



GRRIN NEWS

WELCOME 2018!

First Quarter 2018 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



2017 IN REVIEW

Last year GRRIN's goal was to increase outreach to the public and our membership. Outreach Coordinator Pam Nathan did just that, working with the GRRIN board of directors and volunteers to facilitate 26 events and meet & greets! Here's her summary of 2017:

We held monthly Meet & Greets at Nature Dog and The Bookworm, and in October welcomed a new dog business called Woof & Whiskers in Omaha at their "Growl-O-Ween" event and we started to hold Meet & Greets there too.

We attended the NHS Rescue Rally and it was our inaugural attendance at the I love My Dog Expo in Lincoln, the Wine & Howl event at Deer Springs Winery in Lincoln and the Pets In Omaha "Pick-A-Pooch" event at the Ralston Arena.

We celebrated Omaha Gives with a Pizza Party "Pups on the Patio" get together at Pizza West in LaVista. (And we're getting ready to do it again on May 23rd - make sure to join us!)

In November, we revived our Kibbles 'n Bids Fundraiser at Arbor Hall in Omaha. It was such a great time. Great food, great silent auction items, the GRRIN Store, and best of all...great friends!

GRRIN also has a big beautiful billboard up at 84th and Madison in Ralston and it has been a big hit! You can see it as you drive North on 84th street.

And of course, there was Gold Rush, our annual Golden Carnival with unique vendors like Kirk's Works, a caricature artist, and DogGurt-Frozen Yogurt for Dogs, our GRRIN store items, and we had a Photo Booth!

2018 will be just as busy and we will be attending all of these events again. Check out the GRRIN website, Twitter and Facebook page for upcoming events and information.

I want to thank ALL of the GRRIN volunteers for helping at these events-I couldn't have done it without you! If you want to volunteer for any events please email info@grrin and leave us your information.

Sincerely, Pam

Here's how you contributed to GRRIN in 2017:

THE NUMBERS

75+ volunteers
28 dogs in foster care
8 seniors
19 adoptions
70 applications
39 home visits
26 events
\$32,978 donations
\$3,320 member dues
\$4,650 adoption fees
\$1,492 grants
\$8,678 fundraising
\$2,690 GRRIN store sales
\$14,851 dog expenses

There are many different players needed to keep GRRIN running at full speed. Volunteers, donors and friends of GRRIN are invaluable. Thank you ALL for your continued support - here's to a great 2018!



Q1 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

IN HONOR + MEMORY

THANK YOU to everyone who donated during GRRIN's annual membership drive!

