

GRRIN NEWS

A SEASON OF GOLD.



Third Quarter 2016 | Happy Tails. Golden Hearts

COLORS OF FALL... STRIKING GOLD.

With autumn comes a delightful array of seasonal colors... from reds to oranges, to of course our favorite color: gold! Seems like the perfect time for Gold Rush, doesn't it? In fact, we are coming off hot from this wonderful annual event and we could not be more thankful for everyone who volunteered and attended. Our theme this year was Silver + Gold which features another one of our favorite colors... the one that honors our 25th anniversary!

We were busy this summer getting our new friends from Turkey acclimated and placed in furever homes. We have updates and even some Happy Tails for you here in the newsletter, so be sure to keep reading!

And the holidays will be here before you know it. So keep an eye out for more information about our holiday social event coming soon. As always, stay tuned in to our GRRIN website and/ or our Facebook page for the most up to date happenings and to see what we're up to.

We hope you enjoy catching up with us here in Quarter 3. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors this season and stay GOLDEN friends!



Greetings GRRIN Readers! Valentine, York, Aurora, Sydney, and Madison here! Four months ago we were Goldens living on the streets of Turkey. Now we are here in Nebraska living new lives, with loving families.

Our journey started when we flew from Turkey and landed in Chicago on May 20th. After this long flight we were met in Chicago by GRRIN volunteers who cleaned us, fed and watered us, and then gave us some hugs and belly rubs (this was the best part of all). The next day, after a long drive, we arrived in Omaha to many open arms, and the GRRIN foster families who welcomed us into their homes.

The next weeks and months were a learning process for everyone. We had to learn about living in a home, (couches and beds are particularly nice) and that we could relax because we had humans who would take care of us. On top of the usual challenges faced by foster families, OUR foster families had to learn about caring for dogs who had been fending for themselves and roaming freely, particularly York, a.k.a "Don't-fence-me-in". In the end, GRRIN volunteers being GRRIN volunteers, and Goldens

being Goldens, we all figured it out.

Through the same system that GRRIN has used for 25 years now (loving foster families and hard work by all of the Rescue Team members) GRRIN has been able to find loving, caring homes for all of us from Turkey (we don't like being referred to as Turkey dogs).

We are Goldens to whom the word "rescue" truly applies. Thank you to the entire GRRIN family for helping to give us a life that we could only imagine. We truly believe we have struck gold!

Yours furever,

Valentine, York,
Aurora, Sydney,
Madison

Special note: As we worked on this update about our rescue dogs from Turkey, one of the five, Madison, was diagnosed with late-stage Leukemia. We still can't believe it, but she crossed the Rainbow Bridge within a few weeks. She was in the loving arms of her foster mom and caseworker, who worked tirelessly to make her comfortable in her last days. We've decided to keep the update as originally written. You can read more about all of the dogs on the GRRIN website.

FEATURE STORY!

A MESSAGE FROM TAMMY + CHLOE



GOLDEN EYES + FALLEN APPLES

Chloe (08-38) was Tammy Weihe and her family's first foster dog. They found each other during the summer of 2008, when Chloe was nearly 5 years old. Over the years Chloe has come to enjoy the Weihe family's special traditions during apple season; searching out fallen apples from their trees, and even jumping up on her hind legs to pick her own apples.

Chloe was originally surrendered due to severe hip dysplasia and further evaluation through her veterinary specialist suggested hip replacement would be in her future. Various other treatments were explored and eight years later, Chloe still has her original

hips. In fact, what ails Chloe now at age 13 is as far from her hips as can be, and something no one could predict.

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Earlier this year, Tammy noticed that Chloe's eyes were becoming increasingly cloudy. In April she was taken to an eye specialist and diagnosed with anterior uveitis, an eye disease that is unique to Golden Retrievers. Anterior uveitis is an inflammation of the middle layer of the eye, which includes the iris (colored part of the eye) and the adjacent tissue. If untreated, it can cause permanent damage and loss of vision from the development of glaucoma, cataract or retinal edema.

Chloe's initial vet visit revealed immense pressure from glaucoma and loss of sight in her right eye while her left eye remained at normal pressure levels. She began treatment for the glaucoma in her right eye at that time. A follow-up visit confirmed the pressure in Chloe's left eye had skyrocketed, leaving her blind in that eye as well.

