

May 2024

A Message From Our President



Hello friends,

We just brought in our 35th dog of the year with three more owner surrenders to come in asap. We are still averaging just about ten dogs a month. We continue to see more young Golden Retrievers being re-homed from their owners versus dogs coming from shelters, with the majority being intact. We are also bringing in more males than females.

The downside is adoption applications are really starting to slow down as we are approaching the summer months and people have travel. One constant is that we need applicants who truly have a rescue mentality who are willing and able to bring in a dog that needs training, confidence building and lots of patience. Now is the time to submit your application if you are interested in adopting from GRR.

The GRR 2025 calendar auction starts May 1st. This is a great way to spotlight your babies and help GRR dogs, as 100% of auction dollars go towards the dogs' medical and training expenses. In addition to the calendar, we spotlight these dogs in our marketing materials throughout the year.

Did you attend the Largest Golden Retriever Meetup in Texas last month? There were a record number of 733 Golden Retrievers who attended. I was honestly surprised at how well behaved most of the dogs were. GRR is the recipient of fundraising from the event and we will share the details when we have a final number.

Our mid-year business meeting will be held on May 15th and will be virtual. We will provide an update on each area of the organization. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to your participation and any questions that you may have.

Warm Regards, Michelle

If you know of a Golden Retriever in need, 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.

Happening This Month!

Gold Ribbon Rescue Business Meeting

The GRR Board of Directors invites you to join us as we present our mid-year business meeting. We will provide updates on each area of the organization.

Agenda

- Welcome - Michelle Goldberg
- Financial Update - Sandy Nelle
- 2024 Year-to-Date Updates - Michelle Goldberg
- Q and A - Everyone

Please contact the **GRR Board of Directors** if you have questions about this meeting. No RSVP is required and we look forward to seeing each of you.

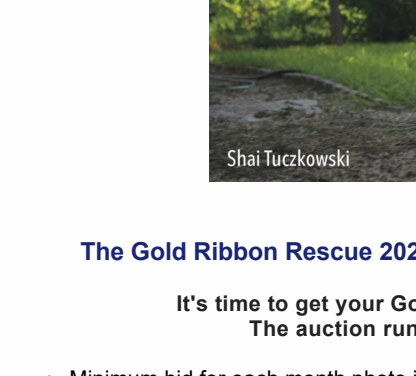
**Please note:** Anyone interested in running for a board position in October must attend one business meeting in the past 12 months as part of the eligibility criteria. For full details on eligibility please contact the **GRR Board**.

Date: **May 15, 2024**  
Time: **6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Microsoft Teams**  
Join the meeting now  
Meeting ID: 242 336 035 63  
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May 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



Please join us for a high level overview of Gold Ribbon Rescue at 6:30 p.m. on **May 22, 2024**.

We will share the structure and operation of the organization as well as volunteer opportunities available. All are welcome to attend.

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Please RSVP to **Susan O'Reilly** if you plan to attend.

**We hope you will join us!**



Gold Ribbon Rescue 2023 Annual Report

Our 2023 Annual Report is now available. This report tells our 2023 story - our mission, key activities, demographics, dogs and financials, plus lots of photos of our beautiful Golden Retrievers. Thank you for supporting GRR's Golden Retrievers. **Click on the image to view.**

Get Your Glamour Shots Ready!



Shai Turczowski 2024 Calendar

The Gold Ribbon Rescue 2025 Calendar Auction Starts NOW!

It's time to get your Golden's glamour shot ready! The auction runs through May 18th.

- Minimum bid for each month photo is \$125.
- Bid out for each month is \$550 and \$650 for the cover.
- Thumbnails are \$30 each and there are three thumbnails available for each month.
- There must be at least one Golden or GRR dog in the photo.

