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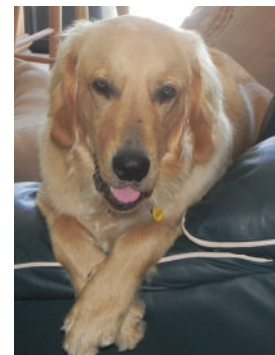
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Don't forget to take pictures to submit for our 2014 Calendar Contest! Send your pictures of GRRMF Alumni to: grrmfcalendar@gmail.com. Even if your pictures aren't selected for the calendar, we often use them in our newsletter and website throughout the year. We love getting your pictures!!

Please visit the new extensive "Dogs For Adoption" page on our website. This page is updated hourly so check it often!!!

22 years of Saving Goldens -- 2,990 saved since 1991!

GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF MID-FLORIDA

PLEASE HELP THE GOLDENS IN OUR CARE -- YOUR DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

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Celebrating 22 Years!

February 2013

Tales of Gold

What's Wrong with Ginger? Her Medical Journey

Many people think that rescuing dogs follows a timeline of getting them into our program, spay or neuter, examination and shots, a little time in foster care, and then adoption. It would be wonderful if it were always that easy. People also think we make money from adoption fees. What isn't known is how often we find ourselves playing medical sleuth with our Goldens because not all dogs we take in are easy medical cases. In fact, with nearly every dog we take in, our expenses exceed the adoption fees. For some dogs, it's a huge monetary differential. The only reason we can help these dogs is through the generous donations of wonderful donors like you. By helping fund this cost, you make it possible to save dogs like Ginger.



Katy and Peter love Ginger. They recently took her to Idaho to visit family; she loved the snow!



Ginger is a 9 year old spayed female stray who was picked up and taken to Lake County Animal Control. A sweet-

heart, she was treated for tapeworms and ear problems when first coming into rescue along with her basic exam, a thyroid workup. All seemed fine, and

the pathology came back with clear margins, it was a cancerous lump. However, her prognosis was excellent and we breathed a sigh of relief thinking we had a handle on her medical status. But our relief was short lived as she clearly wasn't feeling well. She was lethargic, had weight loss, and showed symptoms of a urinary tract infection. Ginger was placed on antibiotics, but something wasn't right. We were concerned that there were bigger issues going on. Weight loss in Goldens always makes us concerned about cancer. So a decision was made to have Dr. Cuypers, our specialist, do

an ultrasound of her abdomen to determine what we were dealing with. We braced ourselves for the worst.

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DONATIONS ESSENTIAL TO GRRMF SURVIVAL By Barbara Durham

As we close out 2012 and enter a brand new year, all of us at GRRMF want to pause and offer our thanks to you, our supporters. No matter how many volunteers we have, or dogs we need to rescue, everything we do would come to screeching halt if we didn't have the funds to care for our Goldens. We'd be like a car without gasoline – unable to move an inch!

Consider these facts: Our adoption fees range from \$150-\$350 depending on the age of the dog. Last year our average veterinary cost per dog was \$952. That amount was up from \$750 per dog in 2011 due to Specialist Veterinary Care. In 2012 we experienced a record number of expensive surgeries—the most common being torn ligament surgeries. Our medical team has been working overtime to handle all the difficult medical cases we've taken in.

If a dog has an adoption fee of \$350, that means our expenses were about \$600 higher. These per dog amounts are just for veterinary care and boarding; they don't include costs for heartworm and flea prevention, supplements, supplies, and microchip costs. Add that in and it's approximately \$80 more per dog. The donations you send to GRRMF make up approximately 60% of our overall incoming cash flow.



Sandy was one of our 2012 dogs who had surgery for a torn cruciate ligament. Now she's in a happy home.

Your donations are essential for our survival. With every donation you send to help, you are changing the life of a Golden Retriever for the better. You have our sincere gratitude for everything you do for GRRMF and we hope you'll continue to support our cause in 2013. Thank you!

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE GOLD TEAM!

Have you ever thought about volunteering for GRRMF? We have something for everyone as far as volunteer activities go. Right now our hot buttons as far as volunteer needs are:



Intake Team Volunteers Intake team volunteers help bring dogs into our program; without them we couldn't rescue a single golden. When we get information about a dog that needs to come into rescue, we contact the owner to make arrangements to get the dog. No prior experience required, but a good level headed personality is desired. Key attributes of an Intake Team Volunteer are:

- An ability to act quickly, so a life can be saved.
- Schedule flexibility with some daytime availability
- A professional demeanor when working with surrendering owners and shelters
- A love of goldens and a desire to learn

Our experienced Intake Director will mentor any new volunteers working in this area. She's one of the best out there and you'll learn a lot!!

