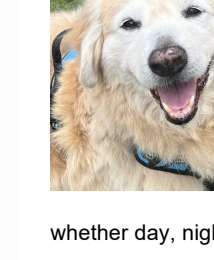


Golden Tales

Rescuing Golden Retrievers and changing their lives forever. **June 2024**

A Message From Our President



Hello friends,
Welcome to summer and the fun times it brings to you and your furry companion.

Something I want to talk about this month is crating. It's important to have a dog that is comfortable in a crate as you never know when the need to crate will arise such as at the vet, traveling in a car or recovering from illness or surgery. However, we NEVER want to have our foster/adoption dogs spend excessive hours in a crate whether day, night or a combination.

Many of our dogs have never been crated so to successfully crate train a dog takes days or weeks. The crate must be trained to be a very positive experience and place. It should never, ever be used as a place of punishment. When getting a dog acclimated to a crate, there are many different types of gates on the market ranging from those with cat doors to 16 feet long for use with larger, open areas. Using an "x-pen" can be beneficial when needing to keep a dog in a smaller safe space.

We know Golden Retrievers are people dogs and live their best lives when close to their families. If a dog chooses to lay in it's crate and the door is open, that's great. However, most dogs have been rehomed to GRR because they had already been separated from their family too much and deserve to be placed in a better situation.

Safety is most important and can be achieved through multiple avenues rather than crating. This interesting article is a great resource for providing additional insight into crating. If you have questions, please reach out to our [Training Team](#).

I wish each of you a happy, restful summer.

Warm Regards,
Michelle

If you know of a Golden in need or one to be rehomed, please always remember to contact our [Intake Team](#) or call our hotline at 512-659-4653 as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input. Please send a note to the [GRR Board](#) and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **July 20, 2024**.

We Desperately Need Foster and Respite Families!

Great news: we are seeing an unprecedented amount of young active male Golden Retrievers coming in!
Even better news: We would like to welcome and invite **NEW potential foster families** to fill out an application and complete our screening process which includes the application, a vet check, a phone interview and an in-person home visit.

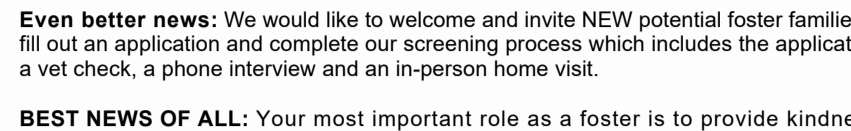
BEST NEWS OF ALL: Your most important role as a foster is to provide kindness, patience, and support while you help prepare your foster dog for its forever home. Support can come in the form of rest and quiet, basic training and house manners, or medical recovery. You will never forget the joy and feeling of helping a dog at the moment he needed you most!

Please read our criteria to apply [here](#).

IF YOU QUALIFY -- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE ASAP! If you don't have upcoming travel plans, we will do our best to expedite your application as our need is immediate.

After reading our criteria, if you still have questions, please email our [adoption team](#) for more information!

And the Winners Are...



Congratulations to the the winners of the 2025 Calendar cover and monthly photos.

Cover - Eileen Joyce **January -** Amy Sebesta **February -** Megan Moore
March - Chris Hamberger **April -** Kathleen Kink **May -** Howard Curtis
June - Kelly Topler **July -** Lena Flowers **August -** Amy Sebesta
September - Marla McClain **October -** Dennis and Carey Guthert
November - Jill Murray **December -** Kathy Simmons

Thumbnails - Jeanne Avant, Susan Bryant, Pat deHolzer, Chris Hamburger, Eileen Joyce, Amy McCaffrey, Christy Moller, Jill Murray, Sandy Nale, Dorli Olsen, Amanda Price, Jennie Lou Redder, Ellie Robinson, Jo Lynn Saltee, Vicki Schnell, Leslie Sullivan and Barbara Tankey.

The 2025 Monthly Calendar Auction is sold out. We still have a few calendar thumbnails available for those of you who may have missed the calendar deadline. We would love to see your Golden's glamorous shots. Thumbnails are \$30 each. Learn more and select your month [here](#).

Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue's Golden's.

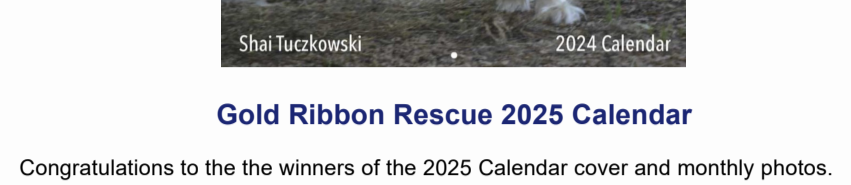
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ENJOY 20% OFF ALL ITEMS NOW UNTIL FATHER'S DAY

[Check out the latest gear](#) and enjoy 20% off of your entire purchase until Father's Day.

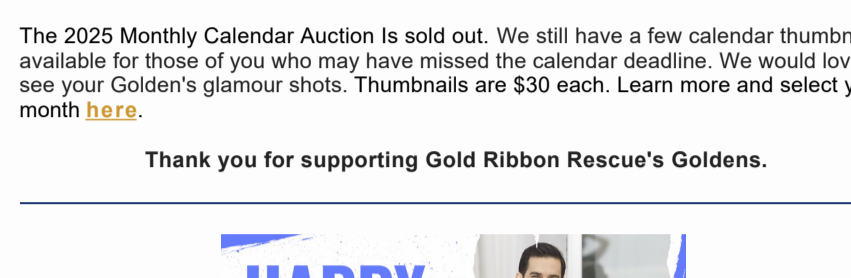
Happy Father's Day to all of our Golden dads.

SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY!



It's All About the Dogs! Here's Our Roundup!

Spotlight on Patron 24-025



Happy and Enthusiastic! Chase Me! Adopt Me!

Are you ready to bring home a smart and high-energy companion? Meet Patron, who is enthusiastic and full of energy and happiness. Patron is always up for a game of chase or romp around the yard. If you're looking for a fun companion to keep up with your active lifestyle, Patron may be the perfect match for you! Don't wait any longer -- give Patron the loving home he deserves. [Learn more about Patron.](#)

If you think that Patron might be the right Golden for you, [learn about our adoption process](#) and/or [complete an application](#) or please reach out to our matchmaker.

Look Who's Here! Welcome to GRR!

Aria 24-036 takes cuteness to a whole new level.

Aria, is a 3-month-old from Ft. Worth. She was brought to replace the rehoming owner's dog of 15 years who passed away last June. It having been so long since the owner had a puppy, she was amazed when she realized that working three days a week outside the home all day and having Rover come in to give potty breaks was not what was best for this little girl. Welcome to GRR sweet girl!

Oakley 24-037 is a 7-month-old from New Braunfels.

Oakley is being rehomed because he has an unsteady, elderly relative and the 5-year-old English bulldog. Oakley was in board and train for a few weeks so that we could set him up for success by teaching him manners and self-control. Such a cutie! Oakley is with his FPA family.

Bristol 24-038 is from Salido, TX who will turn 2 years old on June 30th.

Bristol arrived with her boyfriend, Casper 24-039, who is a very dedicated escape artist and will not stop digging out. They are being rehomed because it's very dangerous for him with a busy road nearby and Bristol has begun to follow him. We did ask their owner if they had considered keeping her without him, and the owner said "We talked about it a lot, but we are afraid that she would just take up where he left off" so GRR was made to send them both to Gold Ribbon Rescue. Bristol is with her foster family and Casper is with his foster mom.

Major 24-040 is an 8-week-old puppy from Pflugerville.

Major was rehomed because his family didn't realize that a puppy needs someone all day and both members of the family work away from home. They realized, belatedly, that this was not going to work with a tiny puppy and they reached out to GRR for help. We're thrilled that he has joined our GRR family. Major is with his FPA family.

