



"A Golden Retriever Can Change Your Life!"™

# Golden GRRROWL

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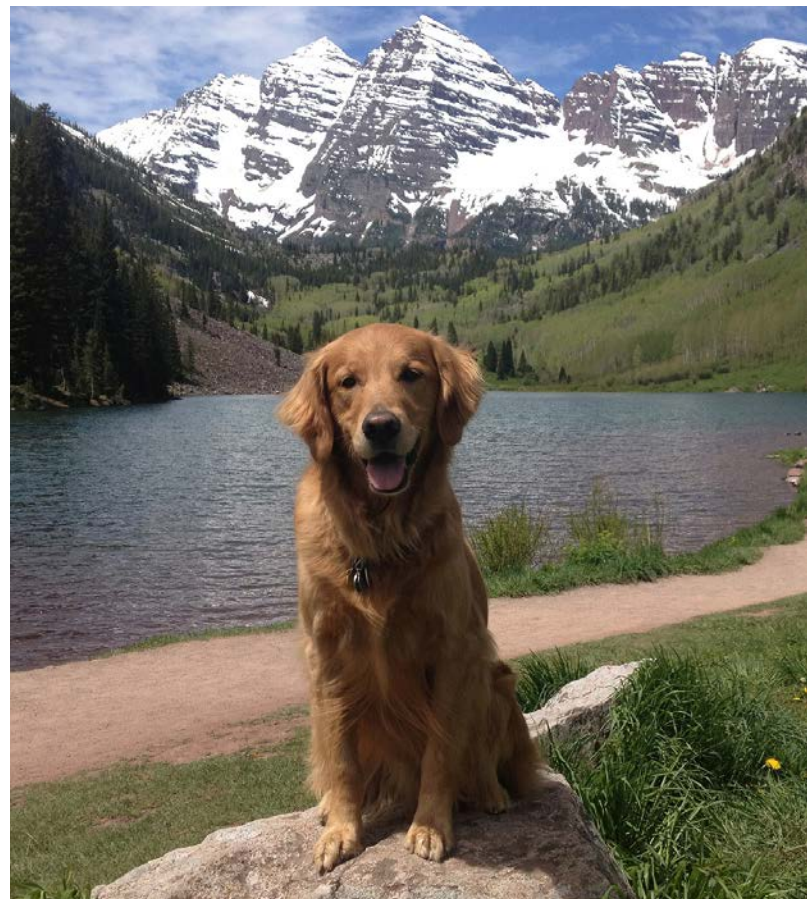
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## Gunner & Paul's Excellent Adventures

Gunner picked his owner, Paul, out 11 years ago. Gunner is 12 years old now. Eight months after losing his previous Golden to cancer, Paul stopped at GRRR. Gunner had been there for four days and immediately latched onto Paul. Mary asked Paul if he wanted to take him home for the evening...and the relationship began. Gunner had separation anxiety issues, but Paul is able to take Gunner with him most everywhere, which made it a good match.

Together, they enjoy an active and social lifestyle. You will see them together most of the time, whether it is morning and evening walks, going to work, riding shotgun in Paul's rig, hiking, skiing, swimming, fly fishing, traveling, going to bars, restaurants and breweries, socializing, you name it. Vail is someplace they both enjoy. Gunner walks the village and makes his rounds before Paul hits the slopes and patiently waits for him to come down at the end of the day. Gunner has hiked many of Vail's endless trails and has even taken multiple rides on the gondola. Fly fishing has been a staple in their adventures. Gunner enjoys his visits to various fly shops and certainly loves to be in the river with Paul while he fishes. Greeting each fish as it is reeled in is his favorite. After a couple of run-ins with rattlesnakes, Paul had Gunner rattlesnake trained. Hiking is a year-round activity for them. Gunner has even hiked a couple of 14ers. Gunner loves road trips. One of their most memorable trips together was to the Northwoods of Wisconsin, where Paul used to manage a resort. Gunner lived in the lake the whole time; boat rides were something new and exciting for him. Gunner even walked Michigan Ave in Chicago on that trip!

