

GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE IN NEBRASKA, INC.

Ninth Annual

GREAT NEBRASKA

GOLD RUSH

A CARNIVAL FOR GOLDEN RETRIEVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sunday, June 18, 1:00-5:00
Chalco Hills Recreation Area
Omaha

**I-80 to Omaha, exit 440 (Millard), north on Hwy. 50 (144th St.), west on
Giles Road, enter park and look for signs to GRRIN Gold Rush area.**

Games
Food
Prizes
Golden Boutique
Obstacle Course

Featuring
Microchip Clinic - 2-4 pm
Rescue Dog Parade - 3:30
Agility Demo on the hour
Flyball Demo on the half hour

Demonstrations
Information Booth
Relay Races
Cake Walk
Fortune Teller

For information, call GRRIN at (402) 330-6680 or visit www.grrin.org

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

A BULLETIN BOARD FOR GRRIN MEMBERS

Special Thank You to GRRIN Foster Homes

GRRIN would like to thank its foster parents who opened both their homes and their hearts to the 46 Golden retrievers who came into the rescue program in 1999. The continued success of GRRIN depends in part on the number of available foster homes. Help spread the word about becoming a GRRIN foster home to your friends, relatives, co-workers, and veterinarians. Invite them to make a difference for our Golden friends.

Roy and Sue Whitney <> Scott and Eileen Kenney <> Nancy Bowen and Helen Moore <> Susan and Mike Kunkee <> Hap and Barb Abraham <> Katie and Larry Burks <> Katherine Burden <> Sara Hulac <> Lisa and Jeff Crouch <> Jan Wild <> Dorothy and Ray Urwin <> Lori McGerr <> Cat Kennedy <> Tim and Konda Nietfeld <> Betsy and Don Chase <> Kathy Hill <> Deb and John Hermann <> Debbie and Jim Ciurej <> Carol and Tom Schenkelberg <> Rick and Maralyn Danley <> Rich and Laura Roccaforte <> Margaret Allen <> Ruthann Macolini <> Jon and Michelle Squire <> Steve and Kathy Adelson <> Brenda and Brian Pierce <> Mary and Dan Feldman <> Carolyn Hargiss <> Becky and Brent Stacey <> Bruce and Jane Carpenter <> Linda Sommers <> Susan and Elbert Traylor <> Amy and Mark VanGoethen <> Cheri and Don Marti <> Andrew Pitcher and Anne DeVries <> Joanne Lastoka <> Chris and Sonia Velasquez <> Patty Taylor

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting for GRRIN will be held on Sunday, January 30 at 1:00 at the Creative Trainers building in Papillion. The street address is 12002 S. 84th Street, across from Midlands Hospital. Dogs and guests are welcome. There are no restroom facilities at the site.

The agenda for the meeting includes introductions, elections to the Board of Directors, reports on GRRIN activities from committee chairpersons, information-sharing, brain-storming, socializing, and refreshments.

This is the one and only business meeting of the membership. Please attend and let your vote be counted and your ideas be heard. Call the phone line at 330-6680 for more detailed directions.

By the way, we'll be done in plenty of time to watch the Superbowl that evening.

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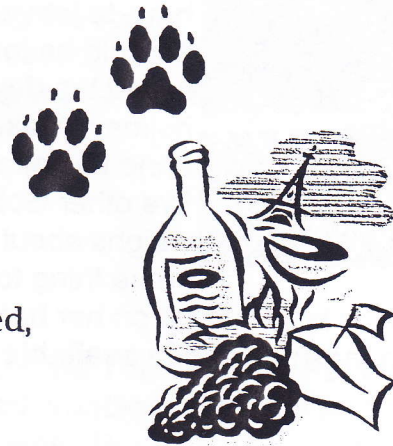
Wines of the World

Spirit World Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

Spirit World of Omaha is hosting a wine tasting evening to raise funds for GRRIN.

Food will also be served.

Please plan to attend a fun evening. Space is limited, so call to make your reservation.



Date: Wednesday, February, 9th 2000

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Spirit World, 74th & Pacific Streets, Omaha

Cost: \$25

Limit: 35 people

Call for Reservation: Andrew Pitcher (402) 435-0883

100% of the proceeds to be donated to GRRIN!

Paws for Applause

GRRIN greatly appreciates these generous donors

Robin Matthews - "Keep up the good work."