Hank 24-041 is a 9-month-old from the Austin area who was rehomed due to his mom's severe, adult-onset allergy to him.

She and her husband are both SO attached to Hank and they were going to try to keep him and hope she could manage her symptoms, but nothing is improving and she just cannot keep on like this. It's crushing because they love him and have taken good care of him. Hank is with his foster family.

Treble 24-042 is an 8-year-old who comes to us from the Kerrville shelter.

who reacted out to us to see if we could help. GRR sprung into action and quickly put a plan together. Treble is now in his FPA home, which he shares with another dog because his family has changed and quickly put a plan together. Treble is now in his FPA home, which he shares with another dog because his family has changed and quickly put a plan together. Treble is now in his FPA home, which he shares with another dog because his family has changed and quickly put a plan together.

Letti 24-043 is a 1-year-old beauty who came in as an emergency intake.

Sadly, her owner was given 24 hours to rehome her or was facing eviction because the landlord changed their mind after Letti was acquired. Letti was/is loved very much and it was a very difficult situation for her owner, but she knew that GRR was the best option for Letti as we will find her the best family ever. Letti is with our long time foster who said yes, without hesitation, when we urgently needed a place for Letti to land, we know there will be happy days ahead and Letti will be loved beyond belief as a GRR dog.

Lilly 24-044 is a 4½-year-old from the San Antonio area who was rehomed because there are medical issues within the family.

Lilly is described as a "champion scavenger" always on the lookout for food, and she loves carrying things in her mouth. And a warning: she LOVES mud. We can't wait to learn more about this slightly plump beauty.

Kobe 24-045 is a 5½-year-old who is being rehomed because the owner is moving out of state to New England and cannot take a big dog along.

She originally took ownership of Kobe from a friend because he was left alone too often due to the friend's kids being constantly out of town going to sporting tournaments. The owner loves Golden's and had an older Golden gal at the time, she took Kobe in. Good times are in store for this handsome guy.

Dani 24-046 is a 6-year-old who is being rehomed because the family just had a baby and the baby has allergies to the dogs.

As a result, the dogs' quality of life has changed and the owners feel it is best to rehome Dani and her pal Tobo, who will be coming in soon. Dani loves swimming, going for walks, playing frisbee, and sleeping in funny positions and is described by her owners as super chill and just loves lounging around. Dani is with her foster family.

Ollie 24-047 is a handsome blonde who was rehomed to his owner not being able to give him the care and attention he deserves because as he has some neurology needs.

Say no more, GRR is here! Ollie is with his foster family who are caring for him as we learn more about him and his medical needs. Welcome sweet boy!

Tobi 24-048 is a 3½-year-old who is being rehomed because the family just had a baby and the baby has allergies to the dogs.

Including Tobi's pal Dani who also came to GRR. Tobi's favorite toys are indestructible chew bones, frisbees, balls, and stuffed animals; however, she is a "desluffer", so beware. She is described as a Velcro dog and loves to be near people. In the summertime, she needs to be monitored because she loves to play in the extreme heat here in Texas, not always with a positive result. Tobi is with her foster family.

Rosie 24-049 is an almost 5-month-old girl puppy from San Antonio.

She is the result of an unplanned pregnancy by two unfixed Golden Retrievers who live in a small apartment. The family friend was desperate to place the pups so the owner took Rosie, but they soon realized they were not the right family for a large breed puppy. The Bastrop Animal Shelter agreed to help them and reached out to us to see if we could help. Viola, Rosie became a GRR girl. She hasn't completed her puppy vaccinations yet so her adventures will be a bit restricted for the time being. Rosie is with her foster-pend-adopt family and we can't wait to hear more about her.

Rocko 24-050 is 8 1/2-months-old from College Station.

He was rehomed to Gold Ribbon Rescue because his previous owner didn't have enough time for him as he works all of the time, including a great deal of out of town travel. Rocko has spent extensive time in his crate, six to eight hours during the day and then again at night. This was no life for a puppy and his loving dad recognized that he needed a new home. Rocko is with his foster mom.

