

Volunteer Update



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President's Letter *by Judi Servoss*



2017 was a year GRRR saw more dogs, more members, more donors, and definitely more volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of an organization like ours, and we couldn't have had all our success without you!

As we enter 2018, I'd like to encourage more of you to come out and join the VIP team (Volunteer Interaction Program). Dog walkers are the heart and soul of GRRR, helping socialize our new arrivals and getting them ready for placement in their new forever homes. In addition to learning walking skills, many of these dogs just need time with humans, helping them forget their fears and helping them learn to trust and love again.

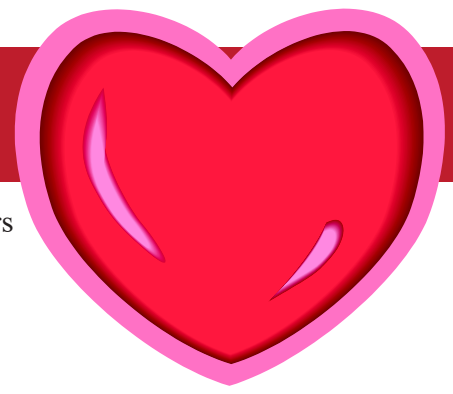
We want to assure that all our dogs get multiple walks a day and the schedule is pretty flexible. So, let us know how much time you can devote, and we'll get you on the schedule. If you're new to this program, we'll get you into one of our training programs so you'll be confident as you give these pups their first steps toward their happy futures.

For more information, please send an email to Sukie McMaster at: sukie.mcmaster@gmail.com

Thanks to the record number of people who attended the fun Volunteer Holiday Party



Gala 2018 - 22 Years and Counting



Just like in real life, it seems like we blink and when we open our eyes 22 years have gone by. You were all so much fun and generous at our 21st anniversary gala, we want you to come back and join us again. We have been very fortunate that this event has been a sellout three years in a row, so make sure you to save the date: Saturday, June 16th at the Tivoli Center in Denver. We will be putting tickets on sale soon, so keep your eyes open. We have a very special guest again this year and will make that announcement soon.

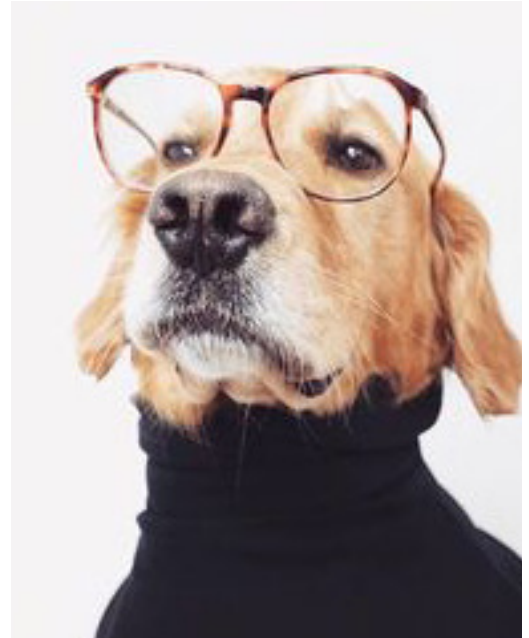
This year we also want to give special thanks and celebrate the medical staff and wonderful doctors that take such great care of our GRRR dogs. Certainly Dr. Carpenter and the staff at Arvada West Vet Hospital, as we do spend a lot of time there. We also have other remarkable doctors that help keep our pooches healthy and happy: Dr. Bauer and staff at Colorado Canine Orthopedics and Dr. Hammond and staff at Eye Clinic Veterinary. These are the folks who take care of many relatively simple needs, but brilliantly solve so many very complex individual problems as well. They are truly remarkable and we really appreciate the love and care they give our dogs.



GRRR Public Speaking – No, not the dogs!

Do you know who can be entertaining to a group of civic-minded peeps? GRRR, that's who! We have been able to speak to a wide group of folks over the past few years. Both civic organizations and schools love to have us. We show up with a couple well-behaved GRRR dogs, give a brief—but humorous—talk, and let the GRRR dogs share love with the attendees. We would love to come speak during the program part of your club meeting. Rotary, Lions, Optimists, Kiwanis, etc. all have weekly or bi-weekly member gatherings, and GRRR makes a great program participant (unless you are a cat person, of course!). I promise we won't embarrass you.

Seriously, we would love to come present GRRR to your group. We have a brief talk, a short video, and then we take questions. It's a lot of fun and really helps spread the word about adopting rescue dogs and what GRRR is all about. Feel free to contact me directly at kevin.shipley@goldenrescue.com.



Calling all VIP's

As you may have read, in addition to our ongoing rescues, we will be bringing in five groups of Turkey dogs in 2018. I cannot even begin to tell you how important your interaction with these sweet dogs is to finding them forever homes. Those of you who have spent any time walking Turkey dogs over the past couple years know just how smart these dogs are. Crazy smart! By and large, they respond really well to being taught basic commands.

All of our dogs can use your help. When we send these dogs to new homes, those basic skills are so helpful. Sit, stay, lie down, and shake, these are all building blocks. These commands put them in a mode to keep learning and earning your praise. With every touch and every learned skill, the dogs settle down and learn trust and social interaction, which many of our dogs need.



We have seen a drop off in walkers over the past several months. Whether you have a fixed weekly schedule or just want to drop by when it's convenient and walk a few dogs, we (furry and not furry) really appreciate your time with these beautiful pups. You will never hear a Golden complain about too much attention. Your visit, your touch, and your time with them is the highlight of every dog's day. Thank you!

If you are interested in becoming a VIP, just let our Volunteer coordinator, Cindee Moyer, know and she will get you connected to a VIP orientation class. cindee.moyer@goldenrescue.com

Happy New Year! The doggies are looking forward to lots of visits from the VIP team in 2018. Even if you don't "sign up" with Bill on the weekly email you can always just come out and spend some quality time with the pups. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and that time will increase as we get more daylight. We want the dogs to get multiple visits every day. They love their time spent with us. If the weather is bad you can always just sit in the kennel run with the dog or in the office if there is not a meeting going on. Please remember to read the kennel run card for information about what type of interaction is best for each dog. Thank you for being a part of the VIP Team!

Welcome New Volunteers!

Ellie Ainsworth • Barb Becker • Sheila Beurket • Lynne Coville

Glenn Crow • Anuj Deshmukh • Wendy Eder • John Gallo

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