



# GRRIN NEWS

## BRINGIN' THE HEAT!

Second Quarter 2017 | Happy Tails. Golden Hearts



## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Summer's here, the weather is heating up, and so is the GRRIN newsletter! We have so many interesting things to share with you in our summer installment. We have a brand new Board of Directors and we can't wait for you to meet them. We are also re-capping our Annual Meeting and our Omaha Gives events in case you missed them. And speaking of events, we're pleased to share our upcoming events list, updated to give you a look at the rest of the year.

You may notice a new section in this quarter's edition, titled "GRRIN In-The-Know." Due to great response we have been receiving on informational articles, we've dedicated this section to providing you facts and stats about our favorite breed! We hope you enjoy this and please keep the comments on what you'd like to see in our newsletter coming! You can provide feedback at [newsletter@grrin.org](mailto:newsletter@grrin.org).

We're kicking off Quarter 2 with an intro to our new President. Take it away Kathy!

## GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A warm GRRIN welcome to our new president, Kathy Glenn! We are so happy to have you leading our pack this year. And we thank you, in advance, for all we know you will do for us in your new position.

We'd love to introduce you all to Kathy through her own words, so please take a read through her beautiful letter below. Also flip on over to page 3 where you will meet the rest of our amazing 2017 Board of Directors!

*Greetings, GRRIN Members and Supporters:*

*As you know, 2016 was GRRIN's 25th anniversary year. We celebrated at various events and looked back fondly on our accomplishments built on the foundation of our primary mission: to rescue and rehome Golden Retrievers. GRRIN recently held its annual meeting where we had the chance to take one more look back with appreciation for all of the time and contributions provided by people like you. Everyone reading this newsletter has played an important role in making GRRIN's long-term success possible. Perhaps you served on the rescue team or volunteered for events. Maybe you adopted one of our Golden Retrievers (lucky you!!) or made a generous donation to the organization. There are many other ways you no doubt did your part. Whatever it was, whenever it happened, THANK YOU!*

*Now that we're well into 2017 and GRRIN's 26th year, a shout-out to the GRRIN Board of Directors is overdue. Our board members work very hard behind the scenes to conduct the business of the organization. That obviously includes Golden Retriever rescue efforts but also our outreach/educational activities and fun events like Gold Rush where we gather to build community among Golden enthusiasts. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank three individuals who are rotating off the GRRIN board: Barb Garrett, Theresa Houston and Cathi Smetana. Please join me in giving them, along with all current and past board members, a standing ovation for their service to GRRIN!*

*Thanks again,*

Kathy Glenn  
President, GRRIN Board of Directors





## EXTRA! EXTRA! THE LATEST NEWS + RECENT HAPPENINGS



### ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting! We had a lovely group of volunteers, potential adopters, and very photogenic dogs who stared longingly at our BBQ lunch. Special thanks to the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club for allowing us to use their space.

Votes were counted for our returning board members - congratulations to these tireless volunteers who give their time to drive the rescue train.

Rescue chair Judy Davis presented the 2016 Rescue Report. GRRIN rescued 27 Golden Retrievers in 2016: 12 males and 15 females. Most of the dogs came from Nebraska, but five were rescued from Istanbul, Turkey, a very gratifying and challenging rescue for our volunteers. Another wonderful rescue mission that most people don't hear about is our ability to foster dogs with hospice med-

ical conditions. In 2016, five of our foster dogs received special medical care in loving foster homes. We couldn't provide this type of support without our amazing donors!

Our goal for 2017 is to bring more Golden lovers and their dogs together. If you couldn't make it out to the annual meeting, and want to get more involved with GRRIN, please keep an eye on our website. It offers a wealth of information about upcoming events on our home page; you can also go to the calendar page to see everything at a glance.

So spread the word about GRRIN, follow us on Twitter, like us on Facebook, watch our website, come to our events, and help us celebrate the goofy, loving, loyal, and incredibly intelligent Golden Retriever - we can't wait to see you!



