



"A Golden Retriever Can Change Your Life!"™

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Puppy-Palooza!

If you were looking for Mary Kenton at the Halloween party, she was a little busy helping Doodle mama Katie give birth to 8 adorable puppies!

GRRR rescued two pregnant females from a breeder auction, Doodle Katie and Golden Brandy. We don't know why they would be auctioning off pregnant females before Christmas (we were only told that they were "heavy bred"), but it was good for the moms and puppies that they ended up at GRRR. Volunteer Mark Springston made the trip to transport them back. We were worried that the moms might go into labor during transport, so a little more adjustments and precautions were made just in case. They made it here without incident, whew!

Unlike most puppy mill moms, Brandy and Katie were very social. Brandy loved going on trips. She kept jumping in and out of the van when they arrived, and she was huge. Katie was a big belly girl too. Both quickly settled into living in the house and getting used to their own rooms. Brandy was a challenge because she wanted to be wherever Mary was. She figured out how to open every gate in the house, and there are many.

Katie delivered the day of our Halloween party (a good reason for Mary to miss the party), and a few days later Brandy welcomed one puppy. Since Katie had so many puppies, two of the very small ones were adopted by Brandy to nurse with her puppy. Eleven happy families welcomed the pups into their forever homes just before Christmas! Here are the happy endings.

BIRDIE, by Chris, Sarah, Julianne and Emma Sisneros

Wow, what an incredible 3 weeks its been with our newest member of our family, Birdie! When we brought Birdie home on December 19th, she was a little timid and not sure of her new surroundings. After a good night sleep and lots of love shown to her, the next day was like we had her for years!

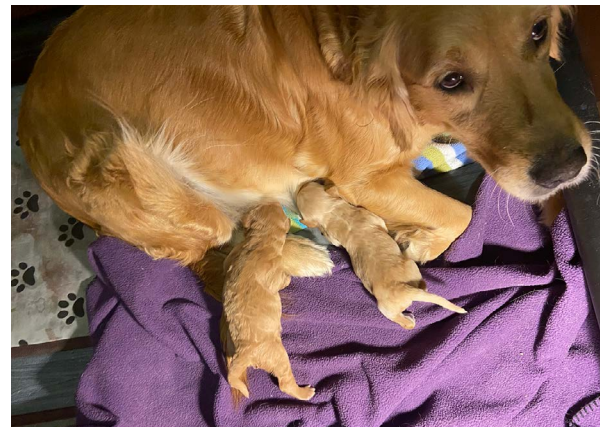
Birdie has done really well with potty training and is getting used to her leash, but she can also be stubborn and hard headed! This trait really fits right in with our family! It's so much fun to see what every day brings as she learns new tricks; not just for Birdie but what she has brought to us is something we cherish every day. She has been the best sibling to the girls. She has shown lots of growth in the past 3 weeks that she has joined our family. She will never leave us and will always be loved. We're so grateful that we had the opportunity to work with GRRR and rescue Birdie and bring her to a loving home!

CHARLIE, by Kathleen Castro

December 23rd was the day that Charlie officially became part of our family. At about 8 weeks old, Charlie was a fluffy, rambunctious ball of fur who readily gave out kisses and even hugs. We did our homework and read all of the training paperwork that GRRR provided us and have been applying what we learned as Charlie, my husband and I get to know and respect each other.



ABOVE: KATIE; BELOW: BRANDY



BIRDIE



CHARLIE

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In the short time since coming home with us, Charlie has proven to be a very smart boy, learning to go up and down stairs and play fetch. But our proudest moment came when he learned to ring the sleigh bells hanging on the door knob when he has to go out! Charlie is a true Coloradan and loves the snow, frolicking in the backyard and trotting through snow drifts when we go on walks. Thank you to Roberta of GRRR for keeping an eye out for us and giving us a call when she had a puppy she thought might be a good fit for us. Our hearts are full.



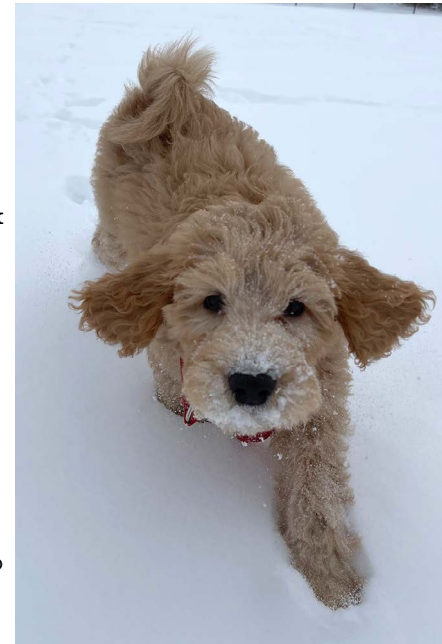
COPPER

COPPER, by Esther Son

We had been thinking about getting a fur-brother for Marley. We feel very lucky and blessed that we received a call from Roberta on December 7 and picked up Copper up on December 19 to take him home to his fur-ever home with us. Copper was a little shy at first but quickly got used to his new home. He enjoys going on walks, sleeping, and playing with Marley and the rest of the family. Our pack is now complete with Copper. Thank you GRRR for making our Christmas dream come true!

ERNIE, by Sharon Walton-Hung

Ernie, named after Ernest Hemingway, is working on his next book, For Whom the Dog Barks. He finished Chapter 1, Digging in the Garden. He has completed Chapter 2, Becoming Potty Trained, and he finished Chapter 3, Enjoying His New Home and Stepbrother, Skipper. He has also finished Chapter 4, Chewing on Everything, but is experiencing writer's block working on his fifth chapter, Walking on a Leash. Despite his writer's block, Ernie is a wonderful addition to our family, and we love him!



