



Second Quarter 2016 | Happy Tails. Golden Hearts

SUMMER'S HERE...

... but before we get ahead of ourselves, we've had a BUSY spring! In April we hosted our Annual Meeting, introduced our new Board of Directors, and celebrated our 25th anniversary with a wonderful gala. May brought the arrival of the much anticipated Turkey Dogs, five rescued Golden Retrievers from Istanbul, Turkey.

Hot off the press, we are happy to report over \$7,000 was raised during our 2016 Omaha Gives campaign. And to top things off, Bogie, our wonder dog with a spinal embolism condition, was officially adopted.

Pfew, what a spring! Be sure to read on in the newsletter for more details on all these great happenings. And now, we're ready for an equally productive summer. Speaking of summer, just a friendly reminder to take extra good care of your furry friends as the temperatures climb!

Summer Heat Awareness: HOT ASPHALT: At 125° F skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds. To ensure dog comfort, test the asphalt by pressing your hand firmly against the ground for 7 seconds. **HOT CARS:** Your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that puts your pet at risk of death, even on a day that doesn't seem hot to you. And cracking the windows makes no difference. Opt to leave your pet at home rather than in the car during hot months.

MEET THE BOARD

The GRRIN Board of Directors plays a crucial role in the success of our organization. Together they ensure that resources are used responsibly, our policies continue to be sound and our actions fulfill our mission. During our Annual Meeting every April, GRRIN members cast their votes for those positions up for re-election. Congrats and thank you to the following individuals who will serve as our 2016 Board of Directors. We know you will serve the cause well!

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SUMMER HEAT AWARENESS



AIR TEMP		ASPHALT TEMP		CAR TEMP
77°	=	125°	=	105°
86°	=	135°	=	115°
87°	=	143°	=	120°

**Temperatures represent harshest conditions. Car temperatures are noted after 30 minutes. Sources: Journal of the American Medical Association, Department of Geosciences at San Francisco State University.*



EXTRA! EXTRA! THE LATEST GRRIN NEWS



WELCOME TURKEY DOGS!

This spring, GRRIN has participated in the amazing effort to rescue abandoned dogs from Istanbul, Turkey. The dogs were found wandering the streets, a problem that is all too common in Turkey where there is often not enough shelter space to go around.

Over the last few years, GRRIN has seen a reduction in the number of dogs needing to be fostered. We have not, however, seen a reduction in loving families anxious to adopt and we maintain a waiting list every year. And while more homes than lonely dogs is a great problem to have, we saw this as an opportunity to do more. The Turkey Dog effort is a perfect fit with GRRIN's primary mission to rescue Golden's in need, as those outside the U.S. are no exception to that.

Eighteen dogs were rescued by various Midwest groups, with five of them landing here in Omaha under GRRIN's care. They were transported in comfortable conditions, with air-conditioned, pressurized cabins and each in their own individual crate. They arrived safely on May 20th and were happily received by their foster families. The pups range in age from one to about three and are all named after towns in Nebraska.

Currently the dogs are settling in and adapting to life in the Midwest. They received medical exams upon arrival to ensure their health and wellbeing. Foster families are getting to know their personalities, temperaments and knowledge levels. Over the next few weeks they will learn training and even English!

Adoption fees for a Turkey Dog are set at \$600, with the extra cost helping to cover transportation expenses. The application process will be exactly the same as for all other GRRIN dogs. And as always, a fenced in yard and indoor living accommodations are required.

We are also thrilled to report that our international adoption effort has gained quite a bit of local media attention. KETV, WOWT, KMTV and KPTM all ran stories upon the dogs' arrival. You can check those out now on our website: www.grrin.org. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers and foster families who have contributed to this rescue and made it successful.

So now, without further delay, join us in welcoming Aurora, Madison, Sydney, Valentine and York! One thing's for sure, it doesn't matter what continent you hail from, the Golden spirit remains the same!



Pictured at left from top to bottom: Aurora (female), Valentine (female), Madison (female), Sydney (female) and York (male).





BOGIE ADOPTED!

Congratulations to Bogie and his new furever mom, Michele! He was adopted on June 1st while surrounded by friends of GRRIN.

You may remember Bogie was diagnosed with a (suspected) fibrocartilaginous embolism at the age of three, a condition that almost left him paralyzed. Before coming to GRRIN, he was observed and rehabilitated by the fine folks at Iowa State University. He continues his therapy through Five Elements Veterinary Alternatives here in Omaha.

Through the care of many people, Bogie is now able to run and play with other dogs. His hind legs remain weak, and he requires human assistance to go to the bathroom. These ailments, however, have had no effect on Bogie's demeanor. Everyone who meets him can immediately tell he is a friendly pup who loves people.

"Bogie is truly a wonderful, quiet, loving boy. He loves all people and other dogs."

—Joanna, rehab specialist

We are just thrilled that he has found his furever home with Michele. He even got to celebrate his birthday with a cake on his first night with her!

