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*Rescuing and Rehabilitating Golden Retrievers in Central Texas*

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Gold Ribbon Rescue

## A Message from Our President:



I am so happy this month to report what an amazing Amplify Austin campaign we had this year. All of our donors to this effort really stepped up to the challenge and our Gold Ribbon Rescue dogs are one fortunate group of Goldens. In 2015, we raised \$3725. This year, 2016, we received \$9315, a 250% gain! What great and gratifying news this is for us. Because you cared, each dog will have nothing but the love and care they so very much deserve going forward.

We've got a lot going on this month: our Swimfest at the Quarries, a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon, and a Spring Romp in Selma. I hope you can join us at these events and share your love of Goldens. We've also got a volunteer training session coming up, hosted by Sheila Thomas, geared toward current and new foster families. Fostering is a rewarding position and a crucial step for our dogs, as we ready them for adoption.

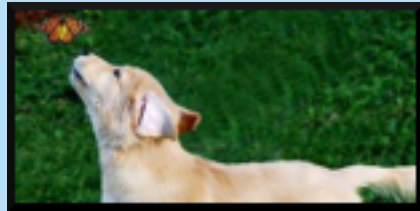
### In this issue:

- See two new features this month: 'Living in a Dog's House' and 'Dog Classifieds'
- Get an update on Diesel (16-009) and his continuing recovery - week 7
- A generous story of giving to our Goldens by a 1st grader Girl Scout troop
- A big shout-out to our tireless vets
- And, why our Goldens question our sanity!

Enjoy!

-Margo

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## Current and Upcoming Events



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### Swimfest at the Quarries

Date: April 9, 2016

Time: 10:00 – 1:00

Location: Quarry Lake, 11400 North Mo-Pac Expressway, Austin, TX 78759

Cost: \$25 per family (includes 2 and 4 legged) Click [here](#) to register.

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### Volunteer Appreciation Spring Fling

Who: All GRR Volunteers and Significant Others (This is a human only event.)

When: Sunday, April 17, 2016 Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: [The Blue Valley Pool Pavilion in Travis Country](#), 4504 Travis Country Cir, Austin, TX 78735

While the event is complimentary, please RSVP by April 12 to [Paula Ellis](#), if attending. Look forward to seeing everyone. For more details, click [here](#).

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### Spring Romp in Selma

When: April 23rd 1 - 3 pm

Where: [Bunk'n Biscuit](#) (Right off I35 North's feeder road. Exit 174A coming from Austin and San Antonio. Turn right directly after Alamo Mobility. Only 1 hour from downtown Austin!)

Cost: \$10.00 per dog

(Right off I35 North's feeder road. Exit 174A. Turn right directly after Alamo Mobility on the feeder road.)

LARGE indoor and outdoor off-leash areas, one grassy, as well as, an on-leash area.

Bring a lawn chair for yourself and a covered dish. This is a pot luck affair.

We hope to see you there! Click [here](#) to register and RSVP by April 17th.

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### Volunteer Training - Fostering: The First Step to Changing a Rescue Dog's World

When: May 14 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: Austin Animal Center

7201 Levander Loop, Austin, TX 78702

We want to encourage people who are thinking about fostering and experienced fosters to attend. We will discuss how to create a safe haven for the dog, so they can leave ready for their forever home.

Please RSVP to [Sheila Thomas](#).

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## **[A Sweet Treat Growing Up - Biscotti 15-116](#)**

[Mike and Sherry Schmidt](#)



[March 14th 2016](#)

[We adopted Biscotti on Feb 29th \(leap year\) and he has been in his forever home for 2 weeks now. He is almost five months old and getting more comfortable each day which is evident by the way he loves to sleep on his back with his feet in the air. Biscotti has shown to be pretty smart and is quick to learn new things. He is also very food motivated which comes in handy when teaching new commands. He loves to eat his meals by solving different food puzzles so he can exercise his mind as well. Biscotti is affectionate and really loves a good belly rub or a scratching behind the ears. He is still a little timid regarding noises outside so we have been working daily feeding him and playing with his toys outside to get him acclimated to his new environment. Biscotti loves to chase us around the yard, chasing balls and going for a walk when we get him outdoors. We are working diligently to turn the outdoors into a fun and a reward zone for him. He had multiple dog encounters during his first trip to the vet and did very well. He starts training classes in a couple weeks to help him move forward with socialization. We absolutely love having him in our lives and look forward to spending many happy years together.](#)

## **[A Special Thanks](#)**

[A very special shout-out to the veterinarians who tirelessly care for our Goldens. We are deeply indebted to each and every veterinarian and every staff member who supports them!](#)

[All Creatures Mobile Clinic](#)  
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[Manchaca Village Veterinary Care](#)  
[San Marcos Veterinary Clinic](#)  
[Spicewood Springs Animal Hospital](#)  
[Sunset Veterinary Clinic](#)  
[Town & Country Animal Hospital](#)  
[Veterinary Cardiology & Medicine](#)  
[VCA Northwest Hills Animal Hospital](#)  
[Village Veterinary Hospital](#)



## **[Girl Scouts For Goldens](#)**

*Siena Elizabeth Bauer (First Grade)*



I have a dear friend in Maryland and her daughter and the Daisy Troop made dog toys for our Golden Retrievers, after learning about the Turkey Golden Retrievers that GRR helped. In her own words, Siena explains. - Elizabeth Kalbacher

These are the Girl Scouts from HDS. We made dog toys for dogs that need them, so we have to help them. We heard about Operation Turkey Dogs from my Aunt Elizabeth Kalbacher. Purebred Golden Retrievers in Turkey were running in the streets because their owners could not afford to keep them, so they let them loose. Other dogs were fighting them. Again...help those dogs!