Gunner loves people. Surprise! You would swear he was a person sometimes. Living in Colorado, Paul and Gunner host many visitors and Gunner enjoys the constant revolving door of guests. Gunner thinks he is the mayor of their neighborhood, and greeting new friends is his special mission. Patrolling the neighborhood on his daily walks with Paul, Gunner loves seeing his





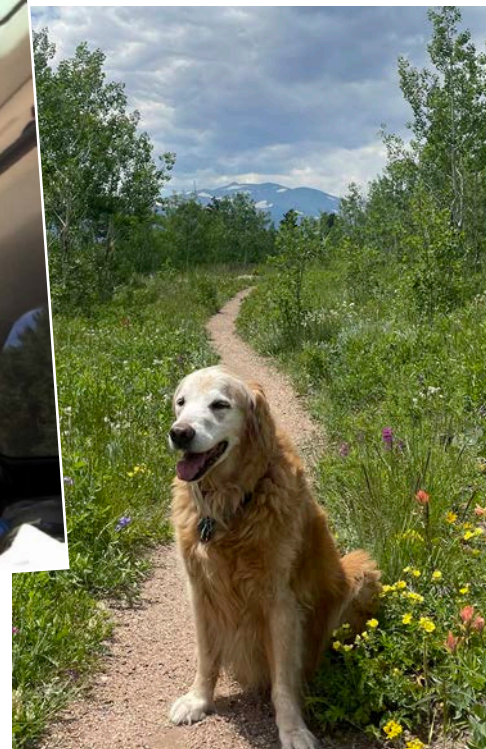
various friends: fellow Golden Retrievers and other dogs, kids walking to school, the UPS driver, neighbors, etc. Larry is probably his favorite. Larry is a neighbor that sits in his driveway and watches for Gunner, and Gunner watches for him too. Not sure if Larry or Gunner is more excited when they see each other.

Paul has never put Gunner in a kennel if he is unable to take him on a trip. Fortunately, Gunner is so good that people argue over who gets to take care of him! Paul is often stopped and told how handsome Gunner is, and the next thing out of people's mouths is "he is so sweet and well behaved. Where did you get him?" Paul always tells people that you get what you put into your dog. Time is important. Exposing them to your world is crucial. Making them feel safe and secure while instilling confidence is key. Positive reinforcement is a must. The real secret is love, friendship, inclusiveness, exercise, routine, good diet and water...in that order.



Through the years, Paul and Gunner have continued to participate and support GRRR. Gunner is very photogenic and has been in the GRRR calendar his fair share. They live a mile away and often stop to visit. Gunner loves the big parade in Golden, and the Golden swims at the reservoirs are his favorite. Together they have been a walking advertisement for GRRR. They can't tell you how many people they have sent to GRRR!

Paul and Gunner equally cherish their relationship. The unconditional love and bond is off the charts. Along the way, they met Laura and her beagle, Socks. Although Gunner wasn't too thrilled to share Paul at first, he eventually realized that more love and a brother is a pretty good deal! Paul and Gunner are forever grateful to Mary for bringing them together. They also both thank Julia and Dr. Brown and rest of the Harmony Vet team for keeping Gunner in good health. Finally, they so appreciate all the family and friends who have embraced Gunner as a part of the pack. "A Golden Retriever will change your life." Gunner and Paul have changed each other's. 💙



# Volunteer Spotlights

## Cindee Moyer

I adopted my first Golden Retriever, Cody, from Table Mountain Animal Shelter and I was hooked. I was tempted to adopt other Goldens over the next couple years, but couldn't find any at the shelters I visited (Castle Rock to Longmont). I ended up with Cassie and Roxie, puppies from backyard breeders. Then I discovered GRRR. I was thrilled to be able to adopt the breed I loved so much.

My first dog from GRRR was JJ, a Golden Angel with lots of health issues. She was the sweetest, best behaved, lovable girl. Unfortunately, she developed seizures about a year after I adopted her, and I lost her a few months later.

I was still getting over the loss of JJ and found out I could walk dogs at GRRR so I joined the VIP dog walking team. It's the best time ever, meeting all the different dogs, playing with them, walking them around the property, giving and getting lots of dog hugs. There I met Izzy, who was five, and adopted her. She made it to 12.

In 2016, GRRR asked me if I would be interested in becoming the Volunteer Coordinator. I said yes, and it's been seven years of talking to pretty much every applicant who applies to volunteer. I explain how our VIP dog walking team works and what kind of events they can help with. I get some great stories on why they want to volunteer and stories about the animals in their lives. Many volunteers join VIP for the reason I did – they lost a dog and need some dog “therapy”. Others just love the breed and want as much interaction as possible.

