

Rescuing Goldens and changing their lives forever. **July 2024**

A Message From Our President

Hello friends,

Happy summer. I hope you are finding fun ways to stay cool while keeping your pups active and mentally stimulated. June was a very busy month. We brought in 19 dogs with 14 of those being puppies 6 months and under. The majority of dogs coming in continue to be from owners rehoming their dogs, primarily males and most are under age 5. We have brought in 69 dogs year to date which puts us at a higher rate than where we were in 2023. Applications have slowed down with an average of 42 per month; however we do still have a

need for foster families, particularly with summer travel. We have had several instances of being contacted by breeders who have puppies that they have been unable to sell. These puppies have ranged in age between 6 rehomed and we are able to help, we absolutely will.

weeks to 6 months old. These dogs have all come into our care with some level of health issues and most are unaltered. We do not seek out breeders to obtain dogs If we are contacted by anyone who has golden retrievers in need of being I want to thank all of you who donated for the Go Fund Me for Melody, who came in at 6 weeks old and ended up in the ER within an hour of arriving in her foster home. We received \$4,256.25 to cover the medical expenses and are so grateful that Melody survived and is now thriving. She was adopted on June 27th where she has several GRR siblings to play with and we can't wait to watch her grow and continue to thrive. Our summer fundraising campaign, Fun in the Golden Sun, will launch on July

10th. See details below. We appreciate all of the support our GRR community continues to provide. We have a fun event, Painting with your Pet, on July 11th and hope to see you there. Space is limited so check out the details below and RSVP to ensure your spot. Have you seen or read about GRR's Ollie 24-047? He is a 2.5-year-old who is looking for his forever family. Ollie had his TV debut as the Fox 7 Pet of the Week on June 21st. He is a fantastic boy who is the perfect mix of being an active and silly boy while also having the ability to be calm and relaxed in the home. He does have a seizure disorder and requires daily medication. You can check out

Ollie's TV appearance here. Warmest Regards, Michelle

If you know of a Golden in need or one to be rehomed, 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 Board?
We value your input. Please send a note to the GRR Board and include Questions For The Board in the subject line. We hope to hear from you! The next GRR board meeting is July 20, 2024.

We Still Desperately Need Foster and Respite Families! Great news: we are seeing an unprecedented amount of young active male Goldens coming in! And in June we took in three litters of puppies/young dogs; the Fiddle Litter, the Musical Litter and the Artist Litter for a total of 14 Goldens from these litters alone. Even better news: We would like to welcome and invite NEW potential foster families to

BEST NEWS OF ALL: Your most important role as a foster is to provide kindness, moment he needed you most!

a vet check, a phone interview and an in-person home visit.

fill out an application and complete our screening process which includes the application,

Please read our criteria to apply here.

patience, and support while you help prepare your foster dog for its forever home. Support can come in the form of rest and quiet, basic training and house manners, or medical recovery. You will never forget the joy and feeling of helping a dog at the

IF YOU QUALIFY -- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE ASAP! if you don't have upcoming travel plans, we will do our best to expedite your

application as our need is immediate. After reading our criteria, if you still have questions, please email our adoption team for more information.

Happening This Month!

GRR 2025 Calendar There are a Few Thumbnails Left!

All cover and month photos are sold out, but we do have a few thumbnails available. The available months are:

Paint Your Pet - Turn your pet's photo into a portrait with step-bystep instruction from amazing

July - 1 August - 2 October - 1 To purchase a thumbnail, please Thumbnails are \$30 each and must be send an email to Amanda and purchased by July 7th to be included in be sure to include the month that the 2025 calendar. you wish to purchase.

artists. Plan to submit a jpeg of your pet 5 days before the class. It will be sketched on your canvas and ready for you when you arrive. As a Painting with a Purpose class,

Thu, Jul 11, 6:30 pm PWAP - Gold Ribbon Rescue

Thursday July 11th, 6:30-9:30

Join us for a relaxing evening of fun

and a creative painting experience.

