

GOLDEN RETRIEVER
RESCUE OF MID-FLORIDA™

TALES OF GOLD

27 YEARS AND COUNTING ...

Our mission has not changed in 27 years. We continue to save, protect, and rehome golden retrievers and blends that have lost their families. What has changed is our boundless ability to provide intervention, medical treatment and community education through our ever-expanding Village of volunteers, veterinary partners and specialized trainers. If you haven't been on our website lately, we invite you to take a few moments and explore the many new areas that have been added with the most up-to-date medical treatments and training materials.

LOVE AND STRENGTH by Ellen Steiger



When you have a devoted Village of volunteers, fosters and adopters, there are no limits on what can be accomplished on behalf of our rescues – just ask Tess Augustina. Her owner's last wish was for GRRMF to find a forever home for their sweet girl and we did. She arrived in foster care last August, slimmed down to a healthier weight, worked through some anxiety issues, and was ready for adoption last month. All that changed in a flash when Tess was suddenly diagnosed with a



serious heart condition. Her loving foster family has now become her permanent care giver, tending to all her needs and allowing Tess to enjoy every moment of every day. She is too busy taking in all that life has to offer and returning love to everyone she meets to fret about her medical condition. Tess is now part of our Sanctuary Program where she will receive the expert medical attention she needs. Read more about Tess at www.grrmf.org/retriever/tess-augustina-3564/. Gentle souls like Tess have come to all of us in life to teach us lessons of love and strength that will enable us to carry on through difficult times. Each day is a gift with this special girl.

GOLDEN FOSTER LOVE – AN ABOVE AND BEYOND GRRMF VOLUNTEER by Lyn Holliday

We recently caught up with Volunteer Donna A. (Adopter, Foster, Sanctuary Foster, Application Administrator, Adoption Team Member, and more...) to find out what makes her always say yes to be a foster home when the call for help comes. Donna and Mike have had 19 GRRMF fosters pass through their doors since August 2016. Without hesitation, they have taken those pups that have had the roughest of times and 'foster loved' them back to be ready for their new home. "It gives us great pleasure to foster a pup, help them transform into their true selves, and see their amazing personalities shine through. The greatest gift of all is when they find their forever family and we know that they will be safe and spoiled for the rest of their lives and we helped them get there. Then it's time to receive the next pup that needs our help."

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"Admittedly our first foster left the biggest pawprints on our hearts! We were waiting to adopt and GRRMF asked if we could foster a heartworm positive bonded pair – we ended up adopting both, Max and Hope! Cody Mitch, a golden blend full of personality and unconditional love, came next and was the hardest one for us to adopt out because we fell head over heels for him! But his new person opened up her heart to adopt him and he has been loved and cherished ever since! That is why we keep fostering - to find amazing homes and families for these fur babies who deserve to find their 'fur'ever home and to feel loved, comfy and safe."

"We love GRRMF because everyone truly cares about each golden that comes into the organization. We have met a lot of amazing new friends and it makes every golden encounter wonderful in one way or another. There is no greater joy or reward that you will ever experience."

Many of you met Donna and Mike at the Welcome table where they volunteered to greet the morning arrivals at our 2018 Reunion held in St. Cloud. You may not have noticed that our reunion volunteers were sporting special name tags ... made by Donna. And no one was surprised when GRRMF president Barbara Durham announced that Donna was recognized for a 2017 "Above and Beyond" special award. 'High Five' Paws to you, Donna, for all you do for GRRMF, for all the goldens you have loved and the many more you will adore and care for in the future.



If you have been inspired by Donna's story to become a GRRMF foster, visit our website link at www.grrmf.org/volunteer/the-foster-experience/ Thank you for raising your paws to help!

REUNITED AND IT FEELS SOOO GOOD authored by the Happy Adoptive Families

Remember Mariah, a beautiful Golden Retriever and Great Pyrenees blend who came to GRRMF ready to give birth and had the most adorable puppies on Thanksgiving of 2016? Several were able to make the reunion and at 15 months are quite "grown up." We caught up with those fluffy fur balls as they were reunited for the day.

Callie echoed the thoughts of her siblings when she whispered: "No one ever told me that I was adopted. Can I meet my birth mother? Wow, five of my brothers and sister are here, and there's more? Was I the runt of the litter? Where are their spots? How come all of our GRRMF cousins here are orange? Can we do this again next year?"

