

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS

goofy gus (06-088) by Mary Helinski



Gus came to me as a temp foster and two months later I put him on a plane to Florida. Those were two very long months as the 7-month-old, scrawny sweetheart I saw at the assessment was actually a puppy on steroids! He was surrendered

because of chronic diarrhea which he had had on and off for two months, and never had again once he got to my house. The problem was complete boredom. He was crated for 8 hours during the workday and again at night. This is not a bad thing for all dogs, but for an extreme high energy dog that needed a job, it literally made him sick.

Of course, there was a down side to not crating him all the time. He would find all kinds of things in what I thought was a puppy-proofed house and make me chase him all around the house to get them back. Boy, was he quick! The small stuff he would swallow right about the time he was cornered. I will never forget that look of complete and utter pride he wore as "it" went down his throat. "Fair trade" took on a new meaning in my house, but then he figured out that if he picked up a decoy, he would get a treat AND be able to get what he really wanted when I took the first object away. Talk about smart.

From day one, he kept up with my own two high energy dogs on our daily 5-mile morning runs. He learned to



wrestle with Buddy and Chance as well, and as he gained weight and grew like a weed, the three of them would tag team for the rest of the day. He would also play with the cat. I just couldn't tire this guy out. He did have his bewitching hour around 7 or 8 at night, when he was completely



exhausted and crabby, so he did get crated for about an hour or two, which he did

without problem. He was just like a kid refusing to take a nap that's sorely needed.

He would pick up and carry anything he could find; sticks, cans, bottles, bags, and even someone's cane. At the GRRoW Halloween party, he went nuts over lure coursing. He chased it around the outside of the fence while all the other dogs had their turn and I had to forcefully drag him away so he didn't hurt himself. When he finally got his turn, he just couldn't get enough. It was obvious this dog would not be happy just as the family pet.

GRRoW decided to test him for the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association (NNDDA) and he appeared to be just what they were looking for. On 20 Nov, he flew to Titusville, Florida for intensive training in drug detection. As a 9-month old, he still liked to play the steal and chase game, but was a natural for detection. He also learned a new game to play to pass the time – pulling out the grass in the yard. On 18 Dec, he headed off



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To discourage unwanted or careless breeding practices and promote care for all dogs.

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golden retriever rescue – the health, conscience & barometer of the breed

by Shereen D. Farber, PhD, OTR, FAOTA



Introduction: This column is dedicated to Miles Farber, our wonderful rescue Golden, adopted at age 12, Thanksgiving, 2000. We hoped to give him a happy year or so before he left for the Bridge. He died at approximately 17 years of age, November, 2005.

During the past year, while I was on a health leave-of-absence, the Gulf Coast of the United States experienced two catastrophic weather events, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These hurricanes highlighted the outstanding work of many animal rescue organizations that rarely receive the recognition they deserve. During these weather emergencies, puppy mill seizures and like events, people come out of the woodwork to help endangered and abandoned animals, but then go back to their lack of participation in rescue. Unfortunately, we have catastrophic numbers of rescues even during non-emergencies and not enough volunteers and resources to help all that need our assistance.

After a number of years of personal involvement with Golden Retriever rescues, I concluded that by examining the dogs surrendered or referred to rescue organizations, we can learn much about the status of our breed's health. This column will explore the "ideal" relationship that should occur between the Golden fancy and the weary volunteers staffing our rescues around the country to fully improve the overall health

status of our breed.

Where Do Rescue Dogs Come From?

Rescue dogs come from many sources including puppy mills, backyard breeders, pet stores, negligent owners, shelters, and surprisingly from respected breeders. Even when responsible breeders sell puppies with "first right of refusal" contracts, some pet owners do not honor the contract when things do not work out as expected with their puppy. These dogs are sometimes relinquished to rescues, re-sold or even abandoned instead of returning them to their breeders. On a yearly basis, 8,000 Golden Retrievers go through 100 rescue groups every year.