ERNIE



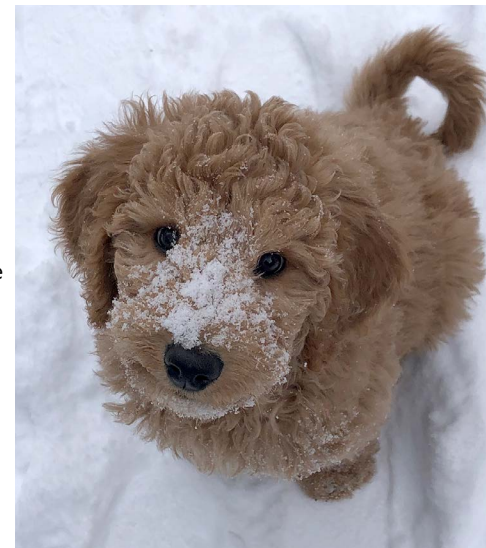
KYLO

KYLO, by Catrina Valles

Kylo has been as ornery as all puppies can be, but he is really adapting to our loving home. He enjoys our spacious backyard and taking long walks around his new neighborhood. Kylo loves to play around and he really enjoyed the Christmas tree — almost way too much. We are excited to have him as an addition to our family and can't wait for the years ahead.

LUNA, by Carol Lovseth

Luna, previously Vixen, finally got around to being a true puppy after an illness, and now she's making up for lost time! She got sick a few days after we adopted her and we spent part of Christmas Eve at the Urgent Care vet with her. It was some sort of nasty parasite. Now she's healthy, growing, spunky, sleeping through the night, loves cuddles and our socks, and is starting to learn commands. We went up to our three-story townhouse in the mountains, and she loved playing in the deep snow. She had to learn about stairs, and though she was timid at first, now she can't get enough of them, sneaking downstairs to the basement of our house in Denver whenever we aren't looking! We started puppy training last week, so this week, it's practice, practice, practice!



LUNA



PENELOPE, by Jason and Jenny Dean

Penelope Isabella Rose Dean came home on December 19, 2021. She has brought back much joy in our house after losing our beloved German Shepherd, Finch Isabella. Penelope is feisty, playful, loving, and hilarious with her wild hair and goofy personality. She has cool yellow/green colored eyes that are stunning! Her favorite things to do are to play with her tennis ball, squeaky toys, and attack hands with her puppy teeth. Her big brother, Georgie, shows glimpses of wanting to play, but he's still trying to figure out this new sister we've thrown at him. Thank you, GRRR, for choosing our family to be a part of your family. We are truly blessed with our Penelope and can't wait to see her change and grow. We LOVE her so much. We cannot thank you all enough!

PENELOPE



POLLY

POLLY, by Peter and Jenna Barclay

We were thrilled to welcome Polly into our family this Christmas! She adapted well to mountain life (we live near Vail) and LOVES to play in the snow. When she's not outside diving in drifts to get a face full of snow, she's inside playing fetch with her favorite ball, cuddling with her stuffed llama, wrestling her best human-friend (our 10-year-old daughter), or trying to convince her elderly aunt (our 14-year-old cattle dog) to play. She's growing fast and keeping us on our toes! We adore her and are so grateful for GRRR!

RUDOLPH, by Jennifer Harris

Hi! My name is Rudolph and I met my parents when I was 7 weeks old. I had no idea of the adventures that were in store for me. I came home and began to get acclimated to my new life with my Mom and Dad and two rescued kitties. I was whisked away for car rides, first stop Rocky Mountain National Park for a getaway. I have taken short river walks and love sleeping in the car to be whisked away again. I am learning manners, potty training and had my first puppy play date. My parents named me Rudolph as they were so blessed to have rescued me at Christmas! I even had my picture taken with Santa. I can't wait for my future adventures going camping, hiking and road trips with my parents.



RUDOLPH

And now meet the Mama Dogs!

BRANDY, now HELLY, by Madison Snyder

Helly is doing so well in her new home and we have developed such an incredible bond! She is now the shop dog at my flower shop, Lady Sunshine, and has so much fun greeting all of the guests who walk in. She loves being pet so much, and if you stop petting her she nudges you to continue going. Helly loves to play and run around in the snow, and she often times gets the "zoomies" where she can't control her excitement!

Helly has made lots of new friends and (people and dogs) and has the sweetest demeanor to all that are around her. She has such a sweet, motherly personality and we love to say that all of this love is probably from six years of her probably not receiving this kind of love. We are working on teaching Helly a lot of commands and she's learning so quickly! But I can't help but let her on the bed sometimes through the nights or in the mornings so we can cuddle together. I am so lucky Helly and I are now together, we are meant to be!

KATIE, now GABBY, by Patty Luke-Gysin

We adopted darling Katie on December 21. At our meet and greet earlier that month, we were told she had never been heard to bark since her arrival to GRRR in October. As Katie settled in, no barks! Given that, we settled on the name 'Gabby'. She appears to approve and accept her new name.

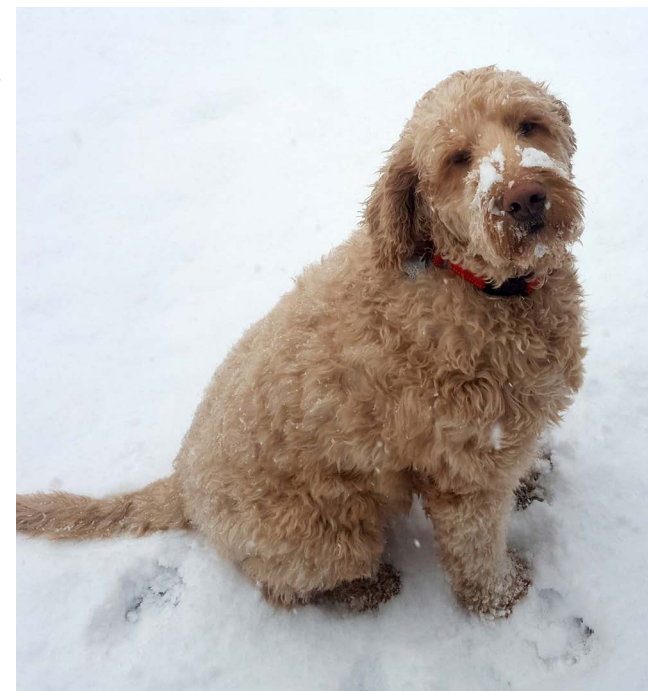
Gabby is a true delight. She loves to play tennis ball catch, especially in the snow. She is progressing in her walks. We all share a New Year's Resolution to increase fitness

BRANDY, NOW HELLY

and decrease calories. Gabby has objected the least and has been the most successful to date. We love her dearly.

