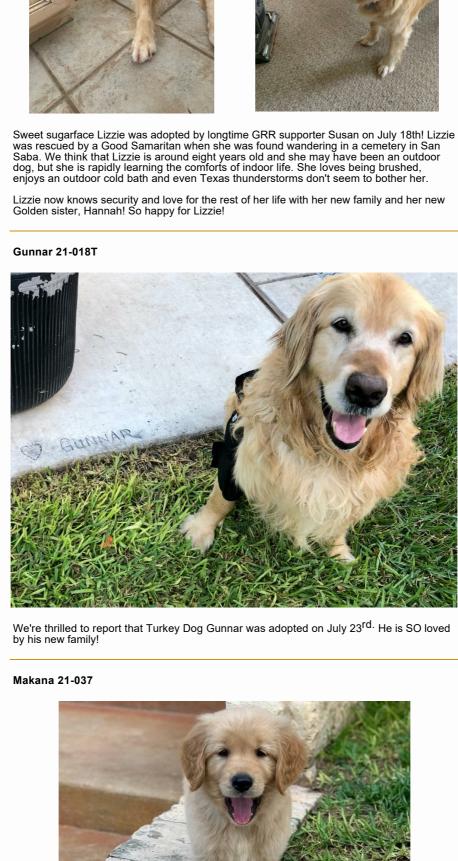
Rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming Golden Retrievers in Central Texas Gold Ribbon August 2021 Join GRR - Donate - Volunteer **GRR Store** A Message From Our President Hello Friends, It is hard to believe we are half way through 2021. I hope you and your family are staying well and healthy. At my house we are doing a lot of enrichment activities with our dogs to keep them entertained and cool during the "dog days of summer." Gold Ribbon Rescue has a truly amazing volunteer community and we could not rescue these dogs without your support. This was recently put to the test when we were notified on July 23 of a senior Golden Retriever who had just been surrendered by her owners to Palm Valley Animal Center. She was reported to be 18 years old and not able to stand on her own. The shelter was calling her Beauty. Jacki Mulkey, GRR Intake Director, learned her real name was Maye so that is who we came to know her as. Right away a plan was put into place to get Maye all the way from the Valley to the Austin/San Antonio area as quickly as possible. Long time volunteers, The Nelle family, jumped into action and Steve and his son Michael hopped in the car to begin the nine hour journey to bring Maye to GRR. Michael actually did most of the driving so Steve could sit with Maye in the back seat to comfort her. Susan Perry, GRR Foster Home Coordinator, was working behind the scenes to find the perfect spot for Maye to land once she was officially a GRR girl. Dawn Hinckley, GRR Adoption Director, was going to be the first person to care for Maye. You likely saw Dawn's Facebook posts showing Maye getting lots of TLC during their time together. Maye was not in good condition and needed hours of grooming to help her be more comfortable. Because of the love and safety Maye felt from her time with Dawn, she was actually able to stand up, walk around a bit, wagged her tail and gave Dawn a little kiss to show her gratitude as she knew she was in good hands. On Monday Maye went to Converse Animal Hospital where she would get fully vetted and then move to her foster home with another longtime volunteer, Nancy McGowan, who is always known to say "there's always room at the inn.' Sadly the news we received from the vet was not good. Sweet Maye, who was estimated to be 14+ years old, had cancer that had taken over her beautiful Golden body. Her future with GRR would not be long but it would be incredible for the brief time we would have her. Over the next couple of days it became clear that Maye's time was coming to an end much sooner that we had all hoped. Maye was put to rest on July 29th. Maye knew so much love in the short time she was a GRR dog. The outpouring of love and support shown through social media was tremendous. So many of you donated to Maye directly and through our Fun in the Golden Sun campaign to help cover the costs of Maye's medical expenses. We are truly grateful for your support. So while we did not have Maye in our lives for very long, she touched each of us and reminded us exactly why we do what we do. Each tear that was shed for beautiful Maye is a reminder that no matter how long we have with a dog, we will always do whatever is required to help dogs in need. Warm regards, Michelle Goldberg Michelle Invites You to Attend "Volunteering with GRR" We will be hosting a webinar "Volunteering with GRR" as part of our The More You Know series. Even if you're very familiar with GRR, there may be areas or opportunities you are unfamiliar with. New Volunteers are strongly urged to attend. We especially need Home Visit volunteers. The webinar will be held on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. To RSVP, please contact <u>Michelle Goldberg</u>. Join Zoom Meeting https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/93691769747? pwd=Zml1Sm9PaG4yYjlmQWhjdEV5TWFDZz09 Meeting ID: 936 9176 9747 Passcode: GRR Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to <a href="mailto:grrboard@grr-tx.com">grrboard@grr-tx.com</a> and include <a href="mailto:Questions">Questions</a> For The Board in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is <a href="mailto:August 21">August 21</a>, <a href="mailto:2021.">2021</a>. **The Dog Days of Summer** It's Hot! Fun Fact! Do you know why July 3rd through August 11th are called the Dog Days of Summer? The phrase "Dog Days" conjures up the hottest, most sultry days of summer. The phrase is actually a reference to the fact that, during this time, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. This time was referred to as "diēs caniculārēs", or "dog days." To read about Dog Days of Summer in *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, click <u>here</u>. Fun in the Golden Sun The results were fantastic! Our annual Fun in the Golden Sun campaign launched on July 10th and ran through July 25th. You decorated our Goldens' beach with so many sandcastles, balls, shells, starfish and pails, not to mention the kites and sailboats; very festive! Such fun! Our goal was \$3000 and thanks to all of you, we raised \$4325 - your generosity is overwhelming!. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to support our Goldens in need. Congratulation to our Raffle Winner, Lisa Savage! New this year was a raffle for a 7-night stay at the Wyndham at the Majestic Sun on Miramar Beach Resort in beautiful Destin, FL. The raffle raised an additional \$1000 - such generosity. Our deep appreciation goes to Barbara Michel who donated the raffle prize. It is her hope that this will inspire others to donate whatever they can to continue to help Goldens in need. It's Our Kind of Place Join Us for a **MEET UP WITH YOUR PUP** at the **Celis Brewery** in Austin! Celis, as y'all know, is an Austin institutionsteeped in history, the first craft brewer to bring Belgian beer to the craft world in ATX. So y'all can rest knowing that their wheat beers are AWESOME. The tap room is large, airy, albeit a little dimly lit. Plus, there's patio seating outside and get this--DOGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE AND OUT! " I love this bar, It's my kind of place. Just walkin' through the front door, Puts a big smile on my face. It ain't too far, come as you are. Mm, mm, mm, mm, I love this bar." Toby Keith Celis is reserving their off-leash dog park just for us on Saturday, Sept. 4th from 2-4pm! So mark your calendar and plan to bend an elbow with your fellow GRR friends. It will be great to see everyone again! If you have questions, contact **Gail March**. Please note: Gold Ribbon Rescue supports Austin Public Health Stage 4 guidelines which recommend masking indoor and outdoor whether you are vaccinated or not. **The Designer Turkey Dogs** Name: Prada Name: Chanel Gender: Female Gender: Female Age: 6-7 years Age: 4 years Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Kelly Topfer Tom Duffy Our two Designer Turkey Dogs arrived in Houston on Saturday night, July 10th. They came in under the wire, just days ahead of the CDC cut-off date to bring in dogs from certain countries. Michelle Goldberg and Allie Herbert were at the airport, eagerly awaiting their arrival and all went smoothly, except for an extended wait time clearing customs. Chanel, a petite 4 year-old and Prada (formerly Louis V), a slightly overweight 7 year-old who we belatedly discovered is a GIRL, spent their first night in Texas at La Quinta, an entirely new experience for them. Chanel discovered herself in the mirror and Prada seems to enjoy belly rubs, doing "dead bug" and waiting for Allie to give her loves. Both of the girls settled in, discovered the luxury of a comfy bed and enjoyed some down time and a good night's sleep. Chanel Every girl needs a Lambchop Checking out the lobby Good morning! On Sunday they were off to MVVC to spend the night, get a good bath and grooming and a vet check on Monday. Neither one has major health issues and they are both very friendly and social dogs. Then Chanel was off to her FPA home and Prada joined her foster family. Prada Prada is currently available for adoption. To learn more, visit Prada. Allie with Prada Happy! Her first hotel stay Welcome to GRR ladies! We love that you're here! 5 Minus 2 is 3 You know every dog has a story of how they got to GRR. Well, here is their story. It was the very end of May and the three month-old puppies were with a rescue lady in Roma, TX. She is getting old, a little blind and needed help with these two puppies. There were three puppies, but one died after an encounter with a poisonous frog. Our friend Sid Holden reached out to see if we could help and the answer was "Of Course!" The Pups Indy 21-030 Cassidy 21-028 and Sundance 21-029 The Pilot We posted a long distance transport plea on GRR Facebook and previous GRR adopter and pilot, Glenn Chiappe, volunteered to fly down in his private plane and bring them back to Austin. Roma is about 300 miles one way from Austin so Glenn's offer was gratefully accepted! This is the second airplane transport that Glenn has done for us and we can't express how much we appreciate it! Pilot Glenn (right) and his co-pilot It started out that Glenn would fly to Roma (then we changed it to Laredo) and pick up two puppies, but by the time he got to Laredo there were five dogs waiting for their plane ride. We added to the flight a little black mix puppy and a Bassett hound for Sid and a two yearold Golden for us. All five dogs safely landed in Lago Vista and were quickly on their way to their stash homes. The Passengers The Volunteers GRR volunteer Valerie Jones transported Indy to his foster home after a pit stop at Pilot Glenn's home. Glenn has a pool and Indy was the first one in! Ya gotta love a boy who has pizazz! Both Cassidy and Sundance were stashed with Gail March for the night. The next day they were off to be vetted at Northwest Austin Vet Clinic. The Initial reports from Laredo were that both boys were in very rough shape; possibly anemic, covered head to toe in huge ticks, one seemed to be developing an eye infection and their ears were covered in ticks and dried blood. They received excellent medical care from our GRR vet and they are both now healthy. They're both super sweet and just needed some TLC. "Stasher" extraordinare Gail March and a tired puppy the first night. This is the only time they would sit still for photos. Transporter Valerie Jones with Indy. Where They Are Now We're so happy to share that Indy was adopted on May 31st, Cassidy was adopted on July 5th (see Adopted! below) and Sundance is with his foster-pend-adopt-family, enjoying romping with his foster's seven year-old Golden. Thanks to Our Village Our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this rescue. It really does take a village and we appreciate ALL of our volunteers who work so hard to help us rescue our GRR dogs and find them their forever homes. **ADOPTED!** Indy 21-030 Indy was adopted on May 31st. His new dad struggled to get photos of this precious boy because he's a wiggle worm, but Selfies always work! Indy was one of our three "jetsetters.' That was hilarious Dad! **Practicing for Tongue Out** Squirrel! Tuesday **Cassidy 21-028** Cassidy, now known as Hank, was adopted on July 5th by a wonderful couple and they are one happy family! They immediately fell in love with him and knew that he had to join their family. He is one of our "jet-setting" pups and came in with Sundance and Indy. Nashville 21-022 Nashville was adopted on July 8th by his lucky new family. Nashville's new name is Astro - perhaps his family are Jetsons fans! Congratulations and many wishes for a long and happy life together! Astro is looking forward to new adventures and lots of good times! **Sloane 21-017T** Our sweet Turkey Dog Sloane was adopted on July 14th by a wonderful family. Sloane loves to run and has a big loping stride - impressive for such a petite little girl. Such sweet beginnings for the Ridleys and a wonderful forever home for Sloane!



