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Buddy the Shop Dog

by Beata and Adam Vernon

Sometimes the vibe is just so good you remember a place forever. Places can do that, people can do that, and most importantly, dogs can do that.



My wife still talks about a dog we met years ago at a local wine store. He was big and sweet and calm, and really the perfect dog for a store like that.

Our Golden Retriever Buddy was that kind of dog.

He made instant best friends with nearly everyone he ever met. People laughed and smiled and got so excited as they walked in our store and this fluffy, sweet senior dog headed right for them.

People would always tell us stories about their dogs at home, their memories of dogs past, and how they thought Buddy liked them because he could smell their dogs on them.

Buddy didn't care. He loved everyone. He thought people were the greatest gift. If he had a chance to meet someone new and connect with them, that made his day, every time. Buddy lived for human interaction.

Buddy milked it for every ounce of petting he could get. He knew he was adorable. He was so soft and fluffy and easy to pet. And he wasn't shy about leaning on people and getting to be the center of attention at every opportunity.

The Best Shop Dog Ever

We own a furniture store (Colorado Ski Chairs in Manitou Springs) and work together, and we knew Buddy liked being with us all the time. So we started bringing him to work, and he loved it from the start! He immediately bonded with the employees, customers, UPS guys, USPS mail carriers, and other vendors. It didn't take long for him to become the store's official greeter.

A typical work day started with Buddy sniffing everything and peeing a few times outside before settling in behind Dad at the front counter. From there, his schedule was pretty much perfect: a series of naps, regular walks with Mom, and hourly petting breaks with customers and employees.



His favorite spots were wherever he could be close to Mom or Dad, or watch the road. He preferred the cold, hard floor over his nice, soft dog bed. He'd hang out behind Dad, right by the front door, or outside in the gazebo with Dad, watching and waiting for cars to pull in.

Of course, Buddy had other responsibilities, too. He barked at squirrels, deer, birds, other dogs, planes, helicopters, and anything that flew by or walked past. He loved people, but other species? Not so much!

Buddy worked from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., four days a week, for the 4½ years we had him. He was paid handsomely in treats, attention, and walks.

Several employees spent their lunch breaks hugging and petting him for five to ten minutes. Friends and family would even stop by just to see him. He was so soft and cuddly, and he loved every minute of it.

He also had a few tricks for getting attention. He'd sneeze on people, roll around on his back, and try to get them to play with him, showing off like a toddler. Sometimes customers came in with puppies, and Buddy would completely ignore the puppy and lean against the owner's leg, trying to convince them to pet him instead!

Several customers told us they never really liked dogs until they met Buddy. He was like that. His friendliness transcended people's biases and grumpiness. He was really like a therapy dog who happened to work at a furniture store.

One woman told us she didn't like or trust dogs. My wife assured her that Buddy worked there and was the nicest dog ever. The woman was brave enough to pet him, and she immediately fell in love. Later, she sent pictures with Buddy and told us, "He changed my vision of dogs and he healed me."

That was incredibly special and heartfelt. It was exactly the kind of impact Buddy had on people. He could make someone feel comfortable, bring a smile to their face, and change the way they saw dogs, all simply by being himself.

Life Beyond the Store

Walking was another favorite. Buddy smelled everything and really lit up at every chance he had to go explore and sniff. Walks up on the mountain and around the lake were his favorites. He also loved laps around our neighborhood, where he quickly made friends with dozens of neighbors, mail carriers, delivery drivers, and local wildlife.

His favorite snack was ice cubes. He polished off a bowl after every meal. He liked other tasty treats, but nothing could beat the satisfying crunch of a fresh bowl of ice cubes. It was really his vice.

Buddy grew up on a farm and learned to howl, which he was never shy about doing. We're not sure if he was mimicking the local coyotes or some neighboring Huskies, or if his first owner taught him, but he howled daily and loudly for years.



We met Buddy when he was seven or eight years old at Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies (GRRR). We had recently lost our 19-year-old Border Collie/ Greyhound mix and were ready for another senior dog. We instantly fell in love with Buddy, as he did with us, and brought him home on February 20, 2022.

His first day wasn't exactly a smooth start, though. Coming to us from a farm in Nebraska, he was a little lost and wanted to run off and smell the entire neighborhood. We got him a trainer to help him learn to listen and walk on a leash, and before long, he had the routine figured out.

We felt so lucky to have such a wonderful, mature, loving companion who was already house-trained, well-mannered, and perfect for living and working alongside us from the start.

A Buddy-Sized Hole

Buddy passed away peacefully September 23rd. We are devastated - he was just The Best. The store just isn't the same without Buddy. We're having a hard time adjusting to his absence. Another dog comes in with one of the other managers, but it's tough to fill the void Buddy left behind.

Golden Retrievers are a special breed, and Buddy was a perfect example of that lovable breed. He knew both how to love and how to be loved. We hope people remember how sweet, caring, and wonderful dogs can be. Buddy was the best!

