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Message From the President

As 2008 begins I extend heartfelt thanks all the many supporters who have made contributions of money or time to our mission of providing assistance to Golden Retrievers in need of a helping hand. All monetary donations to our rescue are directed towards satisfying the veterinary expenses we continually incur assisting hundreds of unwanted, neglected or abused golden retrievers. Without the time and talent given by our volunteers, we could not realize all we have achieved. Thank you for all you do to help us help the Golden Retrievers.

2008 will no doubt bring new challenges and wonderful achievements for us and we will continue to meet these challenges with your ongoing support and efforts. If you have not yet volunteered with us, please consider joining us. There are numerous volunteer opportunities to choose from. Please take a moment to visit our [website](#) to read about some of our volunteer needs and then complete the [Volunteer Questionnaire](#).

I hope 2008 is a happy and healthy year for each of you!

Kelley Blaylock, 2008 GRRNT President

It's Time to Join GRRNT or Renew Your Membership

It's the perfect time of year to join GRRNT or renew your membership. Please join or renew your membership by completing the [Membership Application](#) on our website. The fee is only \$40 for a family membership and \$25 for a single membership. Because GRRNT is an all-volunteer organization, all of your membership dues go directly to helping the Golden Retrievers. Thank you for your support!

A Message From The Newsletter Team

Do you have a story to share about your GRRNT Golden? Maybe you have captured precious photo moments with your Golden. If so, we would love to hear from you! We are always looking for inspiring, heartwarming, educational and other stories and photos celebrating our wonderful GRRNT Golden Retrievers. If you have a great idea or suggestion for a newsletter feature or have a question for one of our rescue veterinarians or behaviorists please let us know. Please send your submissions, ideas, photos, questions and suggestions to newsletter@goldenretrievers.org.

We are also working on a feature honoring our GRRNT Golden Retrievers who have become registered therapy dogs. Please send a photo of your GRRNT Golden, together with the dog's name (and GRRNT name if different) and GRRNT number, your name, and the name of your therapy group to newsletter@goldenretrievers.org. Owners of GRRNT Golden Retrievers who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge who were registered therapy dogs are also welcome to submit information and photos. Sorry, only GRRNT Golden Retrievers registered with a therapy group are eligible for this feature.

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Did You Resolve to Volunteer For A Good Cause in 2008?

If so, GRRNT can use your help! We have many different volunteer opportunities for you to consider. These volunteer activities are the backbone of our organization and are vitally important to our continued success in achieving our mission of assisting Golden Retrievers in need and educating the public about responsible pet ownership. Several opportunities are currently listed on our [website](#). If you have special talents or ideas for helping please let us know what you would like to do by filling out a [Volunteer Questionnaire](#). If you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@goldenretrievers.org. Our Volunteer Coordinator can direct you to the many ways to volunteer for GRRNT and help us in our mission. If you have any suggestions on how to recruit new volunteers for our organization please send your suggestions to us as well. Let's make 2008 a great year for GRRNT! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

The 2008 Calendars Are Here!



The 2008 GRRNT Calendar is now available for purchase. The calendar features our beautiful GRRNT Golden Retrievers and their heartwarming stories. You can purchase the calendar at area

Orvis stores, at GRRNT veterinarian offices, at our Meet and Greet events or from our [GRRNT Store](#). All net proceeds from the calendar will be used to help our Golden Retrievers.

Go Green With Your Golden Retrievers!



Join GRRNT on Saturday, March 15, 2008 for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Once again GRRNT will march in the Parade to promote our organization and increase awareness of our mission of Golden Retriever Rescue. We will again be competing for the title of Most Irish Animal.

Bring your GRRNT Golden Retrievers and your family members and join us for this fun event. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

Ask Our GRRNT Vet

Dr. Amy Thomas, DVM

Q: Can my Golden catch West Nile Fever? Will his monthly Heartworm preventative help him from getting this disease?

