

# GRRINNEWS



Third Quarter 2013

## Gold Rush

- Fun activities for dogs, kids & adults
- Grooming and training demos
- Parade of goldens
- Halloween costume contest for dogs
- Great merchandise at the GRRIN store
- Silent auction for 2 Southwest Airlines round trip tickets with proceeds going to GRRIN
- Visit [grrin.org](http://grrin.org) for more event details!

**Sunday, October 13th**  
**12:00pm - 4:00pm**

Offutt Base Lake Park  
Near 37<sup>th</sup> & Harlan Lewis Rd.  
Bellevue, NE 68113

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**Ready to Volunteer?**

Contact [goldrush@grrin.org](mailto:goldrush@grrin.org).

*Follow me,  
I know the way!*



# Happy Tails

Q3 2013

## Hunter (13-13, male, 10 years)

Adopted by: Mike, Julie, Steve, Suzanne, Jake & CJ

My name is Hunter. I am 10 years old. I came into GRRIN because my wonderful owner was dying. He had taken me to some really fun GRRIN functions, and he knew that they would take great care of me, and he was so right. My foster mom/new mom took me to see my owner as much as she could and we were both so glad to see each other every time. I even got to be the guest of honor at his Memorial Service.



My foster family fell in love with me, but it took them a while to realize that they also needed to adopt me. They had been fostering for 7 years, and I'm so happy here and glad that I don't have to move again. I love having a yard to play in, having Jake as my dog brother, and I'm even getting used to the cat, C.J. Some of my favorite things are going for walks and car rides and especially playing with my soccer balls. I love all kinds of balls, but soccer balls are my favorite. I even tried to participate in a soccer scrimmage but that didn't go very well with the coach.



I am a true "velcro" dog, and follow my new family around everywhere. I love running and playing, and I hear my family say that I don't act my age at all. They have to be careful with me because of my arthritis but it's so fun to run with my soccer balls and tennis balls. I always have a big smile on my face because I am so happy to be in my new forever home. I loved living with my first owner and will always remember the fun times we had and the love we shared. I'm so glad that he heard of GRRIN and knew that I could be a happy old dog with another family. Thank you GRRIN for being there for me.



## Angel (13-09, female, 9 years)

## Sadie (13-16, female, 6 months)

Adopted by: John, Brenda & the pack

In early March, GRRIN was asked by Retrieve A Golden of Minnesota to foster two senior puppy mill "mamas", Angel and Duchess. Both dogs were completely un-socialized with humans. Angel was transported to her foster home and it was quickly determined that she was about to have puppies! Unfortunately, two of the three pups were born with defects and only one survived.

As the weeks passed, mama Angel adapted to living in a home and having the opportunity to raise one of her babies. Sadie started to look more and more like a Doodle. Brenda could see that Sadie was teaching Angel how to play and be a "real" dog; after bonding so deeply with Angel and Sadie, Brenda asked GRRIN if she could adopt both dogs. It is a wonderful match for everyone as Brenda's resident dogs have taught Sadie doggy manners that Angel never learned. Watching doodle Sadie grow up has been extremely entertaining – Brenda has frequently found Angel and Sadie in the middle of the night playing tug of war and wrestling!







## **Jake AKA JT** (13-10, male, 2 years)

Adopted by: Steve, Vickie & Stewart

Jake came to GRRIN in March through another rescue organization, Retrieve A Golden of Minnesota (RAGOM). He was very typical of young male Golden retrievers that still have a lot of puppy energy, so we knew he would need a family that could accept a challenge. Steve, Vickie and their 2 year old GRRIN doodle Stewart met Jake at an event and fell in love with Mr. Energy!

At the same age, Jake made Stewart seem like an old man in comparison, but the two have become fast friends and will fetch a ball until the thrower calls it quits. Jake had moved around so much that even the wind chimes on the back porch made him nervous, but he is settling in with his "forever" family. GRRIN is so grateful for this experienced family that saw something special in Jake!



## **Lucky** (13-15, male, 2.5 years) Adopted by: Alex

When I was named Lucky, little did I know how lucky I would really be! I had a wonderful home with a mom who absolutely adored me - and when her circumstances changed I came into the GRRIN family. My foster mom, Kate, worked with me on some of my socialization skills. She was great with me.

Then one day a special visitor came to see me - Alex. We were an instant match. He spent hours throwing a tennis ball for me to chase - my favorite activity. Right then he won my heart! I later got to meet his roommate and it was another hit right off the bat. So we made it official, and I went to live with them. We are just three guys hanging out! Alex has enough energy to tolerate my own high level of energy, and we can play for hours.

So GRRIN, thank you so very much for giving me this opportunity to become part of a family again. Love and Kisses (and slobber) to everyone.



## **Cooper** (13-25, male, 3 years)

Adopted by: Dave, Joan, Ava & Emma

Thank you to the wonderful people at GRRIN for helping me find my forever family. I am so happy in my new home. My family loves having me around the house and the little girls always tell me how cute I am. I get lots of hugs and kisses. When we are in the backyard, I love to run around chasing balls and digging holes (although I'm not to). I get brushed a lot and I love it.

to go on long walks to see what's going on in the neighborhood. I'm working on being a good walker and try not to pull I see other dogs, squirrels or rabbits. It's a work in progress, but I am hang of it. Thanks to GRRIN and my foster Dad (Chris) for providing opportunity to be with my loving forever family.



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## **Murphy AKA Ronan** (13-18, male, 2 years)

Adopted by: Tom, Sue & Molly

Murphy here and I just wanted to let you know what a wonderful time since I came to GRRIN. First off, my foster mom Sabra and her golden Hudson realized what a great guy I am. My manners improved and they helped me find a forever family.

