

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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December 2019

A Message From Our President



Dear Friends,

GRR brought in a wide range of lovely dogs this month; age nine weeks through ancient. Our five China Dogs arrived safely and are settled into their foster pending adoption homes. Life is good.

Our annual online Tree of Hope fundraiser is underway – We use those funds to replenish the Extraordinary Golden Fund for medical expenses such as:

- Salem and George's hip and leg surgeries
- Parvo/Distemper pups' amazing life-saving treatments
- Arthur's TVT (chemo) .
- Kyna's emergency hospitalization, which saved her life
- Tucker's very expensive Enrofloxacin antibiotic.

There's still time to RSVP for our potluck Holiday Party on December 15th. Good friends, tons of good food, good times. You may purchase tickets [here](#).

My admission: I have no common sense, where dogs are concerned. In November, while Gary was out of town, I housed twelve dogs simultaneously. Even though I loved every single canine, don't let me do that again!

Happy Holidays!

As Ever,

Margo

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 **December 8, 2019**.

New Mailing Address for GRR

Due to the amount of activity and lack of parking at our downtown P.O. Box location, it has been harder and harder to get into the facility to check our mail. Thus, we have moved! The new mailing address is:

1101 W 34th St #336, Austin TX 78705

Donations, adoption checks and mail addressed to the Board should be sent to this address. Completed adoption contracts should continue to be sent to Margo's address. This change of address is effective immediately.

Note: This is only a mailing address and **not** a shelter address. All of Gold Ribbon Rescue dogs are placed in foster homes.



**Place An Ornament...Change A Life.
Light Up Our *Tree Of Hope* through December 31st!**

Through its life-saving mission, Gold Ribbon brings hope where there previously was none; peace where there was only despair. GRR saves those that have been thrown away, abandoned, or are sick. But, GRR believes all dogs deserve a chance; all dogs deserve love. Our Extraordinary Golden Retrievers are dogs who have

received medical or behavioral care totaling \$1,500 or more.

Help our Extraordinary Goldens (EGF) by decorating our online Tree of Hope with ornaments, lights, presents and Golden angels. This year's [Tree of Hope](#) runs November 15 through December 31, 2019.

Meet our 2019 Extraordinary Goldens: Britney, Li Ming, Jasmine, Ernie, Duke, Burton, Bella, Heidi, Redford, Kyna, Salem, Arthur, Elliott, Honey, George and puppies Star, Justice, Glory and Liberty. Each of these dogs enjoys a better life because of your EGF support. Meet our EGF Goldens [here](#).

Our Tree of Hope is a meaningful, easy holiday gift for all Golden lovers. You can write a special message with your ornament and we will send an acknowledgement if your donation is a gift for someone else. Just let us know where to send it.

Place an ornament...change a life.

Click [here](#) to start decorating!
All donations are tax-deductible.

Save the Date! GRR Annual Holiday Brunch

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: [The Hive at The Hill Country Galleria](#)

12700 Hill Country Blvd

Suite T125

Bee Cave, TX 78738

[Map/Directions](#)

If you are interested in donating auction items, please contact Paula Ellis at paula@grr-tx.com.

Purchase tickets [here](#).





Heidi Was Cannonized

John Horne

Heidi (19-061) was Cannonized November 23rd in a family ceremony with Marley (18-042), Tessa (formerly Barbs 18-116) and Ari (formerly Aragorn 16-054) witnessing the occasion. Adults participating in the ceremony were Arthur and Maureen Cannon, Maureen's sister Marguerite Rogers and yours truly.

The celebration began at the conclusion of the formal ceremony with the adults joining voices in singing a Happy Adoption Day ditty.

Tessa

Heidi

Marley

Ari



(Editor's Note: Congratulations to the Cannon family on their new family member and many thanks to John for helping to bring about this happy conclusion.)

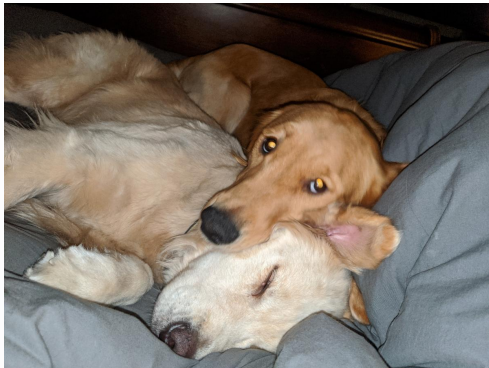
Thor (19-073)

Tim Tierney

Blade, is a four year old golden retriever. He has a brother, his cat Lou, but their

friendship is just in passing. **Thor (19-073)** came along as a foster dog. Thor was from San Antonio, and an owner turn in. He came in with ear problems, and wasn't eating much at all. Blade and Thor get along great; they play at all hours of the day and night. Often they will lie on a bed or couch together, not an uncommon picture with these two. One of their cute times of brotherly love is Blade allowing Thor (on top) to sleep on him. Thor has come along so much these past two months, due to his big brother.

