

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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May 2020

A Message From Our President



Hello Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. While the COVID-19 situation has created so many hardships around the world, the one thing it has done is given us the opportunity to spend more quality time with our two and four-legged family. My animals have truly been the greatest source of comfort during this quarantine period and I hope the same is true for you.

GRR has been experiencing a very low number of intake dogs this year and we are continuing to see that number decline. YTD, we have taken in 22 dogs with only three in April. The GRR board has been discussing ways to increase our visibility in smaller shelters throughout Central and South Texas, as well as looking for ways to be more proactive with social media to increase awareness. GRR is always open and willing to help Golden Retrievers in need and that will not change.

Gold Ribbon Rescue received a bequest that was to be used specifically to help China dogs. Since travel has been suspended and we are unable to bring in more Goldens from China, GRR has made a donation to No Dogs Left Behind, the group in China that we worked with to bring in five Goldens from China last November. This donation will help them

to provide food and care for the hundreds of dogs that are in their sanctuary. Being able to support another rescue group in great need is something that we are very happy to do.

As we move forward, please know that GRR is here to continue our rescue work and we need every one of our volunteers to help us stay strong. You are a vital part of the organization and we need you to continue to be a part of every dog's story that we rescue.

Best 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 **May 16, 2020**.

Happy Cinco de Mayo



Will You Help Frankie Live Her Best GRR Life?

Frankie 19-098 is our darling 7 month-old female puppy who has incurable neurological issues that affect both her mobility and her ability to breathe. All of her issues appear to have been present from birth and there may be other congenital issues that we have not yet discovered.



Both sides of Frankie's larynx are paralyzed, which leads to difficulty breathing, especially during hot and/or humid weather or heavy exertion. Frankie wants to play outside, but that is where she is most affected. She has difficulty walking normally and it may be getting worse. In spite of all of this, she is a happy girl who isn't in pain and loves her foster parents. Her fosters are committed to giving her the best life ever.

Frankie's long-term prognosis is not good. She is susceptible to pneumonia, with or without surgery, and surgery could result in megasophagus. We have decided not to subject Frankie to surgery. Our goal is to keep Frankie comfortable and happy for as long as possible.

Because of her medical issues, we have designated Frankie a Permanent Foster. Our hope is that she will have months or years of quality life. Will you help Frankie live her best GRR life? If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor Frankie, please go to our [Permanent Foster](#) page and follow the prompts.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Your Dog is Talking to You

Whole Dog Journal



Understanding Your Dog's Vocalizations

Barks, growls, howls, whines, and whimpers-your dog is talking to you, and he's got a lot to say!

Barking

Dogs bark for many reasons, including alert (there's something out there!), alarm (there's something bad out there) boredom, demand, fear, suspicion, distress, and pleasure (play).

The bark of a distressed dog, such as a dog who suffers from isolation or separation distress or anxiety, is high-pitched and repetitive; getting higher in pitch as the dog becomes more upset. Boredom barking tends to be more of a repetitive monotone. Alert bark is likely to be a sharp, staccato sound; alarm barking adds a note of intensity to the alert. Demand barks are sharp and persistent, and directed at the human who could/should ostensibly provide whatever the dog demands. At least, the dog thinks so. Suspicious barks are usually low in tone, and slow, while fearful barking is often low but faster. Play barking just sounds . . . playful. If you have any doubt – look to see what the dog is doing. If he's playing, it's probably play barking.

Baying

Baying is deep-throated, prolonged barking, most often heard when a dog is in pursuit of prey, but also sometimes offered by a dog who is challenging an intruder. The scent hounds are notorious for their melodic baying voices.

Continue reading [here](#).

More Happy News!

More happy news: our dogs are being adopted by already-approved families. These are our April adoptees who all went to absolutely wonderful homes! Congratulations to all of our new adoptive families!



