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A Golden Retriever's Way to Riches

by Linda Pierrel



Cady on adoption day at 98 pounds



Cady 6 months after adoption at 70 pounds

photo by Leslie Brown

As a volunteer writing animal welfare grants for GRRR, I became puppy mill literate. As some adopters know, GRRR has a program to rehabilitate breeder dogs rescued from mills and unethical breeders. There was my opportunity to get some first-hand, up-close experience with arriving rescues.

Some mill dogs clearly show signs of trauma, or what I call a "mill mind." Very scared Golden retrievers come to GRRR and receive kindness, socialization, and care from our 24-hour caregiver, as well as top-of-the-line medical attention. I learned the whole truth about the hardships they faced in mills and backyards while writing those grants. This 1.1 billion dollar (conservatively speaking) commercial industry has a long history and is still thriving. How could I educate other dog lovers? I find that way too many folks out there believe that laws have been passed so that mills no longer exist. Not so. The mill "brokers" are slick and have found ways to sell dogs through the internet to unsuspecting puppy-desperate consumers.

Along Came Cady

Then along came my new adoption, Cady. Obese (98 pounds), full of parasites and worms with bare skin showing through her shaved coat, but sweet with eyes that shined like polished gems. I could see she would be mine. Cady spent seven years as a breeder dog for an out-of-state unethical breeder. She followed me home as a foster the day of her arrival at Phoebe's Place. Once home, some of her fears began to surface and we started the socialization process. With lots of help and support from staff and GRRR members, Cady's fears began to subside. Six months and 28 dropped pounds later, she was a gorgeous Golden, inside and out.

Fears don't subside overnight for a Golden who has experienced trauma. It's an incremental process. Just like most of the world, some days Cady is in the shadows and some days she's in the sunlight. But the wins overcoming her fears continue to be seen. She's made gains with becoming a "brave heart" with a home and true companion. That's a golden fortune for a neglected dog who only knew a world of puppy production for seven years. She's in her glory now with trips to Stanley Lake, and she loves to hang out with me, always keeping me in her line of sight.

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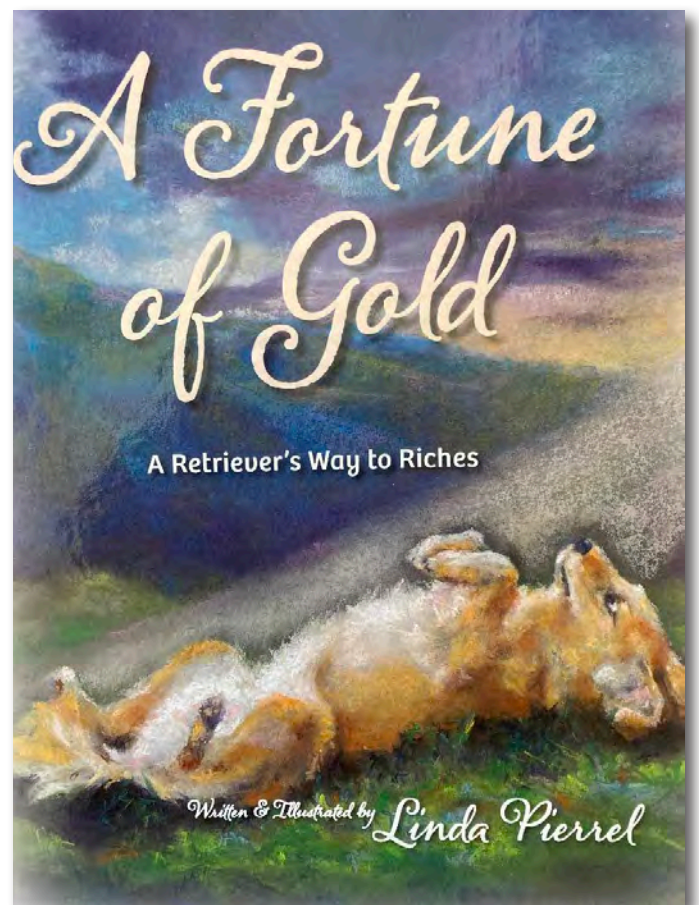
...And a Goose Chase

While visiting my friend's lake house, Cady was introduced to some wildlife. A flock of geese landed on the shoreline and she took off towards them. She ambushed one, caught it and shook it by its lanky neck before throwing it on the ground. Are we in big trouble? Did she kill it? We ran into the house for help and returned to the scene 2 minutes later. The goose was gone. Must have played dead to survive. But, as far as Cady could tell, she got a goose.

