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December 2021

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season as 2021 ends and we prepare for good things to come in 2022. Gold Ribbon Rescue will not be able to continue to do what we do without all of your support, and we are extremely grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you so much to all who have donated to our Tree of Hope fundraiser which is already at \$6210.00. You can still donate until 12/31. Also, we do have only a few calendars left so if you have not ordered your 2022 GRR calendar please do so quickly. To order our Golden calendar, go [here](#).

Bob and I are very happy to open our home this year for the GRR holiday party so we hope you will be able to stop in for some holiday nibbles, cocktails and to mix and mingle. Whether you will be traveling or staying in town for the holidays, please be well and stay healthy. And always, remember that if you know of any Golden Retriever in need, GRR is always ready to assist.

Until next year my friends, cheers!!!

Warm regards,
Michelle Goldberg

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. 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 **January 8, 2021**.

HAPPY HANUKKAH



Tree of Hope



Gold Ribbon Rescue believes all dogs deserve love, care, safety and a forever home. Which is why we have rescued and rehomed more than 3500 dogs over the years and nearly 75 dogs to date in 2021. To us, no dog is too sick, too old or too useless so we'll do whatever a dog needs for a good life. Will you help us reach our goal? You have donated \$6210 so far - we're almost half way to our goal!

[Place an Ornament and Change a Golden's Life](#)

Decorate our Tree of Hope with ornaments, lights, Golden angels, presents and stars. Your tax-deductible donation helps GRR provide rescue care and find a forever home to Golden's in need. Click [here](#) to help decorate the Tree of Hope and help make a difference in a Golden's life.

Thank you for your generosity!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The GRR Holiday Get-Together



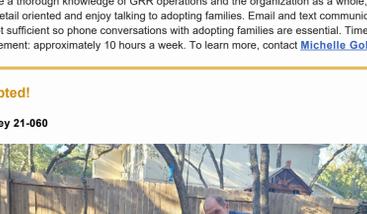
Join Us!

You and a guest are invited for Holiday Cheer at the Gold Ribbon Rescue Holiday Get-Together. Stop in for some holiday nibbles, cocktails and to mix and mingle. It's a great opportunity to make new friends. Huge thanks to Susan and Chris Wilson for donating a 3-night stay at their wonderful, dog-friendly beach home in Port Aransas for our Live Auction.

What: GRR Holiday Get-Together
When: Sunday, December 19, 2021
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Where: Home of Michelle Goldberg and Bob Benson
Location: 2304 Berkshire Way, Cedar Park, TX 78613
Dress: Holiday Casual
RSVP: Contact Paula at Holiday_Get-Together@grr-tx.com
RSVP Deadline: December 15, 2021

Happy Holidays from Gold Ribbon Rescue!

New Holiday Designs Now Available



Do you have a Golden lover (or two) on your holiday gift list? Check out the new designs in the Holiday Collection in our GRR store. They're perfect for celebrating the holidays. Be sure and order soon. They might be fun to wear to our GRR Holiday Get-Together!

To place your order, go [here](#).

Tomlinson's Pound4Pound



Every holiday season, [Tomlinson's Feed](#) hosts Austin's largest pet food drive in support of local animal rescues and shelters. From the Friday after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve, each pet food bag donated by customers is doubled - pound for pound. Gold Ribbon Rescue then donates the food raised to our foster families to help offset the costs of keeping a dog before it finds its forever home.

How to donate... You can donate [here](#) OR just ask the Tomlinson's cashier to apply the donation to Gold Ribbon while you are out shopping. For a store near you, click [here](#).

Please consider donating a bag or two during this time and show our support for our wonderful friends at Tomlinson's and help out our foster families at the same time!

Help Wanted

Matchmaker - Responsible for finding the perfect forever home for our Golden's. Skills include a thorough knowledge of GRR operations and the organization as a whole, being very detail oriented and an enjoy talking to adopting families. Email and text communications are not sufficient so phone conversations with adopting families are essential. Time requirement: approximately 10 hours a week. To learn more, contact [Michelle Goldberg](#).

Adopted!

Boogey 21-060



We want to share the great news that Boogey was adopted on November 1st by the Pries family! In addition to his new parents and a human sister, Boogey will also have five cat siblings to keep him company! His new family could not be more excited and we are so happy for his new beginning with a family that clearly adores him!

Aria 21-061 and Willow 21-062

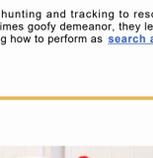


Wonderful news for these two lovely sisters! Aria and Willow were officially adopted on November 2nd by Mary and Thomas. They will be living the good life for certain! Lots of squirrels, birds and cats to keep them busy in their yard. Congratulations to the Evans!

Our volunteer was greeted through the front window and bid good-bye through the front door "window".



Hello!



Good Bye!

Leo 21-058

Leo was adopted by Amy and C.T. on November 5th. They couldn't bring him into their home until November 11th because they were pet sitting a special needs dog, but they were so excited about making Leo their own! Leo went on his first hiking trip with his new family and was quite happy as you can see in the photo, below left. Another beautiful GRR match! Thanks to all involved!



10 Fun Facts About Golden Retrievers

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You'd have to from another planet not to be familiar with [Golden Retrievers](#). This beautiful, exuberant, and loving [dog breed](#) is always among the most popular of family pets. Anyone who has been [loved by a golden](#) knows what a devoted companion he is. But there's so much more to know about this lovable breed.

1. Golden Retrievers trace their history back to Scotland.
For decades, apocryphal stories were floating around that the Golden Retriever was descended from Russian circus dogs. This theory was debunked when the [records of Lord Tweedmouth of Inverness](#), Scotland were released. In 1864, Lord Tweedmouth purchased a "yellow retriever" named Nous and bred him to a liver-colored Tweed Water Spaniel named Belle. The Golden Retrievers we know today are a lively-colored descended from Nous and Belle. Thank you, Lord Tweedmouth!

2. As sporting dogs, Golden Retrievers need lots of exercise.
These active members of the [Sporting Group](#) make poor couch potatoes. They're always ready for action, whether it's a game of fetch, [hiking](#), swimming, or other [exercise](#). They're natural athletes that excel at a variety of sports.

3. They're a hard-working breed.
Golden Retrievers are used for everything from hunting and tracking to rescue and [service dog](#) work. Despite that playful, sometimes goofy demeanor, they learn quickly and can master a multitude of skills, including how to perform as [search and rescue dogs](#) at the site of a disaster.

Continue reading [here](#).

Because It Makes Me Smile...



In Memoriam - Billy the Kid 11-036

Kerstin Arnold



My son and I adopted "Billy the Kid" from GRR in the summer of 2011. We wanted him from the moment we saw him and his beautiful eyes on the website, but we had to wait a while to get him after we were matched because he was still undergoing heartworm treatment. His past medical problems never stopped him once he came home with us! He loved to walk and run as much as we would take him.

We already had a black lab, who was adopted from HOTLR a few months earlier and who was also about 1 1/2 years old. Her name was Jessie so the name GRR had given Billy was perfect. We were so proud of our beloved outlaws, Jessie James and Billy the Kid! They were inseparable right from the start. Even in our large backyard, you would find them laying right next to each other.

Relaxing by the fire!

Jessie James and Billy the Kid

It was very difficult for all of us to lose him so much sooner than we ever anticipated, but he developed hemangiosarcoma, which was diagnosed in late September, and he passed away in our arms on October 6th. It was heartbreaking but we are enormously grateful to have had such a wonderful dog for over ten years!! He was always so sweet and gentle up to the very end!

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

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