

GRRIN NEWS



Fourth Quarter 2019 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



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GRRIN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's time for GRRIN's annual membership drive! Make sure to check your mailboxes for your annual membership signup and donations letter. If you haven't yet received your letter, you should be seeing it soon. You can also visit our website at www.grrin.org to give via PayPal or credit card.

One of the main reasons that GRRIN has been able to rescue golden retrievers for the past 28 years is your continued support. So, renew your membership, become a new member, or make an end-of-year donation. And remember that memberships can make great gifts over the holidays!

Here is a list of benefits that members receive:

- Supporting the rescue and rehabilitation of goldens in need through a dedicated non-profit organization
- Four quarterly newsletters
- Voting rights at the annual meeting
- A 10% discount on all purchases through the GRRIN store
- Special invitations to events





Smile! It's Time to Shop for GRRIN!

It's that time of year again. It's the holiday season, and many of us have a lot of shopping to do. But what if we told you that by shopping, you could help support GRRIN while doing basically nothing at all?

If you're not familiar, Amazon Smile is a program through amazon.com that enables you to choose a charitable organization to support. Every time you purchase eligible products on Amazon, your chosen organization (GRRIN, of course!) will receive proceeds at no cost to you. All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com.

The first time you visit, you will need to select GRRIN as the organization you would like to support. To do this, find "Or pick your own charitable organization" on the lower right hand side. You can search for GRRIN by typing in "Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska" OR "47-0758414". You only need to do this once. In the future, Amazon will remember that you want your shopping to support GRRIN.



After that, all you have to do is make sure you go to smile.amazon.com (instead of www.amazon.com) every time you shop on amazon. Everything will look and function the same, but GRRIN will receive money every time you purchase eligible products!

Nothing to Wine About

Thank you to everyone who joined GRRIN at Vino Mas for the wine tasting on Saturday, October 12th. Not only did we get a chance to try some fine wines and beers, but everyone who attended helped GRRIN to raise \$660! Thank you to Vino Mas for opening their doors to both two-legged and four-legged patrons. It was a wonderful venue for both humans and dogs alike, and you may be seeing other GRRIN events there in the future!

Kibble 'n Bids Was Back

We are grateful that so many of you were able to join us at Kibble 'n Bids on Saturday, November 2nd at Arbor Hall. Over forty people were able to attend and partake in the hors d'oeuvres, bid on the more than 60 raffle baskets, and mingle with other dog lovers. Not only was it a great time, but we raised \$3,000 towards medical expenses for our dogs! Thank you so much for coming, and we can't wait to see you at the next one.

OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS!

GRRIN would like to thank Laurie Weidinger, dog trainer and owner of Dog Skool U, for helping GRRIN out in 2019. In January, she attended our annual volunteer training event and gave a demonstration with one of our GRRIN dogs, Clyde. She covered training philosophy, how to give basic commands, and loose leash walking techniques.

In September, she attended Gold Rush where she had an informational booth and gave another training demonstration on stage for the attendees.

Recently, she has been volunteering her time to GRRIN by providing free training sessions with some of GRRIN's foster dogs. She worked with one of our older, but very active, seniors on loose leash walking, and after just one session, he was already pulling less than before. After a few weeks of practice, he's responding very well to pace corrections and hardly ever pulls.



Laurie also worked with one of our younger, more exuberant fosters. She did a number of sessions with him to help direct his energy and excitement and has begun sessions with him focusing on manners.

Laurie works through positive reinforcement and believes that "Puppies are not born knowing our version of right and wrong. Dogs do not speak English; therefore, as guardians, it is our responsibility to teach in a way our pets understand. Communication between pet and guardian is where the bond is cemented."

We are very grateful to her for all of the time and help that she has generously provided. GRRIN works hard to rehabilitate and rehome golden retrievers, and training is an essential part of ensuring that dogs can be successful, happy members of their forever families. Thank you, Laurie!

4th QUARTER DONATIONS - THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

Mary Jane & Jim Fitch, for Bogie's medical expenses in honor of Pam Nathan and Dennis & Barb Garrett | **Aaron Barnes** | Christopher Maroney | **Sid French** | In memory of Terry Schnitker: Terry & Linda Kucera, Dennis & Sharon Larsen, Candy Ishii, Jeff & Claire Ossino, Carm Larsen, Mike Schnitker, Lucille O'Connor | **Brenda Hines, donation for Shadow's surgery.** | Christine Totusek | **Jill Shefte** | Tanya Hansen, in memory of Michelle Wright's dog Nicki | **Edward & Judy Bass, donating cost of two admissions to Kibble 'n Bids** | The Gallagher Foundation | **Meaghan Weaver, donation for Shadow's surgery** | Karen Sedoris, in loving memory of my 3 GRRIN dogs, Chester, Razzy & Toby.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

SUNDAY

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DEC

Join GRRIN at Nature Dog on Sunday, December 8, 1-4pm. Bring your pup and get your holiday photo taken with Santa and his elves! Cost is \$10 per photo and all proceeds benefit Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska.