After the loss of Izzy, I decided to wait to adopt. Mary asked me to foster Kodak, a beautiful black “Golden” who was going through heartworm treatment and needed a quiet home to recover. She thought for sure I'd adopt him, but I had plans to travel. Kodak found a great home with someone who could keep up with an active younger dog. A little over a year and a half ago, Mary asked if I could foster Nola, a puppy mill dog, again with heartworm. Nola is four, the first CALM Golden I ever had, and this time I became a foster failure and adopted her (Mary's plan finally came to fruition; she got a dog back in my house).

Along with my GRRR volunteer job, I've been a volunteer docent at the Denver Zoo for the past 15 years (animal handler and keeper assistant). I'm honored to be the recipient of a GRRR Lifetime Member award. This organization means so much to me, they do wonderful work for Goldens and humans. 🐾



## Jeannie Peebles

I met Mary Kenton and was introduced to GRRR when I adopted my first GRRR dog, Maggie, aka Candie, in February 2007. It was love at first sight: a beautiful loving girl who immediately captured my heart. I eventually learned about the GRRR volunteer program and knew I would find a fulfilling place to love and spend time. I don't remember a time in my life when I didn't have a dog.

Maggie crossed over the Rainbow Bridge in October 2011. I was dogless for two months and knew it was time to find another loved one. Off I went to the “new” GRRR facility in Arvada. The house was under remodel construction so the pups were in kennels during the workday. I spotted Riley, aka Harpo, sitting in his kennel and decided to take him for a walk. However, before we could get to the yard, I figured I'd better clean up glass, screws, wood chips, and debris. Riley soon came home with me, but little did I know this was the beginning of time well spent volunteering to keep those same floors dog hair-free. I had the pleasure of getting to know Mary Kenton, woman extraordinaire! And there was plenty of work to do at the new facility inside and out, but shoveling rock was my least favorite! From then on, I helped Mary chase dog hair, change puppy pee papers, and cuddle and love many pups.

My favorite volunteer memory is the windy, rainy garage sale helping Pat Rogers and Joyce Morganfield cover tons of donated items while standing in the pouring rain, tents almost being destroyed and sailing away! That was one of the special memories where I met so many of the great GRRR volunteers and made friends whom I still love and enjoy today.

My son Scott and I were delighted to take part in the Gala of 2015, greeting people as they arrived and meeting Captain Montalvan and Tuesday, his most special Golden. More fun and hectic times followed, working at the welcome table for special events. I volunteered in the food tent too, setting up food and chasing away the dogs from sneaking under the tables. I must say GRRR people know how to cook and bake – especially Deb Kneale's brownies and Mary Kenton's potato salad!

I've worked for many years with Debbie Stratton on the calendar photo contest and fulfillment of calendars, keeping track of the payments and sometimes judging photos. This has led to more good times with GRRR volunteer friends. (I made friends with the postal workers as well. I mailed approximately 225 calendars last December; some went to Canada, and to many states in the US.)

Thank you for allowing me to work with this extraordinary organization! Thank you to all the Golden lovers who work hard to find the right homes for these incredible dogs. Thanks to the Stephenson's who sponsored my precious Turkey dog Remy in June of 2017. Some of the best times I have ever had are being a part of the loving GRRR family and creating precious memories. 🐾



# Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

Marshall (formerly Duke) is doing well. We are going through training with a woman who specializes in rescue dog training. He is doing well with sit, down, touch and his name. Marshall and my cat are ok with being in the same room and they occasionally touch noses.

He went on his first hike yesterday - 4 miles and 800 feet of elevation and we both loved it.

Thank you!

Amanda, Donnie and Marshall Thurman



Dear GRRR:

I adopted my Golden in March 2020, right before lockdown. Her name was Sarah Jo when I adopted her and now her name is Ginsey (Ruth Bader-Ginsberg).

Ginsey was a puppy mill mama and the emotional scars from the first part of her life are still apparent, but over the past several years, she has made so much progress. She is still nervous on walks and in new situations but she loves being home and exploring the yard or hanging with her big brother (a golden mix) named Mumford.

I hope our story will help people hear again that though a dog may have trauma from their past, most of the time it just takes patience, time, training, and love to help them get to the place where they feel safe and comfortable.

