

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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May 2019

A Message From Our President

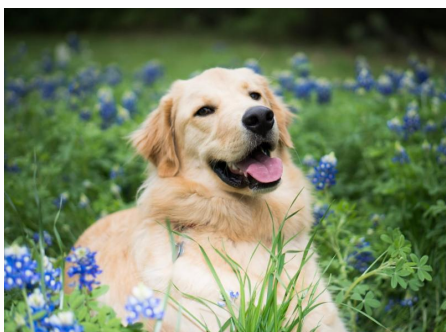


Dear Friends,

We did it again – bringing five more China meat market Goldens to Texas, April 13th. The girls are lovely: most are petite, and their personalities are uniformly sweet. Li Ming and Jade both went into heat as soon as they were safely in Texas. They are under lockdown until their hormones subside, so they can be safely spayed. Since the China Goldens have been delightful, we are investigating rescuing more of them. Temperatures in Beijing, China will dictate whether we can fly them here soon, or if we must delay until cooler weather this fall.

Now is the time to adopt seniors; we have plenty:

- Britany is 11+ and Brandy age 8-10 are a happy and smiley bonded pair.
- Joy is age 12; her foster mom says she is perfect.
- Honey is 13; she loves stuffed animal toys.
- Wyatt is age 12; his foster Mom says he is awesome.



Will the fundraising ever stop?

As a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, fundraising is always ongoing. By far, our most expensive cost is medical care. We never turn away Goldens due to health issues or advanced age. Even young dogs have big health issues. For example, we just learned that at age three, 19-005 Knight's right hip is completely out of its socket, and he'll probably require hip surgery. Whether you support us in spirit, time and/or donations, we appreciate you all very much.



Spring SplashFest - South

Come join us for a morning of Golden fun at Jumping Jack Dog Ranch!

Date: May 18th

Time: 11:30-1:30 AM

Where: [Jumping Jack Dog Ranch - Map](#)

\$15.00 per dog - Maximum of 25 dogs - Limit of two dogs per person

Dogs must be well behaved and fully vaccinated.

Registration required - click [here](#).

Spring SplashFest - North

Come join us for a morning of Golden fun at DogBoys Dog Ranch!

Date: June 1st

Time: 9:30-11:30 AM

Where: [DogBoys Dog Ranch - Map](#)

\$15 per dog – Maximum 25 dogs – Limit of 2 dogs per person

Dogs must be well behaved and fully vaccinated.

Registration required - click [here](#).



Mission Beijing: My Journey

Michelle Goldberg

Austin to Houston - 3 hours,
Houston to Taipei – 16 hours,
Taipei to Beijing – 3 hours a
And then? it was suddenly tomorrow - halfway
around the world. Whew! I made it!

I was fortunate to meet up with Jill Groves in Taipei. Jill is the president of [Golden Bond Rescue Of Oregon](#) and has coordinated the national effort to rescue Goldens from China. Once we cleared customs in Beijing, we were met at the baggage claim area by Xiaoli. She runs the sanctuary in Beijing, where I would soon meet our five Goldens. Xiaoli does not speak any English and I speak absolutely no Chinese. We were able to communicate using an application called WeChat. I typed in, or spoke, what I wanted to say in English and she could translate it into Chinese and vice versa. It is amazing how we can make this work without understanding a single word each other says. It was so apparent that the love for dog rescue is universal.

The drive to Xiaoli's sanctuary is about an hour and a half. It was so enjoyable to see the sights of the city as we headed to the outskirts of the 3rd most populated city in the world. Xiaoli's vehicle is definitely a "dog mobile". It is filled with dog hair, bags of food and pieces of treats (much like mine at times).

We arrived at the sanctuary which is surrounded by a stone wall that is probably 10-12 feet tall, with barbed wire all across the top. There was a huge solid red gate protecting the entrance. It looked like a fortress. As we drive into the compound, there are huge yards on either side with a couple dozen dogs (mostly Goldens) running up and down the fence line in a barking frenzy. They were so excited. My heart raced like a kid about to enter a toy store at Christmas. The excitement was literally overwhelming.

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"What Would You Do?" Watch...

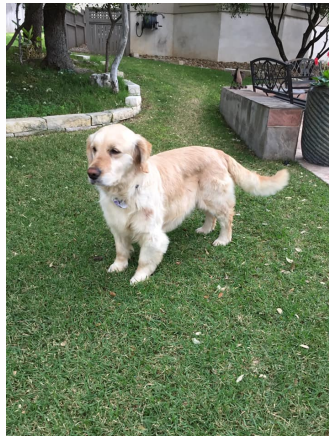


Our April Girls From China Are Here!