P.S., she has barked, but most infrequently. Thank you GRRR for bringing this dear girl to our home. ❤️

KATIE, NOW GABBY



Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

It's been almost a year already since Barley came to our family. He is a wonderful, sweet, and funny boy and we love him so much!

Early on, he had digestive issues that kept getting worse and often had diarrhea and periodic vomiting. After weeks of seeing the vet and getting no relief for him, I found a new vet who would listen to me. His ultrasound showed inflammation and swelling in his gut. The new diagnosis was stress colitis, which made so much sense. A change of diet to high fiber, daily probiotics, treatment for acid reflux, adding in some nose work to give him some food puzzles to have fun with and to solve successfully...and he became a new, happy boy. He felt so much better in a few short weeks and his personality showed through finally. Today, he's a happy, waggly, goofy boy.

Barley has adapted to our family really well. He loves all the grandkids and loves to be in the middle of their activity. They love to pet him and cuddle up with him and he eats up the attention. Barley and my daughter's puppy are best buds and they both are the best outfielders, infielders, and foul ball fielders during family baseball games. If only they would bring the balls back so the game can continue!

He enjoys sitting out in the grass with me most afternoons, half-heartedly chasing the squirrels who tease him, rolling on his tennis balls, chewing his bone, and just watching the world go by.

Barley lives for his daily walks and turns into a puppy jumping for joy when I get his leash. He always comes home with a good snootful of great smells to think about the rest of the day. This dog literally stops and smells the flowers!

As you can see, Barley is doing great, he is completely and utterly loved by us all, and he has a great life. Thank you for letting him be part of our family. We are so thankful for him!

Carol Weimer



Dear GRRR:

Today is Blaze's first birthday as best we can guess. Happy Birthday, Blaze! We rescued her at six months. She was not house trained or socialized. We don't think she had ever even been away from her home, around many people, or on a trail. She barked and lunged at every dog and person. She would whine, hide and throw up on car rides.

She's come a long way in the last six months. She is the most affectionate pup we have ever imagined. She dive bombs onto our bed every morning and rolls around on her back, licking us as happy as one could possibly be.

Blaze now comes every time we call and never barks at people or dogs. She's logged over 1,000 miles on trails and climbed many mountains as high as 14,000 feet, and Mount Washington. She has traveled happily to 26 states so far with more than 50 nights camping, and became an official National Park Service Bark Ranger. She has swum, body surfed and kayaked both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and at least 100 lakes and rivers in between. She has chased more than 1000 squirrels and bunnies and caught exactly zero.

The adventures continue.

Best,

Robin Hooge



Newsletter Submissions

We all love reading about your Golden Retrievers 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 to debbie.davis@goldenrescue.com, or mail to GRRR at 15350 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada CO 80007. Deadline for the May 2022 issue is April 6, 2022. Thanks!

Recent Stats

January 1 - December 31, 2021

Number of Dogs Placed: 263
\$ Spent on Medical Needs: \$90,000



Hi GRRR:
My name is Annie Mae, and I was adopted from GRRR a little over a month ago. Because I'm shy, it's taken awhile to get used to

my forever home. However, with lots of love and patience, I'm getting used to my new family and forever home.

My adoptive family has hired a professional trainer to help them better understand my language. I'm going to learn how to walk, ride in cars, and hopefully fetch balls (I am a retriever after all). I'm looking forward to spending the rest of my life with my family.

Love, Annie Mae

She gets better each day, and we are so happy to have her.

Thanks,

David and Linda Mullen

Hello GRRR:

I just wanted to send a note on Cooper's fourth birthday to say how we continue to be so grateful for this wonderful dog and all the joy he brings our family. Thank you so much for helping him find his way to us!

Shelagh Carnegie



Dear GRRR:

We adopted Charlie two months ago and we just love him! He has been an instant, wonderful member of our family! He and our other dog, Kaylee, are inseparable and they are both so happy! Thank you so much for introducing him to us; we are so glad to have him!

Here are some of the 10,000 pictures we have of Charlie - some of them with Kaylee.

Jo Bullinger

Dear GRRR:

Finley is HOME and loving it! We love him bunches!

Eric Harriman



Recent Rescues



DIXEY KUP

Dear GRRR:

Our precious Dixey Kup celebrated her three years of coming to live with us today. She is a wonderful pup, full of love, cheer, eagerness to please, and insists on physically being a part of us 24/7. We've been given a true angel who has warmed our hearts, as well as all whom she insists on meeting.

Our mailman named her Bossy; our male Golden Retriever sees her as pushy; and we refer to her as pure cane sugar. Thank you for her. Dixey Kup is a gift from God.

Ron and Michelle Elstun

Woof and Happy New Year!

We adopted Miss Hazel from GRRR in October 2021. After much deliberation, Matt and I decided to re-name her Lilly. She was very shy and nervous for the first few days, but she quickly began to trust and bond with us.

Lilly has adjusted very well to her new home and quickly stole our hearts! She loves Sunday morning snuggles, her toys, yummy home-made treats, walks, going to the dog park, and playing with her cousins (Matt's family's poodle Schuman and my family's German Shepard Luna and Shih Tzus Oreo and Izzy).

Though she struggles with car sickness, she loves going on adventures too!

In November, Lilly met with her new vet, Dr. Susan, who introduced her to peanut butter. Our "Lilly Pad" is growing quickly, is staying healthy. Since starting her beginner/puppy class, Lilly has learned to sit, stay, wait, come, lie down, shake, go to her "space," loose-leash-walk, and give hugs. We are still working on "leave it"; impulse control is hard! She will continue into the intermediate and advanced obedience classes after finishing her beginner/puppy course.