GRRIN online: **Twitter:** @GRRINebraska \*  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/grrin \* **Website:** www.grrin.org

### OMAHA GIVES

Thank you GRRIN supporters for your outstanding participation in Omaha Gives! We raised \$6480 with the help of many generous donors. Your donations will help us cover medical care needed for GRRIN foster dogs. In 2016, our total dog expenses were \$22,682, an average of \$630 for the 36 dogs we fostered.

During the 24 hours of giving, Omaha Gives raised \$7.8 million for the com-

munity and over 900 participating non-profits. The Omaha Community Foundation has brought this outstanding opportunity to the metro for five years.

Thanks also to the humans and canines who enjoyed the gorgeous evening and came out to Pizza West to celebrate Omaha's biggest giving day!



# 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 2017 Board of Directors. We know you will serve the cause well!

**President:** Kathy Glenn

**Vice President:** Nancy Bowen

**Recording Secretary:** Diane Metz

**Treasurer:** Michele Aciri

**Corresponding Secretary:** Erika Ryser

**Rescue Chair:** Judy Davis

**Phone Line Chair:** Karen Throener

**Outreach Committee Chair:** Pam Nathan

# 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 Communications Chair**  
**Member Volunteer Chair**  
**Resource Committee Chair**

All of these positions attend all Board of Directors' meetings (quarterly) and 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](mailto:info@grrin.org).

Thank you  
GRRIN Board of Directors



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

### PETS IN OMAHA. PICK-A-POOCH ADOPTION

**WHEN:** 11 am - 4 pm

**WHERE:** Ralston Arena, 7300 Q St, Ralston, NE 68127

SAT- SUN  
**16-17**  
JULY

The event will feature over 100 booths from area rescue groups, shelters, and pet-loving businesses as well as hundreds of animals up for adoption. Pooch and family-friendly and will include various activities just for kids Admission is free!

### NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY. WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

**WHEN:** Time to be announced

**WHERE:** To be announced

SUNDAY  
**24**  
SEPT

A fun-filled day for the whole family, with a range of activities, including: dog-friendly 5K, leisure 1-mile walk, BBQ/food trucks, kids' scavenger hunt, adoption parade, 25+ rescue groups and much more! Keep your eye on the Nebraska Humane Society website for more details as they develop!

SUNDAY  
**01**  
OCT

### GOLD RUSH!

**WHEN:** 12 pm - 4 pm

**WHERE:** Base Lake, Bellevue, NE

More details to follow!

# MEET + GREETs

## CHECK OUT OUR GRRIN DOG'S GUEST APPEARANCES!

**Aug 6:** 12 - 1 pm, at the Bookworm, Omaha, NE

**Sept 3:** 12 - 1 pm, at the Bookworm, Omaha, NE

**Sept 23:** 12 - 1 pm, at Nature Dog, Omaha, NE

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

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





## GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

### INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

## NATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

Did you know that over 100 Golden Retriever rescues are operating across the United States? With that in mind, you might wonder if they all answer to one "pack leader". While rescues do not have a national policy maker, they do receive support from the Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee (GRCA-NRC).


The GRCA is the national breed club for Golden Retrievers and has "America's largest group of enthusiasts protecting and advancing Golden Retrievers." In response to the creation of breed-specific rescues in the 1980's, the GRCA National Rescue Committee became a source of support by providing coordinating and networking services for those programs as well as developing literature, resources and links to information on their website.


In return, rescues annually provide information about their organization, dogs, and volunteers so that the Committee can maintain the bigger picture of rescue. For example, five years ago rescues across the country noticed that the number of Goldens surrendered to their care had reduced significantly and the NRC was able to confirm that it was a national trend. Many groups decided to take part in the international rescue mission of bringing street dogs from Turkey to the U.S. Smaller rescues like GRRIN worked with larger rescues by using networking information on the


GRCA-NRC website.

