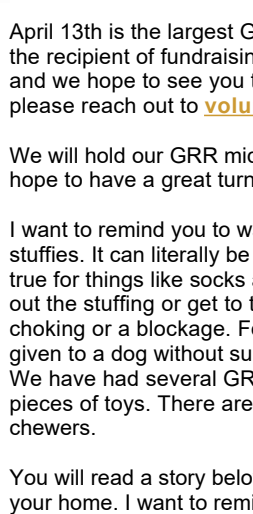


Rescuing Golden Retrievers and
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April 2024

A Message From Our President



Hello friends,

Happy Spring! The wildflowers are absolutely beautiful this year. I hope you can get out and enjoy the scenery with your four-legged family members. Be sure to share your photos with us and watch out for snakes.

I want to thank everyone who came out to the Bell Springs-Winery meet up last month. It was so much fun.

April 13th is the largest Golden Retriever gathering in Texas and Gold Ribbon Rescue is the recipient of fundraising efforts from this event. GRR will have a booth at the event and we hope to see you there. We do need volunteers for the event so if interested please reach out to volunteers@grr-tx.com.

We will hold our GRR mid-year business meeting on May 15 and it will be virtual so we hope to have a great turnout. Login information and meeting details will be sent shortly.

I want to remind you to watch your dogs if they are playing with toys, especially with soft stuffies. It can literally be a matter of seconds and they can be swallowed. The same is true for things like socks and small cloth items. Many Golden Retrievers like to shred the toy to rip out the stuffing or get to the squeaker but those are significant hazards that can cause choking or a blockage. Food toys are great and absolutely essential, but should not be given to a dog without supervision who has the potential to chew or shred these items. We have had several GRR dogs need emergency surgeries as a result of ingesting pieces of toys. There are lots of options on the market these days for aggressive chewers.

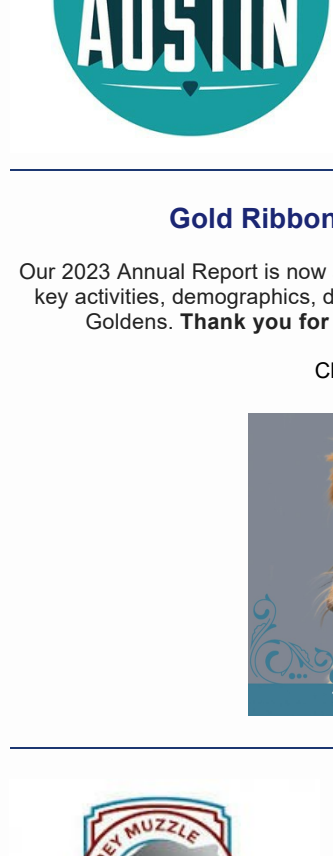
You will read a story below on how to take things slowly when bringing a new dog into your home. I want to remind you that it is essential to follow this guidance. Rarely will bad things happen when being overly cautious, but lots of bad things can happen if you throw caution to the wind. Golden Retrievers are the best dogs on the planet, but they do need time to adjust when moving to a new home. Please ensure success for all by not rushing the process and giving everyone in the household time to adjust.

Warm Regards,
Michelle

If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our [intake team](mailto:info@grr-tx.com) or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

Happening This Month!

Join us for the largest Golden Retriever meetup in Texas!



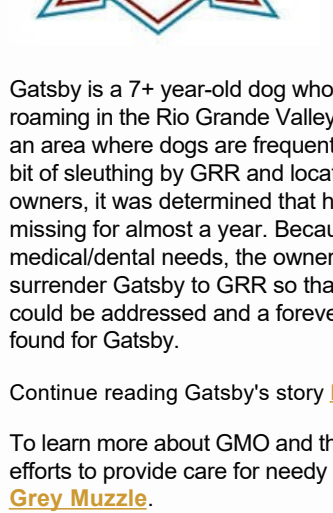
April 13, 2024
11:00 AM-3:00 PM

On Saturday, April 13th, we're bringing together all the Golden Retrievers in Texas for the second annual **Largest Golden Retriever Meetup in Texas!** Last year's event had 341 Golden Retrievers and this year we will shatter that number as there are currently 800+ humans and 750 dogs registered – so it will be BIG. If you have a **GRR Golden**, stop by the GRR booth for a GRR bandana.