Thank you for all you do in taking care of these beautiful dogs! I couldn't imagine life without my beautiful girl.

Kristen Mahlin



Dear GRRR:

Our gotcha anniversary for Hailey is July 29, 2019, four years now! When we first got her, she was a six month old puppy mill rescue, afraid of everything. And now she's grown up to be a wonderful, happy, well behaved dog.

We love Hailey and are grateful to GRRR for adopting her to us!

Anne Yee-Moore



Dear GRRR:

Honey Bee was adopted after our 12 year old adopted GRRR dog, Daisy, passed. Honey Bee joined GRRR Charlie, a Turkey dog (formerly Elbert) who we have had for about 5 years, and the two have quickly bonded. They love their walks and wrestling in the backyard.

Honey Bee and Charlie, as well as Daisy, have made wonderful family members. We miss Daisy terribly, but Honey Bee helps fill the void for us, and Charlie.

Thanks.

John Salanitro



Hi GRRR!

My husband Paul and I adopted a golden puppy in May and we have fallen head over heels in love with her. Her name is Minne (for Minnesota where we are both from originally). She is pure joy!

Our daughter and her husband adopted one of Minne's siblings and named her Stevie (after (Stevie Nicks)). We often get the puppies together for play dates (aka wrestling matches!).

Thank you for choosing us to be their forever families!

Paul and Tami Butters

## 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](mailto:debbie.davis@goldenrescue.com). Deadline for the November 2023 issue is October 6, 2023. Thanks!

## Recent Stats

January 1 – June 30, 2023

Number of Dogs Placed: 159

\$ Spent on Medical Needs: \$47,188

# Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

Pretty Girl, now Maddie, was adopted in August of 2022.

Sunny, now Rieger, was adopted April of 2022

They bring us so much joy and laughter and a ton of hair!

Their big 10-year-old older brother, Fwankie, tries to keep them in line ... or just gives up and hides inside!

Thank you,

Joanie C



Hi GRRR:

We have had Hank, now Mack, officially for 2 months and he has quickly become part of our family. He has made friends with the neighbor dogs and loves to run the fence with them. He and my other dog, Graci, have grown to love each other. They love to run and play tug o war. Adventures that Mack has participated in are hikes, walks and dog parks. His greatest achievement was learning how to swim. He wasn't very good at it at first but he learned and now is a true water dog. His next adventure is his first family vacation at the sand dunes.

Mack has brought joy to Graci and completed our family. Thank you for this sweet lovable pup. We are so happy to have him. I hope you enjoy these pictures.

Thanks for checking in,

Haley Colchin

Dear GRRR:

Jackson quickly adjusted to be part of our family. He re-energized our 7-year-old golden, Cashew, and brought out her puppy-like energy. He often thinks he's a lap dog and loves to snuggle more than any other Golden we've ever had.

It was one year since we adopted Jackson on May 1st and we couldn't be happier!

Thanks,

Catie and Rob Radcliffe



Hello GRRR:

It took us a long time to get a photo of all of us and our pup, Nugget, who we got from you all back in March. But we pulled it off today on her very first hike!

We just love Nugget and we're so thankful for GRRR adopting her to us. We tell everyone who asks where she came from, and because she's so cute, we get asked a lot!

Thank you,

Megan Lovinguth (and Mike, Connor, and Quinn)



Hi GRRR!

Katie is our sweet angel! One year ago today, we didn't know it yet but we were about to get a phone call from Roberta that would bring joy back into our home. We had just lost our beloved 13-year-old lab, and we were heartbroken. We didn't think we were ready for a new dog, but then we met this 7-year-old girl at GRRR, and we knew she was ours.

For the first couple of weeks, Katie followed us everywhere, learning the rhythms of our home and finding her place in them. Her first big accomplishment was learning to use the dog door to take herself outside, which required her to be very brave because she'd rather not be alone ever. She also learned to shake for a treat, to come when called, and to lay on her bed by my desk while I work at home.

Katie is the best cuddler. Her favorite things are: running, bananas, her best dog friends down the street, snacking on veggies when I am slicing them for dinner, and every single person she meets. We take long walks at Wash Park every day, and when she sees me getting ready to walk, she spins circles down the staircase and dances over to the door. We figured out that Katie smiles when we are out walking because of how often people smile back at her when they approach us from the opposite direction.