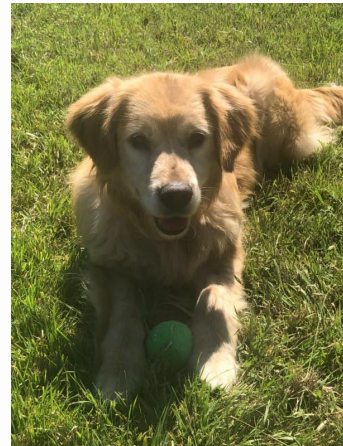
Read more about our China Golden Initiative [here](#).



Jade



Li Ming



Mei Mei



Jasmine



Peony

Want to be a part of this story and help save a Chinese Golden? You can "[Donate Now](#)." It is that simple; it is that powerful. Every donation is very much appreciated, and donations are tax deductible.

Free Dog Food!

Margo Biba

A big thank you to Tom Walter for picking up donated dog food from Tomlinson's warehouse. When Tomlinson's spotted Tom's gigantic van, they gave us an extra pallet full of food. Over 1,200 pounds of dog food is overflowing from my front room (see photo on the right), into our foyer.

If any of you have ever fostered for GRR, please contact me at margo@grr-tx.com.

The food is available for pick up at my house in South Austin (Mopac and LaCrosse area in Circle C).



The Senior "B" Girls



Britney (19-032), A Golden-Lab mix approximately 11 years old, and Brandi (19-033), a Golden approximately 8-10 years old became GRR gals in mid-April. They were found wandering together by a Good Samaritan in his south Austin neighborhood. This wonderful man put both of these elderly females in his back yard to keep them safe and while trying to find the owners, someone sent him our website information.

No one in the neighborhood had seen them before, so we don't know if they were lost or dumped, but they are now safe and well taken care of in their foster home. This is what rescue is all about! The senior "B" girls are very bonded and their tails haven't stopped wagging since they arrived at their foster home. They are gentle, small, petite and delicate, but plump and happy. Welcome to GRR ladies!



In Memoriam – Kristi Tenreiro

Pat Capin

Kristi Wilson Tenreiro of Cedar Park passed away on April 3rd, 2019. She was a GRR mom as both an adopter and as a foster. She is survived by her husband Gustavo and her children Sophia (16) and Lucas (14) and many other family members.

Their GRR adventure began with Razzles (10-184), from a litter that the Larsons whelped. In 2013, they fostered Jamison (13-136) until he was adopted. They then adopted Nolan (15-052). He came in with Willow (15-051) from Sealy, Texas. I met Kristi and her sweet family when I executed Nolan's contract at their home. Their last GRR dog was Tucker (16-101).

Please keep Kristi's family in your thoughts and prayers. On her Facebook page everyone commented on her smile and her laugh and I saw both when I met her. She fought a valiant fight against cancer and was taken from us way too soon.

Hudson @ Home

Judith Sebesta

"But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be playing. The End."

—A. A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*

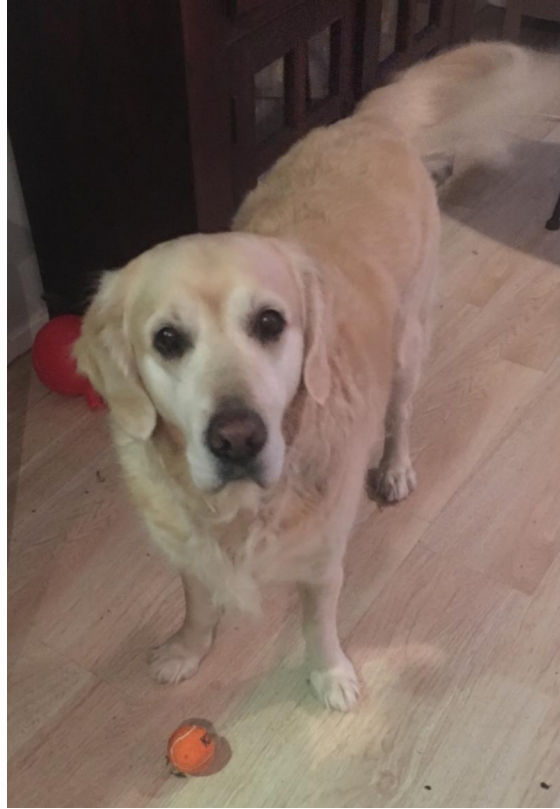
I love that final line of Milne's book – who doesn't love a happy ending? Gold Ribbon Rescue knows all about them and thanks to GRR, my Hudson got his. I have really enjoyed sharing stories of him in this first year of his forever home with me. For now, though, this will be my final regular column about our life and adventures together, although I hope the wonderful editor of this newsletter will let me submit occasional updates.

