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November 2015



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A Message From Our President



Yes! It's official! The Turkey Goldens are coming and soon, in fact, November 15th! Our entire organization is very hard at work and we are all very excited about bringing in these dogs in need. The fact that we have the resources and volunteers to make this happen is fortunate and commendable.

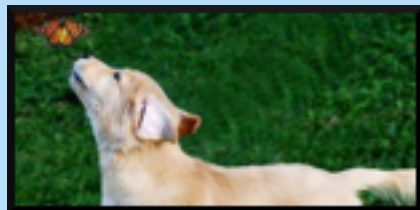
However, I would like to say something about their coming. We take in every single Golden Retriever in central Texas, EVERY single one. The only exception is a dog with overt aggression. Our primary focus is, and will continue to be, on our Texas dogs. They are the basis and foundation of why we exist, our roots, and our passion. So, while we are genuinely excited to bring these beautiful dogs in need from Istanbul, remember where we come from. Remember the lives of the Goldens in Texas we save from sometimes untold and unknown circumstances, the Goldens we rescue from owners no longer able to have their beloved dogs with them, the Goldens left in shelters. We will continue to rescue every single one.

Now, let's welcome our 18 dogs (4 of which are going to [Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue](#)) and welcome them with open arms! Let's go viral! Share those Facebook links, the web pages, and the fundraiser for the Turkey Goldens, share the love!

In this issue:

- A beautiful memorial to Mike and Paula Ellis' Layla
- A touching poem about the Turkey Goldens by Michelle Goldberg
- An introduction to one of our newest volunteers, Karen Watkins
- And an offer from Dawn Marie Rae to paint your Golden and give back to GRR.

Enjoy!
-Margo



Upcoming and Current Events



GRR Fall Splashfest / Annual Meeting Rescheduled to: Saturday, November 7 2015

10:00am - 12:00pm

11400 N Mopac Expy Austin, Texas 78759

The event is \$25 per family (unlimited dogs) to help us cover the rental fee and food. Breakfast tacos, pastries drinks are included. The beach area of the lake will be blocked off, so your dogs can enjoy splashing around, leash-free! All well-mannered dogs welcome. Please make sure your dogs are up to date on their vaccinations. See a map to the Quarries [here](#). If you cannot attend you may email [Tim Tierney](#) for a refund.

Snout by Snoutwest Dog Festival

Sunday, November 8th

12:00pm - 3:00pm

JCC Austin, Soccer Fields

7300 Hart Lane, Austin, Texas

\$5 Adult/Free for Kids under 12 and Dogs

Note: Read more about this wonderful event [here](#).

