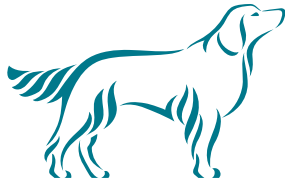


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**THANKFUL FOR OUR GRRMF FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
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LIVES THIS YEAR...WE ARE BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE.**



Ice Fishing, Washington DC and Beyond

by Becca Yorinks

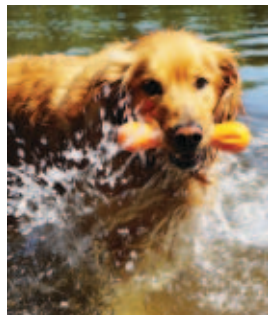
Angus, formerly known as Lucky, is loving life in beautiful Maine with his adoring family. You may recognize him from the GRRMF 2017 calendar as our August feature. He follows in the footsteps of four other GRRMF

alums who have led long, happy lives in the Fitzgerald household. Weighing a whopping 97 pounds and covered in hot spots when he arrived at GRRMF, Angus is now a healthy three year-old with a beautiful red coat that gets to travel all over town - and beyond! His new adventures include ice fishing with his big golden retriever sister Dora and a visit to Washington DC and Virginia with a stay in a five-paw hotel! Angus keeps his humans laughing by chasing his tail, catching it and dropping to the floor with a loud THUMP! He spreads smiles by stealing shoes, groaning for attention and sleeping in a silly sprawled out on his back

position. He also loves curling up on his parent's laps on Sunday mornings while they read the paper. We are so proud of Angus's recent great accomplishment of passing his Canine Good Citizen test. His loving "pawrents", Susan and Pete, have set a goal for next year of registering Angus with Therapy Dogs International to become a reading dog at their library. Angus attends

weekly training classes that have improved his leash etiquette so much that he gets to enjoy walks around town and hikes in the countryside. It's not just the Fitzgeralds who enjoy their daily walks - Angus gets to brighten the day of all the town locals he greets along the way. Some

even have treats waiting for him on his morning walk to town! Angus is looking forward to another happy holiday season filled with snuggles with his family, outdoor adventures and lots of playtime in the snow.



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MAKING MEMORIES – ONE RESCUE AT A TIME

by Barbara Durham

With the holidays approaching, it makes me think of all the good times and memories I accumulated over the years. Looking back, I can honestly say my favorite part was spending Christmas with my dogs! (If any of my family members are reading this, I apologize if this hurts your feelings as it's not meant that way.) I love the moment when everyone has left, things are peaceful and we settle down to give our dogs their stockings and presents. After receiving so many gifts of unconditional love throughout the year from my goldens, it seems only fitting that they receive special Christmas gifts, too. While I try to spoil them on a daily basis, it still gives me joy to see their happy faces as they enjoy their treats and toys. Do you

ever get the feeling of being incredibly blessed to have these sweet dogs in your life? Do you ever just look at your golden retriever and think ... how did I get so lucky?

When GRRMF rescues goldens and blends, of course we save them and give them a new life – all made possible by our gracious donors and volunteers. But what has always struck me is that often the lives of adopters (and volunteers) are transformed as well during the process. We are so blessed to have these goldens in our lives and so incredibly lucky for the happiness they share with us. The impact of the work we do at Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida is immense and incredibly rewarding as we see the difference it makes in the lives of everyone involved. Many thanks this holiday season to all of you that support our cause in so many ways. YOU make it all possible!

ZOIE PARTICIPATES IN MAST CELL CANCER STUDY by Carol Harvest



Zoie was almost twelve when her mom, Cathy, noticed what she thought was just an inflamed, white nipple. Dr. White at Animal Hospital of Seminole did a needle aspiration and the diagnosis was Grade 1 mast cell tumor. Zoie had a similar type tumor on the opposite side of her chest about three years before, which was surgically removed with clean margins. Mast cell tumors can recur and spread if not removed with very large margins and that can be hard to accomplish depending on the tumor location. Often these tumors end up being inoperable.

Dr. White is conducting a trial study with an Australian company that makes anti-cancer medication from Australian rain forest harvested plants. The study has gone through several early phases abroad and is now being conducted at select locations in the United States trying to obtain FDA approval. The study targets mast cell tumors, which can be very unpredictable in nature, and which Golden Retrievers can be prone to getting.