Relationships Between Local Golden Member Clubs and Their Corresponding Golden Retriever Rescues

Most often these two distinct types of canine organizations maintain separate boundaries because of not-for-profit tax status, but they should be interdependent philosophically. It is my belief that the Golden fancy and rescue personnel must work together if we are to take accurate and complete "vital signs" of our breed. It takes all members of the Golden community to effectively operate rescues and interpret the problems represented when dogs are relinquished. We need the breeders, the behavioral experts, all exhibitors in the various Golden venues, and the willing rescue community working together so that the maximum may be learned from these "re-cycled Golden Retrievers."

When Golden Retrievers are surrendered with their original papers, it is incumbent upon the rescues to attempt to contact the original breeders after complete intake interviews. This measure allows breeders to learn if:

- Their breeding stock produced genetic problems in a specific breeding they may not have learned about otherwise.
- Their breed stock produced a potential behavior problem.
- They did a good job of screening and educating prospective puppy buyers.

Of course, we cannot assume all problems in surrendered dogs are of genetic origin. We all have learned about nature/nurture issues. Certain behaviors might never occur in pups placed in appropriate environments but issues do emerge when pups are not properly socialized. That is why we need a community of Golden personnel to help assess and re-train these problem dogs. Not all breeders, for various reasons, are willing to take back surrendered dogs. At the minimum, the breeder unable to accept a returned dog should assist the rescue organization in finding a new home by supplying resources for this purpose. One who is responsible for producing a litter, should assume lifetime contact, if possible, with owners to ensure the best welfare of the breed.

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blastomycosis: what is it? *by Dr. Ron Beatty, DVM*

What is it?

The name Blastomycosis may not sound familiar. Veterinarians know it well. It's a fungus that commonly infects dogs and some people in Wisconsin. Left untreated, it can easily kill.

Where does it come from?

This fungus grows in the soil and releases spores to reproduce itself. Blastomycosis does prefer a specific soil type, though. It generally grows well in moist organic laden soil. The state mecca for infection is around the Eagle River area in northern Wisconsin. Marshlands and woodlands in other areas of Wisconsin may also have the fungus, too. Ironically, we can see it occasionally contracted in urban areas. There it can be associated with construction where the earth has



Blastomycosis warning sign next to a Beaver lodge. (U.W. School of Veterinary Medicine)

been excavated and spores have been released into the air. There may not even be evidence of the typical moist environment the fungus prefers. Apparently, spores can be locked away and dormant in the soil for a long time. During 2006, in Oak Creek a suburb of Milwaukee there were a significant number of dogs that were reported to be infected. These dogs did not have any history of going up north. Unfortunately, there is no good test to detect its presence in soil and no way to eliminate it from the soil.

What kinds of pets get it?

Large breed male dogs seem to be most predisposed. It is not known exactly why this happens. We know that cats rarely get it.

How does it infect dogs?

Dogs inhale the spores. The fungus infects the lungs and can disseminate to the rest of the body. After the lungs, it may infect the central nervous system, eyes, skin, bone or other areas. Veterinarians most often see it in urban dogs that have vacationed or spent a weekend with their family in northern Wisconsin—with the above noted exceptions.

How do vets diagnose it?

A vet must piece together various forms of evidence to form a diagnosis. There is no one good

test. We have to ask lots of questions: Where has this dog been and what is his lifestyle? Does he have skin lesions, coughing or other lung signs, lameness, fever, eye problems, enlarged lymph nodes or central nervous system issues? Does examination of skin discharge under the microscope show the fungus? Do chest x-rays or radiographs suggest infection? Unfortunately, there isn't a reliable specific blood test for diagnosis. A blood test can sometimes be helpful, but not definitive. Many symptoms of Blastomycosis infection suggest totally different diseases, as well. Real medical diagnoses are not as easy as they appear on television. Now you understand why it can be challenging, costly and time consuming for a veterinarian to diagnose a dog!

What is the treatment for dogs?

