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SOPHIE

From "Turkey Dog" to Therapy Dog

by Mary Lemma

She knows how to work a room—"she" being Sophie, who was rescued as part of Operation Turkey Dog; the "room" being Concourse A at Denver International Airport.

Sophie is a member of DIA's 126-member Canine Airport Therapy Squad, or CATS. Her job is simply to walk the concourse with her handler and "nanny," Carol Brown, sporting a vest that says "Pet Me." (I shadowed Sophie and Carol to see how it's done.)

Carol (who looks after Sophie while forever mom Kim Gosche travels for work) and Sophie approach passengers and their family members, even members of the UNC baseball team, to offer a petting opp. The weariest-looking travelers perk up when they see Sophie.



The Golden Retriever is the most represented breed on the squad, says Lisa Dittberner, who implemented the CATS program in 2015 and oversees more than 400 volunteer ambassadors at DIA, from those in cowboy hats to those in fur.

And on this day—National Love Your Dog Day—what's not to love about the amiable Sophie?

"Many people have to leave their pets when traveling," Lisa says. "When they run into a CATS team here at the airport, most immediately smile, or run over to pet the dogs and the one cat who is a member of CATS."

A little girl, almost dwarfed by her pink backpack, smiles as she pets Sophie. The girl's name is Sophia, which elicits giggles from her and her family.

The dogs also provide an appropriate distraction for children whose parents are busy gathering up their belongings getting ready to board, Lisa says.

Sophie approaches a young woman named Kristin, who is seated on the floor, leaning against a pillar. Sophie greets her and receives scratches and pets. More love. Kristin has dogs, too, and is headed home to Chicago after a vacation at Copper Mountain. Aside, Lisa explains that the dogs are discouraged from approaching the pillars because, well, they may lift their leg. "Like they're giant fire hydrants," I offer.

But not everyone who passes through DIA is coming from or heading to a vacation. There are so many reasons people go through DIA, Lisa says. They're not always vacationing, so they may need a pleasant or fun distraction like Sophie.

SOPHIE TAKING A BREAK FROM HER JOB AT DIA

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“...she has loved me back to happiness.”

“Once, when one of our cream-colored Golden Retrievers was on duty,” Lisa recalls, “a young man raced over and threw himself on the floor next to the dog. He had lost his best friend, whom he’d just visited in hospice.”

Carol and Sophie approach a lone traveler in a waiting area. The woman whips out her cell phone and eagerly shows pictures of her own dogs, almost oblivious to Sophie. But Sophie abides and is eventually rewarded with a pat on the head.

“Magic Moments”

Once, while Carol was checking through security at DIA, one of the TSA agents overheard her explaining to a passenger where Sophie had come from, describing Operation Turkey Dog. The agent smiled. “I’m from Turkey,” she said. Then she said

SOPHIE CALMS A YOUNG TRAVELER

something to Sophie in her native language, and they connected. The agent placed Sophie’s front paws on her shoulders and told the dog “You are safe. You are loved.” Carol refers to such encounters as “magic moments.”

Kim Gosche, Sophie’s forever mom, has adopted three Golden Retrievers from GRRR. When her Golden, Spencer, had to be put down, Kim was heartbroken. “I would sometimes stop over [at Phoebe’s Place] just to pet the Golden Retrievers there,” she says.

“Mary [Kenton] called one day to say they had a group of Golden Retrievers coming from Turkey and would I be interested in one of them. I thought, ‘it’s only been 12 days...should I get another dog so soon?’” Then Kim met Sophie and checked it out with her two adult children, who approved. “I looked at her picture and thought, ‘I could love that dog back to happiness,’” Kim recalls. “Well, she has loved *me* back to happiness.”

Helping Patients – and Staff – Smile

It’s not just the airport where Sophie schmoozes. At UHealth’s University Hospital, Carol stops at the volunteer office to collect requests for patient visits, which she does every Monday. The patient’s first name and room number are on the slips of paper. Some patients have been at the hospital for quite a while, and they know Sophie—and she, them. “Sophie can get attached to the patients,” Carol says. “Sometimes she leads the way to their rooms.”

Sophie is as popular with the nurses as she is with the patients. As we make the rounds, we encounter probably seven or eight nurses and CNAs who are so happy to see Sophie, they kneel to get their love-on-dog fix. “We need therapy, too,” says a nurse, chuckling.

When Sophie connected with a patient who left the hospital to go to a nursing home, Sophie and Carol followed.

Sophie doesn’t just go to the floor where she’s needed without stopping to visit—or being stopped by—non-medical staff at the hospital. The attendant at the information desk, as well as a volunteer greeter in the lobby, meet Sophie with big smiles and outstretched arms.

Carol is skilled at interacting with patients—those we see on this day are elderly and frail—and encourages them to give Sophie a treat, which she provides from a pack she carries with her for just that purpose. One patient, an elderly man who has trouble speaking, has a small erasable board by his side to assist in communicating with the staff. He appears to be uncomfortable but seems to have no trouble responding to Sophie. Just before she leaves, Carol writes “I love you” on the board and traces Sophie’s willing paw next to it.



A patient at the hospital once asked Carol why she does the therapy work. “I believe because Sophie got a second chance in a loving home, she needs to give back to the world; it’s the law of attraction. Love attracts love,” she says.

Carol recalls other “magic moments”: A patient whom the staff and doctors thought was completely immobile reached to pet Sophie and smile. Another patient raced her down the hall in their wheelchair. Sophie has motivated some patients over the last year to get out of bed and walk with her.

“Patients don’t remember me,” Carol says. “They remember Sophie.” ❀

SOPHIE WORKING HER MAGIC

Recent Rescues



Dear GRRR:

Daisy has totally bonded with our special needs nephew. She loves the snow and playing with her sister, Clara. Then she comes in and relaxes with what's left of a stuffed toy. She is totally a part of our family!

Sandy Lueth

DAISY & CLARA

Hi GRRR:

Joy was named Scarlett when we adopted her, but Scott changed her name to Joy. It is fitting because she has brought so much Joy to our life.

