

Volunteer Update



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President's Report, February 2021 *by Judi Servoss*

Kudos to all of you for hanging in as GRRR Volunteers during this crazy past year. We sure miss seeing all of you at our usual events. I know most of you have gotten really good at communicating virtually, but we're hopeful we can meet in person before too long.

I've enjoyed reading about how our counterparts in rescue groups around the country have managed their organizations this year. It's great to be able to get ideas from each other and share success stories.

One GRRR change this year will be a Virtual Annual Meeting. It will be a first for us, like so many undertakings, but it will be fun to be able to see some of your smiling faces. We'll review the events and financials from 2020 and projections for 2021. And we'll also elect Board Members.

We had several new applicants for Board positions, but all Board Members whose terms are expiring requested to run for another term. The Board will present a recommended slate of candidates for re-election, which includes: Pat Rogers, Mark Springston, Steve Morganfield, Mary Kenton and Mike DeGroff.

The date will be **Sunday, March 7th at 1pm**. Details will be on a Constant Contact e-blast we'll be sending out shortly, and I hope you can attend. The link for the meeting is here:

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406835903?pwd=N0ROcitTZnVGV2xvVnFCZnU1Y1ltQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 0683 5903 Passcode: 745268

In the meantime, stay safe and hug your Goldens!



Ways to Give Back to GRRR

by Francie Rakiec

Looking for super easy ways to Give back to GRRR? Below is a list of how to do just that.

1. Wishlist at Chewy.com: GRRR has our very own wish list at chewy.com. Scroll to the bottom of their website and click on “donate to a rescue” and search for “Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies.”
2. Amazon Smile: Make sure and 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 Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies and a portion of your purchases will get donated back to GRRR. <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>
4. State of Colorado income tax refund: You can donate all or a portion of your 2020 state income tax refund to GRRR. Visit www.refundwhatmatters.org for more details.
5. Monthly and one-time giving using [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) or coloradogives.org.

We also have some great new fundraising software called Harness powered by Stripe that allows you to “round up” your purchases. All you have to do is create a Harness account using the link below and then link any debit card or credit card to your Harness account. Each time you make a purchase using that card it will automatically round up your purchase and that round amount will be donated back to GRRR. You can even set monthly round up limits. <https://goldenrescue.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate?method=one-time,monthly,roundup&selected-method=roundup>

Another great feature that Harness offers is text to give. Text “GRRR” to 269-89.

You can also set up a one-time gift or monthly giving using Harness. Just click on the link below: <https://goldenrescue.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate?method=one-time,monthly,roundup&selected-method=one-time>

Looking back... briefly

I think the majority of us can say that 2020 was a dumpster fire and that we are glad 2021 is finally here. That being said, 2020 was an amazing year for GRRR for many reasons. Despite having to cancel the majority of our events, move our gala to a virtual event, and of course shut down our VIP walking program, we still had so many things to be thankful for.

We had a record-breaking gala. We netted more money than we ever have in the history of GRRR. Just shy of \$174,000. It was truly amazing! Speaking of amazing, our second largest fundraiser of the year, Colorado Gives Day in December, was just as impressive. We raised \$120,000. That is a whole lot of treats for the lucky GRRR dogs. And about those lucky GRRR dogs... we had 209 of them in 2020. While that number is below our usual average of 300, we feel very fortunate to have been able to care for these sweet pups and all of the medical needs that arose for some of them. From taking care of orthopedic issues to other severe medical issues, we couldn't have done any of it without the support of all of our loyal members, volunteers and adopters. So, THANK YOU for helping to make GRRR the amazing organization we are.

Moving forward...

2021 couldn't get here fast enough and now that it's here we have some exciting things to look

forward to. 2021 marks GRRR's 25th anniversary. It's hard to believe that we have been saving dogs since 1996. A lot has changed in those 25 years, but our mission has always stayed the same to "never say no to a Golden in need."

With Spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to hopefully being able to reopen the VIP walking program, but it will look a little different. Instead of just being able to come any time you want, you will need to sign up for a specific time slot. More details on that will be given directly to the VIPers.

We also have our Spring Fling outdoor get together. It is currently set at Phoebe's Place on

May 16. Then we have our annual gala, which again will be held as a virtual event and will run from Saturday, June 19 through Saturday, June 26. Next up is our Senior Dog get together in August, our Reunion Picnic in September, and our Lick-or-Treat Halloween Party in October.

(Be sure to check out our events page for all event updates: <https://www.goldenrescue.com/events/>)

Hope to see more of your furry and non-furry faces in 2021. Take care of yourself and your pups!!



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