We should all be more like Buddy.
We love you, Buddy, and we will all miss you dearly.
You made such a positive impact on so many.
Rest in peace, old friend. 💞

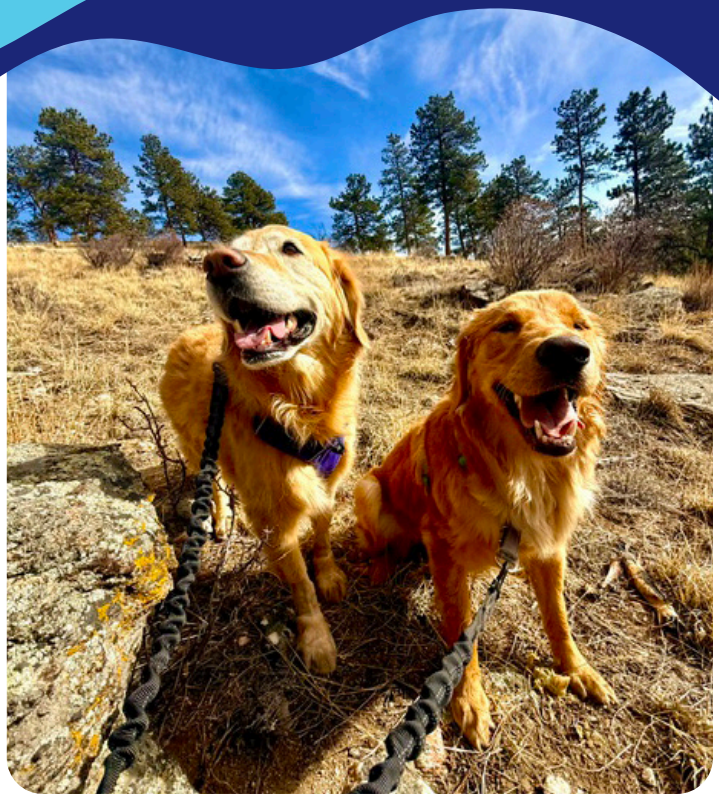




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Recent Rescues



Koda & Zoey

Dear GRRR,

One year ago, my husband and I adopted Koda (previously Mia). At the time she was 10 months old and had absolutely no training. We honestly had no idea what we had gotten ourselves into.

Our first few months together were challenging, as we worked diligently on making Koda feel like she was a part of this family while giving her an abundance of love. With patience and training, she slowly learned that this was her home. Koda bonded immediately with our seven year-old Golden Retriever, Zoey. The two are now inseparable.

Koda's days are filled with hikes, playtime, snuggles, and adventures. She is a treasured member of our family and we are very grateful to Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies for giving us the opportunity to be a part of her life.

With appreciation,

Elizabeth, Kirk, and Zoey Peebles



Aspen

Hi GRRR,

Aspen came to GRRR 9 years ago and was known as Blake. I could tell "Blake" just wasn't appropriate for him. His eyes were hazel-colored like the Aspen leaves, so that's where his name came from.

Aspen turned 12 years old this week and has been loving his mountain living for the past nine years, enjoying hiking and watching all the wildlife. He loves car rides and he is so loving to all he meets. He has quite the food palate and his favorites happen to be vegetables. Eggplant is his favorite!

The Kissing Booth photo was at our vet's office!

We keep Aspen's bone health by giving him stem cell/PRP once a year. He is the perfect patient! He loves his sister, Shaw-neh, and is very protective of her when we are on our hikes. He truly has been a blessing to us and we are so grateful to have him as part of "our family."

Lori Holstein

Recent Rescues



Cassidy

Dear GRRR

Cassidy (formerly Georgie) is settling in well in her new forever home. She seems to love living here, but given the environment she came from, she does not know yet how to play with our other Golden, Cody. She is slowly learning though, so we feel it's just a matter of time.

The only behavior of hers that is challenging us is counter surfing. She has gotten several items off the counter, so we have to watch her closely. We remain diligent in not leaving things on the counter (or night stands) that she can reach, and again, that will likely take time.

Other than that one item, we are enjoying having her in our home. She walks with her brother every morning and we have managed to take a few pounds off her, despite the items she purloined off the counter!