The event is at Lustré Pearl South and starts at 11:00am but the official count and group photo is at 1:30pm.

We Need You! Please let Susan O'Reilly know if you can help as we need volunteers to hand out t-shirts, take raffle tickets and more. Contact Susan for details.

[Learn more, register, sign up for dog portraits and order t-shirts here.](#)



We Rocked. We Amplified. We're Saving Golden Retrievers.


Amplify Austin Day is the biggest giving event in Central Texas and thanks to you we raised **\$10,260** from 97 donors over 24 hours. Amplify raised close to \$10M for Central Texas nonprofits.

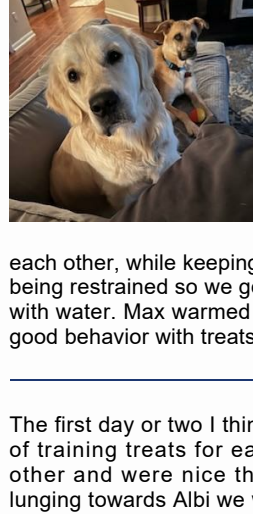
Thank you so much for your generosity!

Gold Ribbon Rescue 2023 Annual Report

Our 2023 Annual Report is now available. This report tells our 2023 story - our mission, key activities, demographics, dogs and financials, plus lots of photos of our beautiful Golden Retrievers. **Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue's Golden Retrievers.**

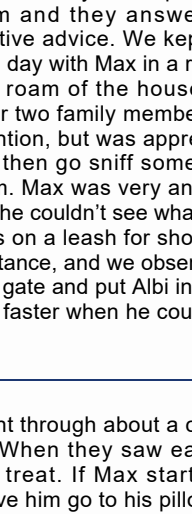
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Grey Muzzle Organization

GRR has a grant from the Grey Muzzle Organization to provide dental care for senior dogs. As part of the grant agreement, GRR has to send a quarterly report back to GMO featuring a senior dog that has been helped by the grant. This quarter the featured dog is **Gatsby 24-015** who is being fostered by Deb and also spent two weeks with Rick and Ernest as respite fosters.

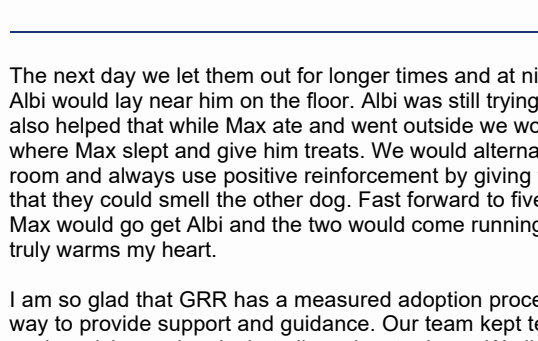


Gatsby is a 7+ year-old dog who was found roaming in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in an area where dogs are frequently dumped. After a bit of sleuthing by GRR and locating his original owners, it was determined that he had been missing for almost a year. Because he had major medical/dental needs, the owners agreed to surrender Gatsby to GRR so that those needs could be addressed and a forever home could be found for Gatsby.

Continue reading Gatsby's story [here](#).

To learn more about GMO and their nationwide efforts to provide care for needy old dogs, visit [Grey Muzzle](#).

Total Eclipse Day



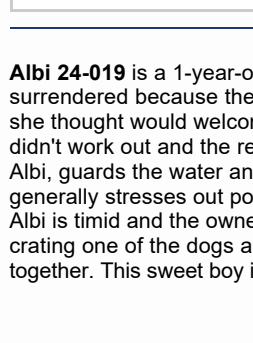
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It's All About the Dogs! Here's Our Roundup!

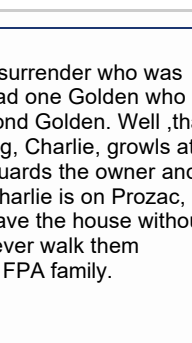
A Foster Family's Tale – Slow and Steady Leads to Success

Gail Ekman, Foster

The day arrived when we finally got to meet our GRR boy, Albi, 24-019. Upon arrival, the transporter came in alone to meet Max, our resident dog, who can be reactive to new people. Meanwhile, my son walked our new Foster Pending Adoption Golden, Albi. Once Max saw our joy and our neighborhood mascot, he was not very welcoming at the beginning. After an hour or two walking outside on leash, about 10-20 feet apart, they were occasionally able to get closer. We saw some lunging, but no raised fur. Then we went into the house with both dogs on leash and gave lots of treats when the two were near or able to see each other.



