

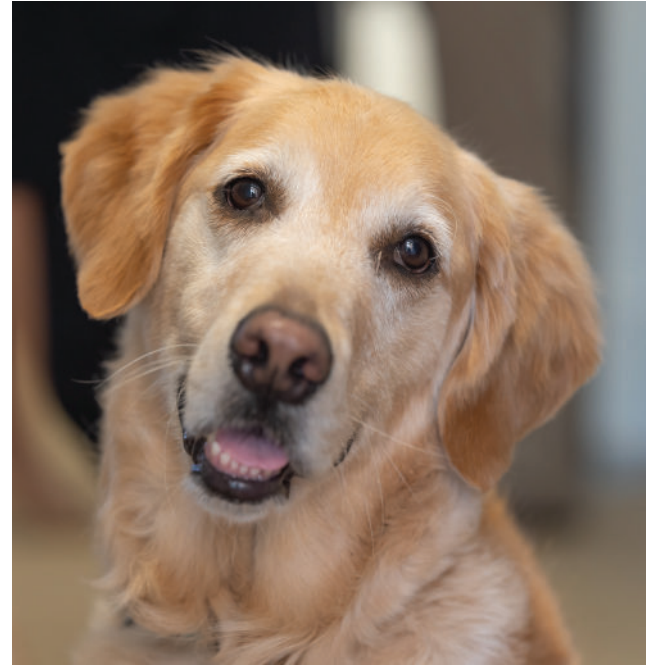


TALES OF GOLD

OUR PERSONAL COMFORT COMPANION by Ginger V.

Rescued by GRRMF, Madison joined our family at the age of three and showed signs of having been abused. Lavished with love and gentle guidance, she overcame her fears and we were able to advance through training classes and achieve the Canine Good Citizen certification. As her confidence grew, her natural ability to calm others also began to emerge.

Madison has become our family's personal comfort companion, instinctively giving extra kisses and snuggle time to anyone having a bad day. Our grandson is autistic and Madison has become his in-house therapist, always knowing when his sensory overload is about to surface and will go to his side and calm him. It's truly amazing how she can sense each person's mood and be right there to offer compassion and unconditional love despite her rough beginning to life. Her empathy also extends to her fur sibling, Rocky, who is sight impaired. She has appointed herself as guide dog, helping him maneuver unfamiliar areas and obstacles in his way. Madison is paying it forward as a certified therapy dog with GRRMF's Hearts of Gold and an ambassador for the organization. She has a special ability to sense when someone we're visiting is having a difficult day and will place her head on their knee or linger for a longer period of time until she feels that they're relaxed. Without moving her body, she'll give me a glance as if to say, "We may be here a bit, please be patient." One memorable therapy moment was when Madison was visiting with a non-verbal gentleman and he began speaking to her. The facility said he had been there two weeks and never spoke previously until his connection with Madison. Our girl thrives on doing therapy work and looks forward to putting a smile on someone's face. She has brought joy to our family and other people she encounters on her visits. Our lives would never be the same without her!



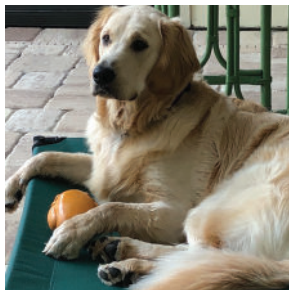
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Adoption Stories



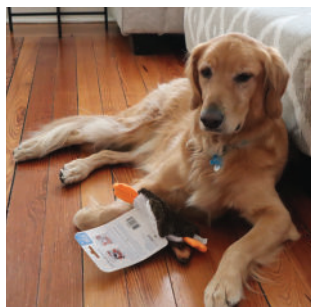
Atlas Marsh

To the surprise and delight of newly renamed Spencer's adopters, he promptly climbed into their car and slept soundly all the way to his new home. Calm, confident and independent, he's particularly passionate about his morning walks, although he's

disciplined enough to know that he can't chase any of the squirrels, cats, raccoons, or birds he may encounter! Not a fan of balls or toys, and only fond of the water once he's already in the family's swimming pool, he's currently being trained in scent work, which he both enjoys and excels at, and performed extremely well at his first trial.

