

GOLDEN RETRIEVER
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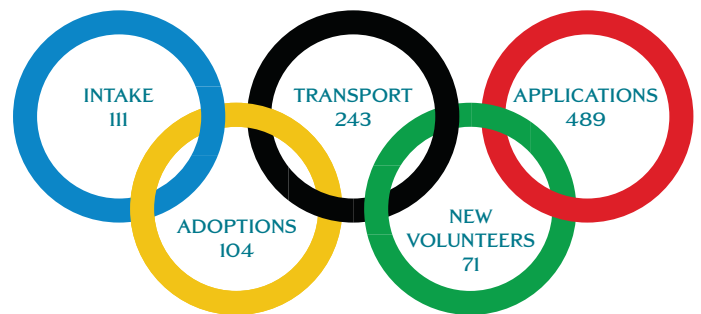
MORRIS FOUNDATION HERO #159

Hailey came to GRRMF at six months of age from a family that wasn't prepared for an active puppy. Mom Emily learned about the Morris Animal Foundation's cancer research study and was very excited when newly adopted Hailey qualified to participate. The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, which began in 2012, is charting the lives of 3,000+ purebred Golden Retrievers and Hailey is Hero #159. Every year Hailey gives blood, hair, nails and urine samples to the research team. Her local vet monitors her general health and well-being, documenting visits or concerns, and each year Emily completes a questionnaire about Hailey's food, environment, and general lifestyle habits. Participants for the research program must be purebred goldens and under the age of two. By studying the genetic variants that make some goldens susceptible to cancer early in life and compare them to others that reach their geriatric years, the Morris Animal Foundation hopes to identify genetic risk factors that will help breeders make thoughtful decisions and improve the breed. "I was very excited that we could help find the answer for why so many of our precious goldens die from cancer," reports Emily. GRRMF is launching a new medical section on our website that will feature research studies like the one Hailey participates in and widely accepted treatments that are helping our rescues.



OUR GRRMF OLYMPIANS...

GRRMF had another amazing year because of blessings received from our volunteers, adopters and donors who are at the heart of who we are and the reason we can accomplish what we do. Because of our dedicated Intake volunteers, who tirelessly logged numerous hours/days speaking personally with previous owners and shelters, we rescued 111 dogs in 2017. From Intake those sweet angels were supported by our incredible Transportation volunteers who completed 234 transport requests that required 394 volunteers to safely move them to our vets and foster care families. Seven special volunteers from our Transport team went above and beyond to assist with moving 29 dogs in need between our partner shelters. Since all our rescues are placed in foster homes, our Applications team is always hard at work and in 2017 they processed 489 applications for adoption requests. The Adoption team placed 104 dogs in loving forever homes and continue to work with our rescues in foster care until they are ready for adoption. GRRMF was blessed last year with 71 individuals who raised their paws as first-time volunteers to support our Village in various areas.



Last year stretched our budget with 16 major medical dogs, but each touched our heart in special ways as they healed. Our wonderful donors, who believe in our Mission, are the pulsating heart of all our accomplishments – without their support we could not meet the personal needs of each rescue and rehome these precious angels.

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“END OF AN ERA” by Barbara Durham

That phrase comes to mind as GRRMF turns the page going into 2018. Bill Lawrence, long time GRRMF Volunteer and Board Member, is retiring as our Treasurer after 18 years of service. Some of you may have had the pleasure of meeting Bill and his wife, Ellen, at our annual rescue reunion as they have been a fixture for many years working to put on that event. What you don't see on a day-to-day basis is all the background things Bill does to help GRRMF run so smoothly.



Bill and Ellen adopted their first golden, Casey, from GRRMF in 1999. It wasn't long before he was tapped to serve on the Board in 2001 as a Director and in 2009 as Treasurer. In addition to overseeing financial operations for GRRMF, Bill has also managed our Microchip Registrations and Records. He came with a wealth of financial experience and most of all the amazing ability to just get things done - no surprise for a retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major and someone with managerial/operational experience with GE Credit Corporation, mortgage brokerages and wholesale/retail businesses. Bill has been a good steward of GRRMF resources and has always operated at the highest level of integrity. While Bill is stepping down from the Board he will continue to volunteer by mentoring the new volunteer who will eventually take over the microchip management area.

