

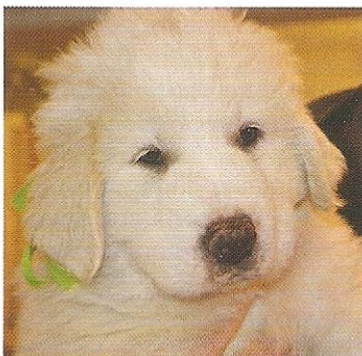
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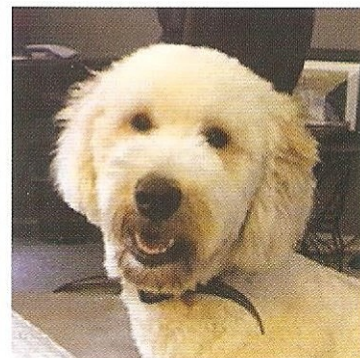
You may have noticed a variety of dogs in rescue that may not look just like a typical golden retriever. We call these golden blends; goldens with other breeds stirred in the gene pot but just as sweet. GRRMF as always is committed to rescuing purebred goldens; however, we do not turn away golden blends. Many were just days or hours away from a death sentence at a shelter before we rescued them because no one else would step forward to give these needy angels a second chance. Others lost their homes when their family relocated, experienced health or financial difficulties. Some golden blends come to us from other rescues, including our partner rescues in Louisiana.



Blends generally have the personality traits of the golden breed, being friendly, even tempered, intelligent and affectionate, but may not have some of the typical health issues that affect purebred goldens. Plus blends are often

smaller in size and may not shed as heavily. We find that many adopters prefer blends, especially if they are looking for a smaller sized dog but love that golden look. We have had great success adopting out these blends and many happy families.

Did you know that blends can compete in agility, dock diving, nose work, rally and other competitions if they have the aptitude and the training? There is no AKC certification required. Many of our adopted blends have excelled in these areas and others possessed the perfect temperament to become certified therapy dogs. Check out some of their stories on our website located on our Canine Volunteer page. These special dogs have so much love to share and make wonderful companions. They can light up a room with their compassion and will touch your heart in so many ways. From hopeless to hopeful ... Priceless.



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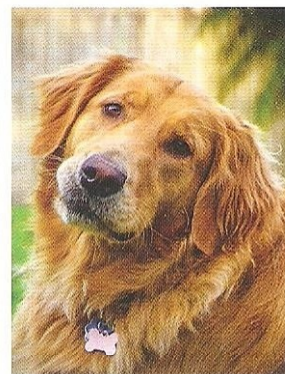
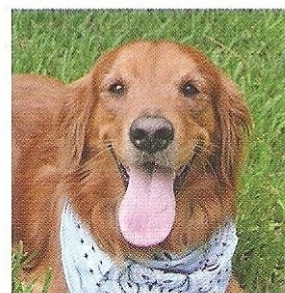
2016 GRRMF YEAR IN REVIEW by Barbara Durham



What another amazing year for GRRMF as we celebrated our 25th year in rescue! We saved 137 golden retrievers and thirty percent of those lives saved were golden blends. Overall 12 major medical dogs needed extensive surgery, 53 were spayed/neutered and 8 required four-month heartworm treatment. We also saved the lives of 2 pregnant moms with 15 puppies born in rescue. Your generous contributions to the medical care of these special needs dogs led to their returned health and happiness in their forever homes.

The ages of the 2016 arrivals varied with 23% under 1 year of age, 44% between the ages of 1 and 7 and 33% were precious old gold 8 years and older. We are especially proud that we do not turn away golden retrievers based on age and that we successfully adopt even elderly golden retrievers.

Our 200+ strong volunteer team mobilized forces to perform daily interventions to give these dogs a new life. The dedication of this team and the miracles they perform every day are truly amazing. Each sacrifices time with their families to make a difference. Not a single person draws a salary from GRRMF; all work efforts are donated. Our greatest asset is truly our volunteers, for without them nothing would be possible!



