

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming
Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

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September 2019

A Message From Our President

Dear Friends,

We brought in ten nice Goldens in August. Salem was the biggest emergency, as the youngster had been hit by a car. Surgeon Steve Kerpsack did marathon surgeries, repairing Salem's badly fractured front leg and hip, plus a neuter. Salem is on crate rest; recovering well.

I am happy to announce that Denise Cole has stepped up to lead our Volunteer Committee. As you know, volunteers are the life-blood of our organization and are GRR's biggest asset. GRR couldn't function without you! Denise will focus on recruiting new volunteers, getting current volunteers more engaged and facilitating better volunteer communications and education. Volunteers will be hearing more from Denise soon.



Save the date: Join us for our Golden Celebration event on Sunday September 29th. You'll be greeted by our beautiful China Goldens, enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and desserts by Food! Food! and view our fabulous China Paw Print art. I'll update you on GRR happenings and Michelle Goldberg will share photos and stories from her trips to China to rescue these dogs. It promises to be a fun event and look forward to seeing you. Dress is casual. For more information and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Save the date: GRR members are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10 am. Meeting location can be found [here](#). Engage with GRR board members and team leaders, hear updates, and brainstorm ways to make GRR even better. We hope to see you there.

As Ever,
Margo

Do you have questions or comments for the Board? We value your input as members and volunteers. Please send a note to goldens@grr-tx.com and include **Questions for the Board** in the subject line. We hope to hear from you!



Thanks to everyone who helped populate our Fun in the Golden Sun beach. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing \$3060 that will be used to help Golden Retrievers with extensive medical needs through our Extraordinary Golden Retrievers Fund.



Howloween Fest at DogBoy's Dog Ranch

Date: Sunday, October 20th

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Where: [DogBoy's Dog Ranch](#)
2615 Crystal Bend Dr.

There is a maximum attendance of 75 dogs. Please, only two dogs per person. Light refreshments will be provided and we are having an entertaining costume

We hope to see you there!

A Golden Celebration - September 29th - Come Join us!

A Golden Celebration

Join us at a new, exciting event in support of the dogs we love.

Sunday, September 29, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Gather Venues - Monroe, Austin, TX

- * Margo shares our most memorable 2019 rescue tails
- * Learn about our international China Golden missions
- * See our China Golden PawPrint art
- * Mix and mingle with friends
- * Enjoy scrumptious Asian Fusion Cuisine by **Food! Food!**

Best of all, our China Golden greeters will be waiting with wagging tails and sloppy kisses to thank you for the support you offer to all Gold Ribbon dogs.

Tickets: \$50 * Two for \$90

For tickets and to RSVP [click here.](#)
or
I can't attend, but I would like to **make a donation** in support of our Goldens.

 Gold Ribbon Rescue

The China Dogs

Sunni (Jasmine 19-036C)

Jasmine/Sunni 019-036C arrived from China in April 2019 and was a curious and somewhat scared Golden. It appeared she had recently had puppies and was healing from her spay surgery. The first few weeks with Sunni, adjusting to a real home, a doggie brother and a routine was a challenge. Sunni often would wake in the middle of the night, ready to fight, only to quickly realize that she was safe and she was loved. As Sunni has begun to feel more secure, she is like a sponge. Everything seems new to her and she has



learned the love of chasing squirrels and birds.

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Mei Mei (Fushi 19-035C)

If I had to describe Mei-Mei, now Fushi, in one word, it would be "PERFECT"! We got Fushi April 16th. We wanted to keep a Chinese inspired name and found "Fushi" which means God of Happiness. And happy she is! From day one she was a happy, friendly, playful girl. She likes balls, but she didn't seem to know what toys were or what to do with them. Once I gave her a "squeaky" toy she just opened right up and now she carries her toys everywhere! She was completely house trained which was a huge plus! She was afraid of carpet and would not get up on our bed or couch. If we put her up there she would cower in total fear.

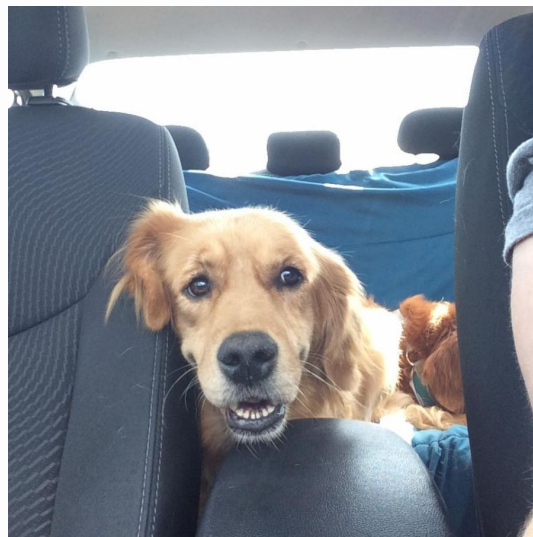
Fast forward to 4 months later: just in the past week she has been sleeping in our bed at night with us putting her up there, all night long, completely relaxed and in just the past three days she's getting on the bed by herself! We took her to Jumping Jack Dog Ranch for the GRR Splashfest and she loved it. So we decided to keep taking her there. We've taken her to Jumping Jack Dog Ranch three times in the past six weeks to keep her socialized and play with other dogs. She loves other dogs. She isn't fond of swimming but with a little encouragement she will get in the shallow end of the pool. The cutest and funniest thing about her is how she prances and bats her paws when playing or chasing her toys. She loves her home-cooked meals and is looking forward to having an adopted sister or brother in the near future! She has also become quite the Instagram sensation; she can be followed at [fushi_thechinagolden](#).