Curtis & Brenda Hoff



Harry

Hello GRRR:

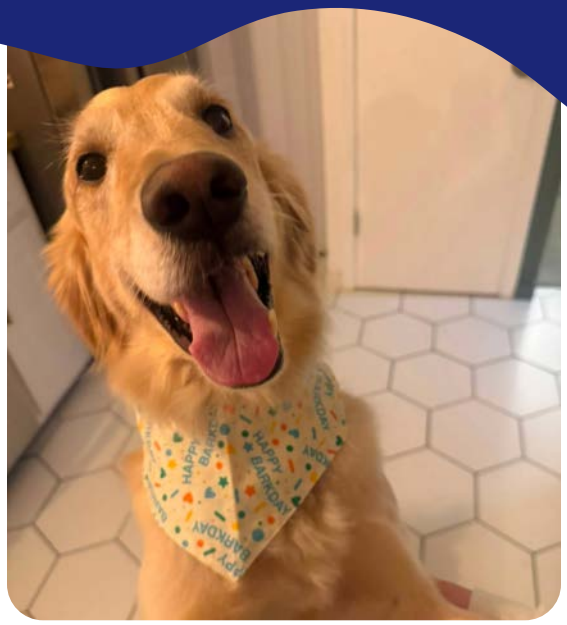
We adopted Harry in September of 2023. We didn't change his name as it's very apropos. He is the sweetest, funniest and most popular Golden that I've ever had (and I've had 10 of them). He thinks anyone driving down the street is coming to see him! The UPS lady even brings him treats. And our neighbors ring the doorbell and ask if they can take him for a walk.

He has the Golden lean, walks with the Golden wiggle, and loves to swim.

We adore him! Thanks GRRR!

Mary Lisman & Doug Rogers

Recent Rescues



Hello GRRR!

I just wanted to share that Arlo enjoyed his first "birthday" with us so much yesterday! We're of course not sure of his exact birthday so we combined the celebration with his brother Atlas, and they had a blast. Big 4-year-olds! Friends came over and showered them with gifts and treats as well.

Brittley Fisher

Arlo



Dear GRRR:

Hi there! My name is Poppy and I am 12½ weeks old! Mary Kenton sent me to live with my new family when I was 9 weeks old and what a whirlwind it has been! I have a great big brother named Apollo (also a GRRR dog) and three kitty siblings! The cats are not too thrilled about my arrival. I want to be their friend so bad but they are grumpy and hiss a lot. I'll keep trying though.

I'm learning so many new things and growing so fast! My mom says I am sweet and sassy but I try to be a very good girl all the time. Apollo is the best big brother and he plays with me all the time, and takes naps with me too. I'm eager to learn about something called "snow." Life is good!

Colleen Waite and Poppy

Poppy & Apollo

Dear GRRR:

I wanted to thank you all for working with us on the adoption of Robby. We picked Robby up from Colleen Waite (and Robby's brother Poppy) after coming home from vacation last Sunday, and he has been a wonderful addition to our family. No comment from our two cats.

Further, after being the runt of the litter, he is up to 21 pounds and growing.

Thanks again,

Jim and Leila Murphy



Robby

Recent Rescues

Hello GRRR friends, it's me, Jaxson!

I can't believe it's already been nine whole months since I was adopted into the Houlihan clan. I wanted to send you all a big, tail-wagging update because my life has completely turned around — like a full 180.

My first two years were... well, pretty rough. I was bought as a puppy from a breeder, but somewhere along the way, something went wrong. I don't know what I did, but I ended up living in a crate on a patio, hungry, scared, and never getting the gentle pets every dog dreams of. I tried to be brave, but it was a hard life.

Then one day everything changed. I was taken to a kind lady in Utah who gave me food, took me on walks, let me snuggle with her, and slowly helped me learn that crates weren't always scary. (I still think they're suspicious, though.) After ten days with her, we went on a road trip to Colorado — and that's when I met GRRR.

I remember walking in and thinking, Whoa... look at all these pups! A wonderful lady named Mary brought me inside and let me hang out with her all day because I was still terrified of kennels. She made me feel safe. After a few days, I met two humans who sat with me in the yard and gave me gentle pets even though I kept cowering. They didn't give up on me. They stayed with me, talked softly, and made me feel like maybe I was worth loving.

Then I heard it — "Do you want to come home with us?" My tail couldn't stop wagging. I was so excited... until I woke up wearing a cone and missing some very personal items. But hey, I guess that's part of becoming a responsible gentleman.

A few days later, those same humans came back and loaded me into their car. I was nervous, but after a short drive we arrived at a yellow house — my new home. And guess what? I had THREE new dog siblings! I was thrilled. Settling in took time, though. I had to learn not to pee in the house, not to steal sourdough bread (it smells SO good), and not to panic when someone walked toward me or said "down." I knew they weren't going to hurt me, but my past still whispered scary things. I even accidentally peed on my new mom in bed once when Dad gently told me to get down. They just laughed and gave me pets. That's when I knew... I was safe.

Mom said I was too skinny, so I got extra-yummy food. My siblings were definitely jealous. I got to explore a huge backyard, play with toys, go on hikes, and discover that mornings are the BEST. I love waking everyone up at 6 a.m., running zoomies in the yard, rolling in the grass, and playing with my toys. Mom and Dad don't love the early wake-ups, but I can't help being excited for a new day.

After seven months, something strange happened — boxes everywhere! My siblings and I went on a two-day road trip. I took lots of naps and tried to be brave. When we arrived, I saw it: a POOL. Oh boy, I love water. Now every morning I run around the yard and then leap into the pool for a few laps. Mom calls them "cannonballs." I call them pure joy.