Treatment involves injecting the tumor with the anti-cancer medication, which very specifically targets and destroys cancer cells. The tumors swell up, rupture and cause a wound that then heals on its own. Luckily, Zoie met the eligibility requirements to participate in this clinical trial study. This is an incredibly exciting potential development for dogs, and the participation of dogs like Zoie is crucial to collecting data and ultimately hopefully receiving FDA approval for use in the United States.



Mast Cell Before



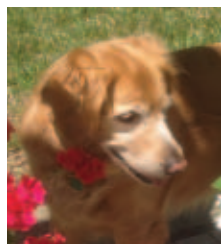
Mast Cell during treatment

Earlier this summer, Zoie was admitted to the vet, had an injection, and then spent the night for observation and lab work. She handled the injection well, her appetite was great and she had energy to play and take her morning walks. She returned to the vet several times over that first month for a second injection, observation, lab work, and photos. Periodic phone calls and questionnaires were done as part of the study protocol and Cathy completed regular "quality of life" assessments on her beloved golden, whose sweet disposition never changed.

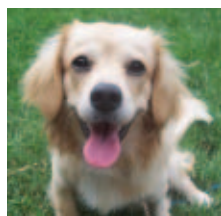
Great news for Zoie and Cathy – it was determined that the tumor was gone! Zoie continues to return for follow-up checks but her side is soft and lump-free. Zoie's participation in the study not only helped her, but may also help other animals and their humans in the future. There is also hope that the Australian pharmaceutical company doing the trial study will someday be able to use this medication to treat melanoma and other cancers in humans. Special thanks to Zoie, Cathy and Dr. Julie White for their participation to help find better ways to treat this disease.

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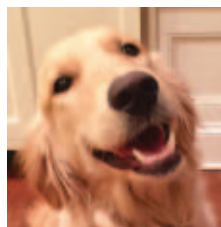
With a grateful heart this holiday season, some of our special need dogs wanted to express how much they appreciated your generous donations this year to help them heal.



Sadie Dottie - Thank you for donating for my knee surgeries. After two months of limited activity for recovery, then rehabilitation, I was adopted and now thriving! I even won a DogOlympic medal at the GRRMF annual reunion!



Peter Jasper - Although I'm very little and likely not much golden in my genes, you saved me and helped me to walk again without pain. Now I run like the wind in my new forever home where I am cherished. Thank you for caring for a little pixie like me.

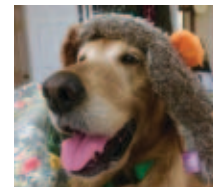


Seamus Fred - I was only an 8 month old boy when I was surrendered and needed major surgery for my shoulder and hip. Too much for me to handle and your generosity gave me a chance for happiness. Today I'm a rocking youngster in my forever home. You are my hero and you rock too!



Sefton Afton - I was born in a GRRMF foster home when my pregnant mom was rescued by GRRMF and I was adopted when I was a little pup. I developed a problem with my back leg as I was growing up and GRRMF saved me again. You gave me a chance for comfort and

happiness through your continuing donations for my ongoing surgery and I'm loved in my foster family until I'm ready to find my forever home. I'm getting healthy and happier because of you. Thank you!



Kenya Jayne - I was an 11 year old senior gal rescued from a shelter and arrived with hookworms, heartworm positive and mammary tumors. My loving GRRMF foster home took me in, nursed me back to good health and became my wonderful forever home. I love you so much for contributing to my medical fund and not giving up on me because I am old gold.



Leo Madison - I was 3 years young when diagnosed with a terminal liver disease and GRRMF wrapped their arms around me and placed me in a GRRMF Sanctuary home. Thanks to your treasured donations, they can afford my care to keep me strong and loved for the time I have left with my loving humans. I am so thankful for donors like you who help pups like me and hope you will consider making a donation to our Golden Angel program and be our hero.

Saving lives - these dogs would not have any options without our intervention. Thankfully you have been there with your support to fund our medical and sanctuary programs and we are honored to have helped them on their journey to a wonderful life. Please help our goldens again through your generosity during this special time to give thanks for our blessings this year.