FROM TAYLOR ODY TO "HERSHEY BEAR"

by Ellen Steiger



When Lindsey went to meet a handsome, three year old lab/golden blend named Taylor Ody she wasn't expecting to take him home a week later as she was looking for a calm purebred golden. From what she had heard about Taylor - young, energetic and a blend - he just wasn't going to be the right fit for her. However, the Taylor she met sat like a perfect gentleman in front of her and immediately put his paw gently on her heart. The rest is history as this wonderful blend went home with Lindsey and was renamed "Hershey Bear" affectionately.

All work and no play makes for a long day and Hershey found ways to amuse himself during Mom's absence, one being sink diving which always yielded the peanut butter spoon left behind after filling his kongs. He required some training and lots of patience to overcome his shyness and a fear of leaving the house, but with help from GRRMF he gained the confidence he needed and learned more self-control. Hershey is a lover boy who melts his Mom's heart every time he places his paws around her neck and gives her a big hug. This goofy, clumsy, affectionate 91-pound lapdog has also rescued Lindsey from a tough year of personal challenges. Lindsey said, "I thank God every day that I went to meet him and decided to take a chance on a blend that needed a little bit of TLC, because at the end of the day we all need a little bit of TLC. Hershey is my best friend."

Who would have known that this golden blend would have been the perfect match for Lindsey - love and laughter is securely in place with Hershey as her heart dog and forever companion.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

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- Faith and Tim Alford – Emmy
- Sara and Brian Davis - Jake
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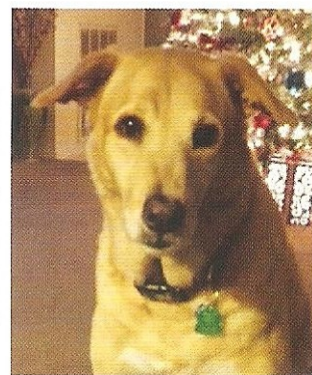
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- Debbie McGhehey – Joe Cool
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- Eleanor Tubell - Austin
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LET'S HEAR IT FOR BELLA ALI

by Ellen Steiger

Bella Ali is jumping for joy after having two successful knee surgeries and then finding her forever home with David and Karen. This golden blend is flying all over the place and loves doing "zoomies" around the house. Her new family came to GRRMF to adopt a purebred golden after losing their beloved Angel, but considered a blend. They found Bella to be friendly and a good dog, but were not expecting her to be so vocal after being adopted and travelling to her new home – something they would have to work on later. As Bella gained confidence, she also gained more self-control and now travels with Dad, who proudly reports that Bella is his companion dog and has become the neighborhood mascot, riding alongside him in the golf cart greeting all their friends.



Their local vet believes Bella has some Chesapeake Bay Retriever in her heritage and Dad would agree because of her keen hunting instincts which test his strength whenever she sees ducks on the pond or a cat. She is queen of the bed and couch and an absolute delight to her family. Life is sure grand for this golden blend!

CANINE VOLUNTEERS by Ginger Vincent

GRRMF rescues come in different sizes, colors and combinations of golden blends, but their hearts are always pure golden! Many are showing their appreciation by giving back to their communities as Canine Volunteers.

Cody, a goldendoodle blend, was adopted by Mark and Lysee and has not only been a devoted supporter for his Dad, but also for many others at Brevard Cancer Centers where he is lovingly referred to as "the big white dog" and was recently named as their Ambassador.



Mark shared Cody's story with us – "In October 2015 we adopted our wonderful goldendoodle Cody from GRRMF. He quickly became a central part of our family. We noticed that everyone he met fell in love with him. He is gentle, kind, passive and absolutely in need of hugs and neck rubs. Curiously enough, I am a cancer patient and we noticed Cody took particular attention to me and would follow me around everywhere I went. He seemed to sense I had some issues, and in his own way, wanted to show his support and devotion. That got us thinking; maybe he could share that compassion with others.

