

Volunteer Update



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Betty White: Paving a Path for Other Dogs?!?

Betty White is a beautiful English Cream who will be two years old in September. Betty was an owner surrender. She came from a very loving home, but unfortunately her family couldn't get Betty's seizures under control despite numerous trips to the vet. Betty was having multiple seizures a week and sometimes multiple seizures a day. Her family didn't know what else to do, so they surrendered her to GRRR in the hopes that we could help her.

Some of you may recall reading a brief bio about Betty White back in February. She was one of our Golden Angel dogs. Thanks to her "fame" we received a wonderful tip from a GRRR supporter telling us about a clinical trial that Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching School was conducting. The aim of the study is to assess the efficacy of CBD in treating canine epilepsy. Each dog is randomly assigned to receive either CBD or a placebo for 12 weeks and then switch to the opposite medication for an additional 12 weeks. Thankfully Betty qualified for the trial and we were able to enroll her.

The first several weeks Betty was enrolled were very difficult. She continued to have numerous seizures weekly and sometimes daily. It was hard on everyone to see Betty go through this. Based on Betty's continued frequency of seizures we were all convinced that she was on the placebo. There did come a point where we thought about pulling Betty from the trial. Thankfully, the folks at CSU were super understanding and offered to switch Betty to the opposite medication early. Betty has been on the other medication, presumably CBD, for about a month now and has only had ONE seizure, which only lasted about 20–30 seconds. This is such a huge improvement from where Betty was just a month or so ago.



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Betty continues to make monthly trips to CSU vet clinic to get her blood drawn and a check-up. Everyone at CSU knows Betty and absolutely adore her. We hope that Betty can help pave the way for other epileptic dogs to become seizure free or at the bare minimum, reduce the frequency of their seizures. We look forward to updating everyone in another few months once Betty has completed the trial.

****Please note that we are not recommending or discouraging the use of CBD in your dog. We are just sharing Betty's experience. ALWAYS consult with your vet before starting any medication or supplement.**



Cool Upcoming Fun Events and Activities

- **June 15th GRRR's annual Gala**
- **July 5–7 Cherry Creek Arts Festival – Cherry Creek**
- **July 27th Buffalo Bill Days Parade – Golden**

Spring Fling Success!

A HUGE thank-you goes out to Ellen Rabinowitz and Roxanne Sabin for the fun games & prizes, PUPcorn and bubble machine. I also want to thank all of the volunteers who helped with set up/clean up, tent duty, and doody duty. And finally thank you to all

the 2-legged and 4-leggeds for coming out to enjoy this yearly tradition. Even though the weather was a bit chilly for the humans, it was a perfect temp for the pups. And fun was had by one and all.

As I type this, we are getting ready for our 2019 GRRR Gala. My six years at GRRR have flown by and it's hard to believe this will be my last gala. You have all been so incredibly supportive of this—our largest fundraising event of the year.

The event sells out each year and you all keep setting records, which allows us to continue to rescue, rehab, and rehome hundreds of Golden Retrievers each year. The stories are endless. You read about many in the newsletters, but there are so many other sweet dogs that go home with such excited and happy people. I love seeing the dogs every day, they have such an expressive and hopeful look on their faces when you approach them... or maybe that's me, LOL.

As I wind down my time at GRRR I think about all the people I've met, the rescues I've been involved with, and the miraculous transformations I have witnessed. There are so many people that make GRRR run that I want to take a minute and thank those who put in countless hours for the love of the dogs and the organization that was built to serve those dogs.

Obviously Mary, Francie, Julie, and our team of kennel techs (Erinne, Steve, & Ann) work very hard, but here are a few of the volunteer folks (I know I won't get everyone here): Roberta Miller, who is SO dedicated to finding the right homes for the dogs she spends many hours each week here at GRRR. On top of that, she is one of the nicest people I have ever known. Cindee

Moyer, our Volunteer Coordinator, who talks to every single person who applies to volunteer with GRRR. Cindee spends a ton of time looking for the perfect place to put volunteers. Sukie McMaster, who does the VIP orientations and trainings; she's super dedicated and works very hard to accommodate everyone who wants to walk and socialize the pooches. Don Miller, who transports dogs. Linda Pierrel, who writes grants and delivers wonderful dog acupuncture and massage therapy to senior pups. Jeannie Miller, who writes grants, transports pups and registers microchips. The Korins, who have transported dogs for many years. The Lynchs, who have transported dogs for many years and who also pick up and deliver dog food. Peggy Sciumbato, who enters all the individual info into our database and volunteers a ton behind the scenes. Cindy Charles who maintains the dog medical database and socializes any puppies we get in.

Here are some others who are here multiple times each week or volunteer offsite very regularly: Jeanie Peebles, Wade Stencil, Debbie Stratton, Leigh Gannan, Judi Servoss, Dr. Carpenter (who makes "house calls"), Russ and Cathy Jones, the folks who write cards to members/donors and many, many others not mentioned.