Bailey, adopted at 18 pounds, is now an 80-pound fluff ball! She looks like her brothers and sisters, similar in size and cuteness, and was busy comparing their likeness since they were last together at birth.

Lily considered herself the big dog until she saw her brothers and sisters and thought "Wow we all look huge!" Lily was especially thrilled to see Sefton again. She has really missed him because he lived with her family back in September.

Bentley is a 110-pound gentle giant and was wondering if the others were big, too. It turns out that his siblings are very similar in size and he thought he was in looking in a mirror when he saw Bodhi. He found out they have similar quirks, like digging at hard wood floors or tucking their front paws underneath when they lie down.



Bodhi is always excited to meet new friends, but this was different – these were his siblings! His tail was wagging and his eyes were bright! When he saw Sefton, their bond together was instant. It was as if he knew they were meant to be together and at last, it was happening!

Sefton, who recently needed help again from GRRMF, is doing fabulous after his much-needed surgery. He just wanted to party with all of his siblings and play his heart out. Perhaps it was because he learned that he was going home from the reunion with his birth brother Bodhi, who just adopted him, and the joy was overflowing!

Of course, the real heroine of this story is Mama Mia (Mariah) – the birth mom of these beautiful GRRMF alums. Her adopted Mom reports that Mia is doing amazing and, as the neighborhood greeter, brings joy to all she meets on her walks. She is still known for saying hi to people by giving them her paw and for putting her paws right on her mom's shoulders! Mia still has her wonderful maternal instinct and recently helped her mom to save a dog from Puerto Rico who had fallen upon hard times. Mia is teaching him that people can be good!

We send our love and thanks to Mia and all of the wonderful donors, fosters and adoptive families, who helped Mia and her babies along the way and for giving the gift of loving life to these special fluffy angels! Until they meet again ...

READY, SET, SNAP!



It's time to start sharing those pawsome photos you captured of your precious GRRMF pup over the holidays or are planning to take on your summer vacation. Our 2019 GRRMF calendar planning has started and we need all submissions by July 15, 2018 sent to our calendar email box calendar@grrmf.org.



We received so many wonderful photos for our 2018 GRRMF calendar contest, but many of them were not a high enough resolution or not an aspect that works for a calendar size photo.

- Set your camera to the highest resolution and submit the full size (do not reduce size).
- Horizontal aspect photos are the best for the GRRMF calendar. Many vertical aspect photos will become distorted when attempting to convert to a horizontal aspect.
- Look your golden in the eye as direct eye contact with your golden is so engaging for a calendar size photo.
- Be mindful of your background to make sure your background shows off your golden and doesn't distract from their beautiful face.

Additional tips and guidelines are listed on our website at www.grrmf.org/2019-calendar-grrmf/.

**Happy Mother's Day
to our
GRRMF Moms!**



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 for Amber
 Holliday, Linda & Barry
 for Brandi & Hooch
 Jusenчук, Kimberly
 for Sully
 Krim, Jane for Yvette
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 for Wilson
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 & Molly

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 for Lady
 Bosler, Renee for Dakota
 Buck, Hettie for Junie
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 for Murphy & Kelsey
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 Tanner, Jessie, Lex,
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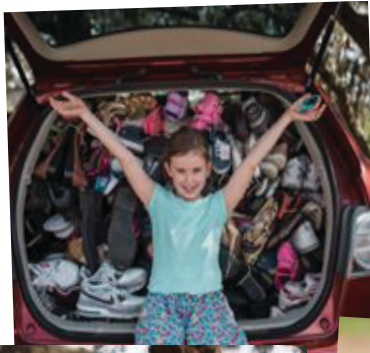
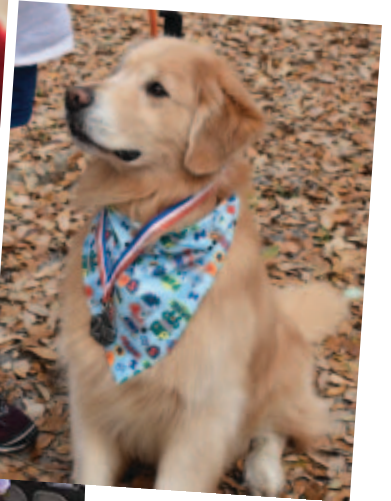
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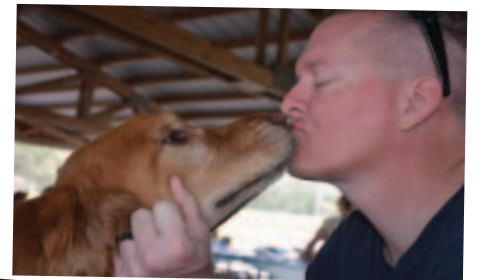
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 Gut, Joanne
 Johnson, Deanna for Sefton
 Jones, Tami for Oakley
 Lancaster, Christy
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 Rauzzino, Thomas
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 Rhinehart, David
 for Charlie, Abby & Bobby
 Schultz, Cathy for Nova
 Sheehan, Judy
 Sheehy, Brenda & Tom
 Shields, Vicki for Oakley
 Shively, Patricia
 Sorrow, Donna for Ace
 Sorrow, Donna for Leo
 Steinar, Linda
 Stewart, Darla for Oakley
 Sublet, Bob & Ginny
 Ziegler, Lori

