

GRRINNEWS

REFLECT, RECAP, RENEW

Fourth Quarter 2017 | 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 26th 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 2018.

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 also recapping the revival of one of our favorite holiday events, Kibble 'N Bids. Be sure to check out the News section for all that info and event pictures.

This time of year is also membership drive time! Don't forget to sign up and tell your neighbors and friends! And just a reminder as you are completing your holiday shopping that you can benefit GRRIN by purchasing through Amazon Smile. You can

find further info on all this in the following pages.

We're also featuring a great article on adopting senior pets and, of course, bringing back our old staples in the Happy Tails and In Memory sections.






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 2018!



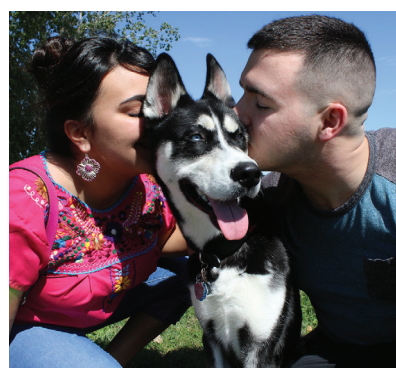
RENEW+SUPPORT

GRRIN's annual membership drive is under way! Help us celebrate 26 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 great benefits of membership:

-  Contribution to the rescue and rehabilitation of Golden Retrievers in need through a dedicated non-profit organization.
-  4 quarterly newsletters
-  Voting rights at our Annual Meeting
-  10% discount on all purchases through the GRRIN store.
-  Special invitations to events.

Letters for annual donations and membership signup should have hit your mailbox over the last few weeks. Please also visit our website at www.grrin.org to give via PayPal or credit card.



RECAPPING THE RUSH! GOLD RUSH 2017

Despite a rainy and chilly start to the day, Gold Rush was held on October 1, 2017 at the Offutt Base Lake Park. An intrepid group of approximately 50-60 volunteers, 10 vendors and about a dozen students braved the weather and transformed the park into a playground for Golden Retrievers and their families. An estimated 75 guests and 50 Golden Retrievers joined GRRIN for fun and food.

The games included newcomers Plinko and Spin and Win as well as old favorites such as Pin the Tail on the Cat, the Shell Game, Cake Walk, Costume Contest and a Biscuit Count. One of the new activities this year was the appearance of caricaturist Kirk Kuenzl. Another new activity was the photo booth. GRRIN was well represented by an information booth and the GRRIN store. Several garden stones were donated for the event and were raffled off.

Vendors included Woof & Whiskers, Ask a Vet (Dr. Melody Kaliff) nail trims by Courtne from Papillion Animal Hospital, Nature's Logic, Doggurt, Nature Dog, Merck Animal Health, Kirk's Caricatures and photographer Janet Orcutt.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers and vendors who helped make this a special day. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



KIBBLE'NBIDS YAPPY HOUR & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

After a four-year hiatus, GRRIN's Kibble 'n Bids Yappy Hour & Silent Auction returned! The come back holiday event was well attended and a huge success!

Co-chairs Pam and Barb planned a fun evening of great food and drink at Arbor Hall with a silent auction and holiday shopping at the GRRIN boutique. Many volunteers helped to gather auction items from local businesses and work the night of the event - we couldn't do it without them!

GRRIN raised just over \$2500 thanks to the generosity of the attending guests who filled the hall and bid high for the silent auction items donated by friends of GRRIN and local businesses. We ask that you take note of those businesses because they support pet rescue!



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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Cindy Roberts
Cathi Smetana
Michele Acri
Jon & Sue Sprinkel
Laura and Keith Beavers
Karen Stevens

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

SUNDAY

28
JAN

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

WHEN: 12 pm - 4 pm

WHERE: NE Humane Society, 8929 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68134

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

SUNDAY

1
FEB

NHS RESCUE RALLY

WHEN: 10 am - 1 pm

WHERE: NE Humane Society, 8929 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68134

Join the Nebraska Humane Society and area rescue groups! Learn from breed experts, get behavior advice and meet deserving animals who need a new home.