We thought he might have had some training in his previous life and in December we had him observed and evaluated by Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD). After three observation sessions, Cody received his certification and now shares his loving and gentle personality with those who may need a paw, a hug, or even a kiss from "the big white dog".

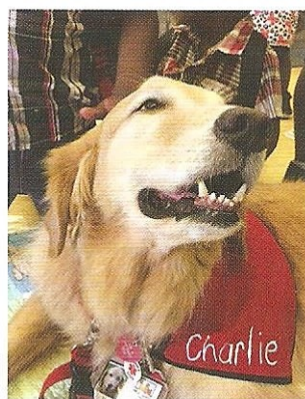
As a therapy dog, Cody is making the rounds at senior citizen homes, healthcare facilities and cancer centers. In fact, he has been designated as Ambassador for the Cancer Centers of Brevard organization and is welcome at all their locations.

When he visits you can see the faces of the patients light up as Cody comes and sits by their side, puts his head in their

lap and just shares his energy and gentle spirit with people who can use the assistance of "the big white dog."

Sadly, Mark lost his battle with cancer shortly after sharing this wonderful story about Cody. GRRMF extends our condolences to his family and friends.

Charlie was surrendered in 2013 at age 7 when his elderly owner, whom he was trained to assist, died and the family could not care for a dog. When he arrived in rescue GRRMF quickly noticed how special this boy was in his gentle behavior and loving personality. Charlie was matched to his forever family who were patiently waiting for a boy like him. Martie and Dean, who are long time volunteers for GRRMF, have continued his training and enjoy watching him do his magic as a certified therapy dog. You may have met Charlie and his parents at one of our Central Florida events as he is an ambassador for GRRMF.



Charlie is very proactive within his community and has an amazing resume. He is a member of the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando Therapy Team, Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) and R.E.A.D Program, earned his AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and has received training in Medical Alert Service Dog and Scent Work. Charlie has provided treasured memories for all who have met him during his visits at VA Medical Center, Westminster Towers, Emeritus Assisted Living at Tuskawilla, Ronald McDonald House and Orlando Health and Rehabilitation Center. Children are delighted when he visits their schools for the Wagging Tales programs and participates in summer camp activities. As a therapy dog team, Charlie and Martie have attended special events for Blue Cross Hurricane Preparedness, Disney Earth Day, FurBall and Valencia College.

Visit our Canine Volunteer website page and read about many of our other GRRMF dogs and their families paying it forward to help others and the gifts these special rescues can provide!

SANCTUARY PROGRAM

by Ginger Vincent

When a rescue is deemed unadoptable due to health issues, age or terminal illness, they are placed in our Sanctuary Program. These dogs are "adopted" by GRRMF and live with a very special permanent foster family selected just for them. Each is surrounded by love and provided with the care they need for the rest of their lives. We currently have 8 angels in the program and would like you to meet Jessy, our newest Sanctuary girl.

Jessy Amber: Caregiver Debbie Drapo.

Jessy, a 13 year old golden blend, was surrendered to GRRMF when her elderly owner could no longer care for her allergy needs and afford the extra care of treating her chronic ear infections. Because of her severe arthritis and difficulty with stairs, GRRMF moved her from her original foster home to a new caregiver with a one-story house. As we learned more about Jessy's condition, a decision was made to place her in our Sanctuary Program to ensure that her medical needs were met for her arthritis. She loves being around her caregiver and will follow her Mom endlessly not wanting to miss anything. She's not much about playing with toys because of her painful arthritis, but she loves all the attention she can get and is passionate about her food. To make her more comfortable, our medical team has started Jessy on a regiment of laser treatments and acupuncture for her arthritis and our little girl is beginning to enjoy her golden years with as little discomfort as possible.

Jessy sends a special THANK YOU to those that have donated to her care. Your financial support ensures that Jessy, and all the precious angels in our Sanctuary Program, have a wonderful quality of life.