I even got to visit a place called a winery. There were grapes everywhere (I wanted to taste them so badly), but Mom said no. I still got lots of snackies from the table, so I didn't mind. So far, Northern California is pretty awesome.

There's so much more I could tell you, but for now I just want everyone at GRRR to know this: I'm happy. I'm safe. I'm loved. Thank you for rescuing me, believing in me, and helping me find my furever home.

Love, Jaxson Houlihan

Jaxson



Recent Rescues



Dear GRRR:
Just wanted to share our precious Penelope turned 5 yesterday. We LOVE her more than words can say. Her mom was a sweet girl named Katie who you all saved from a breeder in Missouri, I think. She was pregnant with Penelope's litter when you all saved her.

We are forever blessed to have our precious girl

Jennifer Poland Dean

Penelope

Hi GRRR!

Mowgli dog just celebrated his 10th birthday and we want to say thanks to GRRR yet again.

Mowgli has been my constant companion since I brought him home in December of 2016. He is loyal, smart, and a gentle old soul loved by students and people on the trails, who all hear about GRRR.

Through Mowgli I met a gracious couple on Dry Creek Trail in Boulder who have allowed me to teach on their tennis court for many years. He is like their step dog. Kids and adults love seeing big M when they come to tennis, and a parent who met him as a puppy walks him while her son plays. He gets to roam around and protect their land from cows, coyotes, and bears!

Thank you for rescuing his pregnant mom and doing such a wonderful job raising him and matching us!

Here are photos
Mowgs at 6 weeks old at GRRR, and running on a beach in Delaware on a cross country trip.

Thank you always from me and my heart dog Mowgli!

Sue Burke





Mowgli

Recent Rescues

Dear GRRR:

Here's Remco, formerly Rango, adopted at the end of May. He loves playing in the water and hanging with his friends.

The Tail of Remco Red
(a Seussian update)

On our street lined with trees, tall in a row,
came ruby-red Rango, his coat like an ember aglow.
But "Rango" felt small for a heart burning bright —
so we renamed him Remco — and got it just right!

Oh, Remco could run! He could run like the wind,
past the mailbox, the mud room, the neighbor's tin bin.
We named him for Remco, the cyclist who flew
to Olympic gold, this year's "Tour" runner-up, too.

When our scholarly boys come home from CU
lectures and tests,
his tail starts to auction — a blur, without rest.
Up! Down! Up! Down! Like a gavel-hand's beat —
"Sold, to the tallest!" — then paws at their feet.

But Remco had trouble, a rumbly-grumbly thing
that woke up at mealtime, ready to sting.
A snarl! And a snap! - **"This bowl is my own!!!"**
In his low, growly, don't-touch-it tone.

So we went to Dog School, sister Stitch tagged along —
she's ten years young at heart, and never once wrong.
She showed him that mealtime's calm, not a war;
Remco watched, and practiced, and slowly grew sure.

Now Remco comes camping where sunny skies spread,
with Stitch snoring softly in the tent's cozy bed.
He swims (rather swiftly), I cheer from the shore,
he hikes the Front Range, then flops on the floor.

Thank you, Golden Rescue of the Rockies, for pairing
this scarlet pup with a family worth sharing.
Now two Goldens, two scholars, one pack, all together,
have taken him in, through all kinds of kind of weather.
His tail rides up high, always alert, always true —
the happiest wag that his new family knew.

Kevin Smith



Remco

GRRR Stats

January 1 - Sept 30, 2026

Number of Dogs Placed:	165
$ Spent on Medical Needs:	$125,011

Newsletter Submissions

We need more updates! We all love reading about your Goldens and we like to hear from you! Please email an update (any length) and digital photos (largest files you have) to: debbie.davis@goldenrescue.com.

Deadline for the February 2027 issue is January 7, 2027. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Colorado Gives Day 2026

December 8 is circled on our calendar in permanent marker.

Colorado Gives Day is Colorado's biggest day of giving, when thousands of nonprofits and the people who love them come together for 24 hours of generosity. For GRRR, it is the single most important fundraising day of the year, and this year our goal is $180,000. Early giving opens November 1, so you do not have to wait until December to make your gift count.
https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/goldenretrieverrescueoftherockies

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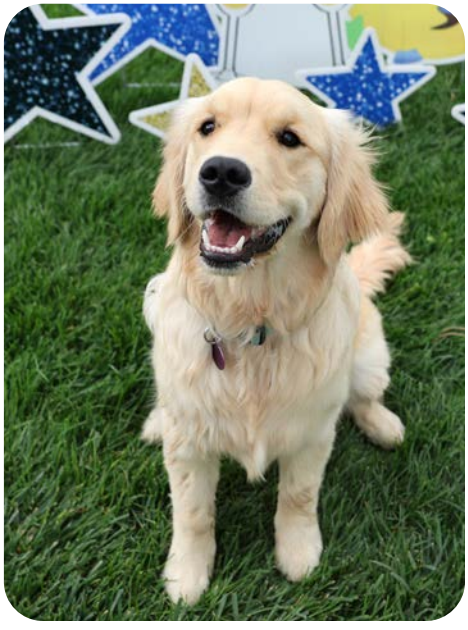


It covers the big medical bills, the ones that turn a crisis into a recovery. It covers the medical care for the senior Golden whose family could no longer afford it. It keeps the doors open at Phoebe's Place, so there is always a warm, safe place for a Golden with nowhere else to go. In short, it lets us keep saying yes.

