

2012 Rescue Reunion - February 18, 2012

Tales of Gold



Calling All Holiday Angels!



It's that time of year when golden retrievers are waiting with anticipation to see what Santa will bring them. Some of your dogs are sniffing those presents under your tree looking for perhaps some doggie treats or a stocking filled with a new bone.

Our GRRMF rescues are also looking towards the stars hoping that someone will help them receive the care they need though a special holiday donation. If you would like to open your heart to them by making a special holiday donation, they would be very grateful. Your holiday gift will help a needy golden receive a very special gift – the gift of a new loving home.

If you would like to help, there is a donation form in this newsletter or credit card donations can easily be made from our website. There is also another easy way to donate. If this Christmas you offered to give to, or requested from someone, a donation to GRRMF on yours or another's behalf in lieu of just one present, it will truly become the gift of life.

Woof Thank You's from the whole rescued group!

These two lucky goldens are having a rest under their family's Christmas tree.

Won't you help us give this opportunity to other waiting goldens?



GRRMF Alumni



Cali: GRRMF picked up nine-year-old Cali from a "kill shelter" where due to her age and obese condition she was considered unadoptable. We are happy to tell you Cali was adopted by Pat and Bill H. and has been doing very well. After several months of loving care, exercise, quality food and vet care, Cali went from "death row" to becoming a happy healthy certified therapy dog, regularly visiting assisted living and nursing facilities. Here is the latest news from Cali's family.

Cali and her sister Misha We wanted to share a recent picture of our girl Cali & announce she now weighs 75lbs. We know she still needs to lose a little more but we are thrilled that she has come down this far from her 93 lbs. Cali regularly receives glycol flex and previcox and has turned into a bouncy playful pup. She loves her own backyard and new sister Misha. We have been amazed at her lizard hunting skill and energy. She and Misha have always been interested in them but now the two of them go out on patrol. As a therapy dog, Cali visits local assisted living facilities (one on the memory loss floor) with Lovely, another GRRMF alumnus. The residents are truly delighted to have them there and they both do an excellent job.

When home, Cali LOVES all her toys! We are all having so much fun with her. To wake up to a smiling face with a toy in her mouth and a wagging tail banging against the bed is the best!

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Thanks again for all you do in rescue.

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Thank you to all our wonderful adoption families who opened their hearts and homes to each of our wonderful goldens!



Nikky was surrendered at nine years old when her family had to leave the country for an employment contract. John, Mary, and their 2 yr old daughter adopted Nikki. Nikky will live like a queen and be a wonderful companion to her new family.

Reiley was surrendered after being found wandering the street. The family that picked him up already had several older dogs and Reiley was "too puppy" for them. Believed to be around six months old, Reiley was adopted by John C. and family. He now has attention and a large fenced yard to run off all his puppy energy.



Five-year-old Bentley found himself a victim of financial crisis and homeless. Dennis O. adopted Bentley and the two are constant companions. They enjoy daily trips to the dog park as well as just chilling at home.

Nine-month-old Chase found himself homeless due to lack of money to care for a dog and the owner's medical issues incurring due to allergies cause by Chase. Marc and Cathy R. adopted a seven-month-old golden boy from GRRMF about a year ago and were thinking about adding a "play buddy" to the family. As we sometimes say "Goldens are like potato chips...you can't have just one". Marc and Cathy adopted Chase and their golden boys almost look like twins and certainly act like brothers. The young golden boys are great with each other and tire each other out!



Six-year-old Theo found himself in rescue when his family could no longer deal with allergy issues. Fostered by Max H., Theo moved in and completely unpacked his suitcase! Foster dad became "forever Dad" as Max adopted Theo.



Gigi, a beautiful six-year-old, was surrendered when her family was not able to give her the attention she deserved. Susan and Joseph M adopted Gigi and today she is enjoying life like a queen.

Eight-year-old Prince came to GRRMF from a shelter. GRRMF transport volunteers Barbara & Arnold O. felt a very strong connection to this special boy. They completed the adoption screening process and today Prince is "Prince O." and he is most certainly living in the royal fashion fitting for royalty.



Choco came to rescue at seven years old due to a family divorce followed by tight financial issues. The M. family adopted Choco and now he will have his well deserved forever loving home.



