

What happens when we rescue a Golden?

GRRSWF has no kennel facilities; instead, we have a network of foster homes or foster-to-adopt situations. Because we typically have a waiting list, our Adoptions Coordinator often reaches out to approved homes and matches an incoming dog with potential adopters rather than fosters. Our goal is to find the best match for both dog and adopter. Fosters are often used for short-term or emergency placement of dogs with medical or behavioral issues.

Are the Golden retrievers you place healthy?

All of our Golden retrievers receive a complete veterinary exam, all vaccinations, and are spayed or neutered, if needed. Any medical conditions are treated or addressed. The health of each Golden retriever is fully disclosed to prospective adopters.

Who is involved with GRRSWF?

Our foster homes, volunteers and donors are the foundation of our rescue. Without them we could not exist. Everyone associated with our organization is a volunteer dedicated to providing a new life to Golden retrievers in need.



What about funding?

Adoption fees rarely cover the costs of preparing a dog for adoption. For example, a heartworm treatment alone can cost as much as \$1000. Other medical expenses ensure that the rescue will rarely break even on the costs of getting a dog back to good health. We rely heavily on the generous donations of our supporters and proceeds from our fundraisers, to help us cover these costs so that we can continue to help all the Golden retrievers who need our help.

What else can I do to help?

If you know of any Golden retrievers in need of our service, or of anyone interested in adopting one of our rescued dogs, please refer them to us.



Call or email us for volunteering opportunities. We especially need help with fostering, transport and event support.

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Who and what is Golden Retriever Rescue of SW Florida?

Volunteers with several decades of combined rescue experience founded GRRSWF in 2009. They pooled their knowledge, experience and passion for Golden Retrievers to create a safe haven for those in need in our area.

Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida is dedicated to finding exceptional homes for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes who are homeless, abused, abandoned or surrendered by their owners.

We rescue dogs primarily in Southwest and Central Florida, but also have an international rescue mission that saves dogs from South Korea.

Networking is important in rescue and GRRSWF also works other rescues to help Golden Retrievers in need. We also work with them to save breeding dogs from puppy mills and other breeding situations.

Why do you only rescue Golden Retrievers?

The unwanted pet problem in the U.S. is too great for any one organization to solve. However, we believe that if we work on a piece of the problem we can make a difference. In addition to providing direct services to Golden Retrievers, we provide indirect assistance to other dogs by freeing up the resources of other rescues to focus on their breeds. Also by removing Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes from shelters we open space for other homeless dogs.

How old are the Golden Retrievers you place?

We rescue dogs of all ages, ranging from puppies to seniors. We know there is a perfect home for every Golden, regardless of age. If you are only interested in a puppy and we have none available, we suggest you contact a Golden Retriever Club for a reputable breeder list. We do not recommend buying a puppy from a pet shop, Craigslist or other internet source as you have no idea where they come from or the circumstances of their breeding.



Do rescued Golden Retrievers need training?

All dogs can benefit from some kind of training. Most of the dogs we get are housebroken, but they still require time, patience and some training to fit in with their new family. Older dogs are often the best choice for people with busy schedules. These mellow dogs are content to take a quiet morning walk, spend the day snoozing and welcome their owner home with a happy wagging tail.

Where do the Golden Retrievers that need rescue come from?

Our dogs come from five primary sources: owners, shelters, breeders, strays and overseas. Dogs are surrendered for a variety of reasons: family allergies, illness, death, insufficient time to devote to the dog, divorce, financial hardship and moving. Whatever the reason, the good news is they have made a wise choice to trust our rescue where the dog will be well cared for and find the perfect forever home. The dogs we get from breeders are surrendered when their breeding years are over. They are welcomed into GRRSWF as part of our Golden Years Program. Rescuing these mama dogs and giving them a happy retirement is one of the brightest spots of our rescue work.