A Book About the Plight of Puppy Mill Dogs

I like to paint Golden Retrievers. Cady became my painting "assistant" and live model during the pandemic. Within a year, 24 paintings accumulated. An idea sparked: Why not put them into a book to let other dog lovers know of the plight of puppy mill breeder dogs? I find that most folks out there, even dog lovers, do not know that this commercial industry is thriving. So, I followed that spark and along came *A Fortune of Gold* book.

The book is a fictional dog drama told from the mill mama dog's perspective with a happy ending. The story is based on some of Cady's beginnings and rescue. The mama dog in the story, named #888 (in reality, mill dogs do not have names, just numbers) wants only to have a dog's life, but she's caged, overbred, and does not see the possibility of a Golden's life. When her production numbers drop and she is no longer profitable to this manufacturing industry, the dog is discarded to an auction or shelter.



The outside world is an unknown territory for a mill dog who only knows the cruel mill world. Without a “brave heart,” fears show up. It’s not the end of the story by any means. The dog gains insight and sees possibility.

My intention of the book was to create a colorful way to educate other dog lovers and let them know that change with this dilemma is possible. Just like it is possible for a former mill breeder dog’s hardships to turn into gold. And like quieting the fears from a mill dog’s past traumas, change with this industry appears to be incremental. The good news is that there are reduction strategies in place that are helping. GRRR’s program to rescue breeder mill dogs is one of them. Those of us who volunteer and contribute to the welfare of these dogs are participating in this strategy.

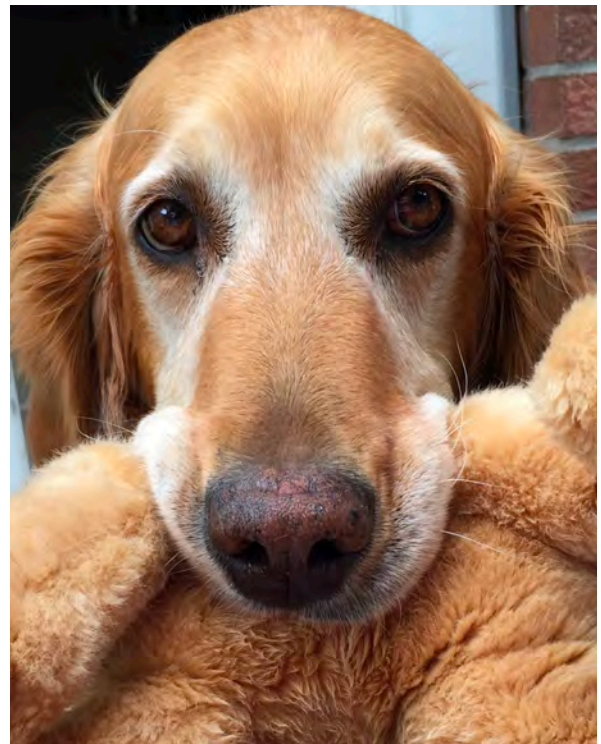
It feels like this story is just at the start line. As the dog in the story says, “there’s no finish line in sight, so I’ll keep on track with a brave heart...” on each step that she accomplishes to get to the top of the staircase to her brave heart.

May they all find a world sweet, soft and Golden. 🐾



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LINDA AND CADDY



Recent Rescues

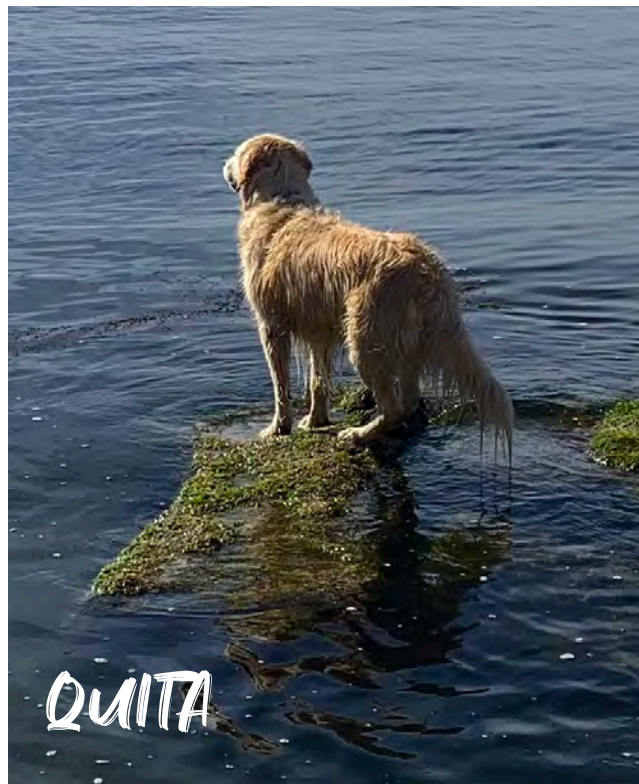
Dear GRRR:

Quita came into our lives from GRRR a little over two years ago. She's one of the many Golden Angels, and has thrived in so many ways since becoming part of our family. Two years ago she wouldn't swim, was afraid, and would flail when we put her in water. Over the course of the summer, she became confident and comfortable around water.

Well, this girl has some incredible genetics. We spent a month this year on the beach and we couldn't keep her from swimming out after gulls, pelicans, and grebes. Especially the grebes - they resemble ducks, and for the life of her she would endlessly swim and search for this diving water fowl. Quita has so much drive and stamina now, and we are so proud of her. When we're hiking along streams, she has more than once flushed out ducks and geese; she has an uncanny sense as to who's hiding in the thickets.

She's our delight and a golden treasure.

Katie Patchin



Dear GRRR:

Chloe is settling in and seems happy! She sleeps through the night and is learning so much from her big sister Izzy. Chloe really likes her sister!

Izzy had a hard time after we lost our older dog, Charlie, on December 30, 2021, from cancer. We felt she needed another friend to bond with.

Chloe takes a lot of cues from Izzy on how to act and what to do. She's learning to shake and sit and walk with Izzy. We feel Izzy's been a great role model and mama dog for Chloe to learn from.

I could go on and on! After a devastating loss, Chloe is a smart, sweet addition.

Thank you,

Tracie Gabel



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. Deadline for the August 2022 issue is July 6, 2022. Thanks!

Recent Stats

January 1 - March 30, 2022

Number of Dogs Placed:	78
\$ Spent on Medical Needs:	\$21,500

Dear GRRR:

Here are some pictures of Toby. We have had him for one year this month. He is full of energy and loves his walks. He has been a handful sometimes, but we love him.

Joan and Glen Peterson



Dear GRRR:

I wanted to give you a one-year update on Bella. She has brought such joy, companionship, and love to our family. She does love her toys! She is such a sweet girl. We are so thankful to GRRR for letting us adopt her!

Rose Casagranda



Hey GRRR:

Here's a picture of our recent rescue Jackson! He's one lucky dog and we are one pretty lucky family. All of us start private training this week just to tweak a few things. He is pretty fun.

We are totally blessed with our Happy Camper! Thanks GRRR!

Bruce and Laurel Newton and Jackson



Hi GRRR:

Our sweet Buddy is doing amazing and we love him soooo much! Where do I begin about our sweet Buddy? He came into our life a year ago when he was 4 months old. He was a puppy mill rescue and terrified of everything. He had been exposed to nothing or no one.

Buddy has learned to trust himself and those around him, and has grown into such a sweet boy. He is a very sweet and loving spirit. He loves to play, and fetch is one of his favorite games. We can't imagine our life without him.

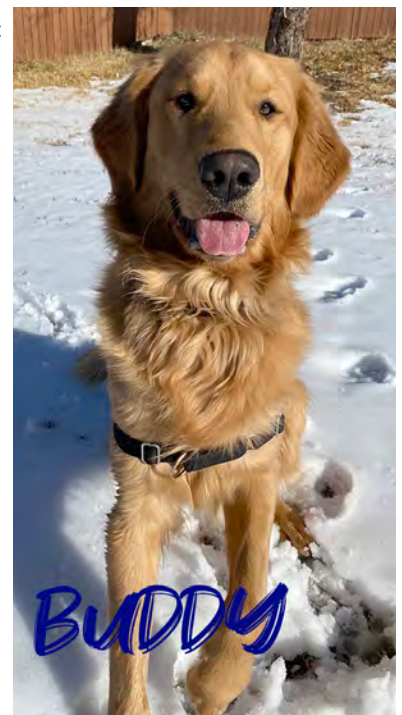
Thank you GRRR for making this possible!

Buddy actually rescued us and we love him so much.