GIFTS IN KIND

Miles, Ronald
 Posteraro, Julie
 Thompson, Janet



Rock n' Roll
Reunion 2018



THE HEARTBEATS OF OUR GRRMF VILLAGE by Barbara Durham

Every day we are thankful for our volunteers who with passion, love and tireless energy care for our precious rescues. It can be behind the scenes with administrative responsibilities, adoption/foster application processing, communication through our media venues, public education, fundraising and event support or our hands on dog teams of transportation, foster, adoption and intake/medical/behavioral. All our volunteers play a key role in the heartbeat of our organization.

Annually, we recognize our volunteers who sustain our mission to save, protect and rehome our goldens in need. Paws up to our 2017 "Top Dogs"!

HEARTS OF GOLD

Cynthia Knopka



ABOVE AND BEYOND

Donna Auger
Sue Angle

TOP DOG AWARDS

Lynda Alfson– Adoption & Treasury Admin Teams
Javier and Mari Andino– Foster Team
Sue Angle– Foster Team
Kym Arter– Adoption Team
Donna Auger – Adoption Team
Donna and Michael Auger– Foster Team
Rodger Benchoff– Education/Events Team
Lou Ann and Bill Bingham– Foster Team
Melanie Bontrager– Intake/Medical/
Behavioral Team
Melanie and Neil Bontrager– Foster Team
Marty Burke– Foster Team
Kim Cascio– Adoption Team
Cathy and Marc Christy– Education/Events Team
Marylou Coffman– Foster Team
Charlotte Conley– Adoption Team
Reggie Correll– Education/Events Team
Russ Crowder– Transportation & Communications Teams
David and Amanda Daly – Foster Team
Gillian Daniels– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Stephanie DeWitt– Communications Team
Cheryl Donnelly– Adoption Team
Phil Doherty– Adoption Team
Jeanne Dowdle– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Jeanne and Jeffrey Dowdle– Foster Team
Renee Duke– Adoption Team
Paul Eckstein– Adoption Team
Gregg Eddie– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Tori Faulkenberry– Adoption Team
Tori and Bob Faulkenberry– Foster Team
Andrea Forster– Adoption Team
Debbie Frederick– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Dawn and Dennis Gamelin– Foster Team
Jenny Garcia– Foster Team
Donna Gates– Foster Team
Charlie Haker– Foster & Education/Events Teams
Gloria Hale– Adoption Team
Lynne Halleran– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Lyn Holliday– Communications Team
Jan Jennings– Foster Team
Sarah Jones– Adoption Team
Karen Kirst– Education/Events Team
Stacey Klemetti– Foster Team



