



GRRIN NEWS

A SEASON OF GOLD

Third Quarter 2017 | Happy Tails. Golden Hearts



COLORS OF FALL

With the fall season, there is a little bit of gold everywhere you look. So it's no surprise really that we love to kick it off with our signature Gold Rush event! We have all the details on this celebration of Golden Retrievers here in the newsletter, so read on to learn more!

We also have some great content for you to enjoy this quarter, perhaps in front of the golden glow of your fireplace as the temperatures drop. We're highlighting some important upcoming Nebraska legislation as well as talking microchipping and all that entails. And, of course, we're brining you some favorite quarterly staples and events highlights! You may also notice it was a very happy summer at GRRIN, as we have quite a few pages dedicated to our Happy Tails adoption stories.

We hope you enjoy all we have to share with you here in Quarter 3. We wish you a wonderful fall and stay golden friends!

GOLD RUSH 2017!

It's time again for one of our most favorite, most Golden-est events of the year! Here comes Gold Rush 2017!

Everyone is "welcome home" at our annual Gold Rush reunion! We'll be celebrating at Offutt Base Lake Park, a gorgeous location with shade trees, a playground for the kids, and plenty of fun activities for all.

If you and your canine friends haven't made the drive to Gold Rush before, please

plan to attend – we'll have plenty of signs and volunteers to direct you. This event is free and open to the public.

Need help finding the location? Check out our handy map online: <http://grrin.org/2017/08/gold-rush-sunday-october-1st/>

Want to volunteer? Please send an email to goldrush@grrin.org and we'll get in touch with you!



WELCOME HOME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
NOON – 4^{PM}
OFFUTT BASE LAKE PARK
GRRIN.ORG
402-330-6680

2017 GOLD RUSH



EXTRA! EXTRA!

THE LATEST NEWS + RECENT HAPPENINGS

GET INVOLVED

WANTED: A FEW GOOD DOG LOVERS!

Do you like to be on the ground floor and helping make decisions that affect the organization? Do you want to contribute your time to a very worthy cause? Well, we have three board positions open which need to be filled:

Member Volunteer Chair
Resource Committee Chair
Corresponding Secretary

All of these positions attend all Board of Directors' meetings (quarterly) and chair positions manage a small group of dedicated, wonderful volunteers for their particular responsibilities.

If you are interested in finding out more about these positions, Please contact GRRIN at 402-330-6680 or email us at info@grrin.org.

Thank you
GRRIN Board of Directors

PENDING NEBRASKA LEGISLATION

One of the important laws facing the Nebraska State Legislature is in regards to animals left in locked cars and those who work to get them out:

LB440 – Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed (by Senator Anna Wishart). A rescuer may forcibly enter a vehicle to save the life of an animal in distress without facing prosecution as long as they have attempted to find the owner and truly believe the animal will die without intervention.

This is valuable due to the horrendous numbers of animals left in cars which ultimately die from the heat built up in the vehicle. Dogs deserve the same respect and treatment as any other living creatures, and are not immune to painful deaths.

The next time you are debating taking your dog with you in the car, think again! If you are going somewhere the dog will get out of the car and be by your side, great, enjoy that time together! However, if you just want company in the car and the dog will be locked inside for ANY PERIOD of time, please leave your beloved pet at home.

If you value the life of your dog, why jeopardize it? Let them continue to be your loving friend and companion and enjoy a long life together!

DON'T COOK YOUR DOG!



DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER
even with the windows down,
in minutes cars turn into coffins

BEAT THE HEAT:

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. For example, a 77 degree air temperature quickly translates into a 105 degree car temperature. And cracking the windows makes no difference. Opt to leave your pet at home rather than in the car during hot months.

LOOKING UP?

Are you looking up? If so, you might see our new billboard. In September it was on 84th Street in Omaha between Q and Harrison, on the west

side of 84th, facing south. This sign will be moved to different locations in the city throughout the next year. Keep watching for it!





IN MEMORY ARTHUR 10-83

It was the fall of 2010 and GRRIN had a record number of Goldens waiting for foster homes. Vern and Karen Wirka signed up to help out, thinking at the time they wouldn't do more than foster. Then in December of that same year Arthur came to the Wirka home. It took a small amount of time, 2 short months in fact, for everyone to realize this was a match made in heaven.

