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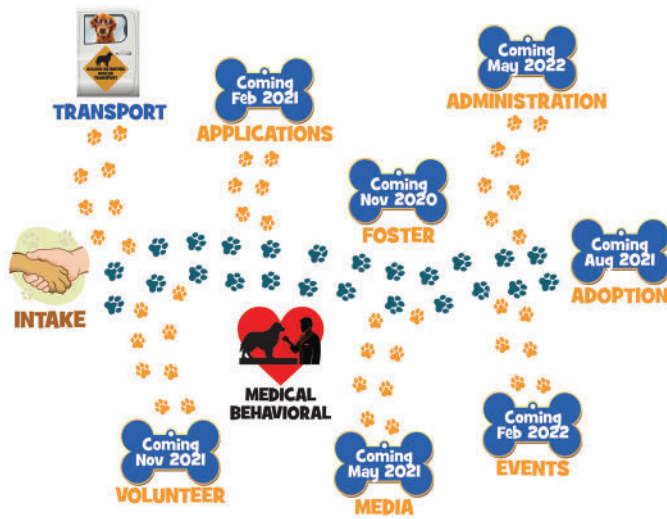
There's no question that COVID-19 has changed everyone's daily routines and our therapy dogs are no exception. While they anxiously wait for the "all clear" signal to begin visiting facilities once again, our Hearts of Gold therapy teams have been busy sending messages of encouragement and participating in Google meetings and Zoom visits to bring smiles to others. The pups on the east coast recently gathered to create slideshows and short movies to share with everyone on our website at www.grrmf.org/grrmf-hearts-of-gold-therapy-team/ and plans are being formulated to showcase our west coast teams. We are in the process of sending these wonderful outings to facilities still in lockdown for their residents' enjoyment. Our world has changed since the beginning of March, but the love and compassion our goldens have for others has not.



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Follow our dog's paws in each newsletter edition to learn about the wonderful volunteers who provide love and care to our dogs and the people supporting our rescue within the communities we serve.

OUR GRRMF HEARTBEAT BEATS STRONG by Bambi Anderson-Ivers

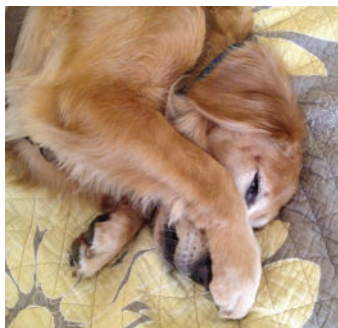
The intake, medical/behavioral, and foster teams meet prior to a surrendered dog coming into our care to determine how GRRMF can best provide for our new family member. Once the dog enters our care, the first stop is at one of our partner veterinarians for a nose-to-tail physical examination where immunizations are administered and the dog is spayed or neutered. This initial exam provides crucial information regarding the health and welfare of the dog, identifying everything from unattended ear infections to cancer, blindness, skin infections, heartworm, heart abnormalities, orthopedic and behavior issues. Like people, dogs sometimes need extra medical attention from one of our veterinarian specialists. After the initial vet care is complete, the dog is welcomed into his or her foster home where they will start a new life. The medical team continues to follow up with each foster, checking on behavioral concerns and medical appointments.



MEDICAL BEHAVIORAL

One of the biggest reasons for surrendering a dog to a shelter or rescue is behavioral concerns. GRRMF partners with force free / relationship-based dog trainers that will help the foster build the trust and confidence of the dog, as well as teach basic manners. Our goal is to provide a well-balanced dog to their forever family at the time of adoption. We always recommend for the adopting family, in the best interest of the newest family member, to work with a trainer who is versed in building a strong foundation of trust and respect when adding a dog to the family. The medical team also participates in the adoption process, going over medical findings, and answering any questions the forever family may have about ongoing care. It is GRRMF's mission to always be there for our dogs, for the life of the dog, and the medical/behavior team is a strong link in that process.

SEIZURES IN DOGS by Jamie Demsky



You're snuggling with your pooch on the couch when suddenly their legs start to twitch, stiffen or make peddling motions in the air. Maybe they start foaming at the mouth or chomping uncontrollably. It's terrifying. You've never seen them do this before and you don't know what's happening. They might be having a seizure.