Santa spoiled Lilly Pad this year with a Kong, a Kong Wobbler for meals, a snuffle mat, and a puzzle toy. Not to mention, she received many treats and toys from her grandparents! To say our pup is spoiled is an understatement; her mom is a bit of a sucker for those big puppy-dog eyes. She enjoys her enrichment toys that she uses at least once a day, in addition to two walks and/or daily fetch (fetch took us a bit to learn but it is now her favorite game). The recent snow was an adjustment, but she now loves to eat and play in it. We must pull her inside when she's been out too long, or else she will just keep playing, regardless of the temperature!

Miss Lilly still loves to chew our shoes or anything we leave around, which has been good for her mom and dad; our house has never been cleaner! She doesn't like the monster named "Vacuum," but we are getting better. The only time she "upsets" Dad is when she steals his spot to snuggle up with Mom at night. I guess a king-size bed and a pup-orthopedic bed is not enough room.

One night, she startled us with a bark and growl. The threat... her reflection in the mirror and shadow on the wall. We still don't quite understand the mirror and for some reason, it only works when Mom is trying to go to bed. Overall, Matt and I were extremely lucky; Lilly has such a gentle soul, smart mind, big heart, and playful spirit. We love her more and more every day and each moment is a new adventure.

We hope that things are going well for GRRR with the transition into 2022. Matt and I always speak about how impressed we were with the facility, staff, and treatment of the pups. We recommend GRRR to everyone! We thank you for your commitment to finding loving homes for these pups and for helping to bring Miss Lilly into our lives.

Wishing you a healthy and treat-filled year,
Matt Hoch, Victoria Massey, and Lilly



LILLY PAD



GUS

Hi GRRR:

Gus the Golden puppy we adopted from GRRR is thriving. Gus was surrendered because of a heart murmur and we adopted him in April of this year. We had his canine cardiology appointment last month at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital and his EKG was great.

Gus loves to be outside; he's been hiking in the mountains with us at 10,000 feet and never slows down. His tail is always wagging! I've never had a Golden who wagged his tail so much and with such velocity. His tail can be a dangerous weapon and has earned him the nickname of Thumper.

Gus loves to have his chest scratched and loves to get bathed and cleaned up. He's always in a happy mood and gets excited and playful with something as simple as a leaf fluttering in the wind. You would never know he has a heart murmur and he keeps his "sister" Maggie, our 8- year-old Golden, always on her toes.

Thanks,
Mark Lyle



Hi GRRR:

I just wanted to check in and give you an update on Frida (formerly Star) who we brought home back in June.

She is doing awesome and has started to break out of her shell. She loves cheese, hard-boiled eggs, turkey, long walks outside, and sunbathing on the rooftop patio.

Frida is starting to become more curious around new people who come over and will want them to pet her, and she has started to wrestle/play with our other golden, Beans! We recently got some family pictures taken for the holidays and I thought I'd pass them along to you. I think she's pretty happy with her new life and we're so lucky to have her.

Katie Chu



FRIDA



Dear GRRR:

Attached is a photo of Stevie (known at GRRR as Candy), who we brought home on October 30.

She has been an absolute delight, and she (and we) have adjusted well. Stevie loves her daily walks and her appetite has come back strong. At her first checkup with our vet a couple of weeks ago, she had dropped five pounds since being checked by GRRR's vet on October 21, so we're very pleased with that. She loves everyone she meets, especially if they will scratch her ears. She's a total sweet-heart; we couldn't be happier. Thank you all for everything you do.

Leigh and Susan Lutz



STEVIE

Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

Pula (formerly known as Rain) is a 3-year-old “Turkey Dog” who has been with us in Boulder since April 2020. She joined her fellow Golden big brother, Sulley, and has been loving the Colorado life! When she joined us, we knew she was going to need to have her front right leg amputated, which took place in May 2020. Pula has not let that slow her down one bit; she loves hiking (sometimes hitching a ride in her backpack!), camping, playing, sniffing, and most of all, swimming! She also loves to nap, snuggle, and wrestle with Sulley. Pula makes friends everywhere she goes, and we can’t imagine our life without her. Thank you, GRRR!

Thank you!

Cristina Sarmiento



Hello GRRR!

Sylvie (formerly Tootsie) is doing very well. She and Dave are great friends, and she is learning to be less fearful of new people. She is an excellent guard dog. Interestingly, we had her DNA analyzed and it came back as 100 percent Turkish Akbash! So you might want to let the folks know who adopted Dixie – assuming they are actually sisters.

Happy New Year!

Deb Huntley



Dear GRRR:

Lucy turned 4 on January 4. We adopted her from GRRR when she was 14 months old. We cannot tell you enough the joy she has brought to our home, and to all of the people and other dogs she meets. Everyone LOVES Lucy! She is always smiling, especially when there is snow, or we go on hikes with her, which we will for sure do today for her Birthday hike. Today is a bonus: snow and hike together.

Everyone who meets Lucy tells us how beautiful she is – not just the way she looks, but her personality, too. I don’t think she’s ever met anyone she hasn’t liked...yet, anyway, and everyone loves Lucy!

Thank you for the privilege of adopting Lucy!

Steve and Sharon Woods



Naming Tributes

Daisy Strickland, by George, Matt & Julia McLemore

Jasmine, by Margaret Crawford

I got Jasmine at 10 and she lived until 12-1/2. Time was much too short, but we had a wonderful time. She was my covid partner!