Joe Cool came to rescue due to economy issues of his family. Little did this lucky fellow know he would be adopted by a very special woman in our organization. Debbie M. has had a rough year, but has definitely made lemonade out of lemons. This past spring Debbie saw her pair of 14 yr old goldens Bubba and Roxy follow each other across the Rainbow Bridge. In May, Debbie adopted a five and six-year-old bonded pair, Koda and Boomer. Sometimes life just isn't fair and within a month of being in their "forever home" Koda had to have emergency surgery and it was devastating news - cancer. Debbie, always taking the positive, said that Roxy had sent Koda to her in order to be cared for and loved. This past October Koda followed Bubba and Roxy to the Bridge. Boomer was the "bonded" dog of the pair and was lost without a canine pal. Debbie immediately adopted Joe Cool and he and Boomer hit it off immediately. Both Boomer and Joe cool are GRRMF volunteer dogs and attend West Coast educational and fundraising events. Note - Debbie is our wonderful West Coast Fundraising/Events Coordinator who started an enhancement of the Woody Fund for Special Needs Golden Retrievers called "Roxi's Cancer Cousins". Donations designated to this fund will help cover veterinary costs of GRRMF foster dogs diagnosed with cancer. Adopted by Debbie in May 2000,

Roxi is one of the all time most famous dogs in rescue. Please see our full story of Roxi's new fund in the May issue of our GRRMF Newsletter and visit our website where you will find a detailed article and tribute to Roxi's wonderful life.



Lailee is a 2-year-old female who was turned in because her owner traveled constantly and felt it was unfair to kennel her so much. Lailee was adopted Michael, Hannah and Sam M. They report her doing very well and they love her very much.

Autumn is a nine-month-old female who came into rescue because her family moved to another state and could not take her. Debbie D. and family recently lost their GRRMF alumni dog and decided to foster autumn. Well, she fit right in to the family and their dog Ambrosia, who was missing her sister, attached



herself to Autumn. No one could part with her so she is now a permanent family member. Autumn is a golden tornado of love and puppy playfulness and Autumn and Ambrosia are all smiles and make quite a pair. Autumn has already completed her puppy manners class with flying colors.

Ten-year-old Portia - now Maggie, was turned into GRRMF because her owner lost her home. She was a happy but overweight girl. Luckily she was adopted by Bonnie S. who reports that Maggie is going on daily walks and eating the green bean diet and has lost 14 pounds since coming into rescue. Her wagging tail and cheerful smile are constant reminders of how thankful she is that GRRMF brought Bonnie into her life!



Ten-year-old Lacie was rescued from a shelter. After receiving treatment for her heartworms, she was adopted by Jan J. and her new golden brother Tucker. She now has all the attention she needs as well as a new forever sibling playmate.



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Murphy found himself in rescue at four years old due to the economic hardship of his former family. He did not wait long to receive a new home with Judy and Steven M. Murphy made himself right at home and is enjoying plenty of exercise and snuggling on the couch.

Molly came to rescue when her owner could not afford her vet care for skin and allergy problems. GRRMF got Molly the immediate vet care she required. Sheila M adopted this wonderful four-year-old and she is now enjoying her life with siblings Evan and Trevor.



Four-year-old Cindy is another shelter rescue. She suffered from skin infections, which resulted in a patchy coat of fur. Karla D. saw her sweet personality and knew that love, quality food, and time would bring Cindy back to full health. They are now the perfect family.

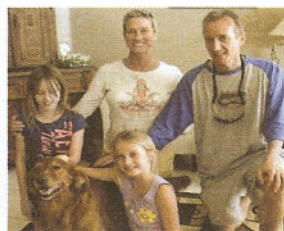
Nine-year-old Peaches came into rescue when her owner became sick with cancer while losing their house and could no longer care for her. Peaches was unspayed, overweight, need eye medications, and was full of worms. The D. family adopted Peaches where she is getting all the love and attention she needs.



Yogi was found wandering a major multi-lane highway and was picked up by animal services who notified and surrendered him to GRRMF. Elliott is a very big boy weighing in around 90 pounds and has a wonderful temperament. Donna B and Kevin K. adopted

GRRMF Kitrini (now Mandy) the spring of this year and wanted a companion for her after their GRRMF alumni Tilly crossed the Rainbow Bridge this past fall. Donna reports he is already settled in and is a wonderful member of their family. He was renamed from his rescue name Elliott to Yogi because he is such a big gentle bear of a guy.

Katie was surrendered by a busy family with Mom's time taken by four young children and their activities, and Dad traveling out of town for work. Katie was spending too much of her time in a crate and when finally out, showed an overabundance of uncontrolled exuberance and need of attention. The family knew Katie needed a home that would give her the attention and training a young two-year-old golden deserved. Katie was adopted by Kala and Hank S. and they are thrilled. They reported, "We went to visit and brought her home that very day. She is wonderful. Our older lab is doing well with her. She walks with us and plays in the yard with her sibling. You and your organization have really made our Thanksgiving complete!"



Maia came into rescue when an illness in her family left them unable to care for her. Maia was adopted by Scott and Jeannie H and their daughters. Smiles all around tell the "happy beginning" of Maia and her new forever family.