Painting with a Purpose Gold Ribbon Rescue



50% of the proceeds will be donated to Gold Ribbon

Microsoft Teams Meeting VOLUNTEERS Join on your computer, mobile app or room device. **Download Teams** | Join on the <u>web</u> Please join us for this high-level Join the meeting now overview of Gold Ribbon Rescue. We will discuss volunteer opportunities available. All are Passcode: XwJk5C welcome to attend. When: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Time: 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m. RSVP: Please RSVP to Susan if

Meeting ID: 289 524 543 73 Or dial in by phone (audio only) +1 689-206-0321,,384541169# Phone conference ID: 384 541 you are planning to attend. 169# Fun in the Golden Sun

Head to the Beach! Help Goldens with Critical Needs! Our annual Fun in the Golden Sun fundraiser for our beloved Goldens kicks off on July 10th. Fun in the Golden Sun specifically supports our Extraordinary Golden Fund (EGF) for dogs with medical or behavioral needs of \$2500 or more. View our 2024 Extraordinary Goldens Mark your calendar to head for the beach on July 10th. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Pink Martini joined the GRR family last February as an over 7-year-old after her previous owner passed away and a new owner took her in. The new owner eventually realized that she could not provide the best possible life for Martie who is a large, active dog. When GRR took her in, Martie was an obese (well over 100 pounds) old girl who badly needed dental and ear care as well as a new diet. At intake, GRR vets anesthetized Martie, took full-mouth X-rays, and did a comprehensive oral exam, including individual evaluation of each tooth, which revealed the need for extractions as well as a thorough cleaning of all her teeth. Two bad teeth were extracted, post extraction X-rays were taken, and her remaining teeth were cleaned and treated with enamel sealant. Her infected ears were also cleaned and flushed while she was sedated so she did not have to

undergo a separate procedure for that.

After recovering from her dental procedures, Martie was adopted by Artem and Bailey Serganov. They report that she has completely adjusted to life in her new home and is

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

GRR receives a grant from the **Grey Muzzle Organization** (GMO) to provide dental care for senior dogs. As part of the grant agreement, GRR must send a quarterly report to GMO featuring a senior dog that has been helped by the grant. This quarter, the featured dog is Pink Martini (24-017 who was adopted by the Serganov family and now goes by the moniker



Please welcome the Fiddle Litter to the GRR family. Banjo 24-051, Fiddle 24-052, Riff 24-053 and Tempo 24-054 are 4-month-olds from two different litters who come to us from a backyard breeder in Scurry, TX. They were rehomed because the breeder was unable to find people to "adopt" these dogs and they were being kept outside in a kennel run with no air conditioning and no socialization. The likelihood that they would be used for breeding stock was high, so we said yes when we were contacted. All four boys appear to be healthy, but they tested positive and were successfully treated for giardia and two types of coccidia. We're so happy that the boys are under the care of GRR and

The Back Story: Symphony 24-055 is an 18-month-old who had a litter of twelve puppies on April 23, 2024 and by June 3rd all but three had died. GRR was contacted by the owner asking if we could help with two female adult dogs. Symphony was the mother of the litter and Cadence 24-059 was unrelated, but acted as auntie to the babies. We then found out that the owner had three puppies that she was planning to sell at an open air market. The puppies were only 6 weeks old, and were too young to be separated from their mother. We finally were able to talk the owner into surrendering the puppies to us also, under one condition; we had to commit to picking them up that day! Challenge

we will find each of them the absolutely perfect forever home.

The Musical Litter

accepted!!



Austin. All five Goldens made it to Hara's house just before midnight. The smallest pup, Melody 24-056, was showing signs of distress, so Hara loaded her up and spent the night/early morning at CTVSH ER clinic with her. It was touch and go for a while, but

We're so glad that we are able to help these precious Goldens find loving forever homes! It took a village to pull this off and we so appreciate the help of our many volunteers who are willing to spend the time and energy, often at a moment's notice, to

Melody is now adopted, as are Rhythm and Calypso.

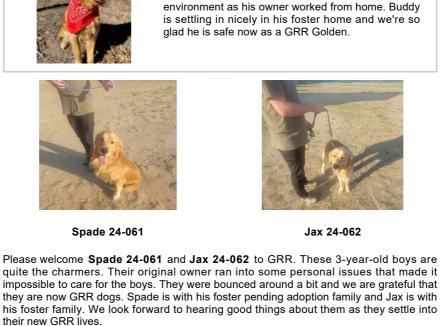
help Goldens in need.

The Artist Litter

drop them off at two different vets.

GRR.

friend.



