

Tales of Gold

Thirteen Hurting Golden Hearts Feeling Much Better Now! Our Pocketbook? Not So Good!!

It seems like this time every year we write about heartworm positive dogs in our program. It's always an issue we deal with, but 2012 has been a "deal breaker".

We have already, as of mid July, taken in more heartworm positive dogs (13) than we typically do in a year. The impact to GRRMF is significant to say the least. With the cost of heartworm treatment added to

routine veterinary care and follow-up, the cost is approximately \$1,000 per dog. These extra veterinary costs have meant that our revenue has not kept up with our year-to-date expenses.

We are sending out a plea to all of friends to please consider helping us with our little hurting golden hearts. We are calling it the **"Healing Hearts Campaign"**.

Any donation, large or small, will help us get to our goal of raising \$12,000 to fund veterinary costs.

Will you help dogs like Scout and Lois become heartworm free so they can have a happy future? Their tails are wagging just thinking that someone might help them! Here are some of our heartworm positive dogs so far:



Parade of Rescues – October 2012

The Eastern Regional Specialty for Golden Retrievers will be held in Orlando the last weekend in October. GRRMF will be partnering with the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC) to host a "Parade of Rescues". This is an opportunity for rescued golden retrievers to enjoy a walk around the show ring as their unique story is told to the crowd. To enter the parade you must submit an entry to the show. Visit www.2012grcaeasterregional.org for more information.

You won't want to miss this event as the Specialty draws golden retrievers from all over the country to compete in Conformation and other AKC events. There are always great vendors that feature copious amounts of golden retriever merchandise. Stay tuned to our website for more information as it becomes available on this exciting event!

GOLDEN ADOPTIONS

Thank you to all our wonderful adoption families who opened their hearts and homes to each of our wonderful golden retrievers! Here are a few of our happy adoption stories.



Bill was a 4-year-old stray picked up by county animal services. When his family refused to claim him, GRRMF stepped in. Bill has been treated for heartworms and was adopted by Laura W. and her two other golden retrievers.

Dusty, now Boomer, was surrendered by a family with too little time to devote to his needs. Boomer was adopted by Marlene and Paul N. (former adopters and volunteers with GRRMF). Although Boomer is a young 2½ years old, he is very shy. He is now learning to come out of his shell. His new brother Dodge, also a GRRMF alumnus (pictured on the right), has become his closest companion. Boomer has certainly found a wonderful forever home.



Chelsea is a 4-year-old female who was turned into rescue because her owner lost their job and home. She was adopted by Susan and Richard L. who recently lost their golden and were lonely for another canine companion. Enter Chelsea, a sweet girl who is now showered with affection by her new parents. Since they are RV'ers, there will likely be camping trips in Chelsea's future!



Cookie, now Snookie, is an 18-month-old surrendered by a family that took her in from a co-worker to keep her from going to a shelter. Her new owners realized a young golden was not suited for their apartment life and required more time and attention than they could give her. Patsy and Charlie U. and their children adopted Snookie and she now has plenty of attention and room to run off her energy.

Comet is a 2-year-old male adopted by Beverly R. and her children. They really wanted the companionship of a loving golden and Comet is just the dog they needed. He is settling in wonderfully in his forever home.



Ella is a 6-month-old puppy surrendered because her owner worked long hours with no time left for her exercise and training needs. Ella was adopted by former GRRMF adopters Patricia L. and Paul P. Their home was very quiet after losing their beloved GRRMF Golden sisters to old age several months ago. Little Ella will enjoy a loving family with time to mold her into a well-mannered golden girl.



Ellie was surrendered because an upcoming marriage required moving to a non-dog-friendly environment. Ellie was adopted by Janice and David B. and now has a black lab brother named Takai. Janice and David own a jewelry store and plan to take Ellie to work with them daily. She will now have full days greeting all their customers.



