

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS

fostering a special needs golden *by Jodi Forrester and Phil Shaw*



When we first started fostering our primary concern was that we would end up adopting every dog. With two other dogs we were hoping to only be outnumbered for short periods of time. After fostering a few great, young dogs that just needed a refresher course on manners, we felt more comfortable with the fostering process. We had discussed fostering special needs dogs but were hesitant because we were unsure that we could balance doctor visits and medical needs with our work schedules. When we saw the foster coordinator post the picture of Max and description of Max's story, we knew we wanted to try helping him. Max was a young guy surrendered because he needed surgery; he couldn't walk 200 yards down the street without limping and wasn't able to play because of his pain. So we asked if we could foster him and we were off – shuttling him to the vet to confirm surgery would help, and getting him settled into our home. Initially, we found the only extra requirement of fostering a special needs dog was that we needed to coordinate our schedules to accommodate vet visits and a few home days after the surgery. Although we thought medical care would be the most difficult portion of fostering, in this case, it was once he was on the mend that his care was tricky. All of the sudden we realized we

really did have an extra 9-month-old dog in the house. The surgery had reduced his pain and he wanted to play. Of course he wasn't allowed, so we quickly needed to learn how to keep him mentally stimulated, while letting his body heal. We kept the Kongs filled and promised Max someday soon he'd be able to romp endlessly.

We were Max's advocates, but we certainly had help from every direction. The vet and staff were wonderful helping to diagnose and treat him but also helping us to define what type of forever home would be best for Max to ensure a healthy future. The foster coordinator relayed updates and questions to the board of directors and the placement team found a terrific match. The placement part was rough. Max had been with us for months and we had a nice bond, but we reminded ourselves that if we adopted him, the inn would be full and we wouldn't be able to foster again for awhile. More than anything, we felt that the reward of seeing Max feeling good again outweighed any challenges we had faced. We started with a hurting, sad pup and ended with a happy, energetic dog beginning his new life with a wonderful forever home.

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by Sue Schultz, Foster Training Coordinator

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If you would like to check out a book, tape or DVD, please contact me at sueschultz59@charter.net.

member bio



Patty Ruud Home Visit Coordinator

Hello! I live in Racine with my husband and three Golden Retrievers, Kadi, Keefer, and Killian. They keep us busy and we love their companionship! I became involved with GRRoW in earlier 2009 doing home visits and helping with the Tails On Trails Fundraising event. I am happy to help an organization with a mission that is very dear to me.

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We were glad that we had eased our way into fostering and that we recognized we could help to meet Max's special needs. Thank goodness there are some incredible foster homes that are able to help these special Golden Retrievers. Special needs can mean a variety of things and each may present a unique opportunity for potential foster homes. Some dogs may need surgery or other Golden Retrievers may need extra attention and training for a behavioral issue. If a foster home can help the dog work through his issue and make him feel better emotionally and physically, then we have done our job. We are happy to have volunteered to help with a couple special dogs now and look forward to more in the future.