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## ***New Feature: Dog Classifieds***

*Dawn Marie Rae*

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### ***DOGS FOR SALE***

**Raunchy Golden Retriever** has learned some inappropriate dance moves from YouTube and I've had enough of her shaking her behind so wantonly. If you hear salsa music in the background when you call, please hang up and try later. 555-1547

**Bad Dog** I've taught her to clean up after herself, but not after me. Thoughtless companion and incompetent housekeeper. 555-9866

**Free Tattooed Dog** Beloved family dog has gone down crooked path. Now has tattoos of his former mate all over his body. Neighbors and their dogs all laughing. We can't afford to move and are dying of embarrassment. 555-0079



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### ***DOGS WANTED***

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**Wingdog Needed** I have a dog that is very shy around the fairer sex. Need a more confident dog who will be his wingdog at the dog park. Call 555-2954

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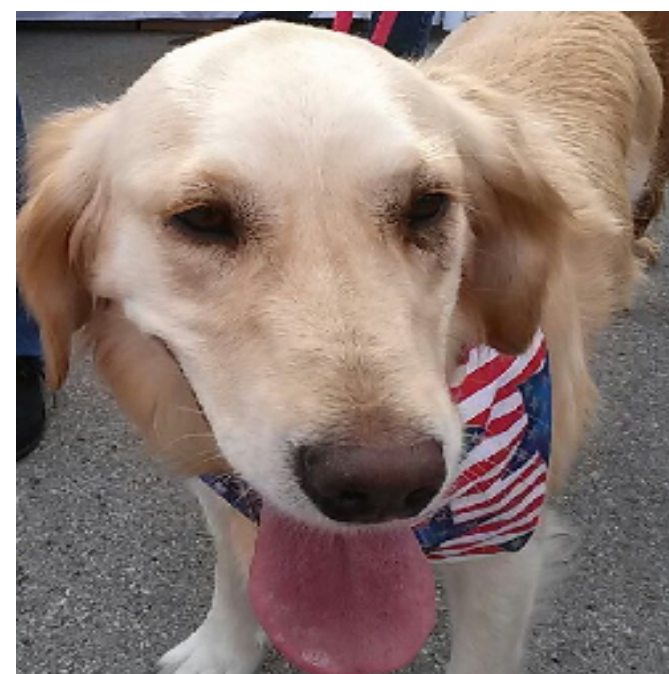
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## ***Look at Those Turkey Dogs Walk***



Above are pictures of Frio 15-128T, now Eddy, and Trinity 15-122T, taken at the Mighty Texas Dog Walk in Austin, on Saturday, March 5th. Here's what a few months of good food, love, attention, and security has made in these dogs.

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## ***Dear Goldie***

*Dawn Marie Rae*

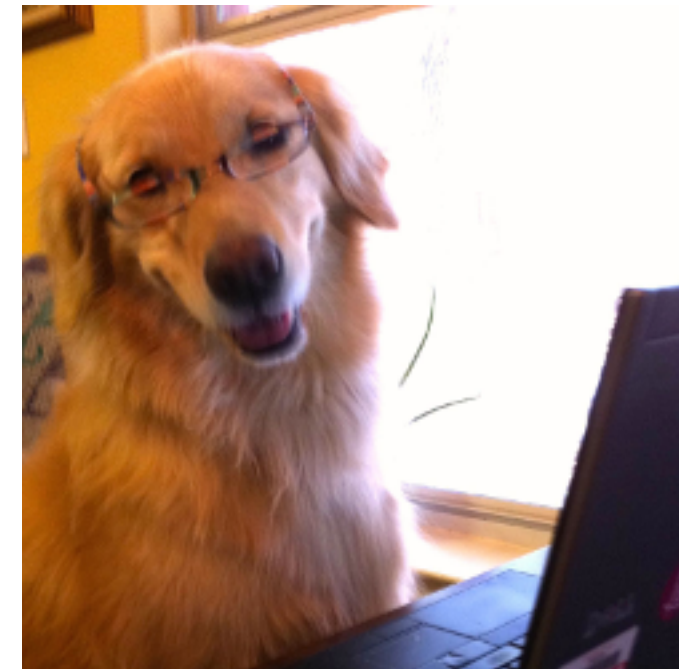
### **Dear Goldie,**

I got lost for days, then someone took me to the shelter, where there was so much barking and noise and chaos. I was a wreck. Then Mom brought me home to a nice quiet house, which I love, so I can relax better now. I love it here.

I have a problem though. The kids in the neighborhood are driving me crazy when we go walking. They run right up to me, their faces right up in mine, grabbing my head, petting my nose, patting me on my rump, and generally making a whole lot of noise. Sometimes, Mom will get between me and them, and tell them not to get so close. Other times, she doesn't see them coming and then it's too late.