Joanne Lastoka - Thanks for the "Goldstock '99 remembers"

Jack and Steph Koraleski - In honor Garth and Duffy.

Heather Jensen - for puppy sitting by the Zelechowski's

Ken and Debbie Elson

Suzanne Keller

Patty, Jim, Spot and Mandy Taylor - In honor of Samson, our Golden oldie and adopted rescue dog

Donald Zimmer - In memory of Florence Zimmer who loved animals

Bobbie and Bruce Moore - In memory of Teddy

Susan and Henry Kaplan - Thanks for your hard work to help Golden Retrievers in need

Nancy and Mike Cronin - In honor of our GRRIN dogs, Banjo and Elliot.

Patty, Jim, Samson, Spot, and Mandy Taylor - In memory of Bear Biba who we never met but are sure we would have loved.

Golden Boutique Items for people who love Golden Retrievers!

Funds raised through the sale of these products support the rescue and educational activities of GRRIN.

New Golden Clothing

Available Now:

Item 1 - "LIFE'S A BALL" TEE SHIRT.....\$16.00

Gracing the front of these new, high quality, Fruit of the Loom white tee shirts is Tess #96-09 and her ball. Her adorable pose is in full color on the front of the shirt, and the back features our new and improved GRRIN logo with paw prints. Whether you are coming or going, people will know you support Rescue and that life is a ball when you love a Golden! Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL

Item 2 - LG SLEEVE TEE SHIRT.....\$22.00

Autumn's here and a quality, long sleeve, Fruit of the Loom tee shirt will be just the thing for a game of fetch with your Golden. Features our improved logo and paw prints front and center, with a screened version of Soccer Dog, Tess #96-09 on the back.

Colors: Natural, Ash, Denim, Red Sizes: L, XL, XXL

Item 3 - SWEATSHIRT.....\$35.00

This heavy, 9 ounce, sweatshirt will keep you warm when the dog walk is in the snow! Beautiful, *embroidered* logo adorns the front of this sweatshirt.

Your Golden will be proud to be with you when you're wearing this new Rescue addition. Sizes: L, XL, XXL

Colors: Burgundy, Navy, Forest Green, Purple

GReat Fun Stuff For Your Golden:

Item 10 - LEASH (70" x 1").....\$10.00

Gold with blue embroidered GRRIN lettering. *This leash is a GReat way to let everyone you and your Golden encounter know you support rescue! Why buy a leash from the pet store when it's available from GRRIN? The PERFECT accessory for the gold GRRIN bandanna!*

Item 11 - GROOMING VIDEO.....\$27.00

Every Golden needs to look their best! *Learn how to professionally groom your Golden. No more scraggly ears or dustmop paws!*

About Our GRRIN Model:

Tess, #96-09, was born in November of 1995. She was surrendered to GRRIN, along with her four sisters, by an irresponsible breeder. Marilyn Goc, adopted Tess in February of 1996 and it was shortly thereafter that Tess and Marilyn began their photographic alliance. Tess started almost immediately posing for snapshot after snapshot as Marilyn chronicled her growth. Tess's natural photogenic talent was refined and developed. After 4 years of loving guidance under the tutelage of Marilyn, Tess knew she was ready for the opportunity of a lifetime as a GRRIN tee shirt model. Tess had endured many hours of obedience training and long arduous practices with squeaky balls and milkbones to master her technique on ball balancing. She had learned to obey Marilyn's command to stay and she had the goofy, crooked tooth smile down pat. Tess was a shoe-in as GRRIN's photo tee shirt contest winner. Buy one of these GReat shirts and see for yourself!

When Tess is not posing for pictures, she loves to carry soft toys in her mouth. Her "baby" is a fleece gingerbread man. Tess is a sweet, gentle girl with a reddish gold coat and she tips the scales at a svelte 65 pounds. Tess enjoys looking out the window, monitoring the squirrel population, and will fetch Marilyn her slippers each evening. In the summer, Tess's favorite spot to sleep is the cool shower stall but the bed is more to her liking this time of year.

Tess would like to encourage all GRRIN Goldens to pursue their own photo careers. Calendars, catalogs, clothing lines - the possibilities are endless for the photogenic Golden. Watch for the Next Opportunity!