A: While it is theoretically possible for dogs to become infected with the West Nile Virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, it is extremely rare. The few reports of dogs that have contracted this virus have involved elderly dogs and/or dogs with concurrent illnesses that were suppressing their immune systems, making them more at risk for developing other types of infection. Monthly Heartworm preventatives will not protect your Golden from West Nile Virus. The currently available Heartworm preventatives all work by preventing Heartworm disease AFTER a mosquito has already bitten your dog. These medications work by killing the immature forms of the Heartworms, called microfilaria, before they mature into adult worms and enter your dog's heart. However, even though Heartworm preventatives are not effective at preventing infection with West Nile Virus, all dogs in the Metroplex region should receive Heartworm prevention year-round. For a mosquito to become a carrier of Heartworm disease, the air temperature must average approximately 80° F for 10-14 consecutive days. With our mild winters, this can occur well into October and November. In addition, mosquitoes who are already carriers of Heartworm microfilaria do not die until after the first hard frost of the season. Again, here in the Metroplex we often do not receive any frost all winter. Therefore, to make sure that your Golden is adequately protected from potentially life-threatening Heartworm disease, he or she should receive a Heartworm preventative year-round. Even medications that repel mosquitoes, such as Advantix and the newly-released Vectra, cannot fully protect your dog from West Nile Virus infection since no medication is 100% effective in repelling mosquitoes. One of the easiest things you can do to help decrease your dog's already small risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus is to avoid walking your dog at peak times when mosquitoes are most active – dusk and dawn. If you are concerned that your dog may have been exposed to and/or infected with West Nile Virus, please contact your veterinarian for further information.

*Dr. Amy Thomas, DVM, of [Creature Comforts Animal Hospital of Plano](#), 3013 W. Spring Creek Pkwy, Suite 700, Plano TX 75023, 214-556-3171, works with GRRNT on many of our foster dogs.

Dental Care For Your Golden

By Dr. Gary A. Raiczyk, DVM

Don't forget about your pet's teeth! February is National Dental Health Month! Dental problems are also more than just a toothache as they can also pose a serious threat to your pet's well-being. That is because bacteria originating from the teeth and gums can spread to vital organs and cause disease in the heart, liver and kidneys. Routine dental cleaning and polishing can help prevent this from happening. Studies show that 85% of pets need a dental cleaning by 4 years of age. Here are some signs to watch for with your pet:

- Bad breath
- Discolored teeth
- Red, swollen or bleeding gums
- Loose teeth

A dental cleaning followed by good oral hygiene such as regular brushing and special dental diets / dental treats will make a happy and healthy pet. Please call your veterinarian to schedule an appointment and take advantage of February discounts. (Healthy Paws Veterinary Center offers dental discounts on Tuesdays year around).

Dr. Gary A. Raiczyk is the owner, medical director, and one of the staff veterinarians at [Healthy Paws Veterinary Center](#), 2401 FM 423, Little Elm, TX, 75068, 972-292-3030. Dr. Raiczyk is a rescue veterinarian for GRRNT and a member of our Advisory Board.

Go Online and Benefit GRRNT!

What if GRRNT earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, we can! [GoodSearch.com](#) is a search engine that donates half of its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities the users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. Just type in Golden Retriever Rescue of North Texas -GRRNT in the space indicated and your searches will benefit GRRNT. The users and organizations that benefit from GoodSearch do not spend any money to be listed. The money GoodSearch donates comes from advertisers. Happy Internet searching!

Ask GRRNT's Behaviorist



Karen Deeds (pictured with husband Bob and their dogs Rock and Gracie), is one of GRRNT's behaviorists and trainers. The Deeds own Canine Connection, Behavior and Training for the Real World. They can be contacted at

canineconnection@charter.net and at 817-874-DOGS (3647).

Q. My golden inhales food. Do you have any suggestions for slowing him down?

A. Feed your dog on a big tray with the kibble spread around so that the dog cannot grab a mouthful but has to pick up each kibble individually. Another trick is to feed the dog in a muffin tin so that the dog has to eat smaller amounts at a time. Another favorite cooking utensil to use is a bunt cake pan. You can also put a large object (brick, rock or toy) into the bowl with the food so that they have to eat around it. Use feeding time to train your dog. Feed him by hand for performing basic commands.

"I have a religious theory about dogs: All dogs don't go to Heaven - they go *back* to Heaven. I think that's where they came from—they are gifts intended to help teach the arts of affection, loyalty, and forgiveness to the really smart human race." Larry Powell, Urban Animal magazine, October 2007, www.UrbanAnimal.us. Read about animal rescue and animal matters in Urban Animal and in Larry Powell's blog at www.readlarrypowell.com Reprinted with permission.

Get Your 2008 GRRNT T-Shirts Today!