They totally freak me out, and I'm getting to the place that I don't even want to take my evening stroll. I'm just trying to get settled with my new family and need some respect. Even if I was not so anxious, I think it would still bother me. What's a dog to do?

-Walking in Wimberly



### **Dear Walking,**

Yes, children can be quite overwhelming and I understand that they are not all educated about how to approach you in a dignified way. BUT, you absolutely don't want to give up your walks do you?

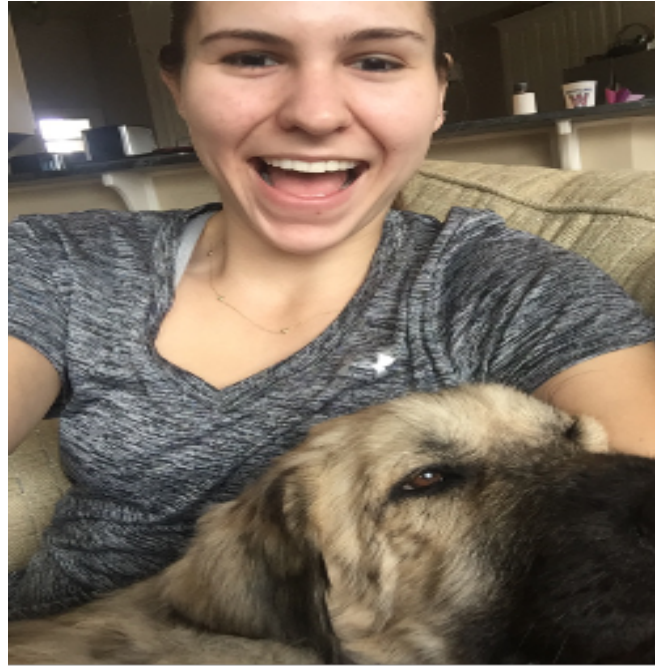
A boxer friend of mine told me the other day what her Mom did. You'll love it. She asked a boy who was bothering my friend to come closer. Her Mom started petting the little boy on his nose and head, got nose to nose, patting him on the back, calling him a good boy. That little boy knows now how it feels and will think twice about his actions after that.

Don't lose your cool, kids mean well. They just need to know that they should always ask if it's ok to pet you first - and to be gentle. I hope this helps you!

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## **A Coat of Many Colors - 16-009 Diesel - Week 7**

*From foster mom Lisa Savage (Pictured here also is daughter Emily)*



Diesel had another good week! He continues to change from one week to the next. My college daughter was home for Spring Break, and he was glad to have a new buddy in the house! He got some extra playtime with her around to interact.

With all the rainy weather early in the week, we were able to establish that he is unfazed by thunderstorms or rain. While he preferred not to go potty or walk in the drizzle, he went anyway without any fuss, and we made it very matter of fact.

We are now working on “stay” and “drop it” with pretty good comprehension, while reinforcing the sit, down and shake commands daily. He is cheeky at times, especially in the evening, and we are working on setting boundaries. “Go lie down” is not yet something he is too interested in. He will benefit from the increased activity level that he is working up to now that he is medically so improved. I keep promising my neighbors canine playdates once Diesel is fully vaccinated.

Our big adventure this week was an overnight Saturday at a ranch property we have access to. It's near Blanco, and he did great with the nearly one-hour car ride. We allowed him to be off leash on a walk around a lake today, within some fenced acreage there. Man, did he have a great time! We acquiesced with the leash when he was intent on chasing butterflies and we just had to let him go for it. He was very good, racing around a bit, splashing in puddles, but then coming on back to us. He slept with us in our cabin overnight, and tolerated a commercial-style dog run there during the day while we were dining, etc, just napping on a comfy dog bed. There was no fussing when we settled him down there and went about our business.

I got him one of those deer hoof chews in honor of being at a real Texas ranch. I'm not sure I am a big fan of the foot thing, but he thought it was a great rawhide alternative! Overall, it was a fun outing for him and a good way to run off some of that puppy energy that he is now feeling. His bath tonight served the usual purpose of treating his itchy skin as well as rinsing off all the fun mud he splashed in at the ranch. This coming week will be another milestone for Diesel, as his neuter surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, the 15th of March, with Dr. Byer. They will keep him overnight and I will pick him up Wednesday morning.

Pictures this week are of Diesel's ranch romp, and a few more my daughter took. He does NOT allow me to take photos of him, but apparently he is a ham for a cute co-ed.