2016 GRR Calendars are here! Order yours now [here](#).

GRR Holiday Party

Sunday December 20th

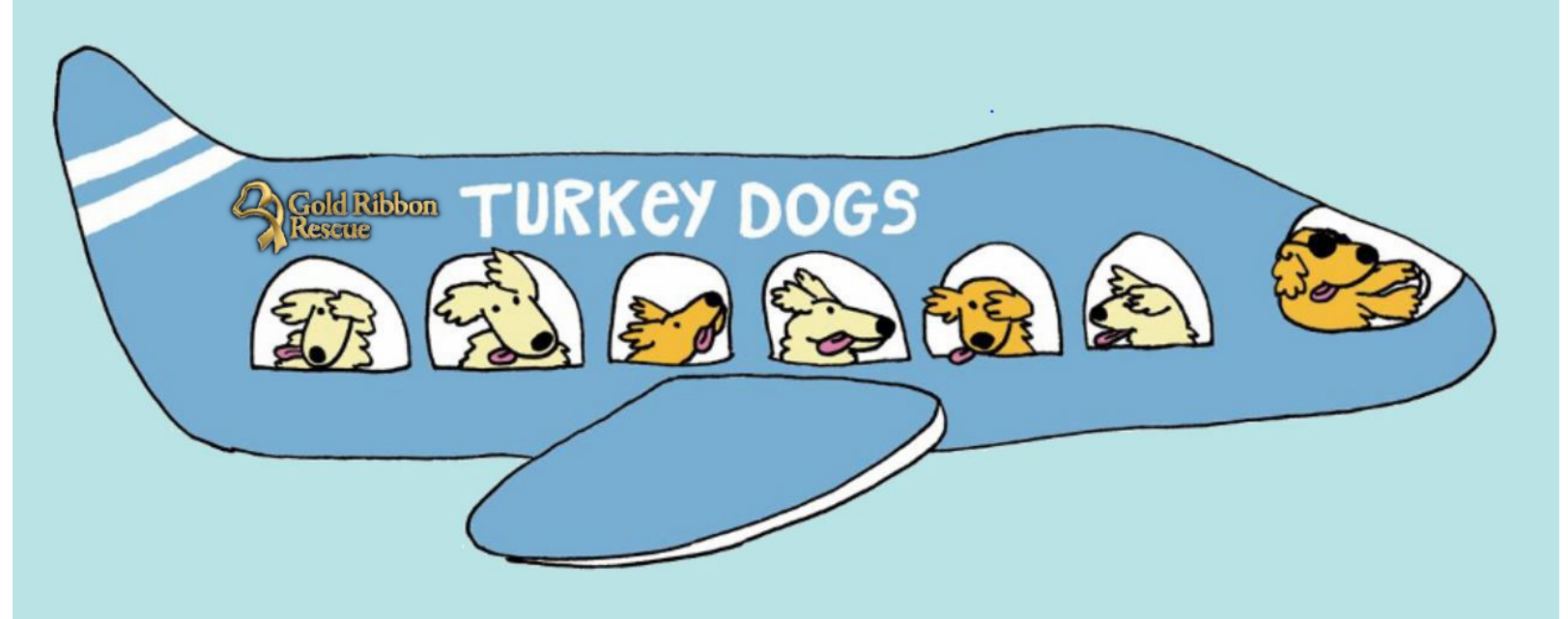
11:00 - 2:00 pm

Stay tuned!!!

Note: Silent auction items are needed. Please contact [Paula Ellis](#) or [Pam Phillips](#) if you have items to donate.

OPERATION HOME - Turkey Goldens Are Coming on the 15th

Share the links! Share the love!



Yes! It's official! Eighteen Golden Retrievers from Turkey will be arriving November 15th in Houston, with 4 going to [Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue](#). Please see the various resources below: our general announcement and information, ways to help, meet our available Turkey Golden Retrievers, our new Turkey Golden FB page, and a great video.

We understand you may not be able to contribute, but we would very much appreciate your **SHARING** this effort with your family and friends, and hope they will do the same. Our success depends on sharing the story of our mission as widely as possible; reaching out within, as well as, outside our organization.

- Check out the Turkey Golden [web page](#) and find out the various ways you can help.
- [Donate](#) to the Turkey Golden Retrievers through PayPal.
- [Sponsor](#) a Turkey Golden, either online, or by check.
- [Come and meet our Turkey Golden Retrievers.](#)
- Follow us on our new Turkey Golden [FB page](#).
- Watch our outstanding Turkey Golden Retrievers [video](#) by Kimberly Thomas.
- [Shop in our Boutique](#) for Turkey Golden merchandise.
- Another way to give and also share with your friends and family is through our [FundRazr campaign](#).

Here are a few basic commands in Turkish:

- Gel = come
- Kal = stay
- Otur = sit
- Git = go

To get your dog to get onto any bed, be it yours or his/her own, just point to the bed, or while patting the bed, say yatak (bed). Yatakta git = go on the bed. Hopefully saying the dog's name prior to the command will get their attention, too!

Meet one of our Turkey Golden Retrievers, [Frio TD-007](#), pictured below!



GRR Has Agreed To Bring Them In...

A poem by Michelle Goldberg for our Turkey Goldens

They've been living on the streets
They've got mud caked on their feet

They've got no place to go
They're used to people saying no

They spend their nights all alone
With no place to call their home

Finally a new life is about to begin
GRR has agreed to bring them in

There are lots of things to be done
It's hard work but it's also lots of fun

We know their lives will be forever changed
So we've decided to give them all new names

These Turkey dogs will travel so many miles
We can't wait to see all of their Golden smiles

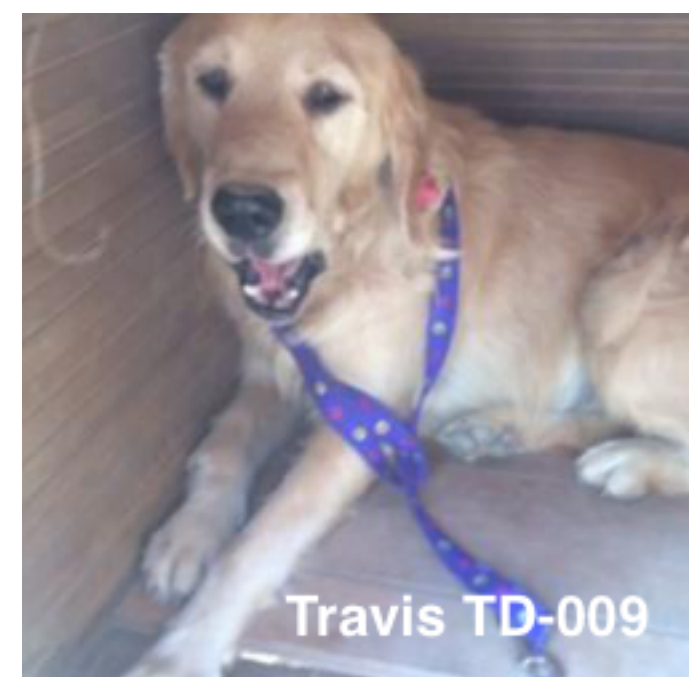
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You're going to Texas, they've all been told
You'll never have to live out in the cold

You're getting a family of your very own
A cozy bed, some tennis balls, even a bone

There's a whole new world to explore
One where you're truly loved and adored

Finally a new life is about to begin
GRR has agreed to bring them in...



