



Fourth Quarter 2016 | Happy Tails. Golden Hearts



PAST + FUTURE

Happy holidays friends! The end of the year is a time to reflect and recap. As we wrap up our 25th year of rescue, we have much to look back on and be proud of. It is also a time to focus forward as we start anew. And we are excited as we look forward to what great plans we have for GRRIN in 2017.

Our Quarter 4 newsletter is packed to the brim with winter reading. We have a recap of one of our favorite annual events, Gold Rush, just in case you missed it. We're reflecting back on six lucky Golden Retrievers who found their forever homes just in time to hang their stockings. This time of year is also membership drive time! You'll find more information here on how to get your GRRIN membership renewed!

We are very excited to tell you about a few NEW initiatives we have been working on. This season you can raise money for GRRIN while doing your online holiday shopping. We have also launched a canine cancer memorial page on our website and welcome your participation. You can find further info on all this and more in the following pages.






So get that fireplace roaring, kick up your feet, and enjoy reading through this quarterly installment. From all of us here at GRRIN, wishing you and your families a wonderful, warm, happy and healthy holiday season. We'll see you all in 2017!



RENEW + SUPPORT

GRRIN's annual membership drive is under way! Help us celebrate 25 years of rescue by pledging your support; renew your membership, become a new member or make an end-of-year donation. Don't forget to get your friends and fellow Golden-lovers involved too!

Enjoy these benefits of membership:

-  Contribution to the rescue and rehabilitation of Golden Retrievers in need through a dedicated non-profit organization
-  Voting rights at our annual meeting
-  10% discount on all purchases through the GRRIN store
-  Invitations to GRRIN play dates, fundraisers and annual Gold Rush reunion
-  Subscription to our quarterly newsletter

Visit our website at www.grrin.org to give via PayPal or credit card.

EXTRA! EXTRA! THE LATEST GRRIN NEWS



RECAPPING THE RUSH SILVER + GOLD RUSH 2016

At GRRIN our favorite color will always be gold. However, in 2016, we've been giving an important nod to silver as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. We put the two together on October 2nd and had GRRIN's Silver and Gold Rush!

This year's event included close to 100 guests, 30-some volunteers and over 60 dogs – predominantly Goldens with a sprinkling of other breeds. Offutt Base Lake Park in Bellevue continues to be a great setting for Gold Rush and that, combined with wonderful weather (again!), means we couldn't go wrong.

Highlights from our day:

- Current GRRIN foster dogs were introduced on stage and remained on-hand to greet guests.
- Our can't-miss Halloween costume contest for dogs.
- Games and activities for dogs, adults and kids.
- Animal rehabilitation therapy demonstration courtesy of Michelle Eckermann, DVM, Five Elements Veterinary Alternatives.

- Training Demo with Gary Platt and Kathy Rasinowich-Platt of Innovative Dog Training.
- Our annual parade of rescued Goldens.
- Great food throughout the day including a 25th anniversary cake.
- Curt Bright with The String Beans provided music throughout the day.
- Vendors Papillion Animal Hospital and Nature Dog joined us.
- The GRRIN Boutique sold lots of great merchandise.
- Finally, congratulations to Joe Muller, winner of the silent auction for two round trip plane tickets, generously donated by Southwest Airlines. Proceeds will benefit GRRIN.

Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered for Gold Rush 2016! It's such a fun way to connect with friends and Goldens while reinforcing GRRIN's mission. We look forward to seeing everyone at Gold Rush 2017, tentatively set for October 1.





TURN THAT GRRIN INTO AN AMAZON SMILE

EARN MONEY FOR GRRIN BY SHOPPING ONLINE!

Now, you can help while you shop! Earn money for GRRIN while making online purchases through Amazon. Go through the quick sign up process below and a small percentage of your eligible purchases will go to our cause.

Here's how to participate:

Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com (It's exactly the same as amazon.com, but it allows you to select the organization you want to donate to.)