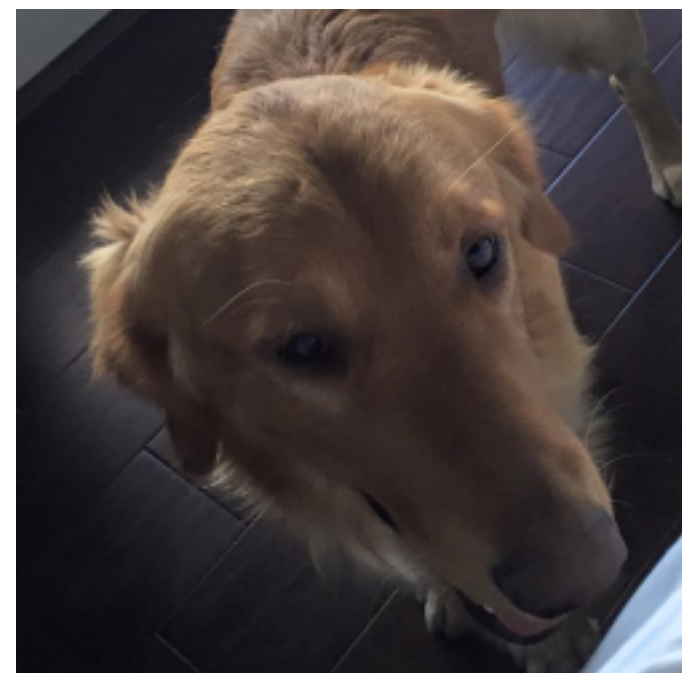
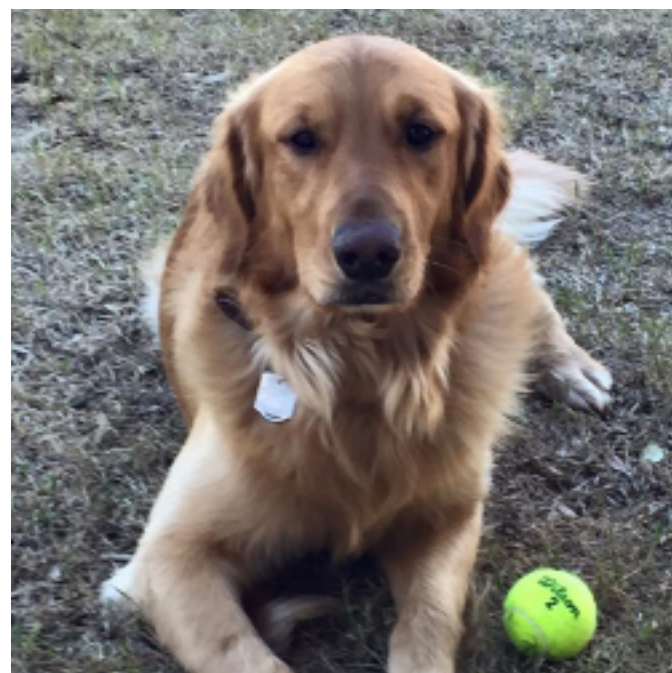
(Btw, our official house rule is “no dogs on the furniture” but, exceptions are made from time to time.)

Below, see Diesel romping at the ranch. He's come so far...



## ***Rusty P. Tucker - The Airplane Dog (Willie 15-162)***

*Glenn and Cathryn Chiapppe*



### **March 1 2016**

Thanks to all those at GRR, we have a wonderful, happy, and well-adjusted member of the family. It has been eight weeks since he arrived. I share this update, because all of you that work so hard to locate, transport, rehabilitate, foster, and adopt these dogs should know how well this can work out – for everyone!

We have renamed him, "Rusty P. Tucker", or "Rusty". Rusty stands for our Rusty-Allen Airport (he's an airport dog now). We picked Tucker after a favorite airshow pilot. P? Well, we can't tell you what that's for!

He's an energetic and happy dog. His tail is either wagging, or he's prancing around the yard with his tail up in the air as if to fly a flag and show "who's #1."

He has a good routine:

- Around 7:00 every morning, he's the "alarm clock." He has many methods, a wet nose, maybe a "woof", but more likely a couple paws up on the bed and hot dog breath saying: "C'mon, get up...I'm ready to go!!"
- Then, he makes a lap of the back yard, does his business, and it's time for BREAKFAST!
- And last, he will sit, stay-and-hold while we fill his bowl. He eats only after we release him with "OK, Good-boy." He eats much slower than he did originally, it was not really a big problem, but it continues to get better.

He's got quite a pet-vocabulary now: Sit, Stay, (lay) Down, Speak (its a gentle "woof"), and other situational vocabulary like "go outside", "you hungry?", "let's go for a walk". He gets it now and it's awesome.

He'll load in the car eagerly - that's new - he didn't like the car at first. He's starting to ride up on the seat, and not the floor, but is still a bit tentative. We have not gone flying in the plane with him yet - it will be a few more weeks until we travel with him in that mode.

We've socialized him with a few other dogs and all the results have been good - both at home and away. He loves to play/wrestle - we're working on making sure that behavior is focused on visiting dogs and not visiting humans! He's visited many of our friend's homes and is very well behaved.

He spends a good amount of the day with me in my home office and moves his dog bed around the house to "set up" wherever we are! He's a hoot - all that puppy energy and mischievousness, but he's really learning well how to communicate and engage us in a positive way. He's learning "fetch". This was not an automatic thing for this guy. He's quite proud of himself when he's responding to commands and engaging his humans.

He still likes to roam occasionally, if we let him off-leash outside the yard, but he's not an escape artist. He is happy to hang out inside or outside and not destructive if left for several hours alone.