The Committee provides a public list of rescues by state and region with links to their respective websites.

### SOME FUN FACTS:

 the state of Florida has the most rescue orgs (ten!) followed by Texas and California.

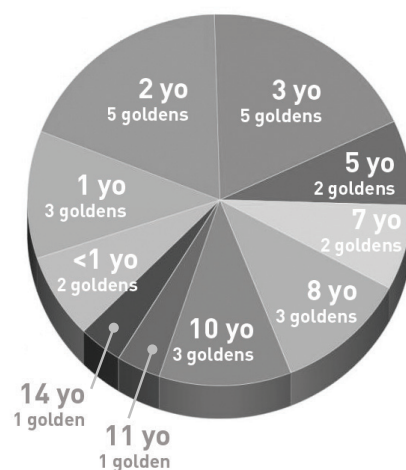
 our neighboring state of Kansas does not have a breed-specific Golden rescue.

 there is a rescue group in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The GRCA-NRC website has great information for families thinking about owning a Golden Retriever. They also feature stories highlighting special Golden Retrievers and rescue missions (we dog lovers enjoy a good story!). Visit [www.grca-nrc.org](http://www.grca-nrc.org) to learn more or explore the websites of other rescues.

## STATS CORNER

### AGE OF 2016 RESCUES:



### SUMMER HEAT STATS:

**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.

## 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.*





## IN MEMORY GRISSOM THROENER

Grissom, named for the CSI series character Gil Grissom, was like his namesake in that he was socially awkward and found bugs important (i.e. delicious). A cuddler extraordinaire, Grissom would have been happiest if his owners could have worn him in a sling. Where they went, he went, when they sat, he sat.

The highlight of Grissom's day tended to be mealtime. And in addition to being food-focused, he had a drinking problem! He drooled gallons of water whenever he drank, appearing to lose as much as he took in. The floors in his house were never really dry earning him the nickname "Sir Licks-a-Lot the Duke of Drool."

Grissom crossed the rainbow bridge last month at the age of 10 1/2 after a battle with a rapid-growing cancer. Grissom and his adoptive sister, Casey, spent 5 glorious years together under the care of the Throener family. They remember him fondly, and believe if there is fairness in the universe, his afterlife is catered lavishly.

Our Quarter 2 newsletter is dedicated to Grissom and all the other Golden Retrievers we said goodbye to this last quarter. They rest peacefully now because of your love.



## Q2 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

## OMAHA GIVES DONATIONS

Lisa Lewis | Megan Van Alstine | David McElhose | Cheryl Prochaska | Nichole Rue | Christiane Ley | Lisa Miers | Edward Lindsay | Erika Ryser | Jessica Ellis | Michelle Hruska | Barbara Weinberg | Barbara Garrett | Christine Anderson | John Binderup | Sheryl Pilege | Marlyce Miller | Ann Frink | Patricia Newman | Mindy Lammers | Beth Mincer | Riley Michel | Karisa Darrell | Randall Vest | Ranette Fader | Carol Nichols | MazzyCo Collars | Cheri Renfrow | Chris Stungis | Karen Stevens | Bonnie Seaquist | Alice Lindsay | Tom McGowan | Judy Seeman | Richard Roccaforte | Teri Watson | Charles Peacock | Ron Cady | Samuel Cooper | Sharron Jacobson | Cathilynn Smetana | Tracy Madden McMahon | Mary J Parys | Emily York | Calvin German | Danielle Crow | American National Bank | Haily Barks | Kathryn Hansen | Leigh Brassette | Elisa Blazek | Marianne Furlow | Sarah Birdwell | Michele Acri | Kristen Rowley | KJ Spielman | Jill Shefte | Karen Throener | Colin Curry | Vickie Rogge | Rick Davis | Josh Bucy | Thomas Frankenfield | Laura Brewer | Merrie Gusta | Joseph Romshek | Colorado Animal Rescue | Leslie Kurtz | Kelli Baltzell | Amanda Cameron | Kim Lemmons | Kristi Miskimins | Michelle Wright | Jill Banaszak | Theresa Houston | Jacque Rank | Sue Sprinkel | Konda Nietfeld | Pamela Nathan | Kimberly Corum | James Thele | Jim + Mary Jane Fitch | Diane Mumford | John Marousek | Matthew Tondl | Jill Wells | Elizabeth Marriott | Sarah Wickencamp | Heather Wrenn | Judith Davis | David Buechler | Kathleen Glenn | Terry Ralph | Stehpnaie Marrero | Barbara Teter | Jennifer Hrbek