Titan Marsh

Love at first sight turned Titan from a foster dog into a forever dog. Passionate about his parents, he always loves cuddling with them, and jumps joyfully onto their bed every morning to lie down beside them. Active and adventurous, he also loves going for walks, engaging with other energetic dogs at dog parks, playing with squeaky toys, swimming, and chasing squirrels out of the backyard. Despite his fascination with animals, especially horses he saw on TV, when the family recently visited Georgia and Titan saw real horses, he surprised them by showing no interest in them whatsoever!



Blizzard Marsh

Contrary to his name, Blizzard promptly wrapped his adoptive family in a large, warm blanket of pure golden LOVE! Kind, caring and patient with his small Shih Tzu and Shorkie brothers, he waits to be fed and petted in turn, never reacts when they go around him while he's eating, and tenderly looks out for

them when his parents leave the house to go grocery shopping. Bright as a button and always eager for affection, Blizzard learned from his dad how to give his paw. Now, whenever he wants his parent's attention, he simply stops them with his paw.



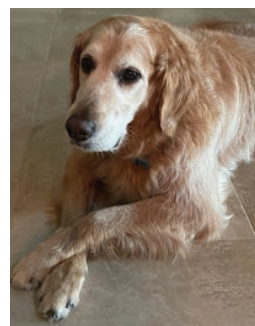
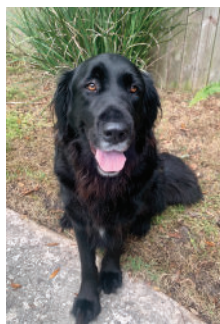
Brutus Jon

His parents were floating on Cloud Nine when their foster Brutus became their forever Brutus. After two failed adoptions, he knew he was well and truly home this time, and he LOVED it. A dedicated Velcro dog, following his dad through the house and sleep-

ing beside him in bed at night, he's also an excellent teacher, gently and patiently helping each of his family's new fosters settle in. Fond of taking car rides and of hunting lizards, he doesn't feel that way about baths. In fact, whenever it's time for a bath, Brutus promptly runs and hides in the bedroom!

Comet Apollo

Streaking into his ecstatic family's lives, Comet swiftly laid claim to their hearts and has ruled them ever since! Highly protective of them, loving, loyal and supremely smart, he's a certified therapy dog and not only understands countless words but knows how they're spelled. And given his notorious sweet tooth, his favorite, not surprisingly, is "cake." Active and adventurous, he also loves riding in golf carts, going to the dog park, playing with other pups at the mail station, and traveling in the car when his parents visit Atlanta and Tampa where Comet happily plays with his other doggy friends.

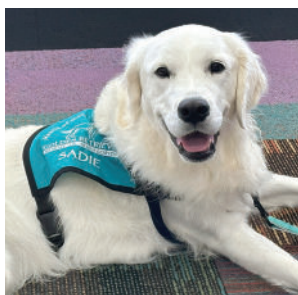
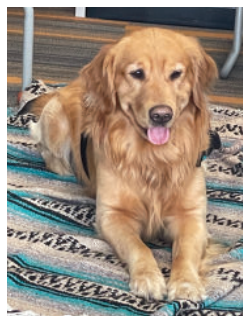