Emma came into rescue as the result of a frantic call to the GRRMF intake hotline. The surrendering owner was being evicted in less than 24 hours



from the time of the call. She had no way to keep 5-year-old Emma with her. Emma has been adopted by Richard and Mary Ann N. and is adjusting well to her new surroundings.



Faith is a 4-year-old female picked up by animal control and found to be heartworm positive. GRRMF took her in and provided her needed medical treatments. She is now living happily with her new parents Katherine and James A. and her new brother Rocky (pictured on left.)

Findlay, now Harley, is a 16-month-old energetic boy who found himself in rescue when a busy family with 2 small children couldn't take care of a large, energetic dog. Maria and Steve Z. adopted this wonderful boy who now enjoys the attention he needs.



Gonch and Chloe both 5 years old, were turned into rescue by a family whose children no longer had time for the dogs. This bonded pair needed to be placed together. Luckily Kristine & Ron W. were open to giving this great duo a home and the rest is history!

Hermione, now Hailey, was surrendered when her owner was having health issues and could not keep up with an energetic, 6-month-old puppy. Hailey was adopted by Emily R. who lost her golden Lola suddenly to cancer this year. Hailey went into her new household and immediately began mending broken hearts. She and her new sibling Maddie have bonded instantly.



Isabella was 9 years old when surrendered by a family that found themselves with limited time and resources for her care. She was adopted by Robert and Connie M. who will provide all the love and attention she needs for the rest of her life.



James was adopted by Susan and Pete F. (GRRMF former adopters and proud parents of Duncan, the GRRMF 2012 calendar cover golden). Susan said from the time James trotted into their home as a foster they knew they were in fear of becoming a "foster failure". James, a 6-year-old male, was a heartworm positive stray who came to us via county animal control. James now has fellow golden retrievers Duncan and Dora to play with and takes turns going to work with his dad who teaches college. James is being trained to be a TDI Therapy dog.

Jude came into rescue after being picked up as a stray. Jude was heartworm positive, skinny, and had other health issues from living on the streets. Jude was nursed back to health in a very loving and skilled foster home. John and Marian C. and their sons adopted Jude and he will now live the life of a king. Marian now looks forward to therapy dog training with Jude.



Kassie, now Daisy, was a 3-month-old puppy surrendered due to her former family being physically unable to keep up with her energy and training needs. Kassie is now in her forever home with Nanci and Kevin A. and her canine sibling Koda. She is enjoying her family and expending her extra energy in her new yard and pool.



Kayha is a 6-year-old female who was turned into rescue due to her family's home foreclosure. She was adopted by Sherri and Joel V. and is doing great.

Logan was eight years old when he found himself in rescue due to his owner's failing health and inability to keep up with his needs. Logan tested positive for heartworms and was cared for in a wonderful foster home while he completed the heartworm treatment. Logan was adopted by Edward and Amy F. and now receives all the attention he could every want.



Lucy was turned in because she needed more attention than her family could provide her. She is a great little golden who was adopted by Christina and George M. and now has a family with walking companions and a spacious backyard and the pool where she can work off all her extra energy.

Maggie Mae was surrendered at 9 years old due to her owner becoming unemployed and financially challenged. Carol and Lou G. our long-time supporters and repeat adopters made her a permanent part of their family and Maggie is doing just fine.



Mimi is a small girl at only 35 pounds. She came to us when her family's employment required a great deal of traveling. Little Mimi was adopted by Jan J. and is now loving life with her siblings, 10-year-old Sadie and 13-year-old Tucker.



Roxy was turned in to rescue at 8 years old due to a family divorce. Deborah adopted her and now they both look forward to sharing walks and playing in the back yard.



Shawna was surrendered at 9 years old when her owners moved and could not take her with them. Shawna was adopted by Donna N. and her children and will now have plenty of attention and play time.



Valentine, now Tucker, came to GRRMF when his family with several small children and busy lifestyle realized they didn't have time for him. Tucker was adopted by Judith and Ron D. who very much wanted to share their hearts and their home with a young, energetic golden. Tucker now receives plenty of love, training, and play time to use up all that energy.