The treatment is long and expensive. This is the nature of treating many types of fungi. Since this is not a bacterial but a fungal infection, antibiotics are not used. Among antifungal drugs, oral Itraconazole is preferred because of its safety record in animals. Dog owners have to often give

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Breeders can also assist rescues by donating or even loaning needed supplies, whelping litters or consulting with rescue personnel during the whelping process. They can also volunteer to demonstrate grooming procedures to novice rescue volunteers, and help by raising public awareness of rescue as an adoption option for those buyers interested in having an adult dog instead of a pup. Fund raising is an area that needs all of our help.

Breeders are encouraged to go to the GRCA website and learn more about Golden rescue by consulting the National Rescue Committee's individual web page. (www.grca-nrc.org/) Golden rescue organizations around the country are listed with contact information. The GRCA's

National Rescue Committee serves as a liaison between rescue organizations, helping them to find resources and information through personal contact, via its column in the Golden Retriever News and by detailed information on its website. Another organization that provides funding for rescues is The Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund. (www.grf.org) Donations to this fund are happily accepted and are well utilized. A third organization, The Goldstock Fund supplies all-breed rescue funding, but its Golden Med Fund serves the Golden Retriever rescue community exclusively. (www.goldstockfund.org)

Conclusion

I loved having a rescue dog in my home. He was a constant reminder that tight line breeding produces a high coefficient of inbreeding (COI), thus standardizing appearance in conformation

(type), but perhaps reducing longevity due to reduced efficiency of the immune system. My poor Miles looked like he received a spare part from every casual hobby breeder in the country, yet he had true Golden temperament until he died at 17. He could barely see, hear or walk when we got him, yet he won the heart of all who came to my home. There is no "I" in the word rescue because it takes all of us to make it work. We all must monitor our breed and be responsible for the care of the lost, rejected, abused Golden Retriever. No one loves the breed more than those who care for others' Golden until they go home to the Bridge. Even during "good" times, rescues need our help.

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the medication for many months. The overall outlook for a dog's future depends on where and how extensively the fungus has spread. Mild lung involvement without spread to other organs indicates a good outlook. Most of these dogs live



Skin lesion on a paw.
(U.W. School of Veterinary Medicine)

with treatment. If there is central nervous system infection, more severe lung disease, or eye involvement, the outlook is poor. Even with treatment most dogs in this group will die. In either scenario, treatment takes real commitment from a dog's owners and his vet.

Can this disease be prevented?

Unfortunately, there is no vaccination made that can protect dogs. Avoidance is the best prevention. Fortunately, there are some areas up north that have posted warnings or are known to be dangerous by local residents. You can also contact the local health department for specific information on locating these areas. Blastomycosis in urban construction sites can pop up without warning, so avoidance there is not always possible.

My dog has Blastomycosis. Is it contagious to me or other members of my family?

No. People virtually cannot contract it from an infected pet.

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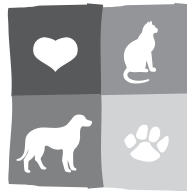
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to meet his designated police handler and become part of the Chemung County, New York Sheriff's office. They bonded instantly and over the next two days of training/testing, in 20 hides, over all four narcotics odors, the team found 18 with ease. According to the certifier, this is better than expected for a new team. Gus and handler are currently working to get New York certification in the next several weeks and then will be back in Florida in January to get NNDDA and North American Police Work Dog Association certification. So, although this is not a normal avenue for GRRoW dogs, there are always those special dogs that thrive and need this kind of job. Gus is one of those and I am so proud to have found the right life for him to focus that unbounded energy and drive of his for a wonderful purpose.