Fortunately, our whole family was able to be home for the first three days to help. We had a group text with our GRR team and they answered many questions and gave positive advice. We kept the two dogs in separate areas for a day with Max in a room with a person and Albi having free roam of the house so that he could approach the other two family members when he was ready. Albi loved attention, but was apprehensive. He would come say "hi" and then go sniff something in the corner or in another room. Max was very anxious about Albi and it didn't help that he couldn't see what was going on. We would put both dogs on a leash for short sessions so that they could see each other, while keeping their distance, and we observed their reaction. Max did not like being restrained so we got a baby gate and put Albi in a confined space (my son's room) with water. Max warmed up much faster when he could see Albi and we reinforced their good behavior with treats.

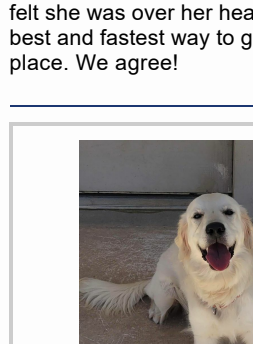


The first day or two I think we went through about a cup of training treats for each dog. When they saw each other and were nice they got a treat. If Max started lunging towards Albi we would have him go to his pillow. After he settled, we would begin slowly approaching the gate, giving treats, until Max approached with his tail wagging. Then we slowly introduced them outside the gate, keeping one on a leash while letting the other approach. On day four we were able to let them roam the house and let them sniff and play for short periods of supervised time.

The next day we let them out for longer times and at night Max would lay on the sofa and Albi would lay near him on the floor. Albi was still trying to find his comfortable place. It also helped that while Max ate and went outside we would let Albi in to sniff the room where Max slept and give him treats. We would alternate who was in the baby gated room and always use positive reinforcement by giving treats when they lefted places so that they could smell the other dog. Fast forward to five days later. When I left the room Max would go get Albi and the two would come running into the kitchen to find me. This truly warmed my heart.

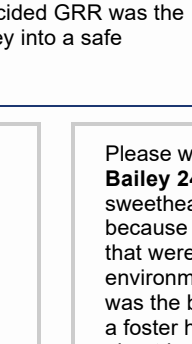
I am so glad that GRR has a measured adoption process and is there every step of the way to provide support and guidance. Our team kept telling us to go slow and give them the advice and tools that allowed us to do so. We listened and it worked. The proof is in the photos.

Look Who's Here! Welcome to GRR!

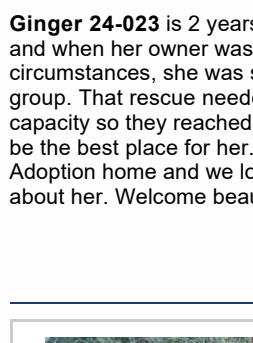


Dooney 24-018 is an owner surrender who was surrendered to our training friend, Courtney, because the owner was an older person with limitations. Courtney says "I thought, oh, honey, you are SO adoptable!" and says Dooney is shy and undersocialized, "but her reaction to move TOWARD her person for reassurance, not to run away."

Stay tuned for more details about this beautiful, gentle and smart girl. Welcome to GRR sweetheart!

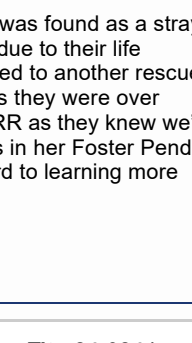


Albi 24-019 is a 1-year-old owner surrender who was surrendered because the owner had one Golden who she thought would welcome a second Golden. Well, that didn't work out and the resident dog, Charlie, growls at Albi, guards the water and toys, guards the owner and generally stresses out poor Albi. Charlie is on Prozac, Albi is timid and the owner can't leave the house without crating one of the dogs and can never walk them together. This sweet boy is with his FPA family.

