



What is Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska?

Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska, Inc. (GRRIN) was founded in 1992 to meet three objectives. First, we provide a network for sheltering, rehabilitating and finding loving homes for Golden Retrievers in distress. Area animal shelters, veterinarians, boarding kennels and individuals who are caring for abandoned, abused or neglected Golden Retrievers may contact GRRIN for assistance in finding good homes for these dogs. GRRIN volunteers provide foster care for such Golden Retrievers until they can be adopted.

GRRIN's second function is to provide public education about responsible dog ownership and, in particular, about the Golden Retriever breed. Knowledgeable members are happy to answer questions and refer people to other reputable sources of information.

Finally, GRRIN provides a forum for Golden Retriever fanciers to meet. Members share their knowledge and experience and trade those all-important stories about their dogs. Who but another Golden owner can appreciate one's fondness for that special dog? GRRIN members provide advice about training and health problems and keep up-to-date with area dog activities. Occasional social activities include our dogs and give members and friends a chance to try new skills, display special talents and just have fun.

GRRIN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Its activities are financed by member dues, adoption fees, fund raising activities, grants and private donations. Donations are tax deductible.

GRRIN does not do the following:

- 🐾 We do not buy dogs. Irresponsible dog ownership should not be rewarded. GRRIN does not benefit an owner for failing in his obligation to his dog. "Puppy mills" will continue as long as they are profitable, so we do not contribute to their success by buying their dogs.
- 🐾 We do not act as brokers for the sale of puppies. Breeding is the responsibility of the owner and requires a commitment to place the puppies in good homes. Litters of AKC registered Golden Retrievers whose parents meet the health requirements of the Golden Retriever Club of America may be listed with the local GRCA puppy referral contact.

Services Provided by GRRIN

Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska will accept for rescue any dog that is identifiable as a Golden Retriever. Rescue dogs are taken to a licensed veterinarian as soon as possible to receive a thorough check-up, any necessary inoculations and medication, and a flea check and worming if needed. Intact animals are spayed or neutered.

A GRRIN volunteer houses the dog until a suitable adoptive home can be found. This foster care may include housebreaking, crate and leash training, and a little basic obedience. The behavior of the dog in a friendly environment is evaluated for adoption.

Rescued dogs are offered for adoption to qualified families. The fee charged for the dog helps cover the costs of its care and support the educational and administrative functions of GRRIN. GRRIN maintains a list of people who are interested in adopting a rescued Golden when a suitable one is available.

If a dog is physically or temperamentally so unsound that it cannot reasonably be rehabilitated and adopted, it is humanely euthanized by a veterinarian.

Adopting a Golden from GRRIN

Before prospective owners acquire any dog, they must ask themselves some serious questions.

Does my lifestyle permit me to care for, train and spend quality time with a pet?

Goldens demand love from their owners, and a rescued dog often needs extra patience and affection to overcome problems created in its earlier life. They must be groomed regularly, exercised daily, and trained to be good citizens. A busy household, where people are seldom home and always in a rush, is not a good home for a sociable Golden Retriever.

Am I prepared for the financial burden of veterinary care, quality food, proper equipment and training?

In GRRIN's experience, the costs for maintaining a Golden Retriever can be expected to approach and sometimes exceed \$1000 per year. Every dog needs annual inoculations and a thorough check-up by a veterinarian. Some dogs have health problems that require continuing medication or surgery. Dogs deserve a healthful diet of well-balanced dog food formulated for their needs. Owners must license their dogs according to local regulations. Obedience classes improve the quality of life for pet and owner. A dog also needs a collar, leash, brush and food bowls. Other expenses might include boarding costs when you go on vacation and grooming fees. GRRIN strongly recommends the use of a dog crate to protect your pet from accidents.

Do I have the facilities to keep a Golden Retriever?

An adult Golden of 60 to 80 pounds is a big, hairy handful of a dog! They shed their beautiful coats, sometimes profusely, and are not suited to the immaculate housekeeper. Goldens are happiest living in the house with the family, so they must be housebroken and trained to obey the house rules. Goldens need regular exercise to stay healthy. For the health and safety of the dog and owners' peace of mind, **Except in the case of select senior dogs, GRRIN requires that prospective owners have a fenced yard with the fence attached to the house.**

Prospective owners are carefully screened before they are allowed to adopt a dog. Applications include a phone interview and home visit. The screening process reviews:

- 🐾 past history with pets
- 🐾 willingness to crate-train and attend obedience classes
- 🐾 ages of children
- 🐾 family schedule
- 🐾 the dog's primary function in the family, such as hunter, child's playmate, or companion for an older person

Adoptions are followed up by calls and visits from GRRIN volunteers, and all necessary assistance is given to help the adoptive family and the rescued dog adjust to each other. We want every GRRIN dog tale to have a "happy ending."

Contact GRRIN 402.330.6680

GRRIN maintains a voice-mail telephone line to assist the public by providing information about the breed, care and training, selection of a puppy or dog, rescue and adoption services, and upcoming GRRIN events. Leave your name, phone number(s), address, and type of information you would like. Please be patient; a volunteer will contact you soon.

GRRIN Membership

Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska is staffed entirely by volunteers, people who love Goldens and want to give them a second chance in life. Every member contributes what he or she is best able to give – providing a foster home, arranging veterinary care, answering phone calls, working with a local shelter, raising funds, helping at social events, etc. People interested in joining GRRIN are invited to contact us for more information.



Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska, Inc. welcomes your interest. For information about GRRIN, its activities or Golden Retrievers in general, send in this form. If you wish to become a member, please send \$15 dues for the first applicant in your household and \$10 for a second applicant. Additionally, your tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted.

Applicant

Co-Applicant

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

- I would like information about Golden Retrievers.
- I would like more information about GRRIN.
- I would like to become a Foster Home.
- Please accept my donation of \$.....

- I/We wish to become a member of GRRIN.
1st Applicant = \$15 2nd Applicant = \$10

**Make checks payable to GRRIN and mail to:
GRRIN, PO Box 126, Boys Town, NE 68010**