To select GRRIN as your organization, find "Or pick your own charitable organization" on the lower right hand side. You can search for GRRIN by typing in "Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska" OR "47-0758414".

You only need to do this once. In the future, amazon will remember that you want your shopping to support GRRIN.

So as you get busy with your seasonal shopping, remember to take a few extra seconds to select GRRIN as your cause. We thank you in advance for the wonderful holiday boost!

More Questions? Go to the AmazonSmile "about" page to learn more about the program: <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

S U N D A Y

22
JANUARY

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

WHEN: Volunteer Luncheon 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Training 12:30 – 4:00 p.m

WHERE: Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha.

Whether you're already a GRRIN volunteer or just thinking about becoming one, please plan to join us as we socialize and cover hot rescue topics! Lunch will be provided along with snacks and beverages. More to come on agenda items! RSVP to: volunteer@grrin.org

IN MEMORY ACROSS THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



MIRACLE MILO

What can "466" days mean in a dog's life? For Milo it meant strangers stopping to help a Golden in dire need; freedom from a shock collar; medical care; a countless number of people who cared; security in having a safe, comfortable home with regular meals; hugs and puppy massages; gifts from people he would never meet; an extended network of Facebook friends; and trusting humans and believing they are kind.

You may remember Milo became part of the GRRIN family on July 3, 2015 after he was found wandering the streets and fending for himself. Soon after he was brought into GRRIN's care, he became very social. When he saw people he would immediately start walking towards them so they could pet him. He loved being outside and investigating whatever there was to investigate and he was always up for going for a walk! His new found happiness was certainly reflected in his big, beautiful eyes.

Milo crossed the rainbow bridge on October 10th, 2016. He was ever so grateful to have had those "466" days in his life... as the GRRIN humans who cared for him are to have had him in theirs. Our Q4 newsletter is dedicated to our Milo... he definitely was a Miracle Golden.

CANINE CANCER MEMORIAL

CANCER STINKS!



Golden retrievers are an amazing, beautiful, friendly, loyal, loving breed of dogs, but they are also a breed that are diagnosed with cancer at a very high rate. In fact, it's been estimated that approximately 60% of Golden Retrievers will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime.

This year alone we've lost so many of our beloved GRRIN family to canine cancer. What has been particularly devastating was the recent loss of Madison, one of our rescued dogs from Turkey, to

leukemia. She had very little time to enjoy her stay here in the states before being taken by the disease.

As a response to these astounding stats and our loss of Madison, GRRIN has created a cancer memorial page on our website. This is a place devoted to honoring Goldens that have battled this disease.

There is no denying it, cancer STINKS, but there is some promising news. Morris Animal Foundation is conducting the very first longitudinal study, the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, devoted to the issue of Golden Retriever cancer. You can read more about this effort below.

Someday we hope to see dramatic improvement in canine cancer. Until then, we encourage you all to submit stories of your beloved Goldens to our memorial. If you would like us to share your dog's memory, OR if your dog kicked cancer's butt, please email us at webmaster@grrin.org.

GOLDEN LIFETIME STUDY

The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, sponsored by Morris Animal Foundation, Blue Buffalo and Petco, is the first of its kind in veterinary medicine. It is both the largest and the longest attempted on canine subjects. The study observes 3,000 Goldens over the course of their full lifetimes to gather insights that can help us prevent and treat cancer in the breed. Participants represent a diverse set of lifestyles and living conditions, and some are even related to track potential genetic concerns.

This lifetime study, "will give [vets] the information they need to make evidence-based recommendations to pet owners so their animals can live longer and healthier lives." Early detection and preventative strategies are the ultimate goals.

Information gathered from this study is believed to have benefits that will reach beyond the Golden breed. Vets leading the study note that results have potential positive impacts for the health of all dogs and even us humans!

To learn more visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dR6uQNmdRow>



REMEMBERING MADISON (16-10)

On May 20th, Madison was brought into GRRIN's care after a long trip from Istanbul, Turkey. Everyone she met loved her, including her wonderful foster mom, Betty, and her caseworker, Pam. She was so lovable in fact that it only took a few months for Madison to have her forever family all lined up.