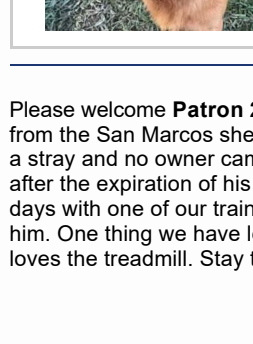


Freedom 24-020 is a petite, almost 8-year-old retired breeding dog from Scurry, TX. In her 10th and final litter, she had 10 puppies and was a good and devoted mama. Now that she is with GRR, she has a new life inside in her owner home with a loving family.

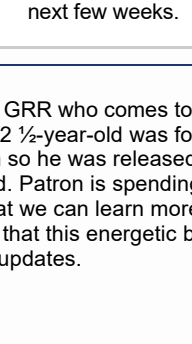
Freedom is with her foster mom who will help her adjust and learn to just be a dog. Her name, Freedom, says it all!



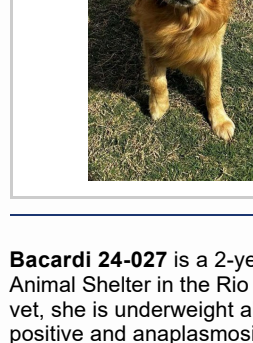
Whiskey 24-021 was found as a stray by not one, but two, Good Samaritans, both of whom called the GRR hotline. The first Good Sam had him in her back yard, but he jumped the fence and was gone. The second Good Sam called shortly after, requesting help with a found dog. Whiskey had been roaming the neighborhood for a few days and the finders wanted to keep him a few days to try to find his owner or to rehome him. They posted on social media and, as you can imagine, the response was overwhelming with the responses ranging from "don't send to rescue" to "I'll take him." The finder felt she was over her head and decided GRR was the best and fastest way to get Whiskey into a safe place. We agree!



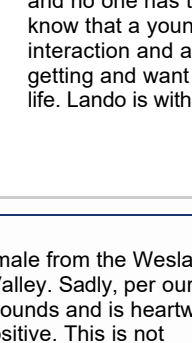
Please welcome this beauty to GRR. **Bailey 24-022** is a 10-month-old sweetheart who was surrendered because she has some medical issues that were challenging in her previous environment and her owner knew GRR was the best option for her. Bailey is in a foster home while we learn more about her and her medical issues and needs.



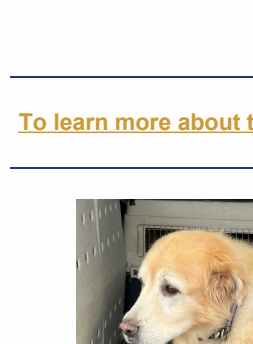
Ginger 24-023 is 2 years old and was found as a stray and when her owner was located, due to their life circumstances, she was surrendered to another rescue group. That rescue needed help as they were over capacity so they reached out to GRR as they knew we'd be the best place for her. Ginger is in her Foster Pending Adoption home and we look forward to learning more about her. Welcome beautiful!



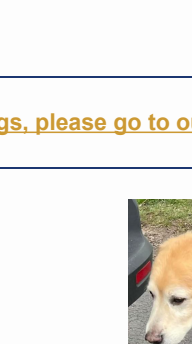
Tito 24-024 is a 2-year-old who comes to us from the Rio Grande Valley. He was a chronic escapee so the owners' neighbors took him in to find him a new home. They decided to bring him to GRR, knowing that he would find him a wonderful home. He is with his foster family and we are excited to learn more about him over the next few weeks.



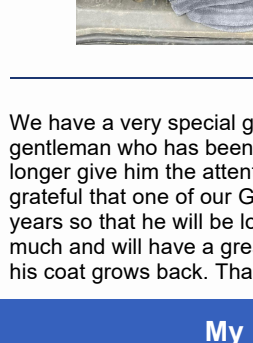
Please welcome **Patron 24-025** to GRR who comes to us from the San Marcos shelter. This 2 1/2-year-old was found as a stray and no owner came for him so he was released to us after the expiration of his stay hold. Patron is spending a few days with one of our GRR members stepped up to give this boy a home in his senior years. One thing we have learned is that this energetic boy loves the treadmill. Stay tuned for updates.



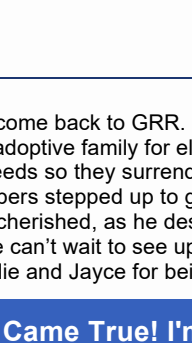
Lando 24-026 is a 3-year-old owner surrender from Manor, TX who was surrendered because the family does not have enough time for him. The owner says he is working very long hours and no one has time to spend with Lando. They know that a young dog needs a lot more interaction and attention than Lando has been getting and want him to have a better quality of life. Lando is with his FPA family.



