Rescuing Goldens and changing their lives forever.



A Message From Our President

Hello Friends,



I know many of you read of the sudden passing of Emily Tuczkowski in the GRR Facebook group. We are still in shock upon learning this devastating news. Emily was a longtime volunteer and board member of GRR. She dedicated so much of her time and talents to rescuing Golden Retrievers over many years. Emily will always be remembered as a much cherished member of the GRR community and will be sorely missed.

Our Fun in the Golden Sun fundraiser ended with a grand total of \$8,985 in donations. Thank you so much for all of your generous donations. We have had six orthopedic surgeries this year and know of at least two more waiting to be scheduled. Your donations help our Extraordinary Golden Fund Dogs and we truly appreciate your generosity.

You have read a lot about our 25th year anniversary during the past months and we will continue to celebrate with a really fun event coming up on September 30th at Jester King Brewery. This will be a dog friendly event and we can't wait to celebrate with many of you. We are looking for silent auction items to be donated. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Paula Ellis. More details to follow.

We are going to be participating with Kendra Scott in a Kendra Scott Gives Back event at their store in the Domain on August 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. They will donate 20% of the proceeds from all sales during this time to GRR. We need volunteers to represent GRR at the store during this time frame with their Golden Retriever. If you are interested in volunteering at this event with your dog, please contact our events group.

Ranger 23-025 is still looking for his furever family. He is a gorgeous, smart and exuberant 18-month-old boy who has a lot of love to give and he will absolutely steal your heart. He came to GRR as an owner surrender. He was living outside exclusively and had to learn how to be an inside dog. So he spent a two weeks in board-and-train to help him get started with some basic manners skills. He should not live in a home with cats or small dogs, but he loves larger dogs similar to his size and needs another confident dog in the home. He needs a family committed to continuing his training to ensure that he will become the best version of himself. If you are interested in learning more about Ranger, please visit his web page and contact me for more information.

GRR is ready, willing and able to help Goldens. If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our intake team at intake team or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need

Warm regards, Michelle

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the <u>GRR Board</u> and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **September 23, 2023.**

What's Going On This Month?

RESCUE. LOVE. CELEBRATE. 3500 Dogs and Counting

We are thrilled to continue our 25th anniversary celebration! As we reflect on this milestone, we want to share insights and information in a series of articles. Last month, we shared how GRR began. This month, we want to focus on incoming dogs. How We Get Dogs



Incoming dogs primarily come from shelters and owners. Other sources include strays, litters born in GRR care and international rescue; but the vast majority are from shelters and owners.

1998 - 2004 – Have minimal information so not reported. 2005 - 2010 – Owner surrenders and shelter dogs were about 50/50. ٠ ٠ 2011 - 2019 - Shelter dogs were double the number of owner surrender dogs. 2020 - 2022 - Owner surrenders tripled the number of shelter dogs and will likely quadruple the number of shelter dogs in 2023.

Why? Shelters prefer to place dogs within their own community, so most of them contact rescues only if the dog needs major medical care. For example, Reese needed a leg amputation and the shelter relinquished her to GRR. Two positive trends worth highlighting:

Once a GRR dog, always a GRR dog! If an adopter cannot keep a dog, it can always come back to GRR. Between 2005 - 2022, we had 187 returns, with a high of 30 returns in 2007. In 2013, we began seeing a steady decline with only 7 returns in 2022. Why? We suspect the decline is because of our stronger application and matching

processes and better training for our application, matching, foster and FC volunteers. No one wants to euthanize a dog, ever. Unfortunately, it must happen for serious medical or behavioral reasons. Between 2005-2023, we euthanized 243 dogs. The encouraging news is that while 21 dogs were euthanized in 2011, only 7 were euthanized in 2022

Why? Obviously, medical care improves each year. But, we are also setting a dog up for success by providing more training assistance to our foster and FPA families, working closely with professional trainers and placing difficult dogs in Board-and-Train programs, if needed International Rescue

GRR has rescued 65 dogs as part of our International Rescue initiative. Dogs have come from Turkey, China and Mexico. Due to CDC requirements, it is not feasible to bring dogs from Turkey or China at this time. But CDC requirements are different for Mexico, so we recently brought Brooklyn in from Ajijic, Mexico, south of Guadalajara. We hope to bring more Mexico Goldens to Texas this year.

