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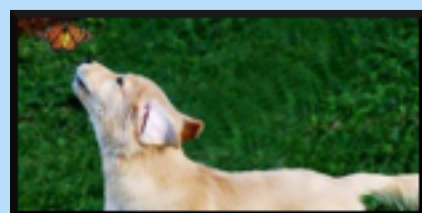
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A Message from Our President:



Dear Friends,

It's raining dogs! It's raining dogs! The El Nino of June has brought in 18 dogs just this month! These are dogs that will need your time, training and attention. These are dogs that are rough around the edges at times. Some of them are older, some require medical and behavioral attention but without a doubt, they can become the best companion and friend you could ever find. I ask you to open your hearts to these beloved animals, and, in the truest sense of the word... rescue them.

Mark your calendars for the GRR Golden Gala on October 1st, our big fall event to be held at Stone House Vineyard overlooking Lake Travis. See the article below.

I always say it, I know I do, but thank you all again for your hard work and contributions to this great organization!

Enjoy!
-Margo

In this issue:

- Introducing our **Golden Angel Sponsorship** program, geared to our permanent fosters in GRR care.
- Read our very first **Annual Report** - a comprehensive and entertaining look at all we've accomplished in 2015.
- Watch the compelling new documentary of **Luis Carlos Montalvan and his Golden Retriever, Tuesday**.
- Meet **Elle Hansen**, perhaps our youngest volunteer, and about her work with GRR.

Current and Upcoming Events

Swimfest at the Quarries Hyde Park

When: August 20th from 10 to 1 pm

Where: 11400 N Mopac Expy

Austin, Texas 78759

Admission: Admission is \$25 for your immediate family of 2 and 4 leggers.

Come join us for some fun lakeside at the Quarries Park. The area will be fenced in so that your pooches can enjoy themselves safely with leash-free abandon. A wonderful brunch will be included. Guaranteed good time for all! Please RSVP and pre-pay [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars - October 1st! - *The GRR Golden Gala*

Shown here with Molly and Brad

Please plan to join us at **The GRR Golden Gala** at [Stone House Vineyards](#) on Lake Travis.

- Wine tasting
- Fabulous dinner
- Live and silent auctions
- Music
- Golden friends and friends of Golden friends

More information coming soon.

Our live and silent auctions need items for donations.

Examples are:

Spurs / UT tickets

Airline miles

Vacation rental

Golf package

Multiple restaurant gift certificates

Theater tickets

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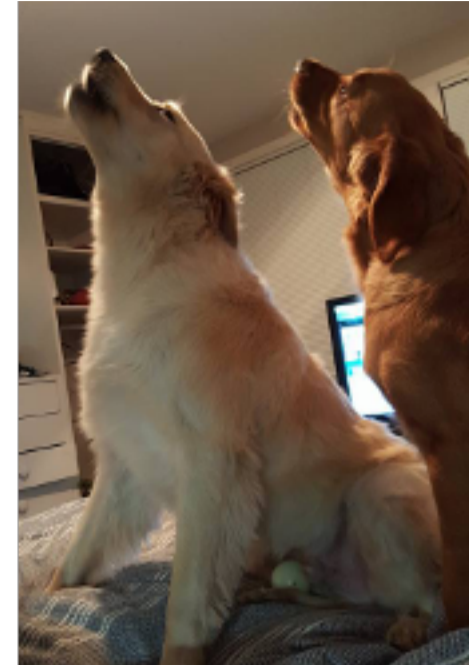
Wine basket

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Golden Retriever-related items

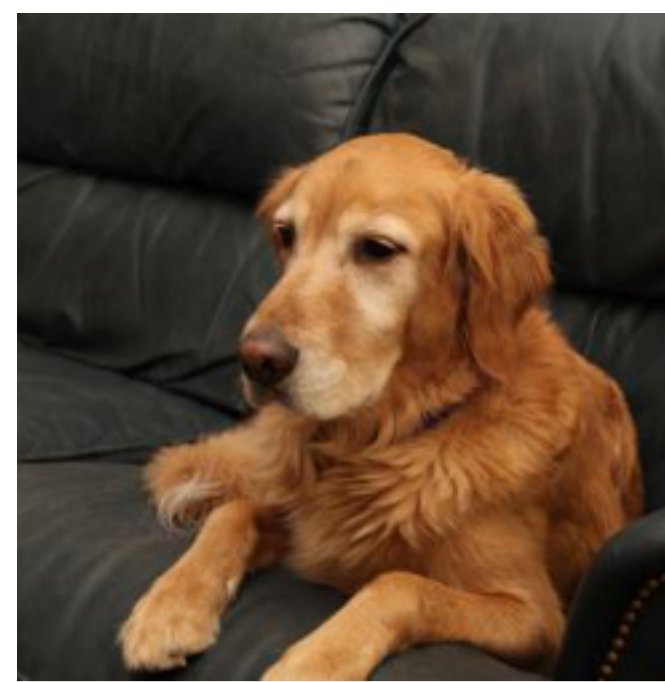
[Sweet Treetz](#) gift certificate

Please contact [Paula Ellis](#) for more information.



Pictured above: Molly and Brad

Introducing: Our Golden Angel Sponsorship Program

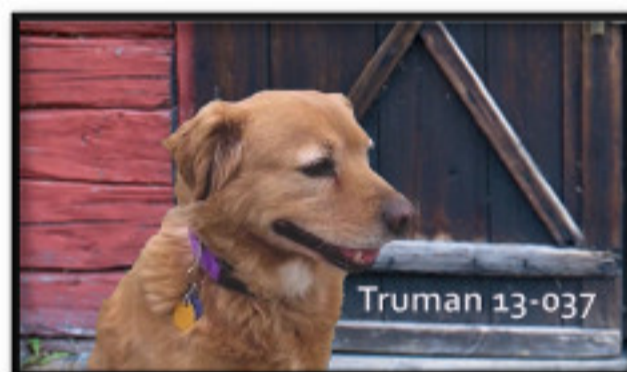


Pictured: [Miranda 13-137](#) and [Wheeler 11-094](#)

Our goal is to ensure every Golden experiences a high quality of life. While 99% of our Golden retrievers find loving homes, a small number are best served by receiving life-long care from Gold Ribbon Rescue due to special needs. These Permanent Foster Golden retrievers enjoy life to the fullest with a permanent foster family.