How To Order: Fill out order blank below, along with name & address information. Figure total cost, including shipping, and enclose a check made payable to GRRIN. Mail to: GRRIN Boutique PMB 100

938 North 70th Street, Lincoln, NE 68505

Have questions? Call Susan Kunkee at (402) 423-4284

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL

Ordered By: _____

SUBTOTAL OF ABOVE ITEMS _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

(Shipping: \$3.50 first item, 50 cents each

additional item; sales tax included in prices.) SHIPPING _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska, Inc.

Membership Application



name _____

street _____

city _____

state _____

zip code _____

date of application _____

() home phone _____

() work phone _____

e-mail _____

dues - \$10.00 per person _____

occupation(s) _____

Experience with Goldens: _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Members are expected to volunteer their services in whatever capacity is best suited to their abilities. It is important that GRRIN is able to call upon people whenever necessary, so please be thorough, accurate, and realistic in filling out the information below. I/we can provide these services:

Transport dogs (from shelter, owner, etc. to foster home, vet, etc.) _____

Arrange and oversee veterinary care _____ Your vet is: _____

Answer or screen phone calls from the public _____ Social/dog events _____

Publicity _____ Fundraising _____

Foster Home Information - Quality foster care is the key to the effectiveness of our rescue program. Foster homes must have a fenced area. Foster care may last from one week to several weeks.

I/we can be a foster home for a rescued Golden: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not right now

Type of Golden which can be fostered (age, sex, temperament): _____

Please list any restrictions or special circumstances in your family which could affect foster care (small children, frequent absences, other animals, etc.): _____

I/we do hereby affirm that I/we am/are not currently under disciplinary action by the American Kennel Club, the Golden Retriever Club of America, or any local kennel club; have not been convicted of any charge of cruelty, abuse, or neglect to animals; and am/are not engaged in large scale commercial breeding or sale of dogs. I/we agree to abide by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska, Inc.

Signature _____

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Golden Greetings

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January - March 2000

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(all one line)

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Growing by Leaps and Bounds

by Nancy Bowen

One of the ways to tell if an organization is healthy is if the group continues to grow and change. GRRIN's changes are an ebb and flow from crisis to tranquility. This year has been one of high growth for GRRIN. We modified our organizational structure, experimented with two new methods of placing our dogs, expanded our educational and publicity activities, and inspired a rapid growth of membership. Let's take a closer look.

While GRRIN has always used committees in an advisory capacity, the Board of Directors voted to have each committee chairperson become a voting member of the Board of Directors. The committees were designated as: Telephone Committee, Events Committee (which includes publicity and fundraising), and Rescue Committee. We will continue to formulate ad hoc committees for specific or temporary tasks. Our Board also decided the Vice President position should be given meaningful responsibility in the form of organizing the Gold Rush Carnival event. We thank Barb Zelechowski for heading up the Gold Rush for seven years.

GRRIN got creative this year in exploring alternative definitions of adoptive "families." We adopted a dog to a nursing home in Wahoo, Nebraska where she is now a permanent staff member. We also transferred a few of our dogs to the Gold Ribbon Rescue group in Austin, Texas. The decision to do this kind of transfer brought about new debates, soul searching, and policies designed to protect the dogs and both rescue groups.

The most noticeable change was a new location for the annual Gold Rush Carnival. The open spaces of Chalco Hills Park and an unprecedented surge of publicity on television and radio brought about a significant increase in attendance. The people arrived like waves on the shore. They brought an ocean of Golden Retrievers with them. They stayed longer than they intended. They left wanting to know the date for next year's Gold Rush. It was an uproarious success.

GRRIN became more public this year by participating in several public appearances that allowed us to show off our dogs and our group. We had a booth at Septemberfest in Omaha, several rescue exhibits at Petsmart and Petco stores in both Lincoln and Omaha, the animal fair at East Park Mall in Lincoln, Canine Search and Rescue First Aid Exhibition, Cornhusker Kennel Club dog show rescue dog parade, a website of our own, and the Star City Parade where we won the trophy for Best Animal Unit. (There continues to be a friendly rivalry between the Golden Retriever group and the llama group.) We capped off the year with the Dog Photos with Santa fundraiser.

Most importantly, GRRIN membership continues to grow. In the past two years we have experienced a 50% increase in members. Many of these new members are using their unique skills to volunteer for a variety of duties. They are contributing their ideas and time and talents and are letting us know there are exciting times ahead for GRRIN.

