



Gold Ribbon Rescue

Rescuing and Rehabilitating Golden Retrievers in Central Texas

September 2014

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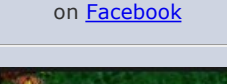
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Attend GRR's Sip and Swim at Fawncrest Vineyard

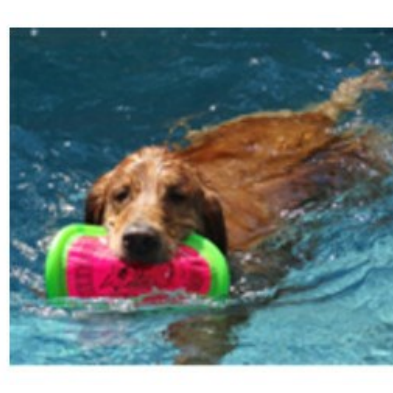
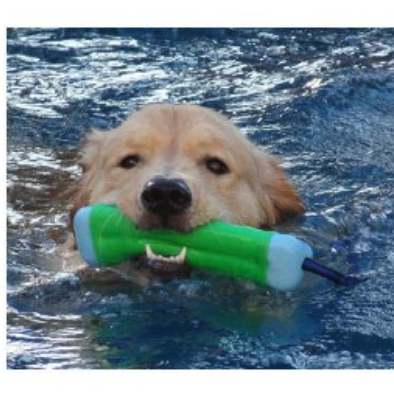


Come and join us on Saturday, September 20, 2014 for the GRR Sip and Swim at the Fawncrest Vineyard located in Canyon Lake.

Dogs are welcome and there is a Texas shaped pond where the dogs can swim while the humans sip on some award winning wines.

The cost to do some wine tasting is \$10 per person, which includes 3 tastings and a glass of wine. Additional glasses of wine average around \$5.00-\$6.00. Bottles of wine are available for purchase as well. There is no cost other than what you spend at the winery, however, we are requesting you bring a food dish for all of us to snack on. See the pot luck list to add the item you will be bringing. The weather should be very comfortable and the atmosphere will be beautiful. We hope to see you there.

Location: [Fawncrest Vineyard](#), 1370 Westside Circle, Canyon Lake, TX 78133



10 of the Most Dog-Friendly Hangouts

from [KVUE's Veronica Meeves](#)

Austin is an extremely dog-friendly city — more hangouts than not are okay with you bringing along your four-legged friend. We've rounded up 10 of the most dog-friendly bars and restaurants in the city.

Banger's Sausage House

Every third Monday of the month, Banger's hosts Mutt Monday from 5 - 7 pm. Besides free dog training sessions, grooming and giveaways from companies like Mudpuppies, Lofty Dog, Animal Trustees of Austin and Groom & Board, owners can enjoy half-off all pints. Banger's is just as pro-pooch the rest of the year too; the Rainey Street spot even features dog sausage (made from pork, beef and veggies) and a dog run so you can enjoy your meal with both hands while Fido makes new friends.

Freddie's Place

You might call Freddie's Place the O.G. dog-friendly patio in town. In fact, in 2006, owner Fred Nelson was instrumental in getting an ordinance passed that allowed dogs outside at restaurants. Freddie's welcomes neighborhood dogs with giant dog biscuits and a watering station, and the menu even includes a dog burger — a half pound of hamburger meat served in a dog bowl. For owners, the drink specials don't get any better than the \$1.99 tall boys and frozen margaritas at happy hour. Plus, you have a chance to win a free meal by playing washers.

Doghouse Drinkery Dog Park

This Leander dog park also features a bar and a game room, where owners can relax and socialize while the dogs run and play in a half-acre, off-leash park. A separate 7,000-square-foot fenced area is reserved for meet-ups and adoptions, training and private "yappy hours." Doghouse provides some toys, waste stations and baggies for clean-up, and a well-maintained space where water is changed often. Guests pay daily (\$5) or opt for an annual membership (\$50).

Austin Beer Garden Brewing Company

The ABGB has a spacious backyard with plenty of lawn chairs and shady spots, as well as a dog watering station and individual bowls. ABGB also organizes a beer series in support of Austin Pets Alive!, where \$1 per pint sold goes to support the nonprofit's dogs (the next one will be take place in August). While the humans enjoy pizza and a huge beer selection, pups will hope they run into an ABGB regular who uses the company's spent brewing grain to make homemade dog treats.

Moontower Saloon

Forget a patio: Moontower Saloon offers dogs more than 11 acres to play on. This South Austin space also has various dog-themed events, such as an upcoming PuppyPalooza and a weekly pug meet-up. Between the pups, food trailers, fire pits, washer pits and live music, it feels like more of a house party than a bar.