Bacardi 24-027 is a 2-year-old female from the Weslaco Animal Shelter in the Rio Grande Valley. Sadly, per our GRR vet, she is underweight about six pounds and is heartworm positive and anaplasmosis (AP) positive. This is not surprising, as most dogs we get from the Valley are AP positive. Bacardi's lab values show anemia and elevated kidney levels so we are holding off on her spray for two weeks until the labs can be run again. Bacardi is with her very experienced foster family and their two dogs. Welcome to your new life Bacardi!

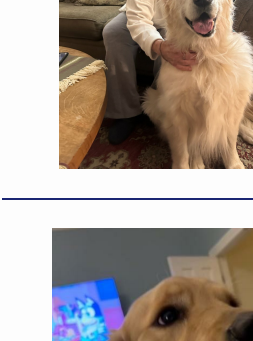


Indri 13-030

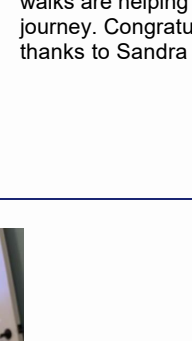


We have a very special guy to welcome back to GRR. **Indri 13-030** is a 13-year-old gentleman who has been with his adoptive family for eleven years. His family can no longer give him the attention he needs so they surrendered him back to GRR. We're so grateful that one of our GRR members stepped up to give this boy a home in his senior years so that he will be loved and cherished, as he deserves. Indri is already loved very much and will have a great life. We can't wait to see updates on him as he settles in and his coat grows back. Thank you Allie and Jayce for being the rock this boy needs.

My Dream Came True! I'm Adopted!



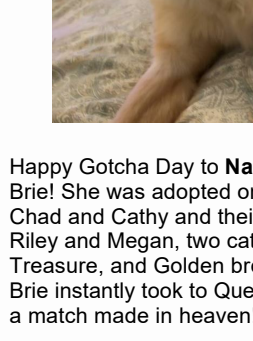
Gronk 24-006 was adopted on March 2nd by Sandra. He is now in his forever home with the kindest lady who totally adores him! This big boy came into GRR at 100 pounds and she has him down to 100 pounds. His thyroid meds and regular walks are helping him along on his weight loss journey. Congratulations to them both and many thanks to Sandra for loving this dear boy!



The Cheeses
Queso (left) and Brië (right).

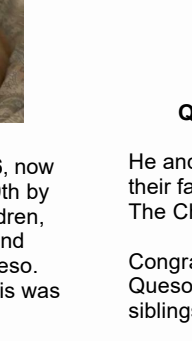
He and Brië are like peas and carrots; their family now lovingly refers to them as The Cheeses.

Congratulations to Brië, her best buddy Queso, her forever humans and her cat siblings. Happy days!




Huey 24-012 was adopted on March 9th by his FPA mom, Debra. She is absolutely in love with this sweet boy and was counting down the days until his three week foster period was over! She is over the moon that Huey has officially joined her family.

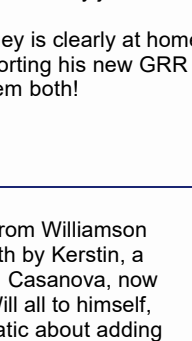
Huey is clearly at home on his new bed and is proudly sporting his new GRR bandana. Congratulations to them both!



Casanova 24-013, our stray boy from Williamson County, was adopted on March 18th by Kerstin, former GRR Matchmaker, and Will. Casanova, now known as Cash, has Kerstin and Will all to himself, much to his delight. They are ecstatic about adding Cash to their family and we are thrilled that Cash has found his loving forever home.

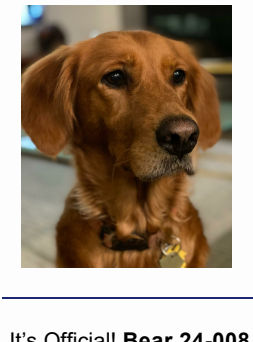


Penzey 23-104, now known as Kinsey, was adopted by Kelly and Gary on March 18th. They are cherishing every moment with the newest member of their family, and Kinsey is basking in all of the love. Hara put it best: "Those big eyes... it's like she really knows she will now have the best life ever." We love happy endings!