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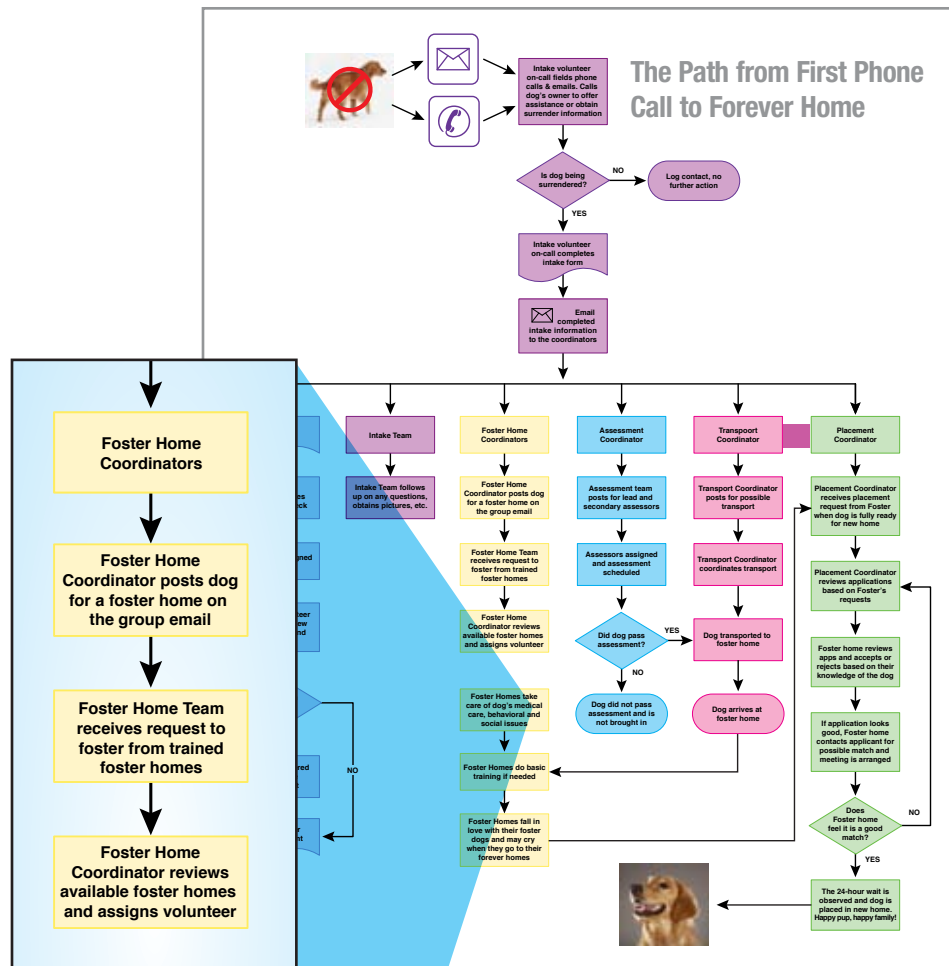
a closer look at GRRoW: fostering

Dogs come into rescue for many reasons. Sometimes the family can no longer care for the dog, they've lost their home and have to surrender their beloved Golden. Sometimes they come from kennel environments and have not been socialized, some are sick, and need more care than the family can afford to give them so they surrender to us to get them healthy and find them a wonderful forever home. Whatever the reason, fostering is a crucial part of the process of finding the right home for each dog. It is in foster care that the dog's personality comes out so we can make a good match for that dog and the waiting families.

Fostering is one of the most rewarding and difficult parts of rescue. Once intake has done their part and gotten all the information on a dog and explained our procedures to the surrendering family, the dog is posted to a group so the Foster Coordinators can read about the dog and match it up with the right foster home. We have 105 families that have been trained to give the incoming dogs foster care. Typically, a young healthy dog only needs to be in foster care for 2 weeks. Some come in sick, in need of surgery or with behavioral issues that will require longer care. Some of the older dogs or sick dogs will stay in foster care until they cross the Rainbow Bridge.

The first step is for the Foster Coordinators to post the dog to the list for all the volunteers to look at. If someone is interested in the dog, they reply to the posting. The Foster Coordinators look at the home that has replied to see if they would be a good match for the dog. We particularly watch for dogs that come in with emotional issues. If a very scared dog comes in, they will be in foster care longer than 2 weeks and need more care and attention. They may need a confident dog to help bring them out of their shell. Maybe we'll get a dog in that is not good with kids or maybe we get a dog that doesn't like other dogs or could harm cats. All of these things are important in choosing the right foster home for each dog. Once a foster home is determined, a thank you is sent out so everyone knows the dog has a home and to thank the volunteer that will be taking in that dog.

After the dog has been assessed, transport is arranged and the dog comes into foster



issues are assessed and taken care of. Some dogs come in and are healthy and ready to go in two weeks. Some will need to be in foster care much longer. Sometimes the foster care has to work on emotional or physical issues with a foster dog and see them through a surgery or nurse them back to health. Sometimes the scars are emotional.

Fostering means frustration when you come home and they've torn up your favorite shoes, slippers, pillow, you name it, or they've chewed up the carpet, or scratched up a door. Oops, another accident. Are they ever going to get it???

Fostering also means tears and heartbreak when a foster has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and will be spending the rest of his life with you, or when you're saying good-bye to them as they drive off with their new family.

