

GRRMF Flooded with Goldens Needing Medical Intervention – Will you help?

Tales of Gold

Summers usually mean rain and floods – for GRRMF, it **rains** goldens and it this year we are **flooded** with dogs needing extraordinary veterinary care. *If it weren't for GRRMF and our supporters, NO ONE would be there to help these dogs.* **GRRMF has an urgent need to raise \$12,000** to help pay for extraordinary vet care on top of our regular expenses. Donations have been slow during the summer but the needy dogs don't stop coming. Meet a few of our special needs dogs who need your help:



Lucky – a special dog who is, well, not so lucky ... a seven year old female, picked up as a stray and taken to a county animal

shelter. Her owners were located and they said they would pick her up. So, Lucky waited and waited, and after 6 days they didn't show up. Finally the shelter tracked them down again and they said they didn't want her. Meanwhile, our GRRMF volunteer monitoring her status was growing increasingly concerned as Lucky was getting sick in the shelter. GRRMF took Lucky and admitted her to our vet office who put her in isolation and on antibiotics for 10 days. Lucky turned out to be heartworm positive. While xraying her lungs to make sure she was okay to start heartworm treatment, they saw a big object in her stomach. Dr. Rosen did exploratory surgery and sure enough Lucky swallowed a big river rock. So in addition to expensive heartworm treatment we had the cost of diagnostics and surgery. We're so happy we were able to save Lucky – she desperately

needed our help. Through it all, she has never stopped wagging her tail. She will make someone a great companion when she gets the home she so rightly deserves.

In June an old golden we named **Mr. Howell** was found wandering down Howell Branch Road in Orlando. A good samaritan saved him and contacted us. How could we turn down this sweet old guy, estimated to be nine years old? Who would not look for him? It is heart breaking that no one cared. GRRMF cared and took him in. He went to the vet for evaluation and was found to be heartworm positive. Mr. Howell was placed in a loving foster home while he awaited his expensive heartworm treatment.



Mr. Howell was doing well, except for passing lots of unconventional things (stones, four latex gloves, a plastic bag, and several paper towels), which he apparently ate while wandering because he had no food. He has quite an unconventional appetite as he has attempted to chew the TV remote, the computer mouse, a hand towel, a camera – probably because he was starving. His upper six and lower six front teeth are worn down to the gums and his bottom canine teeth are split from top to bottom, almost in half. So it seems he's possibly spent his life chained or caged, obviously never taught what was inappropriate to chew and Lord knows how long he was a stray and learning to supplement his meals - if he had any - pretty much on his own. His terrible skin is healing, his ears are improving

and his urinary infection is cleaning up. His foster home reported he is a real lover and improving every day. Then, he started having grand mal seizures. They were so bad he had to go to the emergency room for immediate treatment to bring the seizures under control. If you've ever had to take a dog to the emergency room you understand that when this happens to us we brace ourselves for the bill. And no emergency clinic normally gives any kind of rescue discount – after all – it's an emergency and they don't have to (although they explain that giving us a discount would raise costs for everyone else). So another \$800 vet bill is loaded on our already full plate ... and we have his heartworm treatment still left. *Will you help Mr. Howell?*

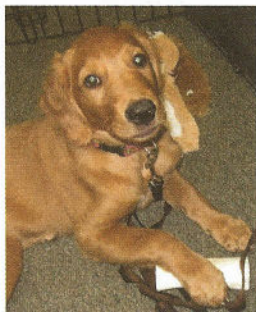
Tyger, a five year old male was turned into rescue because his owner died. The family member who turned him in mentioned his torn crutiate as he had been diagnosed by a vet before GRRMF took him in but wasn't treated for the condition. Tyger has many good years ahead of him so GRRMF decided to go proceed with his surgery to give him a more pain free and normal life. The cost for his surgery was \$2,400. He is on crate rest at his foster home and doing nicely. He is able to walk outside to go potty and is using the leg but a bit timidly. He will be able to start rehabilitation in about four to six weeks from now. *Will you help donate towards Tyger's care and give him the life he deserves?*