SAT-SUN

24,25
FEB

I LOVE MY DOG EXPO

WHEN: 9 am - 4 pm

WHERE: Lancaster Event Center, Pavillion I, 84th & Havelock Avenue; Lincoln, NE

Stop by this annual benefit to help support Domestic-PUPS programs who provides service dogs, therapy dogs and adoptables. Admission: \$8; children under 10 (& dogs) are FREE.

SUNDAY

22
APRIL

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: 12 pm - 2 pm

WHERE: NE Humane Society, 8929 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68134

Save the date! More info to come.

MEET + GREETs

CHECK OUT OUR GRRIN DOG'S GUEST APPEARANCES

Jan 14: 12 - 2 pm, at Woof + Whiskers, Omaha, NE

Feb 4: 12 - 1 pm, at the Bookworm, Omaha, NE

March 4: 12 - 1 pm, at the Bookworm, Omaha, NE

March 17: 12 - 2 pm, at Nature Dog, Omaha, NE

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We have been fortunate enough to have the following people join GRRIN's Board of Directors:

Corresponding Secretary: Dan Moravec

Communications Chair: Drew Vermeers

Volunteer Chair: Laura Beavers

Welcome to our new partners and we look forward to a productive year ahead!

AMAZON SMILE EARN MONEY FOR GRRIN BY SHOPPING ONLINE!

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!

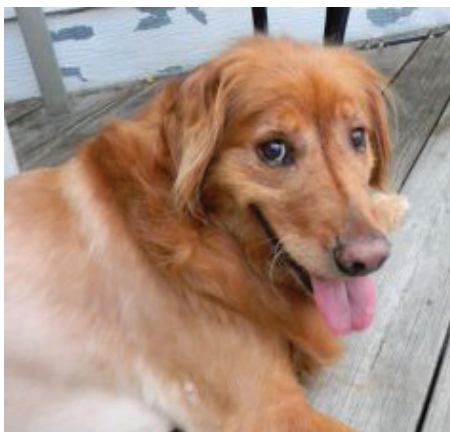
Q4 DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

Cathi Smetana | Stephen Kalhorn | Joleen Vermeer | Bradford and Eugenia Burwell | Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign | KHElson | Brenda Orr | Kevin Dowell | Bobbi and Bruce Moore | Jan & Jacques Wiederespan, in memory of Oscar Newman

Our apologies if we missed you! Please send corrections to newsletter@grrin.org

IN MEMORY

Without our Golden companions, life simply would not be the same. And so we take the opportunity to honor those that have crossed the rainbow bridge. Our Quarter 4 newsletter is dedicated to Nala, Tye and all the other wonderful pups we have lost this season. We thank them for the time they have given us and for enriching our lives.



NALA 16-16

Nala came to GRRIN in June of 2016. She was reported as abandoned, tied to a tree, having an ear infection, a funny walk and she had terribly matted fur. NHS called upon GRRIN to see if we could take her and get to the bottom of her mobility issues as she walked like a high-stepping horse with hyper-extended front legs.

Connie and Gary had just been approved as a foster home. They are retired and were just who Nala needed. There was no hesitation at all by them to take on a Golden with special needs. So Nala went to live with them and their 7 year old Golden, Marley, and their 15 year old disabled Daschund, BooBoo. Nala fit right in. She quickly discovered a love for car rides, chewing on sticks, peanut butter, green beans and all the attention they would lavish.

