

GRRIN NEWS

Enjoying the
dog days
of summer!

Second Quarter 2019 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



GOLD RUSH

NEW MONTH, NEW LOCATION, STILL GOOD AS GOLD

For a number of years, Gold Rush has been held at the Offutt Base Lake in Bellevue. However, due to the flooding this year, GRRIN was forced to find a different location for the annual festival. This year, Gold Rush has been moved: from October to September, and from the Base Lake to SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion.

Like the Base Lake, SumTur has ample parking and plenty of green space. Plus, SumTur has the benefit of having a stage, so it will be easier to see the presentations, such as the parade of fosters and the training demos. Of course, if you and your pup want to stay active, there are always games, such as the cake walk and pin the tail on the cat. We will also have the GRRIN store open for your shoppers out there, and there will be a number of vendors available, so you can learn about pet food options, vet services, and other doggy service providers!

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Sunday, September 15th

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Location: SumTur Amphitheater
South of Highway 370 on 108th St.



Moving Gold Rush earlier into September should allow for some beautiful fall weather. But, rain or shine, Gold Rush will be held from 12pm – 4pm on Sunday, September 15th. Please plan on attending this free event. All leashed, well behaved dogs are welcome. Make sure to watch facebook and the website for all of the most up-to-date information on Gold Rush.

Want to donate or volunteer? Send an email to goldrush@grrin.org!



EXTRA! EXTRA!

THE LATEST NEWS + RECENT HAPPENINGS

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ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to everybody (two legged and four legged) who attended GRRIN's annual meeting in April. Forty people and twelve dogs joined us for a wonderful lunch from Mangia Italiana and to hear about what GRRIN has been up to and what we have planned for the future. We voted in some new board members, gave a brief financial overview, and discussed where to hold Gold Rush, our annual Golden Retriever festival, since the festival home for the past few years is currently unavailable due to the spring flooding. (Good news – we've found a location! See page 1 for more details.)

One of the challenges we discussed at last year's meeting was not getting calls from people who need help re-homing their dogs. In order to make it easier for people in this scenario to contact GRRIN, a surrender form was added to the GRRIN website on the Surrender page at the end of 2018. This seems to have made a difference, as the web form appears to be the preferred method for people reaching out to GRRIN about surrenders, and we've already brought in more dogs in 2019 than we did in 2018!

If you know someone who needs help re-homing a dog, let them know they can still call the Goldline at **402-330-6680**, or they can fill out the Surrender form at <http://grrin.org/rescue/>.

Another topic we discussed was the expansion of GRRIN's mission to the re-homing of retired breeder dogs. There is no end to the number of breeder dogs that need help finding new, loving homes as members of a family, but vved for while we search for their FURever homes. If you think you might be willing to open your home to a Golden in need during a time of transition, email info@grrin.org to find out more.

Remember to keep an eye on our website calendar to stay up to date with all of the activities that GRRIN hosts or participates in. We don't always have foster dogs at meet and greets, but we welcome the opportunity to chat with you and meet your favorite canine.

Thanks for your support of GRRIN! We appreciate each and every one of you. We couldn't do it alone!



BOARD ELECTIONS

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 elected individuals. We know you will serve the cause well!

PRESIDENT: Kathy Glenn

VICE PRESIDENT: Nancy Bowen

RECORDING SECRETARY: Diane Metz

TREASURER: Michele Acri

CORRESPONDING SEC: Celia Lazar

VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Laura Beavers

RESCUE CHAIR: Judy Davis

PHONE LINE CHAIR: Dennis Garrett

OUTREACH CHAIR: Pam Nathan

COMMUNICATIONS: Megan Van Alstine

RESOURCE CHAIR: Dan Moravec



SAFE SUMMER WALKS

Summer months can be hot, for both you and your pet. Here are some tips for keeping your dog safe on summer walks.

- **Avoid the midday heat.** Try to walk in either the morning or the evening.
- **Bring water** to keep your dog hydrated.
- **Find routes with shade.** Walk near tall trees or on the shaded side of the street.
- **Avoid hot surfaces.** Dogs are closer to the hot ground, and very hot surfaces can even burn their paws. Avoid walking on asphalt, and test the ground with the back of your hand if you're worried it could be too warm.
- **Pace yourself.** Slow down on hot and humid days.
- **Take a break** in the shade or in the grass and allow your dog to cool down.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE, PARTY ANIMALS!

