

# Gold Ribbon Rescue

Celebrating Fifteen Years of Helping Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

November 2014

## Upcoming Events

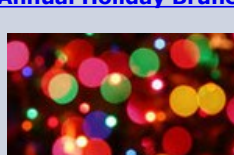
**A Golden Celebration**  
November 15th 2014  
Join us for the Gala Golden Celebration. Click [here](#) for details and registration.

[Snout by Snoutwest](#)  
November 2, 2014

**GRR Board Meeting**  
November 2, 2014  
Forward items to [Emily](#).

[Volunteer Training](#)  
Austin,  
November 22, 2014

## Annual Holiday Brunch



December 14, 2014  
See article below.

For more information about GRR events, contact Sheila Thomas at [Sheila@grr-tx.com](mailto:Sheila@grr-tx.com) or Paula Ellis at [prellis@austin.rr.com](mailto:prellis@austin.rr.com)

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Your Membership Expired or Expires on \$expires\$

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## How Can You Help a Golden?

Make a [tax deductible donation](#) to GRR

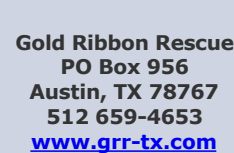
Become a [monthly donor](#) and we'll automatically charge your credit card.

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To learn how you can help make-a-difference, email Sheila Thomas at [Sheila@grr-tx.com](mailto:Sheila@grr-tx.com)

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## A Note of Gratitude From Margo Biba, GRR President:

Hello everyone and happy holidays! We'll soon be busy with all of the activities that November and December bring to our lives, and our Golden Retrievers will most certainly take part in some of them.

So many wondrously dedicated volunteers power our organization - whose first task, and often last task of the day, is dedicated to GRR; not to mention all the hours in between. Our supporters are many and appreciated greatly. My gratitude: it is boundless. Without all of you, there would be no Gold Ribbon Rescue and we could not give our Golden Retrievers the love they so justly deserve.

Because of you, Peabody's sarcoptic mange has resolved and he is a happy curly-coated dog. Elderly Beau is in a loving forever home. Sherman is recovering from horrific malnutrition and his dead and infected teeth have been removed. The list goes on and on - thanks to you.

As the holidays approach, please remember that you can help us tremendously by shopping through [iGive](#), which works through hundreds of businesses where we typically shop. Up to 26% of your purchase goes to GRR at no additional cost to you. You can also shop [Amazon for GRR](#), again, at no cost to you. Remember too, that our [2015 GRR calendar](#) is available and they make wonderful holiday gifts.

I am grateful to you all and I remain committed to supporting our tireless volunteers and generous donors, and our Golden Retrievers. Each rescued Golden brings love and gratitude into our lives, tenfold.

- Margo

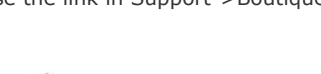
## Help a Golden by using iGive and Amazon GRR

The iGive link is on our website under Support-> Boutique->Save a Dog near the bottom of the page or [just click this link](#). To use iGive, you'll need to initially register with an email and password. You'll be fully registered when you make your first purchase. You must be logged into iGive when you make a purchase so that GRR can receive the donation. When you go to shop, you'll be presented with a list of companies that participate and the % they donate. You can then acquire a list of your favorites. There are a LOT of businesses. It takes 3-5 business days to post the donation to GRR from your purchase.

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## A Loving and Beautiful Tribute to Paddy

By Winn Bieseke



I wrote the following in memory of my 10 year-old male Paddy. I had to put him to sleep October 13th. He loved playing with puppies, and they with him. He was a great dog and I'd like another just like him, but I know that won't happen. All dogs are different, just like people.