Nosework Workshop

By Emily Rowe

FGCGRC (Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club) sponsored a Nosework workshop that was attended by many GRRMF golden loving friends! Ann Waterbury, owner of New Dawn Animal Behavior Center, hosted the event. Ann is a trainer that offers courses in good manners and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification and has expanded her classes to include three levels of nosework classes.

Nosework is a new activity for you to enjoy with your dog. It takes advantage of your dog's most acute sense – that of smell. All you need to get started is a few boxes and some smelly treats (I use hotdogs). Choose one box to be the "scent box" and place a treat in this box then surround that box with other boxes. Bring the dog in and wait for them to "find" the treat and praise them! Later the dog is taught to find particular scents in a variety of settings.

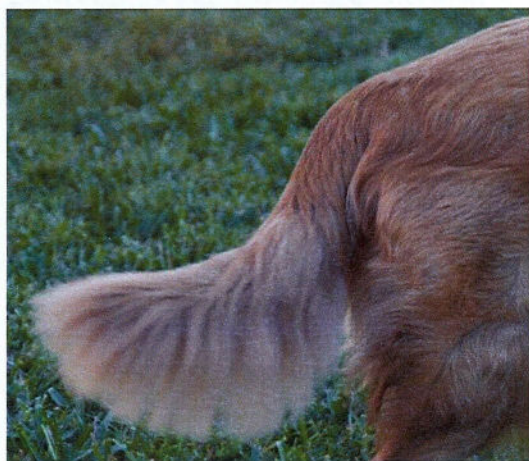
During the afternoon workshop we observed dogs that had not had any experience with nosework and more experienced dogs, including Ann's Rusty, that have been doing this for over a year.



It is fascinating to watch the dogs figure out what is expected and how to find the "treats." They are very enthusiastic students!

Ann narrated as the dogs worked, informing us about the process and how this kind of activity can build self confidence in a shy dog and develop the dog's ability to stay with an activity even when it is little frustrating. Nosework will strengthen the relationship you have with your dog and you will both have fun doing it!

Everyone that attended enjoyed the afternoon learning about another fun activity to enjoy with their dogs. FGCGRC is grateful to Ann for allowing us to use her facility and her expertise to bring our friends together for a very educational afternoon.



Grooming Your Golden's Tail..

In our final installment on grooming your golden, let's talk about Tails. If left untrimmed, a golden retriever's tail can become straggly and brush the ground. Your golden's tail will look much better if it is slightly trimmed. Normally a golden's tail shouldn't be longer than the dog's hocks. You don't want to cut the tail too short. One way to groom the length of the tail is to wind the feathering of the last five or six inches of the tail around the tail tightly toward the tip, then hold it tightly with one hand. Bring your thumb and forefinger to the tip of tail still holding the wound feathering tightly, so that you can feel the end bone of the tail. Use your thinning shears to cut the feathering straight off, within about one inch of the tip of the bone/end of the tail. Once you trim that portion, let the tail loose and then look at the bottom of the tail. You may need to trim the rest of the tail slightly so that the bottom line flows evenly into the newly trimmed tip. A golden's tail should have a nice natural curve and not be trimmed to shortly as it approaches the dog's rump. Less is more here – don't trim too much. So, there you have it, we've covered ears, feet, and tails all perfectly groomed and ready for those GRRMF calendar pictures!

If you think grooming is tricky, try getting a picture of a wagging tail!

Participating in Organized AKC Competitions with your GRRMF Golden

By Barbara Durham
President, GRRMF

Many people don't know they can compete in many AKC (American Kennel Club) events with their GRRMF Golden Retriever. How can this be when you don't have "papers" on your dog? (Nearly all GRRMF dogs come to us without AKC registration papers).