The reason for the end of Hudson@Home, though, is a good one: Hudson has settled into life with me and his sister Dinah, and that life has become quite routine and rather unremarkable. His weight loss odyssey is even complete; this month, he reached his ideal weight of 75 pounds, down from 121 when he first came to GRR! I am fortunate to have a number of accomplishments in my life of which I am proud – and that one is in the top ten.



Hudson is now healthy and active, enjoying our walks, treats, playing with balls, his breakfast and dinner (he still does his happy dance at every mealtime), occasional doggie daycare, the DogBoys dog park -- and, of course, lots and lots of love.

So his is not just a happy ending – it's a happy beginning! And those are best of all.



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Dudley 04-081

Barley 17- 008

Callie 15-138

Cobe

Through A Child's Eyes...

Dawn Marie Rae

A child's logic defies our adult inhibitions. It is a pure and joyful. This happened three weeks ago:

I was walking my new Golden girl, Savannah (19-001), and we were winding our way to a hiking path that was adjacent to an athletic park. Children and their parents were leaving their baseball game on a late Saturday morning. As Savannah and I passed by two little girls (they were about 9 or 10) were talking with their parents in the parking lot, when the youngest one yells out, "Mom, look, it's Ellie. Look, she came back!" After a pregnant pause, Mom says, "Honey, Ellie's



in heaven now.” “No Mom, she came to tell us she’s OK in Heaven!” (Oh. My.) I said, “This is Savannah and she’s four years old.” “That was how old Ellie was!”, all the while she’s hugging Savannah SO tightly. “Maria, this is Savannah, not Ellie.” “But, it’s Ellie inside Mom!” She kissed Savannah then, on her head, and said goodbye - to Ellie and me.

There’s no embellishing this encounter, it speaks for itself. My hand went to my heart and I marveled at the blessing Savannah had just bestowed. And, the blessing I had just received.

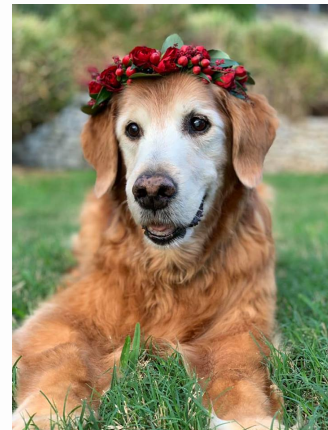


Savannah 19-001

In Loving Memory...Dudley

Julie Humble

Dudley (04-081) earned his wings last Thursday after sharing his love for 16 years. A gentle, mindful, goofy soul packed into 76 pounds of red fur love; Dudley was my boy and I'll be forever grateful he chose me to be his person. Thank you GRR for giving me the honor of loving him for the past 14.5 years.



A Tale of the Tail: Seven Things You Probably Don't Know About Your Dog's Tail

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Dog tails: they wag, they point, they tuck between legs, they thump-thump-thump on the floor, and sometimes they whack us in the face during playtime. They can tell us a lot about the personality and mood of the dog they're attached to. But how much do you really know about your dog's tail?



Here are some fun facts and important things to know about your dog's tail, which

is a communication tool, an important part of play and mobility, and can even suffer from overuse.

Our Favorite Facts about Dog Tails

Your dog's tail does so much more than just wag (though you gotta love that wag).

1. It's a communication tool.

When we think of a dog's tail, we normally think of it wagging in the air as a sign of happiness. But happiness isn't the only emotion that a dog's tail conveys. Dog tails can communicate feelings all the way from curiosity to agitation. A tail tucked between the legs can indicate shyness or submission. And a tail sticking straight up in the air can be a sign of confidence or even aggression.