It's always so heartbreaking after you lose a Golden baby, they are so embedded in our lives and you wonder where the love is going to go with that loss. Well, thanks so much to GRRR, we were given the opportunity to put our love in our adopted Turkey Dog, Joy.

Joy is doing great and thriving with us. She loves to get out for hikes, she's a great swimmer and loves to ride in the boat. She loves to camp in the RV, even though she wants to drive most of the time! Joy loves to help Scott plow the driveway and she just has truly settled in as a true companion. She is happy and of all the toys she has, she came with "Baby," a toy from GRRR and it is still her favorite.

Joy is doing great and we are so happy that she came into our lives. She is loved and in return she does what Golden's do best - fill our hearts with love in return.

Take care,

Teri and Scott Gummere

JOY



Hi Roberta and GRRR:

I just wanted to pass on a couple of pictures of our little Beaudie. He's growing fast and won't be little for long. He loves his new brother Max almost as much as he loves snow!

Thanks,

Jeannie Haycraft

BEAUDIE & MAX

GRRR STATS

January 1 – March 31, 2019

Number of dogs adopted	78
Money spent on medical needs:	\$26,000

Newsletter Submissions

We all love reading about your Golden's and we'd like to hear from you! If you'd like to submit a letter AND photo of your GRRR rescue, email the letter and digital photo (highest resolution you have) to debbie.davis@goldenrescue.com or snail mail to GRRR at 15350 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada CO 80007. Deadline for the August, 2019 issue is July 6. Thanks!

Hi GRRR:

He is a recent pictures of Cody. He settled in quickly here and has become good friends with our other Golden, Samson. Obviously he likes napping in the sunroom.

Cody is very smart, a quick learner and a joy to have around.

Thanks,
Jim Brausch

CODY



Hi GRRR:

Just wanted to send an update on Hatty, our beautiful Golden who joined our family. She's as sweet as they come! We feel so lucky to be her family! It took big brother a bit to warm up (he was used to being the little brother, and this was a whole new role) but now they are inseparable best buds!

She's now 5 months and 36 pounds. We are learning she loves tennis balls. She LOVES to play in the snow or just lay outside and enjoy the sunshine. She's mastered sitting, down, stay, come, and cuddling.

My husband tells her she's a dream come true, and she really is.

Thanks again!

MaryEllen, Kevin, Loki, and Hatty

LOKI & HATTY

Dear GRRR:

We fell in love with Izabelle Anne the second we saw her. Charlie, our 11-year-old blind Golden, thinks she's a good sister too. He likes to go to the toy basket and tease her with the toy he has in his mouth. She gets so excited when they play! She usually starts racing around the house and then Charlie just barks at her. Izzy has been an excellent dog for us and Charlie.

Everyone tells us what a beautiful girl she is (we know!). She was really easy to potty train also. We just feel so lucky to have her!

She even gets along with our two cats, although she liked to chase them at first. We dogsat her brother Boulder over a long weekend, and they had such a great time playing. The day Boulder left, Izzy was so sad. We had to keep her busy with extra walks and dog park visits. We still keep in contact with them and hope to have some play dates. All in all Izzy has just been a joy to have around.

Matt and Tracie

CHARLIE & IZZY



Recent Rescues



HALEY AND KODI

As time went on, she began to run and play with Kodi. It was awesome to see her blossoming. They loved playing in the snow and hiking together. Haley became very attached to Kodi. He was her protector. She followed him everywhere. Kodi even allowed her to sit right next to him in the back seat of our truck, something he would not allow our second male Golden, Beau, to do at all.

We lost Kodi when he was 12 years old in 2015. Haley was with him for almost 8 years. She went through a grieving period where she did not want to eat. He was her everything and she followed him everywhere. Because Haley is such a timid soul, we did not introduce another Golden into our family. She does very well now on her own.

Haley spends a lot of time with us. She loves to swim in the swimming holes in Moab. She loves tunneling in the snow, and comes in looking like a snow beast. She had breast cancer, removed a year ago, and is doing well. We have been doing rehab with her for arthritis in her spine as it was starting to affect her rear legs. She does acupuncture, underwater treadmill, HBOT treatment, and recently had piezo shockwave treatments. She is doing so much better with her mobility now.

Haley has come a long way from the scared, belly-crawling, no eye contact Golden that we adopted. She no longer has any issues looking right at us when it is time for her snack or meals. She is still very shy and does not like to be out of her comfort zone, but we have finally gotten her used to going to Home Depot. She interacts with a few dogs on our court when we go out for walks but other than that, she is happy to be back in her home with her parents.

We wanted to share this update because it is absolutely amazing to see her turn 15 years old with her rough start in life. We love our girl, and love that we have gotten so much time with her. Thank you GRRR for taking her in along with the other two Golden, and giving them all a chance at a better life. Thank you for our beautiful girl!

Ron and Kelly Kandcer

Hello GRRR,

Yesterday was Ruckus' 1st year adoption anniversary! He is such a sweet boy (spirited too – which we LOVE!).

Ruckus' new favorite hobby is to sit in front of me with his chest puffed out when I am trying to dry my hair. Yup, you guessed it – I spend the whole time “drying” his fur. At least he is courteous and makes sure he turns around in circles so I can get all his spots.

Take care!

Shane, Val, and Walker Myers



RUCKUS



Dear GRRR:

We were totally happy. Our lives were full of travel, hobbies and freedom ... no voids needed to be filled. Then suddenly, our home and hearts are bursting with love and overflowing with joy since Sweet Miss Sophie joined us and we became a family.

Sophie was surrendered in November 2018 by a breeder. We assume she spent the first 5 and a half years of her sweet life in a crate cranking out puppies. With Sophie's intelligence, lovely soft fur and sweet demeanor, her puppies must have been exceptional! Sophie was very timid at first — scared of shadows, unexpected noises — and frequently shut down. When she shut down, it would just break our hearts ... she'd go to a dark place, hang her head, tail down and just look off with sad, dark eyes.

