

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER
RESCUE OF MID-FLORIDA™**

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TALES OF GOLD

SENIORS PROVIDE HEARTFELT JOY

Using up most of their mischief points years ago, seniors have gentle manners and a life's worth of lessons. Wearing their white masks proudly, they only want a family that will love them in return. Our GRRMF families featured in this newsletter met their senior companions and with one look into each other's eyes and a sweet face laying gently in their hands or lap, they all knew the best years were yet to come ... together.

Forrest Joan

We knew right away that we wanted a senior for our home, as we all know older dogs tend to get picked last. Having a senior dog is so wonderful because they are already through the teenage phase and they always seem to be so happy and thankful! Forrest came to us amazingly cheerful despite where she came from. Being a senior, she still surprises us every day with new tricks and funny quirks that we never knew this old girl could do! No matter if we are able to have her for 1 year or 5 years we are just so thankful this incredible dog walked into our lives! Amazing dogs come in all shapes, sizes, and AGES.

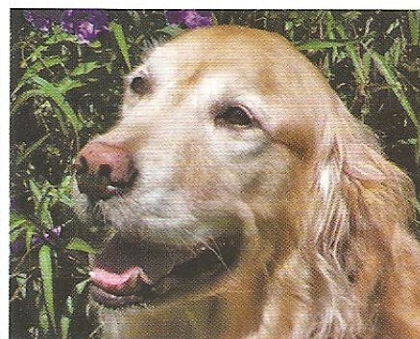


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Sara & Adrian C.

Jake Ody

We have heard it said that sometimes you don't get the dog you want, you get the dog you need. That's an interesting thought. When we moved back to Florida to retire we were down to one golden girl, Riley. Our 14 year old male golden died about 6 months before the move.



We thought since we down sized to a smaller house one golden was a perfect fit so we weren't really looking for another dog. We found a great pet sitter whose golden boy had passed and she doted on our girl. After about 6 months she adopted one of her client's golden boys Jake. He and Riley hit it off right away and loved to play together. About a year and a half later our pet sitter passed away suddenly; Jake lost his mom and his home. Eventually he found his way into rescue. My husband and I wanted to take care of Jake not only because we knew and liked Jake but also we knew his mom could rest in peace knowing he had a forever home with us.

Both Jake and Riley were 7 years old when we adopted him. Riley helped Jake make the transition from his former life to his present life. Although we thought we didn't need another dog when we moved here, it turns out we were wrong. We needed Jake and he needed us. It seems to us that Jake has always been here and we can't imagine life without him.

It's been a year now and we have two 8 year olds who play like two little kids, having the time of their life. There is nothing like old gold, they are just wonderful. And we know we got the dog we needed.

Sarah & Brian D.

Happy Holidays from Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida!

Because of your continued support, we've saved more than 3,400 goldens! Every one of our dogs gets their second chance ... with hope and a brand new life! Medical care, food, surgeries, medicines, transport and all the other services provided for our golden retrievers are possible only because of you and your donations. We could not do it without you!

Please help our rescues with an end of the year donation that will provide the resources needed to move them into their forever homes!



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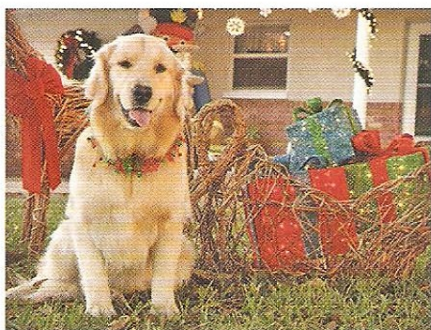
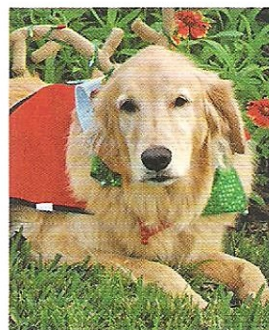
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A GOLDEN GIFT FOR GOODNESS SAKE

It's hard to believe 2016 is almost over ... and as we approach the holiday season, our GRRMF goldens are making up their Christmas lists to send Santa. Of course toys and treats are always on their list. Their biggest wish, however, is that golden angels will remember them at this holiday season, giving any amount small or large, to help them receive the care they need in order to get adopted. Their little gold faces are filled with hope for the future as they look up to the stars in heaven.