Every gift made through the Colorado Gives platform is boosted by the statewide Incentive Fund, with prizes for participating nonprofits all day long on December 8. Your generosity goes further than the amount you give.

Last year, this community raised $172,750. This year, let's hit $180,000 together. Watch your inbox between now and December 8th for the stories of the dogs your generosity makes possible. 💙

Other Events



Volunteer Holiday Appreciation Party

December 12, 12-2pm at Colorado Tap House
Details will be emailed to all volunteers.

Want to become a volunteer? Easy! Fill out the application at:
https://www.goldenrescue.com/volunteer-golden-retriever-rescue/

Annual Gala 2027

Save the Date for the Gala... June 5, 2027 at Social Capital.

Colfax Marathon 2027

May 15-16, 2027. If you are running, please choose GRRR as your charity partner.

GRRR Went to School!

by Katie Bates, Executive Director



Goose goes to school!

On October 7, I traded Phoebe's Place for a classroom at Challenge School in Aurora. Ms. Hellmer, a GRRR adopter, invited me to speak to her "Everything Cats and Dogs" Enrichment Immersion program, where 23 third and fourth graders were spending two days learning about domestication, good pet ownership, specific breeds, and making animal-related arts and crafts like dog houses! They chose the course because they love cats and dogs. Honestly, same!

I talked about the history of GRRR, why adoption matters, how to properly care for a dog, and what makes Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes so amazing.

And these kids were SO smart. You could tell they'd been soaking it all up. They remembered everything they'd learned, and their questions were sharp. But of course, they had to keep me on my toes with questions like: *do boy dogs carry babies too?* (No. But points for asking.)

We played a game where the kids had to guess how many dog bones were in the treat jar. Let's just say the guesses ranged from wildly optimistic to mathematically creative.

Of course I didn't come alone. Goose was my teaching assistant, and he did a few tricks for the class before settling into his most important duty: receiving pets from 23 kids. He was thrilled. They were thrilled. It was the best part of everyone's day, including mine.

Every student passed the course and went home with a "How to Be a Dog's Best Friend" certificate, and every one of them had earned it!

Here's why this matters

Teach a kid how to properly care for a dog, and you've planted something that grows: fewer dogs needing new homes, fewer dogs going without the medical care they need, and a community shaped by young people who learned early that animals count on us. Forty-five minutes, twenty-three kids, one very tired Goose. Worth it.



President's Report

by Mike Degroff, President

Dear GRRR Family,

As the crisp autumn air settles over the Rockies, I reflect on the incredible journey we continue to share. Thanks to your unwavering support, our dedicated volunteers, and our passionate staff, we have continued to fulfill our mission of giving Golden Retrievers a second chance at a beautiful life.

I am happy to share that we have made major strides with our infrastructure. We have been working on well drilling and site prep, successfully clearing multiple County and vendor hurdles along the way. This critical progress brings us one step closer to completing the new on-site residence to support GRRR's long-term operations.

Our grounds look great, thanks to incredible volunteer groups who spent their days giving the facility a makeover. If you and your team are looking for a fun and rewarding team-building opportunity, please consider coming out to GRRR to help us keep the facility in great shape for our dogs and volunteers.

On the financial front, the community has stepped up in a huge way. We were involved in multiple successful fundraising activities recently, with a special focus on replenishing our Angel Fund. This essential fund ensures that rescues needing urgent, lifesaving medical care get exactly what they need without delay. Additionally, we have received a few grants to allow us to continue to provide great care for all dogs passing through our gates.

Did you know that GRRR is one of just four Golden Retriever rescues in the nation with the facilities and staff to house our rescue pups? It's a pretty unique setup, and we're always looking for ways to make it even better. To that end, our Executive Director, Katie Bates, has been reaching out to other rescues. By studying their operations and exchanging insights, Katie is identifying industry best practices that GRRR can implement to enhance our own care, streamline our processes, and further our mission of saving and rehoming these wonderful dogs.

If you have been thinking about getting more involved, now is the perfect time. Whether you choose to volunteer your time at upcoming events, help at the facility, or make a financial gift, your contribution directly changes lives. You can always learn more at www.goldenrescue.com or contact Katie in the GRRR office.