He loves the pool - pool water must taste great -- but you know, you can't drink pool water unless you're standing on the step with all fours knee-deep. Mom really loves it when you go back inside with wet feet to help clean the floor. (not!)

We're one happy family. Rusty is "living the dream", and, so are we!

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## **Volunteer Spotlight - David and Lisa Savage**

*Pictured here with Goldie (GRR 2005-125)*



### **Tell us a little about you and your dogs.**

Our involvement with GRR is currently fostering Diesel, although I swore off of fostering after we adopted Goldie! Being a foster failure, we decided to switch to respite care instead. We like respite care because it is time-limited, and I like to put "fresh eyes" on our respite guests' needs and help out a foster family. I tend to get attached very quickly. I was on the transport team in the past, and even a short transport would have me hooked. My husband and I have transported a couple of dogs from more distant locations in his plane, as he is a private pilot. I am also on the phone interview team.

### **How long have you been volunteering with GRR?**

My husband and I are both physicians in private practice. I can't remember when we joined GRR, but it was at least 15 years ago. I remember joining after I got a forwarded email appealing to the community for more volunteers. We had a fancy Golden named Grady who was our "first child", and I wanted to meet people with a love for golden retrievers in common.

### **What is your favorite part above all?**

My favorite part: getting an email that says a phone interviewee I talked to has been successfully matched with a new family member. I also enjoy the GRR social activities and getting to meet people from different walks of life with a shared interest.

### **Describe a cute/funny/interesting story while volunteering in this position.**

I did respite care on a regular basis for a permanent foster named Homer. Homer was an old guy with cataracts but his nose worked really well. One day when venturing out for a walk, he stuck his whole head into our hedges and came out with a live, flapping big bird in his mouth! We were very surprised at the commotion and at old Homer's hunting skill! The bird was dropped and flew away, so it ended well for all.

### **Give one piece of advice for those interested in serving as volunteers.**

Even if your time is very limited, there are ways to contribute. For example, I am assigned a phone



interview about once a month, and it takes less than an hour total. So many of us have full time jobs, kids and other commitments, and with GRR, you can pick and choose what you are able to do and help out even if you have little free time.

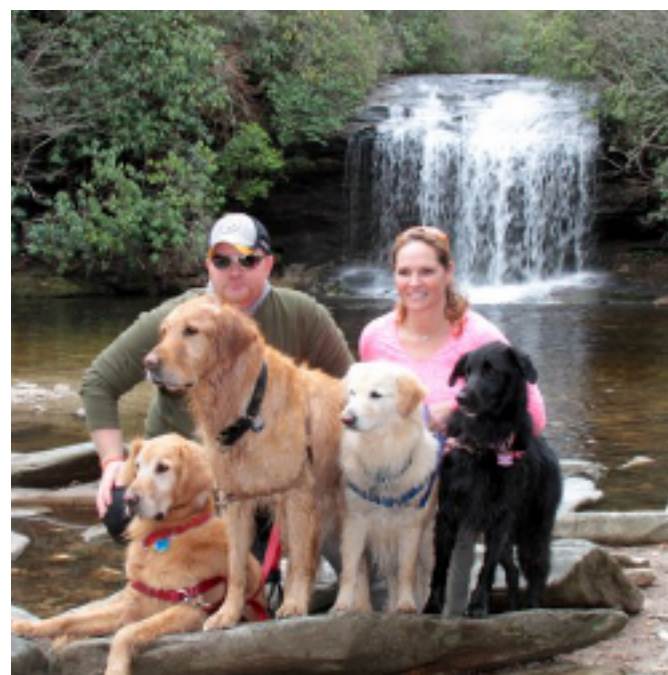
**What are one or two words that describe your experience while volunteering with GRR?**

Two words that describe my experience volunteering with GRR are “fulfilling” and “community”. The GRR group is full of such wonderful people, all committed to canine welfare. While golden retrievers are our focus, it’s not unheard of for a golden-hearted dog like Diesel to be taken in as well. We are grateful for our involvement with the dogs and people of GRR!

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## ***New Feature: Living in a Dog's House***

*Featuring the Benson/Goldberg Pack*



**From Michelle Goldberg and Bob Benson:**

**How many dogs allow you to live with them and what are their names?**

We have 4 GRR dogs and one cat:

- Sedona 7.5 years old
- Durango 6.5 years old
- Juneau 5 years old
- Kona 4 years old
- Frisco, the feline 13 years old

**Describe feeding time.**

This is a pretty easy process for us. They all know where their food bowl goes. Once the bowls are just about ready to be set down they will go to their spot and wait patiently.

When they get treats, they all know to sit and wait their turn, although Sedona tries to act like all of the treats should be for him. Juneau is the one who decides when its treat time, by scratching on the pantry door. If that doesn't work he will use his verbal commands on us!

**What does your welcome home committee look like? Getting tackled by a football team?**

The welcome home committee in our house is pretty much the same whether we've gone to check the mail or been gone all day. It is usually a full on tackle with Juneau leading the cheering section. They will all try to squeeze into the very small area by the garage door and it can become quite chaotic. Now, we just open up the door and stand back.