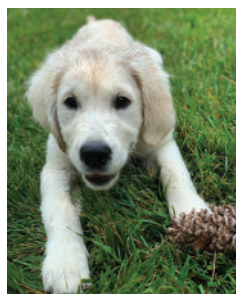
According to Dr. Julie White at Animal Hospital in Seminole, seizures are not that unusual. "The most common cause is idiopathic epilepsy," she says, which means, "The brain just misfires and there isn't a specific cause." Sometimes there are other triggers such as exposure to certain stimuli or poisons. Tumors, liver disease or endocrine disorders can also produce seizures which is why it is so important for your dog to be seen by a veterinarian.

The American Kennel Club recommends owners write a log and bring it to your appointment. Things your vet will want to know include: the affected body parts, when and how often the seizures occur, how long they last and your dog's behavior immediately following the seizure. Dr. White explains there are many medications to safely treat seizures and says, "A vast majority of dogs with seizures live normal lives."

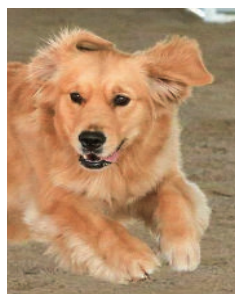
For more information visit www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/epilepsyunderstanding-canine-epilepsy.html

STAGES OF A DOG'S LIFE by Ellen Steiger

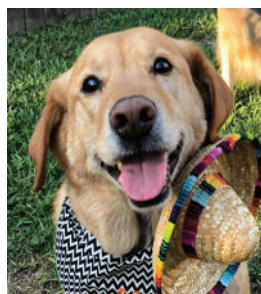
Everyone goes gaga over puppies! But how long will your bundle of fur stay a puppy? Comparing human age to dog years isn't as easy as the seven-year rule. According to the 2019 AAHA Canine Life Stage Guidelines, there are four main stages in a dog's life: puppy, young adult, mature adult and senior.



Puppy which begins at birth, generally lasts 6 - 9 months. Puppies have a sensitive period for socialization which runs between 3 weeks and 3 months. This is a crucial learning period; puppies that aren't properly socialized may be fearful towards new people, other dogs or animals, sounds, objects or their environment.



Young Adult stage lasts to about 3 or 4 years of age. These dogs are still maturing both socially and physically. Think of your golden as you would a teenager - you may struggle with your dog's behavior or training at this time.



Mature Adult stage continues for the next quarter of their expected lifespan. At this time, you and your dog have a routine and are well trained and happy. Don't get complacent with your training though, continue to reward the positive behaviors.



Seniors are in the last quarter of their life. You may need to alter things in your home so that you dog can easily get around and be supported properly. Seniors still enjoy walks, car rides and fun activities; being with you is their greatest desire. Moderate activity, nutrition and frequent health exams are key.

Regardless of your dog's age, the love and joy they bring far outweigh any special needs. Good health care, nutrition, exercise, and a loving family will keep your dog happy and healthy in every stage of life. For more information on each stage, visit www.grrmf.org/stages-of-a-dogs-life/

HURRICANE SEASON

Michael, Wilma, Irma, Andrew, Charley and the threat of Dorian last year. For Floridians, these names bring back images of destruction and devastation from killer hurricanes. Thanks to meteorologists' forecasts, we know in advance of a storm's approach and have time to stock up on food, medicines and batteries. But what about your furry, four-legged friend? Do you know what to do to ensure your pet's safety?

Here are several easy things to do now for the 2020 hurricane season.

- Micro-chip your dog and verify that your contact information is up to date.
Make sure your dog has at least one ID tag on their collar or harness – two is better.
- Stock up on your dog's medications as well as food.
- Learn ways now to keep your dog calm during loud storms.
- Make sure your evacuation plans are pet friendly.
- Share your plans with family or friends so they know where you and your pet will be going.
- Confirm that GRRMF has your current cell phone number and address for your GRRMF adopted dogs.