Thank you for the wonderful time at GRRR and I look forward to following all the continued success with Francie, Mary, and the team.

Kevin

GRRR is hiring for a rare paid position. We are looking for a part-time kennel tech. We can use you up to five days a week, four hours per day. Start time is ideally 7:30 a.m. and minimum age is 18 years old. Responsibilities include kennel maintenance, kennel-area maintenance, moving the dogs into the kennel each morning and feeding the dogs. A complete list of responsibilities is available upon request. Hourly pay depends on experience.

Please contact info@goldenrescue.com for more info.

GRRR 2020 Calendar Photo Contest

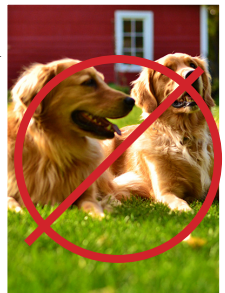
The Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies' 15th Annual Photo Contest is now open! Your Golden could be featured in a full page photo in the 2020 calendar! And the Grand Prize Winner will have their photo on the cover. Last year's calendar was another big success—we received over 500 entries!

Submission Guidelines:

- \$5 per photo entry fee. No limit to number of photos you can submit! 12 Monthly and 12 Honorable Mention winners all receive a free calendar.
- Golden Retrievers only; doesn't have to be a GRRR or Rescue dog.
- Horizontal (landscape) shots only, not vertical (portrait)...that means more wide than tall! See examples
- You can submit the same photos as in previous years. Monthly and Honorable Mention winning photos excluded.
- The photo must have been taken by you or someone in your family; you can't submit photos taken by someone else.



Horizontal shots like this!



NOT like this... this is vertical!



1. ENTRIES

- **Digital photos:** set your camera at the HIGHEST resolution (photos will be enlarged to 8.5"x11"). Please don't make the files smaller to e-mail—send the original, LARGEST file. Send as e-mail attachments OR send via WeTransfer: <https://wetransfer.com> (free and very easy) to: contest@goldenrescue.com. Include your name, phone number, address, and dog's name. IMPORTANT: You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your digital entry within 48 hours; if you don't receive confirmation, assume files didn't go through and re-send.
- **Snapshots:** We highly prefer emailed digital photos please and are doing away with accepting snapshots. But if this is the only way to send photos, send to address below.

2. ENTRY FORM

Fill out the interactive PDF. Important: **MAKE SURE THE FILE IS OPEN IN ADOBE ACROBAT!** Fill out, hit the Submit button, and it will email to contest@goldenrescue.com! Or, snail mail to address below. Form available at www.goldenrescue.com.

3. PAYMENT

Pay online at www.goldenrescue.com. Or send in check to address below.

IF MAILING, send entry form and check to:

GRRR Photo Contest
Attn: Jeanie Peebles
8095 Holland Ct, Unit D
Arvada, CO 80005
Please make checks payable to GRRR.

Deadline for entry is midnight, July 8, 2019, so start snapping! Winners will be notified by August 15. Calendars will be available at all GRRR events starting with the Rescue Reunion Picnic, on our website, and at a few stores in Colorado.

Thanks and Good Luck!



GRRR 2020 Calendar Photo Contest Entry Form

Interactive pdf... **Open this file in Acrobat**, type in responses (hit tab to go to next question). Hit submit to email.

Name

Address

Phone Number

E-Mail

Dog(s) names

Number of Entries

I paid on-line (www.goldenrescue.com) OR Amount Enclosed (if mailing):

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO GRRR.

Photos: Sent via e-mail to contest@goldenrescue.com OR Enclosed

(If mailing snapshots, please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if you want your snapshots returned.)

Release Form

I grant GRRR permission to use the attached photo(s) for GRRR's 2019 calendar, and all related sales and marketing materials that GRRR may utilize in connection with its non-profit operation. I acknowledge and agree that GRRR will sell copies of the calendar and will not be responsible for making any payments to me or any one else in connection with this permitted use. I also agree that I own the copyright to these photos (these photos were not taken by someone else).

Date:

Signature of Photo Owner

Parent's signature for a minor

All entries, entry form, and payment must be received by July 16, 2018.

When finished, hit the Submit button and it will email to grrr.contest@gmail.com. Easy!

Clear

Submit

Or, please mail this form and payment to:

GRRR Photo Contest
Attn: Jeanie Peebles
8095 Holland Ct, Unit D
Arvada, CO 80005

or scan it in and email to grrr.contest@gmail.com

Questions? E-mail Debbie at contest@goldenrescue.com

THANK YOU!



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Digital Snapshot

Date photos received _____

Date paid _____

Check number _____ CC

Log in Date _____



Welcome New Volunteers!

James Berry • Emily Gaona • Ledy Gebrehiwot • Bridgette Gilmer

Barbara Hall • Kathryn Keating • Ryan Kinsey • Benjamin Kirkman • Emily McAteer

Holly McIlvaine • Evelin Mojica • Meghan Peaker • Heather Petty

Emilee Ramseur • Kenny Reesor • Jimmy Sloan

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