Our [Golden Angel Sponsorship Program](#) supports GRR's Permanent Foster dogs and you can help fund the care for these sweet dogs. There are two sponsorship levels: Full Sponsorship is \$500 and Co-Sponsorship is \$250.

- Click [here](#) to learn more about our program and hear about the 12 dogs we care for.
- Watch this [extraordinary video](#) and meet our 12 permanent fosters.
- See the wonderful story of Mikayla, one of our permanent fosters, in the next article.

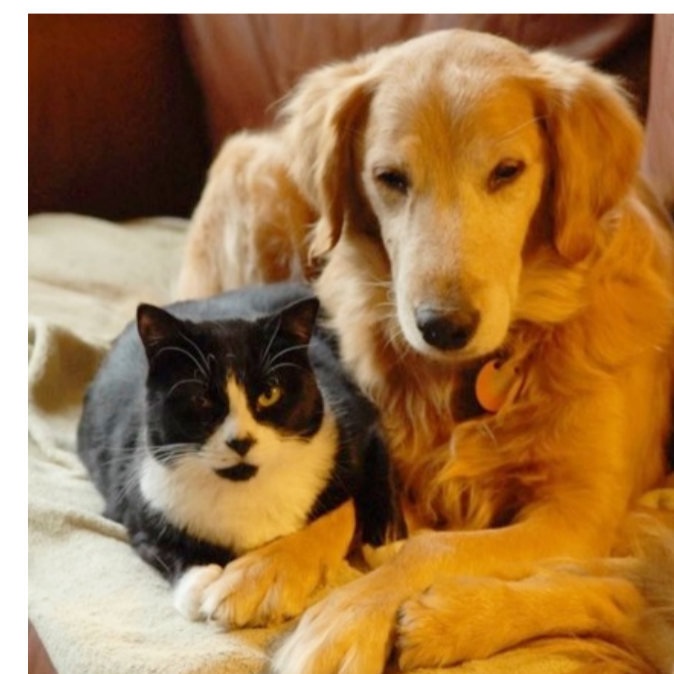


Where Are They Now? Mikayla 10-021 / Permanent Foster

Candice Gourley with Arne and Donna Larson

Before GRR came into her life, Mikayla lived in a puppy mill. Used solely for breeding, Mikayla was not socialized or treated well by her human caretakers. While this has left her with long term emotional trauma, she has found happiness and safety in the home of Donna and Arne Larson. With their hearts of gold, they have worked diligently to help Mikayla feel comfortable and to carve out her own life and space within their pack and family.

"If Mikayla thinks she is being watched, she will become very shy," explained Donna, Mikayla's permanent foster mom. "However, as soon as she thinks no one is watching, she will engage in play with our other dogs."



Donna continued, "Mikayla is the resident thief. Starting shortly after she arrived, during the night, Mikayla went on nightly raids. She collected clothing, shoes, toys, paper, bones - basically anything she could get in her mouth and carry."

Over time, it seems that nothing has changed, although the Larsons have come to expect it. "Now," explained Donna, "in the morning when I get in the shower, I set my shoes right at the shower door. By the time I am finished, they are gone."

Mikayla has continued to come out of her shell in unexpected ways. "For the past year or so," said Donna, "when I get up in the morning, as soon as she sees me, she starts to yodel. She will even play bow at times. It took years to get there, but we got there!"

Further demonstrating her attachment to her permanent foster family, Mikayla calls out to Donna when she arrives home from work: "When I get home, I can hear her barking in the laundry room waiting for me to come through the door."

She is a gentle dog, and as long as she is on her couch (which is her safe place), anyone coming into the home can sit next to her and love on her. Off the couch, only Arne and Donna can approach her and pet her.

Nonetheless, Mikayla has come such a long way since the day she arrived at the Larson's home, although she will always be shy and reluctant to leave the house. "That's ok," stated Donna, "the end of our couch is her official spot. She has taught us so much about patience, resilience, love, acceptance, and will continue to teach us more with each day. She has been such a blessing."

When asked to describe Mikayla in one sentence, Donna said, "Mikayla continues to amaze us with her complex personality: shy and withdrawn at times, but playful and mischievous at others. She has touched our souls deeply."

Gold Ribbon Rescue is equally amazed at the Larsons, and their willingness to serve and to open their home to Mikayla. While she will never be a "typical" Golden Retriever, she is happy, she is loved and she is safe.



Above: Dusty under Mikayla!

To learn more about our Permanent Fosters and the Golden Angel Sponsorship Program, click [here](#).

GRR's 2015 Annual Report



We are proud to present our very first Annual Report covering 2015. Lots of great photos, special highlights of the year and our financial statements. We value all of our supporters: our donors, our volunteers, our foster families, and our adopting families. We want you to know what you have contributed to this organization, and to its successes, throughout the year of 2015. We are eternally grateful for all of your hard work and generous contributions. Click [here](#) to read on and, please enjoy!