### A Dog's Dream

It might look like play, and can seem pretty rough,  
You'll see past this display, if you look long enough,  
First the chase then the bite then the fall is the game,  
Long ago we would hunt all across the great plains,  
Unleashed and unowned we would wander back then,  
Before there were fences or roads made by men.  
Only forest and meadow beginning to end,  
When no one but God had a claim to this land.  
I instruct these young pups, though they may never need,  
To fell the great beast, to move at great speed.  
This instruction I give, and this they must receive,  
I pass on the ways of the origin breed.  
And if ever you think as I sleep at your feet,  
Do I or don't I, and of what do I dream?  
I do run, I do jump, do decipher the breeze,  
Dream of elk, deer and buffalo,  
Dream of meadow and tree.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Bob and Jan Dallas



### How long have you been volunteering with GRR?

About 8 years.

### What made you want to volunteer with GRR?

After adopting our first GRR pup (Penny 07-139, Margo's Biba's foster) our neighbor, Sheila Thomas, encouraged us to volunteer.

### What volunteer position do you hold?

The Honorable **GRR CHIPMASTER!** We also do transportation, home visits, and evaluations, foster coordinator, and whatever else GRR wants

us to do.

### Explain the activities you participate in as you fulfill this position.

We procure microchips, distribute them to vets and trained GRR volunteers, and maintain the records of all GRR dogs matched to their microchip. We also register microchips in the national registry. I insert microchips when I can't talk a vet or another trained volunteer into doing it for me. 😊

### About how many hours do you typically spend volunteering in this position?

I like to make it sound high tech and complicated. But it's actually an easy job requiring 2-3 hours a week. The more time consuming tasks are home visits and transportation.

### What is your favorite part about volunteering in this position?

We really like the GRR volunteers and love the dogs!

### Describe a cute/funny/interesting story while volunteering in this position.

After five years as a volunteer (very experienced), I evaluated and picked up a female stray at the New Braunfels shelter, named her Dolly, and took her to Converse Vet Hospital. When I walked in the receptionist informed me the "Dolly" was an intact male! So much for my thorough evaluation! Other volunteers have offered to send me books that explain the difference. Pat Capin may never let me live that one down!

### Give one piece of advice for volunteers interested in serving in this position.

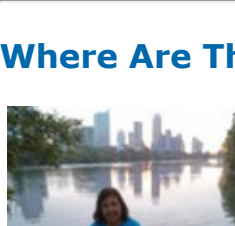
Volunteering to help others (including critters) will make you feel much better than anything you will ever do for yourself.

### What is one word that describes your experience while volunteering for GRR?

Rewarding and fun!

To learn more about volunteering with GRR, send an email to [Sheila@grr-tx.com](mailto:Sheila@grr-tx.com).

## Where Are They Now? #14-093 Austin/Cisco



Austin came in to GRR's care from Palm Valley Animal Center in July with a dislocated kneecap and entropion (eyelids that are inverted or folded inward), but it turns out he only needed surgery for his eyelids and is seeing 20/20 now! He only had mild dysplasia and is doing great! With that, he begins his journey, with his foster Mom and now forever home Mom, Maria Solis, who just couldn't pass him up. He's gained much needed weight and now the love fest begins!

### From Maria:

I met Cisco in August at his foster home, and when I did, he was mine - 'love at hello' as they say. Both of my Golden Retrievers passed away a year ago and only six months apart and I was now ready for a new companion. As he wasn't medically cleared, he was moved to my home as a Foster Pending Adoption (FPA) September 8th. So, we hit the ground running, well walking, until he passed his hip dysplasia evaluation. Thanks to Cisco, I'm reborn again and we have quickly become great buddies. He was officially mine October 13th and we've already hit Barton Springs, hike and bike trails and several big box stores. He's becoming the new poster boy for GRR as we've had several serious inquiries wherever we go.

GRR really and truly wants you to be a happy match with a healthy dog. Cisco was totally taken care of medically and physically by all the resources that GRR provides. We look forward to giving back to GRR in the near future. I have a real winner on my hands and my heart is so very full with a Golden in my life again.

## Hanukkah Noshers - Savory Holiday Doggy Treats



Your Golden will be salivating more than usual with these applesauce and peanut butter goodies! When they are finally cooled down from the oven, there are sure to be a lot of wiggle-butts in the kitchen. Try them out!

