

GRRIN NEWS



Summer/Fall 2020 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



GOLD RUSH & ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING REPLACES GOLD RUSH THIS FALL

We are sad to announce that Gold Rush, GRRIN's annual golden retriever celebration, will be cancelled this year. We have carefully assessed the situation and have decided to err on the side of caution. Getting together to socialize with our pups is tremendous fun, but our community's health is more important. We look forward to a time when we can safely gather to celebrate, but unfortunately now is not one of those times.

However, we still want to do something on Sunday, October 4th, so instead of Gold Rush, we will be hosting our annual Membership Meeting online via Zoom. We have sent out postcards to GRRIN members with instructions for how to register, so check your mailboxes and sign up to attend. Not a member but you want to attend? Send an email to goldrush@grrin.org to find out how. The meeting will start at 1pm and will last about an hour. We will go over some brief business, and then we will have time for pet introductions and a pet costume party! Dress 'em up and show 'em off!

MEET US ONLINE

Date: Sunday, October 4th

Time: 1pm - 2pm

Location: Online via Zoom

BOARD ELECTIONS

In April, board members were elected by the membership via mail-in ballots, and in early August, a new treasurer was appointed and voted in by the board to replace our outgoing treasurer. Congratulations to all of the newly-elected board members, and thank you to the outgoing board members and to all of GRRIN's volunteers. As an all-volunteer organization, we could not do this work without all of you. Thank you for all that you do in service of finding forever homes for all of our beautiful dogs.

PRESIDENT: Barbara Garrett

VICE PRESIDENT: Emily Meador

RECORDING SECRETARY: Diane Metz

TREASURER: Danielle Crow

CORRESPONDING SEC: Celia Lazar

VOLUNTEER CHAIR: Laura Beavers

RESCUE CHAIR: Judy Davis

PHONE LINE CHAIR: Miranda Meyers

OUTREACH CHAIR: Pam Nathan

COMMUNICATIONS: Megan Van Alstine

RESOURCE CHAIR: Dr. Dan Moravec





EXTRA! EXTRA!

THE LATEST NEWS + RECENT HAPPENINGS

Twitter: @GRRINebraska | Facebook: facebook.com/grrin | Website: www.grrin.org

COVID-19 UPDATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRRIN?

Who is tired of hearing about Covid updates? We are! Except we have a happy update – GRRIN opened to new surrenders and adoption applicants in July. Rescue team volunteers are carefully following CDC regulations and local health directives so we can get dogs into foster care and help our current foster dogs get adopted.

Despite being “open for business”, rescue operations are quiet. We have only welcomed eleven new foster dogs this year, however we successfully led owners considering surrender to helpful resources and those dogs were able to remain in their original homes. The rescue team has facilitated adoptions for nine of the twelve dogs that were in foster care at the beginning of 2020. Six more adoptions have been completed for the new dogs that have joined us.

We are working to catch up on home visits for families who have applied to adopt. As always, there are more applicants than dogs available, and a wait to adopt could be even longer this year.

If you've thought about volunteering, we are still looking for a transport coordinator and a caseworker coordinator. This is a great time to get involved and learn the ropes. Send an email to volunteer@grrin.org to learn more.

Covid has affected more than GRRIN's rescue operations. We've had to cancel many events, including Gold Rush, and conducted the election of board members by mail. We hope to have a few meet-and-greets at The Bookworm and we have scheduled Photos with Santa on December 6th at Nature Dog.

In 2021 we will celebrate 30 years of rescue! To commemorate this occasion, a committee of GRRIN volunteers created a calendar featuring a gorgeous Golden each month. We are so grateful to the dozens of families who sent their photos and story entries. Calendar sales will help us raise funds for vet expenses, but it is also a great way to say hello to 2021.

Last but not least, we want to hear from you and hope you will share the experiences you've had with your pups during the months of quarantine and working from home. We will be creating a special web page to post stories and photos that everyone can enjoy. They can be sent to webmaster@grrin.org.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Barbara Garrett

GRRIN President



FALL RECIPES

Fall means pumpkin spice lattes for a lot of us, but what about our pooches? Here are a couple of fall-themed recipes to try out for a little spice in your dogs' lives.

Pumpkin & PB Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbsp peanut butter (make sure it does not contain xylitol)
- 2 1/2 cups flour, plus more if needed
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon, optional

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Whisk together pumpkin, eggs, and peanut butter.
3. Fold in flour and cinnamon. Add more flour as needed until dough is no longer sticky.
4. Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness.
5. Cut using cookie cutters or knife.
6. Bake treats on cookie sheet for 20 minutes or until crisp.
7. Store in airtight container at room temperature for 1-2 days or freeze.

Sweet Potato Chews

Ingredients:

- Sweet potatoes

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 200 F and line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. Slice the sweet potatoes lengthwise into slices about 1/3 inch thick.
3. Bake for about 6 hours, flipping halfway through.
4. After 6 hours, turn off the oven and leave the sweet potatoes in the oven to cool. At the end of baking, the sweet potato slices should be chewy - not too soft and not too crisp.
5. Store in airtight container at room temperature for up to a week or freeze.

Note: Sweet potato chews can be prepared in a dehydrator instead of an oven.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE, PARTY ANIMALS!

FRIDAY
25
SEPT

DOGGURT'S BARK TO SCHOOL GRAND OPENING

WHEN: 5 pm - 8 pm

WHERE: 7805 L St, Omaha, NE

DogGurt is celebrating the grand opening of its new headquarters. GRRIN will have a table in the vendor market at this outdoor event. Stop by and purchase a GRRIN calendar!. Visit www.DogGurt.com for more information.

SUNDAY
04
OCT

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: 1pm - 2pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

Members were sent a postcard in the mail with instructions for joining. See