After Katie eats dinner, she likes to go outside and do big rolls on the grass to celebrate. But our most favorite thing Katie does is lay around the house making deep, loud, satisfied groans. We are obsessed with this sweet girl. We're planning on coming back to find her a sister when she turns 10. GRRR for life!

We joined the King Sooper rewards program for GRRR last year too!

Amy Reardon and Steven Vannelli

Dear GRRR,

Here is Lola, who we adopted on March 17th of this year and was from the litter of 5 from South Dakota.

She is a real cutie!

Pam Kramer



# Recent Rescues

HI GRRR:

Thanks for reaching out! We are in love with our Maxx! There isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't make me laugh! Attached is a recent photo of Maxx in our backyard.

Thank you again for helping us bring Maxx into our lives, and thank you for the work you do to help these beautiful dogs!

Joanne & Gordon Slater



Dear GRRR:

My two GRRR girls are doing very well. Charlie joined my family in February 2021 after having been in several homes in her first 4 years. This is the longest she has been in the same home with the same family and I think she knows she is with her forever family. She has her favorite daily routines and is doing a very good job at showing her new sister, Razzie where things are.

Charlie and Razzie took about a month to fully accept each other and now enjoy each other's company with lots of play including "tag", "you're it", and "who is the fastest".

It appears that Razzie was not fully socialized in her old environment. We are getting exposure to new things day by day and she is becoming calmer when presented with new situations. We are also working on doggie manners so she can more confidently interact with our neighbors. If she was housebroken, she regressed, but day by day she is learning that the outside is the proper place to potty and is making very good progress.

Razzie is very sweet, very trainable and very smart. I'm not sure dogs have a sense of humor, but if they do, Razzie has the best. We are so happy she joined our pack.

Laurene Heinsohn



Dear GRRR:

Winston was adopted/rescued on September 12, 2022 from GRRR. Since that day he has been very much a part of our family. And well loved...he definitely is a Daddy's boy. He loves his lap and nap time with Dad.

Winston loves his tennis balls and playing slobber ball with Dad. He very much enjoys his rides in Dad's truck and taking long walks on the nature trails in the park with Dad, and we go as often as we can daily.

Thanks GRRR for uniting us with Winston.

Bruce & Leonna Hofer





Juniper

HI GRRR:

Here are a few photos of Juniper (formerly Abby). Juniper is the sweetest girl. Time has flown by and she will be 6 months old next week.

Juniper is very affectionate, and is the star of the neighborhood. She is making many friends (humans and dogs alike) and is bonding very well with her big brother. She loves sticks (the bigger, the better), snow, cuddles, and play time.

We couldn't be happier to have Juniper as part of our little family. I cannot thank you enough for bringing us together.

Emily Landes

Dear GRRR,

We love your organization and we've been monthly donors since we adopted Maddie. She is a wonderful member of our family and her rapid acclimation to our home is a direct result of the work the staff poured into her while she was at your facility.

Maddie is a daily source of joy and we're so grateful we found her.

Blessings,

Dwight Podgurski

Dear GRRR:

We are so thrilled to welcome our new family members, Sherlock (formerly Sam) and Watson (formerly Maxwell). These sweet senior boys have adjusted quickly and are an absolute joy. And don't let those white faces fool you - they are still ball crazy and will play fetch as long as our arms hold up!

Sherlock and Watson love everyone they meet - including the rabbits and deer who come visit our yard from time to time! We are so happy to have these sweet fur balls as part of our family!

Ann McCloskey



Maddie



Sherlock & Watson

# Recent Rescues

Kimchi



Dear GRRR:

We adopted Kimchi on March 3, 2023 from GRRR. He was just 8 weeks old and ever since then, our lives have felt complete!

Kimchi is now almost 5 months old and is the sweetest, most playful pup. He loves the outdoors and has already gone camping in Utah! Kimchi is extremely intelligent and has quickly learned many fun tricks. He will be graduating from his first training class in July!

We are so blessed to have adopted Kimchi and cannot wait to continue our lives with him! We hope he can meet his brothers and sisters that were adopted from GRRR one day.

Chelsea Galos

Hi GRRR:

Mickie, adopted on May 14, 2022, is our first Golden and we absolutely love all of the joy and silliness he brings into our lives. We were not prepared for his cute Golden tendencies like carrying his blanket, stuffed animals, and of course our clothes and shoes around the house. He loves playing with his furry sister, Margie, and ball is his favorite game. I think he could play ball all day if we had the energy. He often falls asleep with the ball in his mouth. He also enjoys his daily walks with the whole family.