William and Eric Andres, in memory of Maralyn M Andres | **Samuel Ausdemore**, in memory of Tanner Van Sanderstine | **Ernest Yount and Windy Benigno**, in honor of Frosty | **Patty Carrell and John Binderup**, in honor of Sam and Maddie | **Amy and Joe Black**, in honor of Brewster | **Matt and Blair Bonczynski**, in memory of Riley | **Nancy Bowen**, in memory of Prince, Thunder, Berkeley, Rustic and Rosie | **Judy and Ted Brass**, in honor of Missy (1987-1999) and Casey (1999-2011) | **Dorothy Bright**, in honor of Michelle Wright's Birthday | **Gregg Christensen**, in honor of Sheyanne | **Kelly and Ray Courtney**, in honor of Riley | **Katherine Creighton**, in honor of Katie and Sam | **Donn Demaree**, in honor of Gracie 04-40 | **Susan & Robert Drvol**, in honor of Mollie | **Mary Jane and Jim Fitch**, in honor of Rocky Fitch | **Chris Fletcher**, in memory of Charlie (00-33) and Zeke (02-19) | **Diane Fortenbury**, in honor of Morgan | **Dennis and Barb Garrett**, in memory of Oscar Newman and Tanner Van Sanderstine | **Google Southlands Guckenheimer Service (Laura Gray)**, in honor of Christopher Tow's birthday | **Tom and Linda Hanson**, in memory of Husker, Dudley and Dusty | **Rhonda Heineman**, in honor of Gidgit | **Merry and Ken Hinton**, in honor of Flash 01-23 and Maybea 07-35 | **Cindy Jones**, in honor of all of our loveable Goldens! | **Dora and Kevin Klein**, in honor of Nell-y Klein (10-14) | **Amy and Kevin Koehler**, in honor of Heenoo | **Joan Till and Tom Kumke**, in memory of Zeke - a Wonderful dog! | **Myron and Celia Lazar**, in honor of Abby, Chase and Lady | **JoAnn MacDonald**, in memory of Sally Winn | **Susie and Doug Mahoney**, in honor of Sophie | **Elisabeth and James Marriott**, in honor of Buddy and Sophie | **Hally Barks and Chad Mattan**, in honor of Murphy | **Marilyn Maude**, in honor of Chandler and Buddy | **David and Lisa McElhose**, in memory of Buddy (12-14) and Dexter | **Diane and Anthony Metz**, in memory of Sugar, Honey Spice and Sage | **Toni Molloy**, in honor of Duck and Annie | **Diane Mumford**, in honor of Pumpkin | **Pam Nathan** in honor of Greta Lilly; in memory of Nala, BooBoo, Madison and Cloud | **Patricia Newman**, in honor of Lilly | **Konda and Tim Niefeld**, in memory of Daisy and Ginger | **Linda and John Olsommer**, in honor of Bentley Charles | **Brenda and John Orr**, in honor of Mama Dog | **Lee and Sherralyn Peacock**, in honor of Snoopy and Bella | **Barb and Bob Pederson**, in honor of Molly | **Sara Penn**, in honor of Diego | **Julie Pittenger**, in honor of Jenkins, Bailey and Max | **Wayne and Linda Raschke**, in memory of Da-isey | **James and Jeri Regan**, in honor of Gracie 10-50 | **Jeri Regan**, in memory of Coco Regan | **Chris Rhodus**, in memory of Shannon Morgan | **Laraine Roberts**, in memory of Jim Kenyon | **Gilbert Robertson**, in honor of Ana Robertson, Sandy and Bear | **Tori and Jeff Ryan**, in memory of those who rescued us! | **Seth and Erika Ryser**, in memory of Max, the best senior foster we've had! | **Bonnie and Paul Seaquist**, in memory of Thor, Buddy, Bella and Max | **Theresa Shepard**, in holiday honor of Lee Stoltenberg and his Golden Retriever, Bud Stoltenberg | **Kate Spielman**, in honor of Katie (05-36) | **Jon and Sue Sprinkel**, in memory of Sampson | **Karen Stevens**, in honor of Reagan and Keagan | **Karen and Dana Throener**, in honor of Grissom | **Sandy Steele-Triplett and Steve Triplett**, in honor of Savannah | **Scott and Barbara Vala**, in honor of Lucy | **Rita and Ken Vetter**, in honor of Junior | **Babs and Mike Weinberg**, in honor of Tara | **Jacque Rank and Jane Wiederspan**, in memory of Holly (previously known as Angel) | **Laurie Wilson**, in honor of Honey, Gracie, Charlie and Jazz | **Marty and Joni Winters**, in honor of Ellie | **Nancy and Philip Wolf**, in honor of Mazel

GENERAL DONATIONS

Deb Ahrens | Chelsea Bloom-Anderson and Nathan Anderson | Jack and Pat Bell | Elisa Blazek | Ann Breetzke | Kathy Glenn and Curt Bright | Gary Brown | Rod and Connie Buchanan | David Buechler | Corky and Doris Buell | Sheryl Chester | Christina Christensen | David and Julie Churilla | Miun Criffield | Judy and Dick Davis | Jeffrey Edmonds | Martha Gilchrist | The Green Spot | Darrica Hollis | Leigh Houfek | Theresa Houston | JK Barker Foundation | Mindy Koch | Christopher and Kristine Kurinec | Ruth Kupfer and Mary Lingelback | Bobbie and Bruce Moore | Daniel Moravec | Network for Good | Doug Nickell | Kimberly Olson | Omaha Community Foundation | Kathy Pollard | Joseph Pruch | Harry Quinlan | Judy Rippe | Ralph and Kaari Sands | Nicole Scheer | Sandy Scott | Victoria and Richard Sklenar | Paul and Lori Synhorst | James Thele | John Weston | Bob Williams | Heather Wrenn | Michelle Wright | Nancy and Bob Yechout | Joseph and Rhonda Zugmier | We'd like to say a special THANKS to Jamie Barker, who is so generous to our cause every year! | And finally, credit is due to photographer Janet Orcutt for sharing the beautiful front page photo of GRRIN dog Mollie at Gold Rush.