Hank Fess

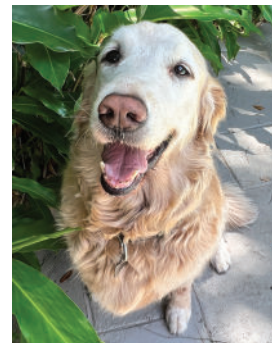
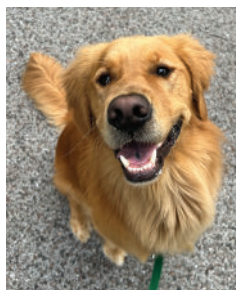
A magnificent gentle giant with soulful eyes, Hank conquered an extreme case of heartworms and is living the happiest of lives with his equally happy family. Sincere, easygoing, and polite, Hank is also the consummate cuddler who LOVES being loved on by his parents. And should they stop rubbing his belly or scratching his back, he'll promptly emit his now-famous Chewbacca sounds. After discovering the pleasure of zoomies and chasing squirrels, he recently learned that stealing a corn bread from on top of the microwave in the middle of the night and devouring it was even more fun!

PARTNERS WITH ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO by Terry Hickey

Hearts of Gold has been accepted as a partner with AdventHealth Pet Therapy, which operates fourteen hospitals, health parks, and emergency rooms throughout the greater Orlando area. Currently only three therapy dog organizations have been approved to become a part of AdventHealth Pet Therapy Orlando. Hearts of Gold teams will go through training both online and at one of the ten Orlando based AdventHealth hospitals. Once the training is completed, the teams may visit any AdventHealth Orlando location and participate in hospital sponsored therapy dog events. Initially, seven Hearts of Gold teams volunteered for the program:



Marcie Caton with Sadie
Jennifer and Tim Driscoll with Rennie
Melissa King with Benny
Bruce MacMillan with Mya
Melanie Scheet with Maggie
Samantha Scott with Asher
Ginger Vincent with Madison



Future Hearts of Gold teams are eligible to participate in the program. Ginger and Madison were the first team to complete the training and are doing visits at specific pediatric wards at AdventHealth for Children and the AdventHealth Adult Hospital main campus in downtown Orlando. A special thanks to all of these Hearts of Gold teams as they continue to provide community outreach and love through their beautiful therapy dogs.

Visit our website to learn more about our Hearts of Gold therapy program, the handlers and their dogs, and upcoming screening events to join our therapy program. Our special pups even have their own YouTube channel at "GRRMF Hearts of Gold YouTube." Paws a moment and watch our teams in action.

GENERAL

Ackerman, Judy
 Ade, Marilyn
 Allen, Peggy
 Allstate
 Amazon Smile
 Ambler, Donald
 Anderson, Dean C.
 AT&T
 Atwell, Caprice
 Auger, Donna
 Barnes, Susan
 Benevity
 Berger, Ileana
 Best Friends Animal Society
 Bogle, Janice and Ralph H.
 Buckley, Vicki
 Bush, Joy
 Chapdelaine, Mark and Jane
 Chu, Alvina
 Coulombe, Rick
 Cousins, Lois
 Covert, Chris
 Crannell, Richard
 Cruz, Jesus
 D'Alessandro, Melinda
 Dinorsce, Mark
 Elliott, Robert
 Gammill, Andrew T.
 Gay, Alan
 Glock, Larry and Jan
 Hamel, Susan
 Hanley, Kathleen
 Harrison, Lynn
 Hawk, Suzanne
 Henningsen, Jeanne
 Hopkins, Barry
 Hornick, Vicki and Mark
 JD Lab, Inc.
 Kard, Charles and Carole
 Keller, Karen and Cliff
 King, Melissa
 Ladney, Judy
 Ledniczky, Janet
 Look, Sandra
 McGraw, Allola
 McMillan, John
 Mixer, Rita
 Network for Good
 O'Leary, Marilyn
 Parker, Jeanie L
 PayPal Giving Fund
 Perino, Maria
 Possidente, Amy
 Quinn, Christina
 Scott, Samantha
 Sheehy, Brenda
 Simpkins Farrar, Maureen
 Stastka, Michael
 Strickland, Laurie
 Taylor, Karolyn
 Thrivent
 Turek, Peggy