Cynthia Knopka– Foster Team
Lorrie Krieger– Adoption Team
Judy Landry– Communications Team
Bill Lawrence– Treasury Admin Team
Sarah Lee– Adoption Team
Debbie MacLeod– Foster Team
Chris Manley– Transportation Team
Jennifer McClellan– Foster Team
Erin McGuire– Treasury Admin &
Education/Events Teams
Ferris and Tim Mueller– Foster Team
Jane and Mike Murphy– Foster Team
Jack Norvig– Transportation Team
Katie Obringer– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Marcy Persaud– Foster Team
Mary Ann and Louis Poisson– Foster Team
Susan Pouliot– Adoption Team
Cathy Rebhun– Adoption Team
Marc Rebhun– Adoption Team
Emily Rowe– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Aurora Saldana – Adoption & Transportation Teams
Sue Schneck– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Cathy Schultz– Adoption & Intake/Medical/
Behavioral & Fundraising Teams
Pam Shaia– Fundraising Team
Judy Sheehan– Communications Team
Judy and Jerry Sheehan– Foster Team
Pat and Bill Shepard– Education/Events Team
Cindy and Michael Snedeker– Foster Team
Diana and Raymond Sterling– Foster Team
Clark and Nancy Swift– Foster Team
Renee Solum– Communications Team
Marissa Sosteri– Adoption Team
Becky Stone– Education/Events Team
Janet Sturman– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Lindsey Tercilla– Adoption Team
Penny Throgmorton– Adoption Team
Janet Thompson– Fundraising Team
Kris Viles– Treasury Admin Team
Ginger Vincent– Adoption & Communications Teams
Ann Waterbury– Intake/Medical/Behavioral Team
Kathy Webb– Adoption Team
Tom Weigand– Education/Events Team

TALES AND TAILS OF THE DAY

When we woke up on February 24th to beautiful weather, everyone was excited for a great fun-packed time in St. Cloud! The fabulous day began when 126 humans with their 83 dogs signed in at the 2018 Annual Reunion welcome table and were greeted by our GRRMF volunteers Michael and Donna Auger and Welcome table coordinator Barbara and Bill Burgner. Supported by our wonderful Village of volunteers and pawsome American Pride Squadron Naval Sea Cadets, we all enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, meeting and networking with new GRRMF friends and furries, and all the fun activities this special day presented. In this issue, we focus on our great tales (and tails) of the day!



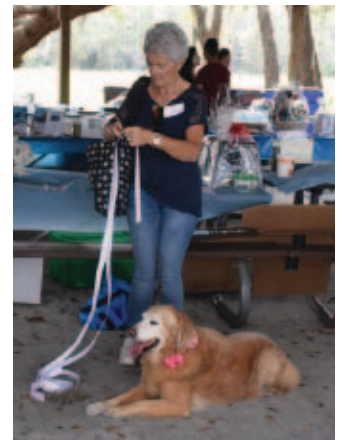
ASK OUR TRAINER

We were thrilled to have our training partner, Susan Kendrick from Bowser College and a colleague of Force Free Florida, join us this year and share her wealth of knowledge about behavior, training issues, and holistic medications. Questions ranged from leash reactivity to anxiety caused by the different concerns dogs face. Her website says it all – *“Training Both Ends of the Leash”* - teaching dogs how to respond positively to their owners and teaching owners how to read their dogs. Susan, and her canine assistant Ocean, were happy to answer questions and demonstrate proper techniques for execution. Thank you Susan and Ocean for sharing this valuable information with our volunteers and adopters! For more information about Susan and her Force Free Florida partners, visit their website at www.forcefreeflorida.org/



RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION

Pavilion B was filled with 112 feet of tables topped with wonderful prizes for our raffle and silent auction this year! Many of our wonderful donors brought baskets and goodies for all to enjoy and take a chance at winning throughout the day. Behind the scenes, starting in September 2017, a treasured GRRMF volunteer and raffle coordinator, Erin McGuire, began preparing for the mailing to our prior sponsors who supported our raffle and silent auctions donations. She tracked and did follow-ups where needed to retrieve as many donations as possible. Erin also spent months finding new sponsors, making them aware of GRRMF and asking them to help our cause. Kim Marsh, our former west coast event coordinator, added her talents to run the event on the 24th through tirelessly organizing and reorganizing as necessary throughout the day and ran the early bird drawing, silent auction and end-of-day raffle which were announced by our wonderful DJ Dick Raymond.



Thank you, ladies, for the success in making this year's event so fun for so many!

PAW POWER by Judy Sheehan



Shoes, shoes, shoes – did we receive shoes! Volunteers Jerry and Judy Sheehan arrived early at the GRRMF reunion to set up their shoe collection area. They hardly moved the entire day and, with the help of the American Pride Squadron Naval Sea Cadets and other volunteers, managed to

get all 915 pairs of those shoes into their car! Combined with those collected at location drop-offs, there are shoes as far as the warehouse floor goes and that is after Funds2Org came and picked up 40 bags. BUT we reached our goal and even had a couple bags extra with a final count of 2,542 pairs of shoes! If you donated, either at the reunion or one of the many drop off locations, we certainly appreciate your help in making this fundraiser successful. New friends and business became known to GRRMF. Good job and a special thank you to all!