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

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SUNDAY
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APRIL

WEDNESDAY
23
MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE PARTY ANIMALS!

Don't miss any GRRIN events! Make sure to check out the calendar on our website, www.grrin.org.

Join us on social media: like us on Facebook (Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska) & follow us on Twitter (@GRRINebraska).

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: 12-2 pm

WHERE: Nebraska Humane Society, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134

Join GRRIN as we celebrate another great year in rescue! Thinking about becoming a volunteer? Own a Golden and want to meet other Golden Retriever fanatics? (Let's face it, we're crazy about our dogs.) Everyone is welcome, including your beloved canine family members. We're serving lunch, conducting a short business meeting, and then we get to visit about – what else – our wonderful Golden Retrievers! RSVP 402-330-6680 or volunteer@grrin.org

OMAHA GIVES, PUPS ON THE PATIO

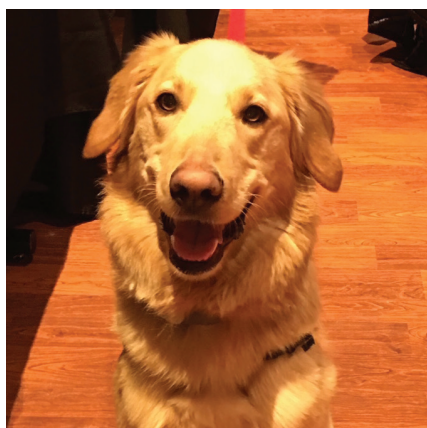
WHEN: 4-8pm

WHERE: Pizza West, 12040 McDermott Plz #300 (I-80 Exit 442) La Vista, NE 68128

Omaha's 6th annual 24-hour charitable challenge is set for Wednesday, May 23. The giving begins at midnight with a minimum \$10 donation and hourly drawings and prizes make your donations go further. So start gathering your circles and get ready for another great big give-together! GRRIN will celebrate with a Pups on the Patio gathering so mark your calendar and come join us!

HAPPYTAILS.happytails.HAPPYTAILS.happytails.

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...



Maggie 17-18
ADOPTED BY: Ben & Laura

Hi Everyone! Maggie here. I want you all to know that I am jumping for joy instead of jumping fences. Here's what my new mom and dad said about me:

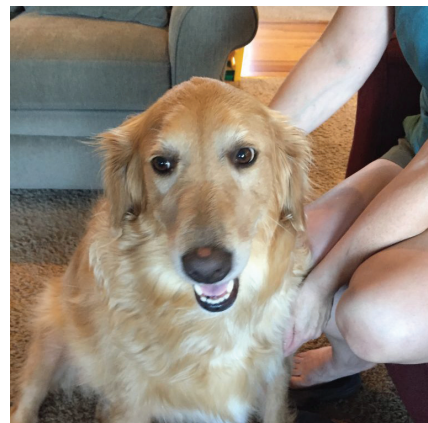
Maggie was adopted in February and has been a great addition to our family. She is a 4-year old sweetie and has a lot of energy. Maggie has an older brother Ripken who is 10 years old. He is great at sharing his toys with his new sister. We enjoy her kisses and cuddles. She loves looking out our front window, going for walks, and playing with Ripken. We are working to teach her many things. She has brought us so much joy!



Nala 18-01
ADOPTED BY: Laraine

Are you looking for Nala? Here I am in my new fur-ever home. I am so happy...there is a huge back yard where I can run around and, sometimes, there are deer on the other side of the fence. I also have been learning to share my toys with my new kitty fur-sister, Sally. And I look forward to my human best friend Grace to come over to play and cuddle with me. Every day, my mom and I go to the farm to feed the horses and see other dogs and farm animals. I can't wait until I improve on my leash-walking skills with my new harness to spend more time and play with the farm animals.

