

# GRRINNNEWS



*Third Quarter 2015*

## GOLD RUSH 2015



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**12PM - 4PM**

**LOVE  
UNLEASHED**

**OFFUTT BASE LAKE PARK**  
Near 37<sup>th</sup> & Harlan Lewis Rd.  
Bellevue, NE

**FREE ADMISSION!**

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Event will be held rain or shine.



See inside for details!





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## Featuring:

Fun activities for dogs, kids and adults

Parade of rescued Golden Retrievers

Halloween costume contest for dogs

Great merchandise at the GRRIN store

Vendors with canine products and services:  
Three Dog Bakery  
Peace of Mind In-Home Pet Care

Silent Auction for  
2 Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets  
with proceeds going to GRRIN

Gypsy fortune teller & cake walk

Face painting & paw print artwork



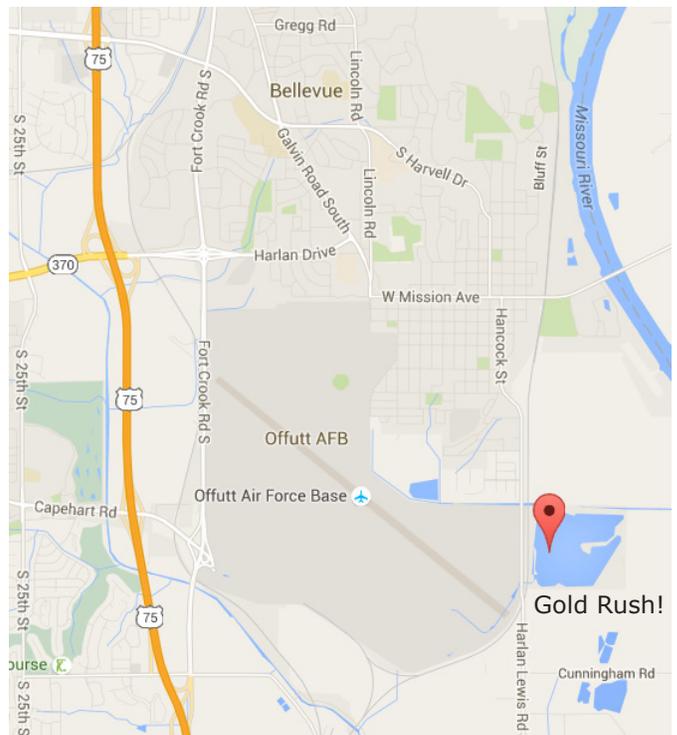
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## New! Foster Dog Parade

For the first time ever, we're having a foster dog parade, which will feature each foster dog that attends Gold Rush. You'll have a chance to meet foster dogs & their families right after the parade.

## Save the Map!



Check out [grrin.org](http://grrin.org)  
for more directions

# Happy Tails

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## Sandy

(15-08, female, 10 years)

Adopted by: Cindy

Hi...it's me, Sandy. You don't recognize me? That's because I got a new makeover. It all started when my family felt that I was getting just a little too big for my current home and it might be better for me if I went to GRRIN and become a part of their family. So, on June 25, a nice man came to my home. I said goodbye to my current family and then went to my new foster home. The next few days I was scared because there were a lot of holiday fireworks... but, my foster mom made sure I was comfortable and safe. My foster mom said I have EXCELLENT manners! Soon, we started walking; then I learned how to get in/out of the car; then I got a new hair cut. One month later, I went to a GRRIN event and my foster mom, Cindy, officially adopted me. Now, I am 14 pounds lighter. I play ball and have play time with my furry neighbor friends. I get excited and jump in circles when we go for our morning walk to the park and when people come to see me. And, we go for a lot of car rides. But, at the end of the day, I still have my long-time "favorite toy" that I go to sleep with. I now have my forever home: change is good; life is awesome! Thank you GRRIN for letting me be a part of your family!



## Max (15-01, male, 15 years)

In permanent foster care with  
Seth, Erika, Shiloh, & Bo



Greetings everyone! My name is Max and I have a special story to tell you. I'm 15-years-young and a couple months ago, found myself needing to find a new home. Luckily, some nice people at GRRIN came to pick me up and I got to go stay with Danielle. She was a great foster mom, but I got lonely during the day while she was at work. I used to live in a college dorm so I was used to a lot of activity. Danielle didn't like me being lonely, so she let me move to Seth and Erika's house where I now live with their two Golden boys, Shiloh and Bo.

I'm loving this new life with Seth and Erika and they said I fit in so well with Shiloh and Bo that they're going to keep me as their "forever" foster so I never have to worry about finding another home again. Along with the wonderful people at GRRIN, they're going to give me everything I need to stay happy and healthy. I think I hit the jackpot when I came to GRRIN and I'm looking forward to spending my "Golden" years here!



## Lucy (15-07, female, 10 years)

Adopted by: Anthony, Jessica and Sutton

Hi again! Remember me? Lucy! I have the perfect new home now. I have a mom and dad, Anthony and Jessica. I even have a little human sister named Sutton. My new furry friend is named Lacey. We play great. She even shares her toys with me. I have learned to play fetch with a special orange bone. That gets my old bones up and moving. The more I move, the better I feel!

I love to go on walks. As soon as I see my harness come out, I am ready to go! I have met the neighbor kids. They are fun to play with too. They even come over and ask if I can come out to play! That makes me feel really special.



## Goldie

(14-11, female, 4 years)

Adopted by Rosemary

Watch for Goldie's "happy tail!"



## Cloud

(05-16, male, 3 years)

Adopted by Doug & Sally

Watch for Cloud's "happy tail!"



