

# HAPPY TAILS

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# GOLDEN HEARTS

**GRRIN News Fourth Quarter 2015**

*Thank you for supporting GRRIN in 2015!*

*Coming in 2016...*

*GRRIN is celebrating 25 years of rescue!*

*It's time to renew your membership*

*What does your membership to GRRIN mean?*

- Contribute to the rescue and rehabilitation of goldens in need through a dedicated non-profit organization
- You get the right to vote at the annual meeting
- 10% discount on all purchases through the GRRIN store
- Invitations to GRRIN play dates, fundraisers and annual Gold Rush reunion
- Subscription to quarterly newsletter



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Mailbox!*





# Gold Rush 2015

Sunday, October 4th | Offutt Base Lake Park



Thank you  
volunteers!







## A Golden Day for Gold Rush 2015

We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather as 175 guests, volunteers, and 61 dogs came out to enjoy Gold Rush 2015! From adorable puppies to distinguished senior Goldens, the canines once again ruled the day at Offutt Base Lake Park in Bellevue. Gold Rush had something for everyone:

- Vendors Merck (Home Again and Bravecto), Peace of Mind In-Home Pet Care, and Three Dog Bakery
- Dr. Melody Kaliff with Animal Clinic Suburban who provided Ask-a-Vet advice
- The GRRIN boutique was open for business with great merchandise
- GRRIN foster dogs were featured in the first foster dog parade
- Games and activities for dogs, adults and kids
- Informational programs including a presentation of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program by Marcy Graybill and a training demonstration from Gary & Kathy Platt, Innovative Dog Training
- The ever-popular Halloween costume contest for dogs and
- Last but not least, the wonderful parade of rescued Goldens

A big thank you goes to Curt Bright and The String Beans for providing music throughout the day and also to Carol Staab of NTV's Good Life morning program for serving as Gold Rush emcee. Finally, congratulations to Joe Muller, the winner of the silent auction for two roundtrip tickets generously donated by Southwest Airlines with proceeds to benefit GRRIN.

Again, our deepest thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered for Gold Rush 2015. What a wonderful way to reinforce GRRIN's mission to rescue and re-home Golden Retrievers. We look forward to seeing everyone at Gold Rush 2016 as we celebrate our 25th anniversary!



## Save the Date!



### Annual Volunteer Training - Sunday, January 31, 2016

Volunteer Luncheon 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. | Training 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium | RSVP to [volunteer@grrin.org](mailto:volunteer@grrin.org)

Whether you're already a GRRIN volunteer or just thinking about becoming one, please plan to join us as we socialize and cover hot rescue topics. Lunch will be provided along with snacks and beverages. Items from the GRRIN store will be available for purchase - members receive a 10% discount.

**We are looking forward to seeing you!**

The Nebraska Humane Society is located at 8929 Fort Street, Omaha. We will be in the Auditorium (hallway to the right of the main entrance). *In case of inclement weather, we will post cancellation information on our website and Facebook page.*

# Happy Tails

Q4 2015

## Goldie (14-11) Adopted by: Rosemary

From Goldie's new mom: Goldie and I have been together now for about three months. She is a happy girl, even runs like a girl. Everyone she meets gets plenty of wet kisses. We both love our daily walks together. She has been a great companion and came to me when I needed her the most. Thanks, GRRIN!



## Leroy

(15-09) Adopted by: Abby

Leroy had a seamless transition and seems so happy and content here. He loves a quick walk in the morning before work, then naps on the couch all day long. As soon as I leave he hops up on the couch and sticks his nose up against the window to watch me leave; it breaks my heart every morning!! In the afternoons we take nice long walks and play in the backyard. Sometimes we play dress up (he's got a pretty sweet lumberjack vest, too) but he's not as fond of that. He makes a pretty cute Santa though! Leroy is the sweetest oldie golden I have ever met. He loves holding hands and gives little kisses every once in a while.

Everyone who meets him says what a great, relaxed dog he is. I am so thankful to GRRIN for giving me my new best buddy.



## Bear (14-08)

Adopted by: Corky & Doris

Although he was sad to leave his foster family and foster dog pals, Bear seemed to take to us right away. Especially me (Doris) — he follows me all the time — the bathroom, the closet, the kitchen sink — everywhere! The first week he was here it was difficult for me to get out of the house; he would sense when I was leaving and beat me to the door. We quickly learned to keep the big garage door shut so he couldn't escape to the outside!

