

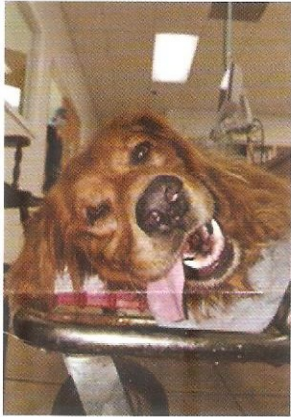
**GOLDEN RETRIEVER
RESCUE OF MID-FLORIDA™**

TALES OF GOLD

A VILLAGE CAN MAKE "MIRACLES" HAPPEN...

*When some see broken beyond repair, GRRMF sees healing beyond belief;
When others see too far gone, our village of volunteers sees one step away from a forever home.*

It is so heartwarming to see those rescues who have come through our Healing Hearts program because they needed medical intervention, watch them be courageous through the healing process, and then see their wonderful success story after adoption. **Theeson** is one of those



rescue miracles who survived after being pinned between a car and the garage door. Theeson spent critical ER time in our wonderful emergency vet to stabilize his multiple pelvic fractures prior to moving to a foster home for months of special needs care. Our village of volunteers provided many hours of transporting Theeson to medical appointments for vet exams, x-rays and follow-up care to track his progress. Being heartworm positive, he also needed four months of

treatment with activity level restrictions that were closely monitored. Generous donors helped offset his medical costs and our village of fosters and vets provided the extra care and special environment he needed to recover and be adopted by his forever family. Today, Theeson is giving back by helping his sibling earn a "Critter Care" scouting achievement. He is healthy, happy and loved by his forever family and his Boy Scout Bear Cub sibling, Chris! Read his pawsome story on page 3.

There can be no greater joy than to see a Healing Hearts rescue become a beautiful Success Story. Our dedication to helping each rescue (commitment in time, initial expense and long-term financial investment) is not always "visible." A lot of things go on behind the scenes: skin/allergy treatments/care, orthopedic surgery and specialized therapy, heartworm treatment, training/behavior guidance, removing masses, pathology tests, bloodwork, cancer treatments, eye exams, ultrasounds, x-rays and much more. Bella and Banjo are sweethearts who thank GRRMF supporters for making a visual as well as emotional

difference in their lives through our Healing Hearts program. You can read more about their transformations on our web links noted below:



All is good now for happy Bella,
restored to comfort through two major surgeries.
www.grrmf.org/bella-ali-life-is-good/



Beloved Banjo is a handsome and happy boy
in his forever home.
www.grrmf.org/banjo-strums-his-stuff/

Adoption fees do not cover the costs of most dogs that are rescued by GRRMF. This is where our donors become their angels on earth, sharing our compassion and enabling us to make miracles happen day after day, year after year.

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Between 2015 and 2017 your contributions went towards defraying the cost of:

- 22 heartworm positive rescues averaging \$2,000 each, plus additional four month stay in foster care before becoming available for adoption
- 26 rescues requiring training support for behavior or basic obedience
- 106 rescues needing spay/neuter surgery and after care expenses at \$650 each
- Orthopedic surgery averaging \$1,800 each
- Mass/tumor removal and after care averaging \$1,200 each
- Intake veterinary expense for basic care and immunizations for 300+ dogs averaging \$365 each

Each dog is our inspiration, putting one paw in front of the other and reminding us that it's too soon to quit. Please continue to donate and help us make more miracles happen!

HELPING GRRMF GOLDENS HEAL by Barbara Durham



Crowdfunding is defined as: "the practice of funding a project or venture by raising small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the internet" The internet has indeed changed how a nonprofit organization is able to fund their operations. For years GRRMF received a sizable percentage of contributions via our donation webpage through PAYPAL. As technology evolved, so did our donation pathway, providing an essential source of much needed cash flow to fund veterinary expenses.

I don't think we ever really thought that we were "crowdfunding" until a few months ago when we brought in a dog named Theeson (highlighted in this issue). Pinned up against a wall by a car, we knew that major medical expenses were going to potentially hit us big time. Plus it was August ... Summer months are always the worst time of the year for funds. They usually bring major

medical bills and much lower donations so we watch our operating account drop each month, praying that the fall season will replenish it. We were very concerned.