Turley, Sandra M.
 UHG
 Vonder Heide, Paul

IN HONOR OF

Allen, Amy, for Beth Doyle
 Anderson, Barbara
 Auger, Donna, for Harley
 and Violet
 Auger, Donna, for Mattie,
 Leo, Hope, Max, Mason,
 Rocky, Chance, Ranger,
 Sonny and Luca
 Bethea, Kay, for Sonny Duke
 Evenden, John A., for Cooper
 Faulkenberry, Tori, for Murphy
 Goetz, Heidi, for Bailey
 Goretski, Eileen, for Judy
 and Jerry Sheehan
 Hawkes, Amanda, for Riley
 Holton, Leonard, for Nova
 Kirkman, Jerry and Shirley,
 for Kate Sally
 Napoli, Frank
 Parker, Jeanie, for Granger
 Patel, Deborah, for
 Sandra Sue Goodwin
 Perry, Stacey, for Heidi
 Rife, David and Georgia,
 for Jemma, Sara and Daisy
 Simpkins Farrar, Maureen
 Steiger, Ellen, for Judy
 and Lou Morgan
 Steinard, Linda, for Kirby,
 Max and Bella
 Taylor, Stacie, for Hope
 Thomas, Michael,
 for my golden angels

IN MEMORY OF

Alfson, John and Lynda,
 for Sissy
 Althaus, Scott, for Tommy
 Amica Insurance Claims
 Executive Dept., for
 Albert Labine
 Auger, Donna, for Mattie,
 Leo, Hope, Max, Mason,
 Rocky, Chance, Ranger,
 Sonny and Luca
 Berke, Jill, for Cooper
 Cheever, William, for
 Darlene Cheever
 Chepenik, Britt & Philip,
 for Charlie and Harley
 Counen, Marilyn J., for
 Amber and Tigger
 Gonzalez, Carmen M.,
 for Dasha and Prince
 Goretski, Eileen, for Nuggett,
 Goldie, Millie and Major
 Grundorf, Marcia, for Chewie

Demsky, Jamie, for
 Bret Tauben
 Faulkenberry, Tori, for Haley
 Finch, Debra J., for
 Emma Anderson
 Franklin, Janet, for Sugar
 Hawkes, Amanda, for Riley
 Jones, Mari and Jack,
 for Virginia Marie Jones
 Jones, Toni, for Virginia Jones
 Koziol, Agnieszka
 Mayer, Johanna
 McCoy, James A., for Daphne
 Parker, Jeanie, for Granger
 Possidente, Amy, for Tucker
 Rainey, Lisa
 Simpkins Farrar, Maureen
 Syles, David and Olinda,
 for Wilson
 Touns, Patricia, for Jagger
 Veschio, Betty Jane, for Jenny
 Vincent, Ginger, for Norm
 Wilkins, Gail and Jack,
 for Richard Newton
 Younker, Del, for Sheabya

WOODY FUND

Alfson, John and Lynda,
 for Aria in memory of
 Trudi Grace
 Alfson, John and Lynda,
 for Paris, in memory of Sissy
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 Armolea, Helen
 Aziz, Douglas
 Bennett, Sandra M.
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 Duncan, Maggie and Ted,
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 Dunn, Arlene
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 Greenman, Jason
 Hawk, Suzanne
 Julia, Joanne
 Keller, Karen
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 Knopka, Cynthia
 Lancaster, Christy
 Lang, Ronald
 Magno, Robert
 McGraw, Chelsea
 Mitzel, John
 Morales, Catherine
 O'Leary, Marilyn
 ONale, Michelle
 Phillips, Reenie

Pittle, Eileen
 Rauzzino, Thomas
 Reardon, Marsha
 Rossburg, Sheryl
 Schumar, Debra
 Seymour, Erika
 Sheehan, Judy
 Stastka, Michael E.
 Strickland, Laurie
 Taylor, Stacie, for Aria
 Thompson, Janet
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 Tradelius, Mary Anne
 Tubell, Eleanor
 Veschio, Betty
 Veschio, Betty Jane
 Vincent, Ginger and George