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Fostering also means smiles and laughs, Golden leans and hugs, lots of licks and goofy Golden antics and tail wags, dog toys all over the house and that wonderful feeling of meeting just the right family. Yes, there are tears as they drive away with their new family, but they are tears of joy as well as sorrow. It's such a wonderful thing to see the smiles on the faces of their new family and the excitement of finding just the right match for your foster.

Each dog takes a piece of our hearts with them when they go to their new family.

So, we laugh together and cry together. We share the emails we get from our past adoptive families, who absolutely adore their new furry family member, and it makes it all worthwhile and we get ready for the next dog that needs us.

is fostering for you? *by Karen Stapleton*

Here are some common concerns people have regarding fostering.

I don't have a dog now and I want to be able to travel

Well, then GRRoW really needs you! Do you know that fostering is really a short term thing for most dogs? You can offer to foster a dog that suits your needs, easy, healthy, quick to place, or one that clearly will need some time. If you plan to travel why not have a part-time dog? Maybe you can foster a dog in the summer time and still travel to your winter place. We often need short term fosters while the regular foster home goes on vacation, has surgery, or an emergency. GRRoW doesn't like too board foster dogs unnecessarily, so a temporary foster home is really the best! Sometimes the temporary foster is just until we find a permanent foster home, or it may be only an overnight stay. If you tell GRRoW what suits you, I bet we can use your help somewhere along the line.



foster, you will know it and you will be so happy to bring that dog and family together. Some dogs you will be happy to see go and others will pull on your heart strings. When you hear how much they are loved in their new home you will know you have helped make it happen and it was worthwhile.

I am too old; I live on a limited income

Age is not a limitation. If you have put off getting your own dog, because you don't want to make a long term commitment, then fostering could be just the thing for you because a foster dog is with you just until placed in a forever home. While you care for and feed the dog, GRRoW takes care of the medical expenses. Good deal, don't you think?

I have been fostering for almost 10 years and I know of no other volunteer effort that has been as rewarding. Seeing a dog make it through rescue and into a loving forever home is very gratifying. There is no feeling better than seeing your foster dog in the home of people who love him/her and can't imagine their lives without their new dog. So give it some thought. Can you help a dog on his/her journey to their forever home? You have nothing to lose by trying it out, and you may just find that you love it!!!

I don't have any experience

That's where the great foster training, foster handbook and the GRRoW network come into play. You aren't out there alone. Help and advice is only a phone call or email away. You will be amazed at how much your foster dog will teach you.

I will get too attached I won't be able to let him/her go


We all form attachments to foster dogs and we have our share of foster failures (People who adopt their foster). If you go into fostering with the idea that you are a bridge to this dog's forever home, you will be able to "let them go." When placement helps you find the home that suits your

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fostering senior goldens *by Jane Babcock*

Ask anyone who has ever fostered seniors and they will tell you that it is both easy and extremely rewarding. Some might even try to convince you that seniors are “the best.” GRRoW’s older dogs, meaning those who are at the far end of the spectrum, are, indeed, very special dogs. They come into GRRoW with most of their lives already behind them, their personalities formed, and their needs fairly simple. They come to us often confused, uprooted from families they love and places they have called home, and they are asked to make a huge adjustment to new places, new people, and new routines — and to make a new home their home. And the remarkable thing about it is, they do! For many, this new home often turns out to be the best they have ever known and this phase of life a time of peaceful reward for a life well lived.

Older dogs make devoted companions. They quickly bond and want nothing more than to hang out and do whatever it is that you are doing — a ride in the car, a relaxed walk along a trail, a good meal, a place next to you for the ballgame. Seniors thrive on the simple pleasures of life, along with your attention and gentle care. And you, in turn, have the immense privilege of being the person they look up to and depend on. Their trust is absolute. Their eyes may grow dim and their hearing no longer sharp, but the touch of your hand is something they will never mistake. They live for that touch and for your joy at finding them waiting to greet you upon your return home at the end of a long day; one they have probably spent napping. They know without doubt that they bring you immeasurable happiness, and it goes without saying that you quickly become the most important person in the world to them. Take a senior into a room full of people who love dogs and watch him “work the room,” going from person to person soaking up hugs and rubs and endless praise, basking in the attention. You will see pure joy. And while you are there, sit back and simply enjoy, for you will also experience a similar sense of contentment.