What's next for Bogie? Stay tuned to our Quarter 3 newsletter, where we will be updating you on all Bogie's adventures, including his new position as a therapy dog.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

SUNDAY

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OCTOBER

GOLD RUSH

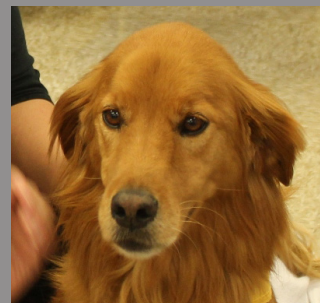
WHEN: Sunday, October 2nd, 12-4 pm

WHERE: Offutt Base Lake Park, Bellevue, NE

Free admission and all well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome! Join us for: educational programs, refreshments, a costume contest, games and other activities! Event will be held rain or shine. To volunteer or donate email: goldrush@grrin.org

IN MEMORY

ACROSS THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Our Quarter 2 Newsletter is dedicated to our wonderful furry friends who have recently crossed the rainbow bridge. We thank them for the time they have given us and for enriching our lives.

Pictured clockwise from top: Sheyanne, Ruby, Ally, Aspen and Gracie. Visit the GRRIN website to read more of their individual stories.

HAPPY TAILS. happy tails. HAPPY TAILS. happy tails.

Our goal at GRRIN is to get every foster dog to their forever home. Each "Happy Tail" is a reflection of the caring effort shared by volunteers and the families who open their homes to a rescue. Here are some of their stories...



DAN 15-05

ADOPTED BY: Brighton Gardens

Hi! Dan here letting you know that the folks at GRRIN finally found the perfect home for me. I loved living with Dick and Judy and their Golden Retrievers Brody and Ginger, but my separation anxiety made it hard for them to go places away from home.

I'm so happy to have been adopted by Brighton Gardens of Omaha, a wonderful place where there are lots of people to love me and be with me all the time. I even have my own automatic door to the courtyard, where I can play with a neighbor dog who lives in an assisted living apartment. It's a great place, and I want to thank GRRIN for finding it for me. Gotta go make my rounds now. See ya!



MILO 15-10

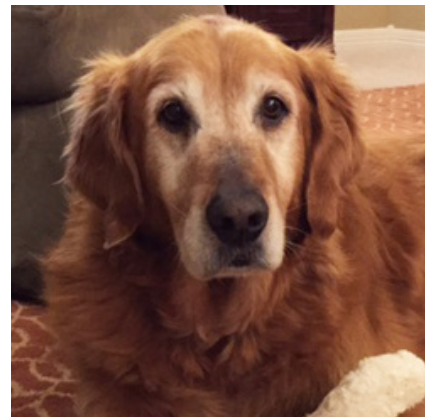
ADOPTED BY: Cindy

Miracles happen when you believe... I guess that's why they call me Miracle Milo.

I've tried many times during my 14 year life to find the perfect loving home. The journey has taken me to many places over the years. Last July I was out searching, tired, hungry and thirsty, and some very nice people stopped to scoop me up! They gave me water, food and took me to NHS to get me healthy again.

NHS put me in touch with GRRIN, who accepted me wholeheartedly into their family. They even made me my own Facebook page, "Miracle Milo" and now I have friends all over the world!

I may not be getting any younger in age, but now I am rich in friends, companions and visitors who pet me. GRRIN has made me a very happy believer. Miracles do happen!



BABE 16-03

ADOPTED BY: Kathy

Hi, I'm Babe. I wanted to thank GRRIN for finding me such a great home! Kathy is the perfect mom! It's so nice to settle in with her to a warm, loving home.

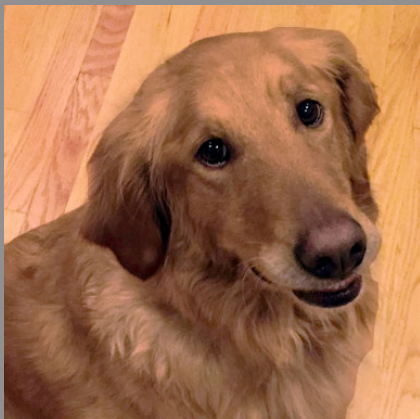
One of my favorite pastimes is riding in the car. Kathy takes me to a lot of neat places where I meet new people and I absolutely love it!

We also go on frequent walks. I've gotten to know the way to her sister's house where my doggie friend lives. The two of us enjoy play time for sure! The park is another great place to meet other four legged friends... oh and kids too. I love kids! The more that are around, the better as I do love the attention!

I've also been to the nursing home a couple of times to visit the residents. I hope to go back there soon where I get to be the center of attention. Did I mention that I love attention?!?

Thanks again to all of the nice GRRIN folks!!! You rock!!