**What happens when you want to take a vacation?**

This is a two-part question. If we are taking the dogs with us, it will take me a while to pack their stuff. "They" have a dog car specifically for hauling them around and it is perfect for road trips. We've taken all of the back seats out of our Toyota Sequoia and put a large rubber mat over the carpet. Packing for 4 dogs is definitely an adventure. It includes, bowls, food, medicines, toys, lots of tennis balls, grooming supplies, towels, old sheets and blankets and plenty of treats. They all LOVE going in the car so it's a lot of fun for them.

If the dogs do not get to go on a vacation with us, sad but true, then we plan our trips around our pet sitters, who stay at the house. I have a full page instruction manual (usually front and back) for each animal. My pet sitters know I expect daily updates and pictures!

**Do you block a day at the vet and do check ups for 4? Is there a large pack discount? Does your vet love you a lot?**

I have the dogs on a schedule where Juneau and Sedona go together and Kona and Durango go together, so that I am not having to take them all at one time. We get no discounts for having so many dogs at our vet, but I love my vet so much that I would go to her for my own medical needs if I could.

**Does your housekeeper come weekly? What are some of your favorite cleaning products for the several Chihuahuas of dog hair shed daily?**

I wish! She only comes every other week and I swear to her that I do vacuum regularly, really I do! We have a Dyson Animal, a Roomba and a Swiffer stick vacuum. There are lint brushes all over the house and cars. All of our animals are allowed on all furniture and beds so it is a constant job to keep things clean. Our house and yard usually look like we run a daycare. I haven't had any luck teaching the dogs to pick up their toys.

**How do you take everybody for a walk?**

The hardest part usually is the act of getting them ready. All of their leashes and collars hang on a rack inside the garage and they know exactly where to go when its "time". Juneau needs be leashed up first or he gets completely wild. If one of us is walking them solo, then getting out the door is sometimes like a mini-circus and a juggling act.

Juneau and Sedona hate to be in the middle. Durango and Kona both pull to the left. If Sedona ends up getting stuck in the middle along the way he has been known to just stop mid walk and has almost tripped us a few times. It takes about 5 minutes of walking before they all get into their groove, and then it's smooth sailing...until we have to turn a corner or they see a cat or a squirrel. Then we start the jockeying for position all over again.

**If you have two hands and 4 Golden Retrievers, how do you handle all of the nuzzling and competition for loves and petting?**

Oh trust me, they manage to get their share of attention. Even the cat gets in on the love fests. They aren't at all afraid to wiggle their way in between each other. I will say though, that in our house, the squeaky wheel definitely gets the grease (or the petting) and in case you couldn't guess who the squeaky wheel is...Juneau wins the title.

**How many pounds of scared dog are crawling up on your lap during thunderstorms and fireworks?**

Kona is the one most affected by this. She gets very nervous and will like to lay as close to you as possible, but she also likes to go in the closet and hang out there. Durango gets a little nervous and likes to be in the dark hall or in his bed facing the wall. Juneau and Sedona are not phased at all. In general this is not a big deal at our house.

**Does an unfamiliar being more than two inches long ever approach within 20 feet without you knowing about it?**

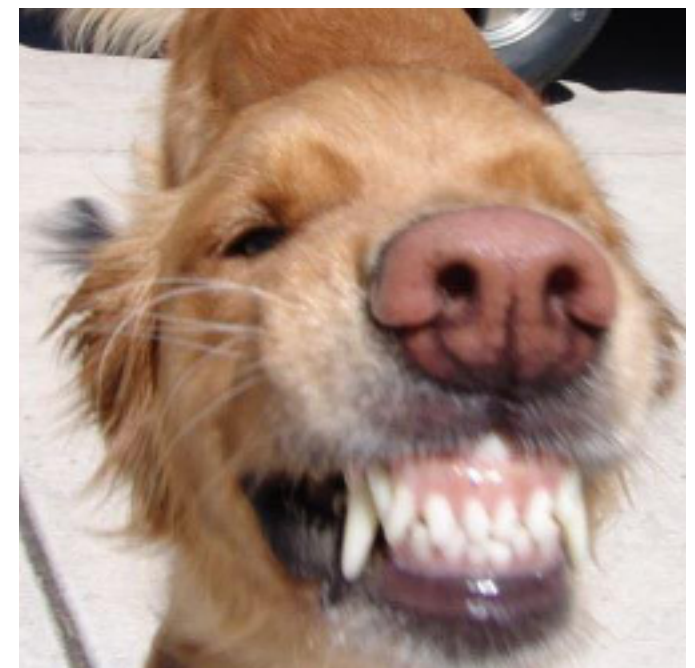
A leaf hardly has a chance to fall without us knowing about it. It would definitely be very difficult for someone to sneak up on us with this pack. Juneau is the guard dog in the bunch. He has a very good 6th sense and he can be very protective. The other three, in typical GR fashion, think that everyone exists for their benefit and must want to see, pet and talk to them.

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***Our Wild and Crazy Goldens - The Funny Things They Do!***

*From a GRR Facebook post*

- I cannot walk away from a running bath or tub of water with Jilly nearby. Wet things happen.
- Behr will only take his peanut butter filled bone if you carry it over to where HE wants it.
- Mine would bark and puppy-bow at his bones if two bones were touching each other until we fixed it.
- Tango will steal my covers if she wants me to get up and do something for her. If we leave her at home, she gets her leash and puts it by the door - just to make sure we know that is the option we SHOULD have chosen.
- When there is a thunderstorm, Behr will only calm down if you wrap him in his Baylor blanket and put all his toys around him. You also have to hold him.