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Hotline and Home Visit Training Classes

Have you been saying you would like to volunteer some of your time to GRRIN but don't know how? A hotline and home visit training class is being held to teach interested people how to screen calls on the hotline and check out the homes of our prospective adoptive families. It's a fun way to donate as little as two hours per month teaching others about Golden Retrievers.

Saturday, June 10, 2000
W. Dale Clark Main Library
215 South 15th Street, Omaha

Hotline Training: Noon - 2:00 pm
Home Visit Training: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For information, contact Diane Metz (556-9798) or Katie Burks (571-5124)

Helpers wanted

The Greater Lincoln Obedience Club has generously offered to bring agility and flyball equipment to the Gold Rush Carnival this year. In order to assist GLOC, we are asking that GRRIN members consider volunteering to help with the GLOC Agility Trial to be held at the Seward County Fairgrounds on April 29 & 30. You do not need to know anything about agility to assist since many jobs require only moving equipment, resetting bars on jumps, etc. Also, you are not required to be there the whole weekend. Even just a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated. Contact Ruthann Macolini at 438-9510 for more information.

Upcoming Publicity Events

Petco (Omaha) Adoption weekend on April 29th

Petsmart Adopt-a-thon (both Lincoln & Omaha), Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th

Nebraska Kennel Club (Omaha) show booth, Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st

We need volunteers to help staff booths at these events. If you want to sign up for a couple of hours (or more!) let me know. Well-mannered GRRIN dogs are welcome.

- Andrew Pitcher (402) 435-0883, apitcher@alltel.net

Report on the GRRIN Annual Meeting

January 30, 2000

Treasurer Linda Nelson reported that GRRIN had less income than last year due to the change in timing of the annual solicitation brochure fundraiser. She also clarified the definitions of several entries on the Profit and Loss statement. GRRIN has an adequate current balance.

Secretary Nancy Bowen summarized the changes in the Board of Directors this year. Committee Chairs became voting members. These chairpersons are: Events and Activities (Andrew Pitcher), Telephone (Diane Metz), and Rescue (Katie Burks). Additionally, the Vice President position will assume responsibility for the Gold Rush Carnival. Nancy also described a 50% increase in GRRIN membership over the past two years.

Rescue Committee chair Katie Burks reviewed the rescue statistics for the year. Fifty dogs were rescued in 1999 with 47 new dogs entering the program. Three dogs were euthanized. The majority of dogs were surrendered by their owners. There were slightly more males than females with the majority of dogs being in the 1-3 year old range. Surrender Coordinator Susan Kunkee summarized her activities in the dog intake process. She continues to have surrendering owners do as much health testing and care as possible prior to surrender. Dana Grandgenett, Adoption Coordinator, described the process of checking out prospective adopters and the typical reasons for disqualification. Katie distributed a complete statistical report on the 1999 rescue dogs.

Phone Line Committee was represented by Judy Davis. She informed the members about the typical kinds of questions and comments received by phone line volunteers.

Events & Activities Committee was represented by Patty Taylor. She described recent fundraising activities such as the Photos with Santa fundraiser at PetsMart in Lincoln. She also described future events and activities including a booth at the Lincoln Cat Show, a wine tasting event at Spirit World, and an internet auction in which GRRIN can be designated as a recipient of funds.

Gold Rush Carnival was announced by chairperson, Darla Tanner. This annual carnival will be held June 18, 2000 at Chalco Hills Park in Omaha. Darla invited GRRIN members to contact her to volunteer for the planning committee or to staff the activities at the carnival (496-9691).

Elections were held with the following members being unanimously elected to Board positions: Darla Tanner - Vice President, Joanne Lastoka - Treasurer, Ruthann Macolini - Member-at-Large, Katie Burks - Rescue Coordinator.

In other business, Susan Kunkee showed off the GRRIN boutique items. Nancy Bowen made available updates to the foster care manual. Refreshments and socializing followed.