The Turkey Dogs - An In-depth Story

For the full article click [here](#).



Istanbul boasts a population of 14 million people, making it the eighth largest city in the world. But it is the city's estimated 150,000 stray cats and dogs that draw a lot of attention. For centuries, locals have left out food and water for their beloved street creatures. Some city residents, however, complain of dirt and disease, and of aggressive animals.

As a result, some people call their local governments to get rid of the dogs. For example, more than a thousand dogs have been sent to live in a wooded area in northeastern Istanbul.

Volunteers like Semra Tecimen take care of the hungry dogs in the outskirts of Istanbul. "These animals' natural habitat is not that area," said Ahmet Senpolat, an Istanbul-based lawyer who runs Turkey's Animal Rights Federation (HAYTAP). "They were living in our own streets. I call them 'social animals.' [The term] social animals means that for example these animals know to stop at red lights and go at green lights," he said.

So when Turkey's Ministry of Forestry and Water drafted a law that would send city dogs to "wildlife parks" on city outskirts, Senpolat and thousands of animal rights activists were outraged. The law was set aside because of broad opposition. Read more [here...](#)

In Loving Memory - Layla (06-109)

Mike and Paula Ellis



Mike and I adopted Layla in October 2006 and we lost her on September 25, 2015.

Layla was our fifth Golden and our third rescue Golden. I'll always remember driving to San Antonio to meet, and of course adopt, Layla. We arrived at the foster family's home and they introduced us. Layla was 2 years old, underweight at 41 pounds, timid, shy, scared - and I fell in love with her in about 60 seconds. We drove back to Austin and while Bella, our other Golden slept the entire way, Layla looked out the window the entire way. We pulled into the garage, opened the car door and Layla bolts - it's 10:00 at night and Layla is now running down the street with my husband running after her. I was worried we'd lost her; but 5 minutes later, here comes Mike, carrying Layla in his arms. Unfortunately, this was the first of many times that Layla bolted during the first 12 months - carrying groceries in, and out goes Layla, talking to someone at the front door. Layla squeezes between my legs, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas - no holiday was complete without Layla bolting.

Other than bolting, Layla was perfect. Over time, Layla grew into a happy, secure Golden. Happiness was seeing the leash as Layla knew that a walk was coming. Get the suitcases out and she was over-the-top when she understood that she was going too. Layla loved prowling around her backyard, sitting in the sun and scratching her back while kicking all four legs and rolling down a grassy hill. She came a long way from the underweight, timid Golden that we adopted.

While all Golden Retrievers are special, Layla Belle captured a piece of my heart in a very special way. She could read my emotions better than anyone and she knew how to make me smile. I think Layla's favorite thing in the world was to just be with us. Of course, treats were pretty good too. Layla developed a neurological issue very quickly, which Dr. Winston felt was a brain tumor. After several awful days and nights, Mike and I knew it was time to say goodbye. We had Layla for 9 wonderful years and I have lots of heartwarming memories of this sweet girl.

We loved you so and wish you didn't have to go, but we will see you again Layla...someday.

Dogs' Lives are Short

From best-selling author and Golden Lover, Dean Koontz - an excerpt from 'The Darkest Evening of the Year'

Editor's note: [The Darkest Evening of the Year](#) is about a woman who runs a Golden Retriever rescue home, and who rescues a 'special' dog, named Nickie, who eventually saves her life. This book is a tribute based on his own Golden, Trixie, who he lost in 2007. Shown here. Highly recommended. - dmr

"Dogs' lives are short, too short, but you know that going in. You know the pain is coming, you're going to lose a dog, and there's going to be great anguish, so you live fully in the moment with her, never fail to share her joy or delight in her innocence, because you can't support the illusion that a dog can be your lifelong companion. There's such beauty in the hard honesty of that, in accepting and giving love while always aware it comes with an unbearable price. Maybe loving dogs is a way we do penance for all the other illusions we allow ourselves and for the mistakes we make because of those illusions."



Dean Koontz is one of the world's biggest selling authors. Anna Koontz is Dean's remarkable dog who is poised to follow in her dad's footsteps with her first advice book for canines. She will soon become canine columnist to the world! See the book **Ask Anna** [here](#).

Shaye (15-097) and her Sweet Treetts!

Fostered by Jackie McGrath. Puppies named after her business [Sweet Treetts](#)



Shaye was scheduled to be spayed and plans changed - BIG TIME. Dr. Smith at [Manchaca Village Veterinary Care](#) did an ultrasound and said it probably wasn't a good time to spay. Shaye was

PREGNANT! Stay tuned as we watch them grow into their own, with their personalities sure to shine through soon.