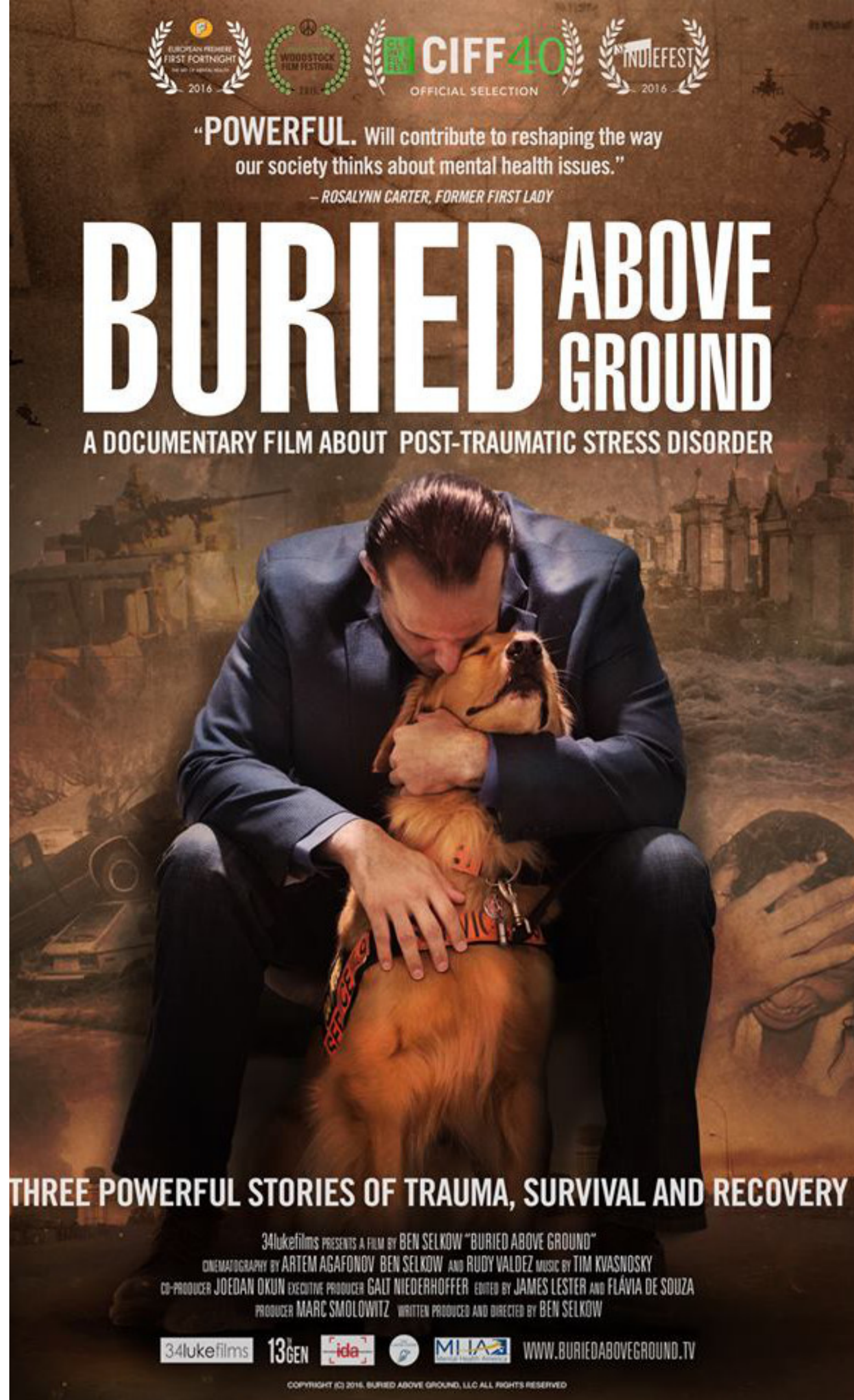
Buried Above Ground - Watch Free For 60 Days!

Luis Carlos Montalvan - author of [Until Tuesday](#)

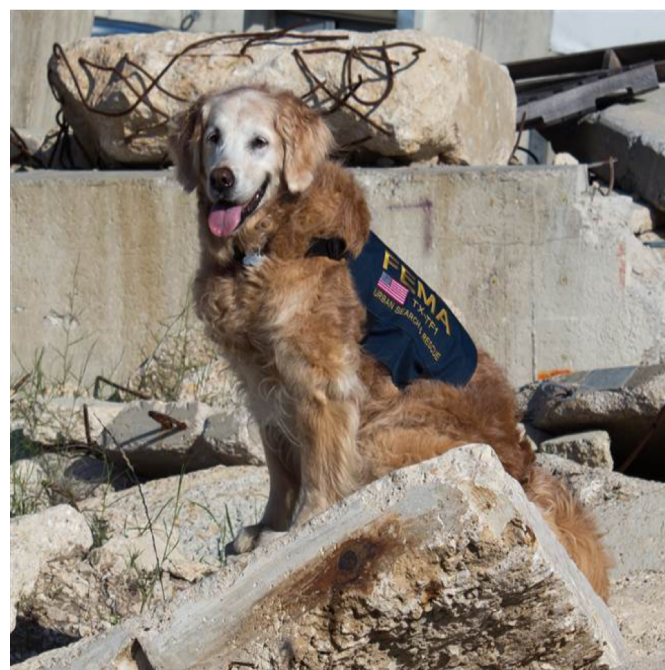
From Luis: Good evening, friends! We (Tuesday and I) wanted to share that PBS has now made **Buried Above Ground**, the documentary film we are co-featured in about PTSD, available for viewing at the link below (click on image).

For the next 60 days you can watch the entire film free.

Editor's note: (DMR) This film is already garnering awards and nominations, his books are fabulous and are must reads and his journey is a compelling and incredible one! Don't miss out on this important film about the three stories of veterans battling PTSD, each with unsurpassed bravery and grace. See more about Luis and Tuesday, his Golden Retriever service dog, his books and publications, and his personal journey his website - [here](#).



Never Forget: Last 9/11 Ground Zero search dog dies just shy of her 17th birthday
[Jun. 6, 2016 at 5:35 PM Laura T. Coffey TODAY](#)



Left: Even after her formal retirement from search work at age 9, Bretagne still loved to work. This photo was taken at a disaster training site for search dogs in Texas in July 2014.

Right: Bretagne and Denise Corliss take a quick nap amid the rubble of the World Trade Center in 2001. They and other volunteer search team members tried hard to find human survivors, but they only found human remains. "I really believed we could find somebody - anybody! - if we could just get in there."

to the right void space," Corliss said. "But our reality was much different."

In September 2001, amid the twisted pile of steel beams, concrete and ash where the World Trade Center once stood, 300 or so search dogs worked long hours and used their powerful noses to try to find survivors. On Monday afternoon, the last of those search dogs died at age 16 with her longtime handler and best friend by her side.

Bretagne (pronounced "Brittany"), a whip-smart Golden Retriever with feathery fur and a sunny smile, lived an adventure-packed life until the very end. In recent weeks, though, she began experiencing kidney failure and slowing down. When Bretagne failed to do her favorite thing for three consecutive days - eat - her owner Denise Corliss realized it was time to say goodbye. "She was really anxious last night and she just wanted to be with me," Corliss told TODAY on Monday. "So I laid down with her, right next to her. When she could feel me, she could settle down and go to sleep. I slept with her like that all night."

Denise Corliss and her husband Randy Corliss brought Bretagne to Fairfield Animal Hospital in Cypress, Texas, where the dog received a special send-off from admirers of her years of service. In addition to scouring the pile at Ground Zero in New York after the 9/11 terrorist attack, Bretagne and Corliss deployed as a search team in response to Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Ivan and other disasters.

Representatives from Texas Task Force 1, the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department and other agencies stood at attention and saluted Bretagne as she entered the veterinary office on Monday afternoon. They saluted Bretagne again as she departed the animal hospital with her body draped in an American flag.