Affectionately called “Mr. Bill, our knight in shining armor”, he immediately brings to my mind a mental picture of a Knight galloping up on a horse, as he has always come to our rescue by bringing all his experience to the table and solving many logistical problems. There is just no other way to describe him other than a stand up, all-American, wonderful guy. Our golden retrievers have had no better advocate than Bill. The good thing is he isn't going far, and assures us he will always be a part of the GRRMF family. All of us that serve on the Board will miss him tremendously but resolve to carry on in a way that would make our Mr. Bill very proud.

A GRRMF PUP COMES BACK FOR CARE

GRRMF is dedicated to each rescue for their lifetime and will continue to support our adoptive families when unforeseen issues arise. Sefton's first appearance in GRRMF was as an unborn pup when we rescued his pregnant mom (and his 8 unborn siblings) from a shelter in Oklahoma. He was born in our rescue on Thanksgiving Day 2016 and joyously adopted. Sadly, his family needed to return Sefton to GRRMF in July 2017 when he developed an abnormal gait and lameness in his right hind leg. Diagnosed by our specialist as grade 4 lateral patella luxation (LPL), Sefton required immediate surgery to give him the best opportunity for comfort and mobility. LPL is a condition in which the patella, or knee-cap, no longer glides within its natural groove and becomes displaced to the outside of the knee joint.



Since July 2017 Sefton has required two surgeries to repair his hind leg and at 81 pounds is as handsome as ever. He can now increase his activity to build muscle mass and we will be monitoring his other knee. It's been a difficult time for Sefton who has been denied a happy, carefree puppyhood. We are so thankful to be able to help him on his road to recovery and happiness.

Sefton is a great example of what we do. GRRMF will care for our adopted dogs when they need us again, give them every opportunity to enjoy life with comfort and prepare them for joy once again in a forever home. We cannot be successful without the financial support from donors and our wonderful Village of volunteers, adopters, and vets. Thank you for caring for Sefton and being there for us again in 2018.

Happy Valentine's Day to our GRRMF Moms!



A FOUR-PAWED THERAPIST by Ginger Vincent



"Like most goldens, Stormy Bear loves attention and belly rubs are his favorite," reports his Mom/handler Kim. Certifying with Project PUP without any training was a breeze for Stormy because he is a natural born therapist. He enjoys his work days at Arden Courts of Seminole, a memory care center, and wakes up early every Sunday and tap dances around with anticipation of spreading his golden smile in exchange for endless ear and belly rubs. "Watching the residents' faces light up when he prances in week after week is priceless."

During exam week, Stormy does therapy visits at the University of South Florida and University of Tampa campuses providing stress relief and even befriended Pete the Therapy Llama with a golden kiss at the last Paws & Relax event. He is also a member of the Golden Gang, a group of goldens who make holiday visits to Regal Palms in Largo. "Stormy LOVES making people smile so much that I sometimes have to bribe him to get into my car when it's time to go!"

Learn more about Stormy on our Canine Volunteer website at www.grrmf.org/retriever/stormy/ and our other GRRMF dogs doing therapy work within their communities. We invite you to share your story with us at info@grrmf.org



HEALING HEARTS by Susan Tucker

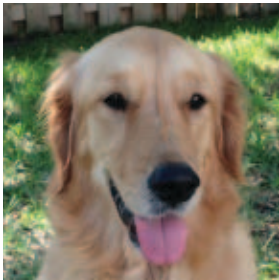


December 2017 was a difficult month for GRRMF when two pups arrived within two weeks of each other with the same issue ... both were hit by cars. Nova (8 months) and Oakley (18 months) were surrendered to GRRMF when their owners could not afford the medical care necessary for pain management and to fix their broken bones in order to give them the quality of life they deserved. Once in our care, both pups were rushed to emergency surgery by our GRRMF vet specialists, received critical care pain management and have scheduled follow up visits to monitor their progress. As of this writing, both are in their

two-month recovery period and in the loving arms of foster families. Many ask us why we are so passionate about our leash and fence policies - preventing the heartbreak of what happened to Nova and Oakley is why.

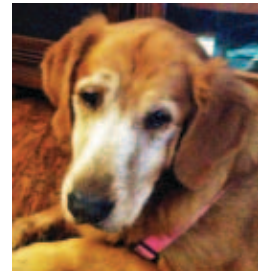


SANCTUARY PROGRAM by Ginger Vincent



Our Sanctuary Program provides loving homes for rescues that are not available for adoption for a variety of reasons. GRRMF places these sweethearts in our Sanctuary Program which focuses on the wellness of the dog by providing the necessary medical treatment they require. Your continued financial support to our Sanctuary Program makes it possible for us to ensure that each is given the love and care they deserve through their golden years.