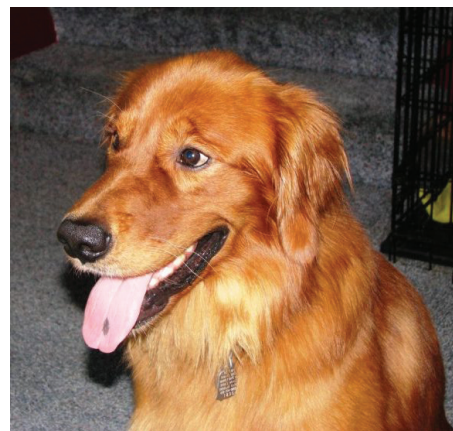
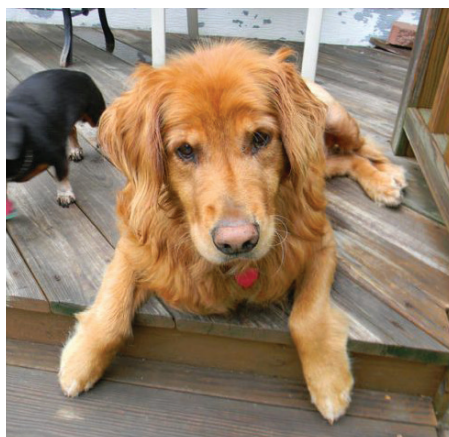
GRRIN decided to get some testing done about her gait, to see if there was damage to her spine or neck, so arranged a trip to the Kansas State Veterinary School. Needing more time than could be provided at that time, it was settled to only do a neurological exam and xrays of the neck to see if there was anything glaringly abnormal. Neither provided true insight on the issue.

Returning to Omaha with little data was a disappointment, so another appointment was scheduled at Iowa State Veterinary School. Nala was to see a Neurologist, but he had left the day before arriving. So she saw an Orthopedic specialist, who then proceeded to do the wrong scan on Nala. Nala had been through enough. So she came home.

At Gold Rush in 2016, Nala met Dr. Eckermann from 5 Elements who felt she could help Nala. Nala faithfully went to therapy, swimming and manipulations to improve her gait and improve her range of motion. Gary and Connie took her to every appointment and stayed by her side, encouraging her, and loving her more.

Nala started gaining weight through the year, and various means were tried to get it under control through thyroid and then pituitary medicines, unsuccessfully. In June, 2017, Nala started her decline. She could not keep her food down, was panting more and began getting very weak. She was taken to the Urgent Care Hospital one weekend because her symptoms had escalated. She was on several anti-nausea meds, none of which were working. On Monday, she returned to Dr. Bashara, her regular vet, and the news was not good. But Nala was ready. She was exhausted. So Gary and Connie took her home for one last day. They all returned to the vet's later that afternoon, and surrounded by many friends, Nala crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Nala came into our hearts and remains there. We know she is watching over us, Gary and Connie and all her friends she made the last year of her life. She was a special girl. Rest in Peace, Nala.



TYE 07-42

Tye came to GRRIN in September of 2007. Sadly, he had been abused, had his vocal chords clipped and was malnourished by his previous owner. He found his forever home with Amy Harvey and family.

The Harvey's were in love from the start and watched Tye blossom under their care. He was a loving, sweet, silly addition to the family and such a joy to them and his fur-brother, Tucker. He loved to play ball and give kisses and loved by everyone he met. He was so docile, never growled or snapped, and it left the Harvey family wondering how someone could have treated him so terribly.

Sadly, Tye went blind in September of this year. Tucker would assist him as he could, as if he knew and was protecting him. Amy treated his eyes diligently with 3 types of drops, 3 times a day to help with the glaucoma and hyphema that had set in. His eye pressure returned to normal in both eyes, he remained blind but appeared to have no other health issues.

Then in mid-October Tye began to have cluster seizures, experiencing over 20 in less than 10 hours. His health was failing and brokenheartedly the Harvey's knew that he was suffering. Tye crossed the Rainbow Bridge in October. His family misses him dearly and he will forever hold a place in their hearts.

Rest in peace Tye, and thank you for all of the joy and love you brought to the world.





GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

FIVE REASONS TO ADOPT A SENIOR PET

The following article is by Amy Gonzales and reprinted with permission from Healthy Pet Magazine, Fall 2017

Sure, puppies and kittens are cute. But they're also a lot of work. There's the housetraining, the biting, the scratching and the jumping – just to name a few "endearing" traits that will need to be addressed. On the other hand, if you adopt a senior pet, you may not have to worry about most of that. Instead, you'll likely gain a calmer, gentler, and extremely loyal friend. Here is what else you can expect:

01. 🐾

A senior dog has probably already been trained. Basic "sit," "stay," and "come" commands might be obeyed without coaxing or easily relearned with some positive reinforcement and treats. Teaching your senior dog (or cat!) new tricks can also be easier than training a younger animal and is a great way to help keep your pet's brain sharp...In addition, it's a good bet that an older pet has been housetrained.