"(Bretagne's) partnership with Denise Corliss was magical," said Dr. Cindy Otto, a veterinarian with the Penn Vet Working Dog Center who has spent years tracking the health of 9/11 dogs. "The two of them touched lives throughout their careers together, not only in search and rescue but even after her retirement."



Bretagne retired from formal search work at age 9, but she never lost her love of adventure or her work ethic. Her retirement years turned out to be almost as epic as her younger years, in large part because Corliss realized Bretagne needed tailor-made physical and mental stimulation as she aged.

At age 13, Bretagne began experiencing so much stiffness and joint pain that she could no longer climb the stairs in her home. Corliss installed an above-ground pool in her backyard and helped Bretagne to swim in it for at least 10 minutes a day.

"It makes a huge difference," Corliss recalled. "She started doing the stairs again. Then we started focusing on ways to keep her mentally active ... Helping kids with their reading in school (was) great for that."

Until very recently, Bretagne volunteered as a reading assistance dog at an elementary school near her home. She also swam regularly and took daily walks around a pond, where she loved to chase squirrels and ducks.

Bretagne made national news at age 15 when she returned to Ground Zero with Corliss for the first time since the 2001 terrorist attacks. NBC News' Tom Brokaw interviewed Corliss at the 9/11 Memorial and also spent time with Bretagne, who was a 2014 finalist for the American Humane Association's annual Hero Dog Awards.

Bretagne generated even more headlines when she turned 16. In honor of Bretagne's birthday in August 2015, BarkPost coordinated an epic "Sweet 16" bash in New York City that included an illuminated billboard in Times Square and the dedication of a cobblestone in her honor on the plaza of the 9/11 Memorial.

In late 2015, Bretagne became a star of a non-fiction book about senior dogs and met with former President George H.W. Bush at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

"She just keeps on going and enjoying life," Corliss told TODAY in March of this year. "She's just such a happy dog."

Bretagne would have turned 17 on Aug. 25. Just one month ago, Denise and Randy Corliss had to say goodbye to another of their dogs: Aidan, a retired search dog who died of cancer at age 11. The Corlisses still have Taser, an active working search dog. "Their personalities are all so different, and I've tried hard to capture memories — snapshots — of their personalities," Corliss said. "There are just so many little things that I really go to miss."



Denise and Randy Corliss' highly trained golden retrievers, pictured from left to right: Taser, Aid'N and Bretagne.

Bretagne's life story is featured in the bestselling book [My Old Dog: Rescued Pets with Remarkable Second Acts](#) by TODAY writer Laura T. Coffey. Bretagne's chapter includes comments from NBC News' Tom Brokaw and exclusive photographs of Bretagne at the 9/11 Memorial taken by Lori Fusaro.

It's Official - We're All Engaged!

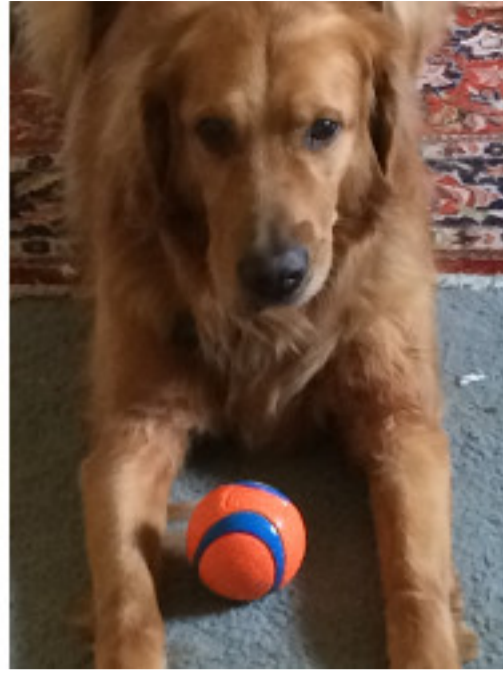
Amanda Childers / Daisy 09-089 / Mike

Amanda Childers, Daisy 09-089 and Mike



In Loving Memory - Ember 13-083

Neal Garner



I wonder if I'm the only one that feels this way?

Before Ember crossed the Rainbow Bridge I never felt like his "Dad". We were "Best Buddies" instead.

We did guy stuff together, things like watch Shark Week and Football. We went up to the hunting property and chased things like rabbits and squirrels we never did catch any though. We went driving around with the top down (but windows up for safety) in the convertible. We went lunches together.

He looked after Caroline when I was away on business trips, sleeping between her and the bedroom door and accompanying her to pick me up at the airport when I got in late at night. (I pity the fool that might have tried to hurt her. Ember was her big Teddy Bear Protector!).

He and I talked about things and took care of each other. We were Best Buds! I miss him.

Does anybody else feel like that ... like you and your Golden are Best Buds and not parent and dog child?



Meet Jasmine, the Rescue Dog Who Has Become a Surrogate Mother for the 50th Time

[Daily Mail - 31 December 2008](#)



Police in Warwickshire, England, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. The dog had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished, and had quite clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, which was a female greyhound, to the [Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary](#), which is run by a man named Geoff Grewcock, and known as a haven for animals abandoned, orphaned, or otherwise in need.

Geoff and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims... to restore the dog to full health, and to win her trust. It took several weeks, but eventually both goals were achieved. They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home.

Jasmine, however, had other ideas. No one quite remembers how it came about, but Jasmine started welcoming all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It would not matter if it were a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or any other lost or hurting animal. Jasmine would just peer into the box or cage and, when and where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.

Geoff relates one of the early incidents. "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland Terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the center, and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them."

"But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of them, and it helps them to not only feel close to her, but to settle into their new surroundings. She has done the same with the fox and badger cubs, she licks the rabbits and guinea pigs, and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose."

Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary's resident surrogate mother... a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four badger cubs, fifteen chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies and fifteen rabbits... and one roe deer fawn.

Tiny Bramble, eleven weeks old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm, and then went into the full foster-mum role. Jasmine, the greyhound, showers Bramble, the roe deer, with affection and makes sure nothing is matted. "They are inseparable," says Geoff. "Bramble walks between her legs, and they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It's a real treat to see them."

Jasmine will continue to care for Bramble until she is old enough to be returned to woodland life. When that happens, Jasmine will not be lonely. She will be too busy showering love and affection on the next orphan or victim of abuse.