Hopefully, you marked your calendar, designed a great costume for you and your pup, and attended our Members-Only Halloween Party on October 24th at Phoebe's Place. It was a fantastic time, and there is nothing quite like seeing an amazing pack of dressed-up dogs running and rolling around together. Their humans also did a wonderful job joining in on the fun!



Thank you for being the backbone of the Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies. Together, we are making the world a brighter, happier place—one wagging tail at a time.

With deep gratitude,

Mike

"Such a better world it would be
if we all had the morals
of a Golden Retriever;
butt sniffing notwithstanding." – A. A. Bel



Golden Angel: Maui

by Katie Bates & Mary Kenton

Meet Maui, Our November Golden Angel

Maui's journey to becoming our November Golden Angel began in Oklahoma this past April. At eight years old, this sweet Golden Retriever was surrendered to A Touch of Grace Rescue under difficult circumstances. Her former owner, ordered by police to rehome her, failed to disclose Maui's true condition or behavior.

When the rescue took her in, they quickly discovered how much she had been neglected. Maui was not spayed, not vaccinated, had never received heartworm prevention, and had never even been tested. Their veterinarian found she was heartworm positive, developing early pyometra, and had a cyst near her eye that required removal. A Touch of Grace stepped in immediately, addressing her medical needs and giving her the first real care she'd had in a long time.

But another challenge soon emerged. Maui was not friendly with other dogs, cats, or even chickens. She had never been socialized, and her fear-based behavior made it difficult to place her. Most adopters looking for a Golden Retriever expect that classic outgoing, gentle personality — and Maui simply hadn't been given the chance to become that dog. Finding her a safe, loving home was going to take something special.

In July, Kaydee from A Touch of Grace reached out to GRRR. They had tried everything, but Maui's behavioral needs made it nearly impossible to find the right home in Oklahoma. She asked if we could help. Of course, we said yes.

Pilots n Paws stepped in to fly Maui to Colorado, and longtime GRRR volunteer Pete Lynch was waiting at the airport to bring her safely to Phoebe's Place. A Touch of Grace shared Maui's journey on Facebook, writing, "Sometimes rescue takes a village, and sometimes that village stretches across state lines."

They were right — because Maui's story caught the eye of a Colorado couple before her plane even landed.

Lisett and Trey had been hoping to welcome a Golden into their home again. When they saw Maui's post, something clicked. They applied immediately, and by the time Maui arrived at GRRR for her exam, bloodwork, and x-rays, the screening process was already underway.

The next day, they met Maui — and it was clear she felt the same spark they did. A quiet home, no other pets, and experienced Golden owners. It felt like a match made in heaven.



Maui in her new wheels!

But Maui's heartworm diagnosis meant her new life would begin with a difficult chapter. Treatment involves painful injections and, hardest of all, months of strict rest. No walks. No running. No fetch. No excitement. Just calm, quiet healing.

Fortunately, Lisett and Trey had exactly the kind of home Maui needed. After her first injection, she spent a few days resting in our isolation/vet room before Dr. Carpenter cleared her to go home with her new family — with very strict activity restrictions.

Thirty days later, Maui needed her second and third injections. Because she lived two hours away and was thriving in her peaceful environment, GRRR arranged for her final treatments to be done by her new veterinarian, with GRRR covering all costs for treatment and medication.

Today, Maui is doing wonderfully. Since she can't walk yet, she rides in style — in her very own stroller — enjoying the sights of her new neighborhood. Her favorite things include eating (of course), hanging out with her family, visiting Grandma down the street, car rides, and tending to her ever-growing collection of toys, which she takes very seriously. Her family is determined to give her a full, joyful life while ensuring she gets the rest her recovery requires.

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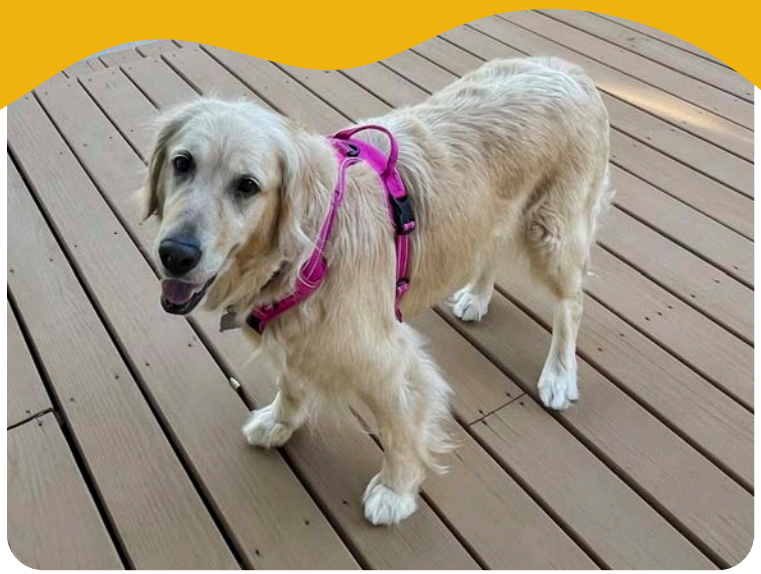
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Maui, continued

Maui has an entire new future waiting for her once she completes treatment. Lucky, lucky Maui — who could have imagined such a beautiful life after everything she endured? It truly does take a village, and we are grateful for every part of ours: A Touch of Grace Rescue, Pilots n Paws, our GRRR volunteers, and a loving couple ready to open their hearts to a Golden who needed them most.