In my short life of five years, I have lived in many places and experienced many great memories with my previous family. But now, with the help of GRRIN and all of the amazing volunteers, along with my new mom, Laraine, who thinks that I am totally too cute, I am so grateful to have found my wonderful fur-ever family and home...I truly am a very happy GOLDEN.



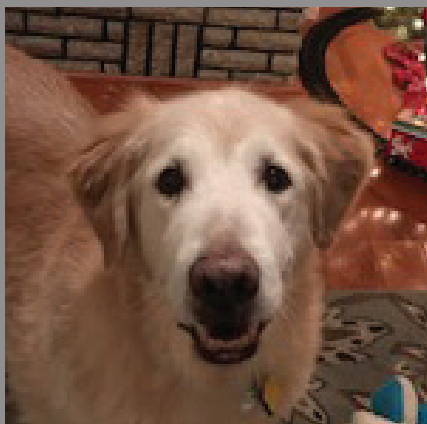
Charlie 17-15
ADOPTED BY: Skip & Julie

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year from Charlie! I am so happy in my new forever home filled with love and human siblings, I can't stop wagging my tail.

I had a fantastic time in my foster home with Dick and Amy who helped me with exercise to improve my agility. Then they worked to get me adopted in December!

I am learning all the rules, especially about treats, from my dog brother Patches. I adore my new yard, taking walks, meeting all the neighbors, building snowmen with the kids, and taking a snooze alongside whoever is reading a book or sitting by the fire.

I am forever grateful to GRRIN and my foster family for a truly "woof"-derful Christmas.

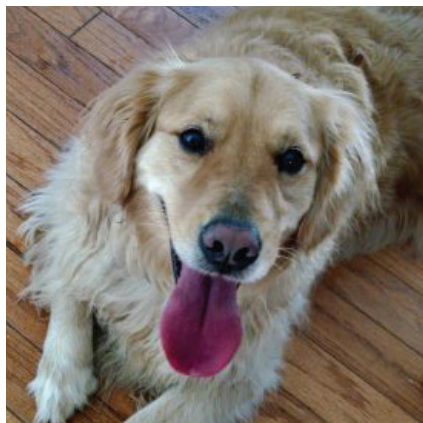


Orville 17-17
ADOPTED BY: Bill & Sara

Happy 2018 New Year! I must say that my holidays were just **FABULOUS**. It all started on December 21, when a **FABULOUS** family thought I was just **FABULOUS** and adopted me.

Wow...what a wonderful Christmas present: my very own fur-ever home. My dad and mom, Bill and Sara, two human siblings, an adorable Golden paw sister, Penny, and two cats really think that I am just perfect and they all show me so much affection and love and take really good care of me. I have so much fun playing with them, and we are anxiously waiting for warm weather so we can go outside and take long walks, run, play ball, and meet new friends; and, maybe lose a few extra pounds.

I am so grateful to **GRRIN** for bringing me into their family and to all of the wonderful volunteers who cared so much about my well-being. I will always remember all of you and hope I will see you all again so you can see just how fabulous and happy I am. Wishing all of you as much happiness as I have.



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

Riley here, formerly Cosmo. Mom say's Riley is a much better name for me and I like it! My new Mom and Dad are "foster failures" because they took one look at me and knew they could never let me go. They tell me what a good boy I am because 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 from my new parents. I have friends on either side of my yard that like to play with me and bark at the squirrels. I love my ropes and tennis balls and especially walking to the park to play with them. Mom brushes me all the time and gives me belly rubs that put me to sleep! 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.



Ollie 17-16
ADOPTED BY: Mark

Boy, things are going great for me. I have a wonderful backyard to run and play in and I get to go on plenty of walks. When **GRRIN** rescued me I have to admit I had a LOT of growing up to do, mostly on the behavior side. I can be pretty energetic (make that rambunctious!) and had to buckle down and learn how to be a happy but well-behaved dog.