## IN MEMORY DONATIONS

Elisa Blazek, in memory of Penny | Dick & Judy Davis, in memory of Sadie | Harmonious Happenings, in memory of Grissom Throener | Catherine Kennedy, in memory of Tatiana | Patricia Newman, in memory of Loki Widhelm & Grissom Throener | Tim & Konda Nietfeld, in memory of Clayton C. Nietfeld | Seth & Erika Ryser, in memory of Max (15-01) | Paul & Bonnie Seaquist, in memory of Thor, Buddy (10-61), Bella (13-44), & Max (15-01) | Anne Steinhoff, In memory of Grissom Throener | Patricia Newman in memory of Candy Kujath's dog

## GENERAL DONATIONS

Nancy Bowen | Brad Burwell | Dick & Judy Davis | Kevin Klein through the Union Pacific Give Plus Program | Greg Korycki & Milo's AZ fan club | Bryan Melvin | Jeremy & Brenda Payer | Marie Romano | Laurie Wilson through the Union Pacific Give Plus Program | Golden Retriever Foundation grants for Sydney & Sparky | The Green Spot - Trimming Claws for a Cause | Omaha Community Foundation: Recommended by donor of the Matt & Sara Boyd Charitable Fund In honor of Emily Nguyen & in recognition of her Beau's 3rd birthday | from DMSi due to Michelle Wright's nomination | Gary & Connie Roberts | Michele Brixius & Melissa Lubash Posh fund raiser



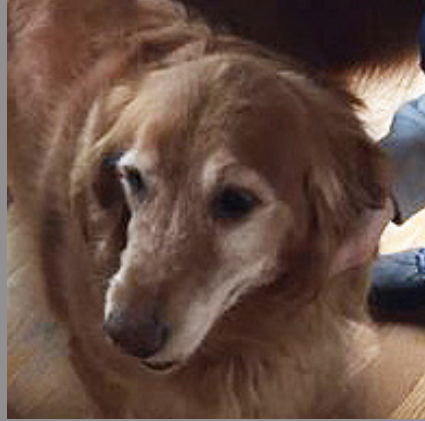
# HAPPY TAILS. happy tails. HAPPY TAILS. happy tails.



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 Retrievers.

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



## MURPHY 17-03

ADOPTED BY: Chad & Hally

Hi guys! Murphy here! I am so busy these days in my new home. I have a mom and dad, Hally and Chad, and 2 doggie sisters, Emma and Daisy.

It is really nice to have playmates. My sisters like to play and help me burn off a lot of energy. We just go and go and go! I don't stop until the end of the day when I go to sleep. And speaking of sleep, I prefer to do it ON TOP of my mom! That is the best!!!

Thanks GRRIN for connecting me with my super family and making me a very happy Murphy dog!



## MOLLIE 16-11

(aka Sydney)

ADOPTED BY: Ken & Micky

Hey all. Mollie here and you might remember me as Sydney, one of the rescues from Turkey! First I'd just like to thank everyone involved in my rescue one more time. I am so very grateful. I am also happy to report I'm settling into my forever home with Ken and Micky beautifully.

I've been busy learning my voice and hand signal commands. I'm a quick learner too, especially when treats are involved! Some of my favorite things are morning truck rides to the lake and afternoon walks in the park. I also love to be groomed which is a good thing because I tend to shed a little! I've been enjoying getting acquainted with the neighborhood dogs and receiving pets and praise from the people I meet along the way.