What a joy to see improvements every single day! We are now seeing that wonderful “Golden Smile” when she runs in her spacious back yard, even plays with a ball and loves her long walks. She enjoys meeting up with other dogs ... for a few minutes ... then we're back to our walk. But if we go to the dog park (if there's just one other dog there) she will play, play, play! It's so fun to watch the puppy come out in her. Interestingly, if another dog joins the park ... well, she starts to get uncomfortable and it's time to go.

We are ever so grateful to GRRR for all you do, proud to be a member and volunteer.

John and Denise Jonke

SOPHIE

Hi GRRR:

Moose has been with us since New Year's Eve. He was about 12 pounds when we brought our little cotton ball home. He is now 16 weeks old and weighs 38 pounds. He is finally done with shots so he is getting to know many new friends in our neighborhood. We will start going to the dog park soon and will go often as training progresses. Speaking of training, Moose knows several commands already! Come, lie down, drop, sit, stay, kennel, walk, paws (for paw protection before we go out in the snow), and is learning not to beg while his mom and dad are eating. Moose's routine includes getting up with mom and dad and walking dad to work. After that, he's ready for his morning nap (on his back of course) while mom gets some work done. His absolute favorite things, other than meeting new furry friends and walking, are greeting dad when he gets home from work and playing with him, and SNOW... Moose is the biggest snow loving pup on the planet. When it snows, he runs as fast as he can, slides around, searches for sticks and nose dives into the fresh powder. Moose is LOVED everywhere he goes... walks, restaurants, and any adventures with mom and dad... and he loves the love!

We are so thankful for GRRR giving us the opportunity to adopt our little boy. We love him so so so much and are having a wonderful time watching him grow and develop his personality and show off how smart he already is!

With puppy love,

Jacquie, Greg and Moose Flahive

MOOSE



Hello GRRR:

We were so excited to get a new dog. We knew we wanted a rescue and not a pup. We went to GRRR and they introduced us to the sweetest little 2-year-old Turkey girl. We fell in love and jumped in and named her Neesa, which means lady in Turkish.

We had no idea what we were getting into. Our Turkey girl was pretty wild. She showed little interest in us for a while. She spat with our older Golden, mostly over food and toys. Potty training was a challenge to say the least. She has gotten out a few times and it showed her hunter instinct. One time she came back with a bird she had captured. We can only guess what's happened in her 2 years of life in the forest. Her jaw and tail had been broken and she had scars all over her.

But every day she gets more comfortable and looks for attention and loves us a little more. We feel lucky that we have her for the rest of her life. We will continue to work with her and love her. Thank you GRRR for the bringing her to us.

Alayna Millard

NEESA

Hello GRRR:

We adopted Osa last April; she is a sweet girl with a truly goofy personality. We have been very lucky with her. She has been so easy to train and she is a very well behaved dog.

She is a couch potato when we are at home but she loves getting wet. Sprinklers, rivers, lakes and going to the beach where she can splash around and run like crazy are her favorite things to do.

Emily Mullins

OSA



Recent Rescues



Hi GRRR:

Oliver (Ollie) is doing fantastic. He is growing like crazy. Everyone who meets him can't believe how big he is for his age. He loves meeting everyone. He goes for walks, plays ball and tug-o-war. He enjoys his friends at the puppy classes and drop-ins he attends. He is a champ in the car. He likes to go to bed early and rise just the same. He can leap so high and loves to play. He is a big fan of the snow. We are so happy that he is part of our lives. So grateful.

James and Elizabeth Dean

OLLIE

Dear GRRR:

We adopted Dakota (now renamed Skye) last April. She has adapted well to her new home and we love her dearly. She's now about 80 pounds and still thinks she's a lap dog. She loves our 5-year-old granddaughter and 6-year-old male cat Hobbs. Not so much the other male cat, Fizz. They both seem to feel they each know the other's boundaries. Fizz stay upstairs and all will be fine.

Skye meets all the criteria of a Great Pyrenees (/Golden?) Loves people to death. Not so much other dogs. Likes to bark to hear herself bark. We still have Skye on the gentle leader as she still thinks she's a sled dog leader when we go for walks and she is still aggressive toward other dogs on our walks. Other than that she's all we could have asked for after losing our Golden Bosley last march. We thank GRRR for allowing us to adopt Skye.

Ray and Kathy Schmid

SKYE



Dear GRRR:

We have adored adding Sadie to our family in October 2018! After losing our Sienna earlier that month, we thought we'd take some time to grieve before looking for another dog. However, Roberta had told us about Sadie and how much she seemed like part of the "Aspen puppy group" in personality. And even though it seemed to happen so quickly after losing Sienna, Mary told us that the "best way to honor Sienna was to give a loving home to another one."

So, Sadie is now part of our pack and is doing great. She and her big brother Bogart get along so well. She looks to him for guidance on EVERYTHING – where to sleep, when to eat, when to go outside, where to walk, who is okay to say "hi" to in our cul-de-sac. She's fit into our routines very easily. The two of them love to wrestle and play tug-of-war with toys. Sadie will sit on Bogart and they nip at each other and talk. Super funny to watch! I know he's happier to have someone to play with again. And we love having her, too. Thanks to Roberta and Mary for encouraging us to adopt our new girl!

Anne and Dwight Buderus

BOGART AND SADIE

Hi GRRR!

WHISKEY

My husband and I adopted Whiskey (aka Honey) last year. She has been doing amazing since we brought her into our home! She loves going for walks, playing with her new sister Montana (another Golden), and snuggling. We absolutely love her, she is the sweetest!

Thanks!

Jessie Creamean



As this year's epic mountain snow rapidly turns to mud that only a dog could love, I'm struck by how many furry rescue critters we have in my little 10-home neighborhood. And more importantly I'm struck by how well they all get along.