Melody 24-056 Rhythm 24-057 Calypso 24-058

Buddy 24-060 is a 5-year-old from the San Antonio

chronic escape artist and the neighbor has a history of shooting stray dogs. He spent most of the time outdoors due to the owner's need for a quiet



He is calm and sleepy much of the time,

but full of energy and mischief when the

zoomies hit, especially in the evenings and after meals. This little guy ru

around like a lunatic, getting into all sorts

of adventures and then promptly falls asleep like a rock, looking like an

We are so excited for Sandy and Steve

Here's to many joyful moments and

cherished memories ahead. Welcome to

My favorite outdoo Spring activity is

During an extended foster period due to

Bella being in heat at intake, Bella spent

her days acclimating Dr. Winston's

animal "clients" at the vet clinic and

helping him finish the New York Times

crossword puzzle in their free time! This

was truly love at first sight for the family.

Congratulations to them all!

absolute angel.

the family Finn!

My Dream Really Did Come True! I Got Adopted!

Major 24-040, now proudly named Finn,

was adopted by our dedicated Gold

Ribbon Rescue volunteers, Sandy and

and Steve have opened their hearts and

home to yet another deserving furry

Finn came to GRR as an 8-week-old

puppy with all of the charm and quirks

that come with puppyhood. He has

Bella 24-029 was adopted on June 2nd by a long time GRR veterinarian, Dr.

Winston, and his family. Bella was

rehomed to GRR after the surrendering

owner's child became extremely allergic

to her. After four months of being kept

outside or in their garage, Bella made

her way to GRR where she was fostered

year-old Letti. Living the best life!

Hayley and Matt!

Good boy Hank 24-041 was adopted on June 5th by newlyweds Matt and Hayley and he has a fun Border Collie pal to teach him the ways of the house! Hank was rehomed due to the severe allergies of his prior mom and his family was heartbroken, but Hank has found a very loving home to grow up in. Congratulations to

Rosie 24-029, now Eve, was adopted on June 12th by her FPA family, Safeena and Faez. They are already so in love with her and secretly hope that she will never grow out of her

We joyfully announce that Treble 24-042, now Jackson, was adopted by Susan on June 16th. In true Golden fashion, despite a horribly neglected previous life before coming to

Jackson came to GRR from the Kerrville area positive for heartworms, a previous traumatic injury with hind limb partial amputation, hip dislocation, severe ear infections with hematoma and cauliflowering and severe dermatitis. This boy was a medical mess. Susan, from the minute she met him, was his forever person. Now with Susan and canine sibling,

GRR, Jackson is full of life, love and joy with Susan.

Gracie, Jackson is living his best life.

adorably large ears. What a cutie!

by Dr. Winston

quickly shown his unique personality.

teve on June 1st As long supporters and serial adopters, Sandy

We received a call on our hotline from a breeder in Gatesville, TX asking if we could help him with seven puppies for whom he was having trouble finding good homes. He advised us that he had six males and one female. all born on 12/8/23, that he wanted to rehome to us. Jacki really scrambled and, once again, our intrepid transport team answered the call. It took two transporters and two full-size SUVs to collect these adorable pups and



calling her "Poppy". It is a great name for this pup who the vet really loved. His words were "You all have won the dog lottery with this girl!" Poppy has also won the lottery as she now has a swimming pool that she absolutely loves and two sweet Golden companions for play - Birdie, the older one, and Huck who is just a year older than one-

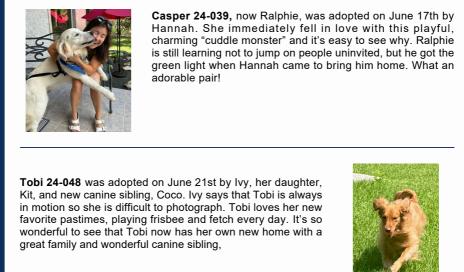
> Congratulations to Hugh and Carrie who adopted Bristol 24-038 on June 6th. Bristol has a new furry sister, a 9 year old Dobie named Penny, and they are getting along well! Bristol is such a beautiful girl and we know she will have a great life

> We are overjoyed to announce the adoption of Lilly 24-044 on June 16th. Lilly has found her furever home with her new mom, Deb, who is over the moon with excitement. Lilly has been warmly welcomed by her Golden brother, Brinkley, who

> In honor of a beloved Golden who recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge, Lilly's new name is Lilly-Grace. This beautiful name not only signifies her fresh start, but also carries the memory of Grace, a dear friend's Golden. Congratulations to Deb, Lilly-Grace, and Brinkley on this wonderful new chapter!

has already embraced her with open paws.

with her new family. Such happy news!



