



# Gold Ribbon Rescue

Celebrating Fifteen Years of Helping Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

October 2014

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

## Join GRR:

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or

Become a Member for the First Time Click this [link](#) to access the GRR Membership page



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## How Can You Help a Golden?

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

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[Volunteer](#) – lots of rewarding opportunities [Learn More](#)

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

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## EXTRAORDINARY GOLDEN FUND DRIVE OFF TO A GREAT START: Thank You!



It's been just over one week since we sent out our EGF plea—and donations have already topped \$8,000. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who responded so generously to our urgent need for help in covering medical costs for Peabody, Elmo, Misha, and so many other special-needs Golden Retrievers. We couldn't do it without the support of all of you! If you missed receiving our EGF e-mail and reading about some of the wonderful dogs who have needed that "something extra" in 2014, please click to read the [full story](#). (And yes, we have learned that Thor, who hadn't yet seen the orthopedist the time of the write-up, will in fact require a \$2,500 operation to repair his "terrible" hips.)

If you're planning a year-end or right-now donation to Gold Ribbon Rescue, we'll put it to work where it's needed most. As always, a heartfelt thank-you from all of us at GRR for helping 150+ rescued Golden Retrievers find new, happy, healthy lives.



## Share Some Halloween Goodies with Your Pooch

We all know this is the month of Twix, Snickers, and Three Musketeers. Though chocolate, chocolate, and more chocolate may be on your grocery list, we all know that our pups can't partake in the Halloween goodies. So instead, here's a recipe that is healthy and will surely make Fido's tail wag.

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats from Anita at [Dessert First Girl](#)



- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup pumpkin purée, canned or fresh
- 3 tbsps peanut butter

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place all ingredients in the mixing bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix on medium for about a minute or until the dough looks like a bunch of little dough balls. If you pinch a piece and it crumbles, add a little water. If it's really sticky, it's too wet and you'll need to add a little flour. Gather the dough together and form into a ball. Place on a lightly floured work surface and roll it out to about 1/4-inch thickness. You can either use a cookie cutter to cut out cute shapes or use a knife to cut squares or strips. I am pretty sure the dog doesn't care, but I rather prefer the cute shapes. I gather the scraps together and roll them out again and again until I've used up the dough. Place the cookies on a baking sheet. They can be crowded pretty close together since they don't expand much. Bake 15-20 minutes for softer treats or 30 minutes for hard treats (Kaweah likes crunchy treats, just like her person – me). Let cool completely. Makes 100+ 1-inch heart-shaped dog treats.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Anne Williams and Candy O'Connor



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

I have been volunteering since our Maggie was adopted in 2004. But I did not get seriously involved until 2008 when I encouraged Candy O'Connor to become a foster mom. I told her if she would foster, I would be her "teammate" and help her with the pups.

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

I was so impressed with the adoption procedure. GRR takes such great care to match the right family with the right dog.

### What volunteer position do you hold?

I would consider my position "support." It would not be possible for Candy to foster without support. There is no "I" in "Team." And I cannot foster because of family obligations. My home changes from a one dog home to a three dog home frequently each month. It's a perfect

arrangement.

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

I consider my position a support position. Candy and I work together as a team. We take care of the "Oldie Goldies" and/or Special Needs pups and usually have three dogs. The dogs live at Candy's house. I provide her with support by doing all the trips to the vets, emails, foster reports, and purchase all the dog food and supplies the pups might need. I let Candy concentrate on giving the pups the time, love and attention they need. Candy and I are neighbors, so I am in her home many times during the week. And Candy can call me at anytime 24/7 Right now, Candy and I are fostering Sherman 14-106, Cody 14-097, and Truman 13-037.

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

It varies; probably about 15 hour a week.

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

Our favorite part is when Candy and I get to see one of our fosters find their "forever home."

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

Our best story is about Scampy # 08-063. He was being adopted and had met his "forever" family including three children. Scampy was always frightened of riding in the SUV and would crouch on the floor. When the family was ready to go, Scampy ran to the van and jumped right into the area between the two back seats. He seemed very proud of himself. There was "instant" love with one of the children. It was a happy day.

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

This is not a regular volunteer position. It's a position that was worked out and given approval.

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

Awesome!

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

## October Upcoming Events



### Fall Swimfest at the Quarries: October 25th

Please join us for a fun-filled day at the Quarry Lake, a 20 acre spring-fed lake where the Golden Retrievers can romp, leash-free, in a safe and happy environment on October 25th. This is a fundraising event and GRR will provide a wonderful brunch for all. Admission is \$20 per family (number of 2 leggers and 4 leggers does not matter). [Register and learn more.](#)



All proceeds goes towards defraying the medical cost of our dogs in foster care. This will also be our annual GRR Membership Meeting.

Come splash around with us. A guaranteed good time for all.

**WHERE:** The Quarry Lake, 11400 North Mopac, Austin, TX 78759

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 25, 2014 10:00am - 12:00pm

**COST:** \$20 per family (includes 2 leggers and 4 leggers)

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Shelia Thomas at [shelia@grr-tx.com](mailto:shelia@grr-tx.com)

### Dogtoberfest: October 18th

The 7th annual Dogtoberfest Austin is coming to the Domain Saturday, **October 18th from 10 am - 4 pm**. Labeled as the "Most Awesome-ist Pet Related Event" by the 2012 Austin Pets Directory Annual Readers Poll, this year's festival is sure to be a delight to both you and your pup. The 3rd Annual Dogtoberfest benefits **8 local dog rescue groups including GRR**.

The festival will feature weiner dog races, pet portraits, canine costume contests, a silent auction, a raffle, a demonstration booth, a food court, and the always fun DogtoberTROT which will be held on the day of the event. The event is a 1K TROT around Domain Phase II. Come on out with your 4-legged companion for a fun filled morning, prior to heading over to Phase I for the 7th Annual Dogtoberfest at the Domain.

DogtoberTROT sign-in begins at 8 am sharp on Saturday, October 18th, outside iPic Movie Theater. Warm up & event starts promptly at 9 am.

Registration is \$25 for each team (consisting of 1 human & 1 canine), \$10 per additional members under 12, \$25 over 12.

Your registration will get you:

- Entry into the TROT
- Event t-shirt
- Raffle ticket for chance to win great prizes donated by Domain II vendors

After you participate in the 1K TROT, head over to GRR's booth and purchase some goodies for your golden. For more information, visit <http://dogtoberfestaustin.org>



Special thanks to Esther's Follies and Austin Land and Estle Company for donating to the GRR silent auction basket.



The annual GRR Holiday Party is December 14, 2014 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. What for more details in the November newsletter.

We need your help for this year's event: the silent auction which is always a highlight at the Holiday party. If you have items that you can donate for the silent auction, please contact Paula Ellis at [prellis@austin.rr.com](mailto:prellis@austin.rr.com), Pam Phillips at [pamphillips@austin.rr.com](mailto:pamphillips@austin.rr.com) or Gail March at [gail\\_march@hotmail.com](mailto:gail_march@hotmail.com) today.