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SUMMER 2018



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by Kim Adams

President's Corner

2018 is looking to be an exciting year for GRRSM. In February, we successfully rescued five Golden Retrievers who were headed to the meat market in China. All five goldens are beautiful and have settled into their furever homes. GRRSM has also taken in three pups from Okinawa, two of whom were a bonded pair that GRRSM was able to keep together when a prior GRRSM adopter was interested in both pups. We have also rehomed several owner surrenders, who just did not have the time and space for a golden. We currently have two young pups in rescue that will soon be looking for their furever home.

We are ALWAYS searching for foster homes, short-term foster homes, transporters, home visitors, and event volunteers. We need your help to spread the word about GRRSM. Goldens still get surrendered to our local shelters, who will not work with us unless the dog needs medical or behavioral attention.

For the most up-to-date GRRSM news and events, remember to follow our Blog and Facebook Group. Thank you for your continued support of GRRSM. Without you we would not be able to continue saving lives.

I hope you and your pups have a fun and safe summer!

Upcoming Events



Dog Park Days

Saturday, May 12th @ 10AM

Grays Road Dog Park

2695 Grays Rd Prince Frederick, MD 20678



Beach Blast

Sunday, June 3rd @ 1PM

Save the Date for the GRRSM 2018 Beach Blast. Watch the Blog and Facebook for additional details.



SMAWL Pet Fair

Saturday, May 19th

GRRSM will be participating in the SMAWL Pet Fair held on Saturday, May 19th at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the table please contact Events Coordinator, Jean Huey (jahuey@md.metrocast.net).



Summer Online Auction Items Needed

To raise funds through the summer, we are once again holding a Facebook Online Auction during the month of July. If you'd like to donate an item please contact Kim Adams (kimjthomas18@yahoo.com) by July 1st. We will send you a thank-you note for your taxes. Examples of prior year items have included: all things dog related, quilts, bushel of crabs, paintings, purses, pool tables. We'll take anything new or gently used.

2018 Calendar Pictures Needed

If you are interested in having your pup in the 2019 Calendar please submit photos to Kim Adams (kimjthomas18@yahoo.com) by May 18th. Photos will be selected by the board at our May meeting. Main photos must include a dog adopted from GRRSM, but other dogs can be in the picture. Photos must be submitted in horizontal (landscape) orientation, digital images are required, and photos should be taken in the highest resolution possible. In your submission, please include the dogs' name. More guidelines can be found on the blog.



Frozen Dog Treats

Summer is the perfect time to make your pup some cool treats – and bonus – you can control the quality of ingredients! So, get out your blender and start creating some cool summer treats for your pup!

You can purchase paper ice cream cups off Amazon, use food grade cute dog themed molds, or even ice cube trays. Here are a few recipes to get you going:

Banana Ice Cream

- 3 ripe bananas
- 32 ounces plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 cup peanut butter (make sure it does not have xylitol)

Blend, pour the mixture into your container, and freeze

**You can also use blueberries, strawberries or pure pumpkin puree instead of bananas. You can also mix bananas and blueberries together.

Watermelon Freezy

- 1 cup watermelon, cubed
- 1 cup ice cubes

Blend watermelon and ice cubes until smooth. Then, fill mixture into your container. It can be eaten now or frozen for later. Can also be used to fill a Kong and then frozen.

Banana Chunks

Just cut bananas into chunks and freeze

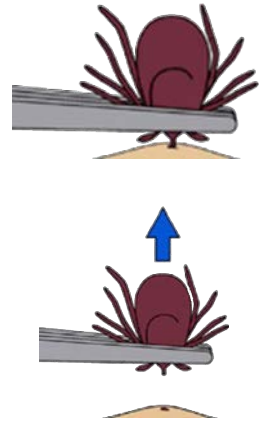
Removing Ticks

Ticks – ugh! Most tick-borne diseases are not transmitted immediately, so if you get ticks off your dog within 24 to 36 hours of a tick bite, he’s unlikely to get infected. But that means it’s really important to check your dog for ticks and remove them promptly. The most common diseases in our area are Lyme disease (deer tick or blacklegged tick) and Ehrlichiosis (lone star tick.)

DO’S and DON’Ts of removing a tick:

DO...use tweezers:

- Part your dog’s hair around the tick with your fingers
- Place the tweezers around the tick, as close as you can possibly get to the skin
- Don’t twist or jerk the tick
- Just pull gently upwards with steady hands, adding pressure until the tick lets you pull it away from the skin
- Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, iodine or soap and water
- Dispose of the tick by killing it in alcohol or flush it down the toilet



OR

DO...use a tick removal gadget. There are several on the market. I like the Tick Key and I keep one in several rooms of my house so it’s close at hand when I find a tick on myself or the pups.