We would also like to thank Russ and Cathy Jones for introducing us to GRRR.

Thanks,

Kim and Rick Walker



Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

We adopted Finnegan, or usually Finley, October 10, 2021. His name was originally Brody.

Finley is playful, loves ropes and toys, and loves carrying objects from one person to deliver to another. His favorite game is when we hand him an object (e.g., notes, containers, tools, pens, phones, etc.) so he can deliver it to someone else. He takes his job very seriously.

Finley also likes to go on runs with me when it's not snowing, and also take long hikes as a family in the national forest behind our house

Katherine Wainwright



Dear GRRR:

We've had Mindy (formerly Minnesota) for a year now. She was a breeder rescue and had a lot of fears about just about everything. After working with our trainer over time, she has come a long way. In the beginning she just wanted to hide on her bed and now she spends much of her time with us in the living room or outside. At first she refused to get into a car, but she now loves to get in the car on her own and go on rides.

Mindy enjoys the dog park and all the smells, dogs and people. She is resistant to walking at times but does fairly well around Majestic View and other parks with new things to smell. Mindy is a gentle dog and takes good care of her toys. She still has more progress to make in not being so fearful but we'll all keep working on it. 4th of July is coming up and the fireworks set her back last year so we're working on a plan this year to support her through all the terrifying noises. She is a beautiful dog (don't think the picture does her justice) and we're so happy to have her in our life.

Robert and Kay Slay



FLETCHER & FINLEY

Hi GRRR:

We wanted to reach out and say we are so very happy with Noah (aka Tank) since he came to live with us in January.

Noah is the sweetest dog and has learned so quickly how to use stairs and how to jump up in the car. He is so very gentle and friendly with other dogs. He's become quite the lap dog and we love it! He is even letting me brush his teeth on a regular basis.

Thank you,

Janet and Tom Kole



NOAH

Dear GRRR:

We knew about one hour after picking up Enzo from the Mesa County Animal Shelter while transporting him to GRRR that he wouldn't do anything more than a quick "touch and go" at Phoebe's Place before making his way to our house. Our main concern was how he was going to get along with our "foster failure," Charlie.

Fast forward to today: Charlie and Enzo are best friends. Charlie loves his little brother, and Enzo has more than made himself at home.

Enzo is one of the smallest Golden Retrievers we've adopted, weighing in at 52 pounds, and is about 16 months old. His petite size lends itself to all kinds of nicknames. We joke about him being "fun size" like a small candy bar, and often call him Lil' Squirt. He is smart, athletic and a quick learner. After teaching him to bring in the newspaper each morning, we discovered that he loves all delivered newspapers and wants to offer his services to the rest of the neighborhood.

A big thank you to Mary, Francie, and Roberta for bringing Enzo in to our lives.

This is a picture of Enzo and Charlie on the couch, where they can often be found.

Steve and Laura Zlogar



Dear GRRR:

Penelope is such a fun-loving pup! She had her first doggy daycare outing this past weekend and loved it! She was so clean and brushed beautifully when we picked her up, but as soon as we got home she found the one spot where snow was melting and got dirty again! She is hilarious. We LOVE her so much and she has sure brought a little excitement to the Dean household.

BTW, she is getting huge! A big girl and we love it! We were used to our 110-pound German Shepherd, who passed right before we got our Penelope.

Thank you,
Jenny Dean



Hi GRRR:

We are happy to report that Elsa is doing so well in her new home! She is learning so many new things and getting quite spunky. We love her little "scrunch face" when she's happy.

Elsa took to potty training and climbing stairs like a champ. Some of our ongoing trainings are walking on the leash, learning not to chew on unauthorized items, and become less scared of strange noises.

We're happy to share a couple of photos of our beautiful girl!

Thanks again for all you do!

Jennifer Tresouthick Brown

Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

We adopted Stella (aka Clara) back in October. She is an absolute joy and has fit in with our family beautifully! And she and her brother Maddox are in love. They'll just sit there in the morning and lick each other's faces.

Our entire experience with GRRR was amazing. Roberta reviewed our application, took the time to talk with me, and really matched us with the perfect dog for our family. She kept our application on file and called when she found our match.

I've done nothing but recommend GRRR to everyone I meet!

Best,
Devon Phelan



Hi GRRR:

We adopted our GRRR pup, Meera, on November 10, 2021 when she was a little over six months old.

She is an absolute doll. We thoroughly adore her, and she has been nothing short of a delight.

