

# GRRINNEWS



*Second Quarter 2015*

## Meet the 2015 Board

At the annual meeting in April, GRRIN members cast their votes for positions up for re-election. The following individuals will serve as the Board of Directors for 2015:

- President: Joe Muller
- Vice President: Kathy Glenn
- Recording Secretary: Diane Metz
- Treasurer: Michele Acri
- Corresponding Secretary: Erika Ryser
- Communications Chair: Barb Garrett
- Rescue Chair: Judy Davis
- Goldline Chair: Karen Throener
- Volunteer Chair: Vacant
- Resource Committee Chair: Cathi Smetana
- Outreach Committee Chair: Judy Rippe



The board ensures that GRRIN resources are used responsibly, our policies are sound, and our actions fulfill our mission. Thanks to these members for their willingness to serve and lead our organization. We appreciate their dedication!

## Are You Tech-savvy & Creative?

GRRIN is currently looking for a newsletter editor that can work with Adobe InDesign and create four newsletters per year.

If you'd like to help, please contact [volunteer@grrin.org](mailto:volunteer@grrin.org)!

## Gold Rush Volunteers Needed!

Gold Rush Chair Kathy Glenn is looking for volunteers who can help with the planning and execution of Gold Rush.

Whether you want to help a few hours on the day of the event or you'd like to be involved with behind-the-scenes activities, we can use your help. Send an email to [goldrush@grrin.org](mailto:goldrush@grrin.org) and Kathy will contact you.

## GOLD RUSH Save the Date!



Dogs welcome!



12:00pm - 4:00pm



Offutt Base Lake Park  
Bellevue, NE

Join us for:  
Educational programs  
Games and other activities  
Shopping at the GRRIN store  
Costume contest  
Refreshments

Free admission and all well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome!

Interested in making a donation towards this event? Email [goldrush@grrin.org](mailto:goldrush@grrin.org).

## Visit With Us!

Would you like to learn more about GRRIN? Thought about volunteering? Adoption? Know someone who is thinking about surrendering their Golden?

Our GRRIN ambassadors will be at Three Dog Bakery in Village Pointe on July 11, August 8, and September 12. We'll also be at The Bookworm on August 2 and September 6.

You can always contact us via 402-330-6680 or [info@grrin.org](mailto:info@grrin.org), but we'd love to meet you in person!





# Happy Tails

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## **Paddington** (12-04)

Adopted by: Doug, Kris & Ryan

After being in a foster home twice with a super lady, Cathi, and her Irish Setters, I finally found my FUR-EVER HOME!!! It really is a small world. Cathi works with my new Mom, Kris, and so she introduced me to Kris and her Golden, Boston, at a GRRIN Meet-and-Greet to see how we'd all get along. I was on my best behavior and she loved me right away! Boston is a really big Golden and he and I liked each other right from the start! I then went to meet the rest of her family, her husband Doug and their 12 year old son, Ryan, at their house where I got to run through the house and the backyard with Boston. We got along really well and the next thing I knew, I was moving in with them! I get to go on nice walks in the neighborhood and even got to attend one of Ryan's baseball games! I'm not very good at sitting still, there are way too many people to meet and new sniffs to find, so I don't understand why we have to sit in one place for that long? As they say, the 'third time's a charm'! I finally found my Fur-ever home and love my new family as much as they love me! Life is good!



## **HeenooH** (14-33) Adopted by: Kevin & Amy

HeenooH is absolutely the best dog ever. He made the adjustment into our household almost immediately. He has shown us all the tricks he can do and continues to learn more as we work with him. The cats have shown him who is in charge. When he finds a cat in his bed, he takes them for a ride across the room in it by pulling the bed with his mouth until they jump out. We go for walks every day after work and then he looks forward to a car ride after supper. He spends couch time in one of our laps. We are so happy to have him! Thank you to everyone at GRRIN for making this happen for us. Dave and Michele were great to work with and gave us some great advice.

## **Maverick** (14-35) Adopted by: Rod & Connie

It's been two months since we got Maverick ("Mav") from GRRIN, and he's doing great! He suffered some separation anxiety issues at first, but Rod was able to work from home for a couple of weeks and he settled down. He's really attached to Rod, following him everywhere. (We thought about renaming him Velcro.) Every once in a while he will be extra happy to see us when we get home and do his "happy dance." Watching 100+ pounds of Golden Retriever wiggle and prance is guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

He met the neighborhood flock of turkeys his second day here, and had fun chasing them around the yard. Everyone who meets him loves him. He is very laid back, and if you start petting him he won't let you stop. The vet says Mav should lose some weight, so Rod and Mav go for a walk every morning (weather permitting). Sometimes Connie and Mav go for an evening walk. He is great on a leash, never pulling, and slows down when asked. He has a tennis ball in the back yard he loves to use as a back massager. Every time he goes out he runs to get his tennis ball, then throws himself on it and starts rolling around. He also likes to fetch the ball if we throw it, but only once. I think it is because he doesn't want to run and get it again.

