



## Hi Everyone!

Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM.com) is pleased to share [Chapter 2 of Jaxie's Journey!](#) For those that read *Jaxie's Christmas Story*, the very nice Canine Specialist at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI provided great insight from her personal experience owning and training a blind dog. She encouraged GRRoM to contact and hire a Behaviorist who specializes in working with blind dogs to teach special queues—this will help Jaxie's confidence as his eyesight diminishes.

**And now for the updates!** Jaxie is still under the care of his very special guardians; his body and soul are responding very well to the showering of love and attention—he is encouraged to enjoy the comfy sofa! Jaxie goes on 3 walks daily and loves to play in the snow. And he *LOVES* a spa day that includes luscious bath, blow dry, styling, and treats!

While we will never know details of his past social or medical history, we have learned that he does not react well with other dogs; much of this could be attributed to his progressing blindness. When nearing another dog, Jaxie's guardians re-direct his attention by walking in a different direction or crossing the street. Praise and treats help a lot too!



This past December Jaxie experienced a grand mal seizure—the first that we know of. His guardians immediately took him to the veterinarian for bloodwork—the report came back “very good”. With a referral and the support of GRRoM, Jaxie's guardians took him to the [Dogwood Institute](#) and met Dr. Isaacs—a veterinary neurologist. Dr. Isaacs recommended Jaxie have an MRI to rule out a tumor or stroke. Dr. Isaacs felt this was the best course of action prior to meeting with the Behaviorist.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> Jaxie had the MRI and a spinal tap. He did very well at the Dogwood Institute and, thankfully, the radiology report shows no significant abnormalities or active disease that would have caused the seizure. Therefore, the plan is to monitor for additional seizure activity. If Jaxie has another seizure Dr. Isaacs will re-evaluate and possibly prescribe anticonvulsant therapy.

We want everyone to know that despite all this poking and prodding, Jaxie is a complete joy and fun-loving boy! He is definitely a “people” dog and is very popular in his neighborhood! Jaxie's guardians—and GRRoM—are committed to giving him a well-deserved happy life and working through his myriad of health issues. Thanks to the donations received last year, Jaxie has been given a second chance at having a happy and healthy life!

Thank you for taking the time to read about this dear Golden Retriever—he is the epitome of optimism and proof that love, kindness, patience (and treats!) will conquer all 😊

For those interested in contributing to Jaxie's medical care, please visit [GRRoMs Golden VIP Sponsorship Page!](#)

Stay tuned for the next installment of *Jaxie's Journey!*

