

Volunteer Update



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Giving Thanks... *by Francie Rakiec*

Today while writing this article, one of our amazing VIP walkers stopped in the office to say hi. She had just been sitting with some of the new “former breeding dogs” and got a little teary eyed talking about how scared they are of people. She proceeded to hug and thank Mary and me for our hard work with these dogs. While her hug and kind words are more than appreciated and so nice to hear, it truly is our volunteers that make the difference in the lives of these scared dogs. Just sitting with them, saying kind words to them and petting them makes all the difference in the world. For some, this contact is the only positive human contact they have ever had. Without each and every one of you these dogs would never learn how to trust people, nor would they learn just how to be dogs. Just like Mary Kenton, our caregiver, wrote in the November member newsletter, GRRR would not be what we are today without our members and volunteers. You all make a difference in the lives of these sweet babies and I will forever be grateful to all of you for that.



I will also be forever grateful for how supportive people have been with my transition into the role of Executive Director. This is not a title I have ever had before, so as you can imagine I have spent the last year learning the ropes, and I feel like I am still learning as I type this. I knew when I took this position that I had big shoes to fill, but you guys have made the transition very easy for me. The encouragement and kind words have been greatly appreciated. So here is a big thank you to each and every one of you from me and all the pups. You guys are the BEST!!!



President's Letter *by Judi Servoss*

As this newsletter goes to print, we're closing in on another ambitious Colorado Gives Day campaign. December 10th will also be the 10th anniversary of the online philanthropy event and GRRR's 8th year participating. The reason I say that the goal is ambitious, is that we always set an "impossible" goal, and then you always help us blow right through it. Since all those donations are for our wonderful Golden Retrievers, all of us at GRRRR really appreciate your generosity. So, let's reach for the stars once again and see if we can surpass \$125,000.

This year there's a higher \$1.5 million Incentive Fund that the participants will share based on how much they earn. So please donate either now (and mark your gift for Colorado Gives Day), or on Colorado Gives Day itself—December 10th.

Thank you so much!
Judi Servoss
President

<https://www.coloradogives.org/goldenretrieverrescueoftherockies/overview>





Thanks to our volunteers who spent their afternoon at Orvis in Park Meadows wrapping gifts and spreading the dog love. They raised over \$600 in just a few hours! Thanks to Daina & Joel O'Connor with Gadget, Susan Marchant, Stephanie Sanders-Badt, Pam Schell and her pup, Casper, Tarra Tamura and Owen, Amy Kessler & Pete Boland and Chester, Kimberlee Hatfield and her Golden, Kate Stanley and pup, Bailey, and Kris Entman and Kona.





grrr holiday volunteer appreciation party

Sunday, December 15 from 11:30am – 2pm

**NEW LOCATION: Village of Five Parks Clubhouse
13810 West 85th Drive, Arvada, CO 80005**

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....or Ugly Sweater!

Christmas For GRRR 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 ...totally optional!
Thank you.**

*come join us for a fun afternoon!
thanks for volunteering and have a golden holiday!*

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It's totally free to you. Last quarter we received almost \$450 with only 28 households participating. Imagine how many pups we could help if everyone participated in this wonderful program!

THANK YOU!





Welcome New Volunteers!

Kristen Bell • Andrew Berhost • Serena Berhost

Grace Chawla • Laura Cunningham • Deb Dean • Toni Evans

Abigail Guitreau • Miriah Hunt • Brittany Jones • Marietta Jones • Jill Koski • Ann LaFond

Sequoia Marks • Dara Bassock Marvel • Amy McCarthy

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