Home visit & Transport volunteers in all areas

Event volunteers in all areas, but especially in the Orlando area. This includes someone to coordinate events (setup & scheduling staffing, etc).

FOSTERS!!! We always need foster homes – join the foster team and your life will never be the same (in a good way...!) If you are interested in volunteering, please go to our website and fill out a volunteer application. For questions, please email us at volunteers@grrmf.org. If you are interested in fostering, visit our website and fill out an application. Thank you!

3,000 and Counting!

At GRRMF we are all about the number 3,000! We just passed 3,000 likes on Facebook and now, we're in official countdown mode as we approach our 3,000th Golden Retriever rescued. We'll be posting our countdown progress on our website and on Facebook, so join us!

2013 Rescue Reunion

Come Join us!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23TH, 2013
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida

Our Reunion is all about "Things You Can Do With Your Dog"!!

Our day will be packed full of great activities:

- Grooming Ears & Feet by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
- Grooming and Agility Demos
- Canine Good Citizen Testing (pre-registration required)
- Fun Games for you and your dog
- Fantastic Raffle Prizes
- "Ask the Trainer" Session
- Veterinary Mini-Seminars on Acupuncture and When to see a Vet
- Shop 'till you drop at our Golden Goods Store
- Fresh grilled food for sale on site
- AND MORE!!!



STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE REUNION SITE!
For questions please email: reunion@grrmf.org



TRANSPORTING OUR GOLDENS TO THEIR FOREVER HOMES!

By Sue Angle

If you've never transported a rescued Golden Retriever, you have no idea what a rewarding experience it can be and how loved you are by that furry friend behind you!

GRRMF Transport Volunteers know the special feeling of love that emanates from every golden we pick up. We realize that what we are doing saves the life of a precious golden and enriches the life of the person who is fortunate enough to accept that golden treasure.

Transport volunteers give up whatever they might be doing to say, "Yes, I can help that Golden Retriever on to the life it deserves." Volunteers are willing to drop everything and drive two to three hours and sometimes more to help a golden. Sometimes these willing helpers get an emergency call that a driver is needed immediately, other times we're able to give them a couple days warning. With each call for help, our transport volunteers are more than willing to get into their vehicles and make the trip to ensure another golden is safe and on its way to a "forever home". We've even had one transporter who used his private airplane to transport a golden for us!

Rising gasoline prices make what these volunteers do even more special as they not only give their time, but also donate gasoline dollars to save a golden from being euthanized at an overcrowded shelter or neglected by an owner who may no longer be capable of caring for it. Volunteers transport goldens from the owner surrendering them, to the veterinarian who checks them over and provides whatever treatment is needed, and finally deliver them to their foster homes.

Many times it means picking up a surrendered golden whose family has been forced to give up their home, move out of state, or any number of circumstances that result in them having to release their beloved family pet to this unknown individual. Volunteers sometimes cry with that person, knowing that what

they are doing is probably one of the most emotional things they will ever experience, but they have to. And thank goodness GRRMF can be there for them offering the help and support of our volunteers.

It takes many helping hands and loving hearts to carry on this important job of rescuing our beloved Golden Retrievers. Hopefully the look in the golden's eye, the wag of its tail and the wet nose kiss it plants lets our volunteers know that at that moment they are the most important thing in that golden's life. By getting a golden from one place to the next, our transport volunteers are making a difference that lasts a lifetime.

Interested in volunteering? Please go to our website and fill out a volunteer application. For questions, email: transports@grrmf.org.

DAISY GETS TRANSPORTED

In early January, our GRRMF Intake Director received a call from a family who could no longer afford to keep their adopted golden. Their son, who was the dog's primary care giver, was tragically killed in an automobile accident in the late fall and with another dog and a new litter of kittens having Daisy was just too much for them to handle. Fortunately, the daughter found GRRMF online and knew right away what to do.

Immediately, volunteers were contacted and one team drove from Eustis to Ocala to pick up Daisy and take her on the first leg of her adoption journey. Despite being a few pounds overweight and in need of attention, this sweet girl settled into the hour-long commute comfortably (trying to lick the navigator during most of the commute!). At the rendezvous point at the Mt. Dora CVS, Daisy happily jumped into the back of a Lincoln Town Car to enjoy the second leg of her journey in style. A journey that would take her to one of our GRRMF vets for her health check-up.