WILL YOU BE THEIR GOLDEN ANGEL?

This year has given us many challenges, with too many dogs rushed to the emergency room at a moment's notice, too many complex surgeries, and veterinary bills that are likely to top \$160,000 for the year. That is over \$13,000 a month. The gifts received from you, our golden angels, help to restore our bank account to start the new year. GRRMF is the last resort for so many precious goldens. Will you be their special golden angel this holiday season?

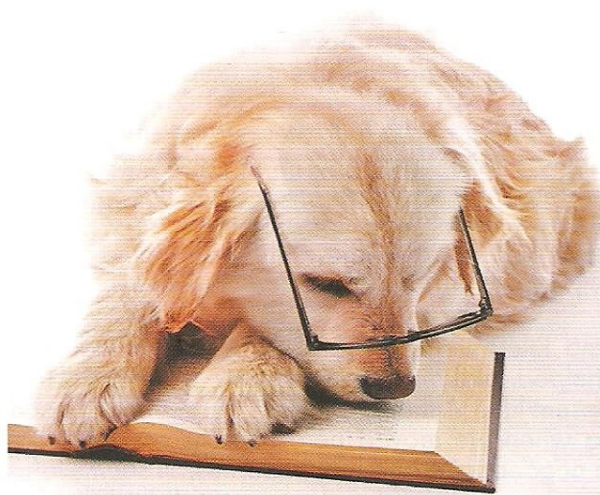


TIME TO LEARN

Barbara Durham, GRRMF President

Recently I wanted to look up some information on dog training so I went to my bookshelf. When I first got into goldens, I acquired quite the collection of books about dog training, ownership and care. As I looked through the books it dawned on me – these books are old! After all, I got my first golden in the 90's.

My second reaction was, is this information even still valid? Based on my interaction with our behavioral staff, I know that there are many new scientific based training methods that have been identified in recent years. And therapies for health issues evolve every day. So I realized it was time for me to "go to school" so to speak. Is your doggie knowledge based on when you first got a dog – which might be several years ago? Then a great source of information is the LEARN section of www.grrmf.org. We are continually adding information based on the latest developments in dog care. Let's all get busy learning about our goldens!



RAINBOW BRIDGE

- Kim Demeter - Foxy Mary
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SENIOR JOY - A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Buffy Okra

Thank you for this opportunity to tell you about my loving girl, Buffy, who was actually my permanent foster. She was 11 years old, overweight and battling cancer. She beat the cancer and lived to be 17. Buffy was my happiness, hope, peace and serenity. She is forever in my heart and soul.

Kevin C.



Orion Archie (now Oliver)



Judy H.

I was blessed with Oliver who is my joy and has brought such meaning back into my life. I am a senior and adopted a senior so we could fill each other's hearts with love.

Snoopy Janis (now Bella)



Lucille & James M.

Adopting our beautiful senior golden has been such a blessing to us. She brings us so much love and joy every day. We are so lucky and grateful that she came into our lives.

JT Jess (now Wyatt)

Goldens are the best dogs EVER and senior goldens truly enjoy and appreciate their second lease on life. They are just so grateful. Adopting a senior is great because you don't have that puppy stage of chewing things and being hyper or rambunctious. Our adopted boy is still loaded with spunk and he is such a joy.

David & Laurie W.



Gus Nico

We have had the privilege of taking care of the most loving and loyal golden retriever! From the moment he jumped out of the car and into our lives, he has kept us happy and content. We love him very much!

John & Charlotte B.

Emma Maria & Lexi Mindi

We love our two senior girls. Over the years, we have adopted 5 seniors who have given us unconditional love; we want them to have the best days of their lives in their forever home.

Richard & Carol S.