The 2008 GRRNT T-shirt is now available for purchase in our [GRRNT Store](#). Support GRRNT by purchasing your 2008 T-shirts and help us spread the word of Golden Retriever Rescue by wearing your T-shirts often!

The GRRNT Intake Process

Where does GRRNT obtain its Golden retrievers? Many of our Golden retrievers come into rescue from municipal shelters. Some of our intakes are released to GRRNT by their owners for a variety of reasons, including lack of time to be with their Golden, financial difficulties, change in family circumstances or just because they no longer wish to own the dog. Sometimes Good Samaritans contact GRRNT about Golden retrievers in need of help. In some cases, GRRNT is called by governmental authorities about taking Golden retrievers seized in an animal cruelty raid or investigation. On a few occasions, Golden retrievers are born into our rescue program when GRRNT has rescued a pregnant female. Other rescue groups may sometimes need special assistance from GRRNT.

Callers contact GRRNT on our voice mail hotline about Golden retrievers needing our assistance. A Voice Mail volunteer responds to the calls and forwards messages directly to our Intake Coordinators. Sometimes an assessment needs to be made as to whether the dog is a purebred Golden retriever and in such cases a volunteer will be asked to do a home or shelter visit to make the determination.

Intake priority is always given to dogs in shelters where the dogs are in danger of euthanasia and to dogs who are victims of severe abuse or neglect. Once it is determined to bring a particular Golden retriever into our rescue, the Intake Coordinator contacts a volunteer to pick up the dog. If the Golden retriever is in a shelter, the volunteer will need to sign the necessary paperwork required by the shelter in order to obtain legal custody of the dog. If the Golden retriever is an owner release, the volunteer will need to have the owner sign a written release form, giving GRRNT ownership of the Golden retriever and releasing all rights of the owner to the dog. In addition, the volunteer will attempt to obtain veterinary records for the Golden retriever and a history of the Golden retriever.

Unfortunately, some of our Golden retrievers are not in good physical or emotional condition at intake. Our transport volunteers are often the first friendly human faces the Golden retriever has seen in a while. A gentle hug, comforting words and loving tenderness by the volunteer will often help ease the dog's fears and start the dog's emotional healing process. It is heart-breaking at times, but the rewards are huge when these volunteers see the once frightened dog happy and healthy after adoption.

All Golden retrievers coming into rescue first get a health check from one of GRRNT's veterinarians. The health check includes a blood test, including a Heartworm test. If GRRNT does not have vaccination records for the Golden retriever, the dog will be vaccinated. If not already spayed or neutered, the Golden retriever will be altered before adoption. GRRNT dogs are also microchipped before going into foster care. Once the health status is cleared, a volunteer will transport the dog to a foster home and a new step in the Golden retriever's journey to his or her forever home begins.

Our Intake Coordinators and volunteers are very important to our rescue efforts. The demands on our intake team are constant. These coordinators and volunteers give their hearts and time to helping as many Golden retrievers as possible, all while balancing family, "real" jobs and life in general. Thanks to their dedication and efforts, our rescue program is helping many deserving Golden retrievers to find new lives in loving forever homes.

If you would like to help GRRNT in the intake area, please fill out the [Volunteer Questionnaire](#) on our website.

Volunteer Focus

Melissa Mercer, her husband Tim, and sons Josh (21) and Nick (15), have volunteered for GRRNT for the past two years in the intake and foster areas. The Mercer family also includes Robbie, a 3 year old Golden retriever, and Lilah, a two and one half year old Golden retriever adopted from GRRNT. Snickers is the family feline.

North Texas Golden retriever recently sat down with Melissa to ask her about her volunteer activities for GRRNT.

NTG: Why did you decide to volunteer with GRRNT?

Mercer: In June of 2005 we adopted our first Golden retriever, Robbie, from the North Richland Hills Animal Shelter. I was looking for information on the Internet about Golden retrievers and found Golden retriever Rescue of North Texas. (Continued on next page)

I had no idea that so many Golden Retrievers could end up in shelters and in danger of being put to sleep, or that there were rescue organizations that worked to save them. I was so in love with our boy that I decided to do what I could to help others, so I signed up and started attending some meet-n-greet events and met some of the other volunteers and coordinators.

NTG: When did you begin to volunteer with GRRNT?

Mercer: Mid summer 2006, I was contacted to pick up a Golden from a vet's office and transport her to her foster home. That was my first transport for the rescue.