- Calvin doesn't like it when we moves things in the garage. It freaks him out.
- When we play football, Behr grabs the ball, shakes his head back and forth while growling at himself.
- We just had our patios power washed and sealed, so all the patio furniture is on the lawn, in the garden area of the courtyard and this is so SCARY to Timmy.
- Holden howls in her sleep and wakes us and herself up at night, middle of the day, breakfast - you get the point.
- It doesnt matter where you are at or what you are doing Molly likes to come up behind you and come through your legs and looks up at you.
- Sophie eats grass like a cow when I start to play fetch with her. On her time, not mine I guess. Whack jobs, I'm telling you.
- Tango is so obsessed with her ball that we humans have nicknamed it "the Precious" (Lord of the Rings). You can ask her, "Where's the Precious?", and she will go find that specific toy.
- Leo washes my ear with his tongue at night while we are sleeping and then uses just his tiny front teeth to groom my ear. Sticky eeeww!
- Foster Kai used to sneak up in my bed so stealthily that I'd be having sexy dreams only to find it was him breathing on my neck!!!
- Tango's ball landed in one of my shoes. She couldn't get it out without damaging the shoe, so she carefully picked up the shoe and brought it to me for help.
- Sophie startles herself and runs away. When? When she farts (sigh).

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## ***In Loving Memory - Maggie 04-104***

*Anne and Doug Williams*



### **March 20th 2016**

I just want to say how special and heartwarming the GRR family has been to write so many notes of comfort to Doug and I about our Maggie's passing, some of whom we don't even know. We have to thank the GRR matchmakers for selecting her for us, too. What an amazing organization to be a part of.

Maggie was adopted in 2004, an owner turn-in and she was just 9 months old. Maggie celebrated her 12th birthday with steak and a party hat on February 1st and passed away on March 20th.

Dr. Hey says Maggie most likely had sudden heart failure due to stroke. There was, he assured us, nothing we could have done to detect or prevent the stroke. A sad discussion, but much appreciated by Doug and I. So, Maggie passed away suddenly with no pain, no cancer. God made the decision that it was her time to be with His angels.

She always remained just a little bit "puppy" and she gave us unbelievable joy every day. How lucky we were to experience the joy of such a beautiful Golden. Onward Maggie, welcome to the world of fun and

frollic on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. You will always be a treasure beyond our belief.

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## **6 Steps to Save Your Dog's Life in a Disaster**

**[Dr. Karen Becker](#)**

**Editor's note: This is a synopsis of a very thorough piece by Dr. Becker. Please click [here](#) to read the full article. - dmr**

If disaster strikes, do you have a plan in place to keep your pets safe? About 35 percent of cat and dog owners do not, according to a survey commissioned by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Unfortunately, if you wait until an emergency occurs to think about a plan, it's probably going to be too late. Taking action now to put a simple plan in place can make the difference between life and death for your pets. Tim Rickey, senior director of ASPCA Field Investigations and Response, explained:

*"It doesn't matter where you live, anyone can be hit with a natural or man-made disaster ... When you're in the moment, it can be very stressful for you and your pets ... Having a plan in place ahead of time can save you precious time and energy, so you can focus on quickly getting you and your pets to safety."*



### **6 Disaster Preparedness Tips**

In the event of emergency, having the following plans in place will be priceless.

1. Prepare a Pet Emergency Kit
2. Update Your Pet's Identification
3. Know Where You'll Go
4. Have a Back-up Plan That Involves Your Pet-Friendly Neighbors
5. Use a Rescue Alert Sticker
6. Keep a Photo of Your Pet Handy

### **Protect Your Pets in a Tornado, Hurricane, Flood or Fire**

The type of emergency will dictate how best to protect your family, including your pets. PetMD compiled important tips you can use in each of the following disaster scenarios.

- Tornado
- Hurricane
- Flood
- Fire

### **Your Pet May Need Extra TLC After a Disaster**

Emergencies shake up your pets just as they do the rest of the family. In severe cases, animals may be traumatized by disasters, leading to changes in personality and behavior or even a type of post-traumatic stress disorder. You'll want to keep a close eye on your pets and be patient as you all adjust to the circumstances. As your routine returns to normal, your pet likely will too, but if you notice behavioral changes that don't resolve, talk to your veterinarian.

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## **5 Reasons Your Dog Questions Your Sanity**

**Huff Post Blogger [Janet Eve Josselyn](#)**

**Dear Human of Mine:**

As the dog of the house, I want to take this opportunity to point out the five behaviors of yours that scare me. I hope you take no offense (and please keep the food comin').

You repeatedly ask, "Who's a good boy?" Every day you ask who's a good boy. Many times a day. As you

have one man husband, two girl children and one boy dog, it seems to me that I would be the only "good boy" in this family. I sit in front of you and wag my tail every time you look at me and ask this question. Every time. Every day. I would think after all of these months you might learn who the "good boy" was in this family and remember it. Maybe some day. I will continue to remind you with the fruitless tail-wagging but I'm not optimistic. It's not a rhetorical question. I am the good boy. It's me.