Unfortunately, Madison's health started to suddenly decline. Betty and Pam worked tirelessly to take her to medical appointments for tests and hoped for a positive outcome. Madison was diagnosed with late-stage leukemia in August and a few weeks later, on September 10th, she crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She was in the loving arms of her new GRRIN family in her final moments.

After living on the streets of Turkey, she had over three months of luxury and comfort with Betty and her Golden Doodle, Rudy. Madison LOVED tennis balls and could be a bit bossy requesting balls to be thrown. She loved to be outside even when the squirrels teased her in the backyard. She also rode beautifully in the car and was a good buddy to Rudy.

GRRIN is thankful to have known Madison and to have been able to give her care and love in her final months. Look for a story written by Pam and Betty to follow.

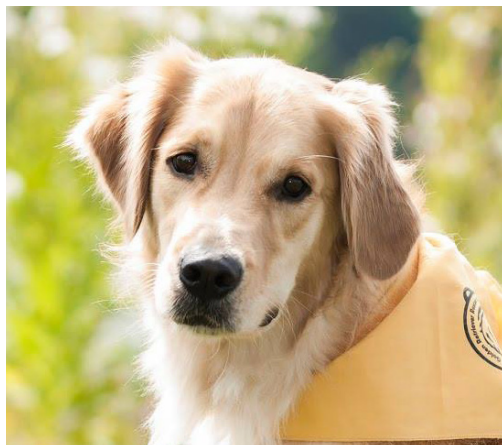


Visit the GRRIN cancer memorial page at: www.grrin.org/play/canine-cancer-memorial/

BACK WITH BOGIE!

As promised, we're checking back with Bogie the wonder dog! You may remember Bogie was diagnosed with a (suspected) fibrocartilaginous embolism at the age of three, a condition that almost left him paralyzed. He has found a wonderful furever home with Michele, who still assists him with his mobility and going to the bathroom.

Bogie has been a busy and studious boy since we last checked in with him! He has recently completed his supervised training with LOAL (Love on a Leash) and



is now a certified therapy dog. Earlier this year he passed his CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and is well versed in manners and obedience. He has started quite the selection of badges for his vest!

Bogie and Michele have been on a grand tour with his new accreditations. He's visited nursing homes, church picnics, events to promote LOAL, and his absolute favorite, the Children's Respite Therapy. The children restricted to wheelchairs love to see him and find comfort in the fact that, "he is handicapped like them."

During his downtime, Bogie (or the Bogiemeister, as he is often called) continues his water therapy on the treadmill. He loves to play with his animal siblings, go for short walks and he even runs in the backyard. He also enjoys pulling the stuffing out of pillows and meeting Michele at the door to present empty cases like a trophy.

We are so happy to hear things are going well for Bogie and Michele! Thank you for all the good you are putting into the world!



Q4 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

IN HONOR + MEMORY

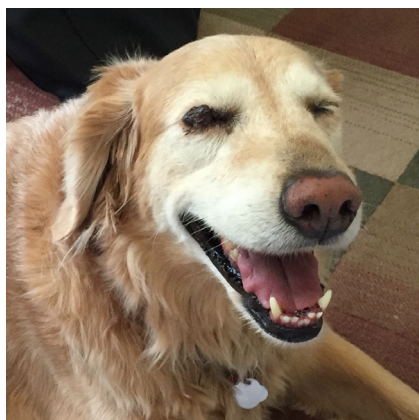
Patricia Newman, in memory of Jake Sharp | Dennis & Barbara Garrett, in memory of Jake Sharp | Bruce & Bobbie Moore, in memory of Ellie Carrington | Pam Nathan, in memory of Madison | Gary & Diane Huseman, in honor of Peaches | Amy Cherko, in honor of Elvis Orr | Stacey Anderson, in the most loving memories of Robert L. Hoback | Kristin Larson, given with extra love for Hadley, Harper and Daisy, our favorite Golden Girls

GENERAL DONATIONS

Jon & Sue Sprinkel | Bobbie & Bruce Moore | Kevin Dowell | Richard & Jill Shefte | David & Bonny Buechler | Karen Sedoris | Brad Burwell | Eric Sedoris | Marie Romano | Eric Zimmerman | Jeanne Williams | Amanda Cameron

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...



