

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming  
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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## A Message From Our President

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Dear Friends,

It's a deluge! – not of dogs, but applications. Over 150 applications came in over the past 2 ½ months. While our volunteer team catches up, new adoption applications have been temporarily halted. New foster applications, however, are always welcome. Please note that first-time fosters may not adopt their first foster dog for now. We all wonder when the tide will turn.

February is Valentine's month, and in the spirit of love and friendship, we particularly want to thank our Permanent Foster dog sponsors. Permanent Foster dogs, unadoptable due to severe health and/or behavioral issues, are taken care of long-term by GRR, thanks to your support.

**Save the Date:** GRR's Spring Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th and all members are invited. More details soon.

Odd coincidence at my house:  
Out of nine dogs, three are named Rose, Rosie and Rosebud.

As Ever,  
Margo

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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](mailto: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 **March 1**,

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## 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.

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## Benefits of Membership

Gold Ribbon Rescue members are Golden aficionados. We love all things Golden: getting together at meetups, talking and learning from each other, setting up doggie play dates, and finding the perfect Golden t-shirt, mug or holiday decoration. Best of all, we know that our annual membership helps care for more rescue Golden retrievers. Basic membership is \$40.00 per year and allows you to attend our general meeting.

- \$40 (basic membership) pays for a wellness exam.
- \$150 (basic membership plus a donation) pays for Rabies, DHLPP and Bordetella vaccinations, heartworm and fecal testing.
- \$250 - \$350 (basic membership plus a donation) pays for neuter or spay surgery.
- \$700 (basic membership plus a donation) pays for Heartworm Treatment.
- \$1,500 (basic membership plus a donation) pays for Hip surgery.

Please consider joining or renewing today by Visa or Mastercard online or you can mail your check to Gold Ribbon Rescue, Inc. 1101 West 34th Street #336 Austin TX 78705-1907.

Join or renew your membership by clicking on [Membership/Donate](#). If you've already done so, please accept our thanks.

Thank you for your membership. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated!

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## Wanted: Volunteers to Represent GRR to Tomlinson's Customers!

Tomlinson's generously provides dog food for our foster families if we meet some criteria... one of which is attending meet and greets at the stores where we can visit with their customers and explain our adoption process and mission to help Golden Retrievers in Central Texas and around the globe!

Come with a clean, friendly Gold Ribbon Rescue Golden and a happy attitude! Please text me at (512) 423-3416 or email me at [Gail March](#) if you can help!!

**Dates: February 29th** at the Airport location from 12:00-3:00p.m.  
**March 7th** at the Allandale location from 12:00-3:00p.m.

Airport Location: 908 E 49th 1/2 St, Austin, TX 78751  
Allandale Location: 5716 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78756

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### A Year Later: Ellie 18-119 Gary and Betsy Kasch

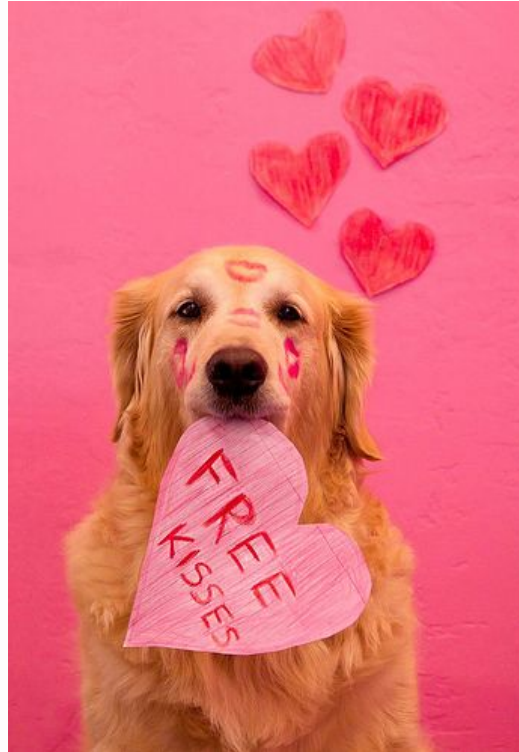
In an email to Paula Ellis: "I don't know if you remember us, but we fostered and later adopted Ellie. If you remember, you called us and were concerned that she may be a real handful, jumping on people and no manners. We wanted to give you an update on Ellie after a year with us.

We have had her for a year now, since December 2018, and we are so happy we got her. She went through training the month we were gone and it paid off. Brianna did a great job with her. Ellie is a real lover and loves to be petted. As you can see in the picture, she loves her belly rubs. Her fur coat has filled out: a good diet and brushing sure helped. She loves to play Wubba and will let us know when she wants to play. Needless to say, she has become a "Perfect Dog" and is a key member of our family. She plays very well with her sister Cassie, a five year-old Golden and loves to play with our grandkids Katie, 12 years and Austin, 11 years. We are so happy we have her in our lives!"





# Happy Valentine's Day!



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## 8 Top Tips To Take Amazing iPhone Dog Photos

By [Dogs Are Love On 4 Legs](#) January 19, 2018



There is nothing more precious to a dog parent than a photo that captures the love of their dog. Especially after their pup is gone!

As simple as that sounds, taking no fuss, everyday photos, that are original natural and definite "keepers" is often harder than it seems.

The great news is that taking photos that create a forever memory of your dog, doesn't have to be expensive or difficult. It can be done with something you own already and probably can't live without, your phone!

Let's face it, you probably already take 99% of your dog photos on your iPhone. So why not make them the best that they can be?

To make it simple and help you, I have put together 8 simple tips that will help **you capture** the shot you want and take your iPhone dog photos from "good" to "great".