Maui's story is exactly what the Golden Angel Fund exists for. Sometimes a dog needs more than a safe place to land. She needs medical care, time to heal, and a village willing to stand beside her — from Oklahoma to Colorado and everywhere in between.

One day soon, Maui will trade her stroller for a leash and take her first real walk in months. She'll run, play, and be a Golden Retriever again. Thank you for helping her get there, and for giving the next Golden Angel the same chance to heal.



Did You Know?

Heartworm disease comes from a single mosquito bite and exists in all 50 states. Prevention costs about $10–$18 per month, while treatment can run into the thousands. The hardest part isn't the medicine — it's the danger. As the worms die, they break apart, and any exertion can send fragments into the lungs. That's why strict rest and calm are essential during treatment.

Golden Angel Update: Trip

by Andrew and Jesse Parker

The last few months, little Trip has kept us busy! While he has been going through the terrible two from very "selective listening" to just not listening, he did graduate from puppy school and has shown tremendous progress calming down when visiting friends' homes, overall good on the leash and being an incredible patio dog. He is a puppy pull of love and just wants to be near others. Even though a birth injury left his front leg badly damaged and unusable, it was amputated and he's doing great!

Swimming and eating tomatoes from the raised beds are two of his favorite summertime activities. Trip is a pampered puppy and will forever be just that! We are so lucky to have him in our lives and cannot wait to celebrate the holidays with our sweet angel! Thanks to everyone who donated to the Golden Angel Fund in honor of Trip and others like him who need special care.



To help dogs like Maui and Trip, please send donations to: GRRR, 15350 W. 72nd Avenue, Arvada, CO 80007 (make check payable to GRRR with "Golden Angel Fund" in the memo) or donate at goldenrescue.com/golden-angel-fund. Thank you!

In Memory



Emmie, by Roxanne Sabin and Ellen Rabinowitz

Emmie was born at Phoebe's Place on December 6, 2013, and arrived home on Valentine's Day, 2014 sporting a little red sweater with a white heart on it, as well as a big pink bow – all thanks to Mary Kenton, of course.

From the moment that Emmie came home, she was curious and delighted by life. She rarely met anyone or anything that made her pause. When Ellen and I merged households in September 2018, Emmie came face to face with the only thing that ever slowed her down, and that was her feline sister, Sassy. Emmie never stopped trying to win Sassy's affection, even though it was guaranteed to win her a bop on the nose.

Emmie loved nothing as much as a GRRR party. She explored the welcome table (and often landed *on* the table!) and the merch tables and always took a dip in the wading pools. But most of all, she looked forward to the food! There is hardly a GRRR member who hasn't experienced Emmie at a party. She was quick to grab a burger or a sandwich from an unsuspecting victim's plate. But her signature move was to watch for someone carrying a plate of food, jump from under them to knock it out of their hands, and then she and her band of merry friends would happily devour whatever the plate had held.

For many years, we shared parenting responsibilities with Emmie's biological mother, Hope. Mostly, Hope was happy to leave it to us but still there were times when she would grab Emmie by an ear or herd her along into the house.

Emmie was with us, still carrying a stuffed animal or looking for a treat until July 21, 2026, when we said goodbye to her. Though we knew that she was slowing down, we were not ready, yet, to face life without her constant puppy energy keeping us on our toes. Our world is much quieter and less joyful without her in it. 💞

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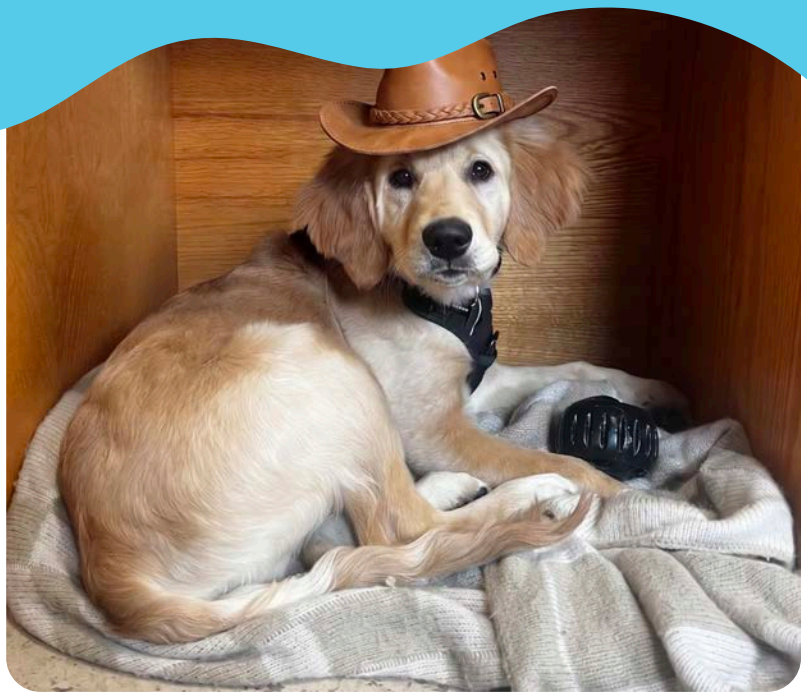
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And start snapping for the 2028 calendar! Photo contest will start next May and we want to see your gorgeous pups!