Not all seniors are alike, of course. Some have lots of energy and love to run, chase tennis balls, and play with every toy they can find. Some want to glue themselves to you, while others would rather have a little space to call their own. Some still enjoy barking at people passing by and playing sneak attack on unsuspecting neighbors on the other side of the fence. Others seem to enter a more reflective stage of life where they appear fascinated with falling leaves, the blinking of Christmas lights, the feel of a cool breeze on a warm day. Somehow they move through their days, handling their limitations with grace, enjoying whatever it is that they are able to do and letting go

of the rest. Seniors are remarkable dogs, and falling in love with one will change you and, perhaps, your perspective on life forever. For some of us the experience is so satisfying that that’s where we stay. That’s all we do.

If you are thinking about fostering, why not open your home and heart to one of GRRoW’s seniors? You’ll probably discover, as I have, that once a senior touches your heart, that’s where they’ll stay “forever.” And if you are interested in adopting and feel that you’d enjoy a slower pace and the joy of a dog who also serves as a loyal companion, why not consider meeting a senior? They are pure gold.

*They were together only three short weeks, but
the memories would last a hundred dog-years.*



Foster

SOME STORIES COME, SIT AND STAY WITH YOU FOREVER

This film is not yet rated, mostly because it's not a film. It's a simple request from Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin that you consider fostering a Golden. Visit grow.org for details.



heart murmurs in dogs by Julia A. Bates, DVM, Small Animal Internal Medicine, Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Care

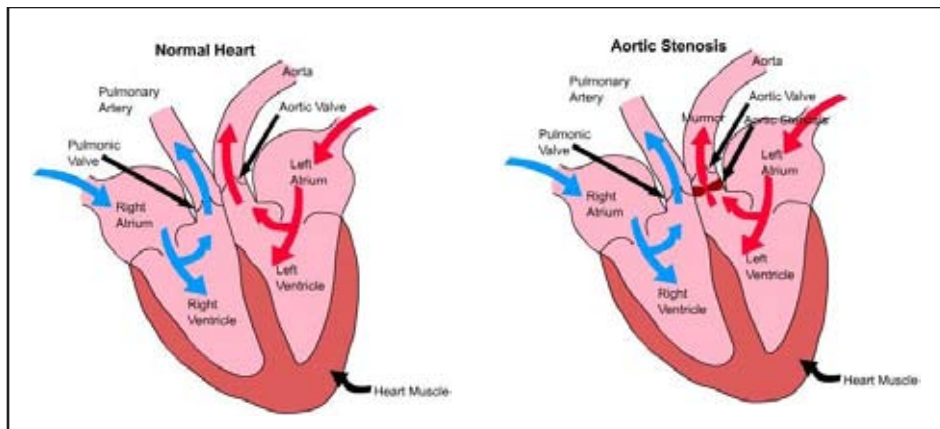
When a veterinarian listens to your dog's heart using a stethoscope, they are listening for abnormal sounds and rhythms, which may be an indication of an underlying heart condition.

A heart murmur is a whooshing type noise that is typically associated with every heartbeat, and that whooshing noise is the result of turbulent blood flow.

Once a heart murmur is heard, it is graded on how loud it is and the grading scale ranges from I – VI.

- Grade I heart murmurs are very soft and difficult to hear without concentrating in a quiet room
- Grade II heart murmurs are a little easier to hear, but are very focal and don't obscure normal heart sounds
- Grade III heart murmurs can be heard as soon as the stethoscope comes in contact with the chest wall and are moderately loud
- Grade IV heart murmurs are even louder, and they may obscure the normal heart sounds
- Grade V heart murmurs are loud and result in a thrill that can be felt when placing your hands on the chest wall
- Grade VI heart murmurs can be heard with the stethoscope held away from the chest wall

An easier way to think of a heart murmur's intensity is by classifying them as soft, moderate or loud. Many people won't hear a grade I, so both I & II are soft, grade III & IV heart murmurs are moderate and grade V and above are loud.



