

Volunteer Update



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President's Letter *by Judi Servoss*

As we wrap up another wonderful year, filled with more Golden Retrievers than we've had in recent memory, I want to thank all of our volunteers for allowing GRRR to be all that it can be. Our fabulous, hard-working staff couldn't do this without you being there for us in countless ways.

And, along with all the time and energy you devote to GRRR, I know you are also a big part of our ongoing financial success, most recently for Colorado Gives Day. We had nearly 400 individual donors contribute almost \$125,000---a pretty astonishing result.

The special Golden Angel dogs we've been talking about during this campaign—Duke, Molly, Marlene, and Grace—along with all the others we've been able to help this year send their thanks to each and every one of you.

And, I personally thank you and wish you the Happiest, most Golden Holidays!

Marlene



Molly



Grace



Duke



Greetings you wonderful VIPers. I wanted to pass on a quick note to fur peeps.

First - Thank you for all that you do to socialize these sweet dogs. Whether it's a walk or just sitting in the kennel and giving them some love it all helps them prepare for their new forever homes

Second - These guys never get tired of walks and VIP love—we strive for each of our dogs to get at least **3 walks per day** or more. I see many VIP volunteers see that a dog has already been walked and then

move on to the next fur ball. They told me (the dogs, that is), that they would love to have non-stop walks. So, don't hesitate to get them out as often as possible, otherwise they will chew on my ear about it—LOL.

Third - As always, **come on out whether you're on the schedule or not**. Our VIP count has been down the last few months, and I want to make sure you all know you can just drop in when you have time. You took the orientation, you love dogs, dogs love you, so, by all means, come on out. We furry and non-furry humans love to see you.

TECH TALK - ACCESS DATABASE – HELP?!

If you're like me, the very thought of trying to figure out new technical wizardry gets my heart rate way too high.

We have a fabulous ACCESS database for our dogs and their medical records and history. Wonderfully designed by our late grrreat friend, Steve Stewart. We recently had a hiccup on the ACCESS db system and we want to further expand our understanding of this database and it's capabilities. As most people in the know can tell you, ACCESS is a different animal (pun intended).

We are looking for someone that has expertise in ACCESS databases. If you have some in-depth knowledge and skills, I would like to talk to you. Please contact me directly at: kevin.shipley@goldenrescue.com

Thank you very much,
Kevin Shipley

Thanksgiving, Yes Please by Kevin Shipley

I know most of you are of the same mind as we GRRR staff peeps. We would do way more for the welfare of the dogs than we would do for ourselves. We see these sweethearts, sometimes at their very worst. Real low points in their lives, yet they wag their tails and give you a big "pet me" look.

I think the VIP volunteers that come out and love on these dogs are under-estimated in the role they play in preparing these sweet dogs for a new happy home. I think most of you that play any role in supporting GRRR are under-estimated. I absolutely love seeing the dogs come back for our events and they are so happy, healthy and at their best. Our adopters really provide the stability and happy home life, but the VIPers give the dogs the underpinning and foundation to trust people again. This is especially true for our mill rescues who have experienced very little life and very little exposure beyond the pen in which they lived in. When they first come in, a quick move or a new noise causes them to drop to their stomachs and hang their heads, so afraid. They carry their tail between their legs for weeks and sometimes months before becoming confident that they are safe. They are often emotionally crippled when they arrive.

GRRR, with your support, has enjoyed wonderful success in rehabbing these innocent pups. As puppy mills decide to breed the current Hollywood dog du jour, many large-breed dogs like Golden Retrievers no longer have market value to breeders and pet stores, and so many of those lives are lost. Our ever-increasing effort to save these dogs has had remarkable results with over 60 mill and hoarder dogs being rescued, rehabbed, and happily rehomed in just over 12 months. We have the unique ability with our property, to let these dogs take 2-4 months just to learn how to be dogs. We continue to network with several other Golden Retriever rescues, as well as National Mill Dog Rescue, to find ways to rescue these highly at-risk aging out mill dogs.

We tremendously appreciate your support, whether volunteering, donating, or simply becoming a member. You/we have created an amazing organization to be proud of. Rescuing and giving new life to Golden Retrievers, right here in the Midwest, a new and happy tail-wagging life.

Thank you!



GRRR Holiday Volunteer Appreciation Party

Sunday, December 16 from Noon – 2pm

Arbor House

14600 West 32nd Avenue, Golden, CO

Please join us in celebrating the holidays with food & cheer, and fellow volunteers!

GRRR will supply the ham & turkey and drinks.
Please bring appetizer/side dish/dessert for potluck
(if in doubt, bring a side dish).

Spouse/friend welcome but sorry, no dogs.
Attire: holiday/doggie/casual

Christmas for our Dogs!

In lieu of a human gift exchange, you might bring an item for "Christmas for our Dogs" staying at Phoebe's Place and in foster homes. Please see our Wish List and bring something if you can...but it's totally optional. Thank you.

*Come join us for a fun afternoon!
Thanks for Volunteering and have a Golden Holiday!*



Welcome New Volunteers!

Brittney Coons • Mike Dotson • Debra & Michael Fabac

Monica Fisher • Melissa Frank • Leah Harper • Hy Harris • Eric Hylinski

Lauren Klopmeyer • Kathryn Makowski • Christina Marron

Caitlin Murray • Mary Naud • Madalynn Neu

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