- Jeanne Pickard / Adapted from the Three Dog Bakery Cookbook [Shop Amazon GRR for this cookbook](#)

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup natural peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1/4 cups of water ... (It's a very stiff dough. Therefore, Jeff usually deals with it. I believe he usually adds a little extra H2O.)
- 4 cups whole-wheat flour.... (You probably know this, but if you have leftover whole-wheat flour be sure to refrigerate or freeze it as it will go rancid.)
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup quick cooked oats
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts

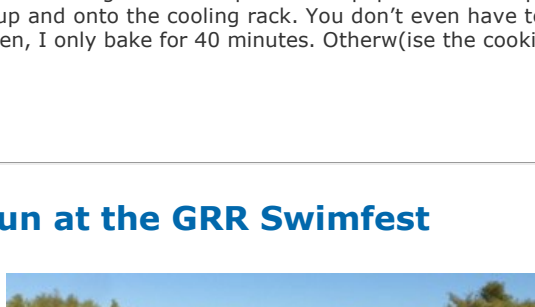
Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a large mixing bowl, combine applesauce, egg, peanut butter vanilla and water. In a large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, oats and peanuts. Add dry ingredients to the wet and mix well. Turn dough onto a floured surface and knead until thoroughly mixed together. Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 45 minutes. Cool on a rack before serving. Store in a sealed container.

(We usually line the baking sheet with parchment paper. When we pull them out of the oven, we just pull the parchment up and onto the cooling rack. You don't even have to wash the pan! Also here, at my house, in my oven, I only bake for 40 minutes. Other(ise the cookies are over baked.)

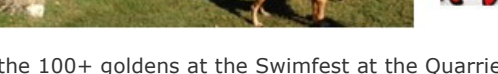
Enjoy!

## Golden Fun at the GRR Swimfest



It was an awesome day for the 100+ golden retrievers at the Swimfest at the Quarries. Special thanks to **Rudy's** for providing breakfast tacos and **Upper Crust Bakery** for the breakfast pastries. These businesses have supported us for many years, so please let them know you appreciate their donations to GRR any time you visit.

Without our volunteers this event wouldn't have happened. Thanks to: Garry, Susan Perry, Arlen Zander, Bryan Bittner, Dennis and Carey Gunther, Garry and Margo Biba, Emily Tuczowski, Paula Ellis, Michelle Goldberg, and Sheila and Scott Thomas. To see more photos of the event, click [here](#) and to view the video, click [here](#).



## GRR Status Report for October\*

### Adopted:

**14-018 Lisa, 14-026 Misha, 14-077 June, 14-099 Shadow, 1-115 Rylee, 14-076 Marley, 14-093 Austin, 14-116 Elmo, 14-029 Angie 14-123 Duke and 14-079 Cozy.**

### Came In: 9

**In Foster Care: 39 (23 Available Now/Available Soon, 11 Foster-Pending Adoption and 5 Permanent Fosters)**  
**\*\* As of October 25, 2014**

## Join us at our Annual GRR Holiday Party



**Sunday, December 14, 2014** from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the home of Jody Branson and David Baker, 9304 Prince William, Austin, TX 78730.

It's not the holidays without this party! It's a long standing tradition for GRR and one you don't want to miss. It's a chance to dress up (just a little), enjoy great food, wine and people who share a love of golden retrievers.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Attire is casual, holiday themed. This is one of our few adult human only events. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot due by **December 8th**. A wonderful holiday buffet and silent auction items which includes holiday baskets, 100,000 American Airline Advantage miles, wine and much more.

We need your help for this year's event! Please consider donating an item to the silent auction, which is always a highlight at the holiday party. Please contact Paula Ellis at [prellis@austin.rr.com](mailto:prellis@austin.rr.com) or Pam Phillips at [pamphillips@austin.rr.com](mailto:pamphillips@austin.rr.com) by **December 5th** to donate.

Some ideas might include a gift card for restaurants and spas, wine, dog-related supplies, golf items, gift baskets, just to mention a few. All proceeds go towards defraying the medical costs for our dogs in foster care.

Join us to celebrate the holidays, enjoy wonderful food and beverages, and connect with GRR friends!