Many, many thanks to **Jackie McGrath** for fostering, whelping, and loving these adorable dogs, Mama included!

Meet the Sweet Treet's Litter:

- 15-112 Pound Cake
- 15-112 Meringue
- 15-114 Marshmallow
- 15-115 Macaron
- 15-116 Biscotti
- 15-117 Short Cake

If you're looking for a Golden companion of your own and are ready for the responsibility, take a look at our available Texas Golden [here](#) and our soon-to-be-available Turkey Golden [here](#).

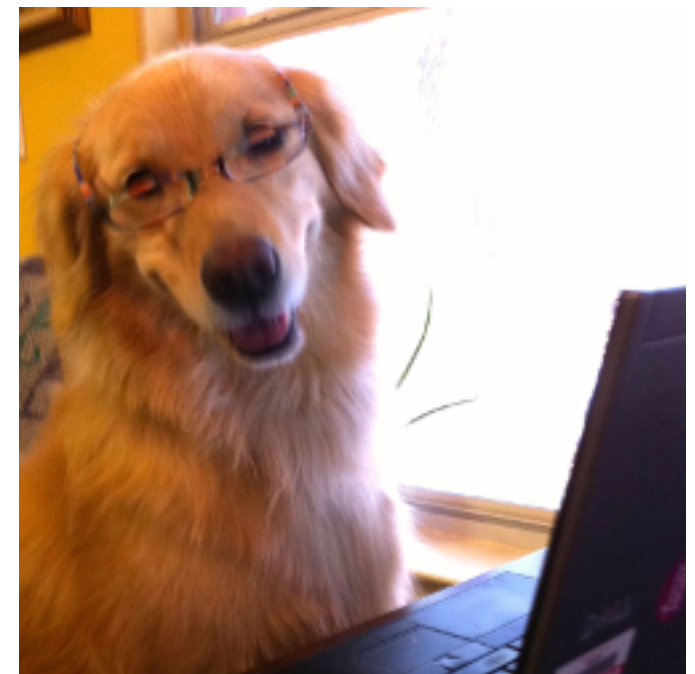
Dear Goldie

Dawn Marie Rae

I sit, and sit, and sit, by the window waiting for Mom to come home from work every day. Then I sit some more and sleep to make the time go by. I am really a very patient dog, but I miss her.

So, ok, I hear the garage open and I know it's her, my helicopter tail is in full-swing. And then? She opens the door! Wow, I'm glad she's home. She's calling out my name and I can tell she is excited to see me, too. So, I run to her and jump right up there for a smooch, but what does she do? She just pushes me away. What did I do to deserve THAT??? Then she yells at me to get down on top of that.

BUT, get this. When the little boy next door, Aaron, comes over to play, we have a lot of fun and I jump on him, and HE doesn't yell at me. So darn confused...
-Confused in Comfort



Dear Confused,

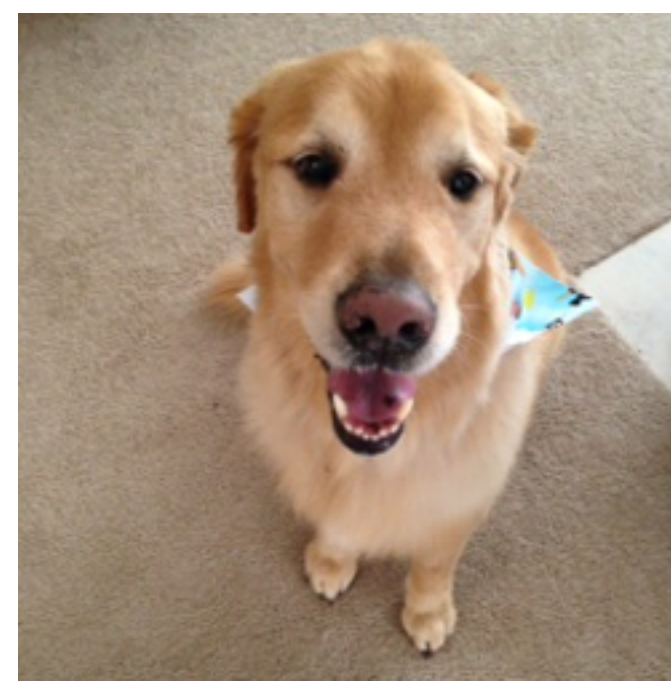
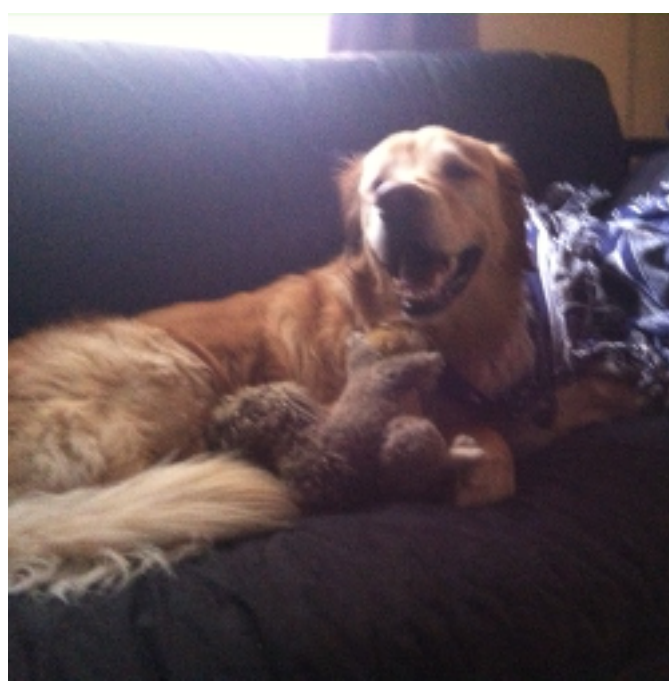
First jumping is not cool. It just isn't. How would YOU feel if Mom jumped on YOU? How would you feel if a big dog jumped on you right off the bat, even if you guys were friends? Think about it.