Trudy and her Puppies

By Robertha (Bert) Hacker, Director of Intake

Late afternoon Friday August 5, GRRMF received a phone message from Brenda at SE Volusia Humane Society. Her message simply said they were "desperate" with a mom and six puppies approximately two weeks old. I got a recording when I called back meaning I would have to wait to call back early Saturday morning for details. I immediately contacted Marcia McGovern to alert her and then called Debbie and Tom Young to see if they perhaps could help if we had to take the puppies. Debbie and Tom have been rescue angels before having helped with other litters of puppies in the past.



Saturday morning we learned a mom and her six puppies along with two adult males were left in the drop box the prior weekend with a note stating the mom's name was Trudy. They did not have a veterinarian covering the shelter that entire week and one of the puppies had passed away after Brenda called. An appointment had been scheduled to take one of the puppies to a vet on Monday but Brenda was concerned for their immediate safety and health. They were unable to send a picture and confirm the breed so Marcia agreed to go in person to ID them. Upon seeing them, it was clear they were not 100% golden retriever but the condition they were in made it impossible for Marcia to leave them. We feared that more pups would die if they had to wait for treatment.



Marcia arranged to have them taken to the Oviedo Animal Hospital for a quick check and the wonderful Oviedo staff stayed late on Saturday to assist us. Trudy was heartworm positive, emaciated and the puppies all had severe bacterial and fungal infection on the skin. I called Debbie Young who agreed to take them that afternoon. Arrangements were made to transport Mom and all the puppies to the Young's house on the west coast. Marcia McGovern and Bud Macri drove the dogs to Lakeland. My husband Charlie and I drove from St. Pete to Lakeland to pick them up and transport them to the Youngs.

The puppies required antibiotics and medicated shampoo. We arrived at Debbie's and gave the first of what would be every 2-3 day medicated baths for the next three weeks then twice weekly for three more weeks. In addition, Wilma – the smallest puppy – would require feeding supplementation, as she was not strong enough to feed herself. Debbie hand fed Wilma supplemented puppy food and baby food.

Mom's Condition

Trudy was so starved she was truly not able to care for the puppies. As Tom put it after her bath, she looked like "someone from a concentration camp" under the fur. She also seemed to have no sense of presence with the puppies and would lay and step on them without moving off when she was in the pen with them. Debbie had to supervise feedings and her time with them to keep them safe. Trudy was simply so depleted that being a mom was difficult for her. Following a vet check the next week a decision was made to remove Trudy from the puppies sooner than we would have otherwise. She went into foster care with the Trudell's the end of August.





Debbie became the sole caregiver/mom to the puppies. For the next three weeks, they received baths two times a week and continued on oral antibiotics. Even with assistance, the baths took up to two hours to complete, as the puppies had to soak followed by combing out scaling that had formed from the infections. If we went too fast or pulled to hard, the skin would tear. It was a slow and delicate process. They had lost fur on feet and tails. They remained on baths and antibiotics until they received their pre-adoption vet check on September 15. Within days, all the pups were adopted to loving homes. Talk about a "happily ever after" story! What a difference GRRMF made in their lives after their old owner discarded them in a drop box.

Note – We are happy to report all puppies and mom are now in their permanent homes! This is truly a success story made possible by caring and dedicated volunteers we are so fortunate to call ours! It's amazing how many times our volunteers go to great lengths to help a needy dog. Don't be shy, thank them with a donation dedicated to them and the second chance they provided an "honorary golden" mom and her pups – they certainly deserve it!

Special Note – This has been a very busy year for GRRMF and litters of puppies. Trudy was our second mom in rescue – our first being Ruby. So many puppies received a bright and happy future because of the dedication and hard work of our volunteers! Thank you to all who assisted and donated with this year's puppy extravaganza.

Update on Mom – Trudy

The Trudell family met Trudy and her puppies at their Pinellas foster home shortly after they were rescued. They felt that this mellow mama might be the new family member they were looking for. After spending a few more afternoons getting to know Trudy and helping with the puppies, the Trudell's decided to foster Trudy through her medical treatments. Trudy spent a weekend in the Trudell's home then had to spend the next five days at the vets receiving necessary heartworm treatment. Due to her condition, she needed to stay at the vets for careful monitoring and she was still 15 pounds underweight.

As Trudy slowly recovered from her treatment and recover general health, she began to perk up. After completing and recovering from the heartworm treatment, Trudy was spayed. She has recovered from all of her treatments and has transformed from mellow mama to perky puppy. She is full of energy, curiosity and affection. She loves to roll in the grass, run in the yard and take walks around the neighborhood. The Trudell's loved Trudy and decided to change her foster status into permanent family member. She was officially adopted on Teri's (mom) birthday!