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Bates, Kristina
 Bryant, Alexis
 Davis, Sarah
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 Haker, Charles
 Leonard, Linda Langstaff
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 Roth, Andrea Kutner
 Slaven, Carol Ann

GIFT IN KIND

Glance, Linda
 Keller, Karen and Cliff
 Vincent, Ginger and George



The loss of our GRRMF rescue
 sister, Lyn Holliday in June,
 has been so heartbreaking
 for our rescue. Her endless
 love and care during her 13
 years of volunteering and
 adoption of 10 GRRMF rescue
 dogs represents a legacy
 of open hearted kindness,
 leadership and golden love.
 Lyn, we miss you and know
 you had an amazing reunion
 on the bridge with the
 thousands of dogs you saved
 through the years.

Donations Continued

This quarter, we have several special patrons who lost cherished family members and included us in honoring their loved one. The Golden Angel obituaries shared their passion for goldens and our rescue. Our condolences for your loss and sincere gratitude for your generosity during these difficult times - Carol Forsberg, President

**In Memory of
Ronald Boehm -
<https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/ft-myers-fl/ronald-boehm-11253039>**

Angle, Sue
Batchelder, Susan
Boehm, Bruce
Bennett, Paul E.
Castro, Nancy E.
Cole, Elizabeth
Dahlstrom, Janice
DeFuria, Richard

Hannell, Geoffrey
King, Janet V.
Mullens, Susan
O'Grady, Chris
Rothstein, Marcia
Sanders, Constance
Shimeall, Clay
Shotwell, Lynn
Wood, Mary

**In Memory of
Linda Marie Holliday
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/sarasota-fl/linda-marie-holliday-11338170>**

Angle, Sue
Ambler, Donald
Auger, Donna
Buettin, Brad
Boudreaux, Kathryn
Cox, Jill
Forsberg, Carol
Frederick, Debra
Furtis, Kyle
Gamelin, Dennis
Garcia, Katie
Goetz, Heidi

Haker, Charles
Klemetti, Stacy
Kumpf, Sandra
Lallucci, Mary
Maguire, Patricia
Manley, Chris
Marston, Patricia
Morgan, Kristina
O'Connor, Larry and Family
Ramos, Karen Ann
Ritz, Del
Sarto, Nicholas
Steiger, Ellen
Stobbs, Annie
Valencic, Robyn
Vincent, Ginger and George
Wells, Mary
Williams, Jacqueline

**In Memory of
Jonathan Hughes
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/tampabaytimes/name/jonathan-hughes-obituary?id=52064669>**

Beck, Derotha and Ephraim
Bryant, Cynthia
Drexler, Ivy

Frainetti, Nancy
Fraze, Linda
Gibbons, Nicholas A.
Hausch, Erik
Hutto, Suzanne
Kirchoffer, Kim
Mac, Paul
Miller, Cherie
Mullen, Joseph
Osani, Linda
Palenchar, John
Ramos, Bethanie
Rosario, Sylvia
Slaughter, Marilyn
Thomas, Dara
Weber, David
Williams, Jennifer
Wilson, Rebecca
Wise, George

**In Memory of
Adam Paul Laxton
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Adam-Laxton/#!/Obituary>**

Driggers, Patricia
Florsek, Sally
Reiff Family

MYTH BUSTERS

It's a good idea to shave my dog for summer.

✗ NO - Dogs will naturally shed hair in the summer to help them from overheating. Their coat also protects them from harmful UV rays.

It's ok to let my dog drink pool water.

✗ NO - Always have fresh, clean water for your dog to drink.

Hot sand or concrete can burn a dog's paws.

✓ YES - If the surface is too hot for your feet, it's too hot for your dog's paws.