First, Mom should not act too excited. That just makes you go over the top with anticipation, right? Mom has to wait for you to hit the floor on all fours before you get your hugs and kisses. Aaron can be your tester, but don't worry, you can still play with him and you can still get all kinds of affection from them both.

And Confused? Wait it out just a little and everyone will be fine. Don't forget they love you lots!

Where Are They Now? Wrigley (15-003 Buddy)

Walter and Mary Marks



Wrigley aka **Big Rig** aka **Rigatoni** aka **Marty** aka **Buddy**! Lots of name changes but lots of love too.

This senior guy loves his soccer ball. He now has his own toy box of assorted fun toys to drag around the house: from Justin Bieber (Beaver), Squirrel Dude, the duck, the bunny, and even the Golden favorite - tennis ball. When we get home he will run to the door and then go back to the basket and pick out just the right toy for us and run back to us. Typically he will bring me the Squirrel Dude and the duck for my husband.

Mr. Wrigley has a severe case of hip dysplasia, so he does not like to jump up at all. Nor does he want to climb on the bed or on the couch, so we have a futon for him. One day we could not find him and that is not typical, as we can usually find him sprawled out on the kitchen floor. We have been moving furniture around as our college student is moving in and out. With that being said, we put the futon in the extra room. We don't use that room so that is the last place I would expect to find him in. The futon is the right height for him to step up and lounge around. We noticed when we picked him up from Ms. Wendy's he had a chair in the front of their house that he liked. So, another furniture move, and the futon went to the front window. He will get up there and look out the window for his friends and then snooze there for hours.

We are so blessed to have him as we have just lost the last of our sixteen-paws pack after 17 years. Wrigley met the last of the group who was 17 years old and our cat! We are not so sure Wrigley likes Buddy, the cat, that much, but we do know Buddy doesn't care for him.

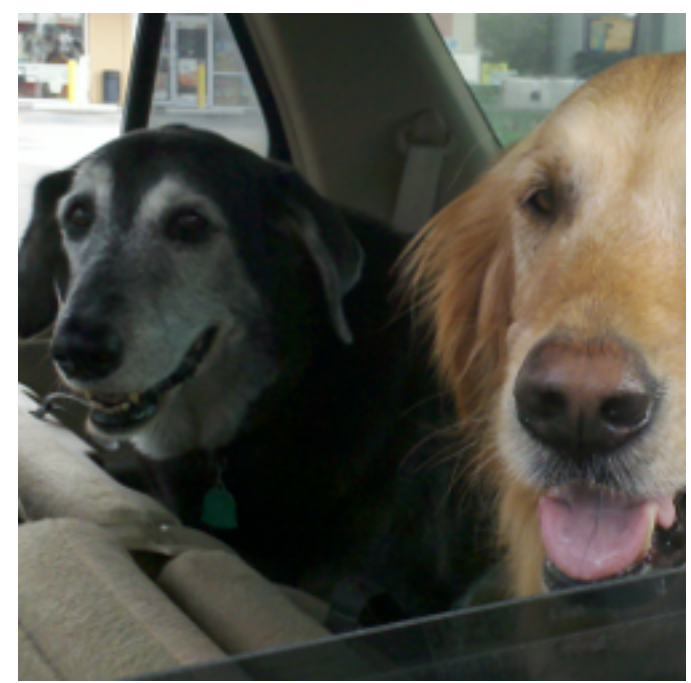
We've had a few out of town excursions so Wrigley attends Camp Candy. Ms. Candy fosters several Golden Retrievers and he has been there a few times. The last time we took him for his outing he ran in and didn't even look back, but it is always fun to pick him up as there are so many furry friends there. Wrigley will come up and give the Golden head-nudge on the thigh each time he makes a new friend there. Once Wrigley and his new friend tried to escape out the door and I would have loved to take them both, but someone else would have been really sad. There have been a few times where I am not even sure which one he is. It is pure Golden love.