Muffin Jody

Muffin was very fortunate to be adopted into the "senior community" at The Villages. Everyone here loves dogs and appreciates the need of 'us' seniors to keep fit and healthy. Lots of golden love, exercise and pet friends (and there is room for many more).

Kathy & Allen K.



Alphie Fritz & Toby Fritz

We had always been a 'one golden' family, but when we adopted two seniors together, it changed the way we looked at future adoptions. The double joy we experienced with a bonded pair of seniors was without a doubt, the best. We will forever be senior adopters.

Linda & James Z.



Shaquille Flynn (Now Zack)

It gives us pleasure to know that although Zack lost his original family at age 11, he now has his forever home here with us where he is spoiled rotten. He has adjusted beautifully and enjoys hanging out with our other (senior) rescued golden, Dakota.

Alice & Gary P.



Reilly Jose & Parrish Ash

Regardless of age, when you give a loving home to your pet, there is no guarantee of the life span. So every day is a joy and special in that you still have time to enjoy their companionship and be inspired to make every moment count - this creates lasting memories.



They give so much unconditional love and are so patient with us! Our senior goldens have even taught us the importance of love for each other. Our lives have been enriched and blessed, regardless of the length of time we have with our beautiful golden (senior) puppies!

Sherry & Edward A.

Charlie Flynn

Charlie has enriched my life; he makes me smile every day. He goes everywhere with me and looks forward each day to going to work and greeting everyone who comes in to see us. I am so very happy to have him and even though it has only been a couple months since I adopted him, I cannot imagine what I ever did without him!

Sheree E.



Ginger Dottie, Jasmine Amber, Zeus Archie and Harry Fabio

We love our seniors. That's all we get!

Danny B.



Caesar Shane (now Max)

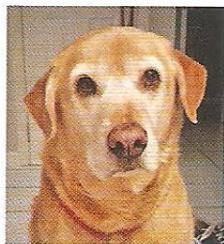
A senior golden has so many wonderful attributes — they are calm and kind with a wonderful, loving disposition. They

thoroughly enjoy giving love to children, seniors, hospital patients, neighbors, the mailman ... everyone! Max is my second senior golden and I am totally committed to adopting senior goldens for the rest of my life because of my wonderful experiences with them!

Maureen B.

Ginger Oprah

She rescued us last January at age 9 and we are so blessed to have sweet Ginger in our home! She is happy, healthy, and incredibly sweet.



We lost our first precious golden at age 15 and could never have imagined another one capturing our hearts. But Ginger did and we are so grateful!

Julie S.

Jesse Ody

My girl Jesse is 10 years old and almost completely blind. She keeps me company and we love to go on long hikes together. Sometimes I take her to work at the vet school, so the vet students can practice examining her and she has made so many friends at the school, both human and four legged.

Michelle H.



Aggie Jackie (now Maggie)

Our Maggie spent the first 9 years of her life in a crate all day long with little outside activity. She has been with us now for the past 5 years in her own fenced in yard with the freedom to roam around or roll around — whatever she desires or



dreams. She leads a pampered life and shares her home from time to time with other rescued goldens.

Cathy & John F.



Oscar Jim

12½ years old and still going strong. This nice boy has brought so much joy to our family. Thanks GRRMF!

Lisa & Frederick S.

Mona Nova (now Kaelie)

From the first day we brought Kaelie home, she has given our family her undivided love, loyalty, and friendship. As seniors in retirement together, we love and live life to its fullest, while also taking a mature approach to inherently understanding each other's strengths and limitations. I would encourage anyone looking to adopt an older golden to look forward to a rich and rewarding experience.

Barbara & John F.

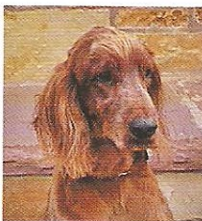


Dale Nico

Dale is an older guy who is quiet, sweet, gentle and just wonderful! There are no words to express how much we love our senior boy, with the biggest, softest,

brown eyes that melt our hearts every time we look at him. We love seniors for they are filled with love, joy and appreciation. We are honored to be able to give him all the love he deserves in his senior years.