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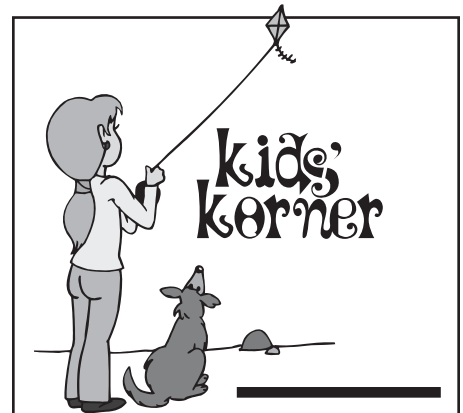
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Sophie and Red

Sophie, a 10-year-old girl, and her family adopted Red, a GRRoW dog. During the holiday season, Sophie coordinated a fundraiser for GRRoW at her father's office. She made all sorts of dog treats, cat treats, dog cookies and dog muffins. She also sells pillows and blankets made with 'animal fabric', and hand-crafted greeting cards. She also has 'human cookies' that she's trading to people in exchange for them telling her an animal story. It's great to see her initiative and enthusiasm for this. St. Nick gave her a gift card for Jo Anne Fabrics and she cashed it in to do this fundraiser! She is also doing a great job training Red all on her own! As of Jan. 11, Sophie raised \$130 for GRRoW. Thanks so much Sophie for your great efforts!



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5th Annual Tails on Trails Dog Walk *by Kim Kreimann*

October 21, 2006

New Beginnings Make Happy Endings, this year's dog walk theme had living proof at the dog walk. Some of this year's special needs dogs – Emmy, Comet, Jake and Sandy – were present and led the walk. It's likely that none of these dogs would be alive today if GRRoW had not stepped in and helped them by giving them the care they needed. It's great to see all the former foster dogs who are happy with their new families.

Not even the cold and rain could ruin the warm feeling when seeing a dog like Comet, who was painfully thin at the time of rescue, now filled out, healthy and happy to be there.

The day was cold and rainy, but thankfully the rain held off during the actual walk. The event was held at the Lapham Peak Unit of Southern Kettle Moraine in Delafield. Walkers covered two miles on the gently rolling trail and ended the



walk with a lunch of hotdogs and brats, coffee, soda and hot cocoa. Several vendors braved the poor weather conditions as did WISARK9 Search and Recovery group, who provided a great demo on search work.

GRRoW managed to make \$6,290.60 after costs despite the poor weather conditions. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the walk – Jeanne Rufflo, Dianne Fitting, Fred & Deb Lukasik,



Erin Zander, Mary Helinski, Dawn Christianson, Todd and Kim Kreimann, Heidi Zich, Tammera Doering, Shayla Wilmarth-Pahl, Barb Egan, Scott & Nancy Miller, Teri Hoepfner, Cheryl Krueger, Betsy Sande, Sarah Toshner

& Karen Stapleton. A special thank you also to our top pledge collectors Cary Potrykus and Jack Hock who collected \$1,071 plus donated four Packer tickets to be auctioned off.

Thanks also to the following companies and individuals who contributed to the event: American TV – Madison, Amiable Dog Training, Dawn Christenson, Club Bow Wow – Madison, Companion's Rest Pet Cemetery, Dr. Fosters & Smith, Hallbark Gourmet Cards for Dogs, Jack Hock, Madtown Critter Sitters, Marcus Theaters, Pampered Chef (Colleen Boehm), Pet Lane (Linda Franzblau), Petco, Petlicious Dog Bakery and Pet Spa, Pick-N-Save – Muskego, Carrie Potrykus, Tammy Pozayt Artist, Purina, Reuben's County Market – Hartford, Sam's Club – Madison, Sentry – Oconomowoc, Karen Stapleton, Walmart – Madison, and WI Search and Recovery.

If you are interested in helping plan the 6th Annual Tails on Trails Dog Walk please contact Kim Kreimann @ k9house1@juno.com



Howl-o-Ween Party *by Ali Stapp*

November 11, 2006

The GRRoW/WISARK9 Howl-o-Ween Party was a huge success, and we want to thank everyone who helped out and attended. Partnering with WISARK9 was delightful. Their volunteers worked hard preparing and serving lunch, running the bake sale and presenting the SAR demo. They, and their canines, were terrific.

