

Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

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Hello, and thank you for your interest in volunteering for GRRoW! As you can imagine, a rescue organization like ours relies on the time and talents of many, many volunteers, and we're always eager to welcome new Golden Lovers to our group! There are a number of volunteer opportunities that members can help with. Below are some of the volunteer opportunities currently available. If you have special talents or ideas for helping that are not included below, please let us know what you'd like to do.

Assessment

This is the initial evaluation of a dog before it is brought into our program. Training is required.

Foster Care

Foster families provide temporary care for rescued Golden Retrievers who have been accepted by GRRoW. Foster family responsibilities include obtaining necessary veterinary care (all veterinary costs are covered by GRRoW), providing a loving family environment for their foster dog, providing basic manners training when necessary, and working with Placement to find the perfect Adoptive Family match for their foster dog. Dogs are usually in foster care approximately two weeks, longer if medical or behavioral issues are involved that need to be addressed before placement. As a foster family, you decide when and which dogs you are willing to foster - many foster families have preferences (i.e., age, sex, etc.), and that's just fine! Foster training and a special release form are required.

Transport

Transport volunteers provide transportation (and occasionally overnight foster if necessary) for rescue Golden Retrievers who are on their way from a surrendered home or shelter to their foster home, or maybe on their way from their foster home to their new Adoptive home! Many of our transport needs are short (under 100 miles), others are across the country - in which case we make use of transport volunteers from many states, putting together what we call a CUR (canine underground railroad) run!

Home Visits

Home Visit volunteers provide home visits to Adoptive Applicants as a part of GRRoW's approval process. During home visits, our volunteers spend time getting to know the family, discussing their home environment and expectations, and assessing the safety and comfort of the home for placement of a rescue Golden Retriever. The family's preferences and restrictions are discussed, in order to help Placement and Foster Families make appropriate decisions regarding the placement of our Golden Retrievers. This requires that you have a dog of your own to bring along when making a visit.

Fundraising/Events

Come help us grow! To be able to meet the financial needs of the dogs we rescue we need to do many fund-raising events. We also need to be at as many dog shows and pet events as possible to get our information out to the public. You can help by assisting with a fundraising event; or attending a Meet & Greet or Pet Fair to educate the public about Golden Retrievers and what rescue is all about.



In addition to the opportunities listed above, we need your help or special talents in other volunteer activities such as graphic arts and clerical support for making brochures, photography, and public relations. We'd love to have your help in one or all of the areas listed above, and we'd love to know if you have other special talents that you'd like to share with us! Please fill out the Volunteer Application if you are interested so that we can get you started!