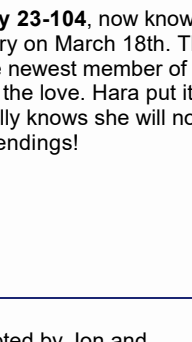


It's Official! **Bear 24-008** was adopted by Jon and Meghan on March 24th. Bear was found walking down the driveway of Jarley's Angels Sanctuary outside of Florence, TX back in January. After a few medical snags, he was matched with Jon and Meghan who are up for the task of acclimating and teaching this young boy the ways of living in a warm, loving home. Avelt, Bear's new house mate, is warming up to the realization of the young addition to the family!

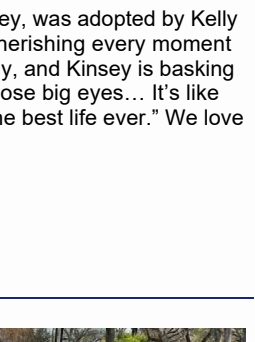
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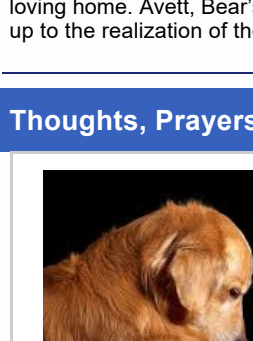
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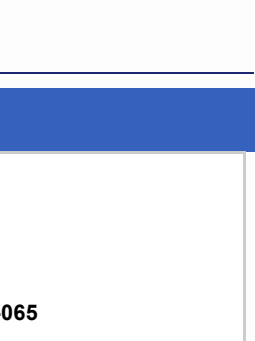
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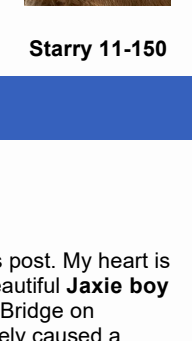


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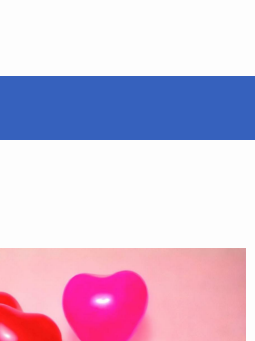
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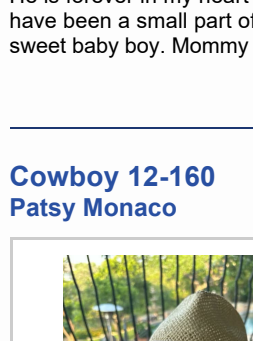
Jax 23-072
Laurie Sharp




I don't have the words to begin this post. My heart is broken as I share this news. My beautiful **Jax** boy 23-072 crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on 3/24/24. His heartworm disease likely caused a pulmonary embolism. He was in pain and I vowed to him that I would never let him suffer again. He was surrounded by pure love during his last moments. More importantly, he has been surrounded by love since coming into rescue. Jax was a beautiful soul who will have a lasting impact on me and my family. He is forever in my heart and I am so honored to have been a small part of his journey. Run free my sweet baby boy. Mommy loves you.



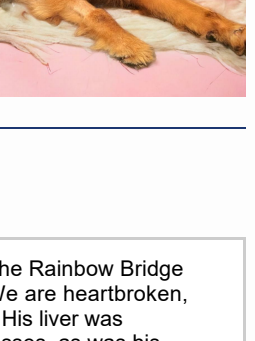
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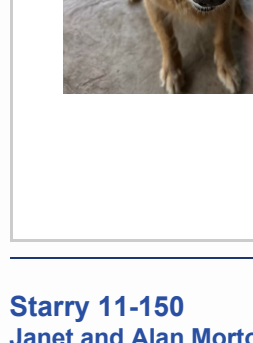
Cowboy 12-160
Patsy Monaco



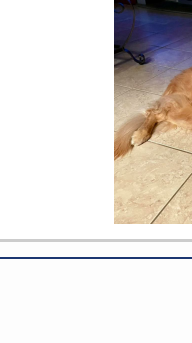
Cowboy 12-160 crossed the Rainbow Bridge this afternoon (3/15/24). We are heartbroken, but he is without pain now. He was a sweet boy, enlarged and filled with masses, as was his spleen. He was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma. Cowboy came to us nine months after our son, Colin, passed away so I always felt Colin sent him to us. I told Cowboy to go find Colin and run free with him.