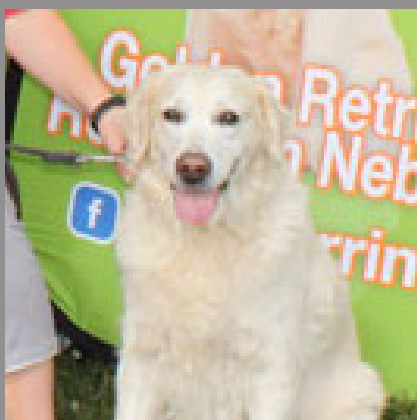
BAILEY 10-77

ADOPTED BY: Terry + Christina

Bailey here! I was adopted by Terry and Christina back in August, but I'm just now finding time to send out my update (gotta get those holiday cards in the mail!). You can see from my GRRIN number that I was in foster care a while back (10 means 2010). Thankfully once in the GRRIN family, always in the GRRIN family!

It didn't take long for a family to fall in love with me at a meet and greet at The Bookworm. Terry and Christina work from home and wanted a sweet senior to keep them company. So naturally I was the perfect choice!

I'm going to live up to that senior Golden nickname, "fireplace dog", while I enjoy my "golden" years! Thank you GRRIN for hooking me up with the perfect pair!



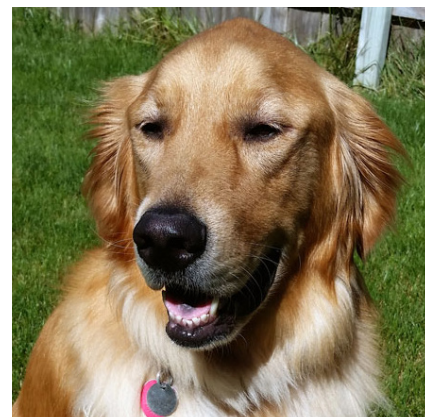
SUMMER 16-17

ADOPTED BY: Judi, Rob + Amanda

Hey there, it's me Summer. I have a brand new family in Judi, Rob, and Amanda, and my Golden siblings Lexi, and Cody.

I have experienced so many new and interesting things during the last few months. I've been going on daily walks, car rides, meeting new people and other furry friends. I've also taken to chasing rabbits out of MY backyard. So exciting and fun!

I never knew that life could be so awesome. I am really fortunate that GRRIN took me into their family and gave me the opportunity to live a life filled with so much happiness and love. I have such a wonderful family in my furever home.



GUNNER 16-18

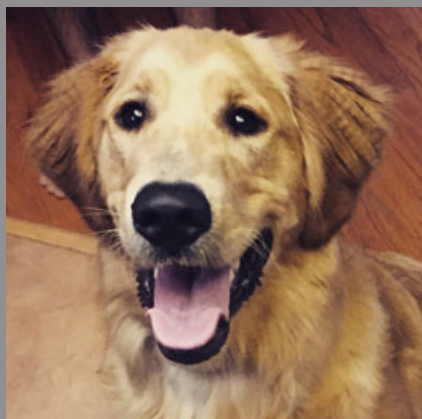
ADOPTED BY: Carey + Michelle

Howdy, I'm Gunner and I am SO active. Since I found my furever home, I have been a busy little bee. I am having so much fun playing with my new furry sister, Indie, and my human brothers. And I can't forget to mention that sly little cat, Toby, who keeps me on my paws. Every time I turn around, he's trying to sneak by unseen!

