



November 2023

A Message From Our President

Hello Friends,

We've had a lot going on in October!

- Our **\$25,000 fundraising challenge** has surpassed our goal and raised \$32,100. WOW!
- Our **Golden Pawloosa** was a blast and helped celebrate our incredible 25 years of rescue.
- The **GoFundMe for Aster** 23-094 has raised \$2620.00!
- The **Shake Shack** in Austin also had two fundraiser days and we are grateful for their support and to all who participated.
- Additionally, we were contacted by a student from The McCoy College of Business at Texas State University, who wanted to work with GRR to create a **\$1,000.00 GoFundMe as a project for their entrepreneurship course**. This kicked off on 10/26. We are excited to see the results. Stay tuned!

We are so thankful for all your generous donations. We can't keep doing what we do without your support.

I want to remind you that when you adopt a dog from GRR, you should be contacting the microchip company to transfer the microchip into your name and leave GRR as the secondary contact. Also, microchips can migrate after insertion. It is important to have your vet scan for the microchip at least once a year to ensure that it is still in place. It may be necessary to have another microchip inserted. GRR ID tags should be kept on your foster/adopted dog's collars at all times. If you need a replacement tag, we are happy to have one provided. Please contact **Rob Garcia** to request one.

The annual business meeting was held on October 29th at the home of Hara and Corky Coates. Thank you to those who attended and were able to vote on the 2024 board of directors. The board for the next year is:

- Julie Birkeneder
- Hara Coates
- Paula Ellis
- Michelle Goldberg
- Jacki Mulkey
- Sandy Nelle
- Susan O'Reilly

We look forward to serving Gold Ribbon Rescue for the next year and welcome any questions you may have.

I want to wish all of you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful because of all of you and of your continued support of GRR. I hope you all stay well and healthy throughout the holiday season. Remember not to overindulge your pets with leftovers and provide them with lots of enrichment activities to help them be better prepared to navigate stress during the holidays.

Warm regards,
Michelle

GRR is ready, willing and able to help Golden Retrievers.

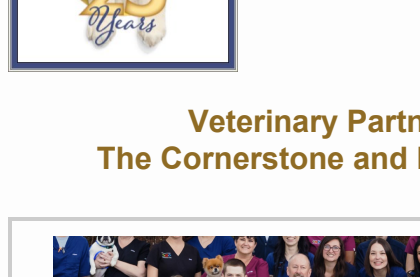
If you know of a Golden in need or one to be surrendered, please always remember to contact our [Intake team](#) or call our hotline at **512-659-4653** as our social media pages aren't monitored for posts of dogs in need.

Do you have questions or comments for the **GRR Board**? Write a note to the Board and include **Questions For The Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next board meeting is **November 15, 2023**.

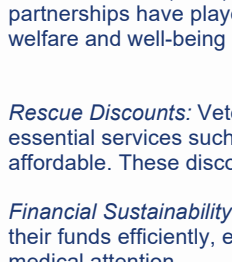
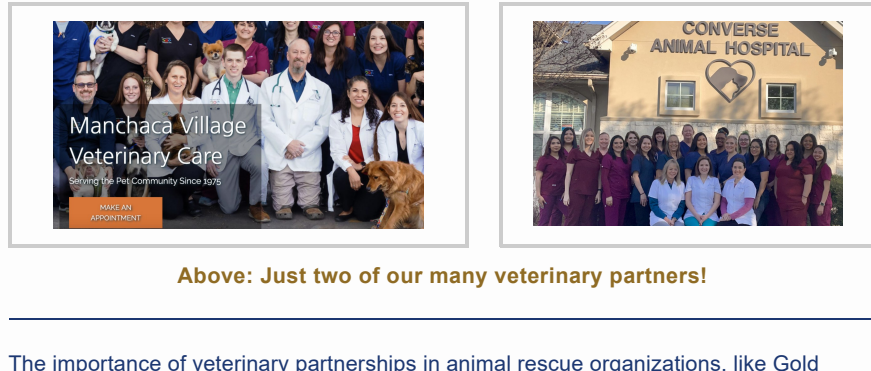
Happening This Month!

Kicking Off Our Annual Tree of Hope November 20th!

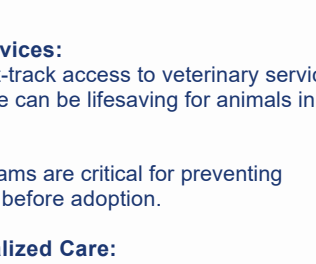
Stay tuned!



It's Full of Golden!

GRR's 2024 Calendar now available!
[Preview and pre-order today!](#)

Above: Just two of our many veterinary partners!