NTG: What volunteer activities and projects have you done for GRRNT?

Mercer: I transport. I pick up a lot of the new intake dogs from the Fort Worth area shelters and transport them to the vet's office. I have transported dogs from foster homes to their adoptive homes, and other dogs from the vet's office to their foster homes. I also foster dogs in my home, and I have done home visits for new foster homes, or for potential adoptive homes.

NTG: What is your favorite volunteer activity?

Mercer: My favorite part of volunteering is picking up dogs from the shelters. It is so rewarding to pull a dog from a shelter and know that they are safe and will have a loving home. Plus getting to meet and love on these pups is wonderful. I also enjoy meeting the people who apply to adopt the Golden Retrievers. Finding a good match for my foster dog is so important, and it's really great to see the family and the dog together when it's the right fit.

NTG: What is involved in transporting dogs?

Mercer: I will receive a call or email to ask if I can pick up a dog from an area shelter, or sometimes from an owner surrender. I've had to learn to locate some of the shelters that I'm unfamiliar with. I've gotten really good at MapQuest! Cell phones are an invaluable tool when I'm driving to a shelter or area of town I don't know well, so I can call and get directions when I get turned around. I've also had to figure out how to get a 36" crate in my little Honda CRV. When I arrive at the shelter I take a look at the dog and evaluate whether or not it is a Golden Retriever. Sometimes the dog has already been seen or pictures have been emailed to the Intake Coordinator and I only need to pick up the dog. If I need to do an evaluation I will call the Intake

Coordinator and tell her what I think about the dog. Most of the time we agree it is a Golden and I complete release paper work and load the dog in my car. Occasionally we decide it is not a Golden and those times it's very hard to leave without the dog. Once I have the dog loaded up, the first stop for new rescue dogs is always at one of the vets who provide vet care for GRRNT. Dogs who are picked up from a shelter usually stay at the vet's office for a week or more to have their shots, Heartworm test, spay or neuter and microchip done, and to make sure they don't have kennel cough, or, if they do, they are kept to treat the kennel cough. Owner surrendered dogs may only need a quick exam and microchip, and then I can take them to their foster home.

NTG: Are there other volunteer activities that you might like to try in the future?

Mercer: I have done a few home checks, and I enjoy meeting the people and finding out if they will provide a good home for a Golden. I think I'd probably enjoy doing more of that.

NTG: What would you like to say to encourage others to volunteer with GRRNT?

Mercer: Golden Retrievers are so loving and give so much joy just being what they are. I volunteer because I had time to give, but I found out that I was getting so much more in return, it feels so good to have a dog look up to you with love and appreciation in their eyes when you take them out of a scary situation. When you see the dogs that have been adopted or get pictures later of a previous foster dog and you see how happy and loved they are, it is so rewarding you almost feel like your cheating somehow because you get so much joy from knowing you helped get them to that loving home. I have also met people and made new friends. It is a fulfilling, rewarding experience.

Thanks Mercer family for your wonderful efforts to help our GRRNT Golden Retrievers!

Coming Soon!

Your opportunity to submit your GRRNT Golden's best photographs and story for GRRNT's 2009 Calendar is coming soon. Plans are being made now for the exciting 2009 Calendar. Details will be posted on the website soon. Make your Golden a Calendar Star!

In Memoriam

GRRNT recently learned of the accidental death of one of our GRRNT Golden heroes, Levi (GRRNT name Stetson), who became a service assistance dog with Assistance Dogs of Texas. The mission of Assistance Dogs of Texas (ADOT) is to provide assistance dogs, obtained through shelters and rescue groups, to children and adults with disabilities for increased independence.

Friends for Animals Shelter near Granbury, before contacting GRRNT, had pulled Levi from the Hood County shelter as a stray, on the very day he was scheduled for euthanasia. After vetting by a GRRNT rescue veterinarian, Levi was placed in foster care with Mike and Barb Justice, active GRRNT volunteers and fosters. Levi had classic handsome good looks and a deep red coat of fur; however, the Justices immediately noticed Levi's special personal qualities, including excellent manners and behavior. Sadly, they also began to suspect he had been abused when they noticed he was fearful of sticks or poles, as if his previous owner had struck him.

