



*First Quarter 2015*

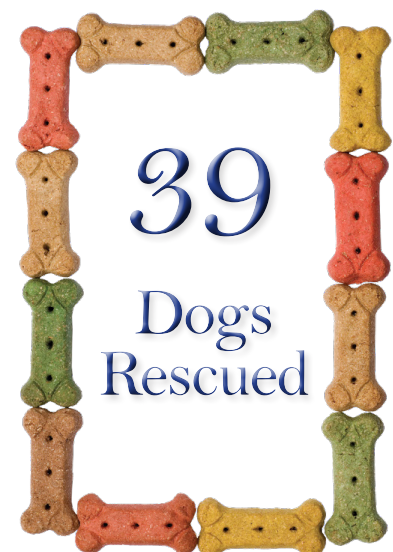
## 2014 - The Stats!

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.

In 2014 our veterinary & dog expenses averaged \$465 for each of the dogs we had in foster care. GRRIN was able to pay for spay and neuter procedures, testing and monthly medications for dogs with allergies, Addison's and Cushing's disease, along with treatment for dogs with heartworms, cancer, epilepsy, and thyroid imbalance. In addition, monthly heartworm and parasite prevention were administered to each foster dog along with annual vaccinations and a microchip. Eleven of our foster dogs were eight years of age and older, classified as seniors. We are extremely grateful to have the resources to care for these Golden oldies with loving foster homes and the ability to cover all of their medical expenses so they can live comfortably in their later years.

Here's a quick look at how you contributed to GRRIN in 2014:

- Your donations totaled ~ \$41654
- We received grants totaling ~ \$1050
- Our fundraising brought in ~ \$9027
- Members paid dues of ~ \$4385
- You adopted a GRRIN dog - adoption fees totaled \$9050
- You were one of nearly 100 volunteers who gave your time to GRRIN
- You fostered at least one of the 39 new dogs we brought into rescue



## Newsletter Update

GRRIN is sad to say goodbye to our retiring editor, Nikki Rue. Since 2010, she put together the beautiful newsletter you see every quarter. She has helped to train the new editors and will continue to design special mail items for GRRIN.

THANK YOU, Nikki!



## 2014 Adoption Facts

- Goldline volunteers processed ~10 adoption applications per month
- 25% of our foster dogs were adopted by their foster families
- 26 home visit volunteers completed almost 80 home visits
- 34% of families that completed a home visit ended up adopting a GRRIN dog
- Our outreach coordinator processed 138 emails requesting adoption information

## GRRIN Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition



Dogs welcome!



12:00pm - 3:00pm



Nebraska Humane Society  
8929 Fort Sreet  
Omaha, NE

Please join us at GRRIN's annual meeting!

Lunch by Mangia Italiana 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!

RSVP: 402.330.6680 with number attending

## Happy Tails

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### Abel (14-17, male) Adopted by: Myron & Cookie

Hi all! My new name is Lincoln because that's where my "forever" mom and dad came to adopt me. I was surrendered to a shelter and then GRRIN took me in. GRRIN didn't know too much about me except that my tail doesn't wag so maybe that's why other dogs don't understand me. That's ok, though, because at my new home Myron and Cookie have been taking me to school and I get to learn about other dogs and how I can be good friends with them. Myron and Cookie

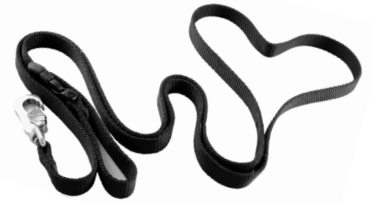
say they are very lucky to have me even though I nabbed a steak that was defrosting in the sink! I'm very lucky to have THEM and I'll definitely keep trying harder. Even though my tail won't wag, they know I'm happy by my big Golden Retriever smile! Thank you GRRIN for giving me a second chance.





## **Goldie** (14-11, female)

Adopted by: Tom & Debbie



Most dogs that find their forever family through GRRIN feel pretty lucky. My name is Goldie and I feel doubly lucky. My first family was unable to keep me and I was especially lucky they helped find my way to GRRIN. I had two terrific foster homes before my adoption by Tom and Debbie. My foster mom Sabra helped me figure out how to behave in the house and got me settled in. When she had to have some medical treatment she and GRINN found Nancy to further my training. Nancy took me to obedience classes where I was the STAR. While at Gold Rush I was so well behaved I really impressed everyone who met me. Tom and Debbie were there and I knew right away that they were the family for me. It was love at first sight. Thanks everyone for believing in me and helping me find my forever family.