He has been a pure joy to have as a part of our family. We are still getting to know him each day and hope to be able to find a forever friend for him soon.

We would like to say "Thank You" for all the volunteers of this organization. We understand all the hours behind the scenes: the driving, the writing, the phone calls, the interviews, the vet trips and extra bedding for the one or two that need a place to stay for the night. Without you we would not be able to share the joy each day with our beloved Wrigley. THANK YOU! Keep up the GOLDEN work.

Volunteer Spotlight - Karen Watkins

Pictured here are Buddy 12-111 and Zuzu



Tell us a little about you and your dogs.

I am a relatively new volunteer for GRR. By profession, I am an Electrical Engineer with an emphasis on technology and software. I have two dogs: a Golden Retriever, Buddy (12-111), who I adopted from GRR in late 2012 and a black Labrador mix, ZuZu, who I rescued from Braker Lane as a scared abandoned puppy. Because of my love for Golden Retrievers, dogs (in general) and software development, I volunteered for GRR and was asked to help out on the website. I am very happy to have the opportunity to offer my skills while helping rescue Golden Retrievers.

How long have you been volunteering with GRR? What volunteer position do you hold?

Approximately 4 months. I help out on the GRR website in any way I can, including posting new web content and debugging any issues that might arise. I am also redesigning the look and feel of the website that hopefully will be released in the not-so-distant future.

About how many hours do you typically spend volunteering in this position?

Because of my career, I typically spend weekends and early mornings volunteering. Generally, I spend on average 12 to 15 hours a week, primarily on the website redesign.

What is your favorite part above all?

This is a difficult question to answer. I love the idea of helping the Goldens. My heart melts each time I see a new face and read their story on the "Available Goldens" page on the web. On the other hand, I very much enjoy designing the new website. I love the idea of applying my skills in the web arena to a cause that is so worthwhile and effective.

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

Since I am a relatively new volunteer, I have limited experience. However, the most interesting aspect of volunteering for GRR is meeting and working with people who are so warm and welcoming into what feels like family. All the volunteers that I have met have a common passion and goal of helping Golden Retrievers in need in a completely selfless manner. This is very unique and, in my opinion, one of the primary reasons for the overall success of GRR. A phrase I often hear within GRR is "its all about the Goldens". This is certainly true, but it is also the love and dedication of the GRR volunteers that contribute to the success. I feel very fortunate to work with/for this group and have the opportunity to help.

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

As I discovered during a volunteer training session, there are many volunteer opportunities and needs within GRR with flexible times. My advice would be to consider several potential volunteer roles in GRR especially those that match your passion or skills.

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

Fun, fulfilling and rewarding. Fun because the GRR volunteers are wonderful and great to work alongside. Fulfilling and rewarding because you can see positive results from helping Golden Retrievers on a continuous basis.

To learn more about volunteering with GRR, send an email to [Sheila Thomas](#).

GRR Monthly Status Report: September 15th - October 15th



Came into care: 15-107 Chienne, 15-108 Goldie, 15-109 Louie, 15-110 Bo, 12-006 Guinness, 15-111 Starr, 15-119 Sammie, and The Sweet Treet's Litter: 15-112 Pound Cake, 15-112 Meringue, 15-114 Marshmallow, 15-115 Macaron, 15-116 Biscotti, 15-117 Short Cake, 15-118 Angel Food Cake

Adopted: 15-087 Mia, 15-102 Deuce, 15-101 Buster, 15-038 Tigger, 15-110 Thor, 15-107 Chienne, 15-080 Howie, 15-001 Angel, 15-083 Tanner, 15-085 Friar Tucker, 15-074 Topaz

Currently in Foster Care: 48 (17 Available Now/Soon, 22 Foster Pending Adoption, 2 Matched, 7 Permanent Fosters)

Recognizing and Caring for an Abused Dog

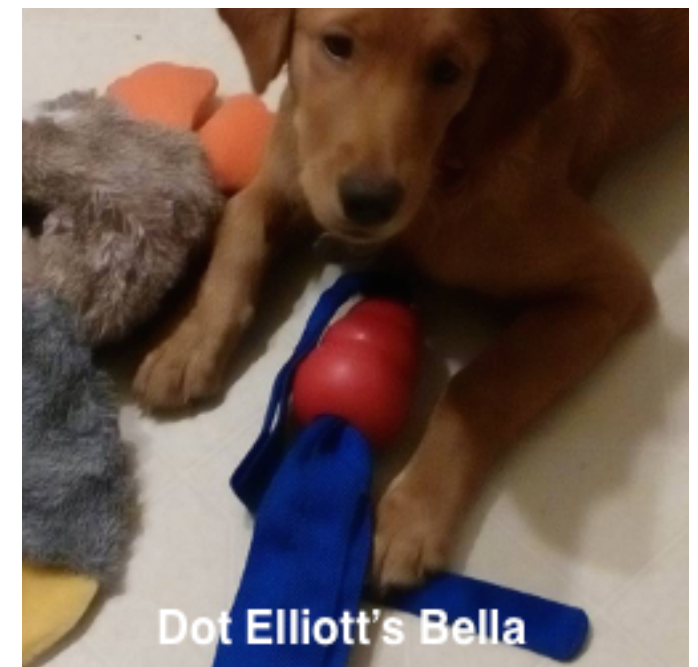
By Dr. Karen Becker - See full article [here](#).