Daisy is currently still with the vet, receiving medication after being diagnosed as Heartworm positive, but this gentle, affectionate girl will soon be on her way to her foster family and the next step on her journey to adoption.



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That ultrasound was worth its weight in gold. Even though Ginger had what appeared to be a spay scar, there were clearly still some "parts" still left from the surgery. Ginger had pyometra, which is an infection of the uterus that often causes vomiting, loss of appetite, depression, and increased drinking and urinating.

Dr. Cuypers' recommendation was to perform another abdominal surgery to ensure Ginger had a clean abdomen and remove the infection. The surgery was successful and not only is Ginger doing much better, but she got to enjoy being in her adoptive home for the holidays!

What makes the difference with a dog like Ginger is great veterinary care and the dedication of our medical team. Have you ever gone through a period of time where your own dog was sick requiring constant vet visits and conversations in order to decide how to proceed? Our team deals with this every day with all the dogs in our program. It's a huge effort and we're fortunate to have dedicated, caring volunteers who deal constantly with our veterinarians. While it's stressful, in the end when a dog like Ginger thrives it's all the compensation our volunteers require in order to motivate them to continue doing a great job.

Your donations make these success stories possible. They are the only reason we can help dogs like Ginger. Thank you!!!

The Ears Have it! By Tracie Wilson, D.V.M.



his head out of the water when he swims!” BUT...just watch what happens when that dog starts shaking. Everything within four feet is wet! So, even if they swim with their head up, they deserve a quick ear rinse after they are done swimming for the day. And every bath should end with a nice ear rinse along with a good shake.

To clean effectively, you first need the right rinse. I do not approve of straight rubbing alcohol or vinegar and especially not hydrogen peroxide in the ear. Any pet supply store has a good pH balanced canine ear rinse. Under certain conditions your veterinarian will prescribe a medicated rinse to use prior to medicating the ear.

In order to be comfortable cleaning your pet’s ears, it would be helpful to know what’s in there.

Rest assured, a gentle cleaning is not going to hurt the ear drum at all. You can appreciate that any vigorous Q-tip technique may actually pack the horizontal ear canal. Instead, simply grasp the ear flap and lift slightly and FILL the entire canal with your rinse. (Oh, did I forget to mention putting on protective eye wear?) Massage the base of the ear to help dislodge any wax or debris, let go and stand back. The object is to let the dog use centrifugal force to empty out the horizontal canal. After a good shake, use a soft wipe such as a Kleenex or cotton ball to wipe away any visible debris from the canal and flap. Be careful of your own eyes as well as your dog’s!

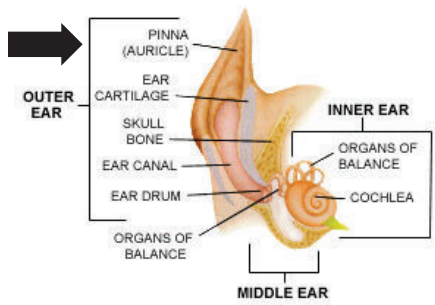
When should you not clean the ear? If you notice a foul odor, discharge or the pet appears to be in pain, it could imply that there is an infection and the ear should be examined by your veterinarian before you put anything in the ear. Shaking the head, rolling, scratching, as well as listlessness or irritability, can also be signs of ear disease. Difficulty chewing food or tipping the head while chewing may also indicate ear pain. Keep in mind that if you suspect a problem, the diagnosis will be much easier for your vet if the ear is not cleaned out immediately before the exam. We use a sample of the debris examined under the microscope to determine the nature of the primary infection. It is usually yeast or bacteria that has overgrown, but is often a combination of both. Then your doctor will prescribe a cleaning method and a medication plan to help with the infection.

The rinse, medication, and duration of the treatment are handled on an individual basis. Often a severe infection or a very sensitive ear will require sedation in the vet’s clinic to get the initial ear cleaning done. We are often faced with a resistant or recurrent infection. In that case we need more diagnostics in order to tailor the treatment plan. A “culture and sensitivity” test can be performed to identify the particular elements of the infection and also to identify what specific medication the infection is sensitive to. It is not inexpensive; usually a minimum of \$125 for a culture, but it can certainly get to the root of the problem.

We often have “compliance” issues that interfere with healing; meaning either the pet is difficult to medicate or the owner has difficulty being effective with the treatment plan. In those cases, we can order meds to apply that will be effective for up to two weeks. This is a gel that is warmed and applied by the veterinarian. It “packs” the ear canal with medication. The gel is allowed to dry to a wax-like consistency and left for 10-14 days. The vet then removes the gel and evaluates the effectiveness. In any case, it takes a team to keep all of those ears healthy. The owner or foster family along with your veterinarian working together will make sure we keep those ears GOLDEN!