I arrived at my new home full of energy and ready for my forever family to come along for the fun. You see, every day is an adventure for me. I like to think I infused a little of that excitement into the lives of my forever family. I have a new sister Lily, she's a golden too, only not crème colored like me. We play together and I am totally devoted to her. I got a new name, Murphy, and it seems to suit my goofy personality. I know that I am going to have a lot of fun everyday at my forever home.



## **Mozart** (12-34, male, 2 years) Adopted by: Jack, Pat & crew

I'm enjoying settling into my new home. My new family is very impressed with my "doggie manners" thanks to my previous families. They are also learning the difference between dog toys and heavy chewer dog toys.

Jack & Pat have 3 grown kids with 7 grandkids that all love playing with me – lots of tug-of-war and chasing fun! My new family and I look forward to many years of excitement and good times!



## **Sammie** (13-19, female, 8 years)

Adopted by: Cher & Tucker

Sammie was surrendered to GRRIN because she was severely afraid of thunderstorms and her owner had to be away during Sammie's panic attacks. She was very sad to give Sammie up but knew that GRRIN would work to find a family that could help Sammie with her fears.

After a short period in foster care, it was determined that Sammie should be in a home where someone could be with her most of the time. Fortunately GRRIN had Cher and her senior Golden, Tucker, approved to adopt! Cher is retired and spends time gardening and spoiling Tucker, so she decided that Sammie deserved the same treatment. Sammie and Tucker are enjoying their new friendship and Sammie has a lap to crawl into during every thunderstorm!







## Zoey

(13-06, female, 1 year)

Adopted by: Andrew, Erin & Ryleigh



Hello, my name is Zoey and I have just turned one year old. I have loved living with my new family, Andrew, Erin, and Ryleigh. While my human parents are fun, I really love chasing Ryleigh and playing wherever she is! She will make sure I get special "puppy treats" and gives me lots of hugs and kisses!

I love going to the dog park too! Getting to swim and play chase with other dogs is the best. I also love when my family and I go on long walks and hikes.

Being outside is my favorite it doesn't matter if its raining, snowing, hot or cold; i just want to be outside! Oh and tennis balls-those are my favorite things to chase (aside from rabbits)! So far I have been having a blast with my new family!



## Frosty (13-20, male, 6 months)

Adopted by: Ely & Windy

Frosty is one of GRRIN's VIP's - a Very Important Puppy! He was surrendered by a good samaritan who knew he'd been exposed to the cold and rescued him from a breeder. Frosty had obviously suffered from some frostbite but the extent of the damage to his paws and nose would be revealed as he grew.

As the months have passed, Frosty appears to be a perfectly normal young Golden who loves to play! At a recent GRRIN gathering, he interacted with at least a dozen adult Golden retrievers, one Doodle, and a Bulldog - he got along with all of them and afterwards was asleep in the car before it left the driveway. Frosty's favorite spot is in "the big chair" with Ely, but he has both Ely and Windy wrapped around his paw!



## Lucky (13-28, male, 7 years)

Adopted by: John & Rosemary

I'm so happy, oh so happy! Yep, I have a new forever home. I get to hang out with John all day. And Rosemary and I go romping around the neighborhood, generally twice daily. Okay, we don't really romp, but she lets me go at my pace, sniffing things here, watching things there.

They have grandkids, and neighbor kids who all come around to play with me! I've got the best of both worlds: no live-in kids, but plenty around to play with!

I enjoy the daily quiet with John, but look forward to visitors too! I miss my original family, but John and Rosemary are so good to me - I am happy here. So thank you to GRRIN for taking me in when my family could not keep me, and for finding the best home ever!

# A Tribute to Our Smiley Reilly

In 2005 we had just lost our Golden, Aspen, to bone cancer and had started the process of finding another dog to add to our home. We went to the Farmer's Market in the Haymarket in Lincoln because we knew GRRIN had a booth there.

As we were looking at the Golden's one of them came up and punched Craig, and that gesture stayed with him. We inquired about getting that particular Golden (Reilly, 05-18) but were told it might not be a good idea because there had been some issues in previous placements. Craig hung tough and we eventually got to adopt Reilly.

A friend named him "Smiley Reilly" because he always seemed to be smiling. At one point issues did start to become apparent to the point we contacted GRRIN because we couldn't seem to stop the issues and thought surrendering him would be better for all involved. For a number of reasons GRRIN was unable to take him that weekend. We were told they would be able to take him that week however and in the meantime gave us some advice and how to work with Reilly's issues.

Some things just turn out the way they're supposed to. We never did surrender him as he responded positively to our new way of working with him. He turned into an incredibly loveable Golden who only wanted to walk, be petted and fed – in that order. His personality was goofy, sweet and playful. He was best buds with our other dog, Sparky, a Jack Russell. They would chase each other in the yard – usually with Sparky instigating then stopping his play - leaving Reilly no other choice but to keep after him and eventually run around the yard with his big feet flinging grass everywhere.

He was the perfect height for petting too. If he stood next to you your hand would be perfectly placed to pet him on the head. If you were sitting, your knee was the perfect height for him to rest his head. He liked popcorn night and pupcicles and always took his time eating treats – probably to savor every morsel.

In January we had to say goodbye to our pal – he was diagnosed with a tumor in his heart and there wasn't anything that could be done for him at that point. He is missed terribly by us and Sparky. The loveseat he always slept on is very empty right now. We are so grateful we had the chance to get to know and love him. He will always be in our hearts.

- Bobbie & Craig Connolly



"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

-- Roger Caras

# Donations & Memorials

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## 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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Goldens Adopted  
Year to Date

## -Q3 Quick Stats -

Golden Currently  
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"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, and filling an emptiness we don't even know we have."

-- Thorn Jones