Mickie has also had a few swimming lessons this past year, started agility foundations, and goes to Camp Bow Wow a few times a week to play with his Golden Retriever friends.

He is such a cuddle bug and melts our hearts with his sweet face and personality everyday. He has definitely settled in here and we can't imagine our family without him.

Thanks,

Susan Talley



Mickie

# Golden Angel: Ruby Rose

by Jeannie Miller

Hi everyone. My name is Ruby-Rose. As you can see, I am a beautiful red Golden girl. As far as my original owner was concerned, I was put on this earth to make puppies to be sold for a profit. So, for all of my life up to now, that's what I have done. Not that I had any choice, mind you. I have lived in an outside enclosure that is too hot or too cold for me to be comfortable. I had to stand in the mud when it rained and freeze on the ice when it snowed. The people who "took care" of me were gruff and mostly just ignored me, other than to throw food into the large tray that fed several of us dogs. I am 7 years old and have had my fair share of puppies! I love each and every one of them and I have a natural ability to raise them. If I do say so myself, I also have some pretty darn good-looking pups too! But they always got taken from me and I worried about what kind of life they would have. Then it was again time for the people to bring in a male dog to visit and for me to feel more puppies growing inside of me. I always hoped my puppies got to have a better life than I've had so far.

I've recently spent time with a male dog and now I can feel puppies growing in my belly. How many will I have this time? Usually, it is 7 to 11. Almost two months ago, before I knew I was pregnant again, I was taken to a noisy barn where hundreds of other dogs were barking and lots of people pulled up with their cars, trucks and vans. The other dogs all seemed scared, so I was scared too. At the end of the day, I was loaded in a van with lots of other dogs and we were taken to another building. Other dogs were there too, but they didn't seem quite as scared. The people that took care of us at this new place were much nicer to us and they kept our water clean and fresh and our play yard tidy.

After a few days there, a nice man named Mark came in a van from Colorado. He took several of us on a very long ride. But at least we each had our own crate with a nice soft towel on the bottom. The van was cool inside and we all settled down for the ride. Mark tried to tell us a few jokes, but we don't really get his humor, so we just kept quiet.

After many hours, and in darkness, we pulled into a new place. We were greeted by Mary Kenton and some other really nice people who seemed so happy to see us. We got to romp in a great play yard, drink lots of water and then go inside! Each of us got our own run with a dog-sized door to an outside area that was all our own, too! Mary brought us a delicious dinner. Some of the other dogs were too afraid to eat but I was feeling very hungry, so I dove right in.

The next day it was time to get groomed by Dee and to see Dr. Carpenter. He checked me out and unfortunately my blood test showed that I have heartworm. I will need to have some expensive medicine to treat it or else I might not live. I have heard that it can be painful, but I am not afraid because I think these new people are going to take good care of me to make sure I am all right.

I was also scheduled for an operation so I won't have any more puppies. I went to Dr. Carpenter's office and they started my operation. When they had me opened up, they saw that I had puppies inside me! That shocked everyone. I came back to GRRR and Mary has a room all prepared for me. I have never had anything like that before! *Update after I initially wrote this article... I delivered 8 adorable puppies on July 25! I'm relieved to know that GRRR will find perfect homes for all of them.*

Because of my heartworm, my babies will need some preventative medicine, but they do not have the heartworm because a mosquito bite is required for that. After I am done nursing them, I can start my heartworm medicine.

Now, for the most exciting part of all...I have been adopted! I have my very own people who are going to take me home and make me a part of their family. I am so excited! I think this is how it is meant to be. My new family named me Maggie Mae. I like that a lot better.