The Wirka family adopted Arthur with great joy. They knew little about his past, only that he had been a companion to an older Great Dane, took good care of him before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge, and didn't do so well without his companion. And lucky for Arthur, he quickly bonded with his new canine sister, Hera.

The two enjoyed many years together in their large backyard and frequent walks in the park. Hera developed eye problems that eventually resulted in loss of most of her sight. Once again, Arthur assumed a nurturing role and became Hera's seeing eye guide.

Arthur's health began to decline in January of 2017 and it was obvious by May that he was ready to say goodbye. His eyes and expression communicated that his role of nurturer, seeing eye guide dog and close personal companion, was nearing an end. In late May, Arthur took his journey across the Rainbow Bridge.

The Wirka family extends a sincere thank you to all those who added to Arthur's quality of life. They miss him dearly and salute him for a job well done as a nurturer and companion to their family.

Our Quarter 3 newsletter is dedicated to Arthur and all the other Goldens we said goodbye to this last quarter. They rest peacefully now because of your love.

Read the full story of Arthur's journey on the GRRIN website, In Memory section.

UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

SUNDAY

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GOLD RUSH 2017!

Please see the cover page of this newsletter for more details!

MONDAY

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LEASHES AT LAURITZEN

WHEN: 5 pm - 8 pm

WHERE: Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha, NE

GRRIN wants to share a great opportunity for dog lovers to walk their canine family members in a fun new environment! Bring your canine friends for this informal walk around the grounds and enjoy the great outdoors together. Enjoy 100 acres and miles of trails. Water and treats will be available at stations throughout.

FRIDAY

10
NOV

KIBBLE 'N BIDS YAPPY HOUR

WHEN: 6 pm - 9 pm

WHERE: Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor St, Omaha, NE

Kibble 'n Bids holiday social is back! We're looking forward to hosting a fun evening that will include yummy food, a signature cocktail and awesome silent auction items. Stay tuned for more information but contact us now if you'd like to volunteer or donate to the silent auction by sending an email to kibblenbids@grrin.org.

MEET + GREETs

CHECK OUT OUR GRRIN DOG'S GUEST APPEARANCES!

Nov 5: 12- 1 pm, at the Bookworm, Omaha, NE

Nov 11: 12 - 1 pm, at Nature Dog, Omaha, NE

STAY TUNED IN!

See the most current updates to all GRRIN events at www.grrin.org



GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

MICROCHIPPING YOUR PET

The following article represents the views of author Eric Forrest and is reprinted here with his permission. It has been previously published in the April 24, 2016 edition of PetsinOmaha.

Statistics can lie. It's all in the way they are presented. These stats, however, are easy to interpret and it seems to me that The American Humane Association (AHA) has no reason to misrepresent the numbers. According to a recent study, the AHA estimates over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year. In addition, one in three pets will become lost at some point during their lifetimes. A couple more numbers to make the point we're making here hit home: less than 1 in 4 lost dogs that enter shelters make it back to their homes. In addition, just over one percent (ONE PERCENT!) of lost cats that enter shelters are reunited with their families. Microchipped cats find home again 38 percent of the time.

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The case for microchipping your animals is an easy one to decide. Quite simply, chip your pets and they'll have an opportunity to make it home if lost. Don't chip them and the chances of getting your kitty or pup back are almost nil. Keep in mind, however, just because your animal has a chip doesn't mean it can be sent straight home. The research also indicates that only 58 percent of the microchipped animals' microchips had been registered in a database with their pet parent's contact information. Keep your info up to date.

Wherever your animal got chipped can change the information (like your name and address) stored in the chip.

Now. You know your animals should be chipped. And if your animal came from a rescue or shelter, it likely had a chip put in. Make sure your information stored on the chip is accurate. If your animal does not have a chip, your vet or your local shelter will happily place one in your pet for a small fee (and chip events happen all the time where discounts can be had). Typically, \$20 or \$30 is all it takes to get a chip. "Most rescue groups and humane societies place microchips into their adopted pets so they can track them if they get lost," says Debbie Newhouse of Omaha's Urgent Pet Care. "All family veterinarians give owners the option of implanting a microchip, too." And while Urgent Pet Care doesn't implant chips, they and most other shelters and veterinary offices, have means to scan an animal for a chip. Having the chip is the difference between Urgent Pet Care and others getting your pet back to you, or not.