My mom and dad, Carey and Michelle, take me on long walks daily. I'm really good at walking on a leash and am also building up my endurance to walk long distances. I've even lost a few pounds, and that is a good thing! Maybe, soon, I'll even start training for a marathon (just kidding!).

I am so grateful to GRRIN. And thank you to my foster parents who took care of me for a month while I found my furever home. Happiness is a Golden blessing.

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COOPER 16-19
(formerly Jupiter)

ADOPTED BY: Tasha, Traylor, + Brent

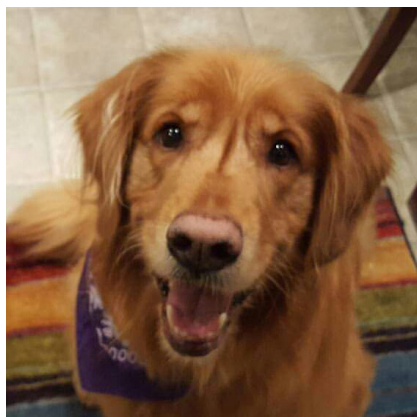
Hello! I'm Cooper. I'm so excited to tell you that I have a sister! Her name is Charlee and she is just a little older than me. We are the best of friends and play together ALL day long! We have even gotten so good at sharing our toys.

I am an active boy and I love to go on walks. My new mom and dad, Tasha and Brent, take me out a lot as I love to get outside. Charlee isn't as much of a fan as I am!

I am learning to be better in the house. I still can't help myself from getting into the trash. There are just so many great smells that come out of there!

My new favorite place to be is the bathtub, which is so funny because I was always afraid of it before. It took a bit of convincing from mom and dad, but now I love just being in there, even if it isn't bath time!

GRRIN, you have made my life complete! Thank you so much.



GEORGE 16-22

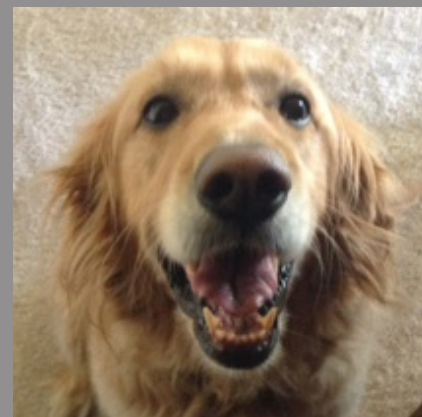
ADOPTED BY: Scott

George here, checking in with you wonderful GRRIN people. Thanks to all of you for finding me a great home! I love my new buddy, Scott and I follow him everywhere around the house. I even go up a couple of stairs at night to go to bed! It does take me a few minutes to get there, but I do it! I sleep right next to Scott on the floor as I like to be nice and close!

I'm excited to report I have learned a new trick. I now know how to ring a bell to go outside. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks? It didn't take me long to learn it at all!

I also have a part time dog friend, Heidi, to hang out with. We are both well aged and that is fine with me. She is nice, compatible company!

I'm all settled in now and the best part is that I never have to leave!!! Thanks again GRRIN!



ZOHEY 16-08

ADOPTED BY: Michael + Nicole

Hi everyone, Zoey here! Are you ready for the holidays? Well, I already received the greatest gift of all; it was number one on my wish list. I was adopted by the best family, Michael, Nicole, and their kiddos.

I was surrendered to GRRIN because I started to have seizures and my family didn't have the right environment for me. I had a really great foster family, Jeff and Tori, who helped evaluate my health and made sure I got along with children. I even got to play with their resident Goldens and we had a blast.

It didn't take too long before Michael and Nicole wanted to meet me. Nicole is a vet tech so she can keep an eye on my seizures. It was a perfect fit! My health is much improved now and my happiness continues to grow.

Many thanks to GRRIN for giving me a second loving family! Happy holidays! I hope you get everything on your wish list too!



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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 4 Quick Stats: 26 Goldens Adopted | 7 Goldens in Foster Care



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