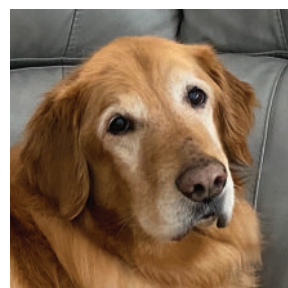


These simple steps could be the difference between heartbreak and happiness. The added complexity with the COVID-19 virus for safe evacuation locations for you and your pets should be planned well in advance. For more detailed information, go to our web site at grrmf.org and look under Hurricane and Storm Preparedness. There you will see links to federal and state resources, lists of pet friendly hotels, and shelter and disaster maps with evacuation routes. Being prepared early, having a pet friendly plan in place and stocking up in advance will take the fear and nervousness out of hurricane season. Like Benjamin Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Adoption Stories

Lincoln Jingle

"Lincoln will position himself on the floor between you and the object of your attention," reports Meg and Ken, "in front of the refrigerator when putting away groceries or between the cabinets and dishwasher you are unloading, earning him the nickname Speedbump." Lincoln was busted for counter surfing on a puppy camera when his parents went out for dinner. Caught climbing a bench to reach his target, Meg told him to "get down" through the camera and he immediately laid down outside the closed bedroom door thinking mom was in the room!



Moose Jamey

Hey everyone, Moose here! Just wanted to let everyone know how I'm doing. My new family calls me Timber and I love it here! I have three awesome golden brothers who showed me the ropes and made me feel comfortable in my new home. I love to go for walks with my family and play with my brothers and my favorite toy, my blue cake "stuffie." I am my family's "woofie" security system and they absolutely love my gentle, calm demeanor. My mom says I am the "best dog ever!" - a Southern senior gentleman.

Copper Maxx

"I found I needed him more than he needed me!" reports Janet. Now called Cody, he has brought much needed joy back into his new home after the sad passing of a family member. Give Cody a new squeaky toy and he'll work hard to pull it apart. Then he'll play with the destuffed toy and carry it around the house! He doesn't mind sharing his home with a feline and the two can be found sleeping near each other. Cody and his new mom found the love they both needed.



Daisey May Angel

Daisey May's quirky personality has endeared her to her forever family. One side of her is "crazy Daisey" who "supermans" off or over the furniture, races around with her squeaky toy or drags her fur sibling by the ear across the room. The other side is "lazy Daisey" who lounges in her bed with her paws in the air or hangs out in Dad's chair keeping an eye on everyone. But no matter which Daisey pops out, "she is full of love, happiness and joy," reports Julianne and Michael.



Ginger Sage

This playful pup loves to wiggle under the covers when her parents are in bed – sometimes she uses her nose to toss pillows at them as well! Sounds like Sage found her perfect match. Her family loves to cuddle with her and thinks it's too funny when she leaps into their arms! A smart pup, Sage is learning basic commands quickly. But play time always wins out especially if it's a chance to go to the dog park or hop in the pool!



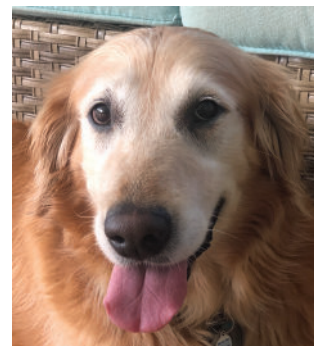
Abby Jessey

Already having one golden, Abby Jessey's forever family decided they needed a playmate for her. Born only five days apart, the one-year old pups took to each other immediately. Abby loves hanging out with her dad. She also enjoys doggie day care where she and her fur sister get lots of play time. "She is very regal acting and prances in from the backyard like a horse," says Kim. They all agree she has been a welcome addition to the family.



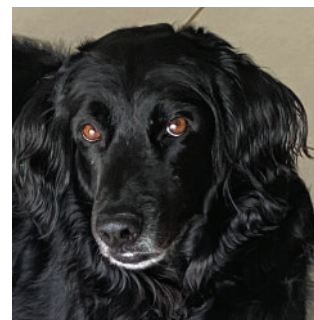
Terri Jessey

Terri, now called Bailey, chose her new family the minute they knocked on the door of her foster parents. Out of the three goldens that were there, only Bailey met them at the door and stayed by them the entire time. Nothing has changed over the year. Bailey and her forever family enjoy the outdoors together whether it is watching the sunrise, walking in the parks, or riding in the car. No matter where they are, you will find Bailey near her family nudging for a scratch.