There is a program called the Purebred Alternative Listing Privilege that gives all purebred dogs a chance to compete in AKC events even if they are not registered with the AKC. They can participate in AKC Companion and Performance events including obedience, agility and rally trials, and more. While you can't compete in conformation trials (competitions for "looks" according to breed standard), there are many other opportunities to compete with your dog.

To participate in the program you must apply for a Purebred Alternative Listing number (PAL) by filling out an application and providing photographs so your dog can be visually identified as a golden retriever. There is an application fee, but once the number is issued, you can enter events by using the PAL number instead of an AKC registration number on all entrance forms. You can find more information about the program at www.akc.org. Of course you must first train for the events. My first rescued golden, Rocky, trained extensively at Best Paw Forward in Central Florida before he competed and earned his Companion Dog title through the AKC.

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC) is licensed by the AKC to hold conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, and retriever hunting tests. MFGRC offers an ongoing slate of seminars, clinics, and "fun days" to encompass all aspects of the golden retriever. Their members were very helpful to me in learning how to train my dog. It is worthwhile to find an experienced trainer that works with students seeking AKC titles and to join a group like MFGRC or FGCGRC (Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club) that has members that compete in AKC events. Visit their websites for more information at www.mfgrc.org and www.fgcgrc.org.

Many people don't realize that we actually started out as a committee of MFGRC in 1991. We operated within their organization for six years before incorporating as a separate 501 (c) (3) entity in 1997. Our organizations share a common love of golden retrievers and many of their members are loyal supporters of our rescue efforts. Once I joined MFGRC with my big red golden, the rescue committee folks latched on to me pretty quickly and the rest is history. My life has never been the same!

BeeBee the Golden Saves GRRMF Volunteer

By Rochelle Kenyon

It was a beautiful day. The sun was out, dolphins were swimming around the dock, and the river was calm. I went for my usual morning walk, eight lengths up and back down the dock. BeeBee, my 2-year-old golden retriever rescue angel, walked with me while exploring the birds and ducks. Then – time passed and I felt BeeBee licking my face. Her paw was on my chest and she wouldn't stop licking. Could it be time to wake up? No, it couldn't be. BeeBee's licking and low moans were



different than what she usually does every morning in bed. I tried to pet her but my arm didn't move. I tried to open my eyes, but the glare of the sun was so strong. It took quite a while for me to realize I was lying flat on my stomach at the end of the dock. My head felt like twice the size it should have been, my hands and fingers wouldn't move, and my legs and knees wouldn't work. The next thing I knew, BeeBee started barking and attracted a neighbor's attention. It took three people to get me up, into a wheelchair and back into the house. I was housebound for 4 days during which time BeeBee never left my side while lying on the couch. I know that I owe my golden girl for bringing joy and companionship into my life. Added to that, I owe her for 'saving' me on that day that I had an accident and fell on my dock.



Has your GRRMF Golden passed their Canine Good Citizen Test? If so let us know! We are going to start publishing the names of our adopted dogs that earn their CGC to recognize their accomplishment. Let us know by emailing grrmfnewsletter@gmail.com. And don't forget to include their picture!

Rainbow Bridge

We extend our hearts and sympathy to all our GRRMF families that have lost a 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.



- Robin & Denny Scott – Holly ■ The Bond family – Lucky ■ Barbara Durham – Poobah
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- Tricia & Mike Meyers and Beth Scott – Ricky and Jordan
- Kathy & Anthony Prosser – Tiqua ■ Karen Sadzinski – Molson



Does your golden exhibit signs of stress when storms come rolling in?

P.J. Lacette, owner and master dog trainer from Best Paw Forward, Inc. shares her expertise with us on this issue. P.J. has operated Best Paw Forward, a center for dog training, in the Central Florida area for 35 years. P.J. has been a great supporter of Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida since we started in 1991. Many of our rescues have attended her training classes with their families. Visit Best Paw Forward at www.bestpaw.com.

Many dogs become storm-phobic only after fully-grown. A common age group is around ages 4 or 5, so it is quite possible for an adult dog to become afraid of nasty weather. Never count on a dog just "getting over it." You lose valuable training time if you wait. Sound phobia is on-going and often indicates other issues as well.

