

Volunteer Update



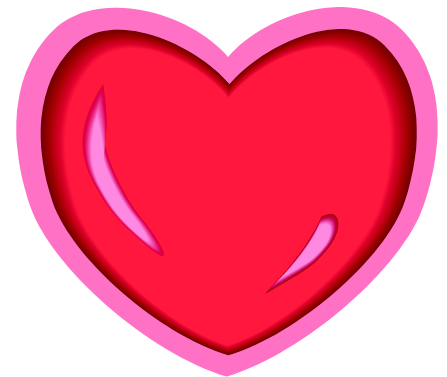
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2019, Oh what a year!

2019 was a VERY busy year for GRRR. We adopted out 272 dogs, rescued 63 former breeding dogs and rescued 21 dogs from Istanbul, Turkey. We also launched a new website in mid-July and since the new website has been up and running we've received 1,068 adoption applications! That's a lot of applications for our adoption team to have to weed through, but that just allows them to pick the best of the best for our furry friends.



The isolation/vet treatment room was also completed in 2019. This room was made possible by a generous donation from the Robert B. Sturm Foundation and has been a great addition to Phoebe's Place. Dr. Carpenter can now come to see all of our new arrivals and give them their initial exams before heading off to their forever homes. Not only does this addition save Mary time so she doesn't have to run the dogs back and forth to the vet, but it has also come in very handy with the scared former breeder dogs. For those volunteers who have spent any time with some of these dogs, you know how hard it is to even get them to walk on a leash. Now imagine trying to load them up in a car for a trip to the vet's office. Eek!

2019 also brought another item that has been instrumental in helping us save these wonderful former breeder dogs... a transport van. Thanks to generous donations from the GRRR Board of Directors as well as the Robert B. Sturm Foundation, we were able to purchase our very first transport van. We are now able to safely transport up to 12 dogs, in crates, from around the country. Oh,



and did I mention that it also has rear a/c? This allows us to rescue so many more dogs in just one trip, and we can even do it in the middle of the summer. We have also used it several times to transport our overseas furry Turkish friends back from DIA. No more having to rent a cargo van and having to worry about if it will be too hot for a transport.

If you didn't attend the 2019 Gala you definitely missed out. Our guest speaker was author David Rosenfelt. His self-deprecating humor had the whole room roaring with laughter. David has written many books and a lot of them feature his Golden Retriever, Tara. He even gave our gala participants the opportunity to have their very

own Golden Retriever featured in his next book. How fun is that! Speaking of the Gala, be sure to save the date for July 18, 2020.

And last, but certainly not least, we were able to add a part-time kennel tech position to the books. Steve Schmidt has been a long time GRRR volunteer and member, as well as kennel tech for several years. Steve even does transport for us and his most important job is being a dad to his sweet Golden Angel boy, Dusty! Steve works 5 days a week at PP and in late 2019 it was decided that it made the most sense to have Steve become an "official" GRRR employee.

Here's to 2020 being the best year yet!

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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!





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