We have my Turkish immigrant pup Perry (Nutmeg's "carry-on" baggage), Willa the doodle whose DNA percentages are totally unknown, Zoey the Golden Angel girl to whom Dr. Bauer kindly provided 2 brand new hips, another Golden Retriever and two mixed-breed rescues from the local shelter.

Even with (or maybe because of) all this diversity, the humans and the dogs have so much fun around here. If I really get philosophical, I also note that our little neighborhood is made up of all kinds of people, who only have their love for this beautiful place in common, but we've become great friends who help each other out – whether during a blizzard or routine dog care. It makes me have hope that the human world could experience this kind of unity...

On a related note, I can't wait to meet our Gala speaker, author David Rosenfelt. He and his wife "dog-tripped" across the country with their full gang of rescue pups and wrote a book to share their hilarious experiences. I sincerely hope you'll be there to share the evening. 🌸



ZOEY & PERRY

Lead or Follow?

by Kevin Shipley

In any industry there are leaders who influence the direction of that industry. Google, Microsoft, Amazon... all strongly influence innovation and what gets pushed to the public.

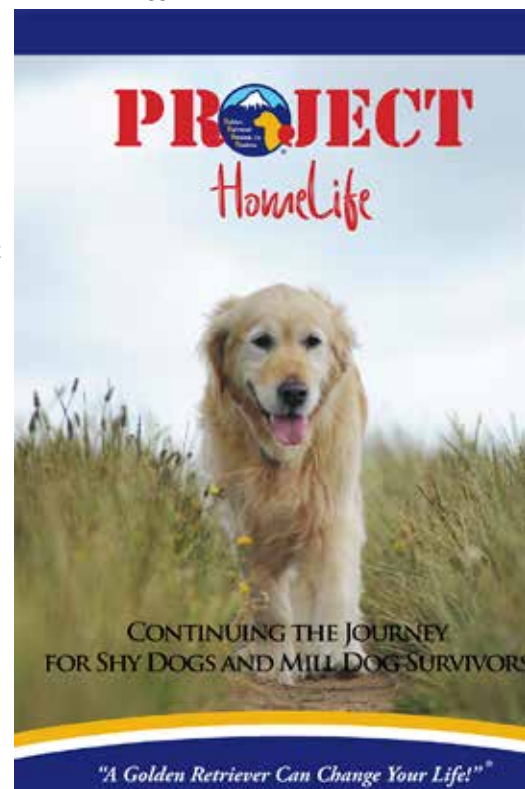
In the animal world, the US Department of Agriculture determines the rules and they preside over what and how things are done. Ah, but who influences the USDA, that is the question. Some of the louder voices in the dog world are commercial breeders associations (aka: puppy mills), Humane Society, ASPCA, PACFA (the Colorado enforcement arm of the USDA) and even politicians when they feel particularly courageous (so it's rare-LOL).

So where do we (GRRR) and the rest of the rescue world fit in? Overall, rescues have relatively little influence. In Colorado, PACFA officers are active in the field, seeing things that work and don't work on a practical level and providing feedback to the mothership. We, as a rescue, can make suggestions to PACFA, but another way to influence the conversation is to be a leader in our own segment and with the Golden Retriever Club of America - National Rescue Committee.

As we rescue dogs from dire mill situations, work to develop new ways of socializing them and help them successfully meld into a household, this is where we can have an impact. We continue to remain a leader in rescue and also work to raise the bar. We are coming out with new resources to help dog adopters, especially those who adopted extremely shy and/or puppy mill survivor dogs. We would like to introduce new training videos and other resources; in fact, we have a grant proposal in with potential grantors that could help fund this project. Why? A few years ago, ASPCA introduced a highly focused program with their ASPCA shelter partners and in those shelters that implemented this limited training, they found that adoptions went up by 14 percent. But even more impressive was that the number of dogs being returned to the shelters dropped as much as 50 percent. Many of these fragile mill dogs take special care and socializing, and adopters can feel ill-equipped to help. Without direction, dogs can be extremely sensitive and can feel the owner's frustration and anxiety, further stressing the dog.

Having resources and properly setting expectations can make all the difference in the world to both dog and adopter, often resulting in a successfully integrated new furry family member. GRRR, collaborating with Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue, will be introducing a new booklet/online PDF called "Project Homelife - Continuing the Journey." DVGRR is in the thick of puppy mill country in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and they needed to develop resources for adopters who wanted to help these struggling mill dogs. They have been marvelous to work with and critical to customizing this new resource. You will get a glimpse of it very soon.

So to sum it up, GRRR continues to collaborate with others to develop some of the best resources in the rescue world. Not only is it best for the dog and pooch parents, it continues to put GRRR in a strong position to have a leadership voice in how the rescue world continues to develop. 🌸



Adopting a Senior Dog

by Cathy Jones



As you consider what age dog to adopt and bring into your family, please be sure to consider the joys and merits of adopting a senior dog. A “senior” is usually considered to be a dog at least 7 years old. This more experienced dog brings with him or her a more established temperament and easier adaptability to a new loving home. Having left puppy days behind, the senior dog is ready to be a loyal and loving companion, probably without the need for house training and obedience training (which have been accomplished long ago).

This is not to say that an older dog wouldn't enjoy the training experience with you. Older pups have a longer attention span than puppies and often thrive on this kind of one-on-one time with their owner. Another consideration is that an older dog may be a good choice for an older person – both individuals may have slowed down some and be very compatible.

There is sometimes the concern that there must be something “wrong” with a senior dog who has found himself in need of a new home. This is seldom the case. Much more likely is a problem in the former home or a change in circumstances, such as illness or death in the family, moving, divorce, travel, etc.

Like canines of all ages, senior dogs need love and consistent security. They also need good nutrition, exercise appropriate for their abilities and regular medical care. The cost of medical care for an older dog is not necessarily greater than that for a young dog...and all the young dog expenses have already been paid!