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Dakota, a 3 year old male, was turned in due to a divorce. He is a loving dog who thinks he is a lap dog. Once admitted to rescue our vet noticed he was limping and not walking straight. He was diagnosed with a crutiate ligament tear caused by misaligned leg bone. Orthopedic surgery was required to fix both issues. His prognosis was excellent with this treatment so GRRMF took him to Dr. Oakes at Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists and the surgery was performed. Dakota is on crate rest and recovering in his foster home. He will be able to start rehabilitation in about 4-6 weeks if all goes well. The cost of his care for diagnostics and surgery is \$2,500. *Would you like to be Dakota's angel and help him on his way to a new life?*

While we featured four dogs in this story, there are many more GRRMF dogs undergoing heart-worm treatment this summer. Our operating fund is draining under the strain of the medical bills. If you are able to help out, our golden retrievers would sincerely appreciate your support. Remember, you can donate by mailing a donation to us at GRRMF, PO box 1449, Goldenrod, FL 32733. Or, via our website using Paypal. All donations are tax deductible. *Thank you!*



Corey

Remember Corey? A Happy Ending!

Corey came to us from Orange County Animal Services. He's not telling his story before that. He was the one with the crooked broken leg that had not been repaired and healed almost in an "L" shape. GRRMF took him to an orthopedic surgeon who took a wedge out of his leg and straightened it out. After eight long weeks of recuperation, his leg looked like new but he was not ready for a marathon just yet. Corey started his rehabilitation walking half a block at a time, three times a day with a little increase distance every week. At a year and a half old, he was really ready for a run before rehab started but his foster mom held him back, much to his dismay. He felt fine, so why couldn't he run instead of walk? He found out that a few walks helped loosen the muscles that had not been used when he was convalescing. Ten weeks after surgery, he was running in the backyard for the first time and was he ever happy! Dogs CAN smile and smile big! Turns out he is an ace at fetch and likes to jump to get the ball. Corey is completely okay and enjoying the life he was meant to have, running, jumping, chasing lizards and having fun. *A big sloppy WOOF to GRRMF for helping him get back to normal.*

GRRMF Friends: Gone too soon

■ Michael Couden, a longtime supporter of GRRMF. Our deepest condolences to his wife Marilyn and family.

■ Hal Avey, longtime GRRMF volunteer, passed away in June. Hal helped behind the scenes with administrative duties for GRRMF along with his wife Carol. He will be missed, especially by his loyal dog Teddy.

Ruby's Puppies are growing up!

Remember Ruby who had a litter of puppies in February? All her pups were adopted and we're starting to get reports of their progress.

Oakley, one of Ruby's puppies that was adopted this spring, wanted to share his graduation photo. He's doing great in his home and is growing bigger every day. **Chance**, formerly Cole, is also a graduate of puppy school. His mom reports he is a wonderful puppy and they are very happy together.



GRRMF 20TH ANNIVERSARY TSHIRTS and CARDS!

You can help us celebrate by ordering a commemorative Tshirt today. Each Tshirt has a real GRRMF golden's paw print on the back of the shirt. We have new GRRMF notecards featuring five GRRMF golden retrievers - blank inside for any occasion - and all natural goat's milk soap for golden retrievers. Order yours today! Shirts 100% cotton.



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Golden Adoptions



Ten week old **Lucy** found herself homeless when her family moved to an apartment. Ralph and Annette K. adopted Lucy (now Abby) and they "love her to pieces"! Abby is all puppy and already enrolled in puppy training classes.



Donna H and her family had lost their standard poodle after a battle with autoimmune issues. Bailey was brought in for intake on a Saturday to one of the GRRMF vets.

Donna H. was certain that Bailey was "the one". She saw through the hair loss, allergies, goofy, tall, lanky looks and for some reason it was love at first sight. Bailey now "**Snapper**" went on to need most of his tail amputated. Today Snapper is now much healthier, happier and keeps the entire H. family busy. Snapper loves to swim with Donna's youngest son and his friends.



