

Volunteer Update



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Ways to Give Back to GRRR

1. **Tagawa Gardens** - mention GRRR when you check out and a portion of your purchases will get donated back to GRRR
2. **AmazonSmile** - make sure to shop at smile.amazon.com and choose GRRR as your charity and a portion of your purchases will get donated back to GRRR
3. **King Soopers/City Market** - log in to your account and link your Sooper card to GRRR and a portion of your purchases will get donated back to GRRR
4. **State of Colorado income tax refund** - You can donate all or a portion of your 2019 state income tax refund to GRRR. Visit www.refundwhatmatters.org for more details.
5. A new Charitable Giving Incentive creates an above-the-line tax deduction (a universal or non-itemized deduction that applies to all taxpayers) for total charitable contributions up to \$300 for 2020. The law also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who itemize from 60 percent of adjusted gross income to 100 percent.



COVID-19 and What It Means for GRRR

During these trying times we want to reach out to our wonderful GRRR members and volunteers and touch base regarding how GRRR has been affected by COVID-19. As most of you are aware, for the last several weeks we have had to suspend all VIP walking as well as all VIP training. In addition, we have limited the number of folks coming to Phoebe's Place. At this time, our kennel tech, bookkeeper, adoption coordinator, and myself are all rotating when we are on site and are also limiting any contact we have with Mary. As you know, she truly is the heart and soul of this organization, and if she were to get sick we would need an entire team of people to do her job.

I have had many questions regarding our upcoming events. In all honesty, it is just too early to tell. I am hoping that by the time this newsletter is published all of this will be a moot point and things will be back to "normal."

Our plan was to bring in a second group of Turkey Dogs sometime in May. Given the travel restrictions, we are not sure that a May group of Turkey Dogs will happen. In addition to the travel restrictions, we also feel that it may not be financially possible to bring in this group of Turkey Dogs. We are thinking of postponing the second group until later in the summer when our financial situation will be clearer. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these sweet pups, please contact me at: francie.rakiec@goldenrescue.com.

The next event we have is our **Spring Fling**, which is scheduled for **June 14th**. This is a super fun event held at Phoebe's Place and is a dog-friendly event. We sell merchandise and grill burgers and brats. It's a great time to visit

with everyone—dogs and people alike. If you've never been, I highly recommend coming! As of now it's a go for June 14. However, be sure to check our website and social media for any changes to any of our events.

And finally, we have our Gala. The **2020 Gala** is currently set for **July 18, 2020** at the Tivoli, so be sure to Save the Date. The Gala is our second largest fundraiser next to Colorado Gives Day and is very important to achieving our goals. While we don't know what the future holds, we are doing our best to plan for what "might" happen. Currently we are planning on having a "live" Gala at the Tivoli, however, we do have a contingency plan in the event we are unable to gather for this wonderful event. Our plan would be to conduct a "virtual" Gala on July 18. We would still have auction items with online bidding instead of in person. Let me stress this is a contingency plan. We will make a final decision by mid-May and keep everyone informed.

Given current events we do anticipate reduced support from small businesses (understandably so) who not only provide sponsorship money to the Gala, but also provide the majority of our donated silent auction items. If you do plan on donating items to the Gala for our silent auction, please consider purchasing any items from local businesses. They could really use our support during these uncertain times. Not only are you helping GRRR, but you are also helping our community! We are looking for silent auction items like a week or weekend at a condo, a fun/unusual experience like driving a sports car, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events and/or concerts, dog-related items, and art.

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We also plan on having the “Instant Fine Wine Collection” as a live auction item again this year and are looking for donations for that as well. We will be collecting nice bottles of wine (valued at \$30 or more). If you have wine or other items to donate you can drop them off at the Spring Fling or at the office at Phoebe’s Place. For the short term, please call before coming to Phoebe’s place to be sure we are available. If you have any questions regarding the Gala or to let us know what you will be donating please contact Dianne DeGroff at dkdegroff@comcast.net or myself, at francie.rakiec@goldenrescue.com

Again, we know this is a very difficult time for everyone. We look forward to your support enabling GRRR to continue our mission to “Never say no to a Golden in need.” Take care of yourself and your pups! I know my dogs are enjoying all of the quality time with their humans and I imagine yours are, too.



Rescue Dog

By Frieda Smith

I have no hope, I'm in despair--alone.
The doors are barred, the floors are bare as bone.
I'm so afraid, strange noises in the dark.
The bang of boots, a sad and distant bark.

I curl up tight, a ball of fur and fear,
against the demons always drawing near.
Inside, my heart's like rattling rain on tin.
I hold my breath and pull myself within.

A door is clanged--a figure stark and tall
That beckons me to join it in the hall.
It talks to me and pats me on the head.
I tremble, cringe, and wish that I were dead.

All is not lost! The world has turned and spun.
I'm in a home with love and life's begun.



poem written in honor of Cooper Forster

You're Invited



Spring Fling!

For members, volunteers,
and dogs!

Back with the Pack!
(we hope!)

Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:00-3:00 pm

GRRR: 15350 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, CO 80007

Doggie Play ❁ Merchandise ❁ Raffle Baskets!

Burgers, brats, and drinks provided. Please bring something to share like side dish, appetizer, salad, dessert (if in doubt, bring a side dish...we get lots of desserts).

In case of pandemic or bad weather cancellation, please check website: goldenrescue.com

GRRR 2021 Calendar Photo Contest

The Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies' 16th Annual Photo Contest is now open! Your Golden could be featured in a full page photo in the 2021 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 or Golden Doodles 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 printed 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 (not just your web browser)!** Fill out, hit the Submit button, and it will email to contest@goldenrescue.com! Or, print out and snail mail to address below. Form also available at www.goldenrescue.com.

3. PAYMENT

Pay online at www.goldenrescue.com. Or mail 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, 2020, 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!



*W*alk as if you are
kissing the Earth
with your feet.
~ Thich Nhat Hanh



Welcome New Volunteers!

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