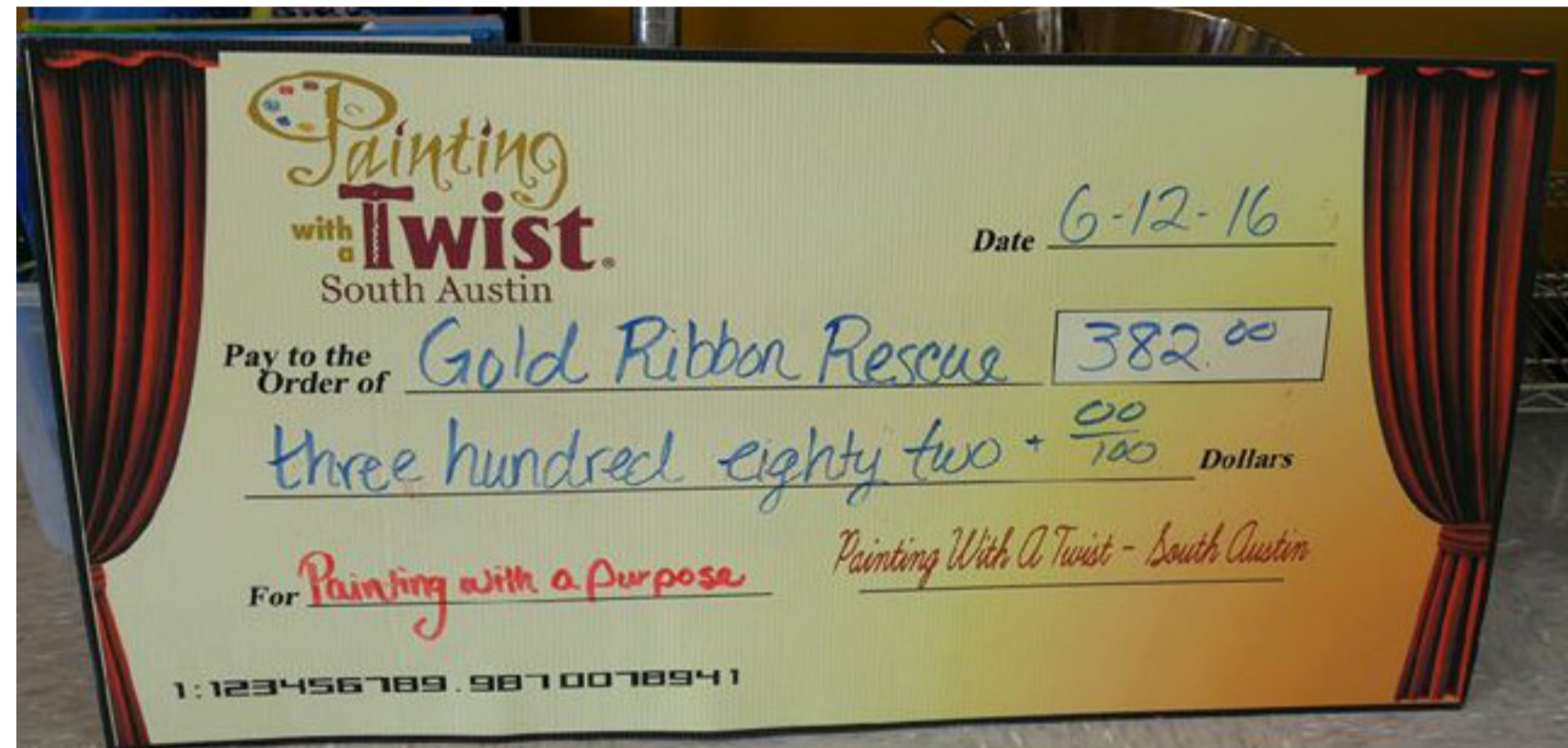
Pictured below, from left, are: "Toby," a stray Lakeland dog; "Bramble," orphaned roe deer; "Buster," a stray Jack Russell; a dumped rabbit; "Sky," an injured barn owl; and "Jasmine," with a mother's heart doing best what a caring mother would do... and such is the order of God's Creation.



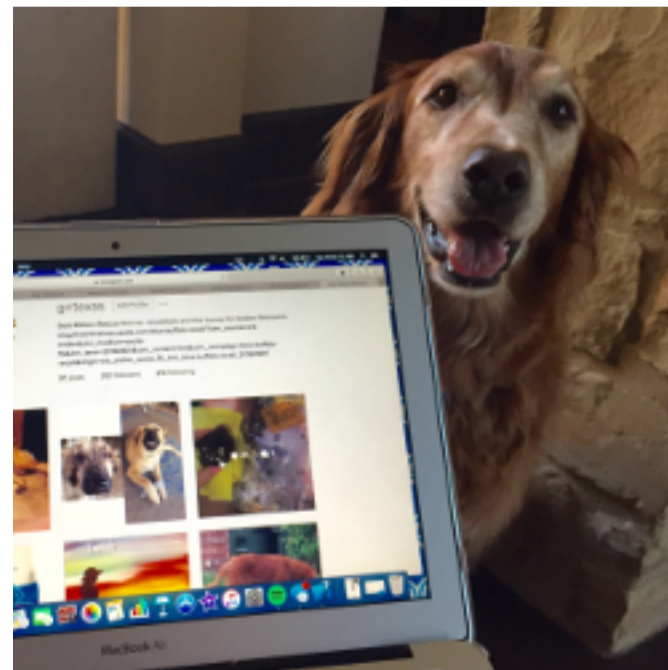
Note: See a wonderful video of Jasmine in action [here](#). Sadly, Jasmine passed away in 2011. She is greatly missed by all at the sanctuary.

Painting With a Twist - June 12th ***[Painting With a Twist- South Austin](#)***

Painting With a Twist- South Austin, thank you for loads of fun and for your generous donation to GRR!
Pictured from left to right: Cathy Smith, Jeanae Jensen, Barb Trawitz, Eileen Joyce, Debora Rinehart and Kathy Simmons.



Volunteer Spotlight - Elle Hansen



Tell us a little about you and your dogs?

I will be a junior in high school this fall. I play golf for Lake Travis and love computer science and technology! I can't recall a time in my life when there wasn't a Golden Retriever in our home. Some of my best and earliest memories are playing with my dogs. My parents adored Golden Retrievers and they have an amazing temper and disposition; they are a perfect family dog. Because I am an only child, I consider my dogs my siblings.

How long have you been volunteering with GRR?

I have been volunteering with GRR for almost 3 years. When my parents and I attended the new volunteers meeting, I knew I wanted to try to make a difference in as many dogs lives as I could. For the first 2 and a half years I would input the phone interviews my mom did, and help Carol Blackwell do adoption contracts, but I always wanted to do more. Since I am extremely familiar with Instagram, I knew I wanted to help to try to bring more awareness to GRR through that.