Our Golden Angel Campaign

**This time of year we look up at the stars and hope ...
because we depend on your holiday donations to fund our rescue effort.
Our dogs are blessed because so many of you are generous and care deeply about their needs.
Become a Golden Angel this holiday season by honoring a family member,
golden, or a friend with a donation in their name. Access our online donation link at
www.grrmf.org/2017-golden-angels/ or mail your donation using the form on the back page.**



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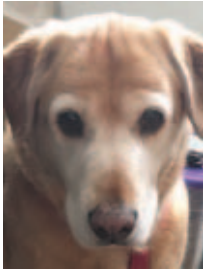
RAINBOW BRIDGE

■ David and Wendy Bowers – Dale
■ Lyda Graser - Murray
■ GRRMF Family - Jack
■ Marcia and Jason Grundorf - Nala
■ Caroline and Marty Hardin - Buddy
■ Lyn and Barry Holliday - Jillian
■ Jan Jennings - Chelsea
■ Kathy and Al Krasinski - Muffin

■ Richard and Bonnie Lehing - Whiskey
■ Rick and Cindy Owens - Chopper
■ Laurie and Greg Pinckney - Sasha
■ Jeff and Jennifer Sabine - Molly
■ Margie and Frank Santino - Luke
■ Wendy Sarubbi - Joe
■ Rich and Carol Swiss - Emma



Adoption Stories



Ginger Oprah

As a senior needing a home, "Ginger wasn't interested in playing ball and just 'chilled' during our meet and greet, but she immediately had my heart," reports

Julie. "Driving home, she laid her head in my lap and I knew I was in love and wanted to give her a fabulous life. There are no lifespan guarantees for any dog and we are blessed to have found this beautiful senior. I highly recommend adopting a senior and experiencing the mutual and intense love!"

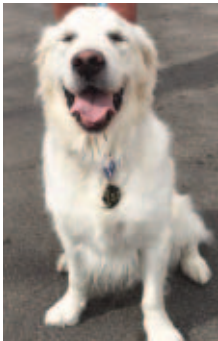
Shaquille Flynn (now Zack)

Financial issues brought Shaquille, now Zack, to GRRMF. He became instant best friends with his fur sister Dakota and both have taken over the couch, reports Alice and Gary. Acting more like two than a twelve-year-old, Zack is quite active for short spurts then naps contently alongside his sibling. "He wants to be petted constantly, unlike any dog I've known," reports Alice, "which is why I started taking him to nursing facilities near our NC mountain home." Alice and Gary are so happy they adopted a senior!



Brutus Archie (now Montana)

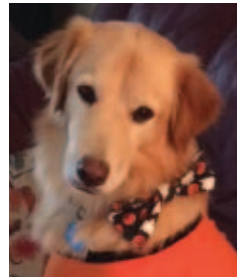
"Brutus, now called Montana, came into our house, met his two golden rescue brothers and quickly sat on the couch like he owned the place," said Lyn and Barry. "He loves everyone but made it very clear that, 'it's all about him'. We thank GRRMF for allowing



us to have another (8th) Golden Beauty who colors our world with exuberance, loyalty and love. We hope that his original owner, who surrendered him due to health issues, knows he is safe, happy and our Golden Delight."

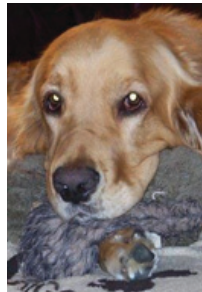
Roscoe Jose (now Sammy)

Lovingly surrendered by his owners as a young pup, Roscoe (now called Sammy) "has definitely changed my perspective on dogs," reports Suzanne, who always owned goldens. "People say that rescues are different and they love you more. I always thought there was no way a dog is going to show me anything greater than what my goldens had in the past, but I was wrong. Sometimes Sammy looks at me and I swear he is expressing gratitude for saving him."



Buddy Archie (now Hunter)

Buddy, now known as Hunter, came to GRRMF when his family could no longer keep him. Says mom Janice, "Our first impression of Buddy the first day we met was that he was adorable. Buddy was so excited with his new backyard, he ran around in circles." A food motivated dog, Buddy is learning his commands, especially when followed by treats. Buddy also gets along with his big brother Felton, a golden and their 4 year old granddaughter. Truly a great match!