Tammy began to notice a change in Chloe's behavior. She slept more, but woke frequently; she was less social and not as interested in what was happening in the house, even in the kitchen. This shift, along with the vet's concern that the glaucoma was causing pain levels similar to a migraine headache, caused the Weihe

family to take action. They made the decision to have Chloe's eyes removed and she had the surgery in mid-July of this year.

Throughout this experience Chloe has remained a calm, patient teacher. More heartwarming yet is the patience and care Chloe's Golden companion, Bright, has shown her since the surgery. Where two-year-old Bright would have once been quick to grab any food he could steal, he now sits, without direction, and waits for Chloe to find her food. What proof that Golden Retrievers really are the best companions!

Tammy shares her personal story in an effort to raise awareness of this disease unique to Golden Retrievers. She wants to encourage you all to seek veterinary care if you see changes in the appearance of your Golden's eyes. This is a condition that can cause considerable pain and affect your dog's behavior and quality of life.

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Today Chloe is a happy girl once again. Her quality of life has drastically improved since the elimination of her eye pain. She is adapting to being blind and ventures out further to explore the yard as each day passes. You'll see Chloe this fall greeting the neighbors, wagging her tail and, of course... searching for fallen apples. Tammy is happy to report she still has no problem finding them!



Chloe enjoys her birthday, 2 weeks post op.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS

PUPPY UP!

WHEN: Sunday, October 9th, 11am- 3pm

WHERE: Chalco Hills Recreation Area

A 2 mile walk to promote awareness of canine cancer and fundraise for cancer research to benefit both pets and people. Please note GRRIN is not putting on this event but will be there in full force! Stop by our table to say hello or contribute to our In Memory Project by sharing stories about your Golden who has suffered from cancer.

STAY TUNED! MORE INFO TO COME ON OUR HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENT!

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



GRACIE 15-18

Permanent Foster

Our Quarter 3 Newsletter is dedicated to AMAZING Gracie, who crossed the rainbow bridge on June 5th. After 13 years with the same family, Gracie was surrendered to GRRIN in October 2015, and went directly to live with Michele, Shelby, Bogie + Kelsey as a permanent foster. And though she was only with them for eight short months, her personality, loyalty, and adorable antics are permanently engraved in their hearts.

IN MEMORY ACROSS THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Q3 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

HONORS & MEMORIALS

Lisa Baker, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Myron Bridges & Wendy Duerfeldt Schutte, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Dave Buechler, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Robert & Cathy Day, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Bob & Sherry Haftings, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Ed & Linda Kucirek, in memory of Bonny Buechler | Megan Foust, in memory of Daisy Enfield | Kristi Miskimins, in honor of Lucy Miskimins | Gregg Christensen, in memory of Sheyanne (06-20) | Clearview Pet Care Centre, in memory of Hannah (owned by Chuck Furst) | Rick Napravnik & Cass Barrett, in memory of Addie (05-06) | Jeremy & Sara Penn, in memory of Diego (07-22) | James & Robin Chadek, in honor of Gunner (16-18) | Ted & Monique Ketteler, in honor of Dan (15-05) | Melody Kaliff, in honor of Zak Zipay + Joey Jung

DONATIONS

Marilyn Niemeyer | Steven O'Dell | Harry Quinlan | Owen Henderson and family toward Turkey Dogs | Bruce & Bobbie Moore toward Turkey Dogs | Kathy Woodward toward Dogs from Turkey

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...



TUCKER 16-07

ADOPTED BY: Ken, Pam & Cali

Hey there, I'm Tucker... not only am I good looking, but I now have a wonderful, good-looking family too! Ken and Pam, and resident Golden Cali, just could not resist my good looks and active, friendly personality. They wanted to take me home immediately so they could introduce me to their family, friends, cats, and bird. I really impressed their family and friends, but the cats and the bird took awhile to warm up!

I am so happy at my new home. I go for long walks, play with kids, and have lots of toys to tear up (I'm working on being gentle with my toys). At the end of the day, Ken and I go downstairs to the "man cave" and just relax, chill out, snuggle and do man things.

Life is Awesome. And I'm enjoying every minute in my new home with my new family. Well done GRRIN!



YORK 16-13

ADOPTED BY: Steve, Cindy, Michael & Jason

Merhaba (that means hello!), my name is York and I am a world traveler! I came to Nebraska with 4 other Golden Retrievers who lived on the streets of Turkey. In Turkey, I did not have a home and had to hunt for my own food, but with some help from GRRIN and its wonderful donors, I was able to travel to Nebraska to find my forever home.