Respectfully,
Nancy Bowen
Secretary

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Why Golden Retriever Rescue Works

by Nancy Bowen

A recent television program on the selection process for service dogs identified Golden Retrievers as particularly good at making transitions in both lifestyle and loyalty. For example, a Golden potential guide dog will spend its first year and a half of life with a puppy raiser family. When this dog reaches the desired level of maturity it goes with a person (or group) who trains the dog to provide these needed services. This often entails living in a kennel situation with many other dogs. If all goes well, the dog is then matched with the service recipient and begins to perform the services. It sounds simple until you look at it from the dog's point of view. The dog is abruptly taken from its adoptive family, has a change of lifestyle, is introduced to a new family with new people, living arrangements, schedules, and expectations. According to the TV show on service dogs, Golden Retrievers do a better job of transitioning than any other breed.

The secret to the success of Goldens is their ability to bond with people very quickly. Or this trait might indicate they have "more love than integrity" (C. Day). Goldens are one of the most adaptable breeds. This characteristic serves the breed well in a rescue setting in which the dog makes a fast transition from its surrendering family to a foster family and then to an adoptive family. Some breeds of dogs would find this very stressful and/or depressing. Goldens seem to take the changes in stride. Golden rescue dogs regard each family as long-lost relatives they now have an opportunity to get to know. This must be what it is like to be a famous and popular celebrity and attend a family reunion.

Our rescue dogs have taught us a few things about what they need to make successful transitions. They need to be taught the household rules so they can adapt to them. They need to figure out the pack order so they know where they stand. They need safety and a secure place from which to explore their new world. They need predictability and routine they can count on. And they need recreation or an activity such as obedience, long walks, retrieving, etc. to maintain their characteristic happy dispositions. We have seen that Goldens are incredibly "teachable" dogs. All they need in order to adapt successfully is our willingness to guide them.

Sammy's story: Why Say No to Invisible Fencing?

By Katie Burks

Sammy and his new owner Gilda Giles were walking one warm summer evening. As they approached a home with flags stuck in the ground, Sammy (a strong, well-motivated 70lb Golden Retriever) yanked Gilda in the opposite direction. Unaware of what was causing Sammy to buck, Gilda encouraged him to continue their walk. Each time she made an effort to pass the house, Sammy would attempt to bolt across the street. Gilda couldn't understand this bizarre behavior. After a moment, Gilda remembered that Sammy had come from a home that utilized invisible fencing. Sammy was afraid that if he walked too closely to the flags he would be ZAPPED!

Many people ask why GRRIN will not accept invisible fencing as a form of pet containment. Sammy's story illustrates one of the reasons. Invisible fencing uses flags as visual cues, teaching the dog to recognize his new boundaries. The dog quickly learns that if he passes a flag, he will receive an electric shock. In theory, the dog learns the boundaries and stays within the yard to avoid the dreaded shock. The shocks administered by the fencing are often ineffective in containing large dogs such as Golden Retrievers. In Sammy's case, each time he escaped his yard, he was traumatized by the shocks he received.

GRRIN does not approve invisible fencing because it does not provide a reliable barrier either to restrain the Golden or to prevent other animals from entering the yard. An aggressive dog could easily walk into the yard, leaving your dog with a perplexing situation; be attacked by the intruder or flee and be zapped on the way out of the yard.

Golden Retrievers are a high energy, sporting breed that need a safe place to run and play. For eight years, GRRIN has required that all prospective owners have a sturdy, physical fence (except for a senior dog eight years and older). It is our responsibility as pet owners to keep our Goldens safe. A standard fence with locked gates has proven most effective at keeping our Goldens happy, healthy, and tails waggin".

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Field Day

By Barb Zelechowski

Overcast skies kept attendance down, but everyone who came had a fun time at the annual October Field Day. The rain held off and the dogs enjoyed the cool weather. They splashed in the ponds and dashed around in the open fields, getting dirty, picking up sand burrs and generally having a wonderful romp. Our official "gunner," Peter Zelechowski gave them a chance for their first mouthful of feathers. Some were uncertain and others wanted no part of a dead duck, but most of the dogs decided that retrieving actual game was a pretty entertaining pastime. It sure made their owners excited when they did it right!

Nancy Bowen coordinated the chili feed in the clubhouse, where folks could chat and browse through the Golden Boutique, courtesy of Susan Kunkee. Donations for food and a brisk trade in sweatshirts helped out the treasury. The day finished up with the drawing of the winning raffle ticket from a huge bucket full of stubs. Congratulations to Patty Taylor, the lucky winner.