SAT-SUN
20-21
JULY

PETS IN OMAHA, PICK-A-POOCH ADOPTION DAYS & PET EXPO

WHEN: 10 am - 4 pm

WHERE: Ralston Arena, Ralston, NE

Pets in Omaha's Pick-a-Pooch Adoption Days and Pet Expo will include free admission, dozens of rescue groups and shelters, adoptable animals, over 100 pet-loving vendors, and free parking. All events are indoor.

SUNDAY
15
SEPT

GOLD RUSH!

WHEN: 12 pm - 4 pm

WHERE: SumTur Amphitheater, Papillion, NE

Want to volunteer? We're in the planning stages for this event! Send an email to goldrush@grrin.org and let us know how you can help.

SUNDAY
29
SEPT

NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY, WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

WHEN: 11-2 pm

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

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

LEASHES AT LAURITZEN

ENJOY THE GARDENS WITH YOUR CANINE PAL

The Lauritzen Botanic Gardens have once again opened their doors to both human and canine patrons. Stop by the GRRIN table inside on your way to enjoy the 100 acres of gardens and miles of trails.

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Dates: July 1, July 8, Aug 5, Aug 12, Sept 2, Sept 9, Oct 7, Oct 14

MEET + GREET

MEET OUR TEAM MEMBERS & GRRIN DOGS!

Note: We don't always have foster dogs available, but we believe it's important for our volunteers to provide outreach to the community.

July 7 12 pm - 1 pm, at The Book Worm, Omaha, NE

Aug 4 12 pm - 1 pm, at The Book Worm, Omaha, NE

Aug 17 12 pm - 2 pm, at Nature Dog, Omaha, NE



GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

GRRIN NEEDS FOSTER HOMES!

Hi Everyone. My name is Judy Davis, and I am the Rescue Coordinator for GRRIN. You may have heard that we are in need of more foster homes so we can take in more dogs. That sounds simple, but let me explain that a little:

In cooperation with Retrieve a Golden of the Midwest (RAGOM), we have been taking in retired or rejected breeder dogs from an auction in Missouri. This is a wonderful thing for a breed rescue like ours to do. But, in order to keep doing this, we need more people who are willing to take in these dogs and teach them to live with a family they can trust. And of course we still need available foster homes for the regular surrenders we get periodically.

Want to know more about this important way to volunteer for GRRIN? Send an email to info@grrin.org giving me your name, phone number, and your interest in fostering, and I'll call you to answer all your questions.


Hope to hear from you soon.

Judy

TOO DARN HOT


Every year, hundreds of pets die because they were left in a parked vehicle. It gets hot fast in cars! 70 degrees outside can easily become 100 inside in just 20 minutes. If you'll be forced to leave your pet in your car, just leave them at home.

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.





BRODY'S STORY

For my entire life of five years, I was a breeder dog. Then one day, everything in my life changed. People came and hugged me and told me everything would be fine. I went for a car ride which was kind of scary for me. Then I went to a house where there were steps (yikes!); there were clean bowls with food in them where I could eat; a blanket and pillow where I could lay down and sleep; and toys that I could play with; and they gave me my name... BRODY.

My foster dad and mom, Paul and Sharon, just thought I was exceptional... they were amazed how gentle and loving I was and how well I adapted to my new environment.

Within days, they knew I was the Golden they were looking for to adopt and to become a family member and a companion to their resident Cocker Spaniel, Toby. I am so thankful to all of the dedicated GRRIN volunteers who were so determined to make my life so special and wonderful.



OMAHA GIVES!

Thank you to all of the wonderful donors who chose to support GRRIN during the seventh annual Omaha Gives charitable event! With your help, we were able to raise \$6,600. This money will help immensely with supporting the medical care for our beautiful rescue dogs.

In 2018, GRRIN spent an average of almost \$700 in veterinary expenses per dog that we brought in. These expenses included an eye surgery to remove a melanoma, the removal of multiple cysts and tumors, a diagnosis of amyloidosis, orthopedic assessments and physical therapy for a physical disability, and, of course, dental work. An important part of the work of a rescue organization is to provide medical care to dogs who would otherwise be unable to receive needed treatment. Your donations help to ensure that the health and happiness of our foster dogs can be our first priority.