While in foster care Levi attended several GRRNT events and demonstrated exceptional sensitivity to children and people in wheelchairs. Because of these special qualities, GRRNT investigated the possibility of placing Levi as an assistance dog. Cindy Roberts, Director of Training for ADOT and Ginny Mitchell, an ADOT trainer, tested Levi at the Justice home. Roberts fondly recalls "When I first met Levi, he came walking down the hallway and immediately stole my heart. We did our behavior testing on him and of course he passed with flying colors. We did have to prod him along on a few occasions because he wanted to relax when handled. He was so calm and laid back that Barb thought we would not want him but I knew that he was the type of dog our client would need. Stealing hearts was Levi's specialty. It did not matter where you took him or who he met, everyone loved Levi". Levi was accepted into the ADOT program the same day he was tested and Mary Ellen Jones became his trainer and foster.

During his training period with ADOT, a growth was discovered under Levi's beautiful red fur. Surgery was performed and it was discovered that he had been hit with shotgun pellets, which were successfully removed.

Levi's training with ADOT lasted ten months. Levi was specifically trained for a client with MS who uses a wheelchair and lives alone. Jones found Levi to be a

quick and eager learner. Levi demonstrated perfect obedience and learned many tasks designed to make life easier for his human partner. Levi overcame his fear of sticks and poles and could retrieve any item, including an emergency telephone, with a finger point or the point of a stick. He could pull socks, shoes and pants off his partner. Other skills Levi learned included opening and closing doors, turning lights and ceiling fans on and off. Levi also learned to help with laundry by placing items in the laundry basket, pulling the laundry basket and retrieving items from the dryer. At one point in his training Jones pointed to the open dryer and Levi, always eager to please, jumped in, turned around and lay down with a look of "Is this what you wanted?"

Levi also became a Golden "star" at church, physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities and at the elementary school where his partner volunteered. Levi even brought smiles to the faces of fellow commuters on the public bus.

Levi was a truly special GRRNT Golden with a true calling for service to others despite being abandoned and most likely abused during his pre-rescue days. Everyone who had the pleasure of meeting or working with Levi will truly miss him. Donations to Levi's memory can be made by visiting our [website](#) or at ADOT's website at www.assistedogsoftexas.org.



We Need Your Help!

GRRNT needs new foster homes, shelter evaluators, transport volunteers, Ft. Worth Events Coordinator and someone to organize our 2009 Calendar. If you are interested and can help please email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@goldenretrievers.org.

Bridgette's Story



Thanks to GRRNT and several Good Samaritans along the way, Bridgette's life is changing for the better. Bridgette

spent the first year of her life neglected in a backyard. At one point, when a gate was left open, she escaped to discover the world around her.

Tragically, a car hit her, resulting in a

badly broken leg with compound fractures. Her owners found her and put her back outside, without seeking any veterinary care for her obvious injuries. Shortly thereafter, Bridgette's owners abandoned her, with a small amount of food and water, when they moved away. A neighbor found Bridgette about 3 weeks later and immediately rushed her to a veterinarian. Running a high fever from an infection due to her injuries, emaciated and anemic from neglect, Bridgette was x-rayed and the veterinarian recommended amputation for the injured leg. Bridgette's first Good Samaritan couldn't afford the treatment costs and left Bridgette at the veterinarian's office for a humane euthanasia. Bridgette's golden spirit showed as the veterinary staff fell in love with her and one of them, through a network of rescue groups, contacted GRRNT. GRRNT was able to coordinate a "train" of 5 people, all from different rescue groups, to transport Bridgette safely from West Texas into GRRNT's care. Bridgette arrived in a pitiful condition with her leg in a cast. She weighed only 38.5 pounds, was lethargic and had very sad eyes. As soon as she settled into her new foster home she must have sensed her luck had dramatically changed as she wagged her tail and gently kissed her foster mom. Her foster mom declares it was love at first sight!

GRRNT's orthopedic surgeon determined that despite Bridgette's emaciated condition, anemia and massive infection, he could repair her leg without amputation. Bridgette's infection and anemia first needed to be controlled and she needed to gain some weight. Her care entailed special food, vitamins, pain pills and massive antibiotics. She also had to have her cast changed

every 4 to 5 days because of her wounds. Her improvement was slow. During this time Bridgette was taken back to GRRNT's veterinarian for a possible urinary tract infection, but finding that she was in heat, she was immediately spayed. The timing of this procedure was truly fortuitous as our veterinarian discovered she had a massive uterine infection that could have ruptured and killed her in a just a few days had it not been discovered and immediately treated.