Bear likes to dig and curl up in his "foxhole". He first dug a small hole at the end of the deck so we thought we would make it more comfortable for him and line it with landscape fabric. Well — he did not care for that and dug a new hole in the ferns against the house. The hole has gotten deeper and deeper and now you can hardly see him when he is in it. He likes the smell of the dirt and the security of the foxhole on sunny afternoons.

Bear has some anxious moments, gets frightened and just shakes. He is frightened of the wind, dark, flashing lights and thunder. So, we bought him a doggie bed, which he doesn't care about, but has become quite fond of the middle of the king size bed.....and the sofa!

Bear really likes resident dog Carson, and Carson has taken to him, — and his toys. Foster parents Sue and John brought Bear with a whole bag of toys. Sue hadn't even gotten the first toy out of the bag when Carson stole it. He has since carried all of Bear's toys throughout the house. Bear shares very well but still has some favorites.

Bear has fit right into our family and each day seems a bit more at peace. We know he has a long way to go and we are glad the storm season is over so he will have an easier time to continue to adjust without some of nature's distractions.







## Toby

(15-15)

Adopted by: Steve, Erika, Ben, Elliott, Timothy, Titus and Dena

My, my, my. I am a busy, happy guy. I sure get to be the center of attention! Any time I want it. There is always someone around to give me a belly rub when I want one. The older boys are especially good at that! My favorite thing to do these days is to go on a walk. As soon as someone says the word, I am ready to go. I know they have to use code letters now: W-A-L-K because I am

so smart. I can get one from at least 3 of them each day. YAY! My family has taken me to the Humane Society so we can learn more from each other. I think they are learning lots about me!! I have lots to teach them! We went swimming one day-I can't wait to go back. I was told I needed a special shot so I would be protected from the water. Hopefully I can go again in the spring! It's time for a nap, so I will sign off. Thanks to my GRRIN family for helping me find my new home!



## Zoe

(15-16)

Adopted by: Nancy & Helen

After spending a few weeks with fosters Whitney, Mike and dog Ellie, I have moved into my new home with Nancy and Helen and their dog Biscuit. I have a big yard with tons of squirrels just waiting to be chased, a pond for wading, and toys to be retrieved. By day I work at trying to charm the cats and then I attend night school where I am the star student in my obedience class. I still have not figured out how to get the cats to play with me. They don't seem amused by my play bows. Biscuit and I hike in a different park every day so I am learning all the fun places to go in Lincoln. Nancy and Helen are quite taken with me and think I'm adorable. We garden together during the day, and on chilly evenings hang out in front of a cozy fire in the fireplace. Life is grand, thanks to GRRIN.



## Tanner 15-03 & Dusty 15-12

Adopted by: Ian & Megan



## Swayze

(15-19)

Adopted by: Keith & Mary Lynn



# In Memory...



**Rex** (08-36) Adopted by: Michelle & family

It is with the ultimate sadness that we all have experienced that I am letting you know that Rex #08-36 has been set free from this earth.

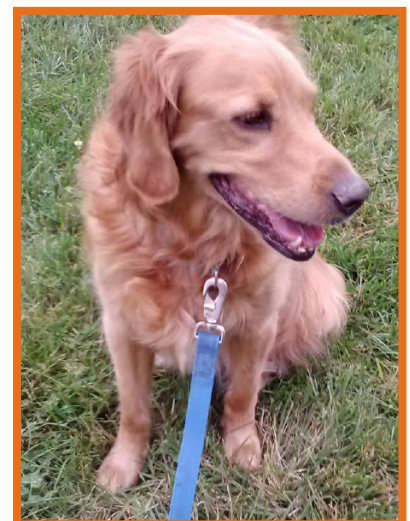
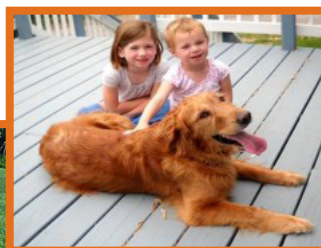
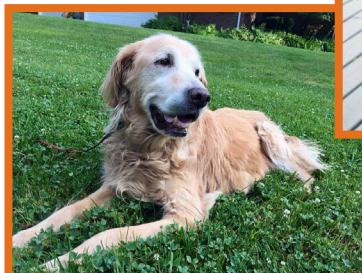
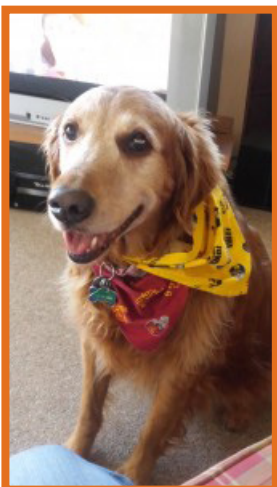
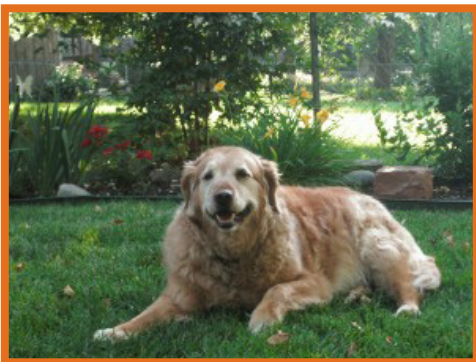
It was a blessing that his pain was short lived – one week. First symptoms on Saturday-perfectly well on Sunday. But Monday came and all was not well. Blood tests, then X-rays, then an ultrasound. Cancer was destroying his liver from the inside. He had stopped eating and was having difficulty standing by the end of the week and he made the decision quite clear. Dr. Jensen graciously came to my home to send him on his way to meet up with all of my other dogs. He will be in good company until I get there.