Riff 24-053 was adopted on June 22nd by Thessaly and In addition to a new name and a brand new set of parents, Fin (short for Finley) will have new siblings, both canine and human. We are thrilled that Riff has a wonderful life in his

We are so happy to announce the adoption of Kobe 24-045 June 23rd by Jana and Howard. Kobe's previous owner loved him dearly, but was unable to keep him and chose GRR to find him a new forever home. His new family is fully committed to having Kobe be a part of their family for the rest of his life. where he will be loved and cared for. Congratulations to Jana,

Rhythm 24-057 was adopted by Paige and Austin and their children on June 26th. They were so excited to pick up this is sweet little one, one of the three members of the Musical Litter. She is settling in well with her new family and will have a

Melody 24-056 was just a six-week-old baby when she arrived into GRR care with her siblings. She required an emergency vet stay and we weren't sure if she was going to make it. Spoiler alert: she's thriving and just got adopted on June 27th! Melody, now known as Harper, is living her best life with Joyce and Troy, her new parents, and three Golden canine siblings: Allisox, Marley, and Charles (CLP). This is a match made in heaven and we are so excited for Harper and her beautiful family. Not

enjoy the pool at his foster home, so that is a huge

Juneau (Dex) 11-168 Olivia (Andrea) 15-137 Tuff 20-245

Olivia (Andrea) 15-137

plus! Congratulations to the new family!

wonderful life. Congratulations to them all!

future. Congratulations to the new family.

Howard and, especially, Kobe!

Tempo 24-054, now Luigi, was adopted on June 22nd by long time GRR adopters Patsy and Carl. They and big sister Li Ming (GRR 19-034C) are gently introducing him to the good life. Luigi has started to frolic in his family's back yard and relax in their pool and he has already mastered the art of

Calypso 24-058 was adopted by Steve and Jessica on June 26th. It's such a happy moment to see this sweet, snuggly puppy in the hands of a family that will really love her and raise her right! Congratulations to Steve and Jessica and their two teens on their adoption of Calypso!

Banjo 24-051 was adopted on June 27th by Aaron and Kara. They are "super stoked" to welcome this little gem to their family! After patiently napping while his fosters braved traffic from San Antonio to Austin, Banjo is settling in at his new home, which is tricked out in toys. We're so happy for

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance...

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Susan Rodolf

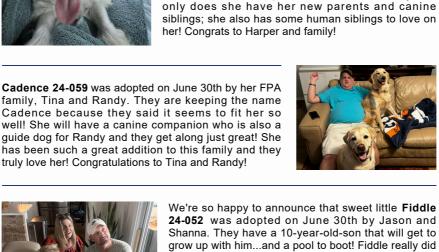
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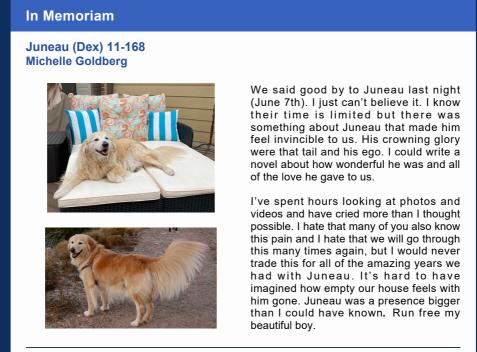
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boy.

snuggling! What a wonderful life he will have!





so it was time to let her go.

Tuff 20-254

Lena Flowers and Kurt Honigschmidt lost their precious Tuff on June 3, 2024. Tuff was one of the triumphant survivors from the Noble Four, the former bomb sniffing dogs, that were basically abandoned by their caretaker until their owner saw their condition, evicted the caretaker and contacted GRR for help. Tuff was a valued GRR volunteer and he conducted 26 home visits with was a beautiful, faithful and loving boy who loved to snuggle, a genuine true rescue. Run free sweet

My beautiful, sweet and protective Olivia (Andrea 15-137) passed away on May 20th. I miss her terribly. I had 8 1/2 years wonderful years with her and I have GRR to thank for that. In February 2023, she developed "old dog disease", which made her fall down and sometimes vomit. She recovered, but in April of this year it returned and brought mild dementia, more falls and trouble walking. None of the interventions we tried could help her

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