

GRRINNEWS



First Quarter 2013

2012 - A Success!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to GRRIN's mission to save Golden Retrievers in need of new homes. As an all-volunteer organization, we could not continue without your time, services or donations.

Goldens were in high demand in 2012 and though it was slower than usual in terms of rescues, over 140 families applied to adopt our Goldens!

Here's a quick look at 2012:



Dogs
Rescued



Organization



Lives
Changed



Upcoming Events



Join us for...

Kibble 'n Bids

Friday, April 12th, 2013
5:30pm - 7:30pm



Granite City Food & Brewery
1001 N 102nd St, Omaha 68114

**'Yappy' Hour &
Silent Auction**



\$25.00 per person

To reserve tickets, contact Barb at
kibblenbids@grrin.org



To donate, contact Julie at
donate2kibblenbids@grrin.org

Save the Date!

GRRIN Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition



Dogs welcome!



12:00pm - 4:00pm



Greater Lincoln Obedience Club
5740 Johanna Road
Lincoln, NE 68507

Please join us at GRRIN's annual meeting. Lunch will be served, new board members will be elected and volunteers will be able to share rescue stories. Pre-planning for Gold Rush will be discussed and GRRIN would love to hear your ideas!

*Questions? Contact GRRIN via info@grrin.org.
Watch your mailbox for details coming soon!*

Happy Endings

Q1 2013



Kandi (12-28, female, 9 years)

Adopted by: Theresa

As far as we know, Kandi began her life as a breeder dog. Then she was abandoned in her home by her surrendering owners when they moved. She is a very sweet girl with quite a lot of energy for a dog of her age, so her foster parents, Matt and Amy, worked with her to learn manners – Kandi even went to school! When Kandi met her “forever” mom, Theresa, everyone knew it was a perfect fit.

Kandi settled in her forever home on day one. She is like having a puppy in that everything is just so new and so exciting to her. Everything she does is with great joy and exuberance. She has a new bff, Harley, a Wheaton Terrier my friend got from Midwest Wheaton Terrier rescue. Harley is teaching Kandi all kinds of things, like when to stop when walking, and when to run like there is no tomorrow!

Car rides seem to be her favorite thing in the world, and there are times she makes sure I know I am not leaving without her, as she will block the door! She also loves her stuffed animals. I came home one day to find all of them pulled out in the middle of the living room. She flips them around, rolls around on the ground with them, it's just too cute for words. She has been such a joy..and I look forward to so many more years with her. I'm so thankful that she is part of my life!

Daisy

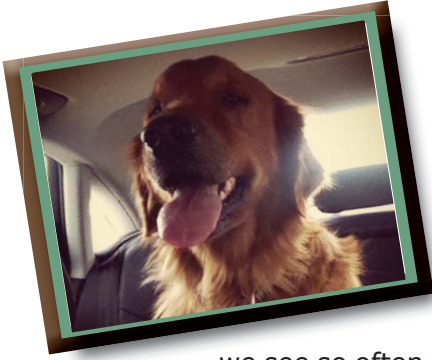
(12-39, female, 5 years) Adopted by: Melissa, Ian & Keelan

Just a quick word to let everyone know how I am doing....AWESOME! I settled in to my new home and have been loving every minute of it. I miss the boys while they are at school, but as soon as they come home it is non-stop action for me. My boys love to play ball, tug of war and take me for walks. But the best time is when they snuggle on the couch with me and watch a movie. When my family watches a movie they make popcorn! I LOVE POPCORN!!

My mom says I am the most well behaved dog and she is getting me ready to take my CGC certification and maybe training as a therapy dog. I have really been working hard at learning to walk nice on a leash, which is my only issue.

I love my new home and want to thank the really nice humans at GRRIN for helping me adopt such a great new family. Thanks a bunch to Judy, Dick and Brody for letting me stay at their place while I checked this new family out and made sure that they were a good match for me. Hope to see everyone soon at a GRRIN event. Love and puppy kisses!





Tank

(12-30, male, 4 years)

Adopted by: Ty, Heather, Ella, Layton & Resident Dog Bailey



Tank came to GRRIN because his family could no longer keep him. Tank suffered from severe allergies and he began a series of allergy injections which meant he would be in foster care for a while. Tank's continued medical care was going to be very expensive and included continuing his injections. Fortunately, Ty and Heather were not concerned about working with Tank's health issues. As we see so often in GRRIN, they knew immediately that Tank was meant to live with them forever.

Tank enjoys trading off rooms to sleep in - ours, Layton's and Ella's and is quite the king in his new dog bed! He's addicted to ice. He can be anywhere in the house but when he hears someone getting ice from the ice maker he comes running! Tank has a great new life!