Rexy Rex, Rexie Boy, Rex Rex, T Rex, The Poopinator, Rexy Dog, Crazy Dog, Goofy Boy, Sexy Rexy, Silly Boy, Mr. Peebody. This sampling of his nicknames over the 7 years I had him kind of gives you an idea of who he was. He has left a deep hole in my heart and my home. Nicki #11-22 always used him for visual cues on what to do and she still hesitates and looks for him.

Rex was 7 days from his 13th birthday. He was the GRRIN adoption I have had the longest. He taught me so much but most of all that there is always time to MAKE time for one more scratch behind the ears, one more crazy dog roll around on your back, one more truck ride, one more full body stretch from your front toes to the back toes, one more treat, one more swim, one more security check of a rogue leaf, and most of all – and most importantly – there is always, always, always time for one more tennis ball.

No words can express how much he is missed. He was a spinning, neurotic boy who blossomed into a fun loving, up for anything, happy boy. I am overjoyed to have been his mom for those 7 years!

*What we have once enjoyed we can never lose;  
All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us – Helen Keller*  
For more In Memory stories, visit [grin.org](http://grin.org).







## GRRIN Needs Foster Homes!

*If you've thought about fostering for GRRIN (or you've fostered in the past), please consider bringing a rescued Golden Retriever into your home. Foster families go through the same approval process as adopting families, so you will need a fenced yard and the desire to work with these beautiful dogs.*

*We can never have too many families ready to help - contact GRRIN at 402-330-6680 or [info@grrin.org](mailto:info@grrin.org).*

**Fast facts: GRRIN fostered 34 dogs in 2015, 16 dogs were seniors & there were 24 adoptions.**

## Donations & Memorials

### Fourth Quarter, 2015

Kenneth Elson

Mike & Julie Sharp

Bobbie & Bruce Moore

Judy Mallory

Gigi Rahe

Brad Burwell

Danene Tushar

Michelle Brandt through the Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government

### *In memory of...*

Clearview Pet Care Center, *in memory of Haylee Venner*

Jay & Susan Hanson, *in memory of Rick Fox*

Jon & Sue Sprinkel, *in memory of Jack (15-11)*

Melody Kaliff and Staff at Animal Clinic Suburban, *in memory of Cloud (15-06)*

Patricia Newman, *in memory of Denny Lewis,*

*"Riley" (Ken & Rita Vetter), "Hunter" (Julie & Mike Sharp),*

*& Diana Abbott, staff member at The Bookworm*

Jeff & Tanya Hansen, *in memory of "Rex" (Michelle Wright and family)*

Joe Muller & Nancy Morris, *in memory of "Razzy" (Karen Sedoris and family)*

Bill & Joni Bollinger, *in memory of Ginger*

Jack Wright, *in memory of his wife Rita*

James & Nancy Peterman *in honor of* Gracie 15-18

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





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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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## In this Edition



Membership Renewal!



Gold Rush Re-cap



Happy Tails



Donations & Memorials



Goldens Adopted  
Year to Date

## -Q4 Quick Stats -

Goldens Currently  
in Foster Care



"If you want the best seat in the house,  
move the dog."

-- Unknown