Mogan was 4.5 yrs old and he found himself without a home because a baby on the way meant no time or money for a dog. Mogan is a very lucky Golden boy because he is now a member of the A. family with Carol, Stacy and Noah. As you can see from the picture Stacy and Mogan have bonded. Mogan is a "lap dog" just like small dog Noah! Thank goodness the A. family has a large couch!



GRRMF got a call from a vet's office that a family surrendered their seven year old Golden to be euthanized because they couldn't handle her allergies any longer. The vet called GRRMF and picked up **Ruby Too** got her the medical treatment she needed and placed her in a wonderful foster home. The foster home nursed Ruby Too not only back to health, but allowed her wonderful Golden spirit to brightly shine though. Here is what foster (now forever Mom) Carol F has to say: "I'm so happy that I failed my first foster adopting this sweet, loving Velcro girl. Ruby Too is thriving! Her green been diet worked to help her loose 15 lbs so far with another five to reach her perfect goal weight to

support her arthritis and hip dysplasia. She has made best friends with a chocolate lab named Behr and his "sister" kitty Bella and loves to play with all her toys, especially with the loudest squeakers! Little did I know when I won the TradeWinds beach stay in the raffle at the GRRMF Reunion in February that I would have this special girl to share this wonderful weekend with. We are planning that adventure with her buddy Behr when the weather cools down in October. I'm looking forward to my next foster and Ruby Too being the perfect GRRMF ambassador!" From "death row" to vacationing on the beach Ruby Too's is a very lucky Golden Girl thanks to GRRMF and Carol F!



Sanders was picked up soaked to the bone and covered with fleas and heartworm positive from a multilane highway in front of a KFC by a good Samaritan. Sanders spent several months in a loving foster home receiving treatment to rid his heart of the life threatening parasites. Marjorie and Pat R. had room in their hearts and their home for this young Golden boy. Now a healthy and active young golden Sanders enjoys life with GRRMF alumni Holly and "Mom and Dad". You can see the happiness in Sander's eyes.

Lilly was three years who came to us due to a divorce and no apartment who would take a large dog. She must have been left alone a lot and was not given a lot of attention and play time. This was all soon to change when she went to foster with Barb, she flourished and her sweet personality came shining through. She just loved attention from people so she was placed with Angie who patiently waited for the right match! Angie writes; "Thank you for all your help in getting a Lilly, I am so happy to have adopted her, she is very sweet and I will care for her and love her very much."

Maggie, age six, was an owner turn in due to illness. She came to us overweight with whip-worms. We took care of all that and foster Bev put her on a diet and a slow walking regiment. She found the perfect home with John & Linda B, they are thrilled to have Maggie. They report "She is a perfect match; she will be very loved in our home and the community. Thank you so much!"



Baron was found wandering as a stray when GRRMF was called. He's a wonderful Golden boy who deserved a chance to find his forever home. He found it with Jane & Everett F. who fell in love with him the moment they saw him.



Cali came to us from a county shelter. She was a past service dog and at age nine, was turned in to the shelter.

She is so sweet with a "Miss Congeniality" personality that Pat and Jim H could not wait to adopt her. She will be visiting the library children's reading program, helping kids learn to read.

Chase was given up by his owners as they had to move and could not take him with them. The F family came along and saw what a wonderful dog Chase is and snapped him up. He is living the wonderful life again.



Chloe was only nine months old when she was turned in to rescue due to her owners allergies. She was adopted by Sue and Joel K. and is enjoying her loving new family and some much needed training.

Assistance Lifting and Walking Your Dog: Walkabout REAR Harness.

Unlike a body harness, the walkabout rear harness only fits over the back end. It is a novel way to assist dogs with issues such as arthritis, hip dysphasia, or recent surgery to get up and walk.