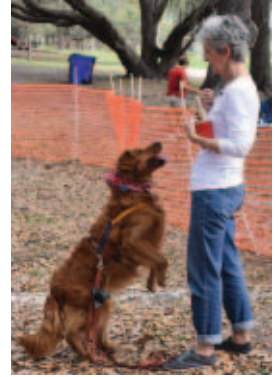
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A favorite of our adopters, GRRMF volunteer Pastor Dave Nixon raised his paw again to preside over this event launched 2 years ago. We had another treasured time under the canopy of the beautiful oak trees where over 40 dogs and owners received the blessing. A special medallion was provided to each blessed pup who has brought us all unmeasurable joy and love. Thank you to volunteers Jeff and Janet Rosenbeck and our Pastor Dave for sharing your hearts with these wonderful families.



DOGOLYMPICS

Volunteers Dave and Cindy Dillman and our American Pride Squadron Naval Sea Cadets arrived super early to set up the safe space for this wonderful event. Lots of laughter was heard and flying fur was seen as our doggies and parents enjoyed four great events to test skills and humor as they navigated props of popcorn, golf balls and tennis balls. Thank you to all who participated in this annual fundraiser! You may have noticed this year's gold, silver and bronze medal winners strutting their stuff around the park with their beautiful medals hanging around their necks.



Golf Ball Relay

(Ages >6)

Gold – Gracie Lee

Silver – Dora Haker

Bronze – Bailey Bernick

Golf Ball Relay

(Ages 0-6)

Gold – Surrey Pittle

Silver – Bella Burgner

Bronze – Keltie Lou Correll

Sit/Stay

(Ages >6)

Gold – Pancake Woster

Silver – Bailey Bernick

Bronze – Tanner Benchhoff

Sit/Stay

(Ages 0-6)

Gold – Henry McCabe

Silver – Surrey Pittle

Bronze – Cody Kierstein

Tennis Ball

(Ages >6)

Gold – Gracie Lee

Silver – Pancake Woster

Tennis Ball

(Ages 0-6)

Gold – Cane Bontrager

Silver – Henry McCabe

Bronze – Margo Persaud

Popcorn Toss

(Ages >6)

Gold – Tanner Benchhoff

Silver – Pancake Woster

Bronze – Gracie Lee

Popcorn Toss

(Ages 0-6)

Gold – Bella Burgner

Silver – Margo Persaud

Bronze – Cane Bontrager

THE GATE by Susan Tucker

There is a special place in heaven for the children of our hearts – our pets who have gone before us. And now there will be a special place on the GRRMF website as well as at each reunion. "The Gate" will be a new addition to our website and it will include the tributes to pets gone too soon. If you were at the reunion you found Bambi Anderson-Ivers and Kirsten Brown collecting tributes in a notebook together with pictures to be attached to prayer flags. Traditionally, prayer flags are used to promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom. Tibetans believe the prayers and mantras will be blown by the wind to spread the good will and compassion into all-pervading space. What a wonderful thought – to spread the goodwill and compassion we shared with our pets into all the world. Those prayer flags will be displayed at future reunions and special events. The tributes will be added to our web "Gate" page so that we can share with others the special qualities we found in our dogs and occasionally look back ourselves and be reminded what is waiting for us just beyond the Gate over the Rainbow Bridge.



If you missed the opportunity to add your tribute during the reunion, you can forward your picture and/or tribute to info@grrmf.org or mail to GRRMF, P.O. Box 1449, Goldenrod, FL 32773.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

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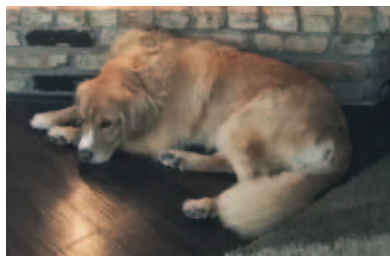
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- Courtney Childress – Hannah
- Reggie and Perry Correll – Mr. Barkley
- Teresa Crofts – Maggie
- Cathy and Jeff Drier - Autumn

- William and Athena Ernst - Buddy
- Renee and Don Ferguson - Max
- Mike and Jennifer McAnally - Lady
- Mariah Polak - Lady
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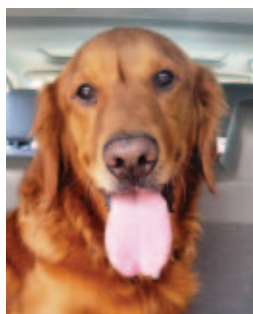


Adoption Stories

Tater Scott - Tater's previous owners worked too often to give him the proper attention he needed, but luckily Robert and Pam saw Tater's picture on the GRRMF website. They fell in love with him and he became their new baby.