When a heart murmur is first heard, the next step is to determine the intensity of it (above), followed by determining where on the heart it is heard the loudest, which is referred to as the point of maximum intensity (PMI). Once the "loudness" and PMI have been determined, the next step is to try to determine if the murmur occurs when the heart is actively pumping (systole), or at rest (diastole).

The information about the intensity, location and when the murmur occurs is very helpful to determine potential causes for the murmur. As you can imagine, there are many causes of heart murmurs:

- Anemia - causes a heart murmur because the blood is less viscous (thinner), which results in increased turbulence. This type of murmur occurs during systole (during the pumping phase)
- A leaky heart valve — when the valves don't close tightly, the blood is pushed back through the valve causing a whooshing noise. This type of murmur can be heard either at systole or diastole, depending on which heart valve is affected.
- Narrowing of a large vessel or opening (stenosis) — this murmur is typically heard during systole
- Heart muscle disease – when the heart enlarges, it can result in the valves not closing tightly. This type of murmur is typically soft and heard during diastole

- Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) results in a continuous murmur, that is heard both during systole and diastole

What should you do if our veterinarian hears a heart murmur? The very first thing to do is take a deep breath and don't panic. If the murmur is heard on a puppy, it may be an innocent murmur and go away as the pup matures. If the dog is an adult, and is otherwise healthy, ask if it is a soft, moderate or loud murmur. If it is a soft murmur, it is likely the murmur won't cause your dog problems, but it should be monitored. If it is a moderate to loud heart murmur, the next step is to have chest x-rays taken to evaluate the size of the heart. If the size of the heart is normal, then your dog is compensating for the murmur. To determine the origin of the murmur, an echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) should be performed. This is especially true in young dogs, as Golden Retrievers can be affected by a condition called aortic stenosis. In a young dog, where there is a concern for a congenital problem, it is always best to have the echocardiogram performed by a veterinary cardiologist.

If after hearing the heart murmur, and determining that it is compromising heart function, you still should not panic. These days, there are many treatments that can be beneficial in prolonging the quantity and quality of life of dogs affected with significant heart disease. When your dog has significant heart disease, you and your pet may benefit from consulting with a veterinary cardiologist or internist to assist in the management of your dog's heart disease.

success stories



Gracie 09-035 (Lacy)

Gracie and I were introduced about 10 months ago – she was my first foster dog as a volunteer in the GRRoW organization. A few months later, I adopted her myself, and my home became her forever home. Obviously, we've grown quite attached.

I've slightly changed her name because I've found "Gracie" to be almost too common. She's now Lacy, which also seems a good fit to her persona. We also worked on some socialization and house manner issues, which she picked up on well over the course of a couple of months. I've grown confident and comfortable with her meeting new dog friends.

She is a tremendous sweetheart. And, she does some great comedy at times. Everyone she meets knows in an instant that she's a lover.

We've had a great summer and fall together, since she enjoys the outdoors as much as I do. Lacy is addicted to swimming, a nearby lake was a daily stop. We've traveled many nature trails and camped areas from the Mississippi to the shores of Lake Michigan. I'll let the pictures tell the details.

Lacy is one of the sweetest dogs I've had the pleasure to meet, and I have an even deeper appreciation now for those who open their homes and hearts to foster these beautiful, loving creatures, while they also work to find them loving kindness in a "forever home."

Dennis P.

Shelby

Dear Mom,

I am sorry it has taken me so long to write to you and tell you that I am doing very well. That is a bit irresponsible on my part but I am feeling like a kid again. I have some new hobbies that you will be happy to hear about. Last winter I started working out on an underwater treadmill and I have lost 37 pounds. I am eating a lot of vegetables with my dinner to help fill me up and I take herbal supplements for my arthritis. We planted a garden this year so I could have canned green beans to enjoy over the winter months. It didn't make any sense to wait for winter so I ate them as soon as they were ready to pick. I love gardening! I harvested the cucumbers, yellow



squash, zucchini and tomatoes. Sometimes I would sneak a zucchini in on my last trip out for the evening so I would have a midnight snack available.