# Donations & Memorials

### Third Quarter, 2015

Old Trail School in Akron, OH, 3rd grade class fundraiser

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Angela Greenfield

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## *in memory of...*

Elizabeth Allen, in memory of Beth Dorste

Gregg Christensen, in memory of Sheyanne 06-20

*"A sweet, gentle soul who loved everyone, and who everyone loved back"*

Rayeanne Christensen, in memory of Sheyanne 06-20

*"You are so loved and so missed", Aunt Nan, Gary & Tally*

Deb Harty, in memory of Monte Burke 04-29



# Thank You!

*For more donations & memorials, visit [grin.org](http://grin.org) and view the previous newsletters.*



# Donations & Memorials

in memory of Rick Fox...



GRRIN lost a dear friend and supporter with the passing of Rick Fox. Rick and his wife Shelly adopted Norman in 2008. Norman was a dog that came from Kansas and had survived a tornado; he and Shelly loved that Norman and their sheepdog Stella were such good friends. Stella passed away and a new Golden puppy, Marge, came in and is giving Norman a run for his money.

When volunteers were looking for a site to hold GRRIN's fundraiser Kibble 'n Bids in 2011, they reached out to Rick to see if he would help. He didn't hesitate to open up Julio's and took great care of GRRIN that year and in 2012. Many GRRIN meetings and social gatherings were held at Julio's over the following years. Rick was always there to greet everyone, especially the Golden Retrievers.

In August, GRRIN held a Pups on the Patio event at Julio's in memory of Rick. The patio was packed with dogs and their humans - Rick would have loved it!

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## Milo 15-10

14 years young!



## Dusty 15-12

11 years young!



## Dan 15-05

8 years young!



# Super Seniors!



GRRIN has been able to foster many senior dogs in 2015. Seniors make a great addition to any family, whether as an only dog or a calm buddy for a resident dog. They only expect short walks, long naps, and a lot of hugs! Please consider adopting one of our amazing seniors. Visit our website, [grrin.org](http://grrin.org), to see each senior story.



## Toby 15-15

8 years young!



## Jack 15-11

10 years young!



## Leroy 15-09

10 years young!

# Rocky 14-24 - A Special Journey

In September of 2014, GRRIN volunteers Jim and Mary Jane Fitch were on their way to transport a 15 month old dog named Rocky. They knew they were not picking up a typical Golden: Rocky was being surrendered to GRRIN because his front leg was deformed and he was not thriving in his current home. His family made the difficult decision to give him up with the hope that GRRIN could find someone who could provide advanced care for his handicap.

Before Rocky was delivered to his foster family, Jim and Mary Jane knew that Rocky was meant to be with them; they were so convinced that they immediately contacted GRRIN's adoption coordinator asking how to proceed. Recently retired, they could give Rocky the care he needed, which would probably include many trips to the vet and physical therapy. After a week with his foster family, Rocky was adopted and ready to start his new adventure in the Fitch home.



Rocky settled in quickly, but Jim and Mary Jane realized that he would need some very specialized care in order to be able to function like any other young and active Golden Retriever. His front paw is just a few inches shorter than the other, making it seem natural for him to walk and run on it, but with the pressure leaving the paw raw and sore.

Rocky's journey has not been easy. He started with underwater therapy weekly and often twice a week at Four Paws Fitness & Rehab in South Sioux City, Nebraska, so he could get ready for a prosthetic which Jim and Mary Jane had hoped to get for him by the end of the year. However, during his first visit to Denver, Colorado, it was discovered he would need to have surgery on his front elbow of the normal leg. This was completed at Iowa State, followed by eight weeks of recovery and more therapy. By May, Rocky was ready to get fit for a prosthetic limb back in Denver.

Have you ever tried to convince a Golden Retriever to put on a prosthetic foot and go for a walk? It's not easy! Jim and Mary Jane continued their work with Rocky bit by bit with therapist Jean Gill at Four Paws. They took him on family vacations to the lake and walked him daily for very short periods of time so he wouldn't get over-tired or frustrated. It takes a lot of time, patience, and trust to teach a dog to wear a prosthetic limb, but they did it.

And then, something even more amazing happened. During Rocky's travels, Mary Jane and Jim met a lot of caring veterinary professionals. In particular, they met the physical therapists at Iowa State who were caring for another very special dog named Bogie. Bogie's hind end is partially paralyzed and his elderly owner couldn't keep him. He'd been living at Iowa State for a month and the therapists had been trying to find a rescue to take him or Bogie would be euthanized. Once they learned that Mary Jane was a GRRIN volunteer, they asked her for help. GRRIN was able to find an appropriate foster home and Bogie was surrendered to GRRIN. Mary Jane has continued her journey to help other dogs with handicaps by becoming Bogie's caseworker. She is directly involved in decisions made about his care and she's his biggest advocate.

Rocky was lucky enough to find the perfect family that could give him many more years of comfort and happiness. Mary Jane and Jim have a special place in their hearts for Bogie as well, and would love to see him find HIS perfect family.

Rocky 14-24



*To learn more about Bogie and see photos of Rocky's journey, go to [grrin.org](http://grrin.org).*

*Contact [info@grrin.org](mailto:info@grrin.org) if you are interested in adopting Bogie.*



Bogie 15-04



Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska  
P.O. Box 126  
Boys Town, NE 68010

## About Us

Founded in 1991, GRRIN is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization. We shelter, rehabilitate and find new homes for Golden Retrievers in distress, provide public education about responsible dog ownership and provide a forum for Golden Retriever fanciers to meet.

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Rocky's Special Journey



Goldens Adopted  
Year to Date

**-Q3 Quick Stats -**

Goldens Currently  
in Foster Care



"The dog was created specially for children. He is the god of frolic."  
--Henry Ward Beecher