There were so many cute K9 costumes and several people donned fun Halloween duds as well. It appeared as though having a Halloween theme for this annual party was a delight to many. However, we'd like YOUR opinion regarding the Annual Party. Would you prefer something different? Do you have any suggestions for future



themes? Your feedback is important to us, and we'd like to hear from you about future get-togethers. Please email Ali Stapp at gldnbud@charter.net.

Many volunteers pitched in to help during the party and at clean-up time and they are listed below. Our apologies if your name is missing.

Set up/decorating crews (some volunteers came Friday night as well as Saturday morning) Cheryl Krueger, Mary Helinski, Sue Schultz, Deb Lukasik, Alex Koegel, Betsy Sande, Erin Zander, Heidi Zich, Rachel Reiman. **Volunteers who helped with registration, other activities and/or clean-up.** All of the above, plus Lisa Hilgart for advance registration, Barb Egan, Dawn Christenson, Jeanne Rufflo, Shayla Willmarth, Mackenzie Pahl, Scott Pahl, Sylvia Sippel, Karen Stapleton. **Raffle** Kim Kreimann's charming nieces, Jenna and Hannah, helped by drawing raffle tickets as did another little lovely gal whose name I do not have. **CGC**

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in loving memory...



Buddy's Story



Buddy came to us after being tied to a tree in someone's back yard. He had been there for almost a year. The neighbor rescued him and contacted GRRoW. He was on a 6-foot leash and had no shelter. Buddy was 13.5 years old.

We picked him up in Fond Du Lac on a rainy evening. He was dirty and smelled bad. When Buddy got to our home, we gave him a long bath and sat up with him until he fell asleep. Buddy was very nice and got along well with our other dogs Jake, Sara and Squiggles. After we took him to the vet and got enough happy pills into him, he would run around the back yard with the other dogs and roll in the grass.

Hide and seek with Buddy was a lot of fun. Buddy would follow us around, and when we would step to the side he would pass us by. (He had a bit of trouble seeing) He would then stop and start looking for us. After he figured out

where we were he would gallop over greeting us as if we had been missing all day.

We took Buddy everywhere we went. He went to GRRoW events to be petted by anyone who would come by. He went to search and rescue training to hang out and to be petted and spend the day out.

On the Sunday before Buddy's final day, a bad storm rolled into the Milwaukee area. I sat up with him until 2am holding him on my lap comforting him as lightning flashed and thunder cracked outside of the house. He was so very scared. I was back up at 4am when more storms came in again. Buddy managed to sleep through the second storm. On Monday, Cathy spent the evening with Buddy. He would not go to sleep. Cathy laid on the couch with Buddy until he fell asleep.

On Tuesday morning Buddy was sleeping in the room he liked best curled up in a blanket. When we came home for lunch Buddy was having some trouble getting around. I thought he had been sleeping too long and was a bit stiff. However, when we got home Buddy was alert except he would lose his balance and fall down. We called Dr. Ron Beatty from My Pets Vet and he had us come right over. Buddy kept getting worse. After looking Buddy over the decision was made to do what would be best for Buddy. The vet left

the room and we spent some more time with Buddy. I found a bag of gourmet dog treats and poured them all over the floor for Buddy to eat. (They may end up on the bill) Buddy was given a sedative and slept peacefully no more labored breathing just a nice quiet sleep. We sat and watched Buddy sleep for a long time it was nice to see the old guy resting comfortably.

On our way to Algoma we stopped and purchased Buddy 2 fleece blankets to keep him warm and a new woobie for him to play with. Russ was waiting for us when we arrived to put Buddy in his final resting place. We placed a blanket in his spot. Buddy was placed facing the east, as he liked to watch the sunrise and spend his day in the warm sun. When Buddy was covered with his second blanket lightning struck close by and the sky started to weep for him.