Another question you endlessly ask is, "Who wants dinner?" It might be easier to ask who doesn't want dinner as no one would answer and then you'd have your answer. I always want dinner. I want it now. I wanted it five minutes ago. I wanted it five hours ago. And I will want it immediately after I eat it. I always want dinner. So no need to keep asking. Just serve it up whenever you have a spare moment. Like now. How about now? Someday you may remember that it is always me who wants dinner. But I guess I'll have to wait until it occurs to you that some good boy in this house might like dinner any old time and thank you for asking who that might be. It is me. Me. Me.



Similarly, your inability to remember the answer to your daily question about who is the cutest dog ever gives me cause for concern. Although I have apparently been deemed the cutest dog ever by you on most days, I really don't need to be a superlative. I'm into the food more than the compliments. Just keep the food comin' my way and I'll be happy to be the runner-up.

This next one really makes me laugh! "Who is always on the wrong side of the door?" Like you really don't know that after I go outside I will eventually want to come back inside? You should really try to focus a bit more. I go out. I come in. Especially when it may be time for dinner. Remember who wants dinner? The good boy. Me. That's who.

"Who loves you?" That question you often ask usually precedes a handout of something yummy so I don't mind hearing that question at all. Ever. And I could answer that question in a heartbeat if I could speak the King's English but I know you love me because I am the good boy, the cutest dog ever, who happens to find himself on the wrong side of the door on a regular basis. That's right. Me. The one who wants dinner! Is it dinnertime?

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## ***GRR Monthly Status Report: February 15th – March 15th 2016***



**Came into care:** 16-014 Layla, 16-016 Tebow, 16-016 Sherlock, 16-017 Argus, 16-018 Sally, 16-019 Sandy, 16-020 Sloan, 16-021 Fred, 16-022 Barney, 16-023 Quincy, 16-024 Rhonda, 16-025 Oliver

**Adopted:** 15-163 Mike, 15-127T Canyon, 15-084 Rose, 15-138 Curtis, 15-092 Tac, 15-148 Duke, 15-140 Ronald, 16-008 Oakley, 15-122T Trinity, 15-115 Biscotti, 16-003 Gunner, 15-145 Shadow, 15-033 Layla, 15-042 Thorne, 16-011 Nutmeg

**Currently in Foster Care:** 33 dogs (9 Available/Available Soon), 15 Foster-Pend-Adopt/Matched, 9 Permanent Fosters

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## ***2015 GRR Tax Deductions***



The IRS allows you to claim the following deductions as charitable contributions, if you itemize:

- Mileage for every mile you travel for GRR purposes: vet appointments, transport, home visits, etc.
- **Direct** expenses such as food, medical supplies and other items for a foster dog.
- Money spent on envelopes, postage, containers for supplies, baggies for supplies, etc.

GRR always recommends that you talk with your tax consultant/adviser on all deductions. Publication 526 can be found [here](#) for more information. For contributions less than \$250, you should retain your own records to substantiate the deduction. For individual (not aggregated) expenses above \$250, please request a letter of acknowledgement from Tim Tierney, GRR Treasurer. If you need donation receipts for contributions over \$250, contact [Tim Tierney](#), GRR Treasurer.

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## ***Help Wanted***

### **Medical Team Member**

20+ hours per week

Must be available by email and phone: days, evenings and weekends. Medical background (human or canine) preferred.

Requires reading, filing and responding to emails, faxing authorizations for treatment, regular phone contact with veterinarians, and writing reports. You will work closely with GRR's medical supervisor and medical team, as well as, foster families and their foster coordinators. Self-starter, responsible, attention to detail and good people skills a must. Please contact [Margo Biba](#) if you are interested.

### **Newsletter contributor:**

Do you have a special interest or skill with regards to our Goldens, such as obedience, training, nutrition or health issues?

We could use some thoughtful dialogue on any topic for the newsletter. Please contact [Dawn Marie Rae](#).

### **Twitter Account backup:**

Interested in helping GRR promote our dogs and provide updates about our organization on Twitter? You can swap out months with others on the team or be a backup volunteer. Time needed: 1-2 week. Let us know. Please contact [Dawn Marie Rae](#).



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## ***We Want to Hear from You!***

*Dawn Marie Rae*

Each dog adopted from GRR is special; each has a unique story...and each happy ending is a joy to read. We would love to share YOUR adoption story with our readers. We'd also like to hear a memorial from you if you have lost your GRR dog and would like to pay tribute to them in the newsletter. We welcome article submissions and suggestions on other topics of interest, too.

Not a good writer? It doesn't matter! Just tell us your story and we'll edit it as needed. Help us share your

dog's story.

If you would like to contribute something, we'd love to hear it! If you think your story is one our readers would enjoy, please submit it via email to [Dawn Marie Rae](mailto:Dawn Marie Rae). (Please include a photo or two (in landscape format) in your e-mail and the dog's GRR number and former name, if applicable. Please limit your article to 500 words or less.)

The copy deadline is the 15th of the month.

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