It took some time to get her out of her shell the first few weeks, but in no time she was running and playing with other dogs and looking forward to walks with me. Meera excelled at basic obedience class, and is about to graduate from a recall class. And she adores our cat, which to us is amazing and speaks well to her gentle nature, since she had never even seen a cat before.

I owe GRRR so much for getting us together with Meera!

Todd Nelson



Greetings!

We adopted Rusty (formerly Lucky) in April 2021, and he was immediately a wonderful addition to our family. He enjoys going on two walks per day with his fellow senior dog and best buddy, Ferris. They are well known by our neighbors, one of whom put it perfectly as he leaned in for his daily pat and said "Rusty has a song in his heart!"

Rusty has gone on many adventures including camping where he discovered that he loves swimming and hiking. He's also always up for a good snooze and an occasional Frosty Paw.

Thank you, GRRR, for connecting us with Rusty. We love him more every single day.

Karen and Jeff Hohnecker



Naming Tributes

Debob, by Ed & Val Schwolow

In honor of Deb Kneale and Bob Jorgensen. They have done so much rescue, foster, and GRRR love.

Jackson, Woody, Trooper and Rowdy, by Nicolas Asher

These four Golden Retrievers were running, skiing, tennis ball retrieving, all around best friends living on a ranch in Wyoming. Their favorite, of course, is my dad, Mike Asher. He turns 70 this year and we thought the best gift would be to honor them all by helping the next generation of Golden Retrievers.

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/>



DEB & BOB WITH PICO

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- Nancy Schroeder Grant in memory of Dusty, Steve Schmidt's precious Golden.
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- Deb Kneale & Bob Jorgensen to honor Pat & Scott Rogers "who always make us laugh!"
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- Andrea Thompson in memory of Jake, Joanne Slater's dog
- Denise Vanepps in memory of Duke
- Martin & Libby Wolff, in memory of Silky
- Elizabeth Ziner in memory of Queen Peaches

We regret any errors or omissions.

BEN



Golden Angel: Bodie

by Jeannie Miller

Hi everyone in GRRR-land! My name is Bodie. I am a handsome black Goldendoodle boy. My Dad was a black Poodle and my Mom was a Golden Retriever. I am 14 whole months old now and I am still just a big puppy. I love to run and play and bark and snuggle. I love other dogs. I am interested in EVERYTHING and just want to have fun all the time! When I was just a teeny pup at 8 weeks old, I was adopted by a wonderful couple who wanted a big goofball like me to love.

They took me home to their big house with the best backyard. My life was great, and I was growing up fast and learning all kinds of new things. My Mom worked really hard at getting me started on my training. I can 'sit', 'stay' and 'wait' before I go out the door on a walk. I am good at waiting to go outside to do my business and I am pretty good on a leash too! When I was 6 months old, my parents noticed me limping a little sometimes, so they took me to a special vet to check out my legs. The vet said that my elbows had something called osteochondrosis. That's just a big goobledy-gook word to me, but it means that the cartilage in my elbow joints did not completely convert to bone as I grew. It can form a flap or even some fragments that hurt a lot when I play too hard. The vet said I should rest and come back to get checked in a few months.

I was getting older but sadly, so were my owners, and one day they decided that they had to move to a place where they could stay as they got even older. Somewhere not so big and hard to take care of. That sounded great to me. When we got there, we found out that it really wasn't a good place for a big dog like me who loves to run and play. There was nowhere for me to run, and it didn't seem like the other people there really liked me. I think I kind of scared them.

My owners decided that I needed a better home where I could grow up playing and being a happy boy, so they brought me to Mary Kenton at GRRR. I was pretty excited to be there because there are lots of dogs living right here! And there are wonderful fenced-in play yards that I get to go in with the volunteers who come to play with us all each day. Mary thought that I should get some more training and individual attention, so she arranged for me to go to a foster home where there was another dog, a Labrador retriever, being trained to become a service dog. I really liked it there because I had another big dog to play rough with all the time. I did notice that my legs were pretty sore every night when I went to sleep. My foster Mom and Mary decided that I should come back to GRRR where I can play some but also rest a bit more.

The special vets that work with us GRRR dogs think that I probably need to have surgery on my legs to relieve pain and get that rough cartilage smoothed out. Then I will be able to run and play all I want! I may be able to have both legs done at once or I might have to do one at a time. I know the doctors will figure out the best things to help me get better. They have already told me that I will have to be very patient for several weeks after I have surgery so that I can heal up and get stronger before I resume being my usual rambunctious self. I am up for it although I can't say I really look forward to that part!