[Let's start bidding!](#)

Best of all, **100% of the funds raised from the auction directly support our Golden Retrievers.** Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue's Golden Retrievers

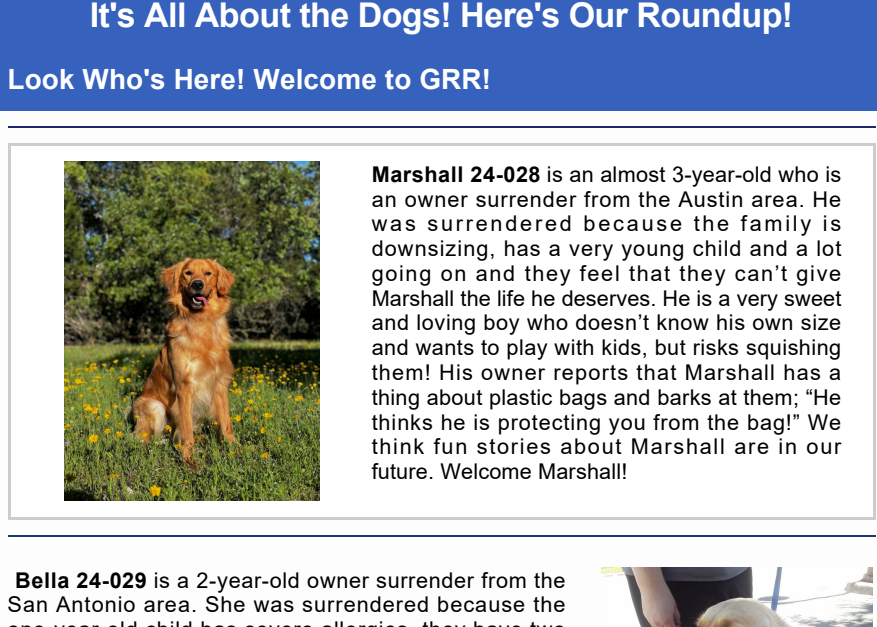


Happy Mother's Day to Our GRR Dog Moms!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, 2024. [Check out our GRR Store](#) for Golden gifts for your favorite Golden mom and enjoy 20% off your entire purchase through Mother's Day.

**No code needed!**

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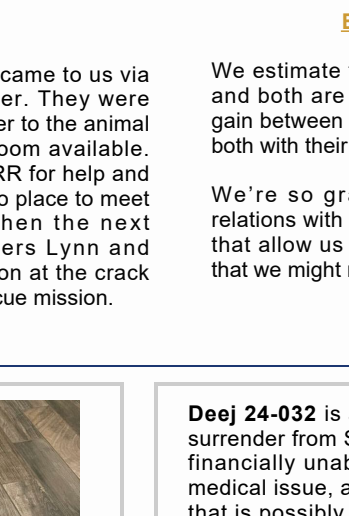
Golden Retriever Meetup in Texas!

The Golden Retriever meetup on April 13th was presented by ZilkerBark, and GRR was the non-profit beneficiary for it. The 16 GRR volunteers who had signed up and came to work at the event played a key role in implementing plans to support the effort.

Last year's event had 341 Golden Retrievers, and the goal this year was 500. **We surpassed the goal, with a total of 733 Golden Retrievers.** Donation amounts to GRR are being calculated. We so appreciate the vendors that donated items for the Donate-to-Win raffle prizes, including YETI for the three Bs - dog beds, blankets, and bowls.

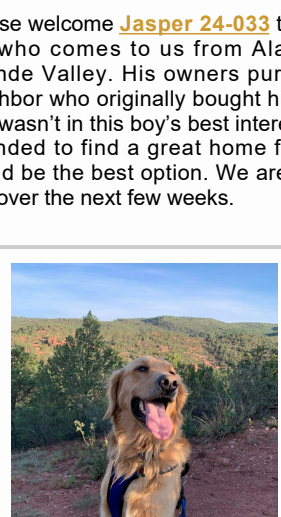
Lustre Pearl South was a great venue for the event. Loved the trees and shade with space for the vendor booths, agility course, and photo booths. The food trucks and a selection of drinks, including Tilo's specialty cocktail, with a portion of each drink donated to GRR contributed to the enjoyable experience. Such an inspiration to see all the beautiful Golden Retrievers together! Thank you Alex Hopes and ZilkerBark for all you did to organize this wonderful day.