We are so glad to have Mav, and look forward to many happy years as his "forever" home.





## Lexi (14-34)

Adopted by: Jill & Ethan



Frequently when a dog enters foster care, they quickly fit into the new home and get along very well with the foster family. In many of those cases, the foster family asks to adopt the dog and GRRIN wholeheartedly supports not having to move a dog again if it's not needed. This was the case for Miss Lexi! Her previous owner lived in an apartment and Lexi just wasn't adapting well so the difficult decision was made to surrender Lexi to GRRIN and find her a perfect new home. Lexi immediately bonded with Jill and her son Ethan; after a few months in foster care working through allergy evaluation and treatment, Jill officially adopted Lexi. Jill states that Lexi is very happy in her new home and loves her backyard with all of her toys. While Jill will no longer be able to help GRRIN with fostering, we are grateful that she has given Lexi a permanent "forever" home.



## Abby (12-29)

Adopted by: Scot & Sheri

I am such a happy girl! Remember me? Abby! I came back to Nebraska to find my new home and it found me! Sheri and Scot are taking great care of me. I also love my new doggie buddy, a little Westie. He keeps me company too. We get along great. He even loved my food so much that they had to start feeding us both the same thing!

My arthritis is getting a little better. I am keeping quite active. I am going on lots of walks and have even lost a few pounds. That sure makes a girl feel good! It makes running the fence lots easier and of course I am always playing with my ball. I keep my people busy throwing it for me to bring it back again and again! I also have them trained to give me lots of belly rubs. They feel so good!

When Scot leaves the house I wait for him on the landing. It feels like forever. I get so excited when he comes back so we can play again. I miss him when he is gone. Thanks to Sue and Tom and my GRRIN friends for bringing us together!

## Ralphie (15-02)

Adopted by: Kurt, Katie & Family

RALPHIE!!

We are extremely happy to have Wreck it Ralph (as our son Ryder calls him), as part of our family. From the moment we picked him up, he fit right in. We wore him out the first few days of constant activity, and he slept really well those nights! Our daughter Emilia likes giving him big hugs, and putting necklaces on him. He loves to be outside playing in the yard with the kids, fetch mostly. He's a master at getting tennis balls. I didn't know dogs climbed ladders? Ralph does. He will follow Emilia up the ladder to the playhouse. We are still hoping that he will learn to use the slide too. He gets to go on walks and runs, and is great on the leash. I also get the feeling he's been hunting before. He flushed a pheasant on one walk, and it wasn't by accident, as he came trotting back with a very proud look on his face. We want to thank all of the members of GRRIN for their help, especially Kate, Barb and Leanne!! We couldn't have hoped for a better pup!



## **Ginger** (14-36) Adopted by: Tim & Konda

I am 11 years old but I just don't feel that old. I feel like I am 2 or 3 with a lot of energy most of the time. I have been in a foster home for about 5 months with my foster Mom and Dad helping me to learn to be an inside dog, like going to the bathroom in the right place, using some indoor manners, AND getting my seizures under control. I feel so comfortable here with them and their 2 resident dogs, Georgia and Daisy. They treat me like family. I have made it my job to keep the yard free of rabbits and squirrels, which is a full time job for me and I seem to be the only one who cares, but I REALLY do. My Mom has even had to guide me into the house for bed at night as I just can't let down my guard. I have done such a good job and they must appreciate it, because they have just decided that I should stay here forever. I am so thankful to Tim, Konda, Georgia, and Daisy for their love and patience with me in making me a great dog with a great story. Now I have to go and keep watch for those pesky critters outside. Thanks, GRRIN, for finding me a forever home!!!



## **Kiko** (14-27)

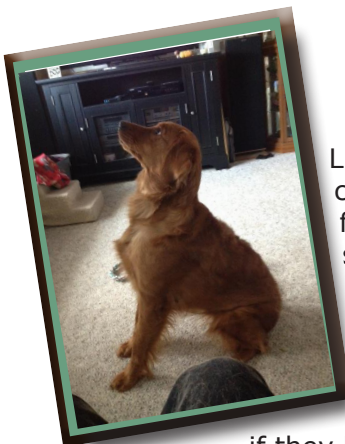
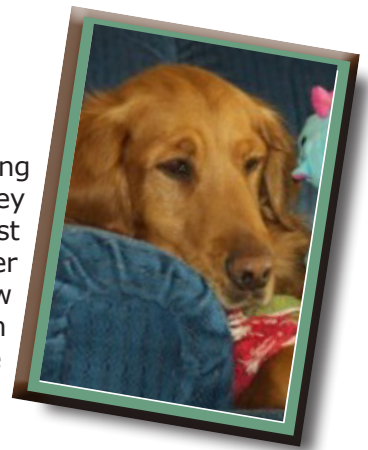
Adopted by: Don & Patricia