On Wednesday morning, I had to clean out the truck before I went to work. Jake and Sara got Buddy's scent off the blanket used to transport Buddy to his final resting place. They both ran past me to the door and waited eagerly for Buddy to come in from the garage. I was so heart broken to have to pull those two dogs away from the door knowing Buddy would never come through it again and be greeted by them. Buddy will truly be missed he touched our hearts deeply.

Terry and Cathy

paws for applause...



At left: GRRoW Volunteers Terry Brlecic and his Golden Sara and Jake and Fred Lukasik and his Golden Lazer have recently been certified as land and water cadaver teams with National Narcotics Detector Dog Association. Both Terry and Fred are also involved in Wisconsin Interstate Search & Recovery K9 Team.

At near right: Cheryl Baewer's Bailey placed first in the Novice A division at the Waukesha meet.

At far right: Deb Lukasik's Dallas earned his Rally Novice title



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Testing and Dog Games An extra thumbs up for both Deb Lukasik (CGC Testing) and Mary Helinski. There was good turnout and it looked as though the humans and K9s had a blast.

Special thanks to Jim Perry for doing the lure coursing and to the WISARK9 Team for all of their hard work and for their SAR Demo.

Twin Cities Pet Expo

Feb. 17 & 18, 2007 (times to be posted later) (GRRoW's 4th year at this expo!) Minneapolis Convention Center; 1 301 Second Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN; Chairperson: Ali Stap, gldnbud@charter.net

Bow Wow Bash

March 10, 2007

Ticket price includes a live band and buffet. There will also be a silent auction and raffle baskets. All proceeds will be split 50/50 after expenses. To purchase tickets (\$15 each), contact Deb Lukasik or Terry Brlecic. Tickets also available at the door. See page 8 for more details.

Heartworm Testing Fundraiser

April 15, 2007, 1:00-3:00PM

1015 W Riverview Drive, Glendale, WI
Dr. Sue from Tender Touch Veterinary Care will conduct heartworm tests for GRRoW. The cost per dog is \$25 with \$15 going to GRRoW. She will also will have the Snap test (Lyme and

Erychliea) available for \$40 with \$15 going to GRRoW. Frontline, Advantix, Heartgard, Intercept and Sentiel are also available with a portion of those costs going to GRRoW. For more information contact Dr. Sue at 262-673-2900 or Dawn Christenson at dgoldens3@aol.com.

Pictures from the Mukwonago Midnight Magic Christmas Parade

December 2, 2006



i think my dog was abused *by Kate Schoepke*

Many people adopt a new dog and come to the assumption that their dog was previously abused. The dog may cower in fear of people or objects, tuck his tail between his legs and slink around, he may urinate upon greeting new people, roll onto his back or even whimper or shy around fast movements. As a behaviorist I hear this assumption from new clients every day. However, most of the time this assumption is actually incorrect!

Only handful of these overly shy dogs were truly abused. For the most part, it is either their genetics at work or the fact that they were improperly socialized during puppyhood. Some dogs are genetically predisposed to slink, cower and submissively urinate. If you met their parents, you may notice that one or both of the parents tends to be on the shy and fearful side as well. These characteristics do carry through to the offspring. However, even though they are predisposed to these behaviors it is very possible to help train them to become more confident dogs. While we can't necessarily "cure" these dogs, we can make dramatic improvements.

Another potential reason a dog may display these "abused" behaviors is simply lack of socialization and confidence. These dogs may have been sheltered as puppies and never taken out to experience new people and things. Once they start being introduced to new experiences the dog may view them as frightening as opposed to exciting. Combine this with a predisposition

to shyness and...voila! A seemingly abused dog is born! Trainers and behaviorists encourage proper socialization as puppies to prevent these kinds of problems. Most behavioral problems can be prevented with proper training and socialization from the beginning of a dog's life.

Some dogs may display the "abused" behaviors because they may have been pushed past their comfort level in the past in certain situations. For instance, a dog that is pushed to fast to accept petting from a stranger and became fearful of that stranger may now associate all new people with fear. This will give a new person the impression when they reach for your dog and she tucks her ears, cowers down and rolls on her back that your dog has been abused. In reality, this dog sees the stranger and becomes fearful so she will display her submissive body language to prevent antagonizing this "scary" new person.

