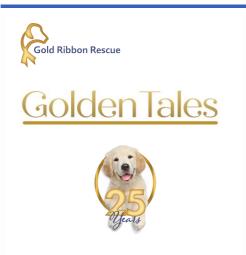
Rescuing Goldens and changing their lives forever.





July 2023

A Message From Our President



Happy Independence Day! I hope you are finding ways to stay cool and keep your dog's enrichment activities up with the blazing heat of the summer. It is more difficult to get in physical exercise during the high temperatures so enrichment, which should be a part of your daily routine anyway, becomes even more critical.

Michelle and Maui Jim (left)

June was a spectacular month for GRR, to say the least. We brought in 21 dogs! All but one were owner surrenders. We also hit a new record as we brought in five pairs: four sets of littermate puppies and a mother and son. Twice, we were contacted by people who had puppies that they could not sell resulting in four puppies, 16 weeks and under. We ended the first half of the year with 66 incoming dogs which puts us at an annualized run rate of over 60% more dogs in 2023 than in 2022.

Hello Friends.

It has been a trying time for us as we are faced with the challenge of finding foster homes for these dogs. We have many foster families traveling for the summer and many adoptive applicants who are doing the same. We have asked our community to open their hearts and homes to fostering and we are grateful for the new applications. We still need your help. If you have been on the fence about adding a new furry member to your family, now is a great time to apply to foster or to adopt. Please visit our website to view our policies and get the process started by clicking here

We previously mentioned a new relationship with Bone Voyage Dog Rescue based in Ajijic Mexico, thanks to Tim Tierney who moved to Ajijic at the end of 2022. Turns out the realtor who sold Tim his home has a wife who runs a dog rescue. Match made in heaven! Tim put us in contact and the rest is history. We brought our first Mexico dog, Brooklyn, to Texas in June. He is a beautiful and healthy boy. We have a wonderful female who is waiting to come to Texas later this month so stay tuned for more details on her.

Our Fun in the Golden Sun campaign kicks off this week as we fundraise for our GRR dogs and have a little fun as well as the beach vibes get into full swing with all of your generous donations. Thank you for always being there to support the dogs we bring in. Please read campaign details below.

As always, 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 **July 8, 2023**.

What's Going On This Month?

RESCUE. LOVE. CELEBRATE. The Story Behind GRR

On June 17th, supporters gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Gold Ribbon Rescue. Maura Phelan, the founder of Gold Ribbon Rescue, served as the guest speaker to honor GRR's first 25 years and shared the story of how Gold Ribbon began.

Maura dove into her love for animals by showing horses, then dogs. Soon after, she dedicated herself to responsible breeding and responsible rescuing. She was an active participant with fellow Golden lovers in the



Maura recalled the day she received a surprising phone call:

Golden Retriever Club.

- "A farmer called me looking for help." "A mystery man had rented the farmer's barn to house Golden Retrievers, then left with unpaid rent.
- "How many Goldens?" She exclaimed. "80?!" Later the farmer said: "My buddy has more dogs." "How many?" She gulped. "17 more? YES!"

Maura and her friends sprang into action! She garnered a trusted mentor, fellow responsible breeders and a good friend who "just happened" to be married to an Austin vet! Tooled with a show dog van, livestock trailer and trucks, they amazingly completed a bill of sale, documented, tagged and vetted all 97 dogs on sight! Texas Hearing and Service Dogs, fellow responsible breeders, trainers and committed volunteers helped secure great homes for the dogs.

The KVUE evening's news featured this enormous rescue effort including Maura's personal phone number. Overwhelmed with calls, four volunteers manned the phones and helped connect potential adopters and accepted donations.

As Maura reflected on the efforts of the unsung heroes who sat in the x-pens and handfed, petted, soothed and talked to each unsocialized dog. "Due to their loving dedication, the dogs became great pets!"

In October 1998, the Golden Retriever Club told Maura that the story of the rescue had raised \$15,000. They told her, "Here's \$5,000 – go start Gold Ribbon Rescue." The first Board of Directors included Maura, Margo Biba, Linda Willard, Jennifer Smiley and Tim Tierney.