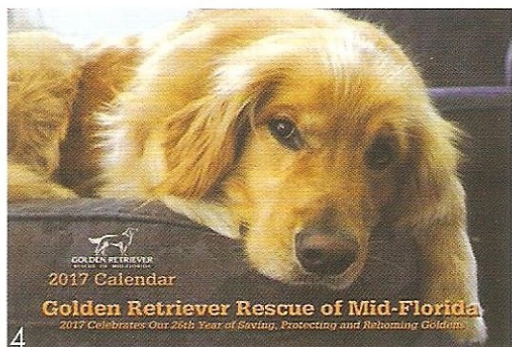
2017 ANNUAL RESCUE REUNION PICNIC

We're so excited that our 2017 Annual Rescue Reunion on February 18th being held at Lake Parker Park, 899 E. Robson Street, Lakeland, Florida 33805 is right around the corner! Our Doggie Massage, Toy Corral, Doggie Games, Caricature Artist, Blessing of the Golden, Ask a Trainer and our awesome Raffle and Silent Auction are included in the festivities again. Hope to see you there!

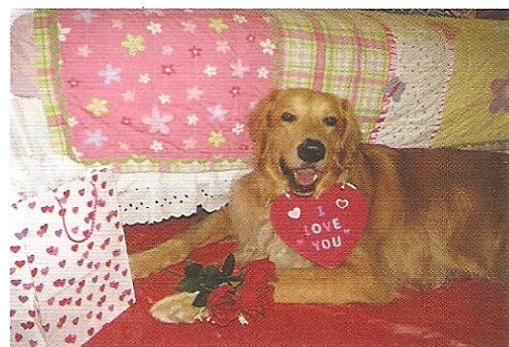


GRRMF CALENDARS

As of newsletter press time, we still have some wonderful 2017 calendars available. You can use this link on our website to order them www.grrmf.org/grrmf-calendar. Also time to start forwarding photos of your GRRMF dog for our 2018 calendar planning to grrmfcalendar@gmail.com!



**Happy Valentine's Day
to you from GRRMF
and Mr. February,
our 2017 calendar boy!**



Adoption Stories

Lucky Jose

"Life revolves around our gentle giant who is outgoing, affectionate and loves to snuggle" reports his mom. "Lucky keeps us laughing with his silly antics. He's inquisitive at times and lets his curiosity override his better judgment. Loving sticks, he



once climbed onto a chair to reach the grape-vine wreath made of so many chewy ones. Lucky is loved and we're

grateful to GRRMF for allowing us to adopt him. He has brought a lot of joy to our life!" Congratulations to our shelter rescue – looks like all are "Lucky!"

Sally Janis

Sally Janis, surrendered at age 7 when a family move did not include her, won her foster parents' hearts immediately when they fell in love with her expressive eyes. She has a lust for life, enjoys five walks each day and loves to swim.



Sally amuses her family with her huntress routine. She once took four pairs of matching shoes from Mom's closet and perfectly lined them up in the living room. Her theme song is "Mustang Sally" because she loves to go in the car! Ride Sally Ride!

Tasha Agnes & Sydney Agnes

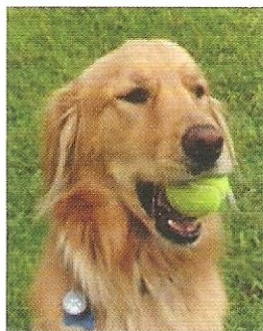
A couple of cuties named Tasha and Sydney had been turned into GRRMF



by a Good Samaritan. Months before, a family had decided they were "ready", as they had overcome the grief of losing both their goldens. Then the call came that this pair of girls was available. The parents told their sons that they were all going to a 'meet and greet' to see which girl might fit into their family. They held off telling the boys that they knew they were getting BOTH! Of course the boys fell in love with both girls, each boy picking their own dog. Happy boys and happy golden girls and all is right with the world for this new family of six.