Austin Terrier

Austin Terrier's patio is covered (essential in the Texas heat!) and, while the rules state that dogs are not to eat, bark excessively or do their "business," Austin Terrier does encourage owners to bring their pups along. Humans flock here for the sandwiches, pizzas and half-price bottles of wine on Mondays.

Draught House

This Austin staple is a great dog spot because it essentially turns into one big tailgating fest. Guests pull up their trucks up, take out folding chairs and get comfy with a pitcher of delicious draught beer (some brewed in-house, other from the wall of choice selections). Take your pup on Saturday for free brats (served in the afternoon) and you'll truly be your dog's best friend.

Whip In

While the porch isn't as huge as some others around town, this Tex-Mex gastropub off I-35 often opens a second outside bar, so you won't need to leave Rover to refill your glass. Now that's a doggone good selling point — almost as good as the queso con chutney!

The Buzz Mill

The beverage selections at The Buzz Mill are vast: coffee, tea, kombucha, beer, habanero-infused Bloody Mary (just come for brunch and get all five!). Buzz Mill is also stocked up on dog bowls for water and picnic tables for relaxing. Plus, the Blue Ox BBQ trailer in the backyard will provide all the delicious free smells your dog can handle.

Yard Bar

Yard Bar opens later this summer, but discounted memberships are already on sale for this promising dog park, restaurant and bar. Visitors can opt for annual or weekly memberships (with unlimited visits) or pay \$5 per visit. The space is 30,000 square feet — 20,000 of which is an off-leash dog park with agility equipment, mister fans and large trees for shade. For humans, the menu spans breakfast, snack items, sandwiches and salads, as well as wine and beer. For your pup, there will be options like a non-alcoholic "Bowser Beer" and ice pops in dog-friendly flavours.

A Special Thank You to our January-July 2014 Donors



What makes GRR uniquely special is that without the support of people, such as yourself, we would not be able to keep our organization going.

There are so many golden retrievers in the Central Texas region that need our immediate love, time, and veterinary attention. Thank you for supporting Gold Ribbon Rescue. Gold Ribbon Rescue could not accomplish anything without your support.

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Host a Dinner Party and Help GRR

From "How to Raise Money with a Dinner Party" from E-how.com



Former GRR adopter Mollie Mitchell adores parties. And she is also committed to helping those in need. Combining her two loves has been quite easy for her as Mollie often hosts charitable dinner parties where everyone wins.

Though she uses a significant amount of her own money up front for all her party needs, she asks each party-goer to donate a certain flat fee to a charity of her choice. Because her parties are so well-done, with every detail coordinated beautifully, her guests are more than willing to pay the charitable donation up front. At her soirees, donations continue to roll in as each guest steps into her home and has the time of their life.

Interested in hosting a dinner party to support GRR? Here are some helpful steps to get you started.

1. Choose a host who has already agreed financially to support your organization as a major donor. The more connected your host, the more successful your evening will be. The most effective hosts agree to underwrite the costs of the event in their entirety so that the beneficiary organization has no cost of fundraising and all money raised goes directly to the organization's work.
2. Assemble your guest list. Because not all potential guests will be able to attend, it is important to have a pool of potential guests that is at least three times your desired number of actual attendees.
3. Choose your location. The more exciting the estate or property, the more of a lure it will be for guests to give you an affirmative RSVP.
4. Plan a great menu. If you are going to be asking your guests for a large amount of money, it behooves you to have a great and elegant meal. Offer a variety of drinks. It is nice to have a "drink of the night" named in honor of the beneficiary organization.
5. Send out invitations at least six to eight weeks in advance. The invitations should plainly say the name of the organization, the host, the feature speaker, the date, the time and the exact address of the event. Make it clear that this is a fundraising event. You don't want guests to think they are just coming over for a lovely dinner party and then suddenly spring a fundraising pitch on them.
6. Plan the evening's timeline. Make sure during the evening, your host reviews why he is so passionate about the organization and the work. A short video of the organization's work is also helpful. Decide when you will collect the funds collected by the party-goers.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kelly Green

How long have you been volunteering with GRR?

I have been volunteering with GRR for over a year.

What made you want to volunteer with GRR?

For one thing, I'm crazy about dogs. I volunteered with a golden retriever rescue group back I Colorado and wanted to continue to help dogs who are in need any way I can. I also enjoy working with a group of people who are crazy about dogs.

What volunteer position do you hold?

I volunteer as a foster director at GRR, and I really enjoy the work.

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

As a foster director, I am responsible for placing incoming dogs to their foster homes. Normally, I'll get to know the dog by reading through the surrender/intake report that one of our volunteers completes upon initially meeting the dog. Then I try to find a suitable foster family for the dog.

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

I would say from 1-5 hours a day. Sometimes this time could be less than an hour, and sometimes it could be more than 5 hours a day.

What is your favorite part about volunteering in this position?