They have a great bond now, and Thor has found his forever home.



Holiday Pet Safety

December abounds with holiday celebrations, but nothing can spoil good cheer like an emergency trip to the veterinary clinic. These tips can help keep your winter holiday season from becoming not-so-happy – for your pet and for you.

Plan in Advance

Make sure you know how to get to your 24/7 emergency veterinary clinic before there's an emergency. Talk with your veterinarian in advance to find out where you would need to take your pet, and plan your travel route so you're not trying to find your way when

stressed. Always keep these numbers posted in an easy-to-find location in case of emergencies:

- Your veterinarian's clinic phone number
- 24/7 emergency veterinary clinic (if different)
- ASPCA Poison Control Hotline: 1-888-426-4435 (A fee may apply.)

Food

Keep people food away from pets. If you want to share holiday treats with your pets, make or buy treats formulated just for them. The following people foods are especially hazardous for pets:

- Chocolate is an essential part of the holidays for many people, but it is toxic to dogs and cats. Although the toxicity can vary based on the type of chocolate, the size of your pet, and the amount they ate, it's safer to consider all chocolate off limits for pets.
- Other sweets and baked goods also should be kept out of reach. Not only are they often too rich for pets; an artificial sweetener often found in baked goods, candy and chewing gum, xylitol, has been linked to liver failure and death in dogs.
- Turkey and turkey skin – sometimes even in small amounts – can cause a life-threatening condition in pets known as pancreatitis.

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Blessings of the Season

Molly (16-102)

Molly (was adopted by the Buchanan family on November 25th. Molly made herself right at home in her new place!



Kyna (19-065)

Finally **Kyna (now Penny)** has been adopted! She is enjoying the good life with her new family, the SelbeMeyers, and her new furry buddy, Sherman. Sherman was named after the cartoon and Judy's daughter told her that Sherman's girlfriend's name was Penny, so that was how the name change was decided. Kyna responded almost immediately to her new name! Maybe she was a "Penny" before!

Sherman (left) with Kyna



Athena (18-020)

Cricket (Athena) has been with GRR since I got her as a medical foster just over 1.5 years ago. Each time she gets sick it gets very expensive. Due to the nature of her disease she has continued needing expensive health care that has stretched GRR funds time and time again. Last month we made it official and she was signed over to me as her legal mom. I've felt that she was mine from the beginning, but now it's official. SHE'S ALL OURS! I cannot thank GRR enough for all that you do for so very many animals in need. My wife and I will

continue moving forward with all of Cricky's medical needs and are so happy this girl will forever remain in our family. She is doing VERY well on her new medications and is spunky, happy and living life to the fullest. (Leslie Wayson)



Wimberly (19-104C)

Miss Wimberley, 19-104C, making herself right at home on November 20th after her first week in Texas. She's a delight; so affectionate and well-mannered. Wimberley is one of our China Dogs that became official Texans in November!



Tots and Tail Waggers Submitted by Robin Early

To a dog, a baby is a very strange creature—tiny, roly-poly, emitting coos and gurgles, and kicking and grasping at everything. What's more, a baby is an attention magnet and a routine changer.

Once baby arrives, life as Fido knew it is never again the same. Some dogs take this in their stride; others struggle with the new world order. But babies and dogs can live happily together. Some pointers:

Before baby: Well before your baby arrives, polish your dog's basic manners. Make sure

he comes when called, sits when asked, and knows loose-leash walking. Practice walking your dog with the stroller and having him sit for people coming in the door while you hold a doll. Arrange for a dog walker to take your dog out regularly for at least the first couple of months—a well-exercised dog will have a much easier time adjusting to a changed routine at home. And introduce some of those changes in routine now. Put your dog in his confinement/safe area for 10–15 minutes regularly with a stuffed Kong or chew bone.

After baby: Dogs don't experience Othello-style jealousy, but they do notice when they get much less love and attention, so give your baby and your dog attention at the same time.

Feed your dog before feeding the baby in the same room and praise your dog while carrying your baby. When baby is sleeping, have your dog practice downtime in his crate or on his bed. That way, Fido learns to associate good things with baby's presence.

The number one rule: Never leave your baby alone with your dog. However wonderful your dog is around your baby, it's not safe to leave them alone together. Dogs may inadvertently hurt babies when investigating or trying to play, whereas kids shriek and gesture suddenly, often startling dogs. And children in general, small children especially, have to learn to interact appropriately with dogs. Your best bet is to always supervise.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!!!**



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



Sable (13-039)



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