I just want to thank GRRR for saving me and my puppies. I am especially grateful for any donations to the Golden Angel Fund because it lets GRRR help dogs like me that need extra medical care. I have a new name and a whole new lease on life! 💙



## Please Donate to GRRR's Golden Angel Fund!

Many GRRR dogs need extra medical attention Your donation will help GRRR dogs with treatments for cancer, hip dysplasia, heartworm, and more. Please send donations to: GRRR, 15350 W. 72nd Avenue, Arvada, 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 update 🍷💕

## Bailey

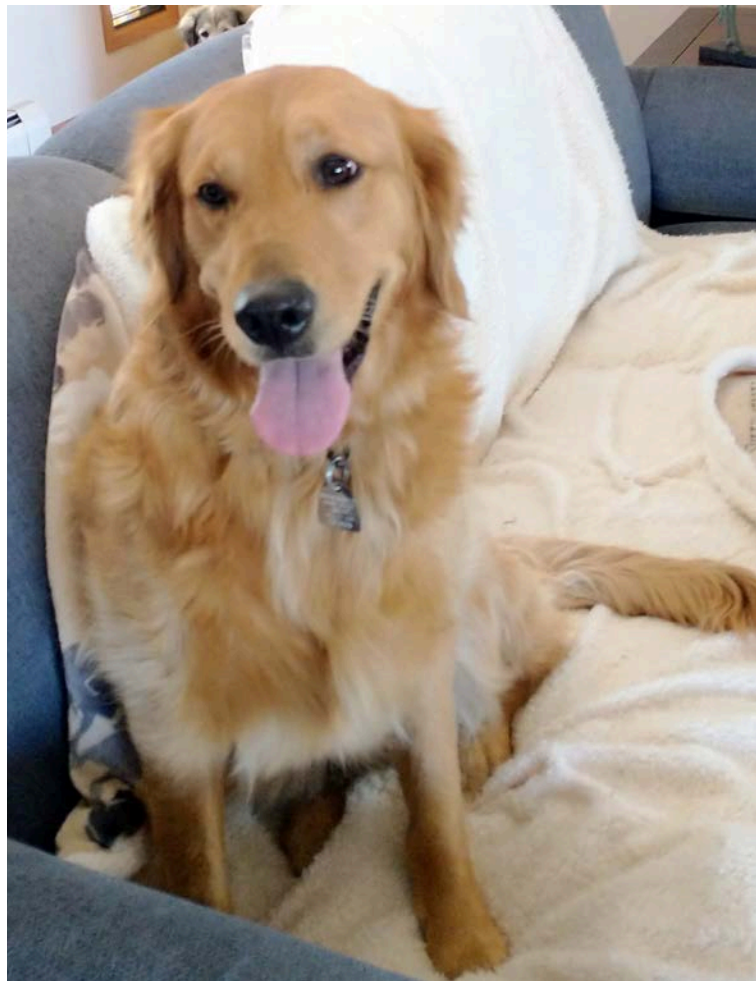
O.M.G.! I am having SO much fun in my new home! I have lots of green grass—thanks to all the rain!—to romp and play in with my new (to me, anyway) brother and sister. I'm younger than they are, so run around a little more, but that's okay. The German Shepherd is, like, a little guarded...I guess because he's, ya know, a German Shepherd and all. And the Pyrenees-Anatolian mix, she's really nice, too. Talk about a giant fluff ball! Good thing she has an appointment to see the groomer next week!

Speaking of appointments, I have one to see an orthopedic specialist in a couple of weeks. I have this hip issue—dysplasia, I think it's called—so will need to have an operation. I'm kind of anxious, but my new mom had a hip replacement and says it made a huge difference. Plus I take meds to help, which is great.

A baby gate keeps me from going downstairs. But I'm limber enough to jump up on the bed, which is okay with them. Yay! I know when I have the surgery, I'll have to be kind of quiet, but...I get lots and lots of belly rubs and pets and kisses, so I think it'll be okay.

I'll let you all know how it goes!

*Note from Mom:* Our Golden's apparent cuteness belies her dark side: She's a thief, and I'm not talking about counter surfing. During the night, if she's not on our bed, she goes into the spare bedroom and selects an item from the laundry basket and deposits it on the floor next to the bed. Other times, she'll venture out to the living room with a flip-flop or even a pair of my capris to place in front of the couch. Just saying. 🐾



## 2023 GRRR Events

**Senior Play Day** for Dogs 8 and over  
Sunday, August 20 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Phoebe's Place

**Annual Rescue Reunion Picnic**  
Sunday, September 10 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Phoebe's Place

**Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 21 @ 11:00 pm  
Phoebe's Place

**Colorado Gives Day**  
Tuesday, December 5

Please check website for more info  
on all of these events and for any  
weather postponements



# GRRR RESCUE REUNION PICNIC 2023

**SUNDAY, SEPT 10  
11 AM - 2PM**

Phoebe's Place:  
15350 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada CO 80007

**All GRRR members, family,  
AND your dogs are invited!**

- Potluck - we'll provide drinks and burgers or sandwiches but please bring side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share
- Area is fully fenced with lots of grass and tables under shade.
- Limited Edition 2023 Picnic T-Shirts!
- Tons of merchandise for sale, including 2024 calendars! We accept Visa, Mastercard & Discover.