What is your favorite part above all?

My favorite part is seeing the joy the dogs bring to people all over the world. Because social media connects our world, anyone, anywhere, at anytime can access our page and learn about this rescue group. My favorite part is when I post a picture of a dog and someone from states away comments how beautiful the dog is, or what a great rescue this is. It's not just a local organization, it can have a worldwide presence if you want it to.

Describe a cute/funny/interesting story while volunteering in this position?

I had just posted a picture of some goodies from the Volunteer Appreciation Party, when a comment notification popped up on my phone. I immediately checked it and clicked on the user, it was a famous talk show host from NYC. I scrolled through her Instagram and she has been on the View, and on every red carpet event imaginable interviewing tons of celebrities! It's truly incredible how I shared a picture and miles away in New York GRR got recognized. It turns out she has a rescue dog herself!

Give one piece of advice for those interested in serving as volunteers?

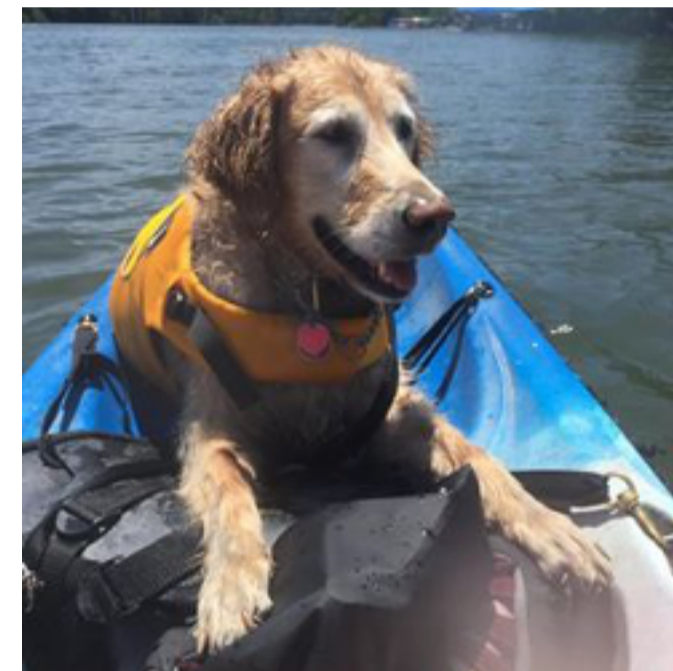
One piece of advice I would give is to not be afraid to try something even if it sounds scary. It might sound like a daunting task to do the hotline for instance, (I've never done it due to the fact that I'm still in high school) but give it a shot. You aren't alone in this. It's a huge caring group of volunteers who are here for you and have your back. Nobody wants to see you fail and if you are confused, ask! Everyone was new at one point.

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

Rewarding and Marvelous.

5 Things I Wish You Knew...

[Kelsey Beth Carpenter](#)



Euthanasia. The word itself makes all our stomachs drop. It is a gift to pets and a curse to owners - having the power to decide is something we are not comfortable with. However, when going through the euthanasia process with your own pets, you are in a position to make numerous decisions that can change the course of the overall process. As a Veterinary Technician, I witness euthanasia on a daily basis. Let me share from personal experience the 5 things I wish every pet owner knew.

1. It's ok to cry.

People apologize to me all the time for crying over their pets. Whether it's time to say goodbye, or you are simply having a hard time watching us draw blood on your dog, I wish you knew that I GET IT. Many of us who work in animal medicine (myself very much included) are totally neurotic, hypersensitive, and obsessive when it comes to our own pets. I may seem calm and collected while working with you and your cat, but that's because it's my job and I can't afford to be any other way if I'm going to be good at it. You best believe that the second my dog so much as sneezes, I go into a total state of panic, lose all common sense, and forget everything I learned in tech school. So, when you are crying over the pet that you have loved for years, I assure you, I have nothing but respect for you. I respect how much you care. I respect your ability to make such difficult decisions. I respect your bravery. And please know that no matter how demonstrative you may be with your emotions, you are still keeping it together more than I would be in your shoes.

2. Be there, if you can.

I am lucky to work in a hospital where the vast majority of pet owners stay with their pets for the euthanasia process. However, this is not always the case. I urge you to stay with your pets, if you can, for multiple reasons. First, for my sake. One of the absolute most difficult things I do as a Veterinary Technician is take on the role of comforting and loving a pet as they pass on when their human is not there to do so. It is an incredible weight to try to act on your behalf, and it is emotionally exhausting in a way that I cannot even begin to describe. When you stay with your fur baby, I can focus on my own job, instead of doing both of ours. Second, for your pet's sake. The vet can be a very scary place for animals - they don't understand what all these noises and smells are, or why these strangers are poking and prodding them. Do you want them to experience that fear alone? And have it be their very last memory? Your pet doesn't know what we are doing or why - they only know that you are there, that you said it's ok, that you love them. I remember being a child, and how scary going to the doctor was, but how much more confident I felt with my mom there reassuring me. I imagine that is exactly how pets feel. If you can find the strength to be there, please do so. Please let your love, your touch, your presence be the last thing your pet experiences.

3. Keep the collar on.

One of the saddest things I witness during the euthanasia process is when humans take their pet's collar off when they are still very much awake. To many pets, taking their collar off can have negative associations. For example, I know my own dog panics when I remove her collar as she knows it's bath time! I want your pet to be as comfortable as possible, and that means not making any major changes immediately prior to euthanizing. Pets are much smarter than we give them credit for, and they pick up on the smallest of cues. The unknown is scary to your pet, so even if they don't know what the cues mean, the idea that something is new and strange and out of the ordinary is enough to cause them some sense of anxiety. So, keep the collar on until your pet has passed. Let them go in the state that they always were.

4. Make it a celebration.

Bring treats. Tell stories. Laugh and cry at the same time. Surround yourselves with all his/her favorite toys and beds and blankets. It's ok to cry, and it's also ok to celebrate! I love when people tell me they took their dog to the beach or napped in the sun with their cat right before coming in to the hospital. This is going to be one of the hardest days of your life, but it doesn't have to be for your pet. I promise that the more you celebrate your pet's life, no matter how long or short, the easier it will be to continue to live your own once this is all said and done. It is ok to cry in front of your pet, to tell them how much you will miss them, to let them see you be absolutely beside yourself. I'm

sure your pet has seen you at your worst before - I know mine has. But remember to celebrate, no matter how miserable you are. I promise it will make it easier for both you and your pet. What's more, It will allow you to reflect on the euthanasia experience with positivity - you will remember that you celebrated and you will feel good about having done so.