Mary says that it would be best for me to already be in my forever home when I have surgery. If I had a person or a family who would be willing to help me through this short period of time while I get my legs up to snuff, I promise I will be the best boy for them. I will make them smile each day and do my very best to be a good boy. I want to learn more things and Mary says that I am not only handsome and sweet but also very smart! Check me out! If you would like to adopt me, please put in an adoption application at www.goldenrescue.com. Or if you can't adopt a dog right now but can find it in your heart to donate to the Golden Angel Fund, it will help pay for my surgery and I would thank you so much that I would kiss you all over! 💕



Please Donate to GRRR's Golden Angel Fund!

Many dogs coming to GRRR need extra medical attention, and sometimes extraordinary medical costs are the reason a Golden comes to us. With the Golden Angel Fund we can help more of them find a quality, pain-free life in a new and loving home. Your donation will help GRRR dogs in need of extra medical care including treatments for cancer, hip dysplasia, allergies, heartworm, infections, and special medications.

Please send your tax deductible donations to: GRRR, 15350 W. 72nd Avenue, Golden, CO 80007 (make your check payable to GRRR with "Golden Angel Fund" in the memo portion). Or donate on-line at <http://goldenrescue.com/golden-angel-fund>

Thank you!

Golden Angel updates

Bree by Tim & Lisa Boomershine



Hi everyone, I'm Bree...a Golden Angel that GRRR took in. I had torn ACLs in both my back legs and needed two surgeries, one after another. I have had a very eventful time in the last few months. I recovered well enough from my first surgery that I had the second. My foster dad took such great care of me, keeping me quiet and letting me heal, while also doing all the exercises needed so that I had the absolute best recovery I could get. Although I didn't like it much, it is great to be able to walk without pain.

I recently went home with my forever family. They tell me every day just how lucky they are to have me with them. I agree they are lucky. They say I fit in extremely well. I'm super social and friendly. I love meeting new people and although I still can't get out and run and jump like I want, I am getting stronger every day. It won't be long before I'm completely back to 100%.

I still get lots of short walks along with hugs. I am really enjoying sniffing out all the new smells around my new neighborhood. My next step is physical therapy, which starts next week. I keep hearing talk about a water treadmill, I'm not sure what that is, but it sounds fun! Then I can go for longer walks and hikes and really take in the sights and smells.

I'm so glad I found GRRR as a Golden Angel, and through them my forever family. I am well on my way to being an active 3-year-old girl and loving life to the fullest.



Penny by Ann Lacefield



Miss Penny Lane came to me at the exact time when I needed her the most. She came from horrific years at a puppy mill. You all know the story. So, of course...I am so happy with all that I am giving her. However, that is not the story of Miss Penny. She is giving even more than she is receiving!

Penny has a heart that immediately connects with everyone who meets her. Such soulful eyes! She looks for me everywhere and gently nuzzles me on our walks and talks. Her paw rests on me when we sit close. I call her my "Velcro dog," and every day I get to watch as she discovers the simple pleasures she never had in her previous life. My mother, who is 93 with increasing dementia, comes many days and sits with Penny while I run errands. Penny wags her tail when she sees my mom, and they now have a special bond.

Thanks to GRRR, Mary, and the vets who have helped Penny battle her heartworm disease. And thank you to all who donate to the Golden Angel fund. I cannot thank GRRR enough for letting me adopt Penny. My family and friends all adore her, and she is getting more and more open to new adventures...and less and less anxious. Gosh, she loves her backyard! She loves to bring her toys outside and leave them scattered. Such contentment... from a cage/pen to the simplicity of a backyard. Soon we will get in the mountains for sweet summer hikes.

I am in love with this girl. Thank you everyone at GRRR for rescuing Penny... and hundreds of the other sweet pups that you bring to Colorado! ♡



GRRR MEMBERS AND THEIR DOGS INVITED

**Saturday
May 21, 2022**

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12 - 3PM

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we get lots of desserts).**

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

President's Report

by Judi Servoss,
President

We are grateful to have brought over and rehomed about 175 “Turkey Dogs” from Turkey so far. As we approach one year since the CDC banned the import of dogs into the U.S., we can reflect on how much we miss seeing those incredible pups come bounding out of their crates at DIA. Most were happy and healthy, although some of the Turkey dogs required medical or behavioral treatment. Once cleaned up, they were easily placed in new forever homes.