Why? Conditions for these purebred Goldens in some countries are deplorable and we have the resources and families wanting to adopt, so it makes sense to help these dogs. It Takes a Village

Twenty-five years of rescuing Goldens would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of our volunteers, fosters, adopters, and donors. Your support has made a significant impact on the lives of these beautiful animals, and we hope to continue this lifesaving work for many years to come.



Gold Ribbon Rescue has received a \$4500 grant from the Grey Muzzle Organization (GMO) to fund dental care for senior Goldens over the next 12 months. GRR is honored to receive this grant as GMO funded only approximately 20% of the 370 grants submitted. Periodontal disease is a common issue for our senior Goldens. This is the second year that GRR has been awarded this grant by the Grey Muzzle Organization. You can read more details about the grant here.

Join Us at the Golden Pawlooza on September 30th



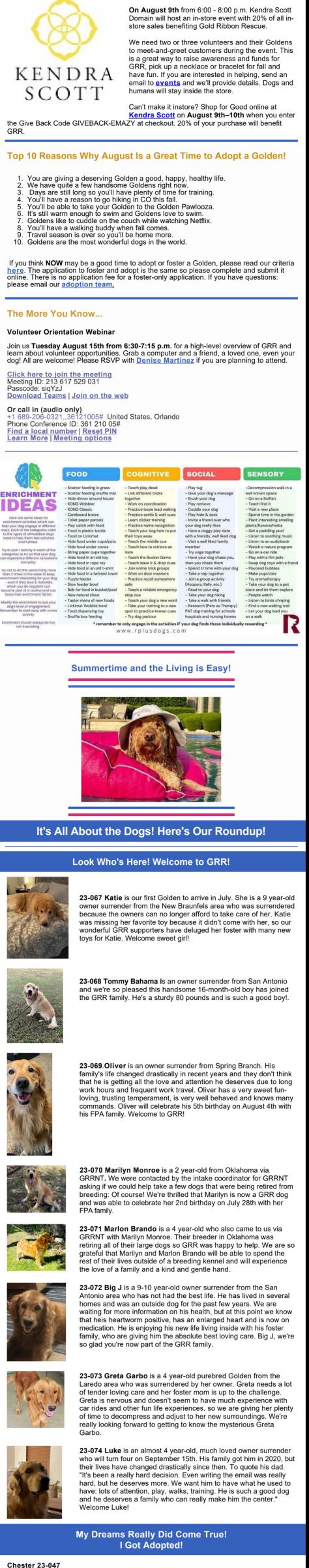
Jester King is a farmhouse brewery on a beautiful 165-acre ranch in the Texas Hill Country. There's plenty of room for you and your pup to walk the trails or say hello to the goats.

There will also be opportunities for individual photos for you and your furry friend and a commemorative group photo. Golden Pawlooza is a great way to honor our 25th anniversary and have a FUN afternoon in the Hill Country. Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale mid-August. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Where: Jester King Brewery 13187 Fitzhugh Rd, Austin 78736 MAP When: September 30, 2023 **Time**: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Please note: All dogs MUST be leashed and one dog per person. To donate items for the silent auction, please contact Denise or Paula.

Shine Bright, Do Good



Chester was adopted by by Jodi and Ron on July 2nd. They were smitten from the moment this fellow walked into their lives with his trusty tennis ball in his mouth. Chester, for his part. couldn't be happier that both his family—with canine siblings Thumper and Bennie and Tigger (the cat), too—and his tennis ball collection have expanded

Reese 23-033





Lynn and Gail knew right away when Reese visited them that she would be a keeper and they made it official on July 2nd. Reese took right up with resident girl, Belle, who is about Reese's same age and they have so much fun running around the yard. They make a great team and Reese will find oodles of love with her new family. We're so happy for them and Reese and also so thankful for the excellent foster care that she received from Hara and Jo. Congratulations to the new family!

Bucky 23-042



Let us explain it this way. Beth and Kirby brought Bucky into their home June 9th and by the 10th, they wanted to sign the adoption papers!!! Well, that finally happened on July 2nd and they are ecstatic having Bucky with them for many years to come. As you may recall, Bucky, was an owner surrender by a recent widower father with two toddler aged children. So happy for this guy! He will have a wonderful life.

Harley 23-048



Harley was adopted on July 5th by David and Lee and they are delighted to welcome this 8 year-old snowball into their lives. They are already marveling at how sweet and intelligent he is. As for how Charlie feels about his new forever home - well draw your own conclusion from the photo!