Wendy & David B.



Honey Jalie

Adopting our Honey, who was 10 years old at the time, from GRRMF has been a heartwarming and fulfilling experience. There

are so many seniors that need loving homes just as much as the puppies. Even though it means we won't have as many wonderful years together, it is so meaningful to us to give the seniors a happy life. We will definitely do it again and again when the time comes.

Karen & Al P.

Savannah Fallon



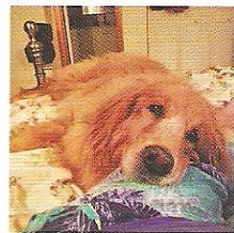
Adopting a senior golden is like finding the pot of gold! They already know how to love like only a golden can. So they basically come experienced!

Patty K.

Sandy Mattie

I contacted GRRMF and specifically asked for an "Old Gold". I wanted to provide a loving home for a golden that no one wanted. I got this lovely, hairy, sweet old obese lady, who not only made me have many joyful days, but also made the lives of her sibling dogs happy. I did not know what her life was like before she came to me, but I knew that she was loved and spoiled while she was with me and that gives me peace.

Kim M.C.



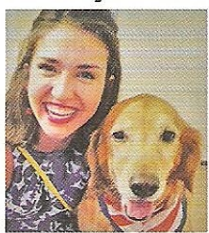
Simon Devin

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Seniors are calm and ready to listen; anxious to please and be loved. They don't ask for a lot and give back tenfold. My senior's love and calm nature helped so much through my husband's illness and his passing and then through my own cancer. They were such a comfort and understood when I couldn't walk them. They just stayed close to me without asking for a thing.

Sue A.



Marley Montie



I can't imagine loving a dog as much as I have come to love Marley in a matter of months. Adopting a senior golden was not what I thought I initially wanted, but looking back now I am grateful for finding this special guy. His age does not determine the amount of love or energy he has to offer.

Nora S.

Banjo Oscar - Now Bo



When you adopt a dog there is always a little apprehension. Will I be able to handle the dog? Will they have bad habits? But when you adopt a senior golden, they are so happy to come to a home that can give them stability and love - like our senior golden Bo - they just fit!

Sue & Ken M.

Bryce Mason (now Buddy)

Buddy is our third senior golden. Seniors are special and unique as they bring wisdom and maturity into our home and our store and show their appreciation for our love in so many ways. It has been so satisfying giving Buddy and our past seniors the best years of their lives. The pain of losing them after only a short few years is never easy, but it creates a selflessness within us that makes us better people. If you're feeling like you can't adopt a senior because it will be too painful to lose them- just try it once and I believe you will come to see, as we have, that the gain outweighs the pain.

Janice and Dave B.



Faith Jayla

At 10 years young, this elderly lady is a perfect Netflix marathon companion who also enjoys going on adventures. She attracts admirers everywhere she goes and keeps me laughing with her sneaky tricks. Her body may be slow, her face may be white, but her spirit is never ending and her heart is pure golden.

Jenna S.



Noah Ody

Noah, a 10 year old golden retriever, came into our lives last October. He follows us around everywhere. He's always actively involved in the kitchen and can often be spotted with ingredients like flour on his face.

Judy & Ron B.



Nala Nadine

Nala has filled our house with so much love and joy. We knew when we adopted our sweet girl that our time might not be long with her, but the few years so far (and hoping for many years to come) have meant more to us than having a puppy. We think of elder dogs like elder people—they have so much wisdom, love and loyalty. Who would not want such a gift in their everyday life? Our children are learning about aging and someday about doggie heaven. What is a greater gift than this to teach your child? We will love our sweet Nala 'til the end. She is our family!

Marcia & Jason G.



Brooklyn Farrah

The most pleasurable part of coming home is being greeted by two wagging tails and two smiling faces.



They are irresistible sweet natured and enjoy just giving and receiving love. All they ask is to be your loving companion and give loads of hugs.

Michele B.H.