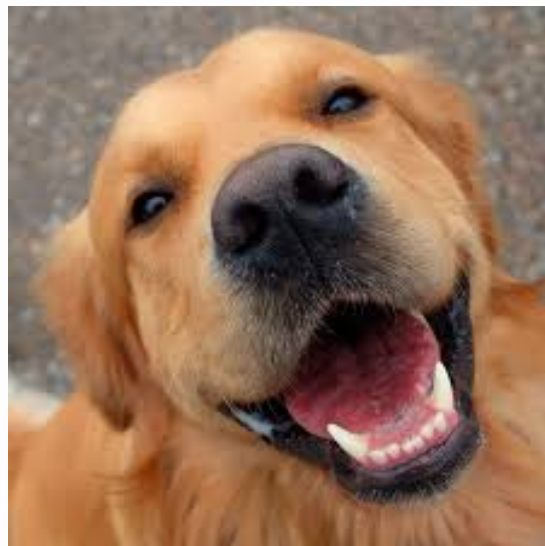
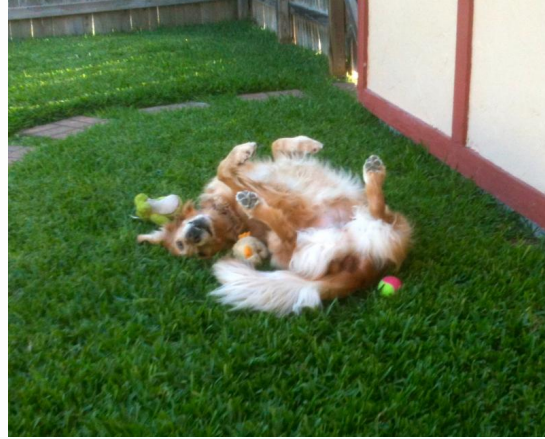
It's not just the position that matters: the speed of your dog's tail wag can carry many meanings. According to the VCA, "the faster the wag, the more excited the dog." A slow or extra-gentle wag may show insecurity. And a very fast, high-up wag is a sign of alertness.

Of course, we all know the best wag of all: the relaxed, rapid tail wag accompanied by a butt wiggle that says "I'm so happy to see you!"

2. Your dog probably doesn't wag their tail when they're alone.

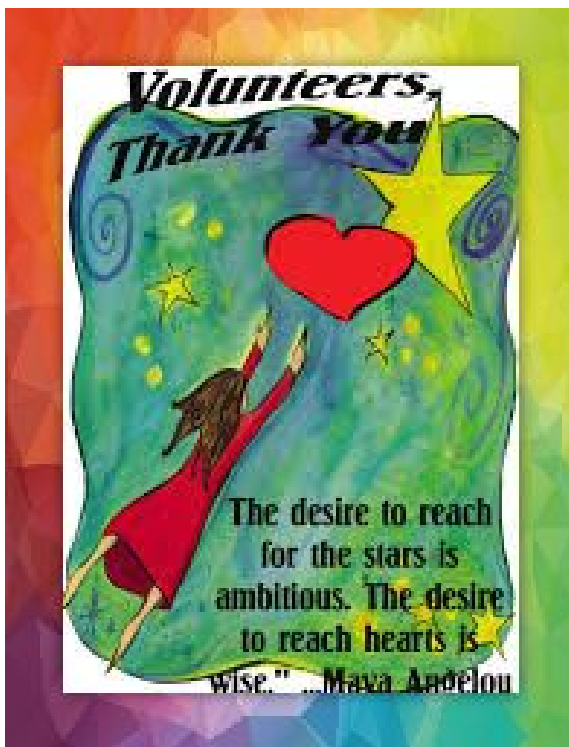
It's true! Tails are primarily used for communication, so dogs don't tend to wag them unless there's somebody around they want to communicate with. **"When the dog is alone, it will not give its typical tail wags."**

As Dr. Stanley Coren, author of How To Speak Dog: Mastering the Art of Dog-Human Communication recently wrote in Psychology Today, "When the dog is alone, it will not give its typical tail wags, in the same way people do not talk to walls."



Meet Mademoiselle Joy (19-029)

Joy hadn't had much of a life until recently. She was living outside with four



other dogs, all of them chained to a metal pipe. Only one out of the five dogs was even given a name! The dogs' owner became terminally ill, so all of the dogs needed to be rescued.

Austin Pets Alive rescued the other four dogs, but Joy came to GRR. Initially, we were told that Joy was a male, so his GRR name was Chase. Once his foster family, Hara and Corky Cootes, picked "him" up, it was apparent that "he" was a "she". Hara re-named her Joy, in honor of the beginning of her joyous new life and happier times to come.

Joy's exact age isn't known, but we think she's around twelve years old. She has adapted beautifully to indoor life. One day, it was so beautiful that Hara left the back door open. Joy went outside, dug out an area and fell asleep. When Hara woke her, she seemed confused and then remembered that she was no longer chained outside - wagging her tail as she came back inside.

Joy is a quiet couch potato until you put her on a leash; then she prances down the sidewalk and wants to smell everything. She sleeps a lot and loves being petted and brushed. Her manners are excellent and so far, hasn't done anything to put her on the "naughty list." She loves the neighborhood children.

Joy is smiling more and more and is feeling good and sleeping well. When she first arrived, she hung her head really low, ears down as if a bit defeated, but after only eight days she was holding her head up and loving attention and pets. Joy has come a long way in her journey to health and happiness and will make a wonderful addition to some lucky family.

Will it be you?

San Antonio's Fiesta Pooch Parade



**Ann Wallace, Mary and Walter Marks
with Golden Oakley and Buddy**



Volunteer Appreciation Party



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