Maggie Jaden

"Our Miss Maggie Pants blended beautifully with her furry family members," reports Dot and Nelson, "a golden GRRMF alum Largo, Rascal our Rat terrier and feline Dumplin, but her favorite fur sibling is Kaia, our

two-year old golden." Surrendered when her owners no longer had time to devote to a dog, Maggie now enjoys family outings to the beach, is an excellent swimmer and loves fetching tennis balls. "She was already well trained and sweet when we adopted her - she's our Golden Girl."



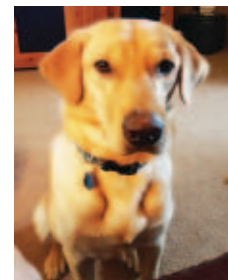
Sampson Archie (now Abe)

Sampson, now fondly called Abe, was surrendered to GRRMF when his owners realized he needed more room to exercise. "It's impossible to have a bad day with Abe around," reports Daria, "because he will shower you with extra attention and love if he senses you're sad or having a rough day. He is playful, greets everyone like they are old friends, and enjoys being scratched. Adopting Abe has been one of the best decisions in our lives - he completes our family!"



Jerry Archie (now JerBear)

Rescued as an over-active pup that was not treated properly, sweet Jerry Archie, now fondly called JerBear, is a blessing to his forever family.



"JerBear is our third GRRMF rescue," reports Penny and Jerry, "and we're thrilled to have such a fun pup who empties his toy basket every day and tosses each throughout the family room." JerBear appointed himself "referee" of his fur siblings and comes running to assist Mom - "just his presence quiets both felines and his GRRMF alum Taffy." 5

GRRMF SPECIAL HEROES HELP HURRICANE ORPHANS

Animal rescue in good weather is hard enough, but our friends and partners go above and beyond in tough weather.

Acadiana Animal Aid in Louisiana jumped in quickly when Harvey hit their partner state of Texas then stalled in Louisiana too.

Having just come off Hurricane Harvey in the Texas/Louisiana area, Loving Friends Transport (LFT) turned around and started evacuating animals from shelters in the path of Hurricane Irma. LFT is part of the Bay Area Disaster Animal Response Team, transporting animals from natural and man-made disasters. First on the list for LFT was a low-lying shelter where Laura and JT picked up and transported their animals to the Chattanooga area, came home, cleaned crates and moved into Ft. Myers to evacuate ALL county shelter animals and move them to Atlanta. All this while Irma was still in the Caribbean! LFT then returned home to care for their own animals and, after the storm, went back to work helping others while having no power of their own until September 14!



Other partners are our wonderful veterinarians. One such vet, Dr. May-Li Cuypers, who consults for Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists, was in the Keys post Irma on a mission to help with emergency assistance with the UF Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service.



Local officials are warning that the state of things in the Keys is primitive but the group was looking forward to being able to provide emergency veterinary care until local clinics were operational and to support stray animals in coordination with the Florida Keys SPCA, Inc. As of September 18, this group had set up operations in Key West and had their first patient. After five days of emergency treatment services in Key West, the team headed north-bound back to Gainesville. While they were glad to spend time meeting and helping the pets and people of the Keys, they are glad to be returning them to their local veterinarians strong enough to provide care for their community again.

GRRMF is honored to be partners with such wonderful people and groups, and a heartfelt thank you to everyone that helps in times of need.



GIVING THANKS

GRRMF volunteers, adopters and donors as well as so many other Floridians have so much to be thankful for this year with the hardships of the storms endured by so many throughout Florida. We are thankful to our foster families and adopters who kept our goldens safe and especially thankful for our goldens who bring us joy every day and have a special sense to provide special comfort when needed. One of our volunteers captured this perfectly in the poem below.