Abused Dogs Have a Greater Tendency to Perform Certain Behaviors

According to the researchers, the dogs in the study displayed higher levels of 12 behavioral characteristics, 8 of which are known to be among the most common reasons people relinquish their dogs to animal shelters.

These 8 traits and behaviors include:

- Excitability
- Hyperactivity
- Attachment, attention-seeking
- Rolling in feces
- Persistent barking
- Fear and aggression toward strange people and dogs
- Bizarre, strange, or repetitive behaviors such as hoarding, digging deep holes, compulsive sucking on pillows, and circling



Numerous studies show that fearfulness towards unfamiliar humans and dogs is closely coupled with aggression toward them. These study results provide further evidence that aggression in dogs, especially abused dogs, is often motivated by fear.

The researchers also theorize that abuse causes fear, and fear leads to aggression as a conditioned response. However, aggression can also be the result of a genetic tendency, poor or inadequate socialization, a brain injury, and any injury that causes aggression as a response to pain.

Examples of Abuse

Abuse of a dog can be active in the form of physical attacks or punishment. It can also be passive, for example, neglect. Abuse wears many different faces, including:

- Depriving a young dog of its mother through too early weaning.
- Chaining or tying up a dog; forcing him to spend most of his time in a kennel or cage; making him live outside, away from his human family
- Yelling, hitting, or other forms of verbal or physical punishment; causing chronic stress or pain
- Lack of proper care in feeding, grooming, and attending to health needs
- Partial or complete social isolation; lack of appropriate learning experiences.

Depending on how old a dog is when the abuse occurs, it can affect him for the rest of his life, even if he escapes his abuser and is adopted into a loving home

Creating a Safe, Secure World for a Previously Abused Pet

If you know or suspect your dog was abused before she came to you, it's important to keep two things in

mind: you shouldn't expect an overnight change in her, and you shouldn't count on a complete turnaround in her trust level or behavior.

It takes time to help an abused dog learn to be less fearful and develop trust in humans again. With knowledge, hard work, and commitment, a previously abused pet can be transformed into a much-loved member of your family... but she can't be reborn. It's important to always remember that.

Here are some general guidelines for creating a safe environment for a previously abused dog:

- Make her feel loved and needed; communicate clearly with her
- Do not force anything on her under any circumstances – allow her to adapt to her new family and life at her own pace. Provide her with a safe place where she can be alone when she feels like it.
- Protect her from whatever she fears
- Create opportunities for her to be successful and build her confidence
- Feed her a balanced, species-appropriate diet and make sure she gets plenty of physical activity, including 20 to 30 minutes of aerobic exercise each day. The form of exercise may need to be adapted so your pet feels safe.

Does Your Dog Love to Swim? Casual Exposure to This Toxin Can Be Deadly!

[Dr. Karen Becker](#)

It seems every summer we learn of at least one much-loved family dog that has tragically died after exposure to toxic blue-green algae.

According to a 2013 study, between 2007 and 2011, 13 states (Florida, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin, California, Kansas, Montana, and **Texas**) reported 67 suspected or confirmed cases of dogs being poisoned through exposure to harmful algae blooms.

The dogs came in contact with the algae in a variety of ways:

- 58 were in fresh water, 1 was in marine water, and 9 exposure sources were unknown
- 9 dogs were made sick by inhaling the blooms, 6 ingested the blooms, 36 were exposed through the skin with accompanying ingestion, and 16 had unknown contact
- 29 dogs had gastrointestinal symptoms (vomiting and diarrhea)
- Other symptoms included lethargy (12 cases) and neurologic signs, including stumbling or change in behavior (6 cases)



Deadly Cyanobacteria

Blue-green algae contain deadly bacteria called cyanobacteria. Cyanobacteria are microscopic organisms found in freshwater lakes, streams, ponds, and brackish (salty) water ecosystems.

The algae give the water a blue-green or "pea soup" appearance. It looks almost as if someone spilled blue or green paint on the surface of the water. These floating blooms can form thick, dense mats that collect near the shore, which is where animals and people come in contact with them.