While a puppy or young dog might be thought of as a promise yet to come, the joy of a senior dog might be thought of as wisdom already demonstrated. These seniors offer so much in loyalty and companionship and ask for so little. They are proven commodities just waiting to show their devotion and add value to your life as you add value to theirs. 🌸

Road Trip Fun

by Francie Rakiec

As my husband Wade and I gear up for another transport trip to South Dakota, I can't help but look back on couple of our other transport trips. It's always an adventure going to South Dakota. The weather can be tricky at times, and it seems like as soon as out-of-state officials see our Colorado plates, they assume we are transporting more than just dogs. That seemed to be the case, anyway, with our first trip there.

We had picked up at least ten Goldendoodles and Golden Retrievers from a local shelter that had been in possession of about 40 dogs that had been seized from an animal abuse case. While we were loading the Doodles, one by one, each male felt the urge to mark its crate. Once we loaded everyone up, we headed back to Colorado. As we were leaving the city limits of Rapid City, we saw the dreaded flashing lights in our rear-view mirror. The Trooper approached our window and Wade dutifully rolled it down. I can't imagine the smell that poor woman had to endure, not to mention the incessant barking. She asked us where we were headed, and we told her back to Colorado. A few jokes were made about where we were from since Colorado now has a certain reputation. We also told her all about the dogs we were transporting. Thankfully she was familiar with the animal seizure story and let us off with a warning. The rest of the trip was much less eventful, unless you include the smell. The moral of the story is, always have a transport van with cruise control and don't speed if you have Colorado license plates.

Our second trip to South Dakota was slightly less adventurous. We went to pick up seven English Creams from a family who needed to relinquish them. It was a very sad story. They had lost one of their children and kept getting Golden Retrievers to help fill the void left by their child. Needless to say, they realized that the void couldn't be filled and they weren't able to give all these sweet Golden Retrievers the attention they needed.



As Wade was loading the pups up, I was tasked with holding onto them once we got them into the van. Sounds like an easy task until you consider that each English Cream weighed over 70 pounds so two of them together weighed more than I did. One by one Wade would hand me one of their leashes and I would try to hold onto them as he closed the sliding van door. We got them all loaded up and it was smooth sailing from there—except one of the dogs, Ellie, aka “Queen Bee,” wouldn't let any of other dogs lie near her on the ride home. She would snarl at them each time they got near her. Ellie had the entire bench seat to herself while the rest of the dogs crammed on the floor practically on top of each other. It was quite the sight, but Ellie seemed very pleased with herself. The moral of this story: Be sure to take enough kennels with you even when you think you won't need them! Despite, or should I say in spite of, the antics, these rescue trips are some of the best adventures I've ever gone on. It's always so wonderful to see how happy the dogs are in their new homes and how loved they always are. 🌸

QUEEN BEE ELLIE

Phoebe's Place Update

by Kevin Shipley

Vet Center & Isolation Facility Completed

Great news, our new vet center is complete and in operation. Thanks to the Robert B Sturm Foundation and Pedigree Foundation, we have a wonderfully, sparkling clean area for our onsite vet visits as well as a special isolation room for any pooches that might come in with an airborne virus. Thanks for such wonderful support. 🌸





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(IF IN DOUBT, BRING A SIDE DISH...WE GET LOTS OF DESSERTS).

REMINDER:

Only well-behaved, well-socialized GRRR dog(s) and/or dogs in your family, whose behavior you know, are allowed. No small dogs, please. And remember – on or off leash, you need to adequately control your dog(s) at all times, and you are fully responsible for your dog(s)' behavior. Thank you.



IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE: GOLDENRESCUE.COM
SEE YOU THERE!

Golden Angel: Kali

by Jeannie Miller



KALI

so happy to get out onto grass again! Terri made me feel so good to be with her. All of that worried feeling was gone, and I started to want to just play again. As I was playing in Terri's yard, my legs started to hurt but I didn't care! Terri was watching me really closely and she saw that it looked like my back legs hurt me too – she was right! She took me to her doctor who did x-rays and said that I had hip dysplasia AND elbow dysplasia! I am not sure what I did to deserve all of this, but I still love life and want to just play and be loved. I not only have elbow dysplasia but that it looked like my hips might have dysplasia too. Terri snuggled me close and told me that she was going to ask a lady named Mary at a place called GRRR to take care of me.

The next day, Terri took me in her car and said we were going to Mary's house. When we got there, I couldn't believe how nice it was! There are big yards to play in, a nice warm house, other fun dogs and Mary! I was so happy! I gladly stayed there as Terri kissed me goodbye. I loved playing with the other dogs in Mary's house. We sure did have some fun! My favorite friend was a 4-month old dude named Beau. He likes to play as much as I do, and he and I had the best time rough-housing and generally being obnoxious puppies! I think we drove Mary a little crazy...After a couple of days, I went to visit Dr. Bauer who knows all about sore legs in dogs. He said that I needed operations on both of my elbows and both of my back legs – yuck! But Dr. Bauer says that because I am so young and so strong that I can come through it great and be pain-free when I play. I am up for that!

As I was getting ready for my first surgery, the best thing happened! John and Madalyn Neu took me to their wonderful home to stay with them as a foster dog! I am back in a real home with wonderful parents and two new dog siblings! Chloe is a cream colored Golden like me. She is 11 years old. I just love her, and I really want her to play with me, but she tells me with a grown-up dog growl that she really doesn't want to play. She shares her toys with me, and I am trying to learn not to chew them up. Chloe is definitely the boss. I want to be like her when I grow up! Mom gives us chews that we get to chew together! Frank is a little pug. He is small and I think I scare him a little when I get rambunctious! He is a funny little guy!

I had my elbow surgery on March 19th. It didn't hurt that badly, but Mom says I have to be really patient – no running. That is almost impossible for me! Especially because we live on a golf course, so I get to see lots of birds and squirrels outside in our yard and across the fence. I want to chase them so badly! The squirrels tease me because I think they know I am not allowed to get them! I bark like there is no tomorrow! I am feeling so much better every day. Pretty soon, I will go back to Dr. Bauer for my check up and he will tell me when I can have my hip surgery done. I feel so lucky to be where I am today. I am lucky that Terri Black found me at that shelter and saved me. I am lucky that she brought me to GRRR where there are people who will do whatever it takes to make sure us rescued Golden Retrievers are healthy and find the best forever homes. I am lucky that John and Madalyn opened their hearts and home to me. I really love them!