We currently have seven Sanctuary sweethearts that are being pampered by permanent foster caregivers chosen to meet their specific needs - Zoe Janelle (11 year old with renal disease), Rusty Abe (12 year old with mobility issues), Lizzie Janis (4 year old with a cardiac defect), Cindy Scarlett (2 year old with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency), Suzy Monica (3 year old with seizures), Leo Madison (4 year old with liver disease), and Ace Oldsmar (12 year old with ear and skin infections, plus mobility issues). Visit our website at www.grrmf.org/about/sanctuary-dogs/ to read their stories. Cookie Mindy, a blind and deaf senior in our Sanctuary Program for five years, recently passed over the Rainbow Bridge just shy of her 19th birthday, but she lived each day with dignity because of the wonderful care she received from Dan and Vanessa Hardy. Marilyn, age 15, spent her last year in our program being pampered and loved by Julie Barnett. Thank you for being there with love and care for Cookie and Marilyn.



Since our founding nearly 27 years ago, we have been enhancing the lives of our rescues but we could not do it alone. With your generosity we can continue to provide loving homes for our seniors and medical need dogs. They ask for so little but give so much in return! On behalf of our Sanctuary sweethearts, THANK YOU for your gift that makes a lasting difference to each of them.

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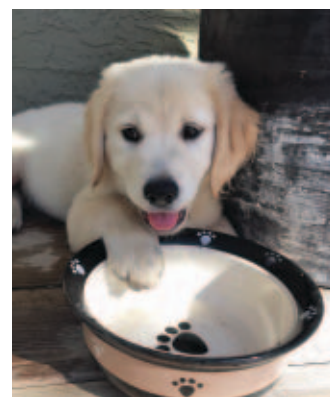
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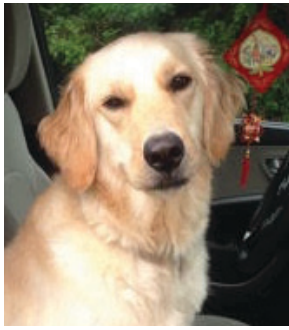
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Adoption Stories



Carly Martha

Surrendered when her family did not have time for training, Carly and her 13-year-old sister, Hope, are inseparable and love outings to the beach where they socialize and romp with their doggy friends. "You better get out of their way or they will knock you down trying to get out the door and into the car," reports Martin and Mansueta. Her

gentleness with children and love for all dogs (big and small) has endeared her to all humans and canines that she meets. "Carly brings joy and sunshine into our lives."



Annie-Lou Agnes

Our senior gal lost her home and was matched with Maria, who cannot believe she got so lucky. "It only took 5 minutes for me to know that Annie-Lou was a perfect fit for our little family," reports Maria. When Annie needs to go outside, she will "bark softly" to wake Maria, and will steadily, but patiently, increase the volume

until Maria gets up to let her out. Maria adds, "Annie loves people, and everyone falls in love with her within minutes." Seniors make wonderful additions and have so much love to share.



Charlie Flynn

Charlie came to GRRMF when his owner could no longer care for him but this eight-year-old youngster immediately captured the heart of Sheree. "The minute I saw Charlie's beautiful face, I knew he was my dog." He is a hit at Sheree's office, where he makes daily visits and greets everyone. Although he is very social, his first love is Sheree,

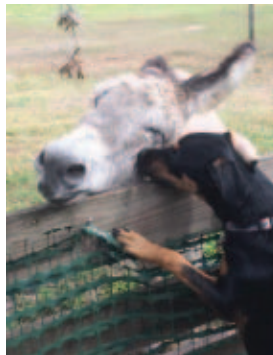
who he watches over and protects. Sheree has embraced Charlie's wacky ways and enjoys his unique and unusual style. They love taking long walks and delight in hiking together through the North Carolina mountains.