Ziggy Matthew

Ziggy came to GRRMF when his owner could no longer care for him. Tom was looking for a companion and had always loved goldens. This wonderful, good natured young pup



became available and they were a perfect match. Ziggy, now Colby, loves his new life which includes playing ball, romping with his buddies and riding in Dad's sports car convertible (with a seat belt harness of course). "Colby is sweet, alert, and super-cute. We didn't need super-glue to bond any tighter" says a very happy new dad.

Apollo Archie

Apollo came to GRRMF when his owner moved overseas. His foster dad reports that he was quite the escape artist and completely stressed out in storms. With patience and dedication from his foster sister and dad, he made great strides. Apollo became a permanent member of the family and the whole crew escaped to New England for the summer to enjoy some cool sea air. They attended Cape Cod Baseball League night games where Apollo became buddies with the team mascot Hawk.

Happy Landings Apollo!



Joseph Jack

Proud foster failures Susan and her son Nikita were thrilled to adopt Joey forever. Rescued from a high kill shelter by Loving Friends Transport, Joey is enjoying vacations in Maine



and learning from Hunter, his Lab/Vizela sister, that boats aren't too bad. "We love his little wiggle worm move as he belly creeps towards us and then rolls over on our feet. Our big goofy guy is full of love and wants to be wherever we are, but much prefers to sleep in late!"

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WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

by Susan Tucker

Why the hours spent by tireless volunteers driving many miles to pick up a surrendered dog and transport her to a veterinarian or foster home? Because one rescue can make a miraculous difference in many lives. Sometimes that one rescue isn't a purebred golden, but a golden blend – and sometimes the puppies from that blend are surprising, too!



Jim and Linda were asked to foster Mia, a golden blend, and her eight puppies. No other rescues or shelters would save them from euthanasia just two days away. How could they say no? The pups were only two days old and their eyes were still closed. All of the pups and mom had contracted kennel cough and became very sick. Momma Mia could only nurse her pups for a couple of weeks so from that time on, Jim, Linda and daughter Erica took shifts feeding, cleaning and cuddling. With a lot of love and praying, they all recovered and started growing quickly.

So where are some of the pups now? GRRMF partnered with the Humane Society of Hillsborough County to help us find them homes and give the pups more visibility for adoption. Their foster family keeps in touch on their progress in their forever homes.



Erica and her family adopted Penny (originally named "Adrianne") and report that bringing Penny home was exciting. Just a few months old, her new siblings took to her right away and they are now inseparable. Playing outside and getting dirty is Penny's favorite activity – she hates to have a bath! Erica says their most exciting day so far was when Penny managed to catch a squirrel and present it to Erica's 12 year old son to show her love and affection! "I'm so happy to have had the experience of helping with the puppies and other dogs my parents have fostered over the years. It is truly remarkable the difference that can be made with some love and care."

Rebel (originally "Thor") found a home with Becky and her son, Noah, adopting through the Humane Society of Hillsborough County. Rebel was the first dog for their family and it changed their lives dramatically for the better. Rebel loves long walks, chasing squirrels, frogs and lizards, visiting the dog park and toys that squeak, as well as belly rubs and digging holes. Noah and Rebel took an obedience class through the Humane Society and they are working on better leash manners.



Luna (originally "Phoenix") picked her family herself when they came to the Humane Society "just looking." Luna saw them come in and while all the other dogs barked and jumped, she quietly wagged her tail and stared intently at the young boy and his family. Once they saw her, they couldn't leave without her. Now weighing in at 50 pounds, Mom Renee says that Luna and her son, Caiden, play fetch and cuddle together. Luna will streak across the yard to retrieve a ball. Caiden says Luna is his best friend – who can doubt the love between a boy and his dog?

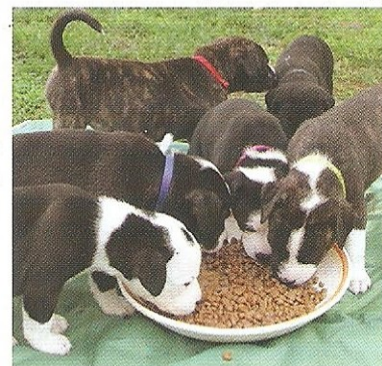
Lucy (originally "Trixie") found her forever home with Erin and has been a wonderful addition to her family. Erin says Lucy is a fireball of energy although sometimes she cuddles like a baby. Lucy loves chasing squirrels, playing fetch and her neighborhood "play dates."