**KIDDIE POOLS • RAFFLES • FOOD • FUN  
MERCHANDISE ... AND A FEW HUNDRED HAPPY DOGS!**

**JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY!**

**REMINDER:** Only well-behaved, well-socialized GRRR dog(s) and/or dogs in your family, whose behavior you know, are allowed. No small dogs, please. And remember – on or off leash, you need to adequately control your dog(s) at all times, and you are fully responsible for behavior and safety of your family, both canine and human. Thank you.

Please check website for  
weather postponements:  
[goldenrescue.com](http://goldenrescue.com)



# President's Report

by Judi Servoss,  
President




I hope you're all having a wonderful summer and "enjoying" the heat now that the cool spring rains are finally gone. Please keep your pups hydrated and paws protected.

I was thrilled with this year's Gala. Francie has the details, but I just want to comment on how much fun it was. Everyone I talked to had a blast – so thanks to all who helped make it such a success!

It's also exciting to see our Phoebe's Place expansion coming closer to a true groundbreaking. Those of you who have participated in construction projects know how long it takes to actually get started. I'm sure the changes and delays will be worth it in the long run and the results will be perfect for our needs.

Perry and I are jealous about the upcoming Senior Play Day August 20th. It's designed for "well behaved" seniors over 8. He has at least a couple of years to go... depending on behavior. If you have a senior dog, it's a lovely event. Don't miss it!

As always, thanks for being great GRRR supporters! 

## 2022 GRRR Lifetime Membership Awards

Congratulations to the following for their long time dedication and special efforts to advance GRRR and its mission:


**Dr. Michael Bauer • Linda Doerksen • Jeannie Peebles  
Cindy Moyer • Steve & Laura Zlogar • Richard Schultz.**

## Gala Success!

by Francie Rakeic,  
Executive Director

Another gala has come and gone, and another successful year is in the record books. This year we had award winning author W. Bruce Cameron as our guest speaker. Bruce did an amazing job speaking to our gala participants, and he even auctioned off the chance to have not one, but two characters named in his upcoming books. So be on the lookout for his 2024 books!

It was a very exciting night for all who participated. At the end of the night, GRRR raised just over \$222,000 for all of the Golden Retrievers in our care and with a last-minute donation we netted right at \$180,000 after expenses. This is once again a record-breaking number for us. We couldn't have done it without the help of all our members and volunteers. Huge kudos to you all!

Next year is sure to be another must-attend event, and we are hoping for another record-breaking year. We will definitely be "Going for the Gold"! 

*Francie, Bruce, and Mary Kenton*

*Auction bidding was fast and furious!*



# In Memory


## Riley by Jeannie Peebles

Riley, my precious boy was with me from December 2011 to July 2023. It's hard to put into words how much he meant to me, my family and Larry who shared his care. He was known by everyone who walked their dogs around Arvada Fireman's Park with a hello bark for his many friends. A senior gentleman would bring him "organic" dog bones, spend time chatting with him, and of course throw a tennis ball. After food and snacks, his favorite thing in life was chasing a tennis ball. Even in his last days he would go after a ball when I rolled it to him and wait for the next roll.

Years ago, his wonderful friend Larry had a PTSD episode that Riley helped him work through, and Riley laid right across Larry's chest until the situation passed.

I still miss seeing Riley's head pop up at the front window when I pull into the driveway. At night I always walked carefully down the hallway in the dark so I didn't step on him when he slept. Groomer Dee Delay kept his red-golden curly locks and big bushy tail looking beautiful.

Riley was a happy boy to the end. He is missed every day, especially by his Golden brother Remy who grieved for several weeks and waited for his friend to come home. Riley is chasing tennis balls now with friends in heaven.

Thanks to GRRR for giving me the opportunity to share life with the pup I promised on his first day with me that he would always have "The Life of Riley!" 



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