The importance of veterinary partnerships in animal rescue organizations, like Gold Ribbon Rescue (GRR), cannot be overstated. Over the past 25 years, these partnerships have played and will continue to play a vital role, in ensuring the overall welfare and well-being of rescued animals, particularly in the following ways:

Affordable Medical Care:

Rescue Discounts: Veterinary partnerships often come with rescue discounts, making essential services such as spaying/neutering, vaccinations, exams, and surgeries more affordable. These discounts are crucial for organizations working with limited budgets.

Financial Sustainability: Affordable medical care enables rescue organizations to allocate their funds efficiently, ensuring that more rescued animals can receive necessary medical attention.

Timely Access to Services:

Fast-Track Services: Partnerships often facilitate fast-track access to veterinary services. In emergency situations, quick access to medical care can be lifesaving for animals in need.

Preventive Care: Timely vaccinations and medical exams are critical for preventing diseases, ensuring that rescued animals are healthy before adoption.

Grant Funding and Specialized Care:

Grant Opportunities: Partnerships can lead to grant opportunities, like the one from Bissell for dental care. Grants allow rescue organizations to provide specialized care, like dental cleanings, which might be financially challenging without external support.

Expansion and Accessibility:

Geographical Expansion: As rescue organizations expand their reach to areas lacking established partnerships, forming new partnerships becomes imperative. This expansion ensures that rescued animals receive consistent and quality care, regardless of their location.

Accessibility for Adopters: Vet partnerships can also benefit adopters, ensuring that they continue to receive affordable veterinary services after adopting an animal, promoting responsible pet ownership.

Community Support and Awareness:

Community Engagement: Strong partnerships foster a sense of community. Local veterinarians and clinics, aware of the rescue organization's work, might offer additional support, including volunteering their services or resources.

Veterinary partnerships are the backbone of animal rescue organizations. They provide financial relief, ensure timely medical interventions, facilitate specialized care, enable geographical expansion, and promote community support and awareness. Such partnerships are instrumental in sustaining the mission of rescue organizations, allowing them to continue their valuable work in saving and improving the lives of animals in need.

The Sky's the Limit!



Several of our dogs have had their own private flight to Austin to become official Gold Ribbon Rescue (GRR) dogs. We extend our gratitude to the pilots who have made these trips possible.

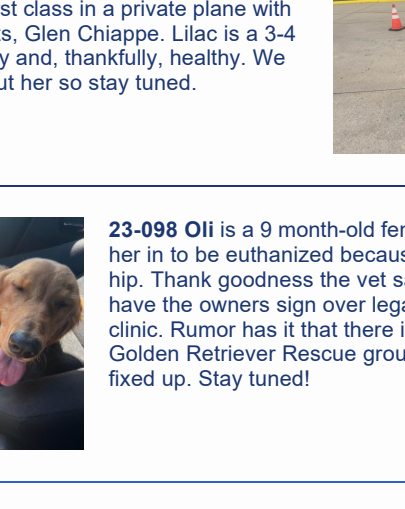
Aircraft Simulation Training (AST) is an organization based in Burnet, Texas and owned by **Staci and Rick McGuire** - big dog lovers and fans of GRR. They recently made a generous donation of \$750 to our organization and are spreading the word to increase the network of pilots that can assist future GRR dogs.

Pilot Jim and Vanessa Minton, have been GRR fans for many years and have a 15-year-old Golden. Jim and Vanessa met Michelle Goldberg, GRR president, to present the donation on behalf of Staci and Rick. Also on site was **Glenn Chlappe**, pilot and GRR volunteer, who has flown several missions for GRR and made this connection possible because of his relationship with Jim.

Three Golden ambassadors were on-hand including Aster (23-094) who was a recent recipient of a private flight from south Texas to bring him to Austin to literally save his life. Other Golden ambassadors included Rusty (15-162) and Marley (23-052).

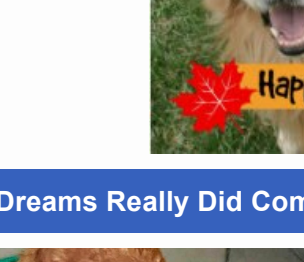
GRR is grateful for AST's donation and our current pilot volunteers. We are also eager to spread the word to raise awareness of AST and grow the network of pilots who will be able to help our dogs - dogs that are too far away for ground transport or in need of an emergency intake. Our community of support continues to amaze us!

Thank you, Staci, Rick, Glenn, Jim and Vanessa!

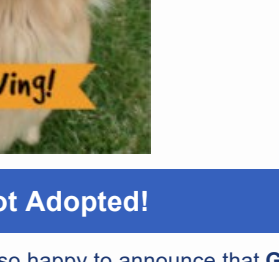


It's All About the Dogs! Here's Our Roundup!