My foster dad and his Golden taught me so much and now look at me. I've landed in my forever home where I get to show-off my good manners and still have fun doing goofy stuff...like chasing my tail. Silly, right? Anyway, most of all, I love to be anywhere humans are and will even "hold" Mark's hand to be sure he knows I'm right by his side. Thanks to **GRRIN**, that's where I'm going to stay!



IN MEMORY BAILEY 12-05

We adopted Bailey over five years ago at age 8 or 9. Sadly, one week ago she crossed the rainbow bridge after giving us 5 years of unconditional love and friendship. We wanted to share our story with other Golden owners.

When we first met Bailey at the Bookworm, he could hardly move—he weighed 119 lbs. He looked like a golden coffee table! He also had patches of hair gone all over his body from having had benign tumors removed while in foster care. We fell in love with him and over a few months he became more active and his weight stabilized at 75 lbs. He loved chasing his red ball, going on walks and exploring in our yard. He especially loved all his stuffed cow babies, which he dutifully carried to his bed every time he napped along with any shoes he could steal. He never chewed up anything he took to his bed though.

Gold Rush participants may remember Bailey as the “extra” dog available when someone needed a dog to participate and win a cake. He won a lot of cakes for kids over the years. He also won the costume contest twice: once as a gypsy woman and once as a yellow submarine. We will miss him dearly.

We want to thank GRRIN for the opportunity to adopt a senior dog. Our previous adopted seniors, brothers, Bud and Jake, lived to be 15 and 16. Seniors adopting seniors—it’s the best!

Thank you GRRIN for the wonderful years with Bailey!

Bobbie and Bruce



We post all In Memory stories on the GRRIN Website; send your story to newsletter@grrin.org

GRRIN ANNUAL TRAINING 2018

Thanks to everyone who attended annual training on January 28! Over 35 friends of GRRIN stopped in to enjoy lunch and learn about the rescue process. Special thanks to Marcy Graybill from the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club who shared her knowledge of dog behavior. **We hope to see you at our annual meeting on April 22nd.**





GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

GRRIN DOG ROCKY WINS AWARD!

Have you ever heard of the Animal Hall of Fame? We hadn't either, but a former GRRIN dog just hit the big time!

Congratulations to Rocky and his fur-parents, Jim and Mary Jane Fitch, who just received the 2018 Nebraska Veterinary Animal Hall of Fame award in Janaury.

Rocky, born with a deformed front paw, was adopted by Jim and Mary Jane in 2014. After an incredible journey to get a prosthetic device for Rocky, they had him certified as an Angel Dog at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, where he provides comfort and joy to many patients.

In fact, he has become so popular (and his story is so unique) that he's been featured on local news stories.

But Rocky was destined for even more fame, when he was nominated for the Hall of Fame award. Madonna wrote:

The annual program spotlights animals and their caregivers who exemplify the strength and value of the human-animal connection. Rocky was nominated by his veterinarian, Dr. Melody Kaliff, who said he was deserving of the award. "Rocky's personality, level of energy and attitude made him a great fit for the job. When you add in the unique physical abnormality he has overcome and actually now thrives with it, he becomes one in a million," said Dr. Kaliff.

Rocky and the Fitches have been visiting Omaha Campus patients and families through Madonna's Angel Dog program since June 2016. Rocky's calm attitude and friendly personality is reassuring to everyone he meets.

Rocky pulled out his tux to accept the Hall of Fame award at a Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association dinner, but it wasn't in the closet for long: he was invited to the Nebraska State Capitol where Lt. Governor Foley presented a proclamation from Governor Pete Ricketts highlighting March 5, 2018 as Animal Hall of Fame Recognition Day in Nebraska.



WHAT IS THE ANIMAL HALL OF FAME?

According to the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association, the goals of the Animal Hall of Fame award are:

To honor the outstanding contributions our animal companions make to human lives

To heighten public awareness of the human-animal connection

To allow NVMA members to share in the celebration of their patients' accomplishments





Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska

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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

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



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