Jax 23-056





Jax was adopted on July 8th by Reagan and Laura and their two teenagers. No wonder the family looks taken with him: this lovebug has shown everyone he is eager to learn, play ball and keep his people close. And, he does love his toys! Such joy for the entire family, especially Jax!

Cooper 23-054





We're so excited excited to announce that Cooper was adopted on July 10th by his new mom, Natalie. He received a royal welcome from his new family that consists of his mom, a feline big brother and a canine big sister, "big" being a relative term given that he towers over both!. The photo with the welcome bandanas is just too cute!

Malibu 23-052



Malibu was adopted by Paulette on July 14th and we're not sure what could make us happier. When they met, Malibu ran right inside and instantly picked up this bunny, which Paulette said was meant just for her! We're sure that they will make each other very happy.

Walker Hayes 23-058



We're so happy to announce that Walker Hayes was adopted by Lois on July 14th. He is living a wonderful new life with his new canine sibling, Bear, and two resident cats, Baby Girl and Sadie, as well as Lois's grandson Joe! This family is over-the-moon happy and complete with the addition of Walker Hayes! Best wishes to them all! Lois wants to thank everyone at GRR who helped to make this day happen for she and Joe!

Ocean Pacific 23-066



How wonderful! Ocean Pacific, now Maple, was adopted by Lacie and Calvin on July 17th. As you can tell by the photo, they are already a very happy family. Congratulations to them all!

Coppertone 23-060



Coppertone, now Bear, was adopted on July 17th by Andrea and Edison who are ecstatic to welcome him into their home as their newest family member. He has a new mom and dad and both feline and human siblings. Life is sweet!

They wanted to share that they had such a wonderful experience with our organization through the entire process that they will be telling everyone who is looking to adopt a dog to consider adoption through our group.

Beans 23-055



Beans found his forever family with Jennifer and Gabriel on July 17th. This almost 2 1/2 year-old has settled in nicely and is busy learning the lay of the land. . He never begs for food or gets in the trash He is playful and LOVES his toys! He can play by himself and if they're up and doing things he stays close, but out of the way. He's an absolute cuddlebug and loves to cuddle on the couch if invited. Beans sounds like the perfect dog to us!



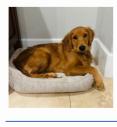
We're thrilled to share that Panama Jack, who is now known as old puppy has found his perfect home and many adventures await. Congratulations to the new family!

Capri Sun 23-066



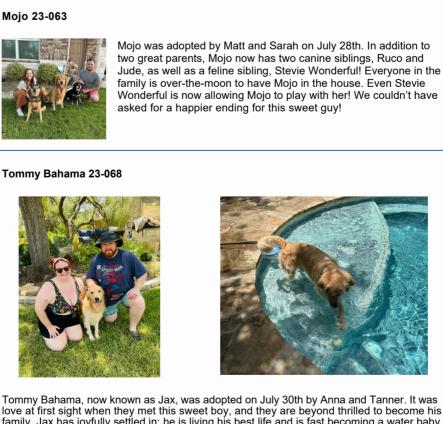
Capri Sun was adopted on July 21st by Jennifer and she has found the perfect home. She loves to be held and she equally enjoys playing with toys and chasing and being chased. Her foster said that her new family must be ready to spend a lifetime giving her tummy rubs. Sounds wonderful to us! Congratulations to the new family.

Barney 23-050



It is with great pleasure that we to announce the adoption of Barney on July 27th by his foster family, Matt and Gabrielle. They will love him and care for him and give him a great life. He will most likely be going through FHO surgery in about six months and they are ready to see him through his recovery. They just couldn't see having someone else doing what they really felt called to do. So thankful for this loving family!

Mojo 23-063





Tommy Bahama, now known as Jax, was adopted on July 30th by Anna and Tanner. It was love at first sight when they met this sweet boy, and they are beyond thrilled to become his family. Jax has joyfully settled in: he is living his best life and is fast becoming a water baby.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we are letting the GRR family know of the passing of Emily Tuczkowski. Emily was a pillar in the GRR community and a friend to many. She was a long time Golden lover and GRR supporter and was an active volunteer for 20 years. She fostered many GRR dogs, adopted several and helped in many areas of GRR.. She was a board member, managed GRR's first international Turkey Dog rescue and also started and actively posted on the GRR FB Community. She worked so hard to rescue many Golden Retrievers.



Emily passed away in her home in New Jersey. At some point there will be a memorial service in Austin and we will share those details when available. Emily will be sorely missed by all of us. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



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