Greetings here from me, Kiko! It's been 4 months since GRRIN sent me to live in my new home and it's been great! I have a lot of room to run at my new house and I love to play with my brother, Rafa, in the yard. We play a lot of games of tag (he chases me while I chase my ball). We are pretty much inseparable. Dad is home all day with us and I love the attention and try to cuddle with him as much as I can. Mom takes me and my brother for daily walks and we love to explore. I want to say thank you to my foster parents, Seth and Erika, and foster brothers, Bo and Shiloh, for getting me healthy and ready for adoption. And thanks to the wonderful folks at GRRIN who found me the best forever home ever!

## **Bailee** (14-23)

Adopted by: Lance & Jennifer

Hi, guys! I'm Bailee. I am so grateful to all the wonderful people at GRRIN for finding me the perfect furever family. When my family decided they wanted to get a dog they initially thought they wanted a younger dog. Then, they met me and it was love at first sight...I can understand why, I am pretty adorable! Everyone says I act a lot younger than five because I have no problem keeping up with dogs half my age. My new favorite game is fetch and I love to play it at the off-leash park until the sun goes down or longer. My family has nicknamed me the "Dragon Slayer" because I love to shake my toy dragons until they squeak for mercy. I also love to eat. I actually think I may be a contender for the title of "World's Fastest Eater". What was that? It's dinnertime! Gotta go! Bye guys!



## **Luna** (14-28)

Adopted by: Kevin & Pam

Luna is a lovely two year old Golden with a typical goofy Golden personality! She came into foster care because there were too many dogs in her previous home. Luna's foster mom quickly fell in love with her and they worked on house manners and leash skills. Once Luna was ready to meet families, Kevin & Pam were thrilled to have the opportunity to see if Luna was a fit for them. A visit with the family and their resident dog, Sadie, went very well and Luna gained a new "furever" home. Sadie and Luna are now best buds, playing and sleeping together. The cat has finally come out and everyone is living in harmony. Kevin and Pam are thrilled to have their new "fur kid" and can't imagine their home without Luna, who makes sure to wake them at night if they haven't had enough play time during the day!



# Donations & Memorials

## Second Quarter, 2015

Goldie gives a "high five" to our amazing supporters! THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Omaha Gives! event on May 20th. GRRIN met the goal of raising \$5000 to cover medical expenses for our foster dogs.



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# Donations & Memorials

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## *in memory of...*

Rob & Amy Crain....in memory of Trot

Diana Doling....in memory of Baily (05-23), the "love of my life"

Steve & Cindy Roberts....in memory of "Our beloved furry friend, BJ"

## *in honor of...*

Kevin & Dora Klein....in honor of Nell-y (10-14)

Kathleen Rasinowich-Platt....in honor of OTCH First String's Liv'n on the Edge  
UDX20, OM7, NA, NAJ, CGC aka Shale

(through Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign)

Nancy Bowen....in honor of Drs. Mimi Harvey & Jennifer Heibner & staff  
at Pitts Veterinary Hospital

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Linde Bally

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Kathleen Smith

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*For corrections, please send an email to [newsletter@grrin.org](mailto:newsletter@grrin.org).*

## Meet Bogie 15-04!

GRRIN was contacted by Iowa State University in April about helping a dog with a permanent disability - weakness and partial paralysis in his hind quarters. Bogie's owner could no longer keep him, and the staff at ISU had become so attached to Bogie that they started working to find him a new home. GRRIN's rescue team quickly scheduled transport when a new foster mom, a veterinarian, offered to foster Bogie. This sweet two year old has an amazing temperament and doesn't seem to let much slow him down! Bogie is ready for adoption and will need a home where he can get continued care. He is definitely a candidate for acupuncture or water therapy. We believe he could also become a therapy dog and inspire others with challenges.



*To learn more about Bogie, you can read his story at [www.grrin.org](http://www.grrin.org) or contact [info@grrin.org](mailto:info@grrin.org).*



Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska  
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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.

## Contact Us

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Meet Bogie!



Goldens Adopted  
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## -Q2 Quick Stats -

Goldens Currently  
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"If dogs could talk it would take a lot  
of the fun out of owning one."

--Andy Rooney