5. Prepare.

I want this moment to be entirely about you and your pet. In order for that to be the case, several things must happen. First, you must understand the euthanasia process. If possible, talk to your Vet or Tech prior to coming into the hospital, or prior to starting the process - ask them to walk you through the steps of euthanasia so that you know exactly what to expect. Ask as many questions as you need in order to feel comfortable with the process (or at least, as comfortable as you can be). Know what you're walking into, so that your focus can be entirely on your pet. Second, take care of business ahead of time when possible. Sign any required paperwork. Pay the bill. Decide on after care. Even go so far as to prepare your next meal ahead of time, arrange a ride, rent a movie, invite friends over - whatever you think might help you cope when you return home from the hospital without your pet. The less you have to deal with during and after euthanasia, the better. I want you to be able to focus entirely on your pet during the euthanasia, and then entirely on yourself afterwards. Let's do whatever we can to make that possible.

Every euthanasia is different. Some are planned, some are sudden. Some may happen in your home, some in the hospital. Regardless, they are difficult - to prepare for, to cope with, to experience. I hope these 5 things will help you to plan ahead and to make the process as beautiful as it can be for both you and your pet.

Thoughts, Prayers and Remembrance

Compiled by Kimberly Thomas and Dawn Marie Rae



Recent Rainbow Bridge: (Since June 1, 2016)

Rest in peace, our friends and companions...

Izzo - heart problems

Sadie - cancerous tumor

Blue

Bretagne - Last surviving 9/11 dog

Tracker

Lucca

Winston



Lucca, shown above. Izzo, shown below, on the right.



Living in a Dog's House - The Larson Pack

Arne and Donna Larson



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

At the moment (which can change at anytime) Donna and I are the servants to 6 dogs in our house.

Doogan (a Craigslist rescue)

Dusty (Gigi 10-035)

Mikki (Mikayla 10-121 permanent foster)

Dudley (10-178)

Misha (14-026)

Thorne (15-042)

Describe feeding time.

First, they gather in kitchen area where dinner preparation occurs, strategically locating themselves in the most inconvenient spot and making impossible for you to move once you have found a place to stand. Misha gets excited at the thought that we are actually feeding her again and shows us her "dinner dance", bouncing and twirling in anticipation. When the bowls are ready, they take their appointed place and after making sure every morsel is consumed, perform a musical-bowls act where everyone checks everybody else's bowl to see if anything may have been missed.

What does your welcome home committee look like?

We usually come in from the garage through the laundry room. Why? Because it is the smallest room and we can prove that all six dogs will fit a sardine can. After Mikki, who is usually silent, barks excitedly at our arrival, then Thorne will try to take your arm in his mouth and lead you in the kitchen. We have learned to quickly offer him a small "woobie" as a substitute so we don't end up with love-marks on our forearm.

What happens when you want to take a vacation?

When we want to take a vacation, we sit down on the couch and imagine how much fun that would be. Then we dismiss that fantasy and go back to sweeping dog hair.

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

We have 2 live-in housekeepers; you can figure out who they are. Actually, the ceiling fans do a pretty good job of pushing the clumps of "tumble-fur" across the wood floor and creating piles that we can then sweep up. If they accumulate for a few days, then a snow shovel works pretty well.

How do you take everybody for a walk?

Mikki is a couch potato who prefers to stay on the couch and go for a walk vicariously. The rest of the pack love to walk and are very well behaved on their leash, except when Dudley and Misha are both competing to be the alpha-leader and pulling Donna like chariot horses in "Be Hur". Due to his paralyzed front right leg, Thorne will hop for anywhere from 2 blocks to a half-mile, at which point he gets to ride in a wagon the rest of the way. Pretty good deal!

If you have two hands and 6 dogs, how do you handle all of the nuzzling and competition for loves and petting?

We try to spread the love around, however Dudley and Misha have perfected the art of placing themselves between you and whomever else is there for some attention. Somehow, we need to come up with a rationing system.

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

Mikki and Dusty are the worst and usually head for the Master Bedroom closet. Misha gets nervous and snuggles as close as she can, and Doogan and Thorne generally seem to be OK. Dudley goes to the back door and wants to go outside to play in the rain and thunder!

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

Usually, the GR6 security system sounds if anyone or anything gets close, with the worst suspects being the trash truck, the FedEx driver or a

Girl Scout selling cookies. If they only knew what she had in the bag!



Do not disturb unless it's dinner time!

Don't just take your dog for a walk... Take your Walk for a Dog!

[Walk For a Dog](#) shown with Lolly, Chance and Juneau



Left, Lolly and Chance, and Juneau, on right.

Every time you walk your dog with [Walk For a Dog](#), your favorite animal shelter gets a donation!

The more people actively walking with the free Walk for a Dog app, the greater the donation to your selected animal organization! Use the app each time you grab for the leash. It's healthy for you, your dog, and your favorite shelter or rescue.

Every Walk for a Dog counts, whether it's a walk around the block or a three-mile hike. Magnify your impact by sharing the app with your friends and family.

You give your dog a treat every time the two of you go on a walk. Why not give the local animal shelter a treat, too?

That's the premise of Walk for a Dog, a Smartphone app that donates money to an animal shelter of your choosing every time you walk your dog. According to Walk for a Dog's parent organization, WoofTrax, donations are funded via sponsorship deals and advertising, and generally vary from 11 to 25 cents per mile, depending on the number of people who have signed up to walk on behalf of a particular animal organization.

Some FAQs:

How does the app work?

After you download and set up the app on your Smartphone, take your phone with you when you walk your dog(s). Simply press the Start Walking button and the app will keep track of your walk. When you are done with your walk, press Stop Walking. After the green heart appears next to your walk on the History screen, it is successfully logged for your selected organization.

How do donations work?

Funds from each donation period are divided among shelters and rescues based on the number of people who are actively walking for each organization as seen on the Impact tab of the app. The more active walkers per donation period, the more (and more often!) that organization receives donations.

What is an "active walker?"

An active walker is anyone who uses the app an average of at least once a week. So, to remain an active walker for your selected organization please use the app once a week (at the very least)!

How are the donations funded?