## 1. Use The iPhone Camera Shortcut

How many times have you seen your dog do something **SO** adorable, but by the time you go your iPhone camera out, the moment is gone?

I can't count how many times this has happened to me.

The reality is, you never know when your dog is going to something funny or cute. Unlike humans, who we can ask to sit and smile, with our dogs, we are completely at the mercy of "being at the right place, at the right time."

If you don't have your camera ready at that exact moment, it will be gone forever!

Continue reading [here](#).

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## The Rule of 3

# The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

3D	3W	3M
		
<b>In the first 3 days,</b>	<b>After 3 weeks,</b>	<b>After 3 months,</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Feeling overwhelmed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> May be scared and unsure of what is going on</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Not comfortable enough to be "himself"</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> May not want to eat or drink</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Testing the boundaries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Starting to settle in</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Feeling more comfortable</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Realizing this could possibly be his forever home</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Figured out his environment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Getting into a routine</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Behavior issues may start showing up</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finally completely comfortable in his home.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Building trust and a true bond</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Gained a complete sense of security with his new family</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Set in a routine</li></ul>

  
**Rescue Dogs 101**  
ADOPT LOVE TRAIN

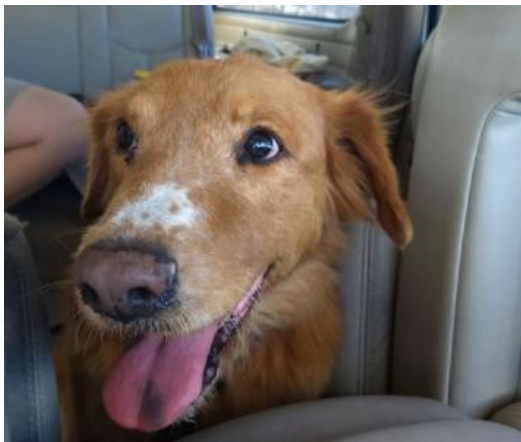
## Meet Steffi – 19-112

Steffi is a nine to ten year older gal who came to us from the Bastrop Animal Center. Sweet little freckle-faced Steffi has a Strawberry Shortcake look with a bit of a white splotch of freckles on her nose. She came into GRR with some abdominal issues and, as the vet expected, the problem was with her spleen. It has since been removed, no cancer cells found, and she has come through all of the medical concerns with flying colors. She does need a little help or a ramp getting in and out of a car or truck.

Steffi is calm around other dogs and will occasionally play, but really prefers to do her own thing and ignore the others. She has impeccable house manners and she happily sleeps through the night and doesn't move a muscle until it's time to get up. She loves to be groomed and looks beautiful with her very soft fur.



Steffi enjoys being part of the family, loves going for walks in the park and on outings, as well as snuggling with you on the sofa or lying on the patio watching the squirrels. Such a well-mannered sweetheart! She would be an ideal companion for wandering around the farmer's market or an outdoor craft fair. Steffi is currently looking for her forever family, so if you would like an older Golden who will steal your heart, Steffi is your gal!



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## Why Your Dog Sleeps Curled



Nothing is cuter than when a dog curls up to sleep. But why do they do it? My own dog has a pre-sleep ritual. He'll wait to be invited onto the bed, dig in the blankets to make a nest, and turn in circles until he's found the perfect spot to curl up in. He almost always curls up

to sleep, even when it means squishing himself into a seemingly too small space. Some dogs sleep stretched out on their sides. Others contort themselves into uncomfortable-looking sleep positions. But many dogs curl up to sleep like my pup. And it's not just a preference: curling up to sleep has practical benefits for dogs.

Read on to learn about dog sleep positions, and why your dog curls up to sleep.

### Canine sleep habits

Before we get to why dogs curl up to sleep, let's consider other canine sleep positions. Like humans, dogs like to be comfortable when they sleep. Although some dog sleep positions look uncomfortable from the outside, for your pooch, they're just perfect.

Common dog sleep positions include:

- On their side
- On their tummy
- On their back with their paws up in the air
- Snuggled up with their favorite human or animal friend
- Curled up into a ball

All of the above sleep positions have their benefits. For instance, sleeping sprawled out on their side or tummy can help dogs cool off in warmer months. In general, dogs fall asleep in positions that offer physical comfort and psychological safety.

Continue reading [here](#):

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## In Memoriam - Millie (Flossie 10-082)

Debra Buffington

My heart is broken as I report my beloved Millie passed away on Christmas Day 2019. She was my ray of sunshine, and I'm trying to exist without that beautiful girl. GRR would know her as Flossie 10-082 AVID tag 046 002 589. She came to me as a 4 year-old foster, who had been surrendered for biting another dog. She was neurotic, a horrible car rider and chewed on her leg. Although she didn't get along with other dogs, she loved every human she met. She won my heart, and we became officially family on 6/28/10. She became the best travel companion. She would ride on the console (yes she had a seat belt on) and rest her head on my shoulder so I could give her kisses on that cute snout of hers. Such a cuddle buddy, she would lay in my lap and would demand pets for hours. I have never known a sweeter soul. She had over a 100 volunteers at Scareforacure.org convinced their true reason for volunteering was to pet and dote on her. Since 2010, she was the mascot for this organization. Her health began declining, and I retired so I could be home with her a lot more. I know she had a rich, loving life and I know she enriched my life. I'm just so sad she isn't on the bed when I wake up, greeting me at the door, carpet surfing on carpet and riding in the car.

I wanted to thank you for giving me this beautiful girl.







## Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

**Doogan**  
**Napoleon (Mr. Black 05-032)**  
**Bella (18-071)**  
**Millie (Flossie 10-082)**



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