But at the same time, we know that we’ve been able to do so much good rescuing former breeder dogs from mills and hoarding situations. Dogs with these backgrounds often take much longer to lose their fear, be socialized, and become ready to get on with life. As you’ve read in earlier newsletters, they haven’t lived like normal dogs. They lived in crates, except when being bred, and know little about grass, toys, or human affection.



But that’s where GRRR excels. We are one of only a few Golden Retriever rescues nationwide with a facility. Phoebe’s Place enables us to keep dogs as long as they need our care, and be sure they are only adopted when they are ready. Our volunteers and staff work with them at their pace and level of need – removing fear cannot be rushed for human convenience. That’s not to say that other rescues don’t do their very best, but a foster-based system limits which dogs they can take in based on which homes are available at the time.

Our mission entails “never saying no to a Golden in need,” and we will adjust our strategies as situations require. We learned about flexibility during the pandemic, and our ongoing strategic planning helps us determine how to pivot quickly to do the most good. I’m proud of GRRR and all the work we’ve done to rescue so many dogs through the years. 🐾



GRRR 2023 Calendar Photo Contest

The GRRR 18th Annual (whew!) Photo Contest is now open!

Your Golden could be featured in a full page photo in the 2023 calendar! The Grand Prize Winner will also have their photo on the cover. Last year’s calendar was another big success—we received over 500 entries!

Here’s a few tips:

- Horizontal photos only! Turn that cell phone 90°!
- Watch out for junk in the background...messy bed, chewed up toys. Outside shots generally work better than indoors.
- No limit to the number of photos you can enter! Still just \$5 per entry.
- Deadline is July 12 but you don’t have to wait that long.

See the following page for Information + Rules.

Get the interactive entry form and pay for entries at <https://www.goldenrescue.com/grrr-calendar/>

GRRR 2023 Calendar Photo Contest



The Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies' 18th Annual Photo Contest is now open! Your Golden could be featured in a full page photo in the 2023 calendar! The Grand Prize Winner will also 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 Goldendoodles only; doesn't have to be a GRRR or Rescue dog.
- **Horizontal (landscape) shots** only, not vertical (portrait)...that means more wide than tall! → 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.

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.

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:

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, Tuesday July 12, 2022

so start snapping! Winners will be notified by August 15.

Calendars will be available at all GRRR events starting with the Rescue Reunion Picnic and on our website.

Thanks and Good Luck!



Horizontal shots like this!



NOT like this...
this is vertical!



In Memory ♡♡

Madison, by Kate Secor and Mike Hespín

Sadly, we lost Madison (GRRR Alum 2016) on January 24, 2022. We want to thank GRRR for bringing her into our lives. We enjoyed every moment of our 5-plus years with Madison (aka Mimi).

I met Mimi in the GRRR office one day after walking dogs at Phoebe's Place. It was love at first site for me and I jumped at the chance to foster her (thank you Mary!). Like all the GRRR fosters before her, I promised Mike I would not beg to adopt her. Well, after about three days I started to beg. He loved her too and we made it official! At the time of her adoption, we believed Madison to be between 5-6 years old.

Over the course of 5-plus years, we had so many amazing adventures from the mountains of Colorado to the beaches of Michigan. Mimi was the sweetest (and probably the sleepest) Golden I've ever known. She had the sweetest smile whether she was awake or asleep! She and her sister Monroe were Miss February in the GRRR calendar.

We miss her deeply and I know she will live in our hearts forever. Thank you GRRR for bringing her into our lives. We are forever grateful.



Kallie, by Susan Von Daudt

I think of Kallie often and remember the great memories we shared. Kallie quickly came into my life and after a happy and fulfilled life, left just as quickly, but peacefully. The many chapters in between were full of joy.

I had just lost my Golden, Annie, at a young age and offered to help Mary Kenton foster any dogs during the busy 4th of July weekend when foster volunteers were sometimes needed. Kallie just arrived at GRRR a few days before the 4th as a young 1-year-old little girl. She was a surrender and very timid and scared. Her crate was her safe haven and my yard provided a safe distance from all people who just wanted to welcome and love her. She initially looked so sad. After a couple of days she made huge steps coming out of her shell. She actually ventured closer to me and her tail started to wag. She was my shadow and started to follow me everywhere. I became a foster failure and adopted Kallie. Each day going forward, progress was made with socializing and trusting people, and in no time she realized she was the spoiled Queen of the Von Daudt household!