Our donations are funded by sponsorships and advertising, so the more people actively walking, the more money we can raise (from interested sponsors and advertisers), and the more we are therefore able to donate!

How can I increase the amount donated to my selected organization?

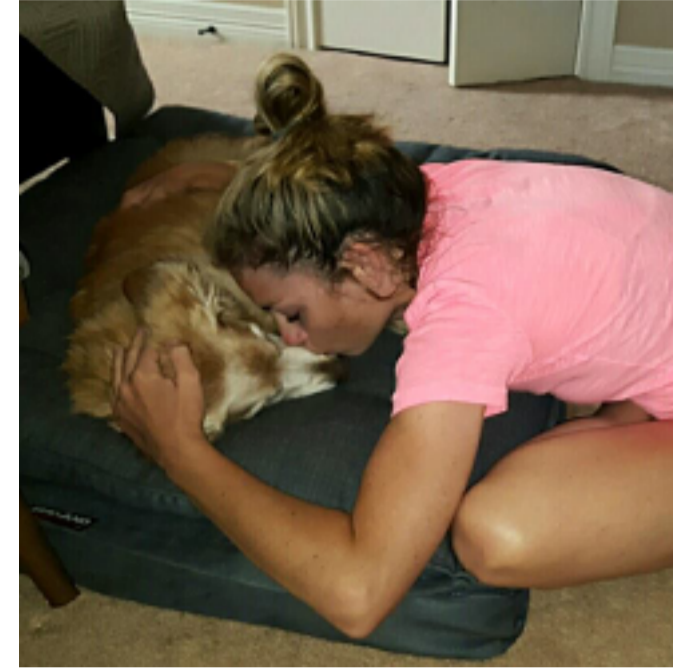
The more people actively walking with the app for your organization, the greater the benefit to your selected animal organization (currently

between 11 and 25 cents/mile)! Here are some ways you can magnify your impact: Spread the word! Tell your friends about Walk for a Dog, and share the app on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

[Get started now!](#)

In Loving Memory - Sadie

Andrea Ferrata



November 8th, 2002 - June 5th, 2016

Sadie was perfect. You can never get enough time with your best friend and I will miss her always. Sadie, thank you for being my companion through the best times in my life. Goodbye sweet girl, I love you.

GRR Volunteer Appreciation Party - June 5th



It was a beautiful afternoon at the GRR Volunteer Appreciation party. Thank you so much to Lisa and David Savage for hosting and thank you Paula Ellis , Pam Phillips, Sheila Thomas, Karen Mackie, Kathy Simmons and Lisa Savage for getting the event put together and set up. Thank you Jackie McGrath for the SweetTreats and all who participated in making the event successful. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers who make rescuing dogs through GRR possible!!!

The Art of Georgia Zwartjes

[Georgia Zwartjes](#)



No Outfit Is Complete Without Dog Hair

[Left: Sculptural pearls made of dog hair, wool roving and silk cord.](#)

Right: A sculptural "garment" made of dog flea combs and dog hair pearls.

"I am inspired to create art from the remnants of everyday life, using materials outside the realm of traditional fibers." Please visit the beautiful pieces of work Georgia has amassed and has shown in many exhibitions on her website [here](#).



GRR Monthly Status Report: May 22nd – June 27th 2016



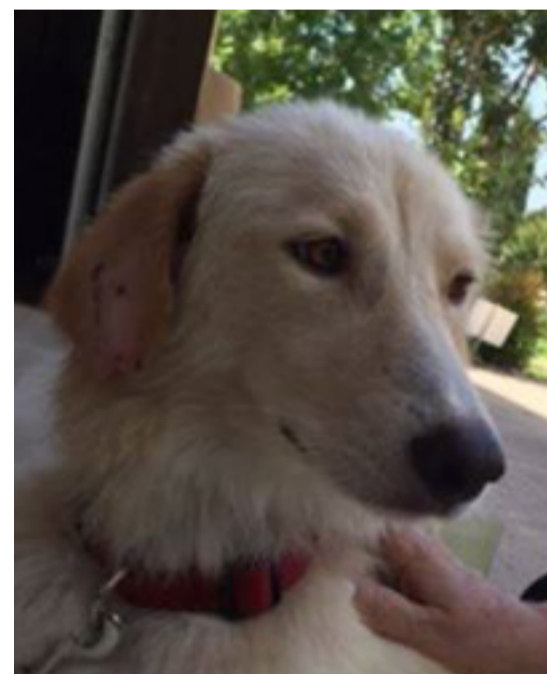
Came into care: 16-048 16-050 Charlemagne, 16-051 Tundra, 16-052 Ziggy, 16-053 Daisy, 16-054 Ari/Aragorn, 16-055 Mary Ann, 16-056 Sunshine, 16-057 Winchester, 16-058 Shelby Lynn, 16-059 Seneca, 16-060 Shilah, 16-061 Duke, 16-062 Amy, 16-063 Beasley, 16-064 Holly, 16-065 Becky, 16-066 Hilton, 16-057 Hyatt, 16-068 Shi-Fu

Adopted: 15-139 Fairbanks, 16-031 Blaze, 16-037 Carnelo, 16-036 Henry, 16-032 Emily Eliabeth, 16-006 Rosie, 16-034 Luna, 16-043 Lucy, 16-026 Marley, 16-004 Princess Layla, 15-081 Mona, 16-041 Sasha, 16-027 Chance

Currently in Foster Care: 57 dogs (20 Available/Available Soon), 25 Foster-Pend-Adopt/Matched, 12 Permanent Fosters

We Want to Hear from You!

Dawn Marie Rae



Abby 16-047

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 the [editor](#). (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.

Help Wanted

Golden Angel Sponsors Administrator: Send updates, certificates, framed photos to sponsors. All administrative and 5 hours or less a month. Please contact [Susan Wilson](#) for more information.

Medical Team Member:

20+ hours per week or less, if additional person can volunteer.

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.

If more than one person will take this on, the hours will be less or modified. Please contact [Margo Biba](#) if you are interested.

Newsletter contributor:

Do you have a special interest or skill with regards to our Golden Retrievers, such as obedience, training, nutrition or health issues? We could use some thoughtful dialogue on any topic for the newsletter. Please contact the newsletter editor [here](#).

Web Developer:

Developer needed for content updates, new pages, special promotions and fundraisers. Skills must include Drupal, CSS, JavaScript, and HTML. Approximately 10 hours or less per month. Please contact [Dawn Marie Rae](#) for more information.