And I am so lucky that there is something called the Golden Angel Fund that allows dogs like me to get the expensive medical care we so badly need. I really hope that you will find it in your heart to give to the Golden Angel Fund. It is not for me but for other dogs out there who are suffering and need to be helped by GRRR and the wonderful vets/staff that work with them. Will you? 🌸

Golden Angels: Goose

by Linda Hartman

Tiny, lovable Goose is so grateful for your donations to the Golden Angel Fund. This adorable Golden puppy came to GRRR through some unusual and very sad circumstances. No one knew Goose's mommy, Margie, was pregnant when animal control brought her to GRRR for help. It wasn't long before she gave birth to nine precious puppies on December 26th. Phoebe's Place is always filled with excitement whenever little puppies join us, and every single one of them was adorable!

One very special puppy, Goose, was smaller than the rest but seemed to be doing well, romping and snuggling with his littermates. We made sure he was nursing well and not getting pushed away by his siblings. We also monitored his weight, along with the other puppies, and all were growing at the same rate. He's always been such a happy little fellow. Because it was the middle of winter, the puppies were too young to go outside and "do their business," so we had no idea something was different about Goose.

Eight weeks later all the puppies went home with their wonderful new families. How could anyone not fall in love with little Goose! His adoptive family recalls the special day they adopted him. "He was the smallest of the litter and seemed to have the best personality for our family. He was affectionate, wanted to be in our laps and gave us such sweet kisses. He was very gentle with the children, and we could tell through his eyes and expression that he was a real "thinker." We fell in love with him immediately!"

On the ride home, his new family noticed something wasn't quite right. His bladder was leaking urine. They guessed he might just be nervous or have a urinary tract infection and immediately contacted us. GRRR would definitely have taken him back, but his wonderful new family wanted to continue to care for him. Everyone, including the children, had really fallen for the little guy.

At home Goose tried so hard to hold it until he got outside, but he could never quite make it. At night he slept in his crate on soft towels (which his new mom changed several times throughout the night), but it was impossible to avoid painful burns and blisters on his tender skin from the urine, even with the use of medicated wipes to clean him. He needed immediate medical help.

We scheduled an appointment with our long-time expert vet, Dr. Carpenter, for Goose to be evaluated. He did not have a urinary tract infection after all. Several tests were performed, and the X-rays showed abnormalities with his kidneys and ureter. Dr. Coppel, a radiologist, did an ultrasound that revealed little Goose had an ectopic ureter which is uncommon, especially in males. Goose needed to see a urologist who specializes in these types of conditions. He was referred to CSU for further testing and hopefully surgery to correct this condition. Only the best for our Golden Angels!

The doctors at CSU determined his right kidney was unable to process urine. If this wasn't corrected quickly, Goose could become septic and not survive. The left kidney was starting to enlarge because it was overcompensating for the right kidney, which had already become three times the size of a normal kidney. Things were quickly worsening for our precious little Goose! He had further testing, and surgery was scheduled for the following day.

Already having a new loving family turned out to be the very best scenario for Goose. When possible, for special needs such as his, GRRR often prefers to place the Golden in a forever home prior to any significant medical treatment. That way the Golden can recover in a quiet and loving environment that is already familiar to him/her while we provide the expensive medical care.

Goose's three-part surgery involved removal of his right kidney along with the ectopic ureter (tube). Also, a birth defect that affects the kidney ureters was repaired. He was hospitalized Friday through Monday. During this time Goose had daily visits from his family who couldn't wait to take their boy home. There were many tears and prayers for Goose, and our brave little puppy pulled through.

His family was well prepared to take on the role of dedicated caregivers during his recovery. No puppy could ask for a more perfect environment! With each new day, Goose is regaining his strength and acting more like the happy puppy he was always meant to be. One day shortly after he came home, Goose brought his new mom a rock he found in the yard, and it was in the shape of a heart!

We know Goose is going to have the best life ever! He's such a sweet puppy who deserves all the love and care he is receiving. Thanks to GRRR's compassionate supporters and volunteers, we didn't have to say "no" to Goose, and he will be able to enjoy a long life of love and adventure. A heartfelt thank you for the many Golden retrievers that you continue to help save through your generous donations to the Golden Angel Fund.

P.S. from Goose: "My goal is to be strong enough to meet each and every one of you at the GRRR Annual Reunion Picnic on September 9 and thank you in person! Find out all about it at www.goldenrescue.com." 🐾



GOOSE



Please Donate to GRRR's Golden Angel Fund!

The Golden Angel Fund has been established to help Golden Retrievers in need of extra medical care. Some Golden retrievers require special medications or surgeries for conditions such as cancer, hip dysplasia, allergies, heartworm, knee surgeries, eye surgeries, infections, etc. Without medical help, many of them will not be likely candidates for adoption; however, we can't say no to these special Golden retrievers who need extra care. Sometimes extraordinary medical circumstances bring these Golden retrievers to us, and with the Golden Angel Fund we can help more of them find a quality, pain-free life in a new and loving home. Please send your tax deductible donations to: GRRR, 15350 W. 72nd Avenue, Golden, CO 80007 (make your check payable to GRRR with "Golden Angel Fund" in the memo portion). Or donate on-line at <http://goldenrescue.com/golden-angel-fund/> Thank you!

Golden Angel Updates



BAXTER

BAXTER (FORMERLY CAPONE)

Mike Koponen

Capone here, letting you know about the big changes in my life. A couple who wanted to bring a Golden Retriever into their home came to visit me at GRRR. I got to show them how much I love to chew on my ball, wag my tail, and show off what a sweet loveable boy I am. I spent time with Tovie, a Bernese Mountain dog, who would be my new buddy in my soon to be forever home.