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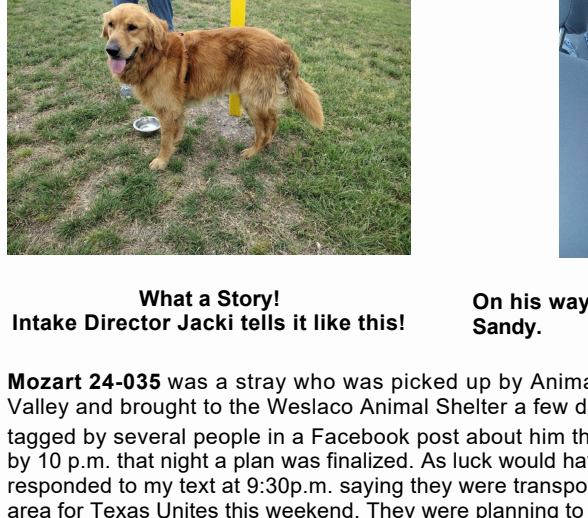


It's All About the Dogs! Here's Our Roundup!

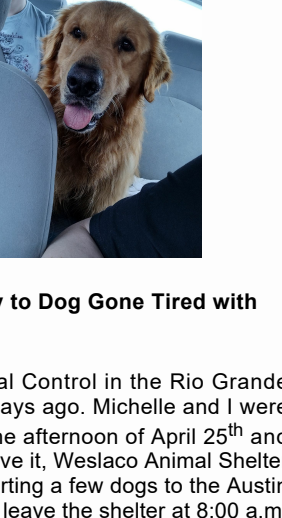
Look Who's Here! Welcome to GRR!



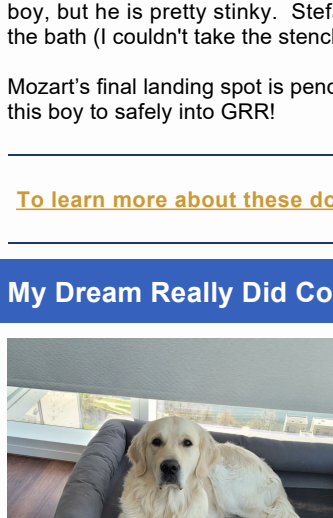
**Marshall 24-028** is an almost 3-year-old who is an owner surrender from the Austin area. He was surrendered because the family is downsizing, has a very young child and a lot going on and they feel that they can't give Marshall the life he deserves. He is a very sweet and loving boy who doesn't know his own size and loves to play with kids, but risks getting overwhelmed. His owner reports that Marshall has a thing about plastic bags and barks at them; "He thinks he is protecting you from the bag!" We think fun stories about Marshall are in our future. Welcome Marshall!



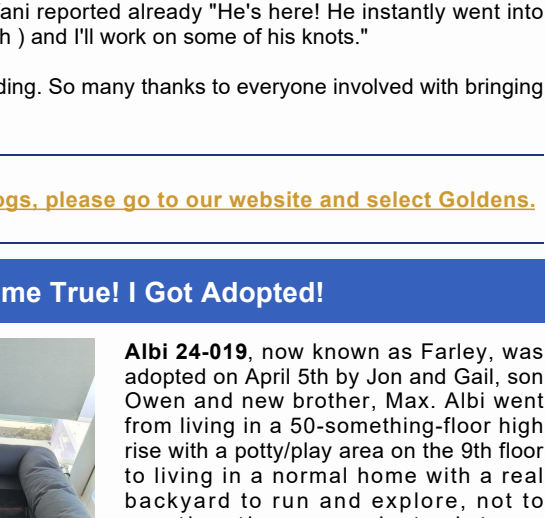
**Bella 24-029** is a 2-year-old owner surrender from the San Antonio area. She was surrendered because the one-year-old child has severe allergies, they have to other kids, ages 7 and 9, and a new baby. Sweet Bella was banished to the back yard in January and they want her to have a loving family and an indoor life again. Bella is with her FFA family.



Bellini 24-031



Brandy Wine 24-030



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Brandy Wine and Bellini came to us via the Killeen animal shelter. They were surrendered by their owner to the animal shelter, which had NO room available. The shelter contacted GRR for help and a plan was quickly put into place to meet the girls in person. Then the next morning, GRR volunteers Lynn and Rhonda jumped into action at the crack of dawn to pull off the rescue mission.