Cowboy 12-160

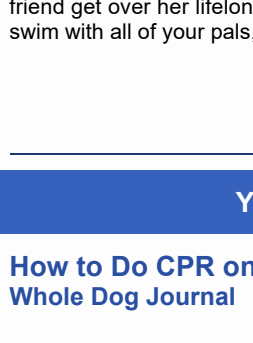


Starry 11-150
Janet and Alan Morton




It is with incredible sadness that we inform you that our dear **Starry 11-150** crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on 3/16/24. To say we will miss her is not enough. We are distraught. She was our joy and our neighborhood mascot. She will be missed by so many. Starry was so gentle that she helped a dear friend get over her lifelong fear of dogs. It's time to run and swim with all of your pals, Starry. We love you!

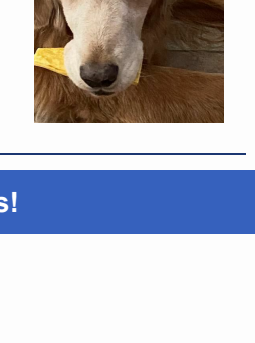
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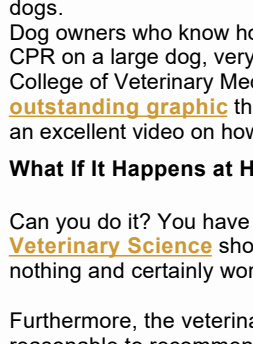
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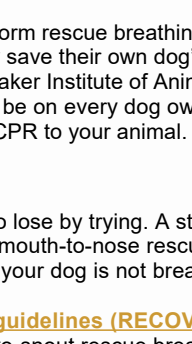
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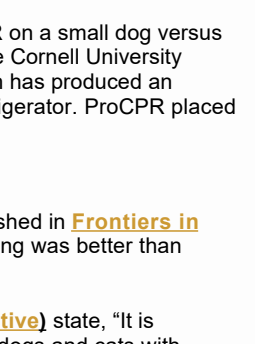
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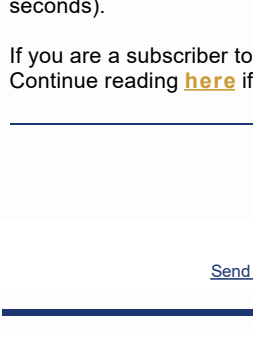
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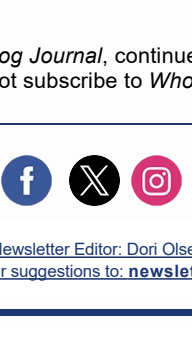
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Starry 11-150



Starry 11-150

How to Do CPR on a Dog

Whole Dog Journal

If your dog is not breathing, knowing how to perform CPR may save his life.

Our dogs are family members, so knowing CPR, rescue breathing, and other life-saving techniques is important. If your dog is not breathing, knowing what to do and how to do it before you encounter such a situation could truly mean the difference between life and death. Rescue breathing is a critical part of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for dogs.

Dog owners who know how to perform rescue breathing, or CPR on a small dog versus CPR on a large dog, very well may save their own dog's life. The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine's Baker Institute of Animal Health has produced an [outstanding graphic](#) that should be on every dog owner's refrigerator. ProCPR placed an excellent video on how to give CPR to your animal.




What If It Happens at Home?

Can you do it? You have nothing to lose by trying. A study published in [Frontiers in Veterinary Science](#) showed that mouth-to-nose rescue breathing was better than nothing and certainly worth a try if your dog is not breathing.

Furthermore, the veterinary [CPR guidelines \(RECOVER Initiative\)](#) state, "It is reasonable to recommend mouth-to-nose rescue breathing for dogs and cats with respiratory arrest or with cardiopulmonary arrest in a 30:2 ratio with chest compressions when endotracheal intubation is not available."

What does this mean? Well, "30:2" means for every 30 chest compressions you give 2 breaths. You should be giving approximately 100 to 120 chest compressions (2 compressions every second) and approximately 10 breaths per minute (1 breath every 6 seconds).

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