Blue-green algae are prevalent in the mid-to-late summer months and are most often found in nutrient-rich water. It is believed the algae tends to bloom in locations where there is heat and low water flow combined with high levels of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus.

This type of blue-green algae is different from the species that is considered a superfood. The superfood variety is obviously toxin free, grown in a controlled environment, and sold to the human food market.

Blue-Green Algae Toxicity in Animals

Not all blue-green algae are toxic, but since there's no way to know whether a plant is poisonous without

testing, experts advise that all blooms floating on natural bodies of water should be considered potentially toxic. Even minor exposure – like a dog drinking a few mouthfuls of contaminated water – can be lethal.

Dogs that swim regularly in lakes and ponds are at higher risk of exposure. Hunting dogs are also at higher risk due to increased exposure outdoors.

Symptoms of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Blood in the stool or clack tarry stool
- Shock
- Pale mucous membranes
- Muscle tremors
- Jaundice
- Muscle rigidity
- Seizures
- Bluish discoloration of skin and mucous membranes
- Disorientation
- Difficulty breathing

Symptoms depend on the toxin involved. Toxins that attack the liver cause blood work changes including elevated liver enzymes, low blood sugar, low protein, and occasionally, abnormal clotting activity. These toxins can result in liver damage or failure and immediate aggressive treatment is necessary to save the animal.

Exposure to another type of toxin found in blue-green algae, anatoxins, results in nervous system symptoms and can bring death in minutes to hours due to respiratory paralysis.

Exposure to Blue-Green Algae Is a Medical Emergency

It's important to understand that no antidote currently exists for the toxins produced by blue-green algae. Immediate veterinary care is imperative. If you suspect your pet has been exposed to blue-green algae, seek immediate emergency veterinary care.

Want a Painting of Your Golden and Give Back to GRR?

Dawn Marie Rae - Pictured here is my painting of Cannon



I am pledging to give back 40% of any painting sold of a Golden Retriever(s) to GRR's Extraordinary Golden Fund.

The price will be dependent on size and composition, e.g. a 16x20 (on canvas in oils) of a single Golden will be \$400 with \$160 going back to GRR, more for multiple dogs and larger canvases.

If you're interested, please contact me at dawnmarie@grr-tx.com with a subject line of Golden Painting and we can talk about what you have in mind.

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](#). (Please include a photo or two (in landscape format) in your e-mail and the dog's GRR number and former name, if appropriate. Please limit your article to 500 words or less.)

The copy deadline is the 15th of the month.



In Loving Memory - Our Memorials Website Page

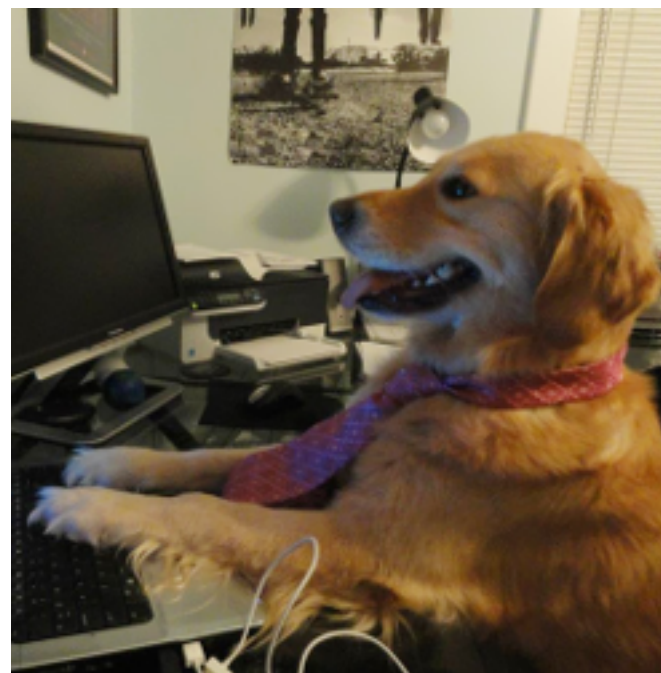
Dawn Marie Rae



Losing a Golden, or any dog for that matter, is painful and heart breaking. Everyone here at GRR mourns right alongside you. Sometimes, it is cathartic to pay tribute publicly and sometimes, it's just too hard to talk and write about. We totally understand.

But if you feel comfortable writing up a short tribute, we would love to have you share your memories with us. Please send your thoughts and a photo to [Dawn Marie Rae](#) and she will make sure it gets to the right people to post on our [Memorials](#) page. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter with the same text, please indicate this as well.

Grant Us This Day - Want to Help Us Write a Grant?



Have you done it before? Would you like to try? Would you enjoy researching available grants on the internet for rescue groups and putting together a plea for our cause for a couple of hours a month?

Please check out this article [article](#) and see if you might be interested. We'll help you along and provide the necessary data to make it great! Contact [Paula Ellis](#) if you are interested.
