

WHO'S WHO AT DVGRR'S MEET AND GREET



John Plummer, Executive Director

See John for: Any questions about DVGRR, tours of the facility, or suggestions for or offers to help with improvements.



Inza Adams, Development and Donor Engagement Manager

See Inza for: Information about how you can support DVGRR.



Heather Hatt, Project Home Life Director

See Heather for: Questions or information about any of the puppy mill breeder dogs or other shy/fearful dogs in our program.



Dennis Stauffer, Kennel Manager/ABCDT

See Dennis for: Questions or information about any of the dogs being shown today; training or behavior questions.



Zack Morgan, Adoption Manager, ABCDT

See Zack for: Application- or adoption-related information.



Lisa Jagielski, Volunteer Manager, Boarding/Intake, Trainer

See Lisa for: Questions or information about any of the dogs being shown today; training or behavior questions; volunteer opportunities or questions about boarding your dog at DVGRR.



Jessica Berrier, Adoption Team

See Jess for: Questions about dogs living at the Sanctuary and for answers about adopting and sharing your home with a shy dog.



Marie Redcay, Veterinary Assistant

See Marie for: Health-related questions or information about any of the dogs being shown today. Sorry, we cannot offer veterinary advice.



SHOP AT PAP'S PLACE TODAY!

Carcy Vreeland, Pap's Place Retail Store

See Carcy for: Help with finding or purchasing any of the great "Golden Goodies" in our store. Be sure to stop in for your free "First Timer's" gift!



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO ADOPT?

To qualify for adoption, DVGRR adoption applicants should:

- Demonstrate the ability and commitment to provide proper care, exercise and training for the lifetime of the dog.
- Abide by the DVGRR Terms and Conditions of Adoption.
- All adopters are encouraged to accompany the dog through a group or individual obedience class within 90 days of adoption and provide a certificate of attendance to DVGRR.



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For more information about Golden Retrievers, Labs, DVGRR dogs, adoptions and our organization, ask one of our staff today or visit us online at www.DVGRR.org. You can also email your questions to info@dvgr.org!



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10:00 am to 12:00 pm:

Meet the dogs, review dogs' files, sign up for dogs you may be interested in.

12:00 pm:

Dog return to housing. The Adoption Team will review sign-ups on Monday. If you are not an approved applicant, you will not be matched with any dogs today.



WHILE YOU'RE HERE TODAY...

...visit our snack bar, "BLT's," shop at Pap's Place or take a tour. Get a "GOLDEN THANK YOU"

by visiting our donation table and giving what you can to help us! Public rest rooms are available by using our outdoor porta-potty.

(SEE STAFF MEMBER WEARING A BLUE "TEAM DVGRR" LOGO SHIRT IF OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED.)

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Here are some tips when meeting a dog for the first time:

THE DOs

- **Do** approach the dog calmly, happily, and slowly OR allow him/her to come to you.
- **Do** extend your hand and allow the dog to sniff you.
- **Do** stroke the dog under the chin, along his/her neck, or on his back.
- **Do** kneel down next to the dog, as long as he/she is calm, relaxed, and not jumpy.
- **Do** talk in a calm, quiet voice.
- **Do** take your cue from the dog as to whether he/she wants to interact further.
- **Do** supervise children at all times and ASK the handler if children can pet the dog.

THE DON'Ts

- **Don't** lean over the dog (can be perceived as a threatening gesture).
- **Don't** hug the dog.
- **Don't** put your face right up to the dog's face or try to kiss the dog.
- **Don't** stare at the dog.
- **Don't** pat the dog on the top of his/her head.
- **Don't** try to pull a ball or anything else out of the dog's mouth.
- **Don't** speak too excitedly or get the dog too fired up.
- **Don't** try to keep interacting if the dog seems anxious or uncomfortable.
- **Don't** allow children to rush up to the dog or get close to his/her face.
- **Don't** play tug of war or rough-house with the dogs.

If you see a yellow leash on a dog, give that dog some space. Please approach this dog slowly and calmly. Do not crowd this dog if there are a lot of people around. See a staff member for more information.

LET'S GET TO THE GOOD STUFF!

- Start by reviewing the Available Dogs list. Each available dog is with a handler; refer to the signs next to each for dog's name and information.
- Find the dogs you want to meet by looking for the sign with the dog's name next to the handler's chair.
- Need more detail/info on the dogs? See the dog's requirements on their identification sign and for more detail on health, behavior and intake see the Information Table. Questions? SEEK A STAFF MEMBER WEARING A BLUE "TEAM DVGRR" LOGO SHIRT.

INTERESTED IN A SPECIFIC DOG YOU'VE MET?

- To be considered for a specific dog sign up at the Info Table for as many as you like, indicate your first or second choice.
- Approved applicants will be considered first.
- Adoptions may not be finalized today. You will be contacted regarding any matches.

IS A GOLDEN RETRIEVER, LABRADOR RETRIEVER OR DOODLE RIGHT FOR YOU?

Goldens, Labs and Doodles are popular breeds and for good reason. They have a reputation for being:

- Happy, friendly, loving, and affectionate
- Intelligent and easy to train
- Especially good with kids
- And of course, very handsome!

In many cases, that reputation is well deserved. However, overbreeding can lead to dogs that may not share those characteristics. In turn, many of those dogs end up with us. Or dogs are here because owners/adopters failed to consider these breeds for their lifestyles. We urge you to give this decision careful consideration.

A Doodle is a cross between a Golden Retriever or Labrador Retriever and poodle (usually a standard, but sometimes a miniature). They weigh 40 to 65 pounds, and they may shed. Their coats requires daily brushing and facial mustaches needs frequent trimming. Doodles have high energy and are mischievous.

Regarding all these dogs, please keep in mind:

- They're big and often strong.
- Size varies, but all require a degree of strength to handle.
- Usually good with kids, but may be overwhelming for small children.
- Need to be with people and thrive on companionship.
- Long hours away from home may not be a good match for these dogs.
- Require daily exercise – A MUST!
- They love to play, romp, and burn off energy.
- Need regular brushing/grooming. Goldens shed year-round. Labs also shed. Doodles tend to shed less. If you dislike dog hair, these dogs may not be for you.
- Retrievers are prone to numerous health issues: ear/skin problems, arthritis/hip dysplasia, thyroid disease, and, sadly, cancer.

For more information on Goldens, Labs, or Doodles as the right choice for your family, PLEASE SEE A STAFF MEMBER WEARING A BLUE "TEAM DVGRR" LOGO SHIRT.

WHAT ABOUT A MIX OR AN ISLAND DOG?

Since 2014, DVGRR has had relationships with several rescue groups in Puerto Rico where there are estimated to be 250,000 to 300,000 strays. Spay/neuter is not popular, and many dogs are abandoned due to economic conditions. It is not unusual for families to leave their homes and abandon their dogs without food or water. We're also working with groups to rescue dogs in Turkey that also face dire, life-threatening situations.

Despite that, the temperament of these dogs is wonderful. They usually get along with dogs and cats because they've lived in a community of "satos," slang for "street dog." They are friendly toward people because there are many people on the island who care about the "satos" and feed them, often with leftover human food.

We also receive mixed Goldens that may be smaller in size yet have the same wonderful personalities of a Golden Retriever. They receive the same outstanding veterinary care as every other DVGRR dog. These smaller dogs are excellent for first-time adopters as well as for senior citizens.

Be sure to see our literature rack located at the sign up table for free news and helpful information.