With your help, \$6,793,570 was raised this year during Omaha Gives for 961 different charitable organizations. In the seven years since it began, the Omaha Community Foundation has raised over \$42 million through Omaha Gives, and we were thrilled to once again be able to participate.

Thanks to all of the GRRIN supporters, dogs and people alike, who joined us for the celebration on the patio at Pizza West. It was a doggone good time.

Q2 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

OMAHA GIVES DONATIONS

Christiane Ley | **Lisa Miers** | **Mary Jo Parys** | **Cheryl Prochaska** in honor of Baron | **Charlotte Curry** | **Randall Vest** | **Lisa Lewis** | **Laura Brewer** in honor of Jake and Ripley | **Felicia Weaver** in honor of Greta Lilly | **Amy Johnson** | **Sheryl Chester** in honor of Lucky Chester | **Elisa Blazek** | **Chris Stungis** | **Emily Meador** in honor of Daisey Mae and Curry | **David and Gretchen Radler** | **Mary Frey** | **Jennifer Hrbek** | **Patricia Newman** in honor of Oscar | **Jacque Rank** in honor of Annie | **Patricia Carrell** in honor of Jake | **Matthew Tondl** in honor of Jojo | **Pam Nathan** in memory of Greta Lilly | **Amanda Cameron** | **Kristine Schuler** in honor of Toby (GRRIN 2007) | **The McGowan Family** | **Holly Weeks** in honor of Buddy and Ginger | **Tara LeMay** | **Brenda Orr** | **Josh Bucy** in memory of Sunny | **Michele Aciri** in honor of Pam Nathan | **American Animal Hospital** | **Kristi Miskimins** in honor of Peaches | **Sarah Birdwell** | **Cynthia F. Jones** | **Kelli Baltzell** | **Aaron Barnes** in honor of Brody and Chase | **Barbara Weinberg** in honor of Tara | **Ryan Stungis** | **Catherine Kennedy** in honor of Ranger | **Jaymee Corcoran** | **Erika Ryser** | **Dani Crow** | **Tracey Shughart** in honor of Oliver | **Judy Seeman** | **Terry Ralph** | **Douglas Pysh** | **Donn Demaree** in honor of Gracie 04-40 | **Christine Anderson** in honor of Charlie | **Teri Watson** in honor of Mom Watson | **Calvin German** in honor of DMSi Employee Michelle Wright | **Chris Paintin** | **Sydney Davidson** in memory of Mandy Nicole Davidson | **Tami Prentis** | **Diana Dabbs** | **Diane Metz** | **Celia Lazar** | **Barbara Teter** | **Paul Seaquist** in honor of Daisy, Shiloh, and Bo | **Vickie Rogge** in honor of Jesse Jacob | **Jill Shefte** in honor of Lucy and Henry | **Laura Beavers** in honor of Gus | **Stephen Longo** | **Pam Palmisano** | **Kim Lemmons** | **Sue Sprinkel** | **Heather Wrenn** | **Theresa Houston** | **Tracy McMahon** | **Mesharia Montgomery** in honor of my future Goldens and in memory of my past Goldens | **John Marousek** | **Shawn Hough** in honor of Abby 11-34 | **Barbara Garrett** in honor of Barley and Chloe | **Jessica Ellis** | **Elizabeth Feltus** | **Megan Van Alstine** in honor of Bailey, Tanner, Dusty, and Snickers | **Elizabeth Marriott** in honor of Buddy and Sophie | **Judith J. Davis** in honor of Dan | **Konda Nietfeld** in honor of Ginger and Daisy | **James Fitch** in honor of Rocky | **Colorado Animal Rescue Express** | Anonymous donations in honor of Hoss and Walter