Under the Desk News

with Cowboy Cooper



Howdy, friends!

Cowboy Cooper here, reporting live from under the desk, where I have been conducting a full review since the last time you heard from me. Verdict: extremely busy. Eight puppies were born right here at the rescue, and I watched them grow from tiny squeakers into full-blown zoomie machines before they headed off to their new homes. That is eight rounds of tail wags I personally oversaw. And that is just the puppies. Plenty of grown-up Goldens found their people too, and I greeted every single one on the way out.

Did you make it to the Reunion Picnic? It rained, but my four-legged besties didn't care. The rain even added puddles, which in my professional opinion improved the event significantly. The kiddie pools were out too, which I briefly mistook for the swimming hole I requested during the grading and drainage project. It was not the swimming hole, and the grading and drainage project continues, but I'm catching the scent of the finish line.

The 2027 GRRR calendars are officially for sale, online and right here at the rescue! I have reviewed the finished product thoroughly. I am not Mr. January. I am not Mr. February either. After a full twelve-month investigation, I can confirm I am not any of the months, which feels like an oversight the judges should review. Buy one anyway! The dogs that made it are extremely good looking, and I am choosing to believe the selection committee simply ran out of months.

In other news, we threw our annual Halloween Party and costume contest on October 24th at Phoebe's Place, and what a day it was. I tried on costumes for weeks. The cowboy hat felt a little too obvious at first, but then I remembered my name is Cowboy Cooper, and obvious is kind of my whole brand. My brother Goose refused to discuss his costume beforehand, which told me everything I needed to know. Somebody went as something embarrassing. I will let you guess who.

Jezebel was appointed Head of Party Security, which was the correct decision. Nobody got past Jezebel. Not ghosts, not goblins, not sneaky trick-or-treaters making a run for the treat table. She ran a tight ship and a tighter personal bubble. I respected it, from a safe distance.

Time for the important announcement. Colorado Gives Day early giving is officially underway, and even I know this is a big deal. Here is what you need to know... You can give right now through Colorado Gives Day on December 8th. Your gift is what allows this rescue to say yes. Yes to puppies like Trip, who needed surgery to have the life he deserves. Yes to dogs like Louie, who needed two hip replacements, just to feel comfortable in his own body again. The vet bills are the biggest bills around here, and your gift pays them. It keeps the gates open at Phoebe's Place, so there is always a safe place for a Golden with nowhere else to go. Hundreds of dogs get their second chance, not just the easy ones. The ones who need real help. That is not small stuff. That is everything.

The humans have one more request, and this one does not cost a thing. While the giving season is happening, they want you thinking about GRRR and spreading the word. Tell someone your GRRR story. The one about the dog who stole your heart, or your spot on the couch, or both. Stories are how this rescue grows, and every person who hears yours is one more person who might say yes to a Golden who needs them.

Fall is my favorite season at the rescue. The air smells like leaves, new beginnings, and new homes for Golden Retrievers. Right now I'm headed off to do my part for the giving season, which is reminding everyone what the donations are for...dogs. Golden Retrievers who need homes and someone to love. Every donation is another yes, and I will be under the desk wagging my tail every time one comes in.

Stay Golden, Spurs up. Cowboy Cooper out.

You Made a Difference!

Golden Angel Fund

All the GRRR dogs (and humans) are so grateful that we can help so many Goldens with medical needs because of your generosity. We received $11,923 for our Special Request for Trip and other Angels from generous donors in September! Thanks!

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424 households raised $2,239 last quarter! Thank you...everything helps! If you're not a Community Rewards Member yet, use the QR code to sign up at no cost to you!

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Reunion Picnic

Thanks to all who came out for fun in the sun (and rain!) at our annual Reunion! We celebrated our 30th anniversary with a huge sign - great for photo ops. And the new 2027 calendars were flying off the shelf! We netted $5,617 from merchandise and raffle sales. Thank you!



A few members and pups celebrating GRRR's 30th Anniversary at the Reunion Picnic.



Rain?!? Is it raining?

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