Here's a success story from the Nebraska Humane Society website that will make you smile, and further the belief that microchips are essential:

After more than 3 years, Miley is reunited with her owners thanks to her microchip!

The little dog went missing in February of 2013 from her home outside Chicago, Illinois. Saturday night, April 2,

2016, she was placed in an overnight drop kennel at the Nebraska Humane Society with no paperwork or identifying tags. She was well fed, but severely matted, with inch long nails and in desperate need of grooming. However, her microchip traced to owners who were flabbergasted to hear she was in our care. Once we assured the Rosas that Miley, was, indeed, at NHS, Ruben and his son immediately set out the morning of April 4 on the eight hour car ride to reclaim her.

In the meantime, our groomer got to work shearing off huge mats from her ears, legs, body and tail...and she was wiggly and happy for the reunion! "We are so happy that you had her and called us!" said Ruben. "We had gotten several calls that were false leads...so to finally get her back is amazing! My wife will be so happy."

This is one story from one shelter. Think of how many dogs and cats are reunited with their owners each day around the country thanks to microchips! Don't delay- if your animal is without a chip, contact your vet or local shelter and implant one today.

Note to Readers: All Dogs are microchipped upon entry to GRRIN.

For more useful information, visit www.petsinomaha.com



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



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 Happy Tails segment.

Foster homes are truly the backbone of our rescue program. Fostering is a wonderful way to lend a hand and enjoy the sweet, silly character of another Golden in your home. The availability - or lack - of foster homes directly impacts the number of Golden Retrievers we can help. We need caring, responsible people to join our foster home team by opening their homes and hearts to our rescued Golden.

Interested? Call our Gold-line at 402.330.6680 and one of our volunteers will contact you!

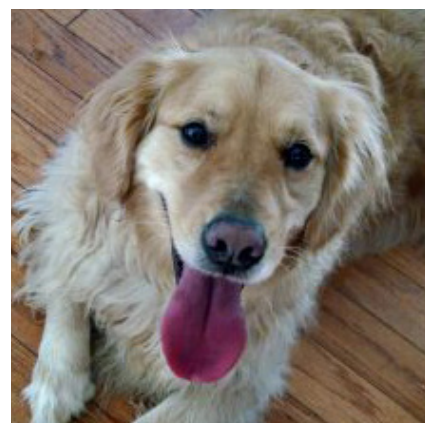


REGGIE 17-06
ADOPTED BY: Jon & Michelle

Hi I'm Reggie, and boy do I have a pawsome story for you! So I met these really cute girls at the vet office one day. The little girls gave me lots of attention and their mom even said she recognized me from the GRRIN website! It was a sad day for them, as they were there to say goodbye to their sick Golden. I liked them a lot, and hoped that I could see them again.

And over the next few months, I got to see them a LOT! They came to visit with me at a Meet and Greet and I even got to visit with them in their home shortly after that. We got along so well that in a short time I was adopted and moved into my new home with my dad, Jon; my mom, Michelle, and my sisters, Addison and Kinsey.

I'm trying to learn the rules, but I sometimes get into trouble for grabbing shoes, stuffed animals, and pretty much anything I can get my mouth on. And there are A LOT of kids in my new neighborhood that I get to play with. So thanks GRRIN for helping me when I needed it, and for helping my family and I find each other!



RILEY 17-04
(formerly Cosmo)
ADOPTED BY: Chelley & Mike

Riley here, formerly Cosmo! Mom say's Riley is a much better name for me and I like it just fine! My new Mom and Dad are "foster failures" because they took one look at me and knew they could never let me go.

I know sit, shake, lay down and stay and I'm learning new tricks all the time! I am an only child but it's ok with me because I get ALL the attention! I have friends on either side of my yard that like to play with me and bark at the squirrels. We are working on going places where there are lots of people because sometimes I get nervous but I do love car rides and am doing very well meeting new people.

After moving around I am very happy to have found my furever home and thankful to my friends at GRRIN for all the help they gave me.