My overall goofiness and kind nature won them over and off we went to a new home in the mountains. I have been having fun playing in the snow, meeting other dogs in the neighborhood, and getting to spend time with Tovie. She is a very mellow dog who has no interest in my chew toys and my stuffed animal toys. She just likes taking naps close by to me.

We go for long walks each day and I cannot wait to explore my yard, the local park, and trails as the snow continues to melt. I even went to the dog park this past weekend and I played well with the other dogs. It was fun to run all around. I also met Dr. Sam, my new vet. She spent time getting to know me and was so pleased when I sat in her lap.

Since this a wonderful fresh start for me, we've decided that a new name was in order. Baxter seemed appropriate for my fun-loving nature. My days are filled with routine, which is important, and most of all I love curling up at the end of a long day with my new parents. I sleep so well at night and I've been known to have some noisy puppy dreams.

Thanks to everyone at GRRR who took such good care of me, made me feel loved, and found me a great forever home! See attached photos of me at the dog park and in my new home chilling with a new squeaky toy. See ya! 🌸

CAMPBELL AND RYDER (FORMERLY NAOMI AND WYNONNA)

Kevin and Corey Stoelb

After losing our beloved Ginger, a very sweet 2010 GRRR dog this past September, we weren't 100% sure we were ready for another dog, let alone two, when we got the call in January asking if we'd be interested taking a mother daughter pair. We decided that we would go meet these two and immediately fell in love. They were the sweetest dogs and were excited to meet us, even though they were still a bit reserved due to their rough past and everything they'd been through.



Although we have nothing against the Juds, we decided to rename Naomi and Wynonna to Campbell and Ryder. When we first brought them home, Ryder was still a bit skittish and would flinch if we moved too fast around her, and Campbell was a nervous wreck and wouldn't sit still for too long. After three months with us, they have adjusted to their new home and have settled in nicely. Both girls have completed basic obedience training and are working on more advanced commands. Campbell has mastered the art of carrying two tennis balls in her mouth at the same time and is trying to expand to carrying three. Ryder has started a Foundations of Agility class and loves getting treats while learning new skills. Both dogs also absolutely LOVE the snow and will be very disappointed that it doesn't stay in our backyard year round.

We are happy to report that Campbell has finished her heartworm treatments and is off of restricted activity. After several rounds of deworming, she is also finally clear of roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms. She is loving the freedom to run around, go on long walks, and wrestle with Ryder. She doesn't seem to know she has a hip issue and loves pouncing on toys and running after balls.

We're in the process of socializing both girls and getting them used to other people, dogs, and parks, in preparation for camping season. Campbell and Ryder look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Fling! 🌸

CAMPBELL AND RYDER

Donations in In Memory or in Honor

- In memory of Barbara Harrison (Francie Rakiec's mom) :
Anonymous • Laura Akin • Raymond and Linda Baltazar • BJ
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- Patty Corbretta, in memory of Zach. "Zach was a great dog and brought much joy to Mark and Stacy Springston."
- Dianne and Michael DeGroff in memory of Debbie Stratton's dad
- Greta Dietrich in memory of Jake Dietrich
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- Scott Elias in memory of Sandy and Bogart Elias
- Albert and Marilyn Falcone in honor of Beth
- Paula Fischer in memory of Hunter, "a very good boy. You will always be loved."
- The Forevers, in memory of Rich and Jan Blatnik's Bosley. "So sorry for your loss of Bosley. Love from The Forever's."
- Debi Garrity in honor of Peter Shafroth
- Roy and Leslie Fernandez in memory of Cooper, "A GRRR dog loved and greatly missed by Scott and Sherry Skinner."
- Piper Hoffman & Aviv Roth in memory of Bridget Rumsey
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- Stacie McWilliams in memory of Palei
- Tina Meinhardt in memory of Cooper Meinhardt
- Barbara Morris & Phil Zeitler in memory of Riley, "a great GRRR dog."
- Steve and Lynda Pasma, in memory of Jay Shelley
- Wayne Perham in memory of Andrea Bunzey
- Pat and Scott Rogers in honor of Deb Kneale and Bob Jorgensen
- Pat and Scott Rogers in memory Zach, "Stacy and Mark Springston's beloved and wonderful Rottie."
- John Sadwith & Karen Grote in honor of Barbara Kreisman
- Cassandra Salazar in honor of JayJay Salazar
- Scharp Family Foundation in memory of Cody, beloved Golden
- Erin Searfoss in memory of Romeo
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- Michael Shaw in memory of Arthur D. Foster
- Peter Davidson-Smith in memory of Carolyn Smith's granddaughter, Hayley. "She loved her Golden Retriever, Jenna."
- Dan and Charlene Sutherland in memory of Gary Ward
- Sharon and Michael Thiel in memory Gary A. Ward
- Priscilla Walker, in memory of animal lover Bill Everheart
- David and Phyllis Waldron in memory of Dutch Waldron
- Megan Walsh in memory of Cotswold Walsh
- Ellen Weihenmayer in memory of Elliott Birkby
- Steven and Laura Zloger in memory of Decker

Naming Tributes

GALEN— by Cathy Jones. "Galen came to GRRR as a very neglected and medically needy young Golden boy. Once safe with GRRR, he received all the attention and love a Golden could dream of. His needs were met, and he began to improve and even thrive. Despite his early life, his Golden spirit always shone through – he was happy, enthusiastic, friendly and delightful. Galen was adopted and went to his loving forever home where his dreams seemed sure to all come true.

Very sadly though, his happiness was short-lived as Galen's body could not keep up with his spirit, and he succumbed to cancer. He will be greatly missed by so many who came to know him and to love him. He left this world surrounded in love, and I would like another precious GRRR dog to carry on his name – Galen, meaning "calm" or "tranquil."

LUNA— by Tina and Karen. "A naming tribute for Luna, for Megan Ring. Luna was a beautiful dog, a sweet soul, and a faithful companion. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed."