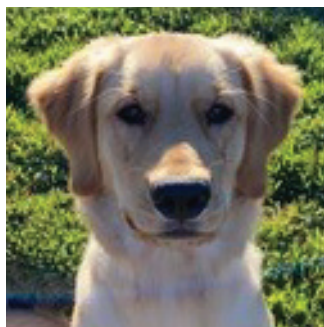


Butler Skylar

This handsome boy is a calm and gentle sweetheart. Butler's mom Yvonne says that everyone who meets him falls in love with him, and "he's been the perfect dog for us!" He enjoys going on long walks and sitting outside when it's breezy. Butler also enjoys family trips to Starbucks, where he eats a cup of whipped cream! In the short time he's been with his new family, Butler has earned his Project Pup certification and joined our Hearts of Gold therapy team. Sounds like the perfect match!



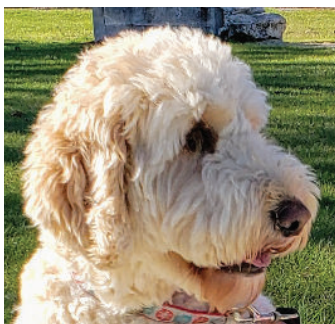
Adoption Stories



Jack Alec

This adorable little guy found himself in need of a good home when only twelve weeks old! He found the perfect fit with Karen, Jon and their 12-year old golden, Phoebe. Jack is an active and playful pup, and has brought tons of activity and fun to his new family. They enjoy daily walks together, and the

neighbors look forward to Jack's antics. This sweet boy has found a family to help him be his best, and they have his forever love and appreciation.



Isabella Jessey

If you visit Bella, be sure to save a spot at the dining room table for her, even though she truly does not know what size she is and certainly does not exactly fit into most chairs. Adopted when her previous owners had to move, Bella has settled in with Vicky and family, which includes a dog sister

and two cat siblings. Vicky is thrilled to have Bella at home with her while she works; Bella is her constant companion who loves endless play and tummy rubs.

Gracie Jessey

Gracie is "all love and worships you with her eyes" according to Christine, who adopted "Gracious Gracie" when her previous owner became ill and could no longer care for her. Gracie's favorite activity is riding in the car; she loves car rides so much that she is content not to get out, even when she arrives back home. When "Curly Furry" Gracie greets you, it may be with her own version of the "high-five" using both front paws, one at a time.



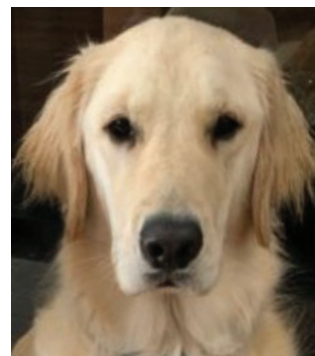
Bear Alec

Bear is very sweet and a happy pup with his new family - he has boundless energy! He loves to go for walks and meet new people and dogs around the neighborhood. His friendliness and personality make him a fan favorite! He also enjoys the dog park where he can run around and chase his buddies. Bear is a very upbeat dog and is a ray of sunshine in his new family's life. Maureen and Greg are totally in love with him and were at first sight!



Sophie Ann Aubrey

When Ray adopted Sophie, he knew from the start that they were a "natural fit." Sophie has also bonded with her fur brother, Hoover; in fact, Ray says they are hooked at the hip. After waking Ray up early each day with morning kisses, Sophie spends her day playing, napping, and then more playing. If Hoover decides he would like to take a nap, Sophie will paw him in the head to get him right back up so they can head to the dog park or race around the pool.



Elmer Marino

Il'll take my puppuccino, please! When Starbucks sees Elmer (now called Murphy) coming, they get his favorite treat ready for him. Full of energy, Murphy has brought excitement and plenty of activity to his new home. When the family picked up Murphy, they were thrilled to bring home such a "handsome ruby red golden with a cute face and sweet puppy eyes," says Mike, and knew they were in for a wonderful journey. Murphy loves hanging out on his front porch chasing that ever-elusive lizard, going on walks, and heading out for car rides.



Oreo Nellie

One-year old Oreo, now known as Astra, quickly settled in with her new family. It wasn't long before Astra and Merlin, her two-year fur sibling, started doing everything together even using each other for pillows! She loves to steal Merlin's bones and hide them under one of their beds. Astra is a snuggle bug. If not playing, she is cuddled up to a family member. Belly rubs are her favorite and will put her right to sleep. This lovable puppy is right where she belongs.