Look Who's Here! Welcome to GRR!

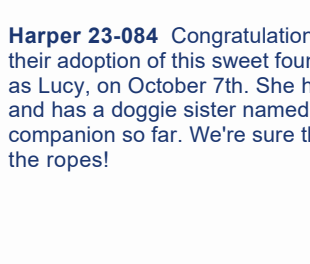
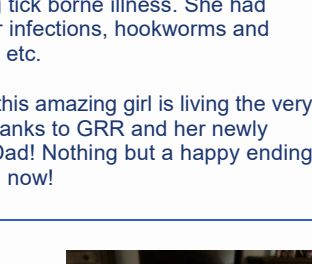


23-092 Mongo is a 7 year-old, owner surrender from San Antonio. Sadly, Mongo's owner passed away and Mongo and his pal Chief 23-093 were flown into San Antonio for family to take care of. Unfortunately, no one stepped up. Welcome to GRR!

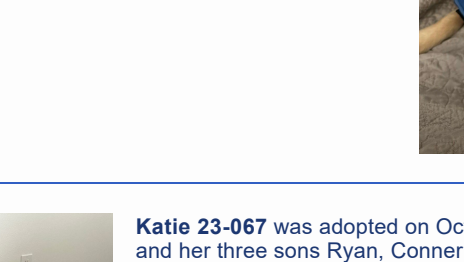


23-093 Chief is a 7 year-old also, a little darker red and a little taller, and arrived with Mongo. Welcome boys!!

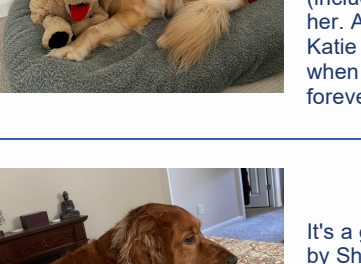
23-096 Lilac arrived in our care from Pharr County Shelter. Lilac arrived first class in a private plane with one of our favorite pilots, Glen Chlappe. Lilac is a 3-4 year-old female, friendly and, thankfully, healthy. We have a lot to learn about her so stay tuned.



23-098 Oli is a 9 month-old female. A family brought her in to be euthanized because she had a dislocated hip. Thank goodness the vet said no and was able to have the owners sign over legal ownership to the clinic. Rumor has it that there is a really GRRreat Golden Retriever Rescue group that is helping Oli get fixed up. Stay tuned!



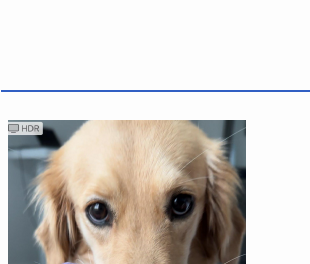
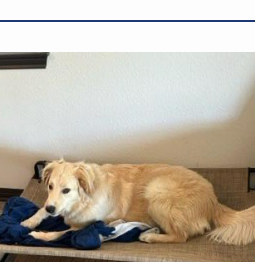
My Dreams Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!



We're so happy to announce that **Greta Garbo 23-073** was officially adopted on October 1st by Steve! Sweet Greta Garbo came to us back in July from Laredo after having a litter of nine puppies three months prior. She was malnourished, filthy and covered in ticks which had resulted in her having tick borne illness. She had double ear infections, hookworms and tapeworm, etc.

And now, this amazing girl is living the very best life thanks to GRR and her newly adoptive Dad! Nothing but a happy ending for this girl now!

Harper 23-084. Congratulations to Michael and Amanda on their adoption of this sweet founding pup Harper, now known as Lucy, on October 7th. She has found her perfect place and has a doggie sister named Josie, who has been a good companion so far. We're sure that she will be teaching Lucy the ropes!

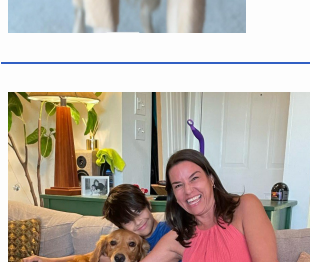


Katie 23-067 was adopted on October 7th by Audrey and her three sons Ryan, Conner, and Ethan. They are already showering Katie with love, and nearby their "big, extended family of people and pets" - uncle, sister, parents, neighbors and several friendly dogs (including another Golden) - are waiting to embrace her. Audrey was even planning to name her next dog Katie after the mother of her beloved first Golden when she found GRR! This was meant to be Katie's forever family in every way!