When Bridgette was healthy enough for surgery, the surgeon discovered her leg had started to fuse on its own. It was decided to forgo surgery and let the leg heal. This required several weeks of wearing a cast, bandage changes and leash walked potty breaks. Even when in obvious pain, Bridgette could get up and down off of the couch and enjoy love and affection from her foster family. Eventually, Bridgette had "cast free" healing time even though the leg was still broken, as the surgeon felt that if she used it, the leg would heal faster. Her foster family had to exercise extreme tender care during this time to prevent re-injury and to allow the leg to continue to heal properly. Poor Bridgette wasn't allowed to play with the other dogs for several months during this time. Fortunately, Bridgette continued to get stronger and healthier and her weight increased to 51 pounds. Sadly, Bridgette was still having pain, so GRRNT's veterinarian ultimately recommended surgery to repair her leg and relieve her pain and GRRNT agreed with this recommendation.

Bridgette, now two years of age, is currently in a cast and on strict crate rest for ten weeks, followed by several weeks in rehabilitation. Bridgette is not yet ready to go to her forever home, but she is definitely anticipating the day when she has a place inside a new home, with loving humans to dote on her and give her the love and attention she certainly deserves.

Bridgette's medical expenses to date exceed \$2300. If you would like to help GRRNT by donating to Bridgette's care, please make a donation to our [Rocky Fund](#), a special fund designated for our Special Needs Goldens, like Bridgette.

Bumper's Story

When GRRNT heard of Bumper's plight, volunteers literally jumped into action to save him. Bumper, a stray with no identification tags or microchip, was hit and seriously injured by a car one morning. A local Animal Control Officer unsuccessfully spent the entire day trying to find his owners. (Continued on next page)



Bumper was in obvious pain, lying on his side, panting heavily. He had been unable to stand all day. GRRNT was called at 3 p.m. and told Bumper would be

humanely euthanized when the shelter closed at 4:30 p.m. that day to alleviate his suffering unless GRRNT agreed to take him. GRRNT convinced the Animal Control Officer to stay with Bumper until a volunteer could come pick him shortly after closing. It took 3 adults and a stretcher to get Bumper loaded in our volunteer's car. Bumper's despair seemed to lift as soon as he was loaded in the car and on the way to GRRNT's veterinarian. Despite his severe pain, he was able to pull himself up to look out the car's windows.

Bumper has lung contusions, causing labored breathing, a bruised liver, a fractured pelvis in 6 places and a broken foot. He also suffered numerous cuts and "road rash". He is slowly recovering, yet is a very happy and lovable boy. Once his internal injuries are healed, GRRNT will help him through his next major hurdle of putting plates in his foot to fuse the bones. After rehabilitation he will be available for adoption.

Bumper's medical expenses will exceed \$3000. If you would like to help GRRNT by donating to Bumper's care, please make a donation to our [Rocky Fund](#), a special fund designated for our Special Needs Golden Retrievers, like Bumper.

In Memoriam

George and Sandi, loved and missed by Liz and Neil Watson.

Clarabelle and Sasha, GRRNT fosters, crossed the Rainbow Bridge before finding their forever homes, but dearly loved and missed by their foster families.

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Upcoming Events

GRRNT will host Meet and Greet at the Grapevine Bass Pro Shop (2501 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051) on the first Saturday of each month in 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. GRRNT will also host Meet and Greet at Orvis (8300 Preston Road, Suite 300, Dallas, TX 75225) on January 18 and March 15, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come join us and meet some of our wonderful volunteers and foster dogs. Check the [Event Calendar](#) on the website for the exact dates and details.

GRRNT will be at the Fort Worth Home and Garden Shows on February 1, 2 and 3 at the Fort Worth Convention Center and March 14, 15 and 16 at the Will Rogers Center. Come join us and help us spread the word about our rescue and mission. Check the [Event Calendar](#) for details.

Picnic Photos

The 8th Annual GRRNT picnic was a huge success! Check out some of the beautiful photos taken at the event by professional photographer and GRRNT member Bill Burke at satinimages.dotPhoto.com. Bill has graciously agreed to donate a portion of any proceeds from the sale of any of the photos or picnic DVD to GRRNT.

Next year's picnic will be held on October 25, 2008, so be sure to save the date!

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