Makana was adopted on July 25th by his new mom Tania. He's such a smart boy and

Happy days! Sweet 6 month-old LouLou was adopted on July 28th by her excited new family. She is full of puppy energy and loves playing, running and splashing on the top step of a pool.

LouLou is now in her forever home where she will have plenty of adventure, and love. We're looking forward to following LouLou as she grows and matures into a delightful

Montana was adopted by Jodi on July 30th. ♥

When our GRR volunteer went to the shelter to meet GRR Tundra, she also met Montana. We took Tundra. but our volunteer kept thinking about Montana as she was sweet, beautiful, has Golden-like feathers and pantaloons and most of all, has a Golden

personality. While we don't know Montana's pedigree, we do know that she's 100% sweet, loves people and other dogs and is filled with Golden exuberance.i She is a big fur ball of love, very sweet and cuddly without a mean bone in her body.

Our congratulations to both Jodi and Montana for finding each other!

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knows so many tricks already. Cutest puppy ever!

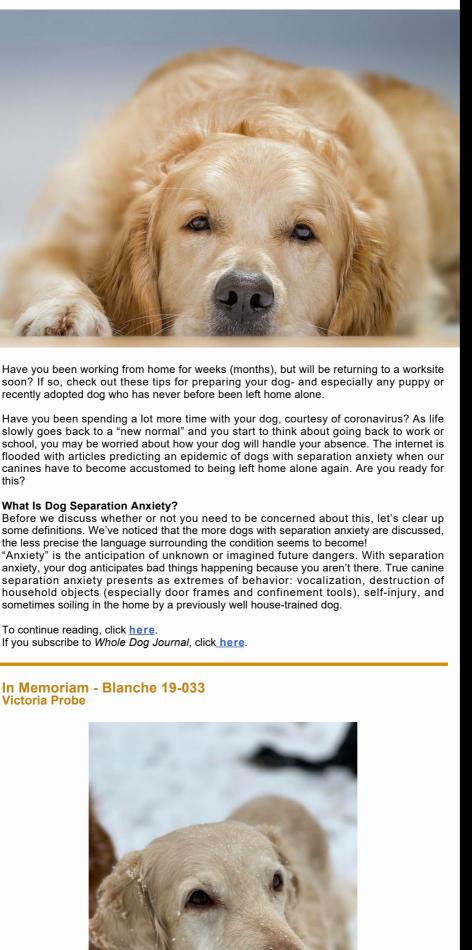
LouLou 21-034

young lady.

Montana 21-032

Whole Dog Journal

**Lizzie 21-035** 



We said goodbye to our sweet GRR girl Blanche (19-033) this morning (July  $8^{\mbox{th}}$ ). I am so grateful for all of the memories. She was a wonderful companion and puppy raiser. I'll always love you and hope you have an awesome time running around with Rose (19-034).

Samaritan found them by his mailbox and couldn't locate anyone who recognized them, so he contacted GRR. They were quite elderly when they came in and GRR named them Britney and Brandi. Many thanks to Victoria and family for making their last years full of

Editors Note: Blanche and Rose came to GRR as strays in April, 2019. A Good

comfort and love. We hope you find solace in your happy memories of them.



In Memoriam - JD 14-082 **Donnie and Cheryl Smith** 





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