When I arrived, I was very skinny and was struggling with some allergy problems that affected my coat. I also wasn't sure what it was like to be a family dog. My amazing foster family of Cindy, Steve, Michael, Jason and resident dog, Rosie, worked with me over the last couple of months and helped me learn to be the awesome Golden I am today.

Since I fit in so well with my foster family and they can handle my love of rabbits and birds, I am staying put and have been adopted by them. Thank you GRRIN for all the love and affection you have shown me and for the opportunity to be a Golden in America!



HEIDI 16-14

ADOPTED BY: Micah, Danielle, Bryn, Kaeta & Gavin

Remember me? Heidi? Well the update is that I am really happy these days. I have found my furever family! Mom, Dad, Danielle, Micah and the twins have made me one of their own. I get snuggles on a regular basis and feel like a long time family member!

I have some favorite things that keep me busy, including chasing squirrels. I might be a big girl, but hey can I move! I might even get one someday, you never know!

I also love old baseballs. Gavin has some in his room and I love to let Mom know that I want to play with them. I know they are his but PLEASE... let me have one or two!!! He has plenty to share.

I just love my new family. Thank you GRRIN, you are the best!

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MOLLIE (aka Sydney) 16-11

ADOPTED BY: Brian, Emily & Sydney

Hi, my name is Sydney (AKA Mollie) and I have quite a story. I came to America with a group of other dogs in search of a new forever home. I am such a great girl, I can't believe I needed to come so far, but it was completely worth it. My first temporary home was with a nice lady named Danielle. She took care of me and showed me what a normal happy dog life was all about.

One day not too long ago I met an awesome family with a little girl who wanted me to live with them forever. Their names are Brian, Emily, and wouldn't you know it... Sydney! It must have been destiny with us 2 girls having the same name!

Then of course it got confusing... like when it was time to go outside to go potty, which Sydney did they mean? So THAT'S how I got my new name, Mollie. My Sydney picked it for me and I think it's perfect. I love her and my new family so much! They take me for walks and taught me how to play catch.

Thank you to the wonderful GRRIN folks for finding me this home with a Sydney of my very own!!!

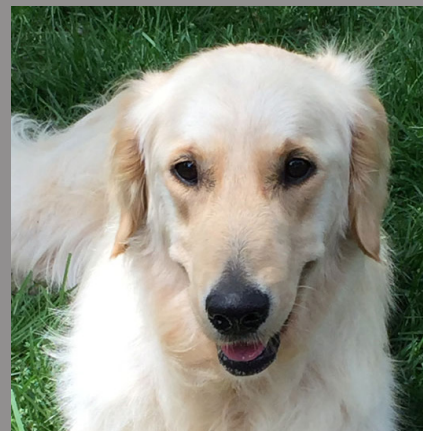


CARLIE 16-15

ADOPTED BY: Carrie & Emily

Hello! My name is Carlie. Well, Carlie is a fairly new name for me. You see, nobody knows what my name was before. I was found as a stray by a nice farm family who took care of me for 8 weeks. They looked and looked for my owners with no luck and that's how I ended up in the loving hands of GRRIN.

My GRRIN foster home is absolutely wonderful, I have a mom named Carrie and a fantastic play companion in little girl Emily. They liked me so much that they decided to adopt me, and I'm really happy about that! Thanks, GRRIN, for finding my forever home. It's good to be a dog named Carlie!



AURORA 16-09

ADOPTED BY: Matt, Jenna & Penelope

Hi Everybody! Aurora from Turkey here! I want to tell you all that I have hit the jackpot! After coming here from Turkey, I had to learn the ways of living with a family... INDOORS! Thank you to my foster family Jon, Sue and my doggie brothers Harley and Bear for teaching me how to live inside, play and feel safe.

Life has been grand and I am so excited to be with my new family, Papa Matt, Mamma Jenna and my wonderful fun human sister Penelope. Some of my favorite things are playing in the sprinklers (I love water), the sand box, playing tag, having tea parties with Penelope, going for walks, hanging out with my family and helping Jenna pick tomatoes off the vine. Yummy!

I am truly thankful and blessed with the best life EVER! Thank you GRRIN for giving me this great gift.



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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 3 Quick Stats: 25 Goldens Adopted | 4 Goldens in Foster Care



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