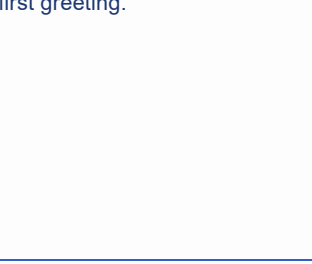


It's a great day for **Carley 23-085**, who was adopted by Shelley and Hunley on October 12th. She came in as "Charlie" and is still known by that name. She gets along so well with her new "sister" Rosie and is just a joy to the family! Congratulations to all!

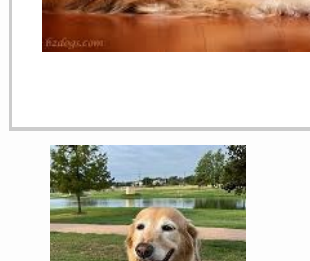
Editor's Note: Carley is the smiley Golden at the top of the newsletter.



Nash 23-086 was adopted on October 15th by Doug and Doug's other dog "Mister" witnessed the event. Nash's development from an overactive pup to a well-behaved young gentleman has been wonderful! Doug thanks GRR for the opportunity to welcome Nash into his life!



Riley 23-083 found her forever family on October 12th when she met Matt. Just like Riley, Matt had waited a long time to find his loyal companion and we're so thrilled that they found each other. Another happy ending!

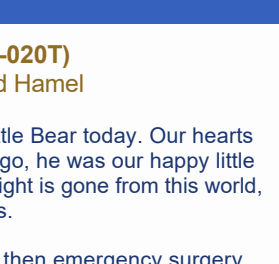


We're so excited to announce the adoption of our shelter girl, **London 23-089**, to Ami and her son Max on October 17th! London is our girl who was delivered to the Williamson County Animal Shelter when she was found roaming on Hwy 163 in the Cedar Park area. A first time foster, Olivia, took great care of her. We were thrilled to see Ami and Max immediately fall in love with London from the very first greeting.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...



Rose Willa (Rose 15-084)
Little Bear (Valor 21-0207)
Liberty Jane (AKA Libby Belle)
Molly (Tootsie 10-185)
Gabriel 23-097
Rio 23-076



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In Memoriam

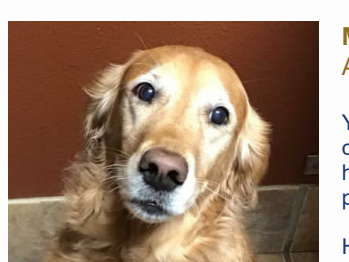


Little Bear (Valor 21-0207)
Marla McClain and Ed Hameel

We lost our precious Little Bear today. Our hearts are broken. Two days ago, he was our happy little sunshine boy. Now his light is gone from this world, but forever in our hearts.

First an ultrasound and then emergency surgery found a tumor on his intestines and multiple tumors in his liver, causing infection in his abdomen and the sudden illness. More problems than our ever stubborn little guy could overcome.

He was a Turkey dog, and we only had him for 2-1/2 years but he forever changed us. We will love you always Little Bear.

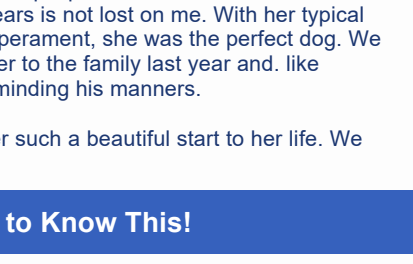


Liberty Jane (aka Libby Belle)
Jennifer and John Hover

We are so grateful to Gold Ribbon Rescue for 12 wonderful years with **Liberty Jane** (aka **Libby Belle**), as my then-two year-old thanks Libby went over the Rainbow Bridge this week.

Lots of tears in our household. Our hearts are hurting and our other pup is sad, but we know Libby lived a great life, likely almost 15 years old. She was literally the best dog we've ever had - ever.

Thank you for all that you do! Your service to this breed and dedication to making a great family/dog match are such a blessing.



Molly (Tootsie 10-185)
Alec and Denise Schwartz

Yesterday our beloved **Molly (Tootsie 10-185)** crossed the Rainbow Bridge and left us with broken hearts. She was lucky enough to be one of many puppies that Arne and Donna Larson fostered.

Her mother Kopper came into GRR very pregnant and their litter was the Candy Litter. At 2, Molly was diagnosed as epileptic; the fact that we had her for nearly 13 years is not lost on me. With her typical Golden temperament, she was the perfect dog. We added a very rambunctious little Golden brother to the family last year and, like everything, she took it in stride and kept him minding his manners.

Thank you GRR and the Larsons for giving her such a beautiful start to her life. We loved her so and will miss her always.

You Really Need to Know This!



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