It's ok to leave my dog in the car for a very short time with the a/c blowing.

✗ NO - It's never ok to leave your dog in the car without you.

I need to limit my dog's outdoor activity on hot, humid days.

✓ YES - Just like people, dogs need time in the shade or air conditioning.

Making a stuffed Kong will keep my dog entertained during BBQ parties.

✓ YES - Lots of people's foods are dangerous to dogs.

PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY UPDATE by Carol Forsberg

As we pass the mid-year point of 2023, we have been fortunate to help over 65 dogs needing the care and rehoming services our rescue provides. Unfortunately, we do not have a sufficient number of active foster homes to keep up with the ongoing requests, especially with the increased commitment necessary for young pups under 2 years old. We have been partnering with other rescues to safely support these youngsters and owners' needs when we do not have available space. Please consider opening your arms, hearts, and home to be a foster parent enabling us to save even more golden retrievers in 2023 and beyond. To be a foster



family for a pup under 5, we do require a fenced yard for their safety. Our foster homes are guided by our awesome foster, trainers and medical support teams to enable the foster parent and pup to build the foundational wellness tools to become the best goldens we know they will be. We thank our current foster families for bringing joy and brightening the lives of all our dogs in their care, preparing them for a wonderful forever family. Raise your paw to be part of our pawesome foster village by completing an application of interest at <https://grrmf.wufoo.com/forms/grrmf-foster-application/>

The strength of our rescue rests on the shoulders of all our cherished volunteers. We know our GRRMF volunteers are angels in disguise. We are grateful for your ongoing passion and dedication to our mission, our dogs

and the people who comprise our GRRMF family. We have lost several of these special volunteers over the past year and know they had a treasured reunion on the bridge with the dogs they saved through their years of dedicated service. This summer, we have started to implement a new area on our website featuring a learning section about the many roles in our rescue "village," our people whose devotion make our rescue a success and opportunities to put your passion to work to save so many of this truly special breed we all love. Visit our exciting new Volunteer Village area on our website which will be expanded throughout the remainder of 2023. Here is the new link: www.grrmf.org/volunteer-village/

Wishing you summer fun with family and friends. Thank you for your support of our rescue throughout the year.

QUIRKY DOG BEHAVIORS - SIT BACK AND ENJOY!

Watching our dog's natural and sometimes quirky behaviors is one of the joys of dog guardianship. They touch our hearts, make us laugh, and sometimes make us wonder what motivates certain curious behaviors. Let's talk butt sniffing. Why do dogs immediately head for each other's backsides when greeting one another? A dog's sense of smell is vastly superior to that of humans. Of all their senses, their sense of smell is the one they rely on most. Butt sniffing helps dogs learn everything they need to know about each other, such as what they've been doing, what their mood is, and even what they had for breakfast. This important and perfectly normal information-gathering ritual is the equivalent of a doggy handshake. We've all seen our dogs seemingly go from zero to tornado in seconds and launch into frenetic bouts of running in circles. This activity, commonly known as the zoomies, are bursts of excess energy that can involve racing in circles or spinning. The Farmers Dog Digest tells us that zoomies are often excess energy that gets released all



at once in one big joyous burst. Zoomies are fun to watch and are usually harmless. If the dog is in a safe space and the behavior doesn't seem obsessive (such as compulsively chasing its tail), just enjoy this lovable normal doggie behavior. Who isn't utterly charmed at the sight of a dog tilting its head when we talk to it? Dogs tilt their heads to make it easier to collect information. PetMed MD says that it improves their hearing and lets us know they are focused on what we are saying. If they're particularly interested in a sound but aren't sure where it's coming from, tilting the head may help them localize and identify it. These quirky behaviors are instinctive and perfectly normal. So, enjoy the cuteness, the innocence, and the sheer joy of watching your dog do what comes naturally.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LAURA WOOD by Jamie Demsky

What made you step up to volunteer with GRRMF?