Goldens
Rule!

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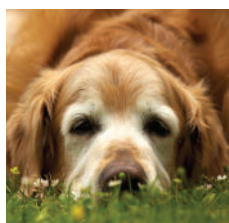
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GIFTS IN KIND

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During these difficult times, we have remained available to our communities who need our help to rescue goldens and golden blends, providing them with the medical care they require, a secure foster home and a loving forever home. We know these are challenging times for so many taking a toll on physical and mental health and financial burdens. We appreciate your continued support with any donation amount to help us continue our mission.

Please use this link www.grrmf.org/donate/ or you can mail us a check using the donation form on the back page of this newsletter.

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- Michelle and James Blankenbaker – Jasper
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- Stacy Klemetti – Care Bear and Harley
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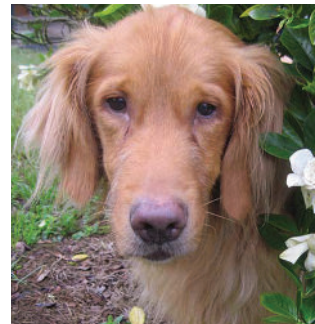
5 STAR FOSTERS

by Kirsten Brown and
Bambi Anderson-Ivers



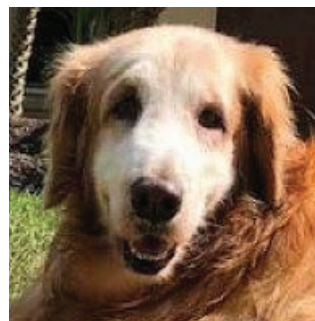
TEAM BONTRAGER

Melanie is a foster extraordinaire! She goes above and beyond for the dogs in her care, often having to teach them everything. More than once, she's taken in a pup with no training and it left with good doggie manners. Most recently, Melanie fostered a shy golden blend pup with behavioral issues. Melanie's commitment to her pup and working together with our trainer enabled him to be ready for adoption into a happy home. She recently added to her family a special needs Sanctuary dog who suffers from a devastating condition causing brain damage. Thank you Melanie! GRRMF is so lucky to have you as a special foster mom and volunteer.



TEAM JIMINEZ

Sara has a heart of gold – maybe it's from her love of Golden Retrievers and the amazing care she gives her fosters! Sara just nurtured a deaf senior who needed some extra attention before she could find her forever family. Sara not only took her in and helped her lose some weight, but taught her hand signals to help with her communication! How amazing is that? Sara has the dedication and patience it takes to truly connect with her foster dogs. She knows instinctively what they need and is right there to offer it. Thank you, Sara, for all you do! GRRMF wouldn't be as successful without you!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Jamie Demsky

Volunteer: Lyn Holliday

Found out about GRRMF: When we lost our first rescued golden, we wanted another. We had just moved here from the northeast and learned about GRRMF from DVGRR. The adoption process and volunteers were so impressive, I just had to join to give back in appreciation!

Length of time volunteering so far: 19 years

GRRMF volunteer career: Adopter, Home Visit, Foster, Media

Continued commitment: Some goldens bounce into GRRMF filled with personality and style, while others arrive needy and brokenhearted; some so very young, and some so very senior – but all through no fault of their own. The amazing volunteers, from intake through adoption, love and cherish them from the moment they arrive until for always. The magic love dust all the volunteers sprinkle on them are the secret spices that make them whole again. To be part of a group of people that insure all these goldens find their way to "happy" is a privilege.

Most memorable moment: On Christmas Eve we received a call that a six-year-old boy needed a foster home immediately. Well of course, our last name is Holliday – it was a perfect time to have a new foster. The transporter pulled her "sled" into our driveway and out popped this huge ball of delicious cream-colored fluff – he was gorgeous and had been surrendered by a breeder to GRRMF for being beyond his prime age to breed. Best Holliday ever!!

Advice to potential volunteers: Whatever amount of time and talent you would like to share, you can be sure there is a grateful golden just waiting for you to help them on their way to find their "happy"!



Double your donation dollars by assigning GRRMF in your company's charity matching program. Talk to your Human Resource department to sign up. We are still rescuing goldens in need of medical care and appreciate your help!



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