Maroon 19-111 Maroon was adopted on March 31st by his loving forever family. Maroon was an outdoor dog and he was longing for someone to make him the center of attention. His wish has come true! He loves all kinds of petting and attention, loves to cuddle up and roll over for tummy rubs. Adores it!

Teddy 20-010 Teddy was adopted on April 4th and she's a sweetheart! She has traded in her favorite hobby (chasing her tail) for something much more exciting....chasing squirrels! She was in this position for two days to monitor the yard. She is so focused! Her family won't have to worry about birds near the pool this year!!

Teddy is entertaining her family all during this quarantine! There's plenty of toys, but she's just focused on catching her tail!!

(Editor's Note: If you are a member of the GRR closed Facebook group, check out

Teddy chasing her tail [here.](#))



Archer 20-018 Archer was adopted on April 5th. He is the most perfect golden. Both his new parents just rave about how well behaved he is and what a great dog he is. They love him very much and are so glad to have him as a part of their family.

A perfect match!



Maisie 19-109 Maisie was adopted by her new family on April 5th...yay!

Maisie is still with her foster family in this photo and it's a bit crowded in bed! Look closely! She is fast asleep under Finley's feet and snuggled up against Shiner's (18-096) back.



Cedar 19-103 Cedar was adopted on April 7th. Her new family loves her and feels that she's at her best now!



Daisy, 20-013 Daisy was finally adopted on April 9th! There were a few medical snags to work through, but all are now completed. Daisy's new family is beside themselves with happiness!

Daisy is great with the grandkids!

Minnie 20-012 Minnie's adoption was final on April 9th. This very fun and spunky two-year-old red-golden girl loves as hard as she runs!

She excitedly follows her humans from room to room and quickly jumps to attention at any sign of movement... tail wagging the whole time. She can also bound across the back yard in about half a second at the slightest mention of her name!





Sol 20-015 Sol, now Phoebe, was adopted on April 10th. How stinkin' adorable is she?!!!



Luna, 20-014 Luna, now known as Lucy, was officially adopted on April 13th. Luna is very sweet and loves cuddling. She loves running and jumping and occasionally, digging, which her new parents don't enjoy much. She gets into everything and is SO curious about the world around her.



Luna knows two speeds - full throttle and exhaustion. She likes to run around the backyard and play with her big sister Sasha. Luna loves being with her people and welcomes gentle touch and hugs.