I love to play tug and wrestle with

Gracie and Emma. We are all the best of friends and we often have an extra pup around because we are a foster home for GRRoW. I have learned a lot of fun new tricks from the foster dogs. Basil-Grace taught me how to counter surf and take pillows off the chairs if there aren't any tug toys available (pillows have a lot of stuffing and the goose down is like an instant snow storm!). Isaac's secret to life was to have a good attitude about everything and good things will happen. Rosie's was a magician – she stared at food for a long time and really tasty things would fall into the bowl. Bailey showed me how to sneak clothes out of the laundry basket and get a game of tag going. This was great fun if all four of us had something in our mouths and a human felt the need to get involved.

We have a large back yard and there is always some kind of critter to follow around. I could never catch a chipmunk or a squirrel but it is still fun to try. The fish are a bit of a challenge to

get a hold of, and I've decided they may not be so much fun to play with so I just watch them. I often succeed in finding something gross and stinky to roll in after I have had a bath to get rid of that pretty girl smell. Yes, I am still a bit on the sassy side!

Hope life is well for you,

Shelby

Red 09-095

What a gentleman. Red is such a mellow, sweet hearted dog. He has some eyesight and hearing issues, but once he started exercise and glucosamine he has stamina that puts me to shame. In September, my 14 year old mixed Lab passed away and my younger dog was pretty lost without him. Dylan had dietary and medical issues the last few years of his life, so it felt like a big hole in all of our lives when he was gone.

Then Lisa called me on a Sunday morning in November and we went to meet Red. My 7 year old yellow Golden (Skylar) loves and caters to him. The two are really funny together, playing and vying for the same toy. Out of so many toys why is it always just one that is the toy du jour? But not one grumble between them, just smiles and "huffs." Red gets very focused on toy tossing and sometimes he acts like his life depends on



it, but I guess that's just a Golden. He follows me around and patiently waits for me when I am in other rooms or the basement. What a good boy. I feel very blessed to have Red in my home. The cats enjoy him, as much as a cat can enjoy a dog and he fits in seamlessly. I will probably never have such an easy time with a new dog.

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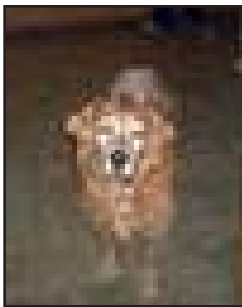
Having Red in my life has shown me that I would like to foster the old ones and/or care for hospice Golden Retrievers. I feel like that would be something I would be good at and my house is very dog friendly. No steps on the main floor and a nice fenced in yard. My Skylar boy is very "nurse" and took a deaf dog under his wing a few years ago. He caught right on. How he allows Red to be front and center in a way that I know is not an alpha thing is heartwarming to watch. He loves the old guy too.

Thanks to Lisa Rosenau for many e-mails and advice and for Colleen Fleming for the foster training and kind words of encouragement. I am grateful. Thanks also to all members of GRRoW and all they do especially at times when they might feel overwhelmed or unappreciated. THAT is the true meaning of rescue and I am proud to be a part of your group and hope to get to know many more of you.

Cory in Milwaukee

Dollyann

Just a note to update you on Dollyann (adopted through GRRoW in June 2003: her story is in archive for 2003). She is happy and healthy. Although we had a scare



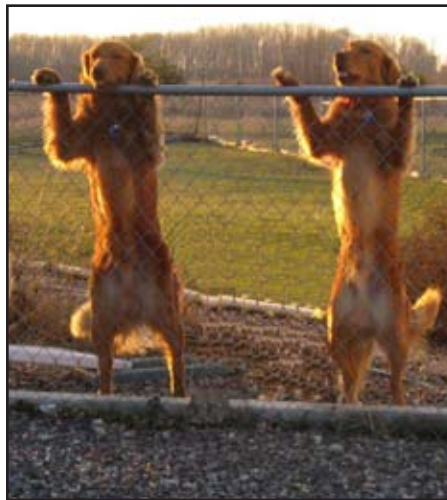
two years ago with a splenic node rupture, our fabulous vet, Dr. Fellenz at Family Pet Clinic, fixed her right up and she continues to be our energetic and loving girl. She's a wonderful companion to her sister Golden Emma. I am forever grateful to GRRoW for Dolly and will contact you in the future whenever room becomes available again in my home for another friend.