Theeson's situation motivated our wonderful media team to broadcast an internet wide plea for help and what happened next blew our socks off. While we often have many supportive donors in a situation like this, Theeson's campaign touched 138 donors and almost all were small donations averaging \$35. A few large donations were offset by scores of folks chipping in smaller amounts adding up to a wonderful outcome for Theeson. I cannot tell you how our team was buoyed by the success of this campaign. Each \$5, \$10, \$20 donation was a message saying our crowd of golden lovers cared about Theeson. The good wishes of the 138 donors was like rocket fuel for our medical and foster teams – who all mobilized to help Theeson. We suddenly realized that we had hosted our own GRRMF crowdfunding campaign, and your support proved the power of ordinary folks with a desire to help a dog in need. Lesson learned - never doubt that any donation, even small ones, can change the life of a golden retriever. Together, a crowd of people who love goldens can truly make a difference.

CANINE VOLUNTEER by Ginger Vincent



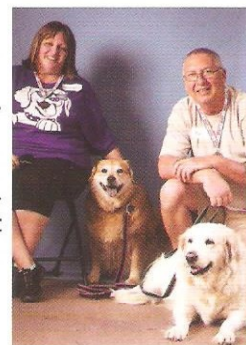
BRANDI (TDI HANDLER SHONNA BENDER)

Brandi, adopted at age three, needed some TLC to gain confidence. She did well in her obedience classes and earned her Canine Good Citizen certification. Shonna and Brandi attended a therapy prep class through one of the local dog training clubs in their area. "It involved a lot of work with crutches and wheelchairs and even included a visit to a doctor's

office to get her used to that type of environment," reports Shonna. "We also worked with her in elevators at Largo Medical Center parking garage." Brandi, now age six, is registered with Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and brings joy to those she visits at the Bay Pines VA facility in the Clearwater area.

Her golden smile and gentle mannerism was a special treat for those attending a domestic violence "meet-and-greet" event.

Once a month Brandi and her TDI certified sibling, Kiki, visit the Alzheimer's unit at Palms of Largo. Shonna's husband, Ed, is Kiki's handler. It's a wonderful sight to see the Bender family coming through the front door of a facility with two golden smiles leading the way!



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!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Lyn Holliday

VOLUNTEER: BAMBI ANDERSON-IVES

Found out about GRRMF: "When we moved to Florida, I wanted to continue as a volunteer and I knew it had to be with Golden Retrievers. I found GRRMF on line and everyone I spoke with was all about the best interest of the dog. I found that refreshing and it aligned perfectly with my beliefs on how these beautiful dogs should be treated. I have been honored to be a GRRMF team member ever since."

Length of Time Volunteering: Three Years

GRRMF Volunteer Career: Adopter, Foster, Foster Care Coordinator

Continued Commitment: GRRMF is an army of warrior volunteers for every wonderful dog that comes to us. We are a team of moving parts that somehow turn the sum of rescue work into a ballet when we learn a dog needs us! From Intake to transport to vetting to foster care and adoption - we just get it done! It is a miracle every time. I am in the presence of something much greater, due to the wonderful people I work with and the dogs we serve."

Most Memorable Moment: "A dog named Toby is forever etched into my heart. His dad had passed away at home and sweet Toby stayed by his side for several days until the authorities were summoned. Surrendered to GRRMF, this boy wasn't particularly well mannered and grumpy most days, as he loved and missed his dad so much. But he also had a free spirit that was trapped under all that red fur! In quiet moments, he would share bits and pieces of his prior life with me...as much as I was worthy of hearing! Always on his own terms and in his own time. My Toby boy, I am forever indebted to him for the lessons he taught me."

Advice to Potential Volunteer: "Jump in and do whatever you can! Every single pair of hands is needed so that we can continue to be the advocate that we are for these dogs. Mostly, enjoy the ride, trust the process and know that you are breathing new life into our goldens and the people who love them!"



OUR HEALING HEARTS "MIRACLE" BOY IS NOW A SUCCESS STORY

by Susan Tucker



A Dog Helps a Bear ... Cub Scout earns "Critter Care" belt loop with assistance from Healing Hearts Theeson Alfie

Chris Starcher is a "Bear" in Cub Scouts but his foster sibling was a golden! Chris and his family fostered Theeson Alfie, our Healing Hearts golden that sustained multiple fractures when trapped between an auto and garage door and was heartworm positive. Chris took the responsibility of fostering a golden retriever for GRRMF very seriously and while doing so, Chris earned a "Critter Care" belt loop award in Cub Scouts.