With your donation of \$100 you may request a Naming Tribute so that one of GRRR's rescued Golden Retrievers will be named after your dog or loved one. You will honor the memory of your loved one, and your donation will help us give a rescued dog a new start to a better life. More info on Naming Tributes: <http://www.goldenrescue.com/news-golden-retriever-rescue/naming-tributes-dog/product/listing>.

GALEN



Other Ways to Give

by Kevin Shipley

I can't help but notice an increase in the number of recurring donations GRRR is receiving each month. Thank you all very much. These scheduled donations work great for the financial planning part of our business. Yes, rescuing pooches is a "real" business operation too—LOL. Just like you budgeting your monthly bills, we have to do the same. Although we do not have a mortgage payment, we do have lots of regular monthly bills, like vet visits, medicine, heat and air in the kennels, and all things that keep the kennel area clean and healthy for the dogs. Having a "predictable" cashflow each month is helpful for many of us. For you, as the supporter, it allows you to set up a specific amount to automatically donate each month without worrying about your own household cashflow or the timing of a single larger donation.

At the end of the day we appreciate any and all support, however it works best for you—the operative words being "however it works best for you." It's important for you to select a method of giving to your favorite charities that fits within your monthly budget.

For us, we just love the privilege of taking care of these sweet loving dogs. 🌸

In Memory



SIENNA

Park (before it was closed). She loved to climb on this one rock and look out. I cherish how she showed every emotion on her face! Bogart, Dwight, and I miss her terribly.
Anne and Dwight Buderus

IN HONOR OF SIENNA (2012-2018)

I've loved a lot of dogs in my life - my own and many many others, but Sienna was my first girl. She came into my life at a very dark point and gave me unconditional love every day. She was the sweetest dog with so much personality that made us laugh every single day with her expressions and antics.

Sienna (originally named Sally) was one of Aspen's puppies that were born in July 2012. At the time, we had another GRRR dog - Charlie - and we weren't looking to add anyone to our household. As Charlie had developed medical issues, I started coming to GRRR to walk dogs. I remember when the puppies were allowed in the kennel and sat on the floor while they climbed all over me. Great therapy for a heavy heart! Flash forward to October 2012 and after losing our Charlie, I commented to Mary that if I'd known we were going to lose him so quickly that we would have signed up for a puppy. As someone had just backed out of getting Sienna, out came Mary with Sienna with a plastic water bottle in her mouth. And we embarked on puppyhood training, again.

We had a wonderful 6 years with our girl! From play dates with her sister, Gracie (part of Roberta and Don Miller's family) to hikes in Evergreen and splashing in Cherry Creek Park's creek to carrying a glove on every single walk to rolling around in the snow with her brother, Bogart, she brought unbounded joy into our home.

Sadly, Sienna passed away in October 2018 in my husband's arms as we were carrying her in to the ER Vet after she collapsed the day before on a walk. She had been diagnosed with kidney issues in January. Then, she experienced further complications with lots of pain last summer that started a multitude of tests/MRIs, different meds, forward progress, and backward slides. We thought that everything seemed to be almost back to usual or at least minimal pain under the control of medicine as we continued to try to find the source/cause of her pain and work through Vet Specialists to figure it out.

We are so thankful for each and every day with Sienna. This is my favorite picture of her at Evergreen Dog

JASPER

In September 2017, Mary Kenton texted a picture to me. It was of a lovely blonde golden retriever curled up with a kitten. She knew I was looking for a companion for my current golden, Tucker, whom I had just brought home a few days before. She also knew that I have four cats, so any dog coming into my house must be kitty-friendly. The minute I saw that picture I knew that dog belonged to me! A couple days later, after the annual GRRR reunion picnic, I picked him up. His name at the time was Buddy, and he was six years old.

Jasper and Tucker hit it off immediately. They wrestled and played tug-of-war all the time. They kept each other company while I was away at work. I wound up naming him Jasper (Jazzy for short). Jasper was the most mellow, gentle golden retriever I have ever met. Nothing phased him. He was always up for an activity, but he never got too worked up about anything, even handling his ACL surgery last April like a trooper. He became the benevolent "alpha dog" of our house. He loved routine. I didn't have to worry about setting my alarm, and he always told me when it was dinner time, or he needed to go out, or the water dish needed refreshing and, most importantly, when it was time for evening chewies!

In late January of this year, I noticed that Jasper was drinking a lot of water. His appetite also seemed to be waning some. A trip to the doctor revealed he had a temperature of 105. Further testing revealed that Jasper had lymphoma. I took him to the oncologist and we started chemo. Then came the news that he had the type of lymphoma that affects the T cells, which is much more difficult to treat. After his fourth round of chemo, Jasper experienced what the vet described as a sudden

release of a whole bunch of cancer cells that had been building up inside his bone marrow. She advised against continuing the chemo. And worst of all, she gave him 5 days left of his precious life. So I decided not to leave him. I started working from home every

day while we treated him with prednisone and I gave him supplements, etc., and a very special diet of mostly organic chicken and hamburger with safflower oil. To everyone's delight, Jasper lived not 5 more days, but 32. He continued telling me when things needed to be done and he wanted that rawhide chewy every evening! Finally one evening he started getting very weak and knuckling. He asked for his chewy but didn't have the energy to chew it. The next morning, April 9th, he could not get up by himself, and I knew it was time to say goodbye. I'm still sad and to be honest, angry that Jazzy didn't get the full life he should have lived, but I am more than grateful that I had an extra month with him that he was not "supposed to" have. He was loved more than I can say and is missed just as much.

Colleen Waite

JASPER



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 your only way to send photos, send to address below.

2. ENTRY FORM

Fill out the interactive PDF right on your computer, available at http://www.goldenrescue.com/images/Calendar/Photo_Contest_2020_Entry_Form.pdf

Important: **MAKE SURE THE FILE IS OPEN IN ADOBE ACROBAT (not just your browser) or you won't be able to fill in the blanks.** Fill out your info, hit the Submit button, and it will email to contest@goldenrescue.com Or, print out and snail mail to address below.

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!



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