SUNDAY

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ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

Whether you're already a GRRIN volunteer or just thinking about becoming one, please plan to join us as we socialize and cover hot rescue topics! Lunch will be provided along with snacks and beverages. More to come on location and agenda items - check www.grrin.org!

SUNDAY

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ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Hosted by GRRIN's board of directors, the annual meeting is a chance for new and old members to enjoy lunch together, review the previous year's rescue efforts and plan for the future.

GOLD RUSH!

Fall 2020

Gold Rush is GRRIN's signature event, held annually to give back to the community, our supporters, and dog lovers! GRRIN provides a wonderful afternoon of family and dog friendly events, food, and fun.

MEET & GREET

MEET GRRIN DOGS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Keep an eye on the GRRIN website - we'll be posting our meet & greet event dates soon! Thank you to Green Spot Omaha, The Bookworm, Woof & Whiskers, and Nature Dog for providing safe spaces where GRRIN foster dogs can meet the public.

MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE UP

The number of dogs that GRRIN has rescued in 2019 is up from 2018, and it has been a privilege to be able to provide more dogs with their forever homes. But, with great privilege comes great responsibility, and one of those responsibilities is veterinary costs. During the first three quarters of 2019, GRRIN spent \$22,320.34 on veterinary care for its foster dogs. During that same time period, GRRIN brought in 36 foster dogs, putting the average veterinary cost per dog at \$620.

Naturally, some of our fosters have needed more extensive medical care than others. So far this year, GRRIN has cared for six dogs whose medical costs have exceeded \$1,000 per dog, with two of those costs reaching around \$3,000, and one nearing \$5,000. But, because of the support of our donors, we have not been forced to turn away dogs that are in need of medical care. Your donations this year have helped to fund cancer treatments, the removal of cysts, medications and treatments for recurring abdominal issues, surgery for a torn ACL, and the insertion of a port to help deal with bladder issues, and so much more.

Thank you for everything you've done to help support GRRIN and our mission. We couldn't do it without you!



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



Bogie is What GRRIN is All About!

At the age of 2, Bogie was diagnosed with a fibrocartilagenous embolism (FCE) in his spine, and by the time he was diagnosed, he had lost control of his bladder and bowel from the nerve damage. After being at Iowa State University Rehabilitation Department for many months, ISU called GRRIN to inquire if we would take a young dog with this issue. Of course, GRRIN said yes. It was April of 2015, and Bogie was 3.

Bogie continued getting physical therapy and other treatments at 5 Elements Veterinary Clinic and slowly gained some strength and coordination, but he never regained control of his eliminations. The commitment to this young, otherwise healthy dog would be a daunting task for anyone and required dedication and consistency for the rest of his life. He was a happy boy who didn't know he was different, and he tried to do all of the things other dogs without a disability do.

Bogie went through 3 foster homes, and in 2016, Bogie was adopted by his 3rd foster home. As time went on, it became more difficult to manage his medical and emotional needs, and he was surrendered back to GRRIN with the collaboration from Val Verde Animal Clinic in June of 2019. Bogie was 7 years old, was battling chronic urinary tract and skin infections, and developed some separation anxiety...but he remained happy and loving to everyone who touched his life.

GRRIN first had to get his infections under control, so he spent time at Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital where he got extraordinary care and love. As the 4th of July holiday approached, Bogie needed medical management of his bladder infections 24/7 and he was transferred to VCA Midwest Veterinary and Emergency Hospital, where he was taken care of in their ICU. He got LOTS of attention and love from the staff and was getting healthier. GRRIN tried feverishly to find another foster home for Bogie that could manage his medical needs, but his situation was becoming dire and expensive.

On July 17th, our prayers, and unbeknownst to Bogie, his prayers were answered! We found a kind, knowledgeable, and highly qualified foster home for Bogie! Bogie continued to get better and stronger in his foster home, and on October 12, 2019, Bogie was adopted to Dr. Dave, Lori, fur brothers Sandy and Sheldon, cat brother Tiger, and Bird brother Joey – his new forever home. Bogie continues to be a VERY happy boy, and gets to do dog things, go camping, and be taken care of for the rest of his life.

GRRIN would like to thank all of the GRRIN volunteers and veterinarians who helped Bogie get to where he is today, and for all of the donations that came to GRRIN and VCA for his medical expenses. Also, thank you to Kendra at Woof & Whiskers who organized the "Bones for Bogie" fundraiser to help with Bogie's expenses.

It truly does take a village. "Thank you" just isn't enough.

(This article was shortened for the newsletter. The full version can be found at www.grrin.org.)