To earn this achievement, Chris had to care for a pet for two weeks, research his pet, and list three interesting facts about the animal. He made a poster to share with his fellow scouts with photos and facts about his pet: "He likes to roll and snort" and "He loves food and walks."

(Certainly true of all the goldens we know!) Additional requirements were to train his pet to perform a trick or follow a simple command, research three ways that his pet can help people, and learn about rabies. Lastly, Chris had to visit with a local veterinarian and interview him about the education needed to pursue that career.

Chris completed all the requirements and proudly received the Critter Care belt loop at his Cub Scout Pack meeting. Theeson has become rather attached to Chris (and vice versa). We had a feeling that once Theeson had finished his medical care for the injuries that brought him into rescue he might be staying on as a permanent addition to the Starcher family. Theeson was officially adopted by his compassionate foster family. Congratulations to Chris for his scouting accomplishment and to Theeson for finding his forever home.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Ade, Marilyn
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Atwell, Caprice
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Bailey, Anna
Bare, Ryan & Jennifer
Brumbaugh, Judy
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Cunningham, John
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Dovel, Ash
Dumas, Judy
Duncan, Maggie
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City of Treasure Island,
for Jim Lawrence
DiBenedetto, Christine, for
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for Duke
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for Princessa
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for Sammy
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for "our lady"
Bohn, Laurie, for
Mike Rodak
Burgess, Wayne & Maddy,
for Kelsey & Murphy

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Copp, Carla, for
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& Hunter II
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for Jake
Hart, Becky, for Addy
& Cody Wilcox
Hernes-Donnelly, Barbara,
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for Roger Murphy
Hunt, Wesley Ann & Rod
Jones, for Trooper
Lory, Mary Anne, for
Chance
Martin, Marilyn, for Candy
Monius, Frank, for Jackson
Osburn, James & Carol,
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Balas, Agnes, for Fergie
Buckley, Thomas

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Thomas, April, for Suzy

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Ferguson, Renee & Donald
Jaffee, Dick
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Cheever, Darlene
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RAINBOW BRIDGE

- Monica Addelman - Wilson
- Donna and Michael Auger - Mattie
- Jo and Mike Bennett - Kirby
- Barbara Durham and Keith Hollister - Ripley
- GRRMF Family and Danny and Keith Bennett - Ginger
- GRRMF Family and Elaine and Richard Vallin - Jazmine
- Nathan and Katie Hatcher - Bentley
- Linda and Ron Helm - Eve
- Ray and Pat Hentze - Lani
- Cheryl Knodel - Savannah
- Darrell and Angie Laxton - Gulliver
- Susannah Lemarquand - Stokely
- Darren and Cheryl MacGillivray - Jake
- Robert and Connie Madigan - Bella
- Joan Muzeni - Sonny
- Cindy and Rick Owens - Denali
- Lynn and Ronnie Sharpe - Lucy
- Elaine and Richard Vallin - Annie



Adoption Stories



Abbey Jannis

GRRMF rescued Abbey from a shelter in 2015, heartworm positive and in need of special care. "Abbey came into our lives shortly after our golden, Lucy, passed over the rainbow bridge," reports Nancy and Jeff. "You've heard the saying 'who rescued who'? Nothing could be truer in this case. She's our walking buddy, gentle with our 13-year old chocolate lab Roxy and makes us laugh every day. We are so grateful to GRRMF for giving Abbey a second chance and us the opportunity to open our hearts and home to another golden."

Trixie Aspen

Surrendered by a family who couldn't care for her, Trixie arrived with mange, hookworms and very shy of people. Christina's first meeting with Trixie was strained at best but Christina took a leap of faith and a year later Trixie, her sibling Dakota and Christina are a bonded family.



"Our story is a good one" says Christina, "and Trixie is a wonderful addition. The process is worth the wait. We want other families to know some dogs may not come to you perfect or ready to trust. However, if you put in the time and work, the connection with your new pet is worth it!"