Alvin (12-31, male, 3 years)

Adopted by: Christina

I'm Alvin and I have a great second chance in life. My first owner was sad to let me go but I had to live outdoors so he sent me to GRRIN. I loved my foster mom Cathi, and playing with all of her resident dogs. I was a hit at GRRIN events where I met Christina and her kiddos (my new playmates) who immediately knew I was supposed to be their forever family member.

My new mom says I'm such a sweetheart. I carry my stuffed toys all over the house and like to play outside in the snow or survey the yard from the deck. I have another dog friend to play with and the cat has learned that I'm a nice guy and will hide behind me when the other dogs want to play (seriously, everyone knows cats don't play with dogs). During the day I go for walks and at night I get a big hug and kiss. My mom thinks I was always meant to be a part of their family and I agree!



Benny AKA Billy

(12-25, male, 3 years) Adopted by: Dave, Abby & Gus

I came to my forever home with only my favorite basketball. I couldn't believe that my mom and dad made me a blanket, got me my own bed, and had a brand new basketball and lots of other toys to play with. My little dog brother, Gus, showed me how to play with balls, bones, and other fun toys. I love Gus a lot-we have epic wrestling duels all day long. We don't hold any grudges, because at the end of the day, we sleep on the same bed, even though we have our own.

I love it when my mom and dad come home from work. I just can't contain my excitement, I have to jump up and down and give them a big hug. My mom says I am the best cuddler in the world. I also love going on walks with my dad. He says that I am getting better at walking on a leash. Gus and I also love to chase the squirrels in the backyard. I don't understand why they run from me, I just want to play with them.

I want to thank the nice folks at GRRIN for finding me such a great forever home. I couldn't imagine life any other way.



Sam (12-15, male, 3 years)

Adopted by: Greg, Anne, Zoey & Harley



I was surrendered by a really nice family who decided that I wasn't very happy living with them. I had chewed a big sore on my front leg and the folks at GRRIN thought maybe I should go to a home that was really quiet and relaxing, so I went to live with Danielle. She didn't have any other pets and her house was like dog heaven: lots of toys and all of them for me, plus all the attention I wanted!

It took a long time for my leg to get better so I didn't meet my new family right away, but as soon as they saw me they knew I should come live with them. Everyone wondered how I'd get along with their resident Golden, Zoey, and of course I tried to push the boundaries, but we've worked things out. I've got plenty of other stuff to keep me distracted including bubbles (love those!), long walks (even better when I find dead things), and trips to work where everyone loves me. It was really hard for my first family to let me go because they had raised me from a pup, but I'm grateful to now be with Anne and Greg!



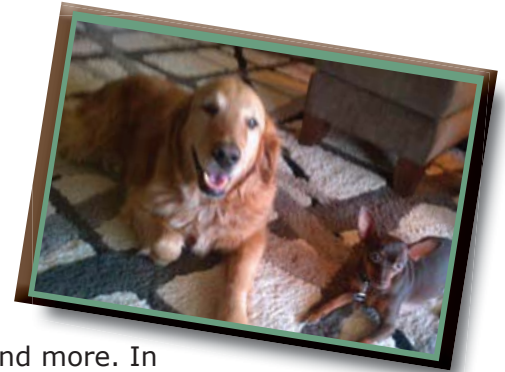
Missy AKA Prissy

(12-38, female, 7 years)

Adopted by: Alan & Sue

We adopted Missy in early December, and she has quickly become one of the family - which already included a Min Pin (Penny) adopted from the Humane Society in Lincoln in August. Penny and Missy have become good friends, and love doing things with each other.

Missy came to us as a very quiet dog, but is coming out of her shell more and more. In typical Golden fashion, she just assumes everyone is her friend (and they are). Missy's calm nature made us think she might be a good therapy dog, so we just started an intermediate obedience course (no need for the beginning course), and after two weeks that is going very well.



Rex (12-37, male, 2 years)

Adopted by: Michael, Molly & girls



Rex was found as a stray in Kansas on a farm. The family that found him took great care of Rex, but he just didn't fit with the resident Boston Terriers, so they surrendered him to GRRIN. He was very underweight, tick infested and had a collar that was too tight. He needed to learn basic manners but his new foster mom Mandi decided she was ready for the challenge.

Then along came a family waiting patiently to adopt - well, maybe not so patiently as they had FOUR daughters looking for a new family member. When they finally met Rex, there wasn't much question about whether he was the right fit as it was love at first sight.