Before moving to Florida, I was an active volunteer with a Colorado rescue. I felt a void of not contributing to a rescue and found GRRMF. I was able to find a role where I can help while still working full-time.

What do you do with GRRMF?

I'm the Home Visit Coordinator and also assist the business operations team. This summer will be my 3-year anniversary.

Do you have a most cherished moment?

I love to see how our amazing home visit volunteers connect with applicants and the joy it brings them when a family has found the perfect match.

Has being a volunteer changed you?

Working with GRRMF completes me in a way that nothing else has ever done. To see the dedication our volunteers have to help each pup never ceases to amaze me.

What has surprised you about volunteering?

I love that GRRMF meets you where you are, meaning if the commitment is ever too much, you are always the priority. There is so much gratitude for the service provided by our volunteers without ever taking advantage of their generosity.

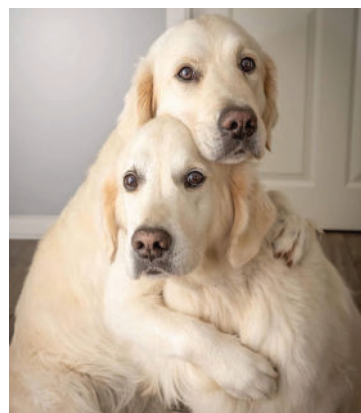
Any advice for potential volunteers?

There are so many different roles needed. Find one that matches your skill set and what brings you joy.

What touches your heart most often about GRRMF?

The "Our Adopted Dogs" page on our website sums it all up – everything we do is to get a pup onto this happy page!

A new item added to our website is "Volunteer Village" containing the Spotlight volunteers that were featured in our newsletter over the years. If you have a fellow volunteer you would like to see on our website or newsletter, let us know by using the contact form at www.grrmf.org/volunteer-contact/



OH NO ... WHERE'S OUR FAMILY?

August is the time to update your cell phone and address information with GRRMF. Whether your family is taking a summer trip or starting to prepare for the hurricane season, updating your information will guarantee that your pup(s) will be reconnected with you should you become separated. Here is the link to our website to review items that are important so you and your pups can travel safely - www.grrmf.org/hurricane-and-storm-preparedness/

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Butsko Family - Hunter
Marcia and Jason Grundorf -
Chewie
Linda and Richard Hosey - Dakota
Christine and Larry Jones - Wilson
Lea and Whitney Leake - Norm

Maria Noble - Farley
Patty Ryan - Meg
Bette and Jay Seman and
GRRMF Family - Dinah
Cindy and Mike Snedeker and
GRRMF Family - Summer



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WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB?

Volunteer Village - Learn about different areas of our village who support our rescue daily www.grrmf.org/volunteer-village/

Volunteer Tales - Meet our volunteers and read their inspiring stories www.grrmf.org/volunteer-tales/

Adoption Updates - New feature added to our Facebook page with wonderful adoption stories www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.584193263744094&type=3

Foster Homes Needed - Without available foster homes, we cannot rescue those in need www.grrmf.org/foster-homes-needed/

GRRMF Store - New items are now available <https://partners.animalpride.com/collections/grrmf>

Please consider becoming a financial caregiver to save our retrievers through your donation. You may donate online at www.grrmf.org/donate, use the QR code here, or fill out this form and mail it to: GRRMF - P.O. Box 1449 - Goldenrod, FL 32733. For a monthly recurring donation, matching gift from your employer or considering us for a bequest, please contact info@grrmf.org. Donations are tax deductible.

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To continue receiving our quarterly newsletter in 2023, we request a donation of \$25 or more annually to help us defray the production cost of our wonderful newsletter as well as replenish our medical fund to help more goldens.

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida Inc., a Florida-based nonprofit corporation, (Registration no. #CH11185), may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 1.800.help.fl (432.7352) within the state or by visiting 800helpfla.com. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

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