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CEASAR 16-05

ADOPTED BY: Danny

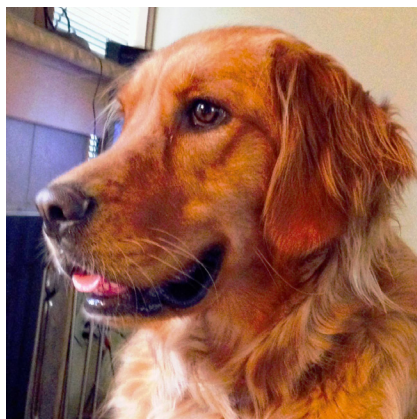
Hi, the name's Ceasar! I joined the GRRIN family in a flash as a surrender. Everyone noticed what a good boy I was right from the start. It's a good thing I came well trained!

My new owner Danny and I hit it off right away. Our personalities mesh very well. He does say he feels a little guilty for keeping me, since I am such a good boy!

I'm pretty laid back. I do like to keep my human in sight. And if I can lay beside him or even lean on him, I am very content.

I do love to go on a W-A-L-K whenever I can. In fact, I don't hesitate to let Danny know when it IS time for our W-A-L-K. I just love everyone I meet when I'm out and about. I have a lot of new friends of the human and canine variety in the neighborhood.

I'm happy as a clam going on rides in the car as well. And if there's an occasional T-R-E-A-T involved in just about anything, I'm up for that! Thanks GRRIN for finding me a great H-O-M-E!



MISTY 16-04

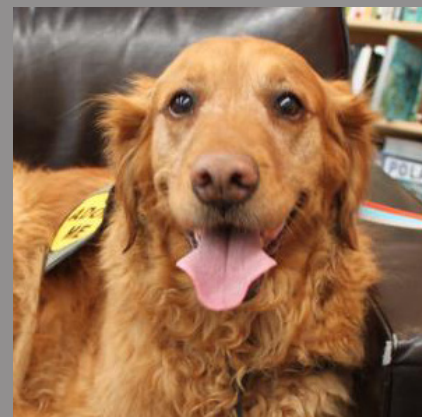
ADOPTED BY: Alex V.

Hey there, I'm Misty. I must admit I was a little nervous when I arrived at my new foster home. But wouldn't you know it, my foster dad and his resident dog, Lucky, quickly became my best friends!

Once I broke out of my shell I showed everyone what a fun, loving, and sassy personality I have. A few short weeks later, my foster dad realized how much I loved him and Lucky and how much they loved me. So my foster dad soon became my furever dad. And now the three of us are inseparable!

With my new family I enjoy playing fetch, going on walks, playing with all my new pup friends, snuggling in bed, and wrestling nonstop with Lucky. Lucky might be bigger, but I like showing him who's boss!

My favorite thing to do is ride in the car with my guys to my "Nana's house". At Nana's I get to run all over a huge yard and play with Lucky and my new family. I'm the happiest girl in the world. Thanks GRRIN!



CIDER 16-06

ADOPTED BY: Doris and Corky B.

The name's Cider. You know, like apple cider! I was introduced to my furever home on May 7th and immediately found my place. Of course, since it was a new place, I had a lot of exploring to do both inside and out.

I do love the outdoors and one of my favorite pastimes is to sit at the sliding glass door and observe the world. And if my family cracks the door open and lets me stick my paws out, I am in complete heaven!

I love my toys and know my commands. I even choose to listen to most of them! My family thinks I'm kind, considerate, loving and loyal. I even have a new boyfriend, Carson, who is another rescue dog! We are becoming the best of friends.

I am very lucky to have Doris, Corky and Carson as my furever family.



25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

The Platte Room at Soaring Wings Winery was filled to capacity for GRRIN's anniversary dinner on April 16th. Original founders Barb Zelechowski and Deb Goll were special guests for the evening. Barb gave an informative and motivational speech about national and local rescue efforts. A wonderful dinner from Mangia Italiana was followed by our second speaker, Mark Langan, author of the best-selling book, Busting Bad Guys.

The silent auction bidding closed at 9:30p.m. and nearly \$4,000 was raised! This event would not have been possible without the endless hours given by the committee volunteers and the folks who showed up early on the night of the 16th to make sure we were ready to roll.

Special thanks also to Three Dog Bakery for providing yummy take-home treats for lucky dogs & A Lotta Brownies for helping GRRIN serve an amazing post-dinner treat for the humans! Finally, to Curt Bright & The String Beans for setting up our sound system. Please note our many donors and sponsors and their support of GRRIN!



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A HUGE thank you to all who donated through Omaha Gives this year. The effort raised \$7,305 and these funds will go a long way in helping with medical expenses for our foster dogs.

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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.

MAILING LISTS

This newsletter is mailed to members, persons and businesses who have adopted a dog or donated money, time, services or auction items to GRRIN. We do not share our mailing list with other organizations. If you're moving, please let us know your new address so our postage is used productively.

Quarter 2 Quick Stats: 13 Goldens Adopted | 15 Goldens in Foster Care



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