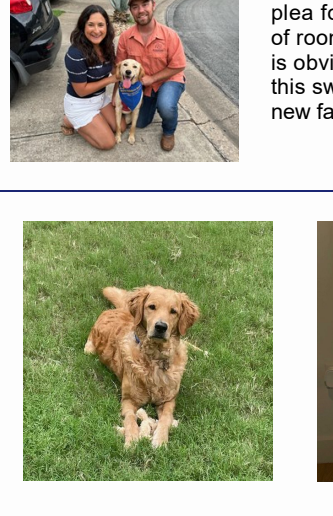
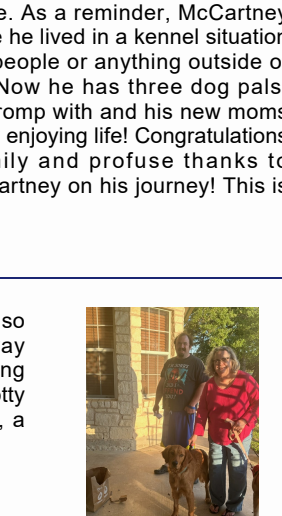
We estimate their ages to be 8 months and both are underweight and need to gain between 7-10 pounds. The girls are both with their foster families.

We're so grateful for our excellent relations with other rescues and shelters that allow us to help needy Golden Retrievers that we might not.

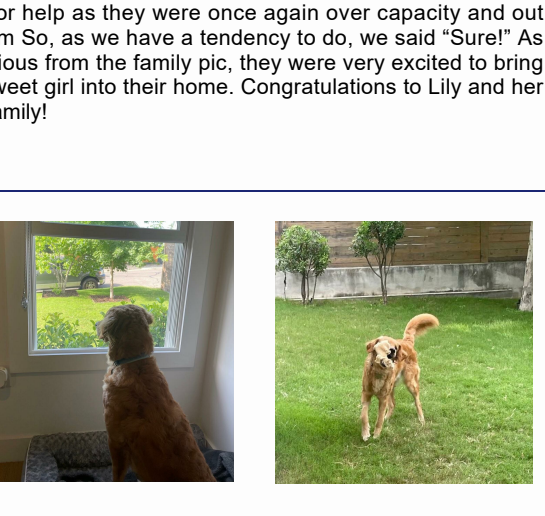


**Deej 24-032** is a 6 1/2 year-old owner surrender from Seguin. The owner was financially unable to deal with Deej's medical issue, a large mass on his jaw that is possibly malignant, as she is a single mom with a young child who needs surgery. She reluctantly contacted GRR, because she didn't think it was fair to Deej not to receive the medical care that he needs. Unfortunately, Deej was diagnosed with inoperable cancer and was gently euthanized the morning of April 30th with his original mom and his GRR fosters by his side. RIP sweet boy.

Please welcome **Jasper 24-033** to GRR. He is a 1-year-old who comes to us from Alamo, TX near the Rio Grande Valley. His owners purchased him from their neighbor who originally bought him to breed. They knew that wasn't in this boy's best interest and they had always intended to find a great home for him and knew GRR would be the best option. We are excited to learn about him over the next few weeks.



What a Story! Intake Director Jacki tells it like this!



On his way to Dog Gone Tired with Sandy.

**Mozart 24-035** was a stray who was picked up by Animal Control in the Rio Grande Valley and brought to the Weslaco Animal Shelter a few days ago. Michelle and I were tagged by several people in a Facebook post about him the afternoon of April 25th and by 10 p.m. that night a plan was finalized. As luck would have it, Weslaco Animal Shelter responded to my text at 9:30p.m. saying they were transporting a few dogs to the Austin area for Texas United this weekend. They were planning to leave the shelter at 8:00 a.m. and said they had a spot for him if we wanted them to bring him to us.....ummmmm....YES please! The shelter estimates him to be 3 to 4 years old.

Sandy is on her way to Dog Gone Tired, where she will stay for a few days, and then she will return on Tuesday (4/30) and move him to Converse for his medical vetting and grooming. He is scheduled to be neutered on Wednesday. Sandy reports he is a friendly boy, but he is pretty stinky. Stefani reported already "He is super! He instantly went into the bath (I couldn't take the stench) and I'll work on some of his knots."