Marley Drew

Since we adopted 9 year old Marley, the emptiness in our hearts caused by the loss of our 14 year old German Shepherd, has been filled. Our other shepherd is now happy again that she has another companion. Marley has been a wonderful addition to our family.

Janet & David S.

Liddy Maria (now Remus)

We can't say enough positive and glowing things about our family's snuggle bug, Remus. She's wonderfully playful and perfectly chill. We all couldn't be happier.

Mary & Paul H.



Max Javier

Max completes us. We are so grateful this senior is in our lives.

Peggy & Sid P.



Senior Joy!

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by Sue Schneck

- 1 - Thankful for the wagging tail - morning, noon and night
- 2 - Thankful for the fur dust bunnies - dark, medium or light
- 3 - Thankful for that sweet cuddle and hug
- 4 - Thankful for having a built in and live golden rug
- 5 - Thankful for an excuse to buy that stuffed turkey toy
- 6 - Thankful for that loving expression of joy
- 7 - Thankful for those happy dinner sniffs,
- 8 - Thankful for someone to share leftover turkey with!
- 9 - Thankful for this golden fur ball - whether mature or new
- 10 - Thankful that my golden blessings last the whole year through!

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Kirsten Brown and Bambi Anderson-Ivers



TEAM BAUER

Char has been our go to gal for our seniors, special needs, medical/surgical challenges, sanctuary and foster dog sitting services for vacationing fosters! A loyal legacy for GRRMF, each dog has been blessed to be in her loving care.



TEAM BURKE

Adopter now foster, Marty is spreading her wings over so many challenges arriving in GRRMF! She says bring on the puppies and youngsters who need that gentle guidance and teachings. Go Marty go!

TEAM PALMER

Julie and Cory, one of the newest foster parents for GRRMF are always asking for their next foster! No problem, we aim to please and how lucky these pups have been to be embraced by you!



TEAM SHEEHAN

Judy and Jerry have supported GRRMF for so many years and we are so grateful. They will always accept the calling for the special cases of pairs, bouncing baby pups (or older dogs who think they are still pups) providing that safe and fun environment until they can share their bundles of joy with a forever family!

FOSTERS NEEDED URGENTLY!

Have you given yourself a wonderful gift lately?



GRRMF simply cannot take in all the precious souls who need our help, unless there are homes to place them in and fosters to help them flourish. Fostering can give you a much needed lift. Won't you join us and become an important part of saving a life of a golden?

There are many reasons to foster a GRRMF dog and we hope you'll consider this very critical calling because if you can help just one rescue, you will also enhance your life in ways that will touch your heart forever. You could help a golden learn trust and to love again. Somehow each of these dogs knows they are finally safe. In return, they give back everything and you feel their love.

If you have a dog, that dog knows you love them and they don't mind sharing your attention while your foster is being matched to a forever family. And they enjoy the companionship of a new playmate.

Your heart will be warmed knowing you will make a forever family's life complete because you were a part of the magic that helped your foster feel secure in a new home. You are sure to make new friends along this journey as many adoptive families enjoy staying in touch with a foster mom or dad. Your life will be enriched by those that you meet.

Afraid you might fall in love? We love all our foster dogs which is why we do it. Fostering is a gift to yourself, the dog, and the forever family. It costs you nothing but love, food and understanding. We take care of the rest.

Read more about the foster experience on our web at www.grrmf.org/volunteer/the-foster-experience/ and give yourself a gift today by completing a foster application!

A GOLDEN'S LIST FOR SANTA

by Sue Schneck

- 1 - A Santa toy (I promise not to bite off the head)
- 2 - A cozy blanket (I need a comfy spot on your bed)
- 3 - A spa day (when I roll in the mud)
- 4 - Plenty of treats ('cuz I'm your best bud)
- 5 - A festive leash (for those New Year's resolution walks)
- 6 - A chair for two (for our heart-to-heart talks)
- 7 - A holly scarf (to accent my good looks)
- 8 - A collection of dog treat recipes (we could use some dog cook books)
- 9 - Another new Santa toy (okay, so I did chew up his hat a bit)
- 10 - A new brush (maybe a whole grooming kit)
- 11 - A GRRMF calendar (filled with photos of my golden friends)
- 12 - Play time together (because I never want the golden fun to end!)