Lucky Janis

Lucky arrived in GRRMF when she could no longer climb the steps in the motor home where she lived. Being a senior golden with a young spirit, she quickly assimilated into her foster family's active lifestyle along with their 10-year-old golden



Boiler. "It wasn't long before we knew Lucky had found her forever home and it feels like she has always been part of our family. She has many endearing quirks and is the softest haired golden I've ever felt," reports Chris, "and leaves fur bunnies around to remind us of that and we wouldn't have it any other way!"



Ollie Shiloh

Surrendered by his owner, Ollie came to GRRMF terribly overweight and with no puppy manners. "Honestly, we were worried that we were in over our heads," says Gen. "Ollie was so obese and hard to control. He didn't listen at all and chewed everything in sight." But with a great diet and puppy obedience school this boy has made fantastic steps. Ollie wins over the hearts of everyone that meets him with his funny personality and handsome face.



Snoopy Janis (now Bella)

Snoopy, now known as Bella the Beautiful, is a happy senior that has found her forever home. She has adjusted from being a stray to a happy girl that lives for belly rubs. Says Lucille, "Bella is the friendliest dog we have ever owned. She sees people walking in our community and starts wagging her tail, wanting to meet everyone. I would highly recommend adopting a senior golden! You will never be sorry. You will receive unbelievable unconditional love and make a precious senior golden so happy!"

Koda Mia (now Kellie)

Surrendered by her family and heartworm positive, Koda, now known as



Kellie, luckily landed in Pat & Steve's home with GRRMF Alum Finn. But that's not all, Kellie became one of 3 dogs, 3 cats and a bird! Says Pat, "She is the gentlest dog I have ever had and never bites down hard on anything. On three different occasions, she has taken it upon herself to rescue baby owls from our pool area". Kellie has the right temperament and Pat is considering starting therapy dog training with her.

Raspberry Oprah

Raspberry was surrendered to GRRMF by her owner who worked long hours. Dianne and Patrick tell us that Raspberry loves squeaky toys and playing with her golden sibling, Riley. She is a huge squirrel hunter, watching intently as they climb the neighbor's tree and has gotten within three feet of catching one. Raspberry enjoys car rides and believes the second-row seat is hers. If the seat is occupied, she sits on the lap (or face in the case of Riley) of whoever is sitting in that spot.



Kaiya Jody

Surrendered by a single mom who couldn't take good care of her, and after months in foster care due to being heartworm positive, Kaiya could finally call her foster family her forever family. Mom says, "Kaiya completed our family." She is a happy, playful girl who has a close bond with her human brothers. Building forts, listening to books, and playing outside for hours are some of their favorite things to do. She also loves sleep overs at Nana and Pops with her bag of favorite toys. Kaiya is a special girl who knows how to bring out the best in each family member - a match made in heaven!

2017 GRRMF ANNUAL REUNION IN REVIEW

GOLDEN EXPECTATIONS by Ellen Steiger

It was a perfect day for the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida Reunion. Golden Retrievers of all shapes and sizes gathered on February 18 to celebrate their adoptions. This was my first Reunion as a volunteer for GRRMF and I wasn't sure what to expect. Wow, what a great variety of things to do and see. Inside the pavilion was a Golden Store with all kinds of wonderful shirts, dog treats, magnets, cards, coasters - you name it, they had it. Then off to the candle store, handmade tote bags, and the Golden Raffle and Silent Auction that had an assortment of gifts and goodies!

Outside the doglympics were taking place with fun games for dogs and their humans. Several photographers mingled through the sea of goldens snapping candid photos, an artist was drawing cute character sketches of dogs and people, and a professional dog trainer was demonstrating K9 Nose Work and answering training questions. Goldens and family pets were bounding into the Toy Corral for a new stuffed animal, plus many enjoyed getting a massage from professional Shonna Bender so much that some canines did not want to leave the table. Most touching was the minister who gave a special blessing to the goldens and their family - it made you smile and feel grateful for these special dogs.

The day ended with the Silent Auction drawing and a huge cake to congratulate the adopters and their new furry family members. All Golden Expectations were met by this fine organization of loving and dedicated volunteers. **GREAT JOB!!**



THANK YOU REUNION VOLUNTEERS!

Paws up to all who helped in the planning for months before the reunion and their participation on February 18, 2017 to ensure a wonderful day was had by all!

