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June 2021

A Message From Our President



Hello GRR friends,

I cannot believe summer will officially start this month. All of the rain has been very welcome and if your dogs are anything like mine, a few mud puddles are a great source of entertainment for them. Life is starting to feel a bit “normal” for a lot of people and we are looking forward to things continuing down that path. We have volunteers working on some in-person events in the near future and can’t wait to be able to gather again socially very soon. Stay tuned for more details as events are planned.

GRR is seeing more owner-surrendered dogs coming in and we think it is likely that we will

see that on the rise as we head into the end of summer and early fall. May was one of our busiest months for intake in quite some time. Our four Turkey dogs that arrived in early May are doing great and the first one of that group, Valor, is cleared and ready to be adopted by his foster pending adoption family.

Our 2022 calendar auction is getting ready to start June 1st and will run through June 13th. You will have some time to prepare your photo session and get your glamour shots ready. One hundred percent of the money raised from the calendar auction will go directly to supporting GRR dogs.

As always, I want to remind you that if you know of a Golden in need please remember that GRR may be the best option for owners to turn to when needing to surrender their dogs. It is such a difficult decision to make and we will make that process as easy as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support of GRR's mission and helping us rescue as many dogs as possible.

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 **June 19, 2021**.

2022 GRR Calendar Auction



Mark Your Calendar!

Get your glamour shots ready because the GRR 2022 Calendar auction is June 1- 13, 2021. The calendar is 12 x 12, which allows plenty of room to spotlight your pups.

You may also purchase thumbnail photos for \$25 each. There are three per month. The annual calendar is a GRR tradition and is a great way to spotlight our Golden Retrievers.

For questions about the calendar auction, please email [Amanda Price](mailto:Amanda.Price@grr-tx.com). For questions about the calendar, please email [Allie Herbert](mailto:Allie.Herbert@grr-tx.com).



To simplify and speed up bidding, you may bid for as many months as you like **at the same time**. Simply watch the bidding and update as you prefer.

Click [here](#) to start your bidding or to purchase a thumbnail.

Please note: All proceeds from the calendar auction and thumbnails support GRR dogs.

The GRR Summer Business Meeting

Gold Ribbon Rescue invites you to the GRR Summer Business Meeting that will be held on June 30, 2021. This meeting will once again be a virtual meeting using Zoom. Watch for an email with the meeting agenda and login information. If you have questions about this meeting, please email the [GRR Board](#).

What: Gold Ribbon Rescue Business Meeting

Date: June 30, 2021

Time: 06:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

To Join the Zoom Meeting, go [here](#).

Meeting ID: 979 1296 8397

Passcode: 501154

Happy Father's Day!



Looking for the perfect Father's Day gift for that Golden Dad? Check out the fun offerings at our [Gold Ribbon Rescue Store](#). Be sure and order soon for delivery by that special day.

**Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads whose kids
are both two-legged and four-legged!**

They're Here!



Our Turkey Dog Escorts (standing, from left) Allie Herbert with Akins, Jacki Mulkey with Sloane, Buc-ees's Beaver, Donnie Smith with Valor and (seated) Michelle Goldberg with Gunnar.

On May 7, 2021, four Golden Retrievers packed their bags and made the long journey from Istanbul, Turkey to Houston where they are beginning a new life in the care of Gold Ribbon Rescue. They were met at the airport in Houston by their escorts, spent the night in their hotel room and set off for Austin the next day. The photo above is taken at Buc-ee's, midway to Austin, as is tradition with our international dogs.

We are so excited that these four are beginning their best lives here in Texas. This group of Turkey dogs were specially selected because of their need for more extensive care. Two of them are older dogs and two have medical problems, which can't be addressed in Turkey. Senior dogs often have little chance of adoption in their home country so we felt that it was particularly important to help senior Golden Retrievers. Gunnar and Akins have medical problems that GRR is already addressing with our partner veterinarians who we so appreciate.

Gunnar, Sloane, Akins and Valor are adjusting to their new life with their foster-pend-adopt families. Life is so different for these special dogs: they have gone from living in a forest or on a street and struggling to find food to a home with a soft comfy bed, healthy food that they can count on, medical care and much love and attention from their families.



*Name: Akins
Gender: Male
Age: 6 year
Sponsored by:
Susan Eggert*



*Name: Gunner
Gender: Male
Age: 5-6 years
Sponsored by:
Cam Snyder*



*Name: Sloane
Gender: Female
Age: 2 year
Sponsored by:
Kelly Topfer*



*Name: Valor
Gender: Male
Age: 7 year
Sponsored by:
Sarah Sydenham*

We especially want to thank our Turkey Dog sponsors who sponsored our latest group of Turkey dogs. They so desperately needed help that couldn't be provided in their home country and our sponsors helped to make this trip possible.

Gold Ribbon Rescue is here to help Golden Retrievers in need.

Saving dogs in Central Texas is our top priority and always will be. However, we have many more families wanting to adopt than we have local dogs so international rescue makes sense right now. The good news is that dogs who have arrived from our previous international initiatives are thriving and we hope to continue our efforts in the future.