"The first days were exhausting, and I NEVER expected the organization to make it for 25 years. Our hope and vision in 1998 was to train good homes to become even better dog owners and to get dogs out of circulation. If we do our jobs right, we hoped to work ourselves out of a job!" The organization that began 25 years ago continues today with committed volunteers and active supporters - all with one heart and one mission!

> Get your beach towels! Get your ice chests! Fun in the Golden Sun is here!



GRR will launch its annual Fun in the Golden Sun campaign on Saturday, July 8th and it will run through July 24th. This online campaign lets you place an ornament on a playful beach scene in honor or in memory of your favorite Golden or furry friend, along with a special message. Beach ornaments include a boat, sandcastle, balls, shells and more.

Best of all, all money raised supports our Goldens in need.

Questions? Contact Paula Ellis.

Check Out Our Currently Available Cuties!

Summer is a great time to adopt or foster a Golden so get your application in today. Learn more and complete your application here.



The More You Know... Gold Ribbon Rescue Summer Business meeting When: July 22, 2023 a.m. 0a.m Location: Meeting will be virtual. Access information below. Please join us for the Gold Ribbon Rescue summer business meeting. We will give an overview of GRR and where we are midyear 2023. If you are interested in running for a board position for the 2023/2024 GRR board, you must attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.



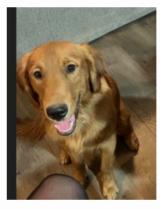


23-054 Cooper is an almost 1 year -old (his birthday is July 5th) and is Callie's littermate. We explained the separation rationale to the owners and after meeting Cooper and Callie, we decided that splitting them up was in the best interest of each of them because they are showing signs of classic littermate syndrome. Cooper is settling in and is celebrating his first birthday with his FPA family. Happy Birthday Cooper and Callie! We're very excited that you're here.

They first arrived on our radar back in March. However, after we advised the owners that we would separate them, they decided not to go through with the surrender. Fast forward two months and the owners reached out again and agreed that we could separate them.



23-055 Beans is a 2 1/2 year-old owner surrender from the Round Rock area who was surrendered with his littermate, Jax 23-056. Their Owner has health issues, which makes it very difficult.for her to play with them and and she wants them to have a better life than she can provide right now. Beans is with his FPA family and is enjoying the attention.



23-056 Jax is a 2 1/2 year-old who was surrendered with his littermate, Beans 23-055. Jax and Beans grew up with children and enjoy their company. However, the children have lost interest in them, so they are missing the attention and playtime they used to have. Jax is with his foster family and is enjoying playing with the fosters' dog.



23-057M Brooklyn is our first intake from Mexico in a long time and we're so happy to announce that he's here! Four year-old Brooklyn was ready to come to GRR a few months ago, but to our (and his) distress, he had to lose a few pounds in order to meet the maximum flight requirement weight. After several months of being starved (his words, not ours), Brooklyn hit his goal and is now a GRR dog. Welcome to America handsome!



23-058 Walker Hayes is an 8-year-old owner surrender from the Georgetown area. A drastic change in the family circumstances led to the necessity of surrounding him. Poor Walker Hayes has just lost his family and the home he has always known. Luckily for him, we have found him a great FPA family who are caring for him now.



23-059 Ray-Ban is a stray from the Bell County Animal Shelter and the shelter estimates his age between 5-6 months old. We originally tried to tag him, but he was already tagged by a Lab rescue. Luckily for us, he was "too Golden" for their rescue, so we were called to see if we were still interested. UMMM, YES! This little cutie is spending a few days with his stash family and then moving to his foster. We can't wait to hear more about Ray-Ban!



23-060 Coppertone is an almost 4 month-old male puppy from a breeder in Scurry, Texas. We received a call from the same breeder from a few months ago who surrendered Miss Liberty Bell to us. She said that her business is slow and asked if we would consider bringing two puppies into our program. Of course, we said YES and a plan was formulated..



23-061 Panama Jack is the almost 4 month-old littermate of Coppertone 23-060. Michelle and Julie took a road trip to Scurry (near Dallas) the midst of our heat wave and in brought back not one, not two, but three Goldens. Panama Jack is enjoying his FPA family. We're anxiously awaiting details about these two little bundles of fluff.