Jilian says adopting Mason (originally "Captain") was a bit of a miracle. While looking for a sibling for her 7 year old pit bull rescue, she first met and fell in love with this adorable pup at Humane Society of Hillsborough County, but another family had already put a hold on him. After bribery didn't work, she left without putting another "just in case" hold, feeling the family would have to be crazy not to come back for him. Second guessing, she messaged the now closed animal shelter and two days later received the call that Mason was available. Jilian wasted no time in adopting the pup and says Mason is a happy, healthy 55 pound ball of crazy who loves boating and hunting lizards – and is a total bed hog! Mason just welcomed a new brother – a 3 year old Chihuahua found running in traffic in Sarasota. Three rescued pups – this is one crazy rescue family!



One last minute rescue of a blend and her pups has touched so many lives in a positive way – this is why we do what we do. This is why dozens of volunteers spend endless hours transporting, ensuring medical care and fostering the dogs rescued by GRRMF. Your continuing donations make these miracles possible. THANK YOU!



5 STAR FOSTERS

by Kirsten Brown and Bambi Anderson-Ivers



TEAM DALEY – A truly special foster home we go to frequently as a no dog, great cat, loving humans test house. They recently accepted a huge challenge of fostering a pregnant golden blend and 9 puppies who arrived in their home on Thanksgiving Day. David and Amanda have done an awesome job of caring for Mom Mariah plus raising and socializing her pups for adoption to approved adopters on our waiting list eagerly watching for puppies. Thank you David and Amanda for your extraordinary efforts!

TEAM GARCIA – Jennifer is our super go to girl for our younger dogs and when an extra loving hand is needed to guide them to become the best pups they can be! We so appreciate you being there for GRRMF!



TEAM WINSCOTT – Cindy has accepted many challenges with fostering and building confidence with behavior dogs and caring for and being a mom's taxi to and from vet appointments for our medical dogs. She does it all with love in her heart and always a smile. Thank you Cindy for accepting these precious pups that need your tender loving care!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Lyn Holliday

Volunteer:

Found out about GRRMF:

Dianne Gerrity

She had loved and owned goldens in the past but her young children had a condition that made it difficult to have dogs. On the Internet, Dianne saw that GRRMF needed fosters. Her children were older now, so perhaps fostering would be the perfect way to see how they reacted to having a dog in the house again, while helping with her favorite breed. They began to foster as a family and ended up adopting two of their fosters.

Length of Time Volunteering So Far: Almost two years

GRRMF Volunteer Career: Adopter, Foster, Medical Records Coordinator, Transporter

Continued Commitment: After fostering and adopting, Diane wanted to know if there was another way she could help. GRRMF offered her the opportunity to work with medical follow up for our wonderful goldens which she graciously accepted. Her experience as a Pediatrician is a blessing to all rescue dogs and our medical team.

Most Memorable Moment: Getting the initial transport set up for Arena, as we attempted to get her to the critical care vet. She was very sick and we needed to get her moved quickly. I was just one part, but each person who helped that night was crucial in getting Arena to where she needed to be.

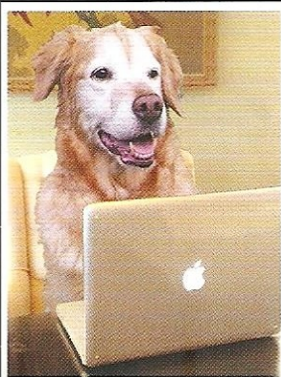
Advice to Potential Volunteer: "Just help when you can. You don't have to spend all your time volunteering - but just a few minutes here and there can save the life of one of these beautiful dogs."



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