<http://handicappedpets.com> is dedicated to products that helps handicapped pets remain independent. To find the rear harnesses, select 'Help Pets Walk' from the menu on the left. If you hover over it, you will receive a second menu selection where you should click on 'Dog Harnesses and Slings'. On the Harnesses and Slings page, you will find a variety of selections including the Walkabout REAR Harness. The site contains lots of videos, sample instructions, size measurement charts.

Volunteer Needs

Reliable Volunteers Needed: Do you have 5 - 10 hours per week to volunteer on a regular basis? GRRMF needs YOU! Reliable team players needed for phone work, data entry and more! *Did we say RELIABLE? That's what we need!* Must have email and internet access. Email volunteers@grrmf.org if you can help.

Newsletter Material Wanted!! Are you a creative type? Like to write? Maybe you'd like to submit material for consideration for inclusion in our GRRMF newsletter or website. We need creative people on our newsletter team. Please email grrmfnewsletter@gmail.com with any material you'd like to submit. We're interested in stories on how our GRRMF Alumni are doing (pictures too), information useful to dog owners, stories from GRRMF volunteers, etc. Help us make our newsletter great!

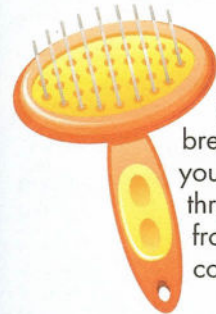
Publicity Coordinator – GRRMF is seeking a motivated person to come up with ways to increase our visibility in the community. We need someone who can not only come up with ideas but implement them. We'd like to have our organization listed in local papers throughout the mid Florida region, pet publications, etc. and need a dedicated person to make it happen. Must have access to a computer and be able to communicate via email. If you are interested in applying for this position please email volunteers@grrmf.org.

Home Visit Volunteers Needed: We have an urgent need for home visit volunteers in the following areas: Clermont, Orlando and suburbs, Winter Garden, Gainesville, Groveland. No matter where you are located though, we always need home visit volunteers.

Reunion Volunteers: Our 2012 Reunion is Saturday, February 18th. We need volunteers for all areas including helping with Games, Welcome Desk, Golden Goods, Raffle, general setup, and other activities.

If you are interested in applying for any of the above positions, please email volunteers@grrmf.org.

Grooming Your Golden



What? He's not a poodle...so why does your golden need grooming? Well, to look his or her golden best. Golden Retrievers are a double coated breed and shed regularly (surely no surprise to you!). The double coat is designed to protect them through all the seasons. In the winter, it protects from the cold. In the warmer months, the under coat is shed. **Never shave your golden!**

How do you reduce shedding in your home? Regular brushing with a brush and regular use of an undercoat rake (like a Furminator) really can help reduce the golden tumbleweeds in your home.

Bathing varies for each golden; there are golden Retrievers that need bathing only once a month – some that can use it more often. It depends on each dog's coat characteristics – some dogs get that oily feeling to their coat and a doggie smell sooner than others. There are lots of great shampoos out there to use for different problems. Oatmeal shampoo is always a good choice. For golden Retrievers with skin infections (such as yeast infections, common on

the stomach area), use an antibacterial shampoo such as Derma-BenSs shampoo; it flushes out the hair follicles and is a antimicrobial shampoo. Another great shampoo for skin is DermaPet MalAcetic Shampoo – great for yeast and infections on the skin.

Often it can be beneficial to use different shampoos for different areas of the golden. For example, you can always use an antibacterial shampoo in the areas that are prone to problems – the underbelly and groin, and armpits. Then use oatmeal on the top areas to condition the coat. GRRMF sells all natural goat's milk dog soap that is also wonderful for a golden's coat. Let's face it – Florida is always damp and humid and many golden Retrievers develop itchy skin on their bellies. These areas are prone to getting moist and developing that black coloring on the skin common with yeast infections. In between shampoos if your dog is fighting a skin infection on his belly, try some Malacetic Wipes to wipe the area periodically. You can also trim the hair on the belly in problem places to maximize air flow to the trouble spots.