Kallie was loved by all and especially loved children. Neighborhood kids wanted to play with Kallie and they spent endless hours running races and playing fetch. Kallie always won with her energy; it was the kids who tired first!

Kallie had three exceptional personality traits: Her manners. She was the perfect lady and was always welcome at friends' homes. She was gentle and quite the "talker" when invited. This was her second cute trait—the talker. Kallie loved to sit in the middle of conversations and listen, and then pipe in with a "woo-hoo" and other vocal noises as if she understood. People were amazed! Her third trait was her love of food—anything! Although, she kept a lady-like figure, she could hear the sound of a food bag ruffle a mile away and zoom-in on a crumb on the floor as if it was the lucky catch of the day! Typical Golden loving food!

Kallie's last chapter was last May 23rd. After a normal active Sunday starting with a walk and lounging on the patio enjoying the afternoon sun, Kallie quickly passed that evening due to a heart valve rupture. I miss Kallie each day and am thankful and blessed that we had so many wonderful years together.



In Memory

Sherman, by Ann McCloskey

Sherman arrived into our home at a fluffy 125 lbs. While his Cocker Spaniel sister, Callie, was less than welcoming at first, he quickly settled in and won her over. For my husband and me, it was love at first sight. We quickly got Sherman on a diet and exercise program including weekly physical therapy appointments, and within a few months he was on his way to being a lean but still fluffy love bug!

Sherman loved being outside or resting at the top of the stairs. He always managed to find the sunny spots in the house. He was never happier than when he was running in the snow or napping in the front yard after a long walk. When we rescued a senior dog, we knew our time with him wouldn't be as long as we would like, but we never expected him to go after only eight months. The time may have been too short but the love he gave and received was so deep! We are beyond heartbroken but his love and spirit will be a part of us forever. I'm so grateful for the time we had. Run free sweet boy. Thank you for being a part of our lives.




Mason and Moxie, by Ray Fallen and Rhonda Denney

It is very difficult to write this even though it has been some time since we lost our two GRRR pups. We adopted Mason in October 2008 and Moxie (Zelda at GRRR) in May 2010. They were our constant companions and travel buddies, even making four road trips to Alaska with us.

They were both mixes and Mason showed much more of the Golden goofiness than did Moxie, but they both loved to play, ride in the car or a boat, go for long cross-country walks, and just be a part of the family. They were also best buddies to each other. Mason was a barker and a good one at that! He would bark at cars he could see on the county road nearly a mile away from our home. Moxie loved to dig, especially if she thought there might be some critter to be found by digging just a bit deeper. We lived way out in the country then and didn't have close neighbors or a nice lawn, so our home was the perfect place for them to be.



Moxie died in February 2020 and Mason passed away in December of that same year. Thank you so much for allowing both of them to become part of our family. They were both such special dogs. They were my best buddies and we still miss them every day. 



Zachery, by Lisa and Tim Boomershine

It is with a heavy heart that we recently said goodbye to our boy Zachery. He had a wonderful life with us, and at 15 and a half, we couldn't have asked for more time. Thinking back to our first meeting...Mary asked us to drive to Ft. Collins and meet Zachery, where he was learning social skills in foster care. We loaded up our other GRRR alum, Mallory, and went to meet him right in front of a forecasted blizzard. Zach was FULL of energy, and Mallory just ignored him. The weather had changed and what would have been a 45 minute drive took 2.5 hours. Mallory stretched out on the back seat and poor Zachery was pressed up to the side, as she made it clear that she was the boss. We weren't sure they would get along, but when he came home for a "trial period" it was a done deal. They figured it out on that ride and were fast friends going forward. Mallory looked out for Zach and he for her.

Zach was Mallory's protector as she got older, and he missed her dearly when her time came. He was always active and friendly, loving to walk, hike, run, and roll in the snow. Meeting people was his favorite activity, unless there was snow to roll in. He would always warn us of the invading squirrel army (which he was sure we did not take seriously enough.) That "trial period" was never a trial; he was in his forever home the minute he got in the car.

We miss our Zachery and are comforted that he had a great life. He gave us all the time he had to give and for that we are forever thankful to have met and loved him.





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One in a MILLion

Join us at the GRRR Gala
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Saturday, June 25, 2022

5:30 to 9:00pm

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or find link at goldenrescue.com

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