I'm a bit of an early bird. I like to have my breakfast promptly at 5:30 am. Ken and Micky prefer to sleep in a little later than that. But they tell me so far I'm winning the battle!

After a rough start in life I've found forever love and a family who thinks I am a true blessing. Many thanks to the GRRIN family!



## **BUFFY** 17-09

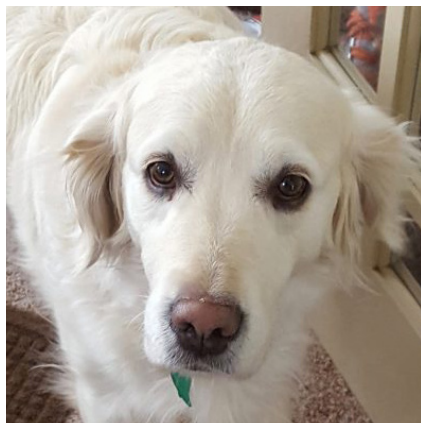
ADOPTED BY: Bob

Hi, my name is Buffy! You might notice I'm a little different than most GRRIN dogs, as I am a Labrador Retriever, not a Golden Retriever. But I am so happy that GRRIN accepted me into their adoption program so I could find a new home.

I am so happy now with Bob. He is retired and is home most of the time so we can have a lot of fun together. I have a large couch all to myself, which is great for lounging and naps. And my new back yard has lots of squirrels and birds, which are fun to chase.

There is a park one block from our house where Bob and I go for walks. I am also getting better at walking with a leash. I try to earn my keep by "helping out" around here. I pick up slippers that are not put away and take them to another part of the house. I also let Bob know when the early morning paper shows up, in case he wants to get up to read it.

Thanks again to all the great people at GRRIN who helped me find a new home. "GO LABS!"



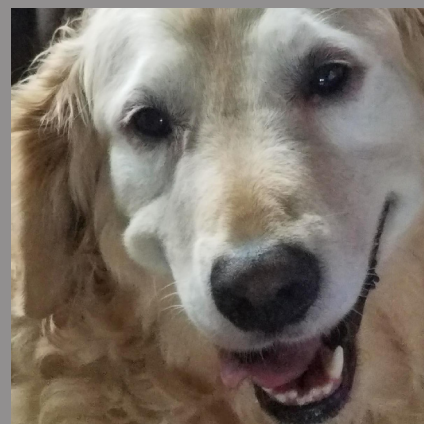
## **GRACIE** 17-09

ADOPTED BY: Mary Jo & Greg

Hi, everyone! This is Gracie checking in with big news: I have been adopted by a wonderful couple and their cat, Sophie! I can't tell you how lucky I feel since GRRIN took me in and made sure I found the perfect home for me.

It all started out when I went to live with my awesome foster family which included three great kids and two playful dogs. They made me feel so happy, safe, and confident. They even took the time to check on me after my adoption and promised me I would love my permanent family. Boy, were they right!

And, I don't mean to brag, but everyone says I'm simply the BEST dog! I even share my bed with Sophie, my feline sister. The neighborhood kids think I'm a total rock star and are always excited to say "hi" and give me love. Nothing makes a Golden happier, right? Thanks, GRRIN, for everything!



## **SPARKY** 16-23

ADOPTED BY: Robert & Jill

Hey all, Sparky here! Happy to report that in January I joined Robert and Jill's family. I am actually the third golden retriever in their home! And I enjoy the company of their cats as well, so I always have someone to play with.

So far I am loving that I get to sleep on the bed. My family says I'm a lover and a great addition to their crew! Many thanks to GRRIN for finding me such a great home!



## 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](mailto:newsletter@grrin.org) if you prefer to be removed from the list.

Quarter 2 Quick Stats: 11 Goldens Adopted | 4 Goldens in Foster Care



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