Many thanks, Kim in Wauwatosa

AJ & Willie

Meet AJ & Willie, GRRoW's twins. They lived outside their whole lives before being rescued. They came to us with Lyme's disease and ringworm. The ringworm was gone after being treated a couple of days and the Lyme's will never go away. They will have to be monitored every six months. They weren't familiar with living in a home.

The first rule of order was potty outside. The first few days we were using the command every fifteen minutes. I then taught them to come, stay, sit, down, off, shake and give me five!! It was easier than what it sounds. I used our personal Golden Retrievers to help teach them the commands. AJ & Willie wanted the same praise that our personal dogs were getting!!! It worked out sweet!! It most certainly helped that these boys are intelligent. I also taught them to drop the treasure (sticks from the bushes that they are pruning). They drop their treasures or they know they cannot come in. They have received all of their shots, were neutered and micro chipped. AJ also had ear infections when he came to us. The infections have flared up again. Willie came down with kennel cough after being at a pet expo in Milwaukee. He was put on antibiotics and the cough cleared fast. They run like Red Wolves in the snow, they love it!! They are a joy to have around!! We call them our "little Red Monkeys." That is the way they act sometimes. They jump around and flip in the air!! It's funny to see.



AJ & Willie have been on several home visits to get them socialized with other people and pets. They didn't know how to go down the stairs, so we taught them. They no longer get car sick with all the rides they have taken. I took them to the car wash with me the day of the Milwaukee pet expo, when the sprayer came around to the back of the truck they played duck, duck goose. It was hilarious! If only I had a video camera. On a home visit in Oshkosh a couple that had a Golden in their vehicle pulled up next to me in their vehicle on the road and read my "Golden Retriever Rescue Transport" magnet and honked

at me a few times, when I looked over at them, she was smiling and gave me thumbs up. I smiled and gave her a thumbs up back.

Written in loving memory of our sweet Candie, an Ambassador of GRRoW.

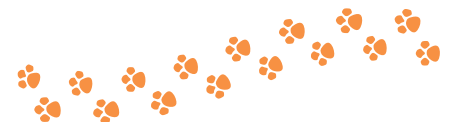
Gary Hendricks

Lucky



October 18, 2009 we received a welcome addition to our family. His name is Lucky. Lucky has fit right in with our family. He is two years old and full of fun energy. I think he really enjoyed Christmas with our family. Lucky spends a lot of time outside with my two sons, Austin 11 and Ryan 8. He is such a pleasure to have in our lives. Thank you GRRoW for such a wonderful experience. We really enjoyed working with your organization and we will definitely recommend your organization to family and friends. We surely are "Lucky" to have such a wonderful new family member.

The C Family



"Dogs are miracles with paws."

~Attributed to Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy

in loving memory...

A Tribute to Goldie (02-067) and GRRoW by Deb & Fred Lukasik

Goldie was adopted April 19, 2002. She went to the Rainbow Bridge March 2, 2010.



Early 2002: Go get another dog! Everyone is telling us to get another dog to teach our 1-year-old male, adolescent, jerk puppy (Lazer) some manners. Maybe? I wander into the local pet store and see a poster for GRRoW. What's GRRoW? A rescue for Golden Retrievers. Why on earth would

Golden Retrievers need rescuing? They are awesome dogs, except for our current dog. That's what we get for looking for another high energy field Golden. We research GRRoW and it breaks our heart to see all those Golden Retrievers on the website that need homes. How can anyone give up a Golden?

Look! They need volunteers; I've always wanted to work with people and dogs. Maybe this is the volunteer work we are looking for. We filled out an adoption and volunteer application. What the heck is a Meet & Greet? We had a home visit, learned about the matching process. Boy this group is picky! But we feel good and trust them.

We just adored our home visit people. They were fun and knowledgeable and we are really excited to get involved. We come back from our dream vacation of a lifetime to a message on the answering machine. They got a match for us and Lazer! How exciting. The meeting went really well and then Lazer showed his true colors and tried pushing around this short, beautiful red-head. Ha! That was a mistake. If dogs could talk, boy did she give him a talking to about putting his head over her shoulder and acting, well, inappropriately! About 5 seconds of her "talking" to him sent him scrambling for his woobie and he went to lie down on his blanket and began to rock himself and suck on the woobie. Hmmm.