OUR THANKS TO YOU

When a family approaches GRRMF seeking help for their golden in need, we step up to help. This intervention would not be possible without you, our supporters, who selflessly give to provide these dogs with a bright future.

Thanks to you, over 3400 goldens have been placed in new homes after receiving top-notch veterinary care.

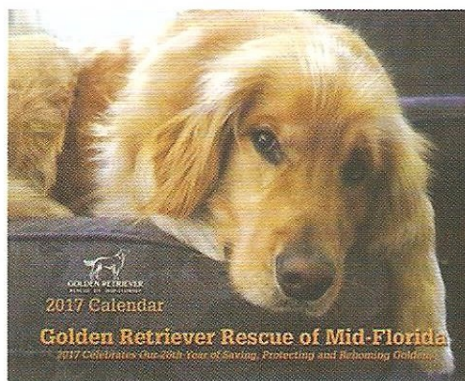


Thanks to you, 1 out of every 4 dogs we take are seniors ages 9 and up. These seniors often require more veterinary care, but through your support we are able to give them a soft and safe place to land filled with love to make their golden years bright.



Our list goes on and on. We are SO grateful to you for supporting our goldens in need and our wonderful team of caregivers who ensure their wellness. All of us at GRRMF wish you many blessings this holiday season.

ORDER YOUR 2017 GRRMF CALENDAR



Our 2017 GRRMF calendar is truly special as every dog featured was saved by GRRMF and is now living in a wonderful loving home. While you enjoy 12 months of cute smiling faces with a two page collage of happy

rescues, you are also helping goldens in our program receive much needed veterinary care.

Calendars start at \$12 each plus shipping. The more you order, the lower the shipping price.

Order 5 calendars for only \$61.00 including shipping!

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Visit our website at www.grrmf.org/grrmf-calendar to order yours today!

If you want more information or have any questions, please email us at: calendar@grrmf.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Lyn Holliday

Volunteer:

Found out about GRRMF:

Length of Time Volunteering:

GRRMF Volunteer Career:

Continued Commitment:

Most Memorable Moment:

Advice to Potential Volunteer:

Cynthia Knopka

She was researching golden rescues because her dog Maggie seemed so sad when she and her husband would return from work at the end of the day. It was time for her to have a pal. So they applied and adopted Sadie!

4 Years

Adopter, Foster, Transporter, Medical Records Coordinator

"People have asked me how I can do long term foster care and then give the dog up at adoption. I go in with the mindset that each dog is with us to be nursed back to great health. We also help them to improve their manners in preparation for their forever family. We are now fostering # 12 and it's so rewarding to see a dog off to their forever home and the happiness they bring to their new family!" I put Mr. Howell in the pool for the first time and from then on he never wanted to come out...he loved it so much! His joy while swimming was amazing. Most recently helping to transport that special boy Theeson to our emergency care to literally get him back on his feet.

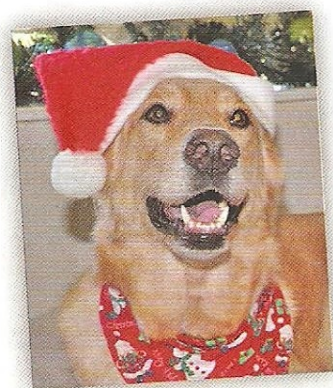
"There are so many ways to be involved with GRRMF. If you're not sure what area you want, try starting out with an area that you have experience with or something that requires the time you have available. Maybe you are off of work on Wednesdays and can be available that day for transporting. Perhaps you have extensive computer experience and want to work on media updates etc. Of course we always need fosters for all different types of dog's needs.



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Please consider making a much needed donation to help save our goldens!

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GRRMF - P.O. Box 1449 - Goldenrod, FL 32733. Donations are tax deductible.

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