Many dogs with shyness and fear issues can begin to display fear aggression. They may begin to bite or snarl at things that frighten them. It is very important to get these issues resolved before they turn into fear aggression. Working with a knowledgeable trainer with these fearful dogs is imperative. A trained eye is needed to help you determine the true triggers your dog is experiencing. He or she can help you come up with a detailed training program to start building confidence in your dog. Once your dog begins building confidence and learning how to handle the environments around him he will start behav-

ing less "abused". He will start to act excited vs. scared around new people and situations. He can be trained and desensitized to fast movements and loud noises. He can learn that by sitting calmly when a stranger reaches for his head gets him treats and praise. Using positive motivational training is extremely important. All negative or "harsh" training methods must be entirely avoided with these sensitive dogs. We strive to build trust, confidence and charisma.

I also want to add, for the people who's dogs were truly abused, my training protocol does not differ. Although I always feel bad for a dog who experienced abuse in the past, I make it clear to my clients and to the dog that I will not allow that to be an excuse. Excuses do not help your dog become more secure and balanced. It should be known that any dog displaying these "abused" symptoms is NOT a healthy, secure and happy dog. He is unbalanced and can not be happy with the amount of anxiety he carries around. Excuses only allow unacceptable behavior to continue out of sympathy. So, regardless of whether your dog only acts abused or was truly abused...he or she can be helped! So if you are reading this article and thinking...hey, that sounds like my dog! Call a trainer. Give your dog the security, balance and happiness he deserves. Your dog will thank you for it!



Kate Schoepke is the behaviorist on staff at My Pet's Vet in Mequon, Wisconsin.

goldens of the month

August

The youngsters who so desperately needed help and have come so far this month. They all deserve a big hug and an extra treat.



Maya
(Lisa Hilgart's Foster)
Maya overcame a not-so-great family and emergency surgery for her health issues.

Riley (Dr. Lois Kurschner's Foster)
He must really be part cat with all of the lives he has and for making it through hurricanes, buckshot, getting hit by a car and heartworm.



Jake
(The Kleinhan's Foster)
Jake kept his great disposition despite getting hit by a car.



Walker #1
(Dr. Sue's Foster Dog)
Walker has almost made it to the end of his long ordeal with a Golden smile and a wagging tail.



September

Kelly (The Kreimann's GRRoW Dog)
Kelly has been an ambassador for GRRoW for about 3 years or so at Meet & Greets, dog shows, pet fairs, etc. She was rescued from living in a garage and now has the luxury of living in golden paradise among many acres of pine trees. Kelly is also certified with Therapy Dogs International as a therapy dog and has done many therapy visits at nursing homes and schools. Kelly is always



willing to be petted at GRRoW events and is an excellent ambassador and example of the temperament of Golden Retrievers that come through GRRoW.



and which ones are not. She also helps the dogs who come in for Aqua Paws treadmill exercise by sitting right by the tank or crawl-

October

Kiki (the Canine Campus Cat)
Kiki, the test kitty, has risked life and tail many times as fosters are brought in to see if they are aggressive toward cats. Kiki has an uncanny ability to know which dogs are safe to approach

ing around the rim of the tank. I think this is a motivational technique; she is trying to show them if they work hard they will be able to chase cats again someday! Kiki was also kind enough to help raise funds for Emmy by sleeping in the basket of plush toys that all the donors had to choose from.