- **DON’T**...remove ticks with your fingers.
- **DON’T**...squish or crush a tick. This can force infected body fluids through the tick’s mouth and increase the risk of infection for you and your dog
- **DON’T**...worry if the mouthpart of the tick stays in your dog’s skin. It can happen sometimes when they’re really well embedded. It’s a bit like having a splinter and it will fall out in a few days.
- **DON’T**...put substances like nail polish, Vaseline, or repellents on the tick to try to suffocate or kill it while it’s on your dog. This can cause the tick to vomit into your dog, increasing the possibility of infection
- **DON’T**...burn the tick with a lighted cigarette or hot match as these things can also cause vomiting or, worse, injure your dog.
- **DON’T**...dispose of the tick in your trashcan or sink as they can easily crawl back out.

DONT’s

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE FLEA CHECKLIST
Rid your home and dog of fleas naturally

Foster Pups

If you are interested in adopting or fostering please call 855.477.3728 or email contact@goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org to learn more.



Annie

Becky M and her family are fostering Annie, approximately 10 years old, who had a cancerous tumor removed and is heartworm positive. Because of her prognosis, we are deciding whether or not to treat her heartworms. According to Becky, "Annie is a very sweet old soul. She is very friendly and loves to be petted. Annie can be bullheaded as she knows what she wants, which is ok. Annie minds very well which makes me think she was taught something in her past life. Annie doesn't do stairs well but is getting better about that. When it is time to go outside she will grab something from the toy box on her way to the door which a lot of the time is the babble ball. Annie is just a joy to be around. She loves to play with the other dogs like she is a puppy and she loves to paw at the other dogs to let them know she is ready to play."



Chew

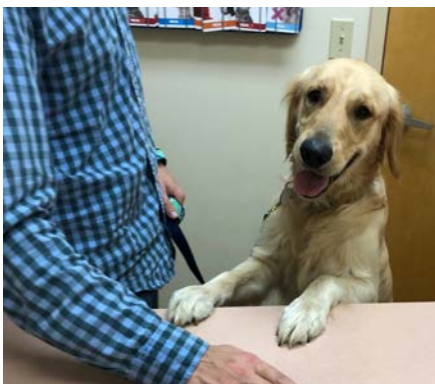
Chew is a long-term foster with Karin C's family. He came to rescue with almost no fur which caused excess exposure to ultra violet light, which led to a cancerous tumor. Chew is 12.5 years old and doing great. He loves his human and canine siblings.

Your financial support allows the rescue to provide hospice care to pups like Chew and Annie.



Bailey

Glenda and Tom are fostering Bailey who is a young golden mix. Vet recommended we wait a couple of weeks before spaying her. Glenda says, "Bailey is a small (46 pounds) golden/collie mix who is looking for a family that has a fenced in yard and another dog for a playmate. She enjoys walks, playing, and racing around the yard. She needs a family who would take her to obedience classes where she could learn to walk nicely on a leash and to not greet people by jumping on them. Bailey is a very active dog but she is also VERY affectionate. She loves to lay in your lap and cuddle. She is a sweetheart!"



Max

Max is being fostered by Mariel and Adam. He went from spending 12+ hours alone each day to having two foster siblings and a human mom who is home all day. Adam reports, "Max is a goofy, handsome, loving, incredibly sweet, one year old golden. He needs a canine companion and a physically fenced-in yard. He is constantly trying to get every member of his foster family to play. His favorite games are chase, being chased, tug, and run after the thrown object till the object stops moving. Max is great. Our two dogs have never run so much as with Max around. Poor Cara was stiff and sore getting up the other day. Ripley is getting a chance to be the old curmudgeon who has had enough play. Max is settling in nicely. He is eating all his food now and there is much less submissive urination."

Adoption Updates

We do not maintain a list of prospective adopters UNLESS you have previously adopted a golden from the rescue or you volunteer with the rescue. If you are interested in adding a golden to your family and have adopted or volunteered before and would like to adopt, please contact Pat Johnson, Adoption Coordinator, at contact@goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org or 855.477.3728, and let me know. If a dog comes into rescue that might be a good fit for your family, I will contact you if I know you are looking. We always like to hear from our pups and their forever families...