2017 Reunion Coordinators

Barbara Burgner - Welcome Table Marty Burke and Erin Bobko - Raffle and Silent Auction
Dave and Cindy Dillman - Doggie Games Michael Eliassen - Photo booth Carol Forsberg - Reunion
Bill Lawrence - Site, Food, Equipment and Cadet support
Ellen Lawrence & Barbara Durham - Golden Goods Kim Marsh - vendors for Golden Goods

Donated their time and talent to lead an event!

Shonna Bender - Reiki and Massage David Nixon - Blessing of the Goldens Katie Obringer - Training

Awesome Volunteers!!

Donna & Michael Auger Erin Bobko Melanie Bontrager Kim Cascio Cathy & Marc Christie
Sarah Davis Taylor Denson Marie Dill Samantha Dill Bert Haker Kathleen Hanley Carol Harvest
Lyn & Barry Holliday Cindy Kahn Lysee Kierstein Cynthia Knopka Amanda Ridge Renee Solum
Ellen Steiger Nancy Swift Mary Anne Tradelius Susan Tucker Ginger & George Vincent Clark Woods

***And a very special recognition and thanks to the Marvin Shields Seabee Battalion - Lakeland.
Your wonderful support was priceless again this year!***



BLESSING OF THE GOLDENS by Susan Tucker

"Bless, O Lord, this creature, and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for its being."

For most of us, the blessing came when our golden came into our lives. Confirmation of that blessing came when Pastor Dave Nixon officiated the Blessing of the Goldens, taking time with each reunion participant and their dog to give an individual blessing and a medal remembrance. Pastor Nixon is no stranger to service. After twelve years as a full-time pastor, he now serves part-time as Chaplain at Orlando Lutheran Towers and supervises over 30 volunteers at a food pantry that serves 300 families and 1,400 people. Not stopping there, Dave and his wife, Joanne, are transport volunteers for GRRMF, often taking dogs into rescue from their former owner, a task that requires compassion and understanding. Dave and Joanne's family includes Zoe, Charlie (a GRRMF rescue) and Snickers.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS: IT TAKES A VILLAGE

These are our top dog recognition award recipients who, through their compassion and commitment, helped to make 2016 a successful year of hope and joy for our goldens. Thank you to all our volunteers who saved our goldens!

Hearts of Gold Award

Bambi Anderson-Ivers

Above & Beyond Award

Marc Rebhun

Top Dog Intake/Medical

Janet Sturman (Intake), Dianne Gerrity (Medical), and Jeanne Dowdle (Medical)

Top Dog Adoptions

Lynda Alfson, Dave Balas, Barbara Burgner, Kim Cascio, Bill Collier, Charlotte Conley, Cheryl Donnelly, Maggie Duncan, Paul Eckstein, Andrea Forster, Debbie Frederick, Sarah Jones, Rich Newton, Susan Pouliot, Cathy Rebhun, Aurora Saldana, Margy Santino, Cathy Schultz, Janet Sturman and Kathy Webb

Top Dog Education/Events

Rodger Benchoff, Cathy Christy, Charlie Haker, Kim Marsh, Marcia McGovern, Pat & Bill Shepard, Becky Stone and Tom Weigand



Top Dog Comm/Admin

Stephanie DeWitt, Lyn Holliday, Judy Ladney, Kris Viles and Ginger Vincent

Top Dog Fundraising

Erin Bobko, Dave Dillman, Cathy Schultz and Janet Thompson

Top Dog Transportation

Chris Manley, Jack Norvig and Aurora Saldana

Top Dog Fostering

Donna & Michael Auger, Melanie & Neil Bontrager, Marty Burke, David & Amanda Daly, Cynthia Knopka, Ray & Diane Sterling and Elaine & Rich Vallin