Here are some of my favorite photos.



Peony (19-037C)

Before arriving in America Peony had a rough life. Not only has she had puppies at the age of 2 but she survived the canine disease Distemper. Part of surviving distemper means she has been left with permanent, small but noticeable tics. Despite everything she's been through, Peony is a happy-go-lucky, down-for-anything kind of pup. She definitely thinks she's a lap dog because she is always trying to fit into someone's lap. She is the sweetest little cuddle bug.



Water Intoxication in Dogs

Excessive water intake can lead to an

uncommon but deadly condition.

By Denise Flaim

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Listen to Susan Paulsen's story, and you'll never look the same way again at your dog diving into your swimming pool or a glistening lake, or biting playfully at jets of water from your lawn sprinklers or garden hose.



Earlier this year, Susan was poolside at her home in Morgan Hill, California, tossing a ball for her water-loving Papillon, Kinetic. The 3½-year-old dog was a top-ranked agility competitor, with whom Susan planned to compete at elite agility events around the globe this year. Susan routinely cross-trained the little dog in the pool to build her muscle strength. Kinetic had just learned how to leap straight into the pool, and absolutely loved diving into the big blue expanse for her toy.

Susan was always careful to prevent Kinetic from overexertion; the dog's name reflected her exuberant attitude about everything she did. So after the usual 20 minutes, Susan called a time-out for Kinetic to rest.

A half-hour later, Susan found her dog motionless on the couch. Kinetic was so lethargic and weak that her head bobbed and she urinated uncontrollably when Susan picked her up. In the car on the way to the emergency vet, things got worse: Kinetic started to foam at the mouth, her lips turned blue, and she passed out, lapsing into a coma from which she would never awaken. As the veterinarian did bloodwork, noting that her sodium-potassium levels were off, Kinetic slipped even further away. Her brain started to swell, and her organs began to fail. At 2 am, the veterinarians took Kinetic off the respirator. In the space of six hours, Kinetic had gone from being an active, vibrant, butterfly-eared blur to a memory.

To continue reading, click [here](#).

Our Goldendoodle Ollie (18-049)

By April Halpin

I will never forget the afternoon that I received a call from our GRR Matchmaker that she had a Goldendoodle puppy available that she felt was a great fit for us. She sent the cutest pictures of a puppy that I've ever seen. Ollie came to us as a four-month-old, very vocal and hyper ball of fluff. He slept for the first few nights by the front door, almost as if he was confused as to where he was. But it wasn't long before Ollie figured out that he was welcome to cuddle time at night on a big, cozy, king size bed with his new pawrents. Now he lies facing the TV every night at 9:00, knowing it's snuggle time, before he retreats to his security detail by the door at bedtime.



Ollie is truly indescribable until one meets him. He has a personality as big as Texas and he thinks he's a tiny lap dog, snuggling himself on top of you any time you sit or lie down. He's a 95 pound sweet ball of fluff, but his bark can definitely let anyone know he means business and will protect his family. He pouts when people leave him and he can be very sensitive when someone is upset or hurt.

He's so smart and has learned a lot in his forever home: how to leave his brother Bentley's (GRR 17-012) bowl alone, that he doesn't have to growl at other dogs because they can be fun friends and his favorite; that Mom often accidentally drops things when she cooks if you're just patient and well-mannered enough.

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Bentley and Ollie

How to Foster an Animal for the First Time

At the Animal Care Centers of [New York City](#), the shelters receive between 40 and 60 animals a day; during one holiday weekend last year, the shelters received more than 300 animals, including dogs, cats, and rabbits that were strays or were relinquished by owners.

Adopting a pet, especially as a prospective first-time owner, can be daunting. This is why fostering a pet is a practical solution. It allows you time to take care of and live with a rescued animal and whether you can devote enough resources to their well-being—but the process isn't easy.

If you want to foster an animal for the first time, get ready to lose all sense of personal space and free time—and also have the rewarding experience of caring for an animal in need. (And try not to cry when they do get adopted, something that's happened to me several times.)

Ask yourself if you can make the commitment necessary



Before you foster an animal, it's important to ask yourself a few essential questions about the level of commitment you're able to make. For one, depending on the shelter, you may be expected to absorb all costs as a foster parent, including those for food, bedding, and a walker, if necessary. (In some cases, a shelter or rescue may offer to pay for these costs; at the very least, they may cover costs for any vet visits.) If this feels like an expensive responsibility, it might be worth reconsidering fostering altogether.

Editor's Note: GRR covers medical costs at a GRR vet while a dog is in foster care. We do ask fosters to provide quality dog food, toys and lots of love.

Continue reading: <https://lifehacker.com/how-to-foster-an-animal-for-the-first-time-1837407555>

Thank you, Tomlinson's and Lofty Dog!

By Margo Biba

Many thanks to Tomlinson's and Lofty Dog in Austin, for donating over 800 pounds of quality dog food to GRR. We sure appreciate their ongoing support. My front room is overflowing with food and this photo is only a portion of it.



The food is available to foster families for pickup at my house in South Austin, and various other locations in Austin and San Antonio.

Email me at margo@grr-tx.com to make arrangements for pickup - I want my front room back!



Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

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