## **Sammie** (13-19, female) Adopted by: Randy & Jamie

Sammie was a sweet foster dog from the very beginning when we received her for the first time in 2013. She fit in well with our family, which includes our resident Golden, Bob. An adoptive family was found quickly and Sammie was placed with a perfect owner. When this owner sadly needed to return Sammie to GRRIN, she came back to our family as a foster. Again, Sammie fit in with our family as if she had always been here. As time went on it became quite apparent that Sammie had decided that this was to be her home. She found her favorite spots to sleep and is a constant companion to Mom Jamie. Sammie is in her Forever Home and in our hearts.



## **Marco & Marley** (14-18 & 14-19, male)

Adopted by: Jeff, Tori Jo, and family

Mark and Marley are happily settling into their new home with their new sister Roxie who adores them. A few changes happened right off the bat. Mark received a name upgrade and now goes by "Marco Polo" for his adventurous attitude, and not to be left behind, Marley picked up the middle name "And me" for his movie star namesake. Although he looks like a movie star, he acts nothing like the dog in the movie! The boys are adapting to the rhythm of a homeschooling family with four kids; it's full of attention and activity, just what they love and need.

We thought we were going to be a one dog family for the time being and now we are a three dog family for the first time. We are learning however, life takes some pretty funny turns sometimes and never ends up exactly how you expected it to go . . .thankfully! We can't imagine our lives without our new boys. They fill a hole in our family we didn't even recognize we had.



## **Cali** (14-29, female)

Adopted by: John & Deb

Hi, my name is Cali and I'm 6 years old. My foster mom Liz found me the perfect forever home. I was adopted by John & Deb on November 3, 2014. I was pretty shy and apprehensive about everything when I first arrived at my new forever home, but I'm adjusting pretty well. I have two human grandchildren, Kendall & Grady, and they are wonderful to me. When I first arrived I didn't know how to play with anything. Now, I'm proud to say I can sit, shake, lay down, and crawl! Did I mention I love going on walks? John and Deb love the heck out of me, and tell me all the time that I'm such a sweetheart. I'm so happy and I thank God GRRIN was there for me to help me find my forever home.





## **Abby** (14-26, female)

Adopted by: Lee & Kathy



My name is Abby. I'm 8 years old, and when I was surrendered to the wonderful people at GRRIN, they immediately set me up in a 'sweet' foster home until my new mom and dad adopted me. Everyone calls our match "a great fit." Now my life is happily continuing with mom, dad, and 'fur-sister' Zoe. Speaking of age, I don't feel 8. Mom and dad say all the time I have a whole lot of energy and act much younger than my age. I run, chase balls, and jump around! All those things are great, but I really look forward to snuggling up on the couch to get some love. Mom and dad tell me all the time they're so grateful for GRRIN too because they have me! "THANK YOU!" from all of us for making us a family.

## **Holly (formerly Angel)**

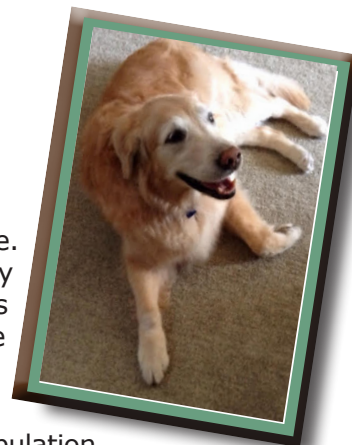
(14-30, female)

Adopted by: Jane & Jacque

GRRIN received a call that there was a Golden in Iowa in need of an immediate home. Her male owner was in hospice and the dog had been left alone for three weeks with only basic care being given to her. Barb and Dennis jumped in their car and met the owner's Power of Attorney at the dog's home. After filling out necessary paperwork, the garage door started going up and down. Barb joked that maybe someone was telling Angel to head out and go to their car!