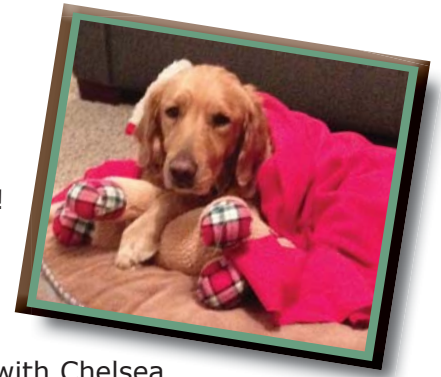
Rex and Cocoa - the resident dog have become best buds. They follow each other around all day, wrestle, cuddle and sleep against each other. Rex loves the girls, following them around wherever they go. The girls truly feel that Bud (our old Golden) sent Rex to us. We miss Bud so much, but we really love Rex. As we say, he rescued us, we didn't rescue him.

Ellie (11-36, female, 4 years)

Adopted by: Nate & Chelsea

I'm Ellie, just giving everyone an update since I **FINALY** found my forever home! I was having a great time with my foster parents, Dave and Michelle, when one day Nate and Chelsea (my new parents) came to meet me. They immediately fell in love with me and before I knew it, I was on my way to my new home.

Nate and Chelsea don't have any kids, so I'm the lucky winner of all their love and attention. They take me on walks almost every day, and I love snuggling with Chelsea when Nate has to work late. They are both doctors, so when they have long work days I get to spend the day with Chelsea's mom! At her house I get to play with her dog Bubba, and we are best friends! You would have thought that we've known each other forever. Chelsea and Nate love me very much and can't wait for all our adventures together!



Rudy (12-24, male, 8 years)

Adopted by: Kelly

Hi! It took a while but I finally found my forever home! I had been in two foster homes for quite a while, but finally Kelly found me! I was shy at first, but I am coming around. While I miss my foster dad, Scott and his family and two dogs, I think I am going to love being where I am head dog and have a devoted mom! We go for walks and she comes home at lunch time to see me. And I have a good sized yard to run around in! I have met some neighbor dogs and am very excited about that! It is a new life, and I am happy! Thank you, GRRIN!



Mozart (12-34, male, 18 months)

Adopted by: Chris, LaTava & boys

With a name like Mozart how can anyone not be charmed by this sweet dog who was fostered by GRRIN? If you add in his puppy personality (including "cute" naughty moments) and energy, you've got a potential family member who will bring years of fun and lots of stories.

Mozart was surrendered by a well-meaning college student and was lucky enough to live in two great foster homes before he met the right family. He was GRRIN's official greeter at many events in the fall and everybody loved him, but then Chris and LaTava came along with their boys and decided he was the perfect match for their family. Mozart has now become a greeter to the squirrels in the backyard, barking at them while they sit in a tree and chatter back. He has even taken to hanging out on top of the patio table so that he can get a better view of his surroundings! The volunteers at GRRIN are very happy that Mozart will have the opportunity to grow up with the boys and bring great joy to his "forever" family.





Abby (12-29, female, 7 years)

Adopted by: Jen, Jason, the four brothers & Gizmo

Hi, my name is Abigail Girl Jensen. Don't let the crazy name fool you. I'm not sure where I came from, though; a while back I ended up at the Humane Society overnight. After being adopted, my family quickly realized that having a dog was a lot of work. So, they called a super awesome organization called GRRIN. (Thanks a million to that family who was so smart to call GRRIN!) Russ became my foster dad; he took me to a veterinarian to check out my leg. The doc told me I must have had an injury at my first home, so I need lots of special love and care. While Russ was taking great care of me, GRRIN found my forever home.

My forever family loves me to pieces! I have a new dad and mom, 4 brothers (3, 9, 11, 13), and even a cat brother too (Gizmo). My new mama is so excited to have another girl in the house! My big brothers like to throw balls with me. I think I may have to join Tennis Ball-a-holics Anonymous because I may have a slight tennis ball addiction. All I want is to be wherever my family is because they make me so happy and make me feel safe.



I have really good manners and stay off of the furniture all day. It's a whole other story at night, though. After everyone goes to bed, I sleep in the same place on the couch every night! Sometimes I wake up with a blanket covering me and I still haven't figured out how they make that happen while they're sleeping.

My family takes really good care of me and makes sure I have my special medicine for my leg. I can't believe it took me this long to find them. They say I'm the best dog ever and I think they're pretty great, too. We are going to live happily ever after together! Thanks so much GRRIN!!