02. 🐾

Most senior pets like to take it easy. Just like people, dogs and cats tend to mellow out in their older years. They're usually less rambunctious than puppies or kittens and are also less likely to ingest foreign objects or destroy things around the house. The right older pet might make a perfect couch companion. Just don't forget that they, too, need regular exercise to help maintain a healthy weight and help build and maintain muscle condition. Check with your veterinarian before creating or changing your pet's exercise routine.

03. 🐾

What you see is typically what you get. In other words, when you meet your potential pet, you have the benefit of knowing what you're getting in terms of size and in some cases, personality. That said, a senior pet may not be a good fit for homes with small children or other pets, especially if the dog or cat has previously enjoyed life as an only child.

04. 🐾

Older pets can bond with you. You don't have to share your life with a dog or cat from puppyhood or kittenhood to become the best of friends. It may take time for your pet to settle into her new space – especially if she's spent a significant amount of time at a shelter. But if an older pet starts to require more care, she will likely appreciate your extra love and be extra gracious in return.



05. 🐾

You could help reduce the number of pets in animal shelters. The ASPCA estimates that 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized each year. And because they're not usually considered to be as cute or cuddly as puppies or kittens, senior pets have a higher chance of being part of that number.

As soon as you adopt your senior dog or cat, visit your veterinarian to make sure there are no underlying health conditions that need to be addressed. Your vet can also help you establish a good wellness plan to ensure that your "new" pet will stay happier and healthier throughout her golden years.

About the Author: Amy Gonzales is a freelance writer and lifelong animal lover. She lives with her husband, their young son Geoffrey, and their English Bulldog, Munson, who hasn't quite achieved senior status.

HAPPYTAILS.happytails.HAPPYTAILS.happytails.

Our goal at GRRIN is to get every foster dog to their forever home. Each story is a reflection of the caring effort shared by volunteers and the families who open their homes to a rescue. We share these journeys with you here in our HappyTails segment.



TWEEDS 17-13

ADOPTED BY: Kip & JoAnne

Tweeds here! I just love my new home. Kipp takes me for walks twice a day. He says I walk really well except when I see squirrels and or rabbits. We also enjoy snuggling up on the couch (but I don't think JoAnne is crazy about that!).

I get along well with resident cat, Max, even though he sometimes thinks he can sleep in my bed.

A few weekends ago Kipp was out of town and I was out in backyard barking up a storm. JoAnne came out with a flashlight to see what I was barking at and I was proud to show her the possum I had cornered by the fence for her! The look on her face said it all!



DUKE 17-14

ADOPTED BY: Cathy

Hi there, I'm Duke! I'm a jovial fellow and happy to report I've found my forever home with Cathy, her husband and two kids. They waited patiently on the GRRIN wait list until just the right dog came along and I'm thrilled to be that pup!

I came to GRRIN when my original family discovered I was bored and lonely. I got into some trouble wandering the countryside and chasing chickens on more than one occasion!

With my new family, I'm enjoying toys, food, fetch and, most of all, being included in family activities. My new family loves me, keeps me exercised and entertained. They even comfort me when I get anxious during thunderstorms!

Thanks so much to GRRIN for finding me a great fit!



BRINKLEY 07-56

ADOPTED BY: Mike, Julie, Steve, Suzanne, Gunner & CJ

Brinkley here and guess what? I'm back with my original GRRIN foster family! It's been a while but they remembered me!! I am so happy that they decided to make it official and adopt me. I had a great life with my first adoptive family but they were not able to take care of me any longer and it would be best if I came back to my GRRIN family.

I fit right in with my foster brother, Gunner. He is a bit younger than I am, but we have become best buddies who run and play a lot! My arthritic hips are doing quite well. I do love to bark when family comes and goes. I have some great new toys to play with too!!! Gunner and I share them well.

All in all, I love my new home and family! Thanks for adopting me, Mike, Julie, Steve, Suzanne, Gunner and CJ (the cat).



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ABOUTUS

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

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. Please send an email to newsletter@grrin.org if you prefer to be removed from the list.

Quarter 4 Quick Stats: 17 Goldens Adopted | 5 Goldens in Foster Care



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