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GRR's response to COVID-19

We wanted to provide an update about what we are doing here at Gold Ribbon Rescue (GRR) amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our volunteers, adopters and dogs is our number one priority.

**We are continuing to take in Golden Retrievers in need.** We will handle all intake, transports and vet visits with extra safety measures to minimize potential risk to those involved in the process. We will also temporarily revise our intake process to keep human to human contact to the bare minimum by asking for required documents to be filled out in advance, electronically as much as possible. We also request that everyone adheres to additional safety guidelines during any human to human contact with our volunteers and we will advise on a case by case basis, as needed.

We are closely following the latest CDC and WHO guidelines. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our policies as needed to ensure we are still able to save Golden Retrievers in need, while keeping our humans safe.

We know there have been some questions about whether or not a pet can transmit COVID-19 to humans. The information available from infectious disease experts and animal health organizations agree that there is no evidence at this point to indicate that pets can spread COVID-19 to other animals or humans. Here is an article you can refer to for more information and recommendations to keep you and your pets safe and healthy: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19>.

As always, we appreciate your continued support. In the meantime, we hope you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy during this extraordinary time.

Be safe,

Michelle Goldberg  
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Gold Ribbon Rescue

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