I love when a foster dog is placed with the right foster family. Since I foster dogs too, I understand how having the "right" family can impact not only the dog's life but also the foster family's life too.

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

I fostered a dog last year or so, and I took him and my two other golden retrievers to the dog park quite frequently. When I would go, I would always talk to the some of the visitors at the dog park, I introduce my foster, and encourage them to consider adopting from GRR. Well, one lady who already had two golden retrievers spoke up, asked me if I was from GRR, and she said she was already in the process of adopting a golden from this organization.

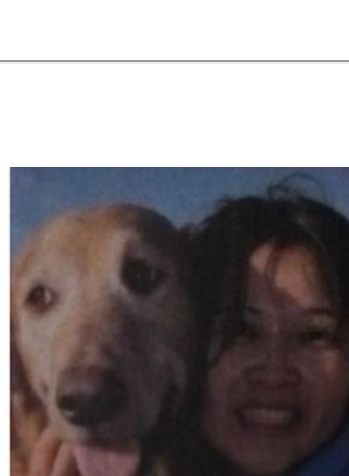
Give one! Piece of advice for volunteers interested in serving in this position.

Organization! I'd go nuts if I didn't stay organized.

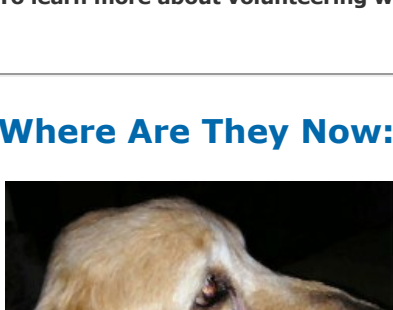
What is one word that describes your experience while volunteering for GRR?

Inspiring. I'm blown away by those who will go out of their way to help all golden retrievers. They inspire me to do more for the dogs who come in.

To learn more about volunteering with GRR, send an email to Sheila@grr-tx.com.



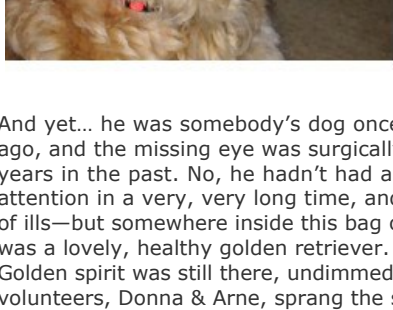
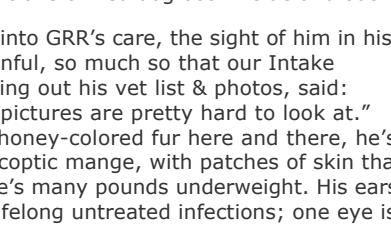
Where Are They Now: Mr. Peabody #14-035



Mr. Peabody was no ordinary golden retriever who just so happened to find his way into Gold Ribbon Rescue's care; he desperately needed saving. And here he is with his forever family, six months later, a transformed dog both inside and out

When Peabody first came into GRR's care, the sight of him in his shelter cage was truly painful, so much so that our Intake Director Jacki, when sending out his vet list & photos, said: "Just to warn you—these pictures are pretty hard to look at." Aside from a few tufts of honey-colored fur here and there, he's virtually hairless from sarcoptic mange, and patches of skin that are crusty and seeping. He's many pounds underweight. His ears are "cauliflowered" from lifelong untreated infections; one eye is missing; his teeth are worn right down to nubs; he had a nasty-looking ulcerated tumor on his back; and his claws were so long they curled right under his feet. He's heartworm positive, too (of course).

And yet... he was somebody's dog once. He was neutered long ago, and the worst eye was surgically removed at some point years in the past. No, he hadn't had an ounce of care or attention in a very, very long time, and yes, he had a multitude of illnesses—but somewhere inside this bag of bones, GRR knew there was a lovely, healthy golden retriever. One thing's for sure, that Golden Peabody was still there, undimmed and vibrant. When our volunteers, Donna & Arne, sprang the skinny, long-legged boy from the shelter and kept him overnight, he wound them around his paw in no time. And at the vet's, he greeted everyone with a wag and a "woof! I'm ready to get out of this cage, please!"



Nursing this boy back to health was a project. For starters, his foster mom & dad went home with a full gallon of medicated shampoo, as Peabody needed twice-weekly baths for a good while to help heal his skin. Then there were the oral medications for bacteria and yeast; ear meds; and Benadryl in case he started getting too itchy.

Simply looking at the before and after pictures, you'd never know this was the same dog whose skin was sloughing off when he first came in. And now, Peabody has found his forever home with Nancy McGowan, where he will be loved and provided for, where he'll never have to wait for love again.

Thank you to all those who supported Mr. Peabody, both financially and through your time. He wouldn't have made it without you.