GENERAL DONATIONS

Dennis and Barbara Garrett in memory of Myron Lazar | **Steven Otto** | **Mesharia Montgomery** | **Christopher Maroney** | **Susan Berg** in memory of Myron Lazar | **Jim and Roxanne Andriuk** in memory of Myron Lazar | **Laurie Tavlin** in memory of Addie, beloved Cocker Spaniel of Jacque Rank and Jane Wiederpsan | **Kathleen Glenn** | **Marilyn Maude** | **W. Todd Johnson** | **Sid French** | **Therese Vaughn** | **Barbara L. Hein** in memory of Myron Lazar | **Staff of Fusion Medical Staffing** in loving memory of Melissa McGowan | **Lisa Lewis** | **John Vaske** | **Theresa Brown** in memory of Biscuit, a dear sweet boy owned by Nancy Bowen and Helen Moore. He had a wonderful life | **Linda Kneifl** | **Sheila Brakhahn** in memory of Sadie, who had lived in Lincoln, NE | **Golden Retriever Foundation Grant**

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



CHARLEY 19-03

ADOPTED BY:
Gary, Robin & Flash

Hi everyone! I am Charley. I am an old fella but still full of spirit! I came to live with Robin and Gary and their Golden, Flash. I sure love it here! One of my favorite things to do is to chase toads and rabbits and also hunt birds. Going on walks with Dad is lots of fun too! Flash has become my buddy; so much that I am going to stay here forever! Yay!! I am a happy boy! Thanks GRRIN for finding me such a great home!



CAV 19-07



JACK 19-13

ADOPTED BY: Joe & Rita

Jack has been the perfect dog ever since he found his furever home with Joe and Rita! He has helped make his new family's house feel like home again. It took him a couple of days to understand that the huge yard was all for him; so at first, he stayed close to the house. Now he is comfortable and happy running all over the yard. Jack loves to snuggle up with his family and is a happy playful puppy. He is learning to chase squirrels and is excited to grow and learn from such a wonderful family.



DAISY 18-16 & SYDNEY 18-17



RILEY JANE 19-15

ADOPTED BY: Linda

Look at me.... Riley Jane, in my very own back yard. I love everything about my new home, especially my big, back yard where I can run, play ball, or just lay around soaking up some sun. I know my previous family will be happy that I now have a new fur-ever home and it has a yard. My new mom, Linda, just couldn't resist my calm, loving personality: so she adopted me. We have a lot of fun together going for walks, meeting new, friendly neighbor fur-friends, playing in my yard, going for car rides, and I'm even going to go to school to brush up on my leash skills and to meet new fur-friends. Oh, and I also have a fur-sibling...Tommy, a cat: we get along really well.





PENNY 19-10

ADOPTED BY: Jud and Danette

Our family is really happy to have adopted Penny from GRINN this past April. Penny was a breeder mom and now is loving her new home. We feel blessed to have this wonderful 3-year-old Golden as part of our family. Penny is now a sister to our 6-year-old Golden Retriever named Ivy. They are inseparable and love to do everything together. Penny loves taking long walks around the neighborhood, playing fetch and doing tricks for treats! She loves to snuggle and take long naps and is always on the lookout for squirrels. Thanks GRINN for the wonderful addition to our family.



ANNIE 19-18

ADOPTED BY: Jane & Jacque

Just in case you are wondering, it is true, there is love at first sight and some stories really do have a happy ending.

Recently when my owner realized I was too much for him to manage he turned to GRRIN. I am so happy he trusted GRRIN and they have certainly done right by me.

Guess what, my foster family loved me so much they asked to adopt me. Sometimes it is joked that when a foster family adopts they have failed fostering. I see it is a big win since I don't need to adjust to one more move. I am over the moon about being able to stay with Jane, Jacque, Lady Bug, and Pip. I love being part of my new human and canine family.



COOPER 18-19

ADOPTED BY: Brian and Abby

Cooper here!

I L-O-V-E my new home. I have two awesome Golden brothers. Leroy is old and ignores me but Crosby is almost the same age as me and we play all day long! (Even when our parents tell us to stop.)

I was already a master at coming when called and sitting, but now I'm learning to lay down, stay, and "be gentle." Not really sure what that means yet, but dad always tries to have me accept treats in slow motion instead of scarf them down. Annoying! But I'm getting the hang of it.

I love hanging out at the dog park, going on long walks, and cuddling with my brothers. Now that it's summer time, I get to stay home with my mom all day. I heard she's going to get out the puppy pool soon since I keep trying to hop in the bath and shower. Water is my favorite and I love that I can play all the time!

I sure am glad to be in my forever home.



Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska
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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 2 Quick Stats: 9 Goldens Adopted | 7 Goldens in Foster Care



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