Lisa and Yuzu

Lisa and Yuzu just returned from their first US vet visit and their rabies shots. Both were excellent vet clients and were loved by the entire staff. Both were in excellent health and showed they had been cared for their first 5 years. We are so lucky to have become their adoptive parents.

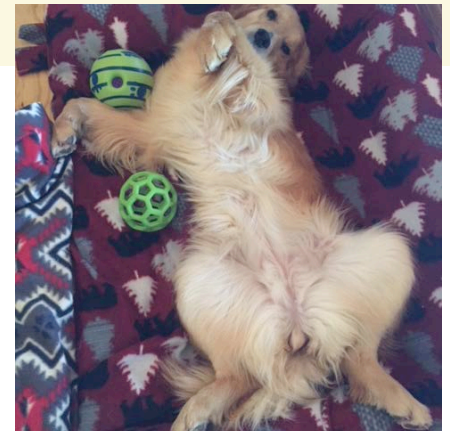
~ Rick and Dona



Ozzie

Ozzie is doing better than I could have ever imagined. From day one she has fit into our family and she and Mavis get along so amazingly well!!

~ Becky S



Matti

Mattenson (Matti) is learning every day and is getting very familiar with our routine. She has been a joy from day one. Kent said we should have named her Shadow as she follows me around all the time. I call her Matti cakes.

~ Kathy



Sandy

I just wanted to let you know how wonderful Sandy is doing. We are coming up on our 6th year adoption anniversary of her. I remember we had a rocky time with her and you may remember that we almost gave her back to the rescue. It breaks my heart to think we almost gave up on her. I don't know if you remember how she would have serious diarrhea in the house and we didn't know why. You thought it was because she was stressed with the other animals and the kids...To make a long story short, she must have had giardia too (probably who the cat got it from since he was rescued after her) and I am sure she feels better too. Her eyes are getting cloudy now, her hearing isn't so good, and her hips make it hard to climb the stairs, but I love her with my whole heart. She is so attached to her sister (my 11-year old labradoodle that we have had since a puppy and possibly around the same age) and I do pray Sandy goes first because I think Sandy would die of a broken heart...Sandy is so loved and is such a blessing to this family. Thank you to you and her and for the Golden Retriever Rescue for all that you do!!! Now if you will excuse me, Sandy is waiting right outside the computer room door for me to go to bed.

~ Marcie



Cora

After a long and traumatic flight from China, I joined my new “forever” family on February 25 and quickly bonded with my new family—Ned and Linda—and they with me. Initially I was very shy and withdrawn, but I’ve become more outgoing every day. I’m now comfortable meeting people and other dogs and love playing with my toys, fetching tennis balls, and playing with my friend ‘Cisco’, the Golden Retriever who lives next door...When I arrived, I weighed only 38 pounds, but I’m now at my “fighting weight” of 60 pounds. Every day Ned brushes my hair and teeth, and I take him on long walks and runs. We attend classes twice a week where I enjoy socializing with the other dogs and Ned is learning to be obedient. I love going to the park and beach with my new human parents, and I’m looking forward to the weather getting warmer so we can go boating and swimming.



Kali

Kali may be a China girl but she is loving life in the USA. She especially loves her big canine brother Jack and her human Daddy, Bryan. She also loves all her squeaky stuffies, the more the better! Kali is a very curious girl who loves to investigate birds and squirrels. We think she is perfect and she has certainly stolen our hearts!!

~ Laura

Remi

Remi is doing great! He loves his sister Chloe! They have become best friends. He loves to play with toys, take long walks and he even loves having his teeth brushed. He is a real joy to have in our home and we love him so much!

~ Barb



Menia

We certainly didn't expect to be adopting our girl as we transported her to Maryland from JFK, but we're so glad we did. We promised these pups a great life and after two families opted not to adopt her we knew Menia was meant to be. Just one challenge—MADELINE, who is not a fan of most dogs. Menia is very respectful of our matriarch. We think she's going to love the pool too as she is always making puddles on the cover to roll in.

~ Pat and Joe

Zeki

It's hard to believe Zeki has been with us for a year. Although the time has flown by, in some ways it's hard to believe he hasn't always been part of our family. Before we met him, Zeki was described as a “wild man”, and boy is he WILD! It's almost like he's about to explode with joy anytime someone comes home or to visit. But after five minutes of unbridled exuberance, he just wants to snuggle and be loved...I think the thing he loves the most is his brother Teddy. We are very grateful to GRRSM for rescuing Zeki from Turkey and for allowing us to add him to our family.

~ Peggy and Paul