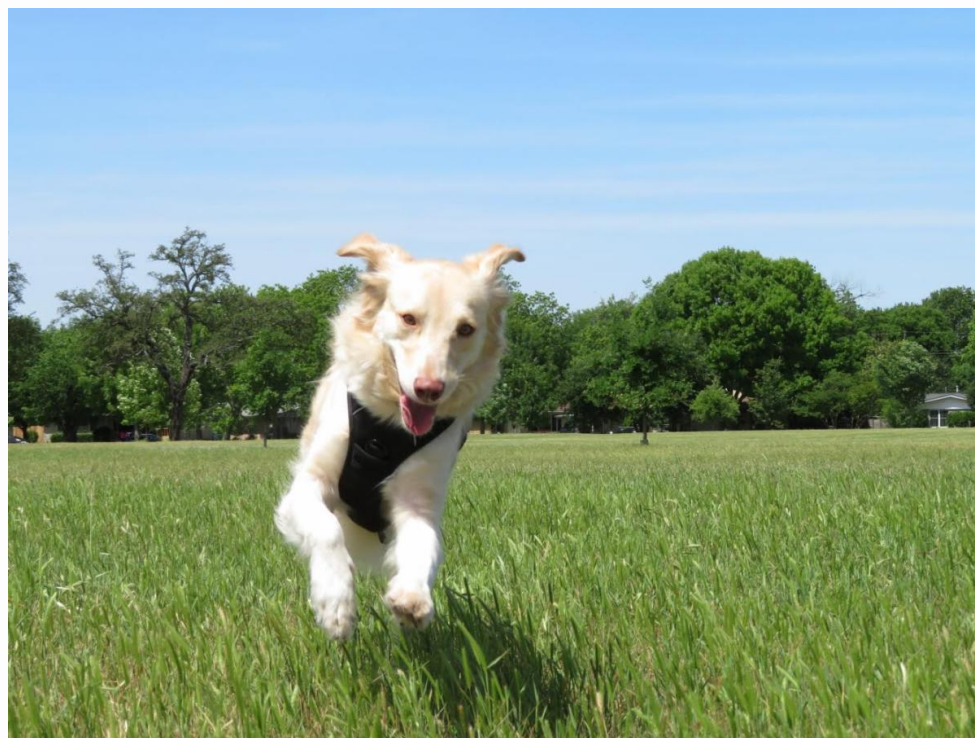


Sookie 20-009 Sookie was adopted on April 20th and her new parents are absolutely smitten with her! She is so sweet and very loving! Sookie likes the car and tries to jump into the front seat; a seat belt is in her future. She sometimes has bursts of energy, especially at night, while she lounges during the day.

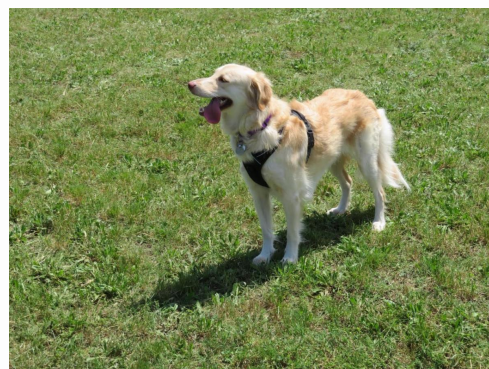


Sasha 20-020 Sasha was adopted on April 26th and her new dad is over-the-moon happy! This one year-old little lady loves playing outside, but is still learning the joy of toys. She is a ball stealer extraordinaire and loves playing with her new furry brother Max. Interestingly, thunderstorms don't bother her a bit, but she doesn't like the

washing machine!



Roxy 19-090 Roxy was adopted on April 29th. She came to GRR when her family's home burned to the ground and they could no longer take care of her. She has been waiting for her perfect forever home while undergoing heartworm treatment and her wish has finally come true. Roxy now has two Cavalier sisters and a fantastic new mom. We're so happy for her!



Happy Mother's Day



Pet Activities During Quarantine



Being in “quarantine” is stressful! Even the word itself sounds ominous. But, just like our pets, we want to focus on the “pawsitive” side! Being stuck at home doesn’t have to feel like punishment if you know how to pass the time. Here are a few pet-friendly ideas on how to make your time at home more enjoyable.

Have a Training Session

You can in fact teach an old dog new tricks! Most dogs love to learn, so bust out the treat bag (just don’t go overboard!) and ace those crowd pleasers you’ve been trying to master. Your future dinner party guests (you know, once social distancing is a distant memory) will be wowed! If you’re short on treats, there are several alternatives that your pal will work hard to earn. Favorite toys, ear scratches, or even just pieces of their regular kibble fed by hand are great incentives for training.

Make Some Goodies

Who doesn’t love homemade treats? Your pets sure do! The internet is full of cat and dog (and hamster, bird, lizzard, you name it...) friendly treat recipes that are made with

ingredients you probably have in your COVID-19-preparedness-pantries. And, in a pinch, they're safe for human consumption! We're not saying they'd be tasty to you, but hey, food is food!

Get Your Groom On

Don't want to leave the house to take your pet to the groomer? Give your pet a bath or spend some quality time brushing out those luscious locks! The weather is warming up, so it's about time for a "springtime snow" in Texas, if you catch our drift. If you don't, refer to the picture above.

Continue reading [here](#).

Happy Memorial Day



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

Juliette (18-074)

Bodhi

Buddy (Joe Pool 15-135T)



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