Ears! What can we say? Most golden owners deal with ear problems from time to time, an occupational hazard of owning a golden for sure. Golden ears should be cleaned at least once a week with a good ear cleaner. There are many good ones available, and if you are budget conscious you can make your own with vinegar diluted with lots of water. A good cleaner is DermaPet Malacetic Otic. All products mentioned are available at www.kvvet.com.

Ears need regular grooming or your golden is going to start looking like it has a page boy haircut. Ears should be trimmed in multiple places. You'll need some good scissors, a regular pair and a pair of thinning scissors. Many golden owners use Millers Forge Gold 7.5" thinning scissors (46 tooth serrated on one blade only). Starting with a clean dry dog is a good start. The first area that should be trimmed is the fuzzy area behind the ear where the ear attaches to the head. You don't want to totally remove the hair, just make a few vertical cuts with the thinning shears and then comb the area out and see how it looks. The idea is to thin the hair to increase air circulation to this moisture prone area and to reduce the tendency for matting. Then open up the ear and trim the hair around the entrance to the ear canal; be careful not to allow hair to fall into the ear canal (or your golden will feel itchy and possibly dig at their ears). This will neaten the look of the underside of the ear and increase air flow to the ear canal. The outside of the ear flap often gets long hairs growing down and looks messy. The key here is to use the thinning shears sparingly to trim some of those hairs. The exact procedure with pictures can be found on the Golden Retriever Club of America's website at www.grca.org/allabout/a_care.html. Check out the link for the On-line Grooming tutorial with photos for more instructions about trimming ears. In the next issue of Tales of Gold, we'll talk about tails and feet!

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BEWARE OF CHICKEN JERKY TREATS: CHECK COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

If you feed your dog Chicken Jerky Treats, be sure to check the label for country of origin. The American Veterinary Medical Association was recently notified by the Canadian VMA that several Canadian veterinarians have seen dogs with a condition that resembles Fanconi syndrome, and it may be associated with the consumption of chicken jerky treats manufactured in China. Similar incidents were reported in the United States in 2007 and investigated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which issued a further warning in 2008. Visit the FDA website at www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/default.htm.

Note: All natural chicken jerky made in the US is sold by Josh's Firehouse Treats on the west coast. GRRMF sells Josh's at events over on the west coast. See our events page for the schedule.

NO GRAPES OR RAISINS FOR GOLDENS!

Though the exact mechanism is unknown, enough data has been acquired by the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) for them to state that eating grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs. Reports of disease have occurred with dogs eating over a pound of grapes while others became ill after eating only a single serving of raisins.

Most of the dogs who were reported to the APCC had vomited within a few hours after consuming the grapes or raisins. Owners saw the partially digested fruit either in the vomit or in the feces. Many of those dogs became lethargic, stopped eating, developed diarrhea, and showed signs of abdominal pain. These signs lasted from several days to several weeks. Lab tests showed these dogs to have elevated blood urea nitrogen (BUN), creatinine, and phosphorus levels—Kidney Failure! These increases in the blood tests started anywhere from 24 hours to several days after the dogs consumed the grapes or raisins. As the kidney disease progressed, the dog's urine output decreased. When urine production stopped, death occurred. **Treatment can only start if you are aware that your dog may have been exposed to danger. Seek veterinary attention immediately.**

Rainbow Bridge

Our condolences to those who have lost their canine loved ones.

- Lisa Corbett – Jake
- Kathy Nolen – Caysea and Baily
- Bob and Connie Madigan – Zoey Judy
- Bill & Kathy Byrne – Gingersnap
- Paul Eckstein – Gabby



Note: due to space constraints we regret we cannot print written tributes for the Rainbow Bridge, however, we do have a Rainbow Bridge section on our web page where we print memorials for GRRMF Alumni. Tributes should be emailed to info@grrmf.org.

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