Casey, by Francie Rakiec and Wade Stencil

This dog truly was my heart dog. We were fortunate enough to have him for 6 years, but no matter how long you have them it is never long enough. (see page 14)

Brinkley, Dave and Stephanie Morrill

He was simply the best friend, partner, traveling companion, work associate and buddy we ever had. (see page 14)

Midas, by Jackie Benson and Mike Morrow

Midas was a special boy and we miss him terribly. Midas would be a wonderful name for another Velcro-golden. (see page 14)

Interested in a Naming Tribute? 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: <https://www.goldenrescue.com/naming-tribute/>



DAISY



JASMINE

Donations in Memory or Honor

- Anonymous in memory of Munson Kavanaugh
- Anonymous in honor of Sonny Renker
- Keshia Abbott in memory of Riley Frost
- Tracy Amidon in memory of Rocket
- Brian Armstrong in honor of Stan Armstrong and Bette Bushell
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- Jeff & Kathy Clark in honor of Buddy Clark
- Margaret Crawford in memory of Joanne Cepen
- Margaret Crawford in memory of her Golden girl, Jasmine
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- Mary Cowan in memory of our beautiful Golden, Cooper
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- Erin Giacomini in honor of Callie, Josie and Georgie
- Brian & Merix Gustin in memory of Bosco Gustin
- Joan Hackmann-Gaul in memory of Bill Hackmann and all his Golden Retrievers!
- Michael Harding in honor of Tucker
- Tricia Hoyt in honor of Zadi
- Michael, Gina, and Lucy Jeary in memory of Juliet
- Charles & Shelby Johnson, in memory of Gembo
- Huw, Cynthia and Trevor Jones in honor of Cali
- Brenda Leap in memory of Trish Phillip's sweet Golden, Sophie
- Mary & Joe Lemma in memory of Brewster
- Linda Lietz in memory of Bohdi, a beloved friend with a beautiful soul
- Dan Matras in honor of Snoopy, Cajun, Simon, Bosley, Bear & Molly Matras
- Julie McLemore in honor of Daisy Strickland
- Stacie McWilliams in memory of Palei
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- George Prien in memory of Tia
- Lannie Proffer in memory of Lexie
- Francie Rakiec and Wade Stencil in memory of Simon & Daisy, Barb & Bob Crook's dogs
- Catherine E Sanai in memory of Scott & Bo
- Sherri Sanders in honor of Zack and Andrea Sanders
- Lori Scates in memory of Randy Darling
- Nancy Schroeder Grant in honor of Gilly and Ladybug
- Valerie Schwolow in honor of Deb Kneale and Bob Jorgensen and all they do for GRRR
- Kathleen Secor in memory of Lucy
- James Skeffington in memory of Zach
- Bill & Inge Smith in loving memory of Rob Smith's Golden girl, Kona
- Anita Wagner in memory of Sophie
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- Megan Walsh in memory of Cotswold and Doolin Walsh
- Tim Walsh in memory of Cotswold
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- Caroline Wilson in memory of Mila Rose
- Amy Wisniewski in honor of the Flambures Family
- Diane Witteveld & David Thayer in memory of Kurt & Carolyn Thoene's dog, Lexi

We regret any errors or omissions.

Golden Angel: Bree

by Jeannie Miller

This is little, sweet Bree. Bree is short for Breeze – her given name. She is just over three years old and came into GRRR's care last September. Bree has the most beautiful, honey gold coat. She is not a very big girl and she loves to play fetch and snuggle.

Bree was adopted as an 8-week-old puppy from a breeder. She was well loved. She grew up to be this beautiful, happy girl. She received good training and was living a very happy life with her human Mom.

Golden Retrievers can have a genetic tendency for increased inflammation in their joints. Over-breeding can exacerbate this. If there is inflammation in the knee, over time it increasingly frays the ligaments until they can tear or even rupture. One day, you can have a happy, healthy and active dog. And the next day he or she is limping badly without any obvious injury.

This is likely what happened to sweet, little Bree. You see, she loves to play fetch and run in short bursts. One day, her owner noticed some limping. She let her rest and thought she was OK and continued playing fetch because it made Bree so happy. After a few days, Bree's limping was considerably worse, and she was in obvious pain when she tried to stand and walk.

Bree's owner took her to her vet. After examination and X-rays, the vet told her that Bree had two torn anterior cruciate ligaments (ACL), one in each knee. She would always be in some pain and have trouble walking without surgery to repair them. When the vet explained the procedure, the recovery and the cost, Bree's owner, an older retired person, was crushed. She wanted so much to help her little girl, but she could not afford the surgery, and the physical requirements of helping a dog through the recovery were going to be too much for her.

She made one of the most heartbreaking but loving decisions a responsible dog owner can make. She decided she had to get Bree to someone who could make sure she would get the care she needed and deserved. With a heavy heart, she contacted Mary Kenton and told her Bree's story. As always, Mary was very caring and reassuring. She told her that GRRR would absolutely take Bree in and that, because of our Golden Angel Fund, we would make sure that Bree was able to have the surgery she needs. She could stay at GRRR as long as it would take to recuperate and for us to find her the best possible new home.

With sadness and love, Bree was brought to GRRR. She immediately fit right in with the gang at Phoebe's Place. Bree looks like she could be the sister of Mary's dog, Molly. The two of them prancing around is quite a sight!

Bree was seen right away by Dr. Carpenter who confirmed that she should go to see an orthopedic specialist. She saw Dr. Bauer at Colorado Canine Orthopedics. Dr. Bauer's diagnosis was that Bree had severe synovitis (inflammation of the joint space) and bilateral tears in her ACLs in both knees. Surgery was scheduled for early in January.

Because Bree is very energetic, Mary felt it best that she go into a foster home so that she could be kept quieter both before and after her surgery. Volunteer Steve Schmidt agreed to take Bree home. Steve has an adorable male Golden named Dusty who is great with other dogs but isn't a big roughouser. It is a perfect situation for sweet little Bree. Steve says she really enjoys just hanging out with him and Dusty.

Surgery to repair Bree's right knee was conducted on January 4. All went very well. As Dr. Bauer did the surgery, he saw such a large amount of inflammation that he biopsied it to make sure that there wasn't any kind of abnormal tissue present. To date, we are still waiting on the biopsy results. Meanwhile, Steve says Bree is being a good patient. She is still in some pain but slowly getting better. The recovery process is long and requires much help and patience from the human caretaker. At four and eight weeks, x-rays will be done to check on the healing process. When she is fully recuperated, the other knee can be done.

We are hoping that Bree will be adopted soon and that her forever humans will help her through her second surgery, which will be supported by GRRR.