Everyone was right. Maybe we needed a female dog in the house.

Two days later, after the mandatory wait period, Goldie moved in. Boy, did she move in! Every squeaky toy was destroyed in a manner of minutes and she did a lot of "talking" to Lazer over the course of the next several months, well actually next 8 years. Goldie loved to swim, roll in the smelliest stuff you could imagine and chase



tennis balls. Goldie used to live in an outdoor kennel before coming in to GRRoW. When she moved in with us, she took on several important jobs. Other than "talking" to Lazer, she decided her job was to make sure the living room sofa was secure. Of course someone needs to make sure that while Mom and Dad are at work, no one comes in to steal the sofa. There used to be rules - no dogs on the furniture, but Goldie changed that rule quickly. Goldie took some obedience classes for fun, attained her therapy dog title, did hospice visits and was the peacekeeper in our household. You see, Goldie had to teach two more Golden "boys" manners (Dallas & Bones). Goldie did not only teach the "boys," she also taught us a wealth of information. We learned about chronic ear infections and food-related dog allergies. Goldie got us out at those Meet & Greets and Fundraising events and we met many wonderful Golden Retrievers and volunteers. Goldie got us hooked on GRRoW's mission statement.

Thank you GRRoW, for making that perfect match for us, not only with Goldie, but for hooking us on GRRoW's mission. With Goldie in our lives, we became very knowledgeable dog owners because of GRRoW. Goldie will be greatly missed by us and the "boys." Goldie went to the bridge suddenly

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Beau	09-124	The D Family	Lily	09-081	The Z Family	Abe	09-065	The F & W Family	Roxie	09-078	The F Family
Brody	09-116	The F Family	Marley	09-099	The G Family	Bailey	09-109SN	The S & R Family	Brewer	09-102SN	The O Family
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and unexpected (most likely a hemangiosarcoma rupture). She was such a tough cookie (you got to be when living with all those boy dogs) that she never let anyone know she had cancer. There were no signs until she collapsed with her entire family in the same room where she met our family 8 years ago. Goldie would have been 12 years old on April 19. She went to the bridge to pave the way so our other Golden with cancer is not scared when it is his turn to cross the Rainbow Bridge in the near future. God bless GRRoW for the wonderful work the volunteers have done and continue to do for the Golden who desperately need a second chance at a new life.

Lazer Lukasik

1/24/2001 to 3/10/2010

What a cute 7-week-old puppy! He's feisty, friendly and picked us. We can describe him in one word, "ATTITUDE." On the ride home, he showed us his vocal abilities. Upon arrival home, he charged up a set of stairs (we were told he had no clue what stairs were), jumped on our cat, sat down, stuck out his little chest and surveyed

"his" kingdom. That aggressive 7-week-old puppy, recommended for euthanization, turned into our soulmate dog. Thus began the wonderful 9-year journey together that changed our lives forever. Lazer's attitude was all about controlling us and his environment. We found a trainer to help us because we loved our little puppy and promised we would do right by him. We found out that he was not your ordinary "Air Bud"



but a working Golden that needed a job. We were inexperienced with this type of dog and became involved in obedience which later led to becoming an instructor, and becoming hooked on dog behavior. Once we got him (actually us) on the right track, he received his Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog title, Rally and Companion Dog Obedience Titles. Because of his never-ending drive and Fred's interest in Search and Recovery, Lazer and Fred became a certified SAR

Cavader team. He was smart, athletic, quick learner, pushy and enthusiastic. We learned he was a "wanna be" pack leader and Goldie (whom we adopted from GRRoW) kept



him in line. In Fall 2009, he became quite ill, was diagnosed with lymphoma and wasn't given long to live. He defied the odds for 6 months and had "Attitude" until he crossed The Bridge. We were right in our gut feeling that Goldie went to the bridge before him to be there for him. Someone had to be there to keep his attitude in line. Lazer lost his battle with cancer 8 days after Goldie went to the bridge.

A special thank you goes out to all our GRRoW friends & family who helped and supported us losing two golden in 8 days to cancer. You all know that we will be there for you should the need arise. ~ Deb & Fred Lukasik



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