Medications or homeopathic remedies like Distress Remedy, Tranquil Pet, Be Calm, Calming Essence or melatonin can be useful but are difficult to administer on an as-needed basis since, in a normal summer here in Florida, we get heavy rainstorms every day for many months in this sub-tropical climate.

Always consult your veterinarian for help. If you happen to be home as a storm is approaching, or if you are fortunate enough to have more warning of storms in your area it certainly can't hurt. Some brands are also appropriate for daily use. If you wanted to use something regularly, Distress Remedy and Calming Essence are good choices. The best time to provide the remedies is before fireworks or storms begin.

It is crucial to keep your dog in a safe, indoor area, possibly crated, during storms and likely fireworks holidays. If your dog has this problem, he should never go with you to a fireworks display. Ignore fearful behavior that seems to spring from nowhere, that has no valid cause.

Here are some behavioral training storm desensitizing tips, gathered here in thunderstorm/lightning prone Central Florida:

■ For dogs sensitive to noisy thunder you can play sound effects tapes, softly at first during doggie meal times then gradually

increase the volume (and this is helpful for dogs that compete in conformation, agility, obedience, field, whatever!). We have noticed a definite difference in the level of the dogs' reactions when we play CD's as opposed to audiotapes. The difference in quality of sound really seems to matter to the dogs, so use the CD if possible.

■ Flip your home's electrical breaker while rewarding dog (like the power flickering on and off) because it makes appliances cycle up and electronic equipment reset as well as

hydrate meal in the afternoon with some vitamin B-6 added.

■ Do a canine massage session.

■ Play with a strobe light or the flash from your camera (fringe benefits for show pictures here!)

The goal is to gradually expose the dog to things that are making him nervous, but begin the exposure in such a mild fashion or from so far away that he does not obviously react. For instance, when working on the sound aspect, start softly as recommended.

You may also use a toy cap pistol for some of the sound desensitization work, but muffle the toy under pillows or blankets, or inside a cardboard tube or box.

Punishment, including stressful admonishment, is likely to make the problem worse. The dog will then know he was right to be afraid. Comforting a fearful dog is rewarding the nervous reaction if it is the long-term way of dealing with the problem. Ignore reactions as much as you can and move further away from the set up noise, which is easier if you have a helper to click* then treat the dog

for ignoring the scary sounds.

Continue to reinforce good behavior, gradually stretching out the reinforcement schedule so the treats and games are not needed as often. Train and desensitize to sounds often and all year, long before Independence Day, New Year's Eve and the summer storm season. Most important, if you are nervous about storms yourself, learn to hide it from your dogs.

During storm season, if you have to be away from your dog, put him in a dog crate in a room with black-out window coverings to hide flashes of light. Leave some white noise on like the T.V. speakers or iPod player. We especially like the T.V. speakers which we leave on while the T.V. is off, playing the sound through the satellite box tuned to a shopping channel, where the hosts sound cheerful all day long.

*** For information on clicker training, go to www.clickertraining.com.**

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Storm and Fireworks Phobia

affecting lights (turn off sensitive electronics like computers first, of course).

■ Get a barometer and train and reward the dog when it drops even when no storm results.

■ Put the dog in a wire crate with a damp towel between the metal pan and the hard floor (grounding out ionization of the air), or get an air ionization unit.

■ Make popcorn during the next few storms and share it with your dogs while you play games together. We feed grain free foods, but figure our dogs that can handle it, can sometimes get junk food just like us!

■ Practice obedience tricks with lots of yummy stuff flowing, since eating releases endorphins so automatically helps the dog relax. Start with the simple skills like sit, down and stand, and work up scent articles, focus and distraction training, short go outs inside, freestyle heeling and dancing with your dog.

■ If you have a dog without these issues, or a friend who can come over or who will let you borrow a dog, you can set up some play dates and share dog training time to help your fearful dog.