Top Dog Treasury Admin

Lynda Alfson, Carol Avey and Cynthia Knopka



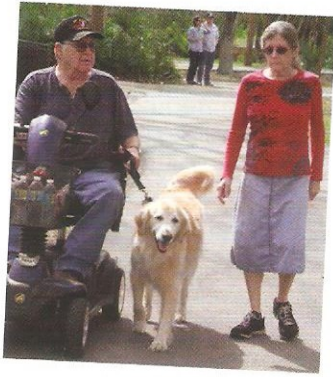
GAME TIME FOR ALL THE FURRIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

by Carol Forsberg

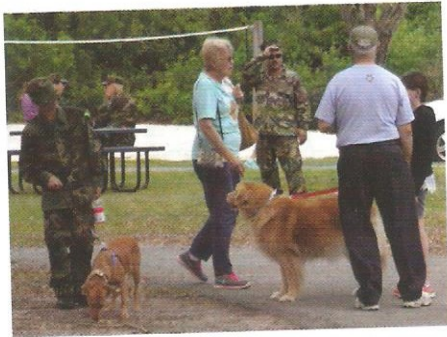
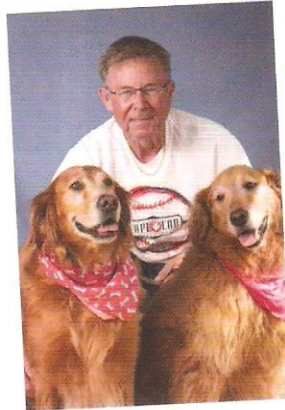
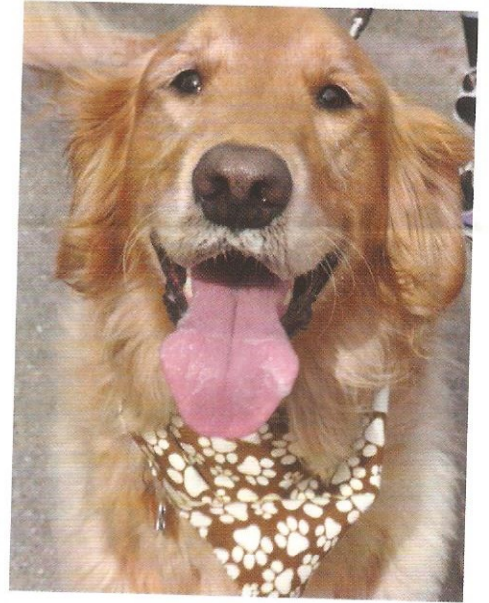
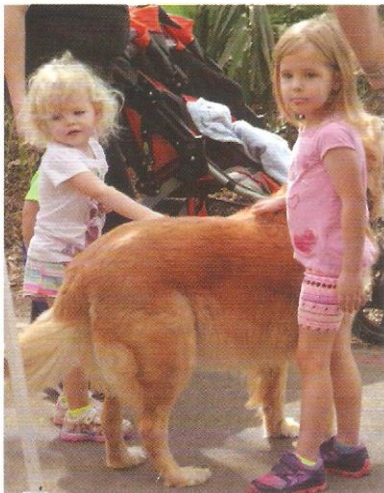
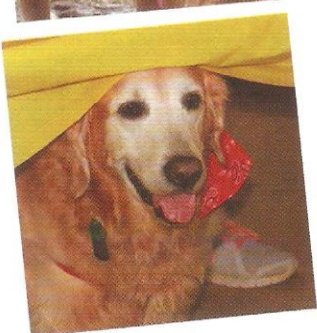
It was another great year for the participants and those of us watching the furries and their families enjoying the Doglympic games! Our wonderful volunteers, Dave and Cindy Dillman, registered, herded and supported four fun filled games for humans and canines alike. Cindy introduced a new game this year ... golf ball relay ... which was a favorite with 19 canines walking alongside their human balancing a golf ball in a spoon while holding the leash and navigating a pathway within the enclosure. Fun, lots of laughter and tough competition!

Our U.S. Navy Sea Cadets were such a super support team again this year and helped with the set up and tear down, timing and scoring and most importantly guarded the gates to ensure no four-legged escapees! We thank our additional volunteers Nancy Swift, Clark Woods and Barry Holliday and all the participants who made this year's games the best yet!

Gold Silver Bronze	Tennis Ball Retrieval (Ages 0-6)	Tennis Ball Retrieval (Ages >6)	Popcorn Toss (Ages 0-6)	Popcorn Toss (Ages >6)
	KC Cascio	Gracie Hedge	Bella Burgner	Montana Holliday
	Honey Kahn	Ashley Norton	KC Cascio	Gracie Hedge
		Pancake Woster	Clark Jones	Ashley Norton
Gold Silver Bronze	Sit & Stay (Ages 0-6)	Sit & Stay (Ages >6)	Golf Ball Relay (Ages 0-6)	Golf Ball Relay (Ages >6)
	Riley Gerrity	Ashley Norton	Clark Jones	Sadie Francis
	Raspberry Gerrity	Kiki Bender	Riley Gerrity	Brandi Bender
	Riley Miller	Brandi Bender	Raspberry Gerrity	Stormy Broida



Rock 'n' Roll Reunion!