If you are blessed by being a caretaker for a Golden Retriever, then you have the added blessing of having a dog that is predisposed to ear infections, i.e. “Otitis Externa”. In addition to the fact that we have high humidity here in Florida, Goldens, as a rule, love to swim and be wet. And Goldens tend to have large heavy ears that lead to a moist environment under those flaps. It is important for proper ear care to perform routine ear maintenance and to know how to properly clean and treat the ear. You should be able to recognize the signs of otitis and know when to get help from your veterinarian.

Proper maintenance is simply to keep the ears dry with proper pH balance. A normal Golden’s ear has a balance of normal flora bacteria with a resident amount of yeast. A cleaning schedule should be on an individual basis depending on the ear in question and the lifestyle of the pet. Any pet that swims should have an ear treatment if he/she gets the head wet. I often hear, “Oh no...he always keeps



Adoption Briefs

During November & December 2012, we adopted out 27 Golden Retrievers!!! Here are some statistics and highlights from some of our happy adoptions. You’ll see below that our placement rate is pretty amazing!

Penny was turned into rescue by a college student whose budget couldn’t cover her basic care needs. She hadn’t been spayed and at 2 years old, it was critical that GRRMF take her and spay her before she was given away to someone else who might breed her. Penny is a happy healthy girl with a big golden smile who’s lucky to have landed in the home of Michelle and Jeff. Michelle and Jeff could have purchased a puppy, but they felt that with so many dogs needing homes, rescue was the best option for them. Like so many of you, they opened their heart to a rescued golden, knowing the rewards would be endless.



Tilly wandered up a Good Samaritan’s driveway one day. She was about 4 and had severe ear infections, an ear hematoma, and worms. The owner couldn’t be found and Tilly needed a home, so she came into GRRMF. Tilly was matched with Cheryl and John. When she met them, she hopped right up into their car with a big smile and when she arrived at their home, she walked right in like she owned the place! After checking out all the rooms she quickly found the toy basket and in short order took them all out for inspection. It wasn’t long



before she was snuggled up with them at night and was enjoying several walks a day in their neighborhood. All the neighbors love her and Cheryl and John feel as if

she’s always been part of their family considering how smoothly she has fit into their daily routine.



him or make him a true part of their family. And the fact that Brady is a big golden, and was just a little overwhelming for them to handle, caused them to turn Brady into GRRMF. When John, one of our frequent transporters, picked Brady up from the surrendering family, something magical happened. John looked at Brady—Brady gazed into John’s eyes and the rest, as they say, is history! This pair bonded from the start. The minute Brady’s minimum time in foster care was completed, John and his family signed the adoption contract and Brady found his forever home!

Tucker, 10 years, and **Einstein**, 7, came into rescue together. They were purchased as puppies and spent a lifetime with a family until work travel and two babies meant no time to care for Tucker and Einstein. Like so many goldens who are faced with a family whose desire to care for them changes over time, they could have ended up in a shelter. Fortunately, their family cared enough about them to seek out GRRMF to take care of these fine Golden Retrievers. Meanwhile, John, a lifelong golden owner, was facing the loneliness that is inevitable after losing his beloved golden Cody. John is an Air Force vet and over many years his goldens



achieved numerous obedience titles and awards. John’s motto is, “May I always be the kind of person my dog thinks I am”. Well, Tucker and Einstein think pretty highly of their new dad. And, they don’t have to worry about receiving enough attention or care in their new home. John’s life revolves around seeing to their every need. This military man is in step in meeting the needs of his new buddies!



AN UPDATE

Lois, a Golden mix who came to us from animal control, was adopted last year. When she came into rescue, Lois was so shy and scared that her foster family really focused on helping her to come out of her shell. She was adopted by Robert and Christina who have continued to work with **Lois, now Brandi**, and she’s doing great!

Recently they took a trip to Mexico and almost didn’t go because they just didn’t want to leave Brandi in a strange environment with anyone else. Then they thought of asking Brandi’s foster home to watch her and her foster family was honored to do it. She stayed for 10 days and did great. Her foster mom, reported that she was amazed at how Brandi had come out of her shell; she was still calm, but much more social. She followed her foster mom around so she didn’t miss out on anything and walked at her side like an obedience champ.