Angel went in to foster care with Jill and her 5-year-old son. Angel had some ambulation problems at first but was improving under their loving care. She had lost 3 lbs., and started to fetch and play with a toy lion the son gave her. We went to visit as prospective owners, and it took us like maybe 30 seconds to fall in love with her! Since she has been with us, she has learned to navigate all stairs with ease, and loves to run and fetch her ball, and still shakes the dickens out of her lion.

We noticed that our yard was suddenly showing an area of flattened grass and snow in a fairly large perfect circle. The edges had the grass kind of torn up. What in the world? Are we suddenly being visited by aliens? Soon we caught the culprit in action. Angel (now "Holly") would flop down on her side, dig her front paws into the turf and snow, and turn herself in circles, always in the same spot. We also watched happily as she turned on her back and kicked her legs with glee up at the sky. After some discussion, we decided these were not "crop circles" — she was making Snow Angels!...and showing her prior Mom and Dad that she is OK. We consider ourselves extremely blessed to have her in our lives. She is just a darling! And who knows? Maybe we will flop down beside her in the snow and make some snow angels also!



## **Blaize** (14-32, male)

Adopted by: Bob & Linde



Hi there, Blaize checking back in. Thanks to my Foster mom Michelle, Barb, and all the great folks at GRRIN, I've found my furever home! Bob and Linde came to visit me in my foster home, and it was love at first sight. Bob and Linde have an older dog, Sophie, and once I moved in we became best buds. Sophie had been a little lonely after her brother Rocky died, but I'm making her feel so happy again! I have lots of energy and love to go for walks with Bob and chase tennis balls in the huge backyard. I am teaching Bob and Linde to spoil me, and how to snuggle properly. They're learning quickly. I'll have my new furever family whipped into shape in no time! I'd love to tell you more but it's time for another long walk! Thanks again GRRIN for giving me this happy ending!



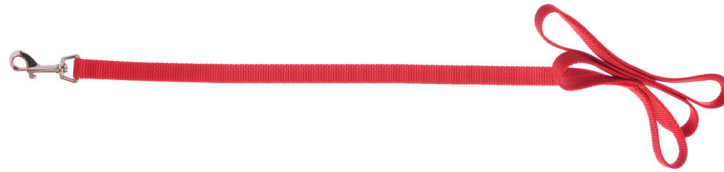


## Meeko & Diesel (14-21 & 14-22, male)

Adopted by: Ron & Irma

Every once in a while GRRIN takes in a dog that needs help even though it might not fit the perfect description of a Golden Retriever. In this case, GRRIN saved Meeko and Diesel, eleven year old brothers, from being surrendered to a shelter due to abandonment by placing them in foster care with Ron & Irma. Both dogs thrived in their new home and quickly bonded with the family, not a surprise because Ron and Irma had cared for three other senior GRRIN dogs and have a big soft spot for the "Golden Oldies".

It didn't take long before Meeko and Diesel permanently joined the family and now look forward to many more years with these special volunteers.



## Annual Training – A Success!

On Sunday, January 25th, over 40 volunteers spent the afternoon learning about GRRIN's rescue process and going over first aid techniques for canines. We are so grateful for the time that our volunteers give, whether it's once a month or every day.

Special thanks to the Nebraska Humane Society for allowing us to use the auditorium and Pam Nathan, Greta and Pet Tech for the first aid training!



# Donations & Memorials

**First Quarter, 2015**

Thanks to all GRRIN friends who participated in our membership drive!

Throughout the year we also receive support from veterinarians, groomers, behaviorists, other rescues and shelters, and local businesses that invite us to show off our foster dogs.

We couldn't do it without you!



## **Special thanks to the JK Barker Foundation**



Animal Clinic Suburban, in memory of Maxx | William Andres, in memory of Micki Andres  
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Don & Donna Satterm, in honor of Heidi  
Paul & Bonnie Seaquist, in memory of Buddy (10-61) & Bella (13-44)

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# Donations & Memorials

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Karen Sedoris, in memory of Chester & Toby | Cathi Smetana, in memory of BJ Roberts  
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Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska  
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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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## In this Edition



2014 Re-cap



Annual Training



Happy Tails



Donations & Memorials



Goldens Adopted  
Year to Date

## -Q1 Quick Stats -

Goldens Currently  
in Foster Care



"Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished."

--Dean Koontz