We are so thankful to our generous donors to the Golden Angel Fund, which enables us to help every Golden who needs us regardless of what kind of medical issues they have. Thank you so much and please consider donating again! 💙



Please Donate to GRRR's Golden Angel Fund!

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Thank you!

Golden Angel: Penny

by Linda Hartman

Sweet Penny is so relieved, excited and grateful to become the newest member of the GRRR family and a Golden Angel. In the short time she's been with us, her life has already changed for the better. Every day she becomes more comfortable and happier and will soon enjoy being the carefree healthy girl she has always deserved to be. Her ultimate dream is to have a special family put a pretty collar with a shiny new nametag around her neck and take her to her forever home with them.

"Hello to everyone at GRRR. My name is Penny. Don't let my powdered sugar face fool you; I'm only about 7 years old. I have lived my entire life at a commercial breeding facility where it was my job to produce litters of beautiful puppies to be sold as pets. I sure hope they all found good families, and now it's my turn to find a wonderful family of my very own. I'm relaxing at Phoebe's Place while I'm getting the medical care I need. They are also helping me with past trust issues I've had with humans, so it's been wonderful soaking up all the love showered on me by my new friends at GRRR.

Since joining GRRR, I've been treated for hookworms and I'm going through a second treatment to be sure they are all gone. I've also been spayed and had a chest X-ray. I can't believe all the love and kind treatment I'm getting! Now, on to the next big hurdle: I've also been diagnosed with heartworm disease, which could be fatal if not treated. I can't wait to get feeling better and have more energy. Once I've been adopted, GRRR will pay for my heartworm treatment, and I will be able to recover in my first real home with my very own loving forever family."

It's been a challenging life for our precious Penny and she truly deserves all the care she is receiving since joining GRRR. She is so sweet and loving which is naturally part of a Golden's personality. Even living in a commercial breeding environment and producing litter after litter of puppies hasn't diminished her wonderful Golden qualities and sweet disposition. Now it's Penny's turn to shine and live a happy, healthy and care-free life thanks to all the kind and caring GRRR donors and volunteers. 💖



Golden Angel update

Maya by Jill Sutton



Maya's story was first shared in the November 2021 GRRRowl. You may recall that this sweet girl was born with a defective urinary system that caused her to "leak" almost all of the time. She had a very costly surgical procedure, recovery time at Phoebe's Place, and then came home to her forever home on July 4th. Maya still takes medicine every day, but at lower doses, and is doing well. Maya also passed a major milestone in December and celebrated her first birthday! She has lots of energy and a philosophy of "why ever walk when you can run, run, run everywhere at top speed!"

Like most Goldens, Maya loves people. She continues to greet every single person at the dog park before playing with the other pups. Her ability to connect with people, and their response to her, is wonderful to see. She loves getting pats and hugs from those who meet her for the first time, and sits on their feet for as long as possible. She might be a good therapy dog when she's a little older, calmer and, of course, trained! Wouldn't that be a great outcome for this Golden Angel.

Maya is a good ambassador for GRRR, and we always share her story, and how many other dogs are given a second chance thanks to your generous donations to the Golden Angel Fund. 💖

Golden Angel updates

Addie, April, Tess by Jeannie Miller

It has been several months now since we rescued 'the shy girls' from a commercial breeder. Tess, Addie and April are some of the most severely traumatized dogs we have seen.

With much patience and gentle care, they have come so far. Tess's fur all grew back in and she looks so beautiful now. All three have been spayed and their infections have cleared up.

Both Tess and Addie are doing so well on their leash walking and little April doesn't shake so much now when she sees people. She likes to follow along when we go for a walk and will even take five or six steps when we pick up her leash.

They are so very sweet and have made so much progress. They no longer have such fear and hopelessness in their eyes. They look forward to their visits with our volunteers. It is so rewarding to see them wag their tails and prance around the play yard!

As of this writing, Addie and Tess have just gone home loving families. April is making progress every day and hoping that she too will go to a forever home soon; we'll update you with their happy endings in the next issue. ♡



ADDIE



APRIL



TESS



President's Report

by Judi Servoss,
President

Greetings, GRRR members, and welcome to 2022. We've continued to get better and better at rolling with the punches. Our staff, members, donors and volunteers have been incredibly loyal and consistent with support for the Goldens who need our help.

Many of you have offered assistance to Goldens and their families impacted by the Marshall fires. We thank you for your concern and caring. We will be updating GRRR's emergency evacuation plan, including alternate routes, transport and foster volunteers.

In 2021 we had nearly as many dogs as in pre-pandemic years: about 262. Financially, we've continued to increase our long-term sustainability. And the Board is working on a long-range strategic plan to address how we face our future, focusing on our dog programs, facility improvements, staffing, marketing and education.

The Annual Meeting will once again be held in person. This is an opportunity to meet some of your fellow members, volunteers, and Board members. We'll talk about last year's activities and what to expect in 2022. We hope you can come - we've missed these get-togethers. Meeting is planned for:

Sunday, March 6, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. at the Olde Town Arvada Library, 7525 W 57th Ave, Arvada, CO 80002.

*Please watch for possible change to virtual format on e-blasts and on the website.

Thanks for all you do. ♡

Phoebe's Place Update

by Francie Rakiec,
GRRR Executive Director

Wrapping up 2021 and Moving into 2022

Here at GRRR we had so many things to be thankful for in 2021! We raised a record amount of money on Colorado Gives Day, \$140,000! It was truly amazing and a testament to all of the amazing supporters we have. Our dog intake was also up from 209 in 2020 to 263 in 2021.

Unfortunately, the Turkey Dog program was put on hold indefinitely due to the CDC banning the import of dogs from 113 countries deemed "high risk for rabies," including Turkey. This ban went into effect in July of 2021. Several rescues, including GRRR, have signed a petition and are lobbying the government in order to get this ban lifted. We are hoping this happens soon, but aren't sure that anything will change for many months. In the meantime, we have shifted our focus to rescuing a higher number of former breeder dogs. In 2021 we rescued 78 former breeder dogs, which is up significantly from years past. While these dogs can be extremely scared and shy, it is beyond rewarding to see what love, patience and time can do for these wonderful dogs.