■ Unless your dog gets frequent upset tummies, a veterinary behavior specialist recommends giving him a high-carbo-

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GRRMF needs a Mac Laptop computer capable of running the latest version of Safari.

We are also in need of an Apple IPAD - first or second generation would be great. Donations are tax deductible. Please email us at info@grrmf.org if you might be able to help.



Two Stray Goldens Two Special Girls

Meet Tara June and Patience



Recently GRRMF saved two delightful golden girls who desperately needed our help. At 12 years old,

PATIENCE Tara June was wondering wandering the streets alone in Brevard County. Patience is approximately 5 years old and was wondering in Lake County. These girls are featured on our website under their own "Journey to Recovery" pages. They were both in very rough shape but we're working hard to turn them into beautiful golden girls. If you'd like to help with their expenses, our Woody Fund for special needs dogs is accepting donations on their behalf. These little ladies will have big golden smiles on their faces knowing so many people want to help them!



TARA

Updates on Our Woody Fund Dogs



HONEY

In the past months we've asked for your help with three major surgery dogs - Dakota, Tyger, and Honey. We're happy to report that all three dogs have recovered and are now in their adoptive homes. Honey, featured in our last newsletter, had her final hip surgery in May and did great in her rehabilitation. You can see pictures of her journey to recovery include a cute video of her doing her water treadmill therapy on our website.

Programs possible! Donations received January through June, 2012.

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Looking forward to our next issue

We are always looking for great articles and pictures that show off the activities of our goldens. Don't be shy; contact us if you have an activity or event that might be of interest to all of us.

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GRRMF Alumni

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Alumnus Preston

by Betsy & Tom Haberkamp

Preston came into rescue as a 4-year-old unneutered, heartworm positive stray from Animal Control. He was very skinny and had terrible skin and coat.

Preston is now a happy healthy 45-pound boy with healed skin and a filled in coat. While it's still a bit short for a golden, it's thick and beautiful. Preston recently finished the Beginner level class at Pet Smart and was enrolled in the Intermediate class. Preston is a class favorite - very calm, so smart, and just the sweet-loving boy that everyone gravitates to. His trainer is firmly convinced that Preston should become a therapy dog, and his family might consider that once his human "sister" leaves for college in the fall.



Alumnus Ruby Too

by Carol Forsberg

Ruby Too came into rescue after being left at a vet's office to be euthanized for allergies a year ago. While fostering her, Carol knew she just had to stay. This past April, after one year together, Carol sent birthday celebration pictures: "My forever girl had a great birthday! She was treated to breakfast at Dunkin Donuts (they make their own dog biscuits). She hung out with her buddy Behr and capped the evening with a ride in the car for her birthday ice cream. She is the sweetest girl and brings me so much joy. One year with me and estimated now at 8 years old."

Alumnus Sarah

by Jackie Crews



"Sarah is doing terrific in her new home and settled in right away, as you can see in the picture of her with her feline brother, Harry. She is a very good girl, and always seems to have that Golden "smile" on her face. Sarah loves her canine and feline siblings, and is particularly close with our sable Corgi, Reggie. On Monday of her second week with us, I was getting ready to leave for work, and was going through my routine good bye to the puppies. The two of them could not have cared less - they were in the middle of playing! As I write this, the two of them are laying together on the floor waiting for me to finish so I can go back to playing with them! She is just a big love, and we can't thank you all enough for trusting us with her."

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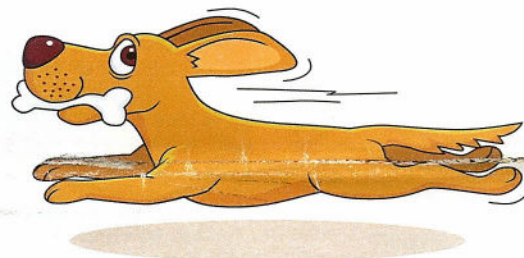
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