Update on Chloe – a Trudy Puppy

The Myers family reports Trudy's puppy Chloe (formerly Pebbles) is doing great. Although she had

some tummy issues, she is otherwise a happy healthy 23 lb puppy. She and her new sibling Copper are great friends and everyone is enjoying having Chloe around. She is of course a puppy so gets into her share of trouble ... one big thing ... hole digging outside! She is currently attending puppy class and doing great there.



Alumni -- continued from front cover



Maggie: Nine-year-old Maggie (formerly Aggie) was surrendered when after a divorce her mom had to move to a small apartment and couldn't afford her daily medications to control seizures and hypothyroidism. Through it all, Maggie has the most "sunny side up"

golden personality. Below is what John Foss wrote after adopting her.

Maggie (foreground) relaxing with her brothers Monty (chocolate lab) and Casey (blond golden)

Recently I was contacted by our GRRMF Transport Coordinator, Sue Angle, and asked if I would assist in transporting two goldens. The initial instructions were to meet up with another transporter in Haines City and that further details would be provided via email.

As some of you may know, we lost our precious and much loved Phoebe in September and since then we were not actively looking for another dog. However, a nine-year-old named Aggie posted on the GRRMF web site did catch our attention. She was described as exceptionally sweet (aren't they all!) and got along great with her foster cat. Since we have two cats, any adoption we undertake would have to take into account the well-being of the cats and any new dog.

Wouldn't you know, when I got the email details of the transport, one of the dogs was named Aggie. I called Aggie's foster mom and asked her if this was the same dog on the web site and she confirmed that it was. She went on to say how wonderful Aggie is and how great she is with their cat and that her name was really "Maggie" and that GRRMF had probably renamed her because there may have been too many Maggies on the books. After I heard all of this, I was convinced that Aggie would make a great addition to our family, so I decided to try to work out how to accomplish this. Cathy was at work while all this was going on but I figured she would agree with anything I did in this regard. (She did of course – enthusiastically!)

We were able to pick up Aggie in the morning and bring her home to her new family where she was welcomed with open paws! It was immediately obvious to us that the name Maggie fits this little girl much better so Maggie is her name and she is fitting in well. Our two dogs Monty and Casey of course did their normal sniff routine and accepted her, and the cats and Maggie are currently in an ignoring each other phase which is about all you could expect from cats. (I should mention that our golden, Casey, is best friends with our rather chubby yellow male cat!)

The whole situation made me feel that the stars were lining up just right in order for all this to come together as it did and undoubtedly will work out great!

Pause – a Ruby Puppy: We adopted Pause one of Ruby's puppies, and are totally in love with him. We wanted to thank GRRMF for our giant baby! He is nine months now and 100 pounds! He is beautiful and the most loving dog we have ever had. He will cuddle and nuzzle his head on us, is eager to please and very smart. He was the top in his puppy class and our plan is to continue his education to become a therapy dog. He definitely has the heart for it! We can't wait for him to meet his siblings at the upcoming reunion! Debbie and Gerry Stelzer



For more updates on Mr. Howell, Dakota, and Tyger – our other "Dogs of Summer" see our website!

Thanks for your donations!

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loving companion this past year. We thank you for opening your hearts and doors, giving a second chance to those who needed you to come into their lives just when you did.

■ Marilyn Ade - Bella
■ Debbie Drapo - Aurora
■ Richard Manners - Duke
■ Tracy Frandsen - Hunter
■ Sharon Stockman - Ginger
■ Marrilee Dulaney - Kumar
■ Debbie McGhehey - Koda Bear
■ Kevin & Donna Byrnes - Tilly
■ David & Nancy Lowerhouse - Simba
■ Patricia Lee & Paul Proffitt - (sisters) Peaches & Daisy

We invite everyone to enter the Rainbow Bridge section on our web site and spend time with each loving companion. See their beautiful picture and read about the life they devoted to their families.

Make a Special Treat for your Golden This Holiday

Developed by Rebecca Kracke Gordon, author of The Half-Hour Hostess



Rolled Out Dog Bones

½ cup quick cooking rolled oats
2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
1 egg
¼ cup canola oil
2 tbs. molasses
¼ cup water
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Coat baking sheets with cooking spray.
Combine oats, flour, egg, canola oil and molasses.
Stir in water until combined.
Roll out dough to ½ inch thickness on lightly floured surface.
Cut out treats using a 2 ¾ inch bone shaped cookie cutter.
Transfer to baking sheets.
Bake 10-12 minutes or until dry and set.
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Makes 22-30 treats.

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