Look at those smiles!!!

Summer is Coming!



It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**



ADOPTED!



Cruz 21-014

We're thrilled to share that puppy Cruz, now Chico, was adopted on May 6th. He has settled in wonderfully and his new mom reports that he is the chilliest puppy she has ever met! Her son and Cruz/Chico are best friends and sometimes he sleeps in his room!

The photos are of Cruz (left in photo) with foster brother Loki. They were best buds while Cruz was in foster care.



Lady 21-008

Lucky Lady was adopted on May 8th by a



long-time volunteer and foster family. What goes into this family's home often doesn't come out, especially if it's a sweet senior!

We're so thrilled for Lady that she has found her forever home.



Lady enjoys snuggling in a very unusual way!



She also enjoys playing in the mud! Oh my!

Sophie 20-097

Congratulations to Sophie! She was adopted on May 8th by her mom, Lauren, who loves her dearly.

They're both so happy! We can't tell whose smile is bigger!



Bruno 20-102



From Laredo -- through a variety of unexpected twists and turns -- this sweet boy landed with his forever family on May 14th! All three of these smiling family members are absolutely crazy about this handsome, happy, lovable guy that we all know and love as Bruno.

Bruno is settling into his very best life with his new family and best buddy Bryce! They know they have unwrapped the very best kind of gift in getting matched to this sweet boy.

They took Bruno shopping for new toys and celebrated him as they moved into their forever life together! Even big sister Georgia, a 14 year-old Puggle, is very, very happy to have Bruno join the family!



Shammy 21-010



We are so happy to announce the adoption of Shammy now known as Nellie, on May 14th. Her new parents are thrilled and are so excited that Shammy has joined their family. As you can see, Shammy's adventures have already begun!

Thank you to everyone who helped Shammy along the way to her forever home.



Maggie (May) 21-016



Happy Gotcha Day to sweet Maggie May who found her forever home on May 17th! Thanks

to her new family for loving this girl and giving her the best home! She will be well loved, well taken care of and adored by her new family!



Momma 21-011



Milo and Hazel - All Smiles!

We are so happy to announce that Momma, now known as Hazel, was adopted on May 20th. Her new family lives in San Antonio and Hazel has gotten quite the upgrade from her pre-GRR life. In her new life she has a pool to frolic in, 2.5 acres (fenced) to run around on, an older brother, Milo, who is also a GRR dog and a loving forever family!

Hazel came to GRR after giving birth to puppies that were adopted out from the shelter before she came to GRR. We're so excited for Hazel. She is a very, very special girl. ♥



Hazel LOVES her carrot



On her way to her forever home

Mica 21-013

Sweet little Mica, the beauty surrounded by the pure black coat, was adopted by her new family on May 26th. Once sentenced to life in a crate most hours, most days, she is now living the free and happy life with Alan and Amy and canine bro TinTin.

We're thrilled that her new family is giving this beautiful girl the wonderful life that she deserves!





Mica and new brother TinTin



Tummies up! Totally trusting!

Snake Bites - Dos and Don'ts

Contributed by Candice Gourley via GRR Facebook

TREATING PIT VIPER ENVENOMATIONS IN DOGS AND CATS: DOS AND DON'TS

Jacquelyn H. Burns, DVM

INDICATED

Recommended	Why
Antivenom	Nothing else addresses swelling, bruising, tissue damage, pain, hematologic changes, and long-term effects like antivenom administered promptly
IV Fluids	Precise control of patient hydration
Pain management	Pit viper envenomation is an extremely painful condition
Blood test monitoring	Help assess the progression or regression of hematologic changes

CONTRAINDICATED

Recommended against	Why not
NSAIDS	NSAIDS such as aspirin or ibuprofen increase bleeding tendencies which are already increased due to the venom
Subcutaneous fluids	Administering fluids under the skin causes some bruising. The tendency to bruise is already increased due to the venom.

OF NO BENEFIT / NOT INDICATED

Of No Benefit	Why Not
Benadryl	<p>Benadryl is an antihistamine that is useful in treating swelling and inflammation mediated by a body chemical called histamine. Histamines are released by the body in cases of allergy, allergic reactions, bee, wasp, and hornet stings.</p> <p>Histamines are <i>not released</i> during snake envenomations, so using antihistamines to address swelling related to venom is of zero benefit.</p> <p>Swelling in envenomation is caused by massive tissue damage mediated by hemotoxins, cytotoxins, and myotoxins, not by histamine release.</p>
Corticosteroids	Corticosteroids or "cortisone" is of no benefit in addressing swelling, redness, bruising or pain caused by the hemotoxins, cytotoxins, and myotoxins in snake venom.
Antibiotics	Antibiotics prescribed during the initial treatment of envenomation are unnecessary. Antibiotics should be prescribed <i>only</i> if infection has been diagnosed.

For more information, join the [National Veterinary Snakebite Support](#) Facebook page.

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