Mozart's final landing spot is pending. So many thanks for everyone involved with bringing this boy to safely into GRR!

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

My Dream Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!



**Albi 24-019**, now known as Farley, was adopted on April 5th by Jon and Gail, son Owen and new brother, Max. Albi went from living in a 50-something-floor high rise with a potty/play area on the 8th floor to living in a normal home with a real backyard to run and explore, not to mention three people to dote on him! Farley and sibling, Max, are now best buds and playing with her new canine sister, snoozing on the job with their Lamb Chop toys! Congratulations to them all!

Note: Take a look at the Slow and Easy article in the April issue of *Golden Tales* for more on Albi's successful slow introduction to his new family!



**Announcing a special adoption!**  
**Indi 13-030 was adopted on April 4th by Jayce and Allie.**

Indi was returned to GRR in March 2024 at the grand old age of 13. He had moved to New York and it wasn't the best environment for him as he wasn't getting much outdoor play, etc. Indi made his trek from New York to his new digs, where he has settled into his forever home with Jayce and Allie! Indi is loving being able to be outside and be a dog again and is ecstatic to be romping with his two Golden siblings. This is a sweet ending to his story! Huge congratulations and happy ever after!



It is with great joy that we announce that **McCartney 23-113** was finally adopted on April 18th. She was adopted by Jill and Jennifer! It's been a long road for McCartney, now known as Gus, and he is becoming one of the pack and really seems to enjoy his new life. As a reminder, McCartney came from a breeder where he lived in a kennel situation with minimal exposure to people or anything outside of his kennel environment. Now he has three dog pals, Sam, Coco and Apollo, to romp with and his new moms who adore him. He's clearly enjoying life! Congratulations to Gus and his new family and profuse thanks to everyone who helped McCartney on his journey! This is rescue!

**Lennon 23-112** was adopted by Brent on April 10th. We're so excited for this sweet boy who has come such a long way since he arrived into GRR care last year, tackling anything from learning how to live in the house for the first time to potty training, anxiety, sprained muscle and, most recently, a swallowed toy. Congratulations to the new family!



Fantastic news! Our little one, **Lily, 24-011**, was adopted by Kaitlyn and Barrett on April 18th. She came to us in early February from the Human Society of New Braunfels with a plea for help as they were once again over capacity and out of room. So, as we have a tendency to do, we said "Sure!" As is obvious from the family pic, they were very excited to bring this sweet girl into their home. Congratulations to Lily and her new family!



**Whiskey 24-021** was adopted on April 22nd by Tyler. He is keeping his name, which fits perfectly. There was never a more spirited puppy, in fact, Whiskey has even visited some local breweries! He is sweet and smart and has charmed all of Tyler's friends, who now consider him part of their group. Let the adventures begin!



**Lando 24-026**, now known as Landon, was adopted on April 23rd by Pete and Jill. He had a bit of a rocky start with them, through no fault of theirs, because he was neutered shortly after joining them and had recovery problems. He needed a scrotal ablation that required surgery and, of course, it was on Eclipse Day, which required going to CT/ESH for immediate surgery because MVCC was closed. He's been in the cone his entire time with Pete and Jill and they've been absolutely diligent keeping him occupied with brain games. Finally, freedom! After his stitches were removed and his cone was discarded, he played fetch and walked and did zoomies! This boy will be well loved!



**Pink Martini 24-017** was adopted on April 25th by Artem and Bailey. She was with the family for 6 weeks, has been settling in great and has even begun playing with her new canine sister, Wanda! They will be keeping her name and have already ordered a bandana with pink martini all over it and other items that go along with her adorable name. Congratulations to the new family! We think that Pink is adorable!



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...



Deej 24-032

You Really Need to Know This!

Be Cautious! It's Getting Warm.



Avoid Harmful Algae and Cyanobacteria

Harmful algae and cyanobacteria, sometimes called blue-green algae, can produce toxins (poisons) that can make people and animals sick, and affect the environment. Learn more about them to keep you, your family, and your pets safe.

**Algae and cyanobacteria** are simple, plant-like organisms that live in water. Algae and cyanobacteria can quickly grow out of control, or "bloom."

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