When Brandi was in foster care, it was almost like she didn’t know how to be a dog. On this visit, however, things were different—Brandi was much more social and even joined in when the other dogs were playing. Brandi’s confidence is much improved. Her eyes twinkle, she has an impish grin, and while she still doesn’t bark, she does “moo” like a cow. Talk about the ultimate payback to a foster home. Seeing Brandi thrive in her adopted home is what it’s all about. A great happy ending for Brandi!!!



Lois, on the right, with foster brother Sam

DOG STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012 BY AGE								
Age	1	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11	Total
# of dogs	2	3	6	5	3	6	2	27

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.

■ Elaine and Richard Vallin - Samson ■ Mary Nichols - Hunter
■ Pam Strickland - Shelby ■ Ash Dovel - Phoenix

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Donations received November/December 2012.

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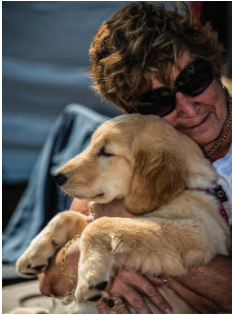
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Dowdle, Jeanne & Jeffrey,
in honor of Phoenix
Fitzgerald, Susan & Peter,
in memory of Misty
Frederickson, Barbara,
for Hope
Fritz, Lorraine
Gogerty, Sharon & Pat,
for Healing Hearts
Goldstein, Robert
Leon, Coralee
& Philpot, Michael,
for Heartworm Treatment
Lewkowitz, Sharon,
in honor of Renee Solum
Love, Nancy,
for Healing Hearts
Markert, Hillary,
in memory of Tracy, Rob,
& Jayden's beloved Daisy
Morris, Kathryn & Donald,
for Phoenix
Reed, Denise
Rossburg, Kenneth
Schaeffer, John
Simpkins, Michael, for Tara
Smith, Gerald & Patricia
Stump, Kenneth,
in memory of Morgan
Taylor, Karolyn
Tradelius, Mary Ann & Paul
Veschio, Jane
Watson, Jennifer
Young, Brenda, in honor
of her mother Nancy Spears

**WOODY FUND -
Roxi's Cousins**

Barr, Ellen, in memory
of Teddy Shepard
O'Nale, Dean & Michelle,
in memory of Hunter
Reid, Kelly & Tim,
in memory of Jake
Slaughter, Marilyn,
in memory of Shaun

FIVE STAR FOSTER TEAMS

By Renee Ferguson



Each foster family brings a unique set of expectations and experience to the rescue process. These experiences not only help the adoption team place rescues, but present ways for us to grow as an organization. GRRMF has been very fortunate in being able to put together a premium foster team. We have many wonderful fosters and featured below are just a few examples of the dedicated group that represents us.

Team: Nichols and Cooper – Mary and her faithful Golden helper, Cooper, have done an amazing job with every rescue we send them. Mary knows that all it takes is a little patience and a lot of love to bring our pups around. We have given her the shy and timid dogs and she has made them confident and secure. She never turns us down and when it comes to getting them in shape she is our fitness guru.



Team: Larsen – Laurel and her daughter, Sarah, have proven to be unstoppable. When they got the call to take Peaches they were ready and willing. After doing such an incredible job getting Peaches ready for her forever home, we gave them Bama. Bama came to us HW positive and when we asked if they were up for the job they both said, “yes!” What a great experience for this team. Laurel took a little pup that probably had never been in a house and exposed her to the wonders of living with humans.

Team: Stockfisch – even though this is not on purpose we seem to be sending Darlyn our allergy pups. When Darlyn said she needed some time off – she still took the call that we needed her badly. She said, “Sure, ok, I guess I will clean some other time”. Team Stockfisch has gone above and beyond to get our allergy dogs on the right regimen and headed back to good health. We can’t thank her enough and promise to give her a break to get her house clean. Maybe.

Team: Hardy – Dan, Vanessa, and family do so much for GRRMF. Transport, website, in-take, Facebook, but never do they say no when we need a family to foster. We wish we could say that we send them the easy ones, but we don’t. The Hardy family has had them young, old, and in-between and each one brings with them an abundance of energy. Sorry Hardy family—we will try and send you a calm one. But it seems when they get into your family they just come alive!



In each newsletter we’ll be featuring other foster families who have gone above and beyond for their pups. GRRMF cannot thank all of you enough. We hope that you’ll continue to correspond with us, sending pictures and giving us up-dates. Without your valuable observations and tireless efforts with our new pups, we can’t continue to do the amazing job of placing these wonderful animals in loving forever homes.

Go, Gold!