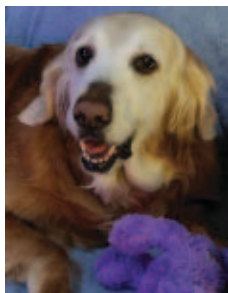
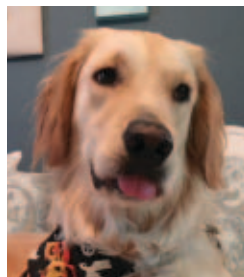
Tater enjoys getting love, especially hugs. Tater also loves walks, and when the grandkids visit, he sleeps in their room because he makes them feel safe. The grandchildren have added "Tot" to his name and he is now lovingly known as "Tatertot."



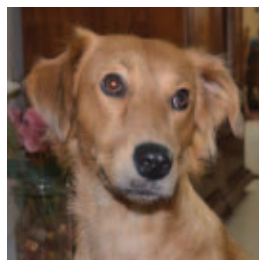
Marley Scott - Marley knew his forever home was the right fit the very first time he went there. He sat right by Katie and put his head on her leg - and they have been snuggling ever since! Marley has developed a special bond with Katie's son, and they love to cuddle and play together. Happy days are spent hunting lizards outside and taking beloved car rides with his forever family. "Marley

brings love and joy to our home every day!"

Minnie Farrah - Minnie dreamed of endless belly rubs and lots of car rides - and all of Minnie's dreams came true! She loves to make her family laugh by dancing around the room when she wants to go outside and by negotiating to follow commands until she gets her beloved belly rub. Last year, she got a new puppy sister and loves to help her learn and grow. Minnie is now bi-lingual having learned basic training commands in English after coming from a Spanish speaking family experiencing financial difficulties.



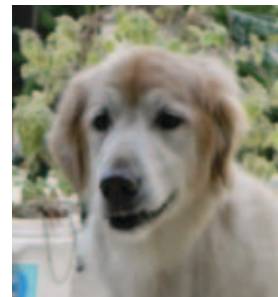
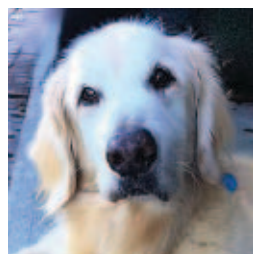
Carolina to visit his grandparents and their four-year old golden. I truly don't know what I'd do without my furbabies!"



Honey Amber - Rescued from a Louisiana shelter, Honey came to GRRMF pregnant and heartworm positive. Honey's big brown eyes created a special place in Mom's heart from day one and both are inseparable and go everywhere together. Honey's motherly instincts kick in when Mom fosters orphaned

litters of kittens. Honey will warm them with kisses and carry them around gently in her mouth. Nothing says how much Honey is loved more than the life size portrait in Mom's living room! "She is the center of my world," says Cynthia.

Fanny Agnes (now Annie) - Fanny, now called Annie, was surrendered to GRRMF because of a family move. Annie is a perfect match for Mom and Grandma and all three lives are now filled with lots of love, attention and empathy. Annie routinely wakes up Mom and Grandma with a few barks in the morning and proceeds to Grandma's room for some extra love, a mutual feeling. She enjoys squeaky toys and picked out her very own at this year's Reunion. According to Mom, "We three are a perfect fit!"



Team Mueller - Ferris' current foster Ace was in poor shape when he arrived in his foster home. Ferris takes him to water therapy classes to help build up his muscles and his wellness is improving daily with her care. Ferris has a heart of gold and is the best advocate a dog could have. Just ask Luna, who was recently adopted after an amazing rehabilitation led by foster Mom Ferris!



Team Sterling - Diana has fostered some of our most distressed dogs, always willing to open her heart and home. She and her husband, Ray most recently fostered several puppies. They taught them manners, gave them tons of love and got them ready for their fur'ever homes! No small task to take an energy filled puppy and instill manners!

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