To learn more about these dogs, please go to our [website](#) and select Golden's.

My Dream Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!

Jasper 24-033 was adopted on May 10th by Amanda and Jim and their four children.

This is a great family for this young boy, who needs some good workouts and special loving. Jasper has a new fur pal Golden, Stanley, to keep him occupied. Jasper's foster mom, Cathena, is pictured in the back row, left. Congratulations to them all and let the fun begin!

Barbara and Mike who welcomed cute, petite Brandy 24-030 into their home on May 18th.

Barbara is our volunteer that helps write the dog profiles and stories on our Facebook website! They are both extremely excited to make Brandy a part of their daily life and we're so excited for the new family.

Bailey 24-022 was adopted on May 18th by Jeanette and Danny.

Jeanette and Danny are a full-package puppy she is getting very strong, playful yet timid, cuddly yet independent, and her name is Jeanette's maternal grandmother's maiden name. There is so much to love and her family is here for it! Congratulations to the new family!

Marshall 24-028, now Tucker, was adopted on May 21st by Danielle and Jason.

They report that he is kited friends with his canine brother Ollie, extremely gentle with kids Colby and Jack and respectful of older cat Jasper's space. Truly the MVP of Golden adjustment! Marshall led a very sheltered life before joining his new family, but is learning to try new things. He now loves snuggling on the couch and has even become a water baby. What a wonderful life this boy will have!

Sweet little Freedom 24-020 was adopted by Ron and Jeanie on May 25th.

We're thrilled that she has found her wonderful forever home and we know that her new parents will give her the wonderful life she deserves.

Tito 24-024 was adopted Memorial Day weekend by Marilyn and James.

They are former GRR adopters of GRR Cooper and they have had multiple other rescue dogs. They have four college aged boys so Marilyn and James will soon be empty nesters and Tito will be the "only child" for the time being. He will be the center of attention and will thrive in his new home. Congratulations to Tito and his new family.

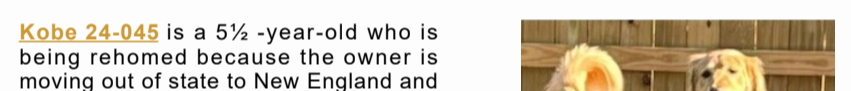
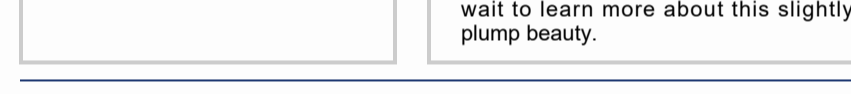
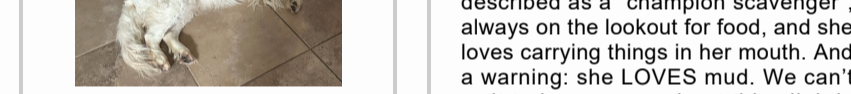
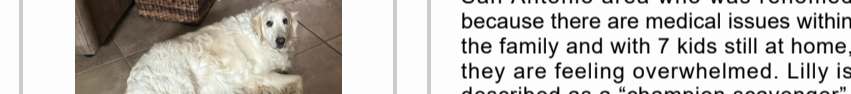
Aria 24-036, now Charlotte (short for Charlotte) was adopted on May 25th by Lisa and John.

They call her "a dream dog" -- a water C who loves swimming/chasing leaves in the pool, car rides, playing with other dogs, and spending time with her family. She has settled in beautifully in her forever home, where she recently had a play date with GRR alum Penne 23-411 Fun times for this sweet little one. Congratulations to Charlotte and her family!