23-062 Maui Jim is our third Golden from a breeder in Scurry Texas and he joined Coppertone and Panama Jack on their road trip to Austin. Maui Jim is a 3 year-old former breeding dog (his birthday was June 1st) and now that his breeding days are over, he has the good fortune to become a GRR dog. We're so excited that he is "retired" and really looking forward to learning more about him as he settles in with his foster.



23-063 Mojo is a 5 year-old owner surrender from the Austin area who was surrendered because his owner has severe allergies. Mojo was much loved and, interestingly, his owner always spoke to him in a foreign language. In doing International rescues we know that has not stopped our dogs from China, Turkey and Mexico from understanding the universal language of LOVE! Mojo is decompressing with his FPA family.



23-064 Theodore Roosevelot (Teddy) is a 5-year-old owner surrender from Hutto. Unfortunately, Teddy's owners had to go back to work after having their 4th child, leaving Teddy without the care he needs. He suffered a stroke a year ago, which left him unable to use his back legs and forced him to drag himself around with his front legs. Although he can walk and run now, he can't do so for long distances and requires some assistance getting into vehicles. Teddy is decompressing with his very experienced foster family.



23-065 Ocean Pacific is an owner surrender along with her littermate, Capri Sun. Both girls come from Laredo, where a family had an "accidental litter". Nine Goldens were born and these two girls were the last of the litter that did not get "adopted".



23-066 Capri Sun and her littermate, Ocean Pacific were born on April 4, 2023, and are almost 12 weeks old. Huge thanks to our long-time volunteers, Dick and Barb, for hopping into the car and driving to Laredo (and back the same day!) to pick up these precious little girls. It definitely does take a village!

My Dreams Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!

Cheyenne 23-002



Cheyenne was adopted on June 3rd by her FPA mom, Karen, who took Cheyenne through heartworm treatment. Chey knew from day one that they were a perfect match and Karen agrees! Now that this beauty is done with her heartworm treatment, they are ready to explore the great outdoors together (and snuggle when they get home).

Penne 23-041

Sweet Penne was adopted on June 3rd by Christina and Jonathan and it took no time at all for her to capture their hearts! Her foster family loved her and now she's found her forever home with her new mom and dad and her human siblings! We're thrilled for this precious little girl and her new family!



Shiner 23-038



Shiner also found his forever home with Gwen and Mike on June 3rd. In addition to his new mom and dad, he has a new canine pal, yellow Lab Pharaoh, who is always ready to romp with him. Shiner will complete his slow-kill heartworm treatment with his new family. Congratulations to them all!

Honey 21-065

We have great news about 11 year-old Honey who was returned to GRR because her adoptive family could no longer care for her. Three days after her return, Honey was reunited with Diana, her former foster mom, who adopted her immediately.

Honey has come so far and we're absolutely thrilled that



Honey is reunited with Diana, in her forever home, to continue her ongoing journey into the wide world! More adventures await! Once a GRR dog, always a GRR dog. Promise kept!

Goose 23-005





Goose was adopted on June 17th by the Blake family and this is the best news ever! Goose finally got what he has deserved all along; a family that has realistic expectations of a young, exuberant Golden Retriever and the patience to see that Goose is a true treasure. Congratulations to the entire family and, especially, Goose!

Sophia 23-043



Sophia was adopted on June 19th by Mara and Michael and we couldn't be happier. This happy girl has found her forever home with her new mom and dad, two older canine brothers, Bentley and Shiner, and two cat siblings. Sophia is such a gentle soul and fits in with her new family perfectly. Congratulations to them all!

Liberty Bell 23-036



We are so happy to announce the adoption of Liberty Bell, our freshly retired breeding gal that we brought in from North Texas! She was adopted on June 22nd by by previous GRR adopters Todd and Kathy, and their prior GRR Golden boy, Louie! She has found a wonderful forever home to begin her retired life! Congratulations to our sweet Miss Liberty Bell and her new family!

Zaya 23-045

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Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...





Daisy 23-044



Baxter (Puppy Jangle)



Baxter (Jangle) 15-158





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