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STELLA 09-59

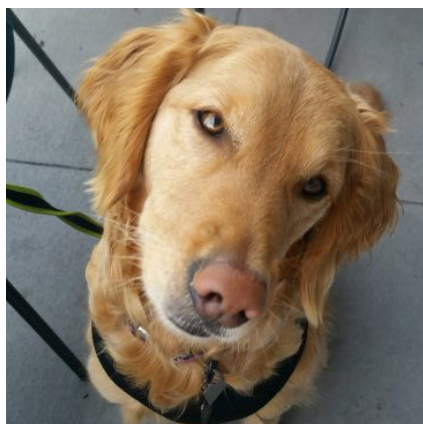
ADOPTED BY: Jeff & Cheri

Hello I'm Stella! I'd bet by the 09-59 number you can guess this isn't the first time GRRIN has helped me find a new home! Having been an only pet for many years, my family had to move and after a brief foster experience, I've been placed with long-time GRRIN volunteers Cheri and Jeff!

My new family provides a whole new pack to frolic with, including four indoor cats (they tell me that I fit in "perfectly!"), a terrier, a bully AND a lab! I had so much fun celebrating my 9th birthday with all of them on Labor Day weekend.

I've been enjoying learning new "tricks" with my crew and exploring all together outside. Sometimes the grandkids come to visit and we have a fantastic time with them as well!

GRRIN is the best matchmaker ever! Mine is a happy tail for sure!



BELLA 17-05

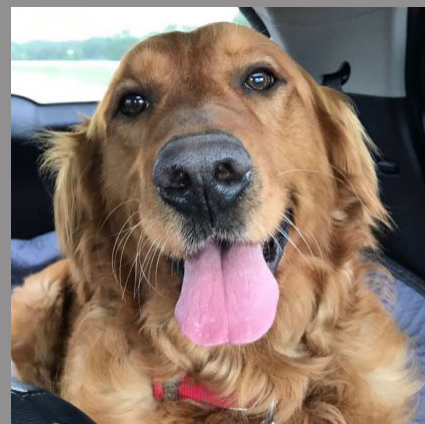
ADOPTED BY: Theresa

Hi, it's me, Bella! Oh my gosh have I had the most fun in my forever home with my mom, Theresa. Mom was pretty heartbroken when she lost her Golden Kandi, but when she met me, she knew I would help heal her heart!

I have had visitors come just to see me, and they brought me treats and stuffies! I LOVE stuffies! Mom takes me to parks, we take walks and go for car rides and I get anything my little Golden heart could ever want.

I have had a few issues with stealing off counters (may I just say that banana mom left me was delish, but the repercussions of stealing the bag of grapes out of the sink, not so much), so I'm trying to train Mom to be better about putting stuff away so I can't get to it. I'm even on social media! My mom added me to Kandi's Facebook page, so now I get lots of love from people from all over the world!

I just want to thank GRRIN for taking a chance on me and a huge thanks to my foster dad and his dog for helping me find my new home. I'm a lucky girl!



FRANKIE 17-08

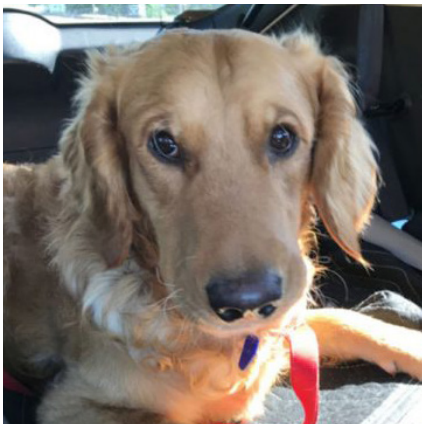
ADOPTED BY: Richard, Shirley & Layla

I'm FRANKIE, I'm seven years old and some say I am a real charmer (because of my laid-back personality and good looks!).

I was basically an outside Golden, but once I went to live with my GRRIN foster family, I learned reeeal fast how great it is to live indoors. I can lay on the floor with my new paw-sister Layla; I sleep in bed with my new human sister Lily; and, sometimes I can even play ball in the house. I have done so many new, fun things since living with my GRRIN foster family!

So remember how I was saying I'm a real charmer? Well, my foster family happened to agree so, they adopted me. Now, I have a wonderful family to do so many fun things with. Thank you to GRRIN for hooking me up with such lovely people.