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Brinkley 16-030

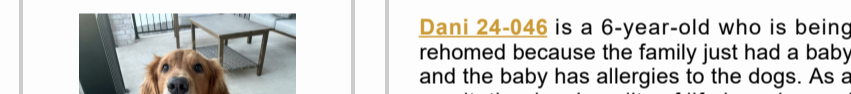
Brinkley 16-030
Bear 22-076
Charlie Mae (Honor) 17-081
Maggie (Vivian) 2013



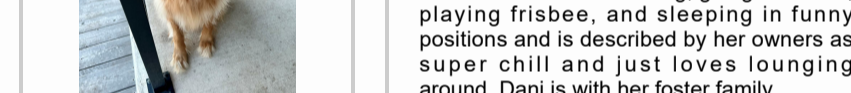
In Memoriam

Brinkley 16-030

Patty Flores



Our sweet, sweet Brinkley 16-030 crossed the Rainbow Bridge on May 2, 2024. She had turned 9 in December 2023. She was acting her silly self until Tuesday morning when she collapsed and she and I were in the backyard for morning squirrel hunts, bird chasing and other shenanigans. She quivered and collapsed. She would not get up for me at that moment to take a while before my husband was able to get her into the house. I took her to the vet and after x-rays, sonograms and blood work there it was a large mass on her spleen. Hemangiosarcoma. We were heart-broken but hoped for the best from the surgery, the best being no ruptures and no spreading.

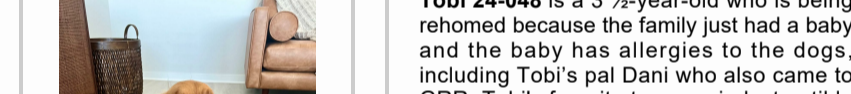


Sadly, we received the call during her surgery that the cancer had burst, most likely several times, and spread. When she collapsed it was possibly another burst and after that we could tell she was no longer smiling and her eyes were not sparkling as was always the case. As I type this it is very hard to say we had to make a very hard decision that we really were not prepared for. We loved our Brinkley and miss her dearly. Even though our time together was short, her love for our family was felt every day. Thank you GRR for bringing Brinkley into our lives.

Charlie Mae (Honor) 17-081

Cindy Caffee Krulis

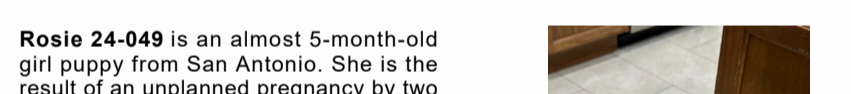
We said goodbye to the sweetest, prettiest, funniest and sassiest member of our family today (May 11th), Charlie Mae 17-081 (GRR "Honor") as she lost her battle with Lymphoma. Stay sassy in doggy heaven sweet girl. We love you and will miss you so much.



Maggie (Vivian) 2013

Katie Ann Prescott

We said good bye to our sweet Maggie (Vivian from the 2013 Julia Robert's litter) this weekend, May 11, 2024. I know Lee was waiting to welcome her at the Rainbow Bridge. Thank you to Gold Ribbon Rescue who adopted her out to us eleven years ago. She was such a gift.



You Really Need to Know This!

7 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE THIS FOURTH OF JULY

PREPARE FOR THE WORST CASE REGISTER WITH FIDOALERT TO PREVENT LOST PETS

CREATE A QUIET SPACE FOR THEM CREATE A COZY, SECURE SPACE FOR YOUR DOG

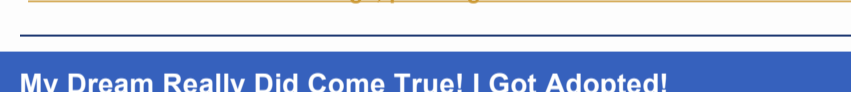
ASK VET ABOUT CALMING MEDICATION WATCH FOR PRESBYBIA (NEEDS ADJUSTMENT) MEDICATION

KEEP YOUR DOG CLOSE BY STAY WITH PETS DURING FIREWORKS DON'T LEAVE THEM SCARED AND ALONE

PLAY WHITE NOISE/CALMING SOUNDS MUSIC AND WHITE NOISE TO REDUCE THUNDER STRESS AND ANXIETY

TIRE THEM OUT BEFOREHAND EXHAUST YOUR DOG TO ENCOURAGE RELAXATION

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