BENNY 19-14

ADOPTED BY: Torin & Kelsey

Our sweet Benny boy has been the best addition to our family! We can't imagine our life without his never ending energy and affectionate kisses. Benjamin enjoys exploring the neighborhood and then flopping himself on the kitchen tile to cool off after. Ben likes to stay hydrated and reminds us that he's around with wet floors and deep burps after a good long drink. He'll do anything for a treat and has begun to spin in circles and roll over if we even look like we might give him a crumb of anything. Benjamin has also decided that it's necessary to bark at himself in the mirror just in case it's really another dog looking back at him. He's become much more talkative and sounds more and more like Chewbacca with all his sound effects during play! Benny sighs deeply to let us know when he's content and has decided there's no better place to sleep than on top of any vent he can find. He's turning us into early risers with all his energy to get the day started. We love our sweet boy and still can't believe he is ours to keep! GRRIN made our family complete and we are so lucky! He's the best boy and we love him so much. We are so so grateful to GRRIN for bringing this handsome doggo into our lives. We may never pee alone again and personal space no longer exists, but we wouldn't have it any other way.



RUSSELL 19-23

ADOPTED BY: Cindy

Yes, my name is Russell. A very fine name it is. It used to be Oreo. My new family changed it because it fit me better. I turned 2 in June. I am still very much a puppy. I love to play and romp around with the kids and other dogs. I do tear up toys so I get mostly bones to play with and chew on.

I love to go on car rides. I am really good in the car. I have good leash skills. I walk well when it is on me. Sometimes Mom and Dad will put it on me to calm me down when I am in the house. I guess it puts me in working mode.

I found something I really like recently! I love to put my head in the shower when someone is in there! It is so fun! There is a picture of me that mom took. I look so cute!

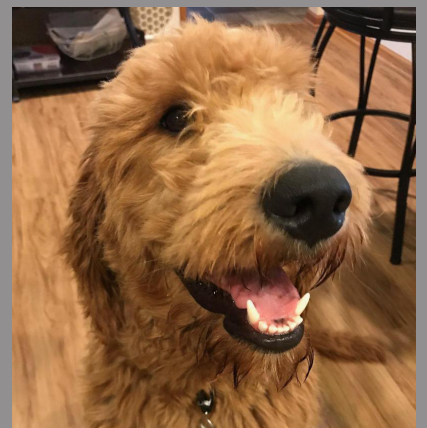
Thanks to my GRRIN foster family, Amy, Nolan, Graham and Flynn for becoming my permanent family! I am so very happy to be included in their lives!



RIGBY 19-32

ADOPTED BY: Bob & Kelly

Rigby (formerly Remus) won the Doodle Lottery with his forever family! Kelly and Bob love doodles and all of their silly doodle ways! Rigby joins big sister doodle Sassy, big (but little) doodle brother Milo and two human brothers. Rigby enjoys going for long walks and runs and snuggling up with his new family! He is so happy to have found his family and can't wait to share in their Doodle adventures.





HARLOW 19-30
ADOPTED BY: Lisa & Kim

Sometimes things are just meant to be! My first mom is such a great Mom and I love her so, she will always be my Mom but she had to work a lot and she felt so bad that I was alone all day for long days. So she called Golden Retriever Rescue of Nebraska and told them my story. She was so great to me, so unselfish and she put ME first. I did not realize that at the time, but as soon as I got to my new home I realized things were going to be ok and then after a few days realized Mom was right. I have a big backyard and a new older brother and two people that love me dearly. I normally get two walks a day and play fetch with my new ball several times a day. I am happy, and loved, and now my first Mom no longer has to feel bad that she is working long days. Thanks GRRIN!



BOOMER 19-25
ADOPTED BY:
Ralph & Kari

Hi everyone! This is Boomer. I am loving my new home. My new golden brother, Seeger, is old like me. We are both hang-abouts. I do like to go outside and play. I have more energy than Seeger has and I am actually a little bit older than he is. No one can believe that I am really 13 years old! He has more arthritis than I do, and since I joined the family, he has gotten up and around and started moving better! We go and chase bunnies when we see them. I am helping him! What a great guy I am! I have become a velcro dog with my new dad, Ralph. I even sleep by his side of the bed in my special bed. I can't enough of our time together.

Thanks to Julie, Mike, and by fur-buddies Gunner and CJ for taking such good care of me while my furever home was found!

Thank you GRRIN!!!



SHADOW & ASH
ADOPTED BY: Michelle

Hello All!

We are having too much fun! We have been adopted by Michelle who thanks our foster home for taking care of us for a little bit longer than planned. Michelle had knee surgery shortly after her almost 15 year old Nicki #11-22 passed away and was surprised to see us, the dynamic duo of brothers suddenly appear on the website. She put her name in expecting it to be awhile before GRRIN contacted her but she received a pretty fast response! I guess maybe there are not too many who are able to take on 2 new dogs at once! We certainly do give her a run for her money but she seems to be keeping up ok. We love to play, run, investigate, and we really like going in the truck – you can tell by our drool down both sides of it! Michelle has a ramp to her deck – she says that if she is lucky she will always end up with old dogs so that makes it easier than stairs – we have discovered playing hide and seek under this ramp! Ash hides under the ramp and Shadow stays out waiting and watching to see which side Ash will come out and then pounces! We do have our fun!

Thank you to GRRIN for putting us together – we plan on having a long and wonderful life together!



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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 4 Quick Stats: 30 Goldens Adopted | 14 Goldens in Foster Care



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