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GABE 17-11

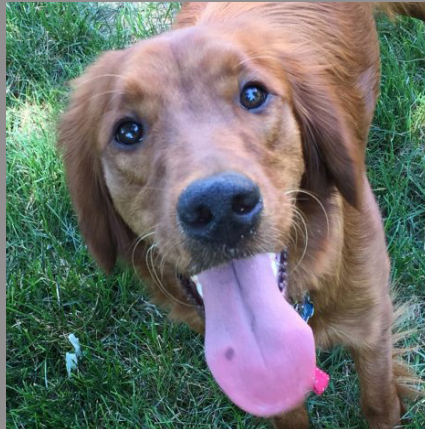
ADOPTED BY: Karen T.

Gabe here, and let me tell you about the time I made my new mom, Karen, do something she swore she would never do again! You see, she'd had adolescent dogs before, and they were great dogs, but caused her to pull her hair out and regret giving up cigarettes! And some time ago she swore she'd never take a dog through their adolescence again!

Then I came along. To be fair, Karen thought she was meeting a 7-year-old the day we met. I looked up at her with adoring eyes and flopped my head on her knee... and she said at that moment she fell "stupid in love" with me! Awe shucks Karen!

I like to throw my toy around to get people to play with me and I take correction well. I've been enjoying leaping through the backyard, sleeping on my families' laps and learning to play nice with my 12-year-old rescue sister Casey.

We all think the universe knew best on this one. I was supposed to have Karen and she was supposed to have me! Thank you GR-RIN for guiding us to each other.



MILLIE 17-12

ADOPTED BY: Matt & Tiffanie

Are you looking for Millie? Here I am! I came to GRRIN after my previous family realized I was too good of a girl to spend most of my day in a kennel. I landed first at my foster home where Jon, Sue, and foster-brothers Harley and Bear took great care of me.

Now I'm in my new fur-ever home with my awesome new family, Matt and Tiffanie! I love it here, and they really love me. I am having so much fun doing so many different things. I play ball, go for daily walks, go to a lake where I jump in the water and swim and I even go to work sometimes with my dad where I get to be the "official greeter." And at home, I cuddle up with my fur-sister Java.

Thank you GRRIN for everything that you did for me. Well, got to go...I see some tennis balls and stuffed toys that need playing with. Always, Millie

Q3 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

IN MEMORY/ IN HONOR

Michele Aciri, in memory of Nala | **Animal Clinic Suburban**, in memory of Maia Roccaforte (04-02) | **Irma Berube**, in memory of Diesel (14-22) | **Clearview Pet Care Centre**, in memory of Yogi (owned by Bill & Angie Williams) | **Steve Ford**, in memory of Dave Woll | **Andrea Jorgensen**, in memory of Toby, a beautiful, loving member of our neighborhood | **Amanda Meier**, in memory of Mary Meier | **Gary & Connie Roberts**, in memory of Nala | **Lori Simmons**, in memory of Blaze | **Vern & Karen Wirka** in memory of Arthur | **Rebecca Erickson**, in memory of Patricia's very special friend, Oscar | **Patricia Newman**, in memory of Sunny and Oscar Newman | **Chris Rhodus**, in memory of Shannon Morgan | **Mike and Julie Sharp**, in appreciation of Jon and Sue Sprinkle | **Bud and Marion Kelly**, in honor of Brinkley | **Ken & Debbie Elson**, in honor of Thor | **Kathy Rasinowich-Platt + Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign and Educational Matching Gifts**, in honor of OTCH First String's Liv'n on the Edge UDX20, OM7, NA, NAJ, CGC aka Shale | **Yahnke family**, in honor of Drew Vermeer's birthday

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Darrica Hollis | **Charles & Marion Kelly** | **Marie Romano** | **Lauren Barbee** | **Kayla Scott** | **Cathi Smetana** | **Michelle Brandt** through the **Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government**

AMAZON SMILE: \$40

Don't forget to sign up to have GRRIN be your donation of choice on Amazon Smile and GoodShop! And keep on shopping folks!

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



Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska

P.O. Box 126
Boys Town, NE 68010

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

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 3 Quick Stats: 14 Goldens Adopted | 2 Goldens in Foster Care



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