Molly Nikki

Arriving in GRRMF after a family split, Molly is enjoying her new life style of camping, boating and cooling off in the pool. She even taught her cousin, a Brittany Spaniel, how to swim in Silver Lake, Michigan. Molly loves to tease her brother Sampson with a rope toy or by hiding in places where he cannot get – sibling silliness. Sharon states,

"Every time Molly goes outside it's a wonderful experience to watch her run like a fawn in a field, capturing all the new smells and sights." Molly has found her perfect match with her forever family!



Promise Amber (now Tulip)

Tulip (previously known as Promise Amber) captured the eye of Nancy and Walter when she was just a small puppy whose mixed-breed pregnant mother was abandoned and rescued by GRRMF. "She was a real handful as a puppy but matured well and has a very good nature," reports Mom. "Tulip really likes our back yard, greeting our donkey neighbor and enjoys her role as an

'intruder detector,' which is often a bird, dropped kitchen utensil, or a shadow. She's extremely happy and we are all very fond of her."



PAW POWER

Tackling that New Year's resolution to clean out closets? Save any size gently worn sneakers, shoes, boots, sandals and flip flops for us. We are launching a shoe drive to raise funds in February and March 2018 with selected drop off locations in Florida as well as the main area at our 2018 Annual Reunion on Saturday, February 24th, in St. Cloud, Florida.

When our collection campaign ends, your shoes will be re-purposed to help humans in need. Your donation helps goldens and humans! How pawesome is that! Any questions you have can be addressed to info@grrmf.org or check out our website or facebook page!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT by Lyn Holliday

Volunteer: Ginger Vincent

Found out about GRRMF: Researching rescue groups after losing their golden and shepherd, Ginger and George discovered GRRMF and decided this was the organization they wanted to work with to fill their empty nest. After being approved, they were asked to foster a bonded pair of huge but grand goldens (Sienna and Guido) at over 124 pounds each. Their next foster was Bailey whose gentle demeanor taught them to slow down and enjoy life! Now proud members of the GRRMF family, they have met many wonderful volunteers and are most impressed with the love and compassion everyone has for each and every rescue dog!

Length of Time Volunteering So Far: Four Years

GRRMF Volunteer Career: Foster, Adopter, Media, Fundraiser Event Ambassador, Newsletter Administrator, Home Visitor

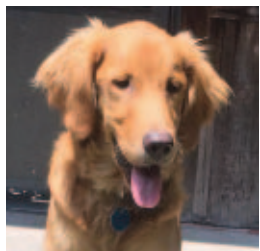
Continued Commitment: "The genuine compassion everyone has for each rescue, from intake through adoption and beyond, for the life of the dog, is what makes this organization so successful. Each volunteer in our Village has a beautiful soul that wants to help re-home every rescue that comes into our care."

Most Memorable Moment: "One of our fosters arrived overweight and needing special training for being leash reactive to other dogs on our walks. We worked with a GRRMF trainer and today she goes to doggie birthday parties at restaurants and plays with other dogs at the local dog park with her forever family – priceless!!!"

Advice to Potential Volunteer: "The rewards will take your breath away! There are so many areas that need your talent and no task is too small, plus you can literally pick one that allows you to volunteer the number of hours that fit into your personal schedule. There is nothing more rewarding than watching one of our rescue dogs move from 'Available' to 'Success Story' and knowing that you played a part in changing their life forever."



Team Andino Javier and Mari jumped into fostering a 7-year-old boy that lived most of his life confined in a crate and put him on the road to learn about life outside his confines. Their high energy foster required special care and training to become the wonderful golden boy he is now. His recent adoption, although sad to say goodbye, was what they worked so hard to achieve for their foster. Congratulations to this pawsome foster family!



Team Bontrager The Bontragers always raise their paw to accept new arrivals needing special foster care. Melanie enthusiastically sharpens her fostering skills by working with dog trainers who provide specialized training for her foster dogs in need. The entire family supports each and every dog placed in their home by providing a loving, safe and fun environment in which their fosters thrive. A gentle landing for our GRRMF dogs when placed with Team Bontrager!

5 STAR FOSTERS

by Kirsten Brown and Bambi Anderson-Ivers



RAINBOW BRIDGE

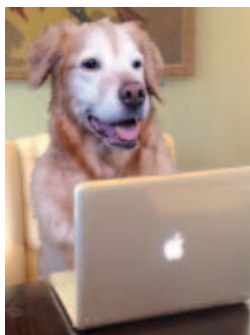
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- Vicki Michea - Conner
- Ruth Miller - Molly
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