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 Kip 06-080 Robert & Jennifer Divney
 Neuville 06-083 Angela & David Patnode

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 Ginger #3 06-053 Cory & Julie Bunkelman

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 Rosie 06-067 Richard & JoAnn Adams
 Sadie 06-073 Toni & Bill Marchese
 Zoe 06-078 Delores Pokrup
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 Magoo 06-086SN Deborah & Lloyd Hess
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 Rusty 06-102 John & Moira Steffen

NOVEMBER 2006

Brandy 06-093 Joan Christensen
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Max #3 06-104 Sharyl & Ross Zeller
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DECEMBER 2006

Walker 06-035 Rachel Reiman
 Gus 06-088 Jan Schofield
 Maggie #4 06-092 Pam & Tom Morse
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Though we try to list all contributors, inevitably we may miss a few. If we've missed your name, we apologize. Please email us and we'll get it in the next newsletter.

sharon strege volunteers of the month

August

Mary Helinski (Lannon)

Mary Helinski is GRRoW volunteer of the month for August for traveling all over the state doing the assessment training. This took a lot of time and coordination. It also took a toll on her dogs, as they traveled with her and were used during the hands-on training.

September

Steph and Nick Boismenu (Rhineland)

Steph & Nick have always opened their home to the senior Golden Retrievers of GRRoW. They basically set up a GRRoW hospice center for our aged and failing seniors, spoil them and love them until they cross the Rainbow Bridge. Their recent dedication to GRRoW was apparent recently when they drove a sick little puppy, Maya, from Rhineland to Madison for emergency surgery in the middle of the night and stayed there until she came out of surgery.

October

Karen Stapleton (Delafield)

Karen became involved with GRRoW early on. She has proven to be a dedicated and energetic volunteer. She tends to do her magic behind the scenes so many may not know of all her gifts. Karen has a great deal of dog behavior knowledge. If there is a problem dog we have often asked Karen to consult on the plan to modify the behavior to help the dog be a more acceptable pet. She always makes her suggestions using gentle measures and really empowers the foster home to be successful. The way she deals with each volunteer is in a honest and no nonsense manner that makes you feel "yes I can do this!" She recently took on Dexter – a pup that was turned into rescue early in life due to his over zealous behavior. She now has this boy shaped up into the normal puppy antics. She has a great sense of humor that can break the tension of the most difficult situations. Karen has donated many hours giving AQUA Paws to GRRoW dogs. Besides the normal cost of this treatment she works with the foster home on a total rehab program. If I aspire to be like someone, she is very high on my list. We can all learn much from Karen. Her focus is always the dogs and what is best for them.



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Don't forget our fundraiser in March – BowWowBash. This event will be a way to meet fellow volunteers, support GRRoW and have a fun night out (humans only).

For more information on fundraising and the above events, visit www.grrow.org or contact Fundraising Coordinator Dawn Christenson at fundraising@grrow.org.

Great Lakes Pet Expo

Saturday, February 10
Milwaukee County Sports Complex
Franklin, WI
Contact Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

GRRoW Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 4
Western Waukesha County
Dog Training Center in Ixonia, WI
Contact bod@grrow.org

Bow Wow Bash (see ad page 8)

Saturday, March 10
Williams Supper Club in Muskego, WI
Live band, raffles, silent auction and buffet dinner
\$15 per person. Advanced tickets can be purchased
from Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

Badger Golden Retriever Specialty Dog Show

Friday & Saturday, March 2-3
Milwaukee County Sports Complex
Franklin, WI
Contact Deb Lukasik, deblukasik@wi.rr.com

WBAY Pet Expo

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 30-31 & April 1
Green Bay, WI
Contact Heidi Zich, hldldwg1@yahoo.com

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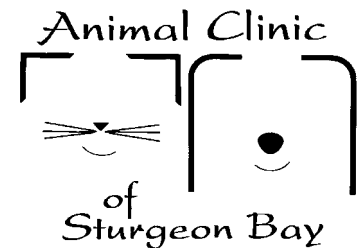
Saturday, June 16
Western Waukesha County
Dog Training Center in Ixonia, WI
Contact bod@grrow.org

Tails on Trails Dog Walk

Date: TBD
Contact Kim Kreimann, k9house1@juno.com

Fall GRRoW Event

Saturday, November 3
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