Ginger (13-01, female, 10 months)

Adopted by: Judy & Dick

Thank you to the wonderful people at GRRIN for helping me find my forever family! My name is Ginger and I was a stray until the great people from GRRIN took me in. I have been adopted by Judy, Dick and Brody (their resident golden). I am so, so happy in my new home and I keep Brody running and playing ball with me. Judy and Dick have been so kind to me and are going to take me to obedience school so I can be an even better girl! I can not thank them and GRRIN enough. Well, gotta go play a game of chase with Brody!



Lexie (11-24, female, 3.5 years)

Adopted by: Bob & Betty

Hi its Lexie! My foster family pretty much told me I'm the whole package—attentive, loyal, eager to learn and of course I'm a fancy designer dog being part Golden/part Vizsla. I've needed some extra attention due to my polycystic kidney disease but you'd never know it by looking at me. I am so thankful for my foster mom, dad, dogs and cats. They taught me manners, rules and most importantly that I am a very important part of the family.

We patiently waited and waited until we met the perfect forever family. I knew right away when I met Bob and Betty! Now I have an amazing new home. I love playing and wrestling with my new doggy brothers and sisters. I even heard Bob say he was glad that I picked them too! I now have everything I ever wanted. This is where I was meant to be!



Donations & Memorials

First Quarter, 2013



Thanks to all GRRIN members who are new or renewed their membership! We're grateful for each and every donation. The average cost for foster dog vet care in 2012 was almost \$300.

It's not too late to renew your membership and support GRRIN's work of rescuing Golden Retrievers in need. You can download our membership application online or call 402-330-6680.

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For Top Health, Use Heartworm Preventative Year Round

Heartworm is a serious and often fatal disease that can be avoided with a simple monthly pill. GRRIN urges every dog owner to dispense a monthly heartworm preventative pill, January through December.

If heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes, and Nebraska is in a deep freeze from Thanksgiving through Easter, why bother with year-round medication?

-  You can't predict the weather, and therefore you can't predict when the danger of mosquitoes is actually gone. Even if it's cold in Nebraska, you might visit an indoor site with your dog, like a dog show, where kennels have traveled from other states carrying insects.
-  In recent years we've seen a critical national shortage of the medicines used to treat heartworm. In 2012 GRRIN took in a Golden that was heartworm positive because a local shelter simply had no medicine available to treat the dog. In addition, treatment is expensive and carries risk. It's far safer and more cost-effective to give your dog an inexpensive monthly preventative versus gambling that you'll be able to find the costly medicine needed to treat the disease once it's established.
-  Finally, most folks find it easier to give the pill each month on a consistent schedule. That way they won't forget to restart the pills as the weather warms up in springtime.

Help your dog stay happy and healthy with year round heartworm prevention!



A Tribute to Toby



Toby came into our lives on May 14, 2005. He was a two year old full of life and adventure. We had lost our golden, Chester to cancer in 2004. Chester was adopted from GRRIN in the year 2000. We had the idea that Chester was lonely so Razzy came home to them from the GRRIN adoption program. Next, Razzy found her new best friend in Toby. He became Toby 'T' because he was always in 'trouble.' He was described as an energetic and lovable dog with a mischievous side to his personality. Toby lived up to his reputation! Luckily for all of us, he always lived in an environment where he could jump fences and run to the neighbors to get cookies. He started out living in Riverside Lakes where he learned to swim, walk in the park, run in the fields and jump into the Elkhorn river for a swim.

Toby spent most of his life living on an acre of waterfront property in Arkansas. He loved the trees in his yard where he and Razzy could chase the squirrels and swim whenever they wanted. Both took long walks in the forest sniffing and chasing all the little varmints they could find. They loved to dig and would come out of the woods with dirt all over them. Baths were a must for both. Toby & Razzy loved the boat rides on Lock Lomond Lake.

Toby was great with children, dogs, cats and other people. Toby would greet everyone with a big, deep bark which could be scary if you didn't know that he was just a great big ball of fur.

Toby was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 2011. Our astute vet consulted with K-State Veterinary College, where we had taken Chester for his cancer treatment, to set up a protocol for his procedures. All was going well for Toby for several months until he showed symptoms other than for what he was being treated. Toby fought a valiant fight against the cancer but lost that battle on May 14, 2012, his 'coming home' date.

We are so blessed to have had Chester and Toby in our lives. We now have our Razzy who is 11 years old and doing so well. She has survived her two best friends and is the sweetest 'puppy.'

We are grateful for the memories and adventures we have had with our GRRIN dogs and are so glad we are able to make their forever homes just right for them.

Toby you are so loved and will be missed forever. Your pictures and memory book will live on in our lives.

- Karen & Nick Spellman

"What we once have enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us."

-- Helen Keller



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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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"My goal in life is to become as
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-- Toby & Eileen Green