Also for 2022, we are looking forward to moving back to an in-person Gala event. We will be selling fewer tickets than before and will be moving the auction items upstairs at the Tivoli to create some extra space for everyone to be a little more comfortable. We will also be having a plated dinner as opposed to a buffet, again to create more space for everyone. While the event will be in person, we will also be offering the silent auction on-line for those folks who wish to participate virtually. Things may look a little different for that event, but I have no doubt it will be amazing. 💕



In Memory ♡♡

Ben, 1/10/07 to 1/19/22

by Francie Rakiec, Executive Director

Ben, office dog extraordinaire, came to GRRR in 2019 from Wyoming where he was a breeding "stud" for the first 13 years of his life. When he arrived, none of us could believe he was 13. He would chase after tennis balls like a pup and would greet everyone with a smile, especially any kids he would run into. Mary's great niece Ruby was one of his favorites and he would always light up when she was here to throw the ball for him. Needless to say, Ben won everyone's heart with his gorgeous looks and his great personality. When Ben arrived, I already had five dogs so adding a sixth wasn't an option for us, but thankfully Mary chose to adopt Ben. I think Mary adopted Ben as much for me as for herself. She knows how much I love the red boys! Every morning Ben would wake up Mary with one of his signature Eeyore barks to let her know it was time for him to go to work in the office. The office is where Ben would spend most days, soaking in the love and pets from anyone who would stop by. He was also really good at photo bombing most adoption pictures and nearly taking off my fingers when I gave him a treat.

Ben got to spend some time at our house over the holidays and earlier this year. I will always be grateful for this extra time with him that Mary gave me. We loved having him, but I think my dogs were a little jealous.

On January 10, 2022, Ben turned 15 years young. He got spoiled beyond belief. Pawbenders from his mom AND the Zlogar's, homemade liver treats from Cindy C. & Ed T. Plus many extra treats and love from numerous volunteers.



Nine days after his 15th birthday we had to say goodbye to this amazing boy. He was so very loved by everyone who met him and will be very missed by all of us. I know his mom, Mary, misses him deeply and I, his girlfriend, miss him the same. Going to work just won't be the same without him. There will be no barking telling me to pet him or feed him and there will be too much empty space in his special bed by his mama, Mary's bed. Having him be my co-worker for 2 years was the best. There will never be another office dog quite like Ben. The goodbyes never get easier. Until we meet again, sweet boy...

Huge thank you to Dr. Cory Meirs and his staff at Homeward Bound vet clinic in Arvada for their willingness to help Ben in his final hours. They treated him with so much love, compassion and care. I will forever be grateful to them. 💕

In Memory ♡♡

Casey

by Francie Rakiec and Wade Stencel

Casey fought a good fight with cancer and did amazingly until the end.

Casey truly was a special boy and everyone who met him said so. He was a fan favorite at Fox Hollow & VRCC. He made an impression anywhere he went. Escaping the vets office, stealing Grandma Mary's sliced pork sandwich in one gulp, stealing toys and blankets from Roberta's adoption bags, stealing a jar of bag balm for his baby sister to eat, and the list goes on. Casey was always the life of the party, but also one of the sweetest, kindest dogs we have ever had. He was our sour patch kid. He would do something naughty and then follow it up with the best hug by wrapping his little nub paw around our waist. He absolutely loved all little kids and was the daddy dog anytime we brought a foster puppy home. Of course he would first roll the puppy to make sure the puppy understood he was in charge, but then he was all play and snuggles with them.

Our world is way too quiet without him. No more Casey proofing the house or the office. No one to steal food from the counters or open doors to steal our clothes and put them in front of the sliding glass door. No one to steal my shoes the second I take them off. No one to open the door to the office because he wants to be outside where all the action is.

To say there is a HUGE hole left in our hearts is an understatement. This dog truly was my heart dog. We were fortunate enough to have him for 6 years, but no matter how long we have them, it is never long enough. Looking forward to seeing you at the bridge, buddy, but until then "Mischief Managed." ♡



Brinkley

by Dave & Stephanie Morrill

We had Brinkley for 12 wonderful years. He was simply the best friend, partner, traveling companion, work associate and buddy we ever had. He was truly a life enhancer that enriched our lives and the lives of everyone that he touched. Sweetness is a word defined by our Brinkley. There will never be another Brinkley. We miss him dearly, but know that heaven is a much kinder, gentler and sweeter place with Brinkley taking walks, chasing balls, burrowing in the snow, and getting his 5 to 20 minutes of fame every day there. ♡



Midas

by Jackie Benson & Mike Morrow

We lost our sweet Midas on October 31. He came to GRRR eight years ago kind of chunky and partially blind, but an otherwise happy guy. Midas was a tough little cupcake. He loved everyone and in 8 years he never growled, barked or even rolled his eyes at anyone or any other dog. Midas wasn't shy - you may have met him at a GRRR event where we walked up to you and pushed his head into your hand demanding scratches. He fought through blindness, obesity, high blood pressure, arthritis, vestibular disease, appendicitis and 3 rounds of cancer without any indication that he didn't feel well. Midas never missed a meal and would nag incessantly (starting about 2 hours before meal time) until we got up to feed him. We think there may have been kids in his before-life because he desperately wanted neighbor kids to pet him and would sit very patiently while they loved on him. Midas was a special boy and we miss him terribly. ♡



In Memory ♡♡

Daisy

by Stephen Miller and Rita Meyer

Daisy Mae, our Golden girl, passed of illness and old age this morning peacefully at our home at age 13 years and 9 months. Daisy was born in January 2008. We adopted her in 2013 from GRRR. Daisy's owner couldn't care for her and Daisy needed a home at 5½ years old.

When I met Daisy at GRRR, she walked over, lay on the ground, and rested her head on my foot. She looked up at me with a look that said "well what's the holdup, I selected you, let's go." We did, and adventures of all kinds ensued over the years.