"So Much More ..." by Sue Schneck

**Bet you were glad
I was by your side.
I sensed you needed me near,
so I didn't find a place to hide.**

**You needed me close
right up in your lap.
Golden hair right next to you,
snuggling in, I left no gap.**

**As the wind howled outside,
I held your hand in my paw.
By the dim light of candles
your fear I sensed and saw.**

**I was tired,
but knew you couldn't sleep.
So I kept my big brown eyes open -
we sat quietly - I didn't make a peep.**

**The wind slowed,
darkness became light,
the storm finally moved away.
I fetched your favorite toy -
I knew it would help if we'd play!**

**I'm sure you already figured this out,
who am I trying to fool?
I may have been a bit worried too,
not quite so calm and cool.**

**I'm thankful that to one another,
whatever storms or challenges in store;
we're both protector, caregiver,
companion, soul mate,
and more ... So much more!**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT by Lyn Holliday

Volunteer: Cathy Schultz

Found out about GRRMF: "After losing our first Humane Society rescued golden, I searched the internet for golden rescues. On the GRRMF website was this cute, blond female with a pink cast on her arm. I wanted her from the moment I saw her. My years of nursing allowed me to work with her on rehabbing her shattered arm and she is now 12 years old!"

Length of Time Volunteering: 11 years

GRRMF Volunteer Career: Fundraising, Home Visits, Phone Screening, Transport, Intake Hotline, Foster Parent.

Continued Commitment: "I volunteer on the GRRMF team because I love goldens. To me they are one of the smartest and loving dogs there is." I host the annual Paint your pet at Painting with a Twist in Clearwater and St Pete, raising \$900+ each year."

Most Memorable Moment: "We fostered a puppy named Corey. Four months after she was adopted, Marcia, the coordinator called me and asked me if we would foster Corey again, as she was coming back into GRRMF. This puppy was too energetic for the owners. I told her that we would love to adopt her instead and she has been with us 10½ years."

Advice to Potential Volunteer: "Ask questions. Have a volunteer that can act as a mentor when you need guidance. My mentor was also the foster parent to a dog I adopted and it made such a difference to me to lean on her for her knowledge and experience."



ORDER YOUR 2018 GRRMF CALENDAR

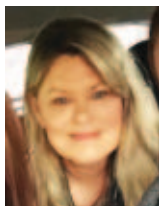
Our 2018 calendar makes a great gift for family and friends. Each dog featured was saved by GRRMF and is now in a wonderful loving home. While enjoying 12 months of cute smiling faces, you also help goldens in our program receive much needed veterinary care.

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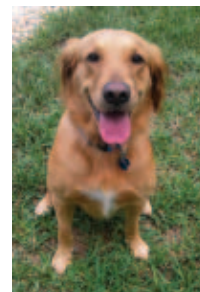


5 STAR FOSTERS

by Kirsten Brown and Bambi Anderson-Ivers

Team Wasielewski

Sasha, as a new foster, raised her paw to work with a precious girl who is very fearful and needs her confidence restored to enjoy life again. It is a huge commitment Sasha has made to help with the comfort and training of this special needs rescue. With the wonderful support of our training partners, For Paws and Noses, they loving work together to guide her to a day when the world will seem much brighter. Thank you Team Wasielewski for your love and dedication to make that day possible.



Team Snedeker

Mike and Cindy greeted their new foster with big smiles and joy for caring for a sweet gentleman in need. Their foster boy knows that his every hour eye drops require a commitment to his health and loves them for that and we do too! They are rewarded with a golden smile and gentle lean of love from this senior boy with a big heart. Mike and Cindy are super heroes!



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SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR GOLDENS:

2018 GRRMF Calendars: Order your 2018 GRRMF calendar for your family and friends filled with beautiful photos of our GRRMF alumni at www.grrmf.org/grrmf-calendar/

Home & Family and Yankee Candle gift giving for the Holidays:

This fundraising opportunity is for online orders only. 40% of the purchase price will be donated to GRRMF, which helps us save and care for more goldens!

Visit our website at www.grrmf.org/donate/yankee-candle-fall-fundraiser/

SAVE THE DATE AND NEW LOCATION:

2018 GRRMF Annual Reunion on Saturday, February 24 at Ralph V. Chisholm Park
4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, FL 34771. Enter new location in your GPS and look for updates on our website.



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

You may donate online at www.grrmf.org or fill out this form and mail it to:
GRRMF - P.O. Box 1449 - Goldenrod, FL 32733. Donations are tax deductible.

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