K9 NOSE WORK AND TRAINING TIPS AT THE GRRMF REUNION

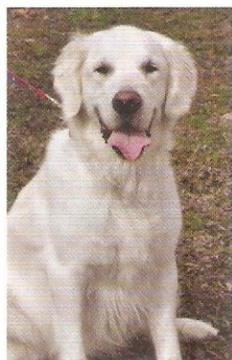
by Ellen Steiger

Many thanks to Katie Obringer from For Paws and Noses Dog Training for introducing the amazing dog sport of K9 Nose Work. Katie gave a demonstration for beginner dogs using cardboard boxes and high value treats. The boxes were shuffled around and the dog was sent to find the box containing the treat. Katie explained how this fun sport teaches companion dogs to use their natural scenting abilities, provides the dog with mental and physical stimulation, and develops teamwork and bonding between humans and canines.



Following the K9 Nose Work demonstration, Katie was available to answer individual training and behavior questions regarding leash walking, stay, fearfulness, dog reactivity, introducing dogs to other dogs correctly and various other questions after adopting a dog. Handouts were provided on K9 Nose Work and identifying signs of stress in dogs.

THROUGH THE EYES OF MONTANA by Lyn Holliday



I love to go on adventures and this was my first GRRMF reunion! After a two hour ride, I hopped out of the car and couldn't believe my eyes! There were so many happy dogs on leashes with smiling humans on the other end or on a blanket with their families. Everyone's tails and tongues were wagging and all were sniffing and hugging each other!

Being well positioned between the Welcome Table and the Photo Booth, I got to see everyone as they were walking in and as they put on their best smiles for a family photo. So many beautiful goldens - tall and small ones, lean and clean ones, round and wide ones, petite and sweet ones - it was incredible! I remember that I used to be round and wide but good food and lots of exercise helped me shed 30 pounds and I feel so much better. I shared that secret in the ears of some of my new friends that I met, and they winked at me as if to say they wanted to shape up too!

The Welcome Table Team was handing out fabulous goodie bags loaded with cool stuff - from toys to bandanas to snacks, pens, paw pads and treat pouches ... all donated by generous volunteers and companies! It was awesome. I was so happy to get mine because there were plenty of goodies for me to share with my two GRRMF brothers at home - next year they are going to come with me to experience all the wonder that I did! It was the best time ever!



TEAM GAMELIN

Dennis and Dawn never say no when the phone rings and there is a dog in need. They accept each challenge of behavioral or medical special needs with grace and gentle care. Each of their fosters are so fortunate to be in this loving home where they can heal and get ready for their forever home. Thank you, Dennis and Dawn, for being there for GRRMF!

5 STAR FOSTERS

by Kirsten Brown and Bambi Anderson-Ivers



TEAM KLEMETTI

Super special needs foster lovingly accepted a recent challenge of one of our Healing Hearts dogs ... Suzy. Stacy monitors Suzy's seizures, provides emergency care when needed and supports her medical treatments to ensure Suzy's comfort and wellness. Suzy and Stacy have bonded to each other and GRRMF is so blessed to have Stacy caring for Suzy ... now as her permanent foster in our Sanctuary program.

TEAM SWIFT/WOODS

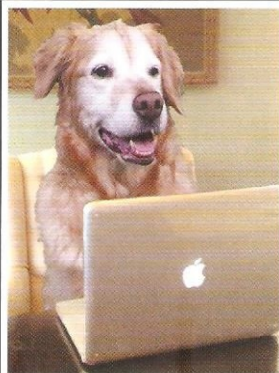
Nancy and Clark go with the flow of any dog that arrives on their doorstep. Unknown new dog behaviors and needs are quickly assessed and cared for through their love and patience. Wonderful foster homes like Nancy and Clark's are so essential to the wellness of our dogs to give confidence, comfort and regain happiness while they wait for that perfect match with a forever family. Paws up for Nancy and Clark!



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