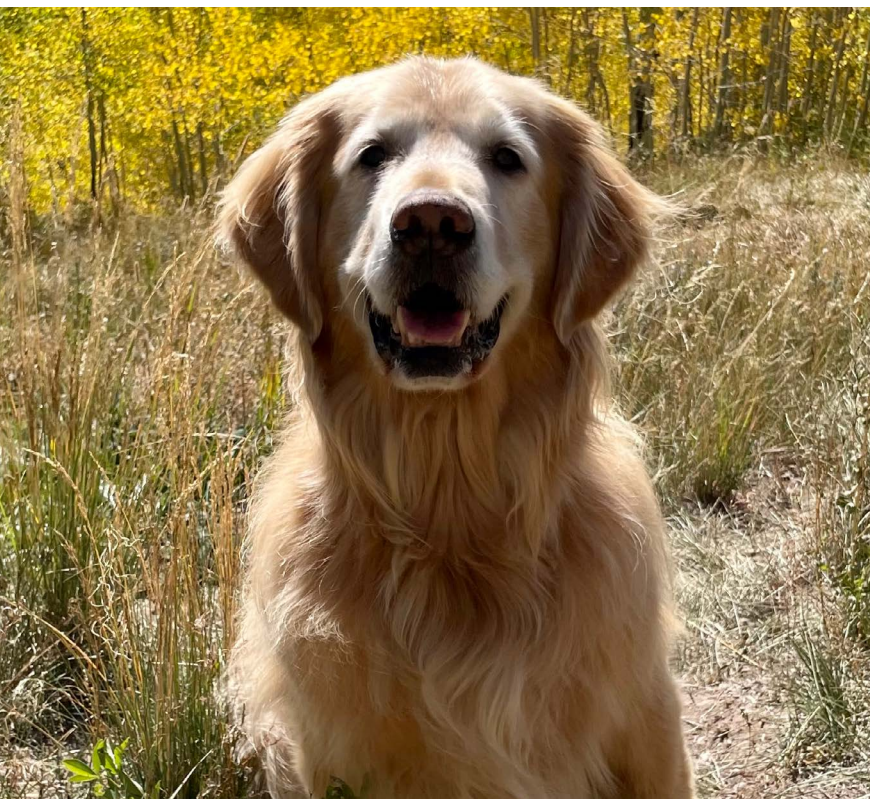
Daisy was a large, muscular female Golden with a dark red coat. She was our Big Red Dog, Daisy D, Red, and other terms of affection, most of the time. Daisy was friendly, loving everyone, especially children. She enjoyed walks, treats, and hanging out with Mom and Dad in front of the living room fireplace on winter nights.

Daisy had her particularities. She loved to eat cardboard rolls from toilet paper, somehow getting the cardboard roll out and leaving the toilet paper on the hanger. We never did figure that out. Sometimes a pillow would meet its demise in mysterious circumstances as she would look on innocently. She loved to fish in the koi pond. When she could get away with it, she would knock over a beer bottle when no one was looking and lap it up. India Pale Ale was her favorite.

As far as food went, she once got a large squash off the patio table and managed to eat most of it before being discovered. She also loved to snack on tomatoes and peppers in the garden. Another time I was hunting for a banana and found Daisy had eaten the entire clump of six bananas, skin and all, leaving just the stems on the floor. Amazingly, Daisy suffered no ill effects. We often called her our goat dog. Several times Daisy escaped, causing all manner of distress among family and friends in the search party. She would then show up on the front doorstep and look at us as if wondering what the big deal was all about.

Life will be different without Daisy in our home, but she is in a better place, pain free, having fun and running with her Golden predecessors, Max and Tanner. We thank Dr. Raven Novak and LaZoetry Pet Clinic for the great care Daisy was given over the years.

Dogs are a special gift to us all. Cute, handsome, plain, distinguished, messy, aggravating, ill mannered at times, getting into mischief, and buddies when we're sick or feeling down. Loyal to a fault to us, even when we sometimes don't feel worthy of that loyalty. They are awesome creatures, and the world is a better place for it. Enjoy the sun, warm grass, water, and Golden buddies Daisy. We'll see you one day. ♡



Gembo

by Shelby & Charles Johnson

Gem (Gembo) and I found each other while I was walking dogs at GRRR. It was love at first sight! He was the ultimate companion, always by my side and always watching me!

A few of his favorite things were food, socks, sticks, and putting his head in my neck during a cuddle session. Gembo was the perfect family dog even as he transitioned into being a big brother to our twins. He's the reason our twins love dogs!

I feel so lucky to have spent 7 of Gembo's 10 years with him. He is greatly missed and will be forever in our hearts. ♡

Goldens in Golden!

February 5, 2022...come join the fun!

The City of Golden, partnering with GRRR, will once again celebrate Golden Retrievers with the return of the “Goldens in Golden” event on **Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 11 am – 1 pm**. Weather permitting, leashed Goldens and their humans will meet at the Golden Visitors Center and parade down Washington Avenue for a group photo under the arch. The event celebrates these popular pooches with lots of fun, fanfare, fluff and photo ops. Several Golden Hotels are offering pet-friendly packages and local businesses are also encouraged to participate. Trained, friendly and leashed dogs are invited and owners are kindly requested to please clean up after your dog. Event is weather permitting, so please check the website for more details.

<https://www.visitgolden.com/events/signature-events/goldens-in-golden/> and they ask that you [RSVP](#) on their Facebook page.

- 11 a.m. Meet and greet at the Golden Visitor Center where you can enjoy complimentary “pup cup” treats, take a professional photo under our mini Welcome Arch, meet Golden based pet organizations and grab free Golden Doggie Bags. Golden Retriever Under Arch
- 11:45 Group walk to the “Welcome to Golden” Arch for a group photo and mingling along the Avenue.
- 1 p.m. Official festivities end at 1 p.m. and Washington Avenue will re-open to vehicle traffic. Afterwards, head out around Golden on your own. There will be many dog-friendly deals, plenty of patios and lots of nearby trails to enjoy!



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