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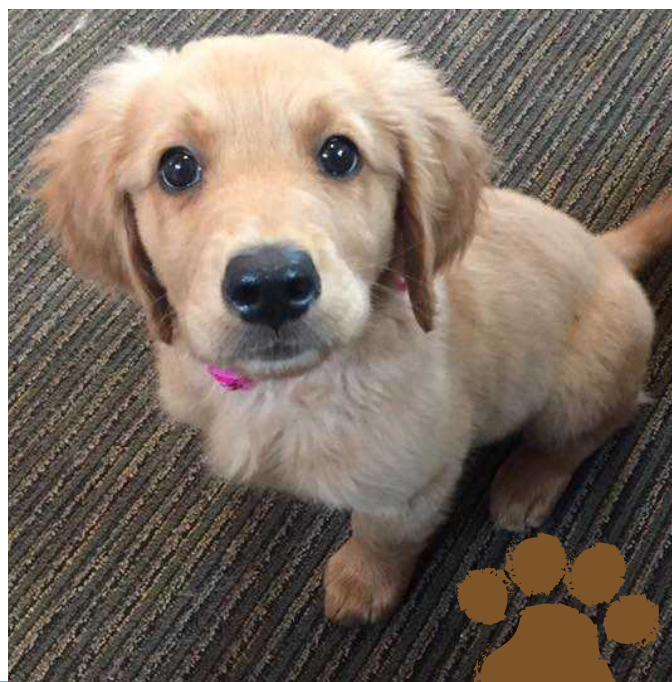
As you have no doubt read, we have a pretty well-thought-out plan for rescuing aging-out female and male Goldens from puppy mills. We are fortunate to have the staff, property, and volunteers to help these dogs learn how to become dogs again and later go on to new, loving forever homes. Sometimes it takes these dogs more than two months to even adjust enough to be in the kennel during the day to get all the loving from our VIPs.

In the heartland country (Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, etc.) the number of puppy mills have been reduced from over 3,500 around 2008, to an estimated 700 currently.

We now face a threat of expanding puppy mills right here in Colorado. We already have some commercial breeders, but the Conejos County Colorado Commissioners are in the process of approving two new special land-use permits to allow puppy mills and to allow an existing puppy mill to add more breeding dogs. This decision was made on May 17th at 10 a.m. At this writing we do not know the outcome, but where there is money to be had, I am personally less than confident in the discretion of politicians. To be kind, they may be naive about the unintended consequences of allowing this type of business to expand.

Feel free to email your thoughts to Linda at linda@co.conejos.co.us or call 719-376-2014 and she will get those to the commissioners. Please remember, she is just the messenger.

We will continue to keep track of developments as we gather more info.



New Uptown Addition Underway at Phoebe's Place

By Kevin Shipley



As you may have read previously, GRRR is in process of adding a new isolation room and vet treatment room at Phoebe's Place. It's through the generosity of the Robert B. Sturm Foundation that this room is possible.

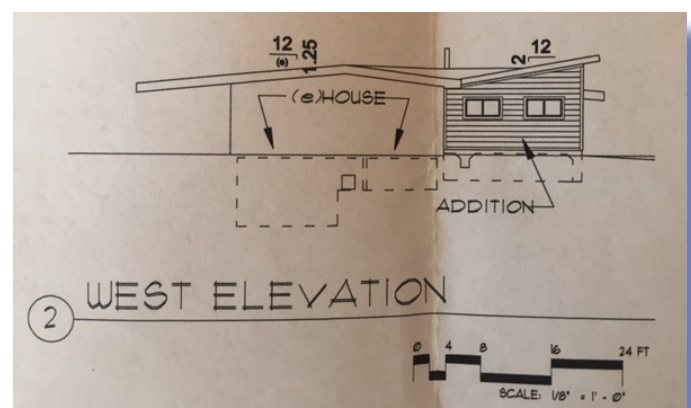
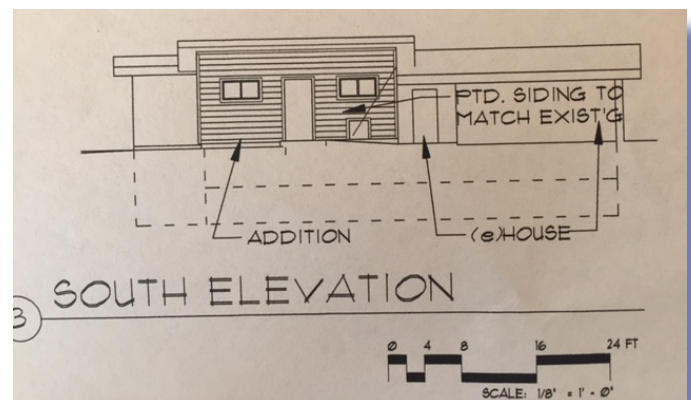
The reason this is so important for us is that occasionally we have dogs come to us that have something contagious, whether kennel cough or another undesirable illness that can spread to the other dogs. To date, we have been able to set up a temporary isolation room in the breezeway of the house. Not ideal, but it gets us by in a pinch. The additional challenge has been to provide a contagious dog a designated outdoor space that is a safe distance from the other dogs (there is a law that requires that). It calls for lots of scrambling to make it happen.

In addition to an isolation room with a doggie door into an isolated outdoor space, this new structure also provides two vet treatment rooms and a related storage room.

This will allow our wonderful medical peeps, like Dr. Scott Carpenter, to examine our dogs in a clean vet-room environment. Currently he and his team set up a small triage area in the kitchen area of the kennel. Again, not ideal.

Further improvements of the HVAC system for the house and new addition was provided by a grant from Pedigree Foundation. This allowed an upgrade to a 93% efficiency furnace and air conditioner.

These two wonderful additions will really upgrade the care and comfort of our pooches.



The VIP Team continues to try and improve its interactions with the dogs in the kennel. To this end, we have updated the Dog-Aggressive Dog Procedures. Here is the new info:

Dog-Aggressive Dog Procedures

We occasionally have aggressive dogs in the kennel at Phoebe's. "Dog aggression stems from the dog's frustration and dominance. The dog's frustration comes from a lack of dog exercise, and the dog's dominance comes from a lack of calm-assertive leadership (in their past lives)." Cesar Millan

Spraying a dog with water for barking or fence fighting is not mean!
Dog-aggressive dogs will have a red flag hanging from their run clip.

Use caution when entering/exiting the kennel with a dog. Open the door slowly and check for incoming and outgoing dogs. Always close the outer door.

If a dog is charging at the gate you can have the dog go into the outside run and close the guillotine door to reduce the interactions. Send the dog outside by squirting it with water and saying "outside." Close the door when they are outside. You can let them back into the kennel when you have finished walking dogs.

Dog-aggressive dogs can be walked. Use caution when getting them from their run to outside the kennel. Make a quick and controlled exit with a short leash.

Do not let the dogs have contact at the kennel run gates while walking to/from their run.

Walk dogs on the far side of the run entrances.

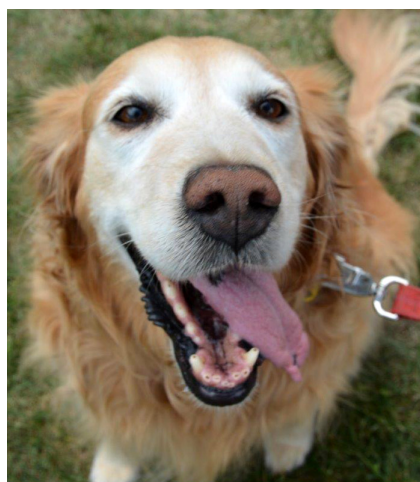
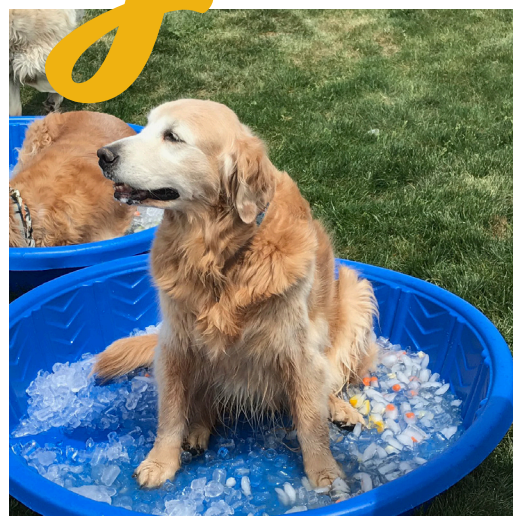
When you are exiting the run, wait for the kennel to be clear of other dogs on leash with walkers.

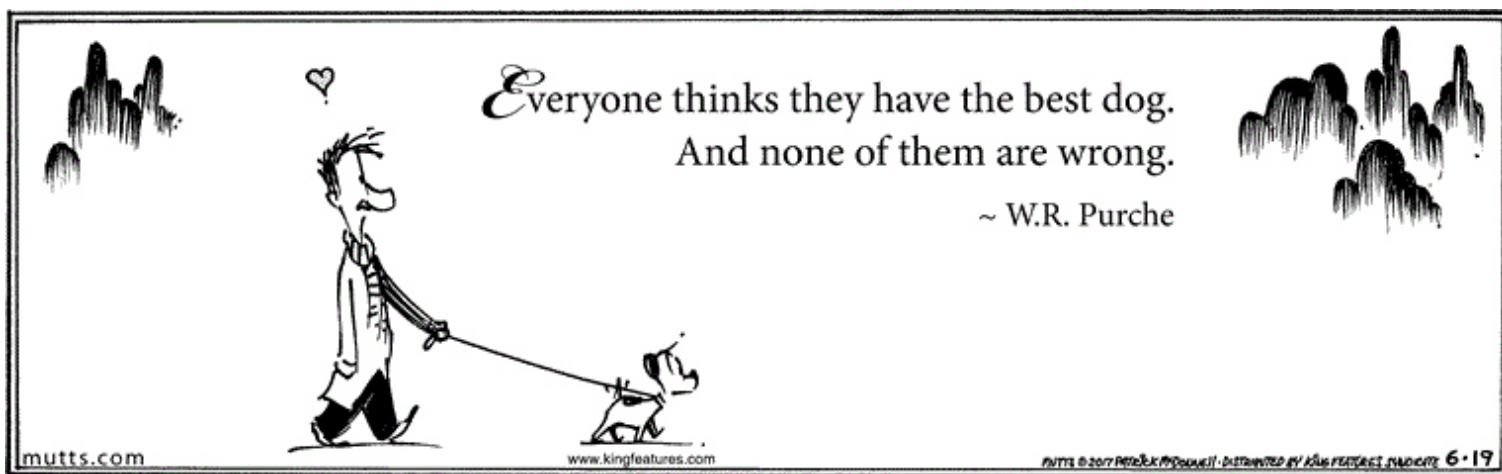
As always, if you are ever unsure of a dog or feel you are not up to walking a particular dog, please DON'T. Someone else will give them a walk. All dogs are exercised and played with by staff before and after hours.

If anyone would like to discuss a specific dog, or specific dog behavior, please contact:
Mary Kenton at 303-929-7355

There will also be a group orientation at 11 a.m. and a training at noon for VIP Team members on June 2nd. The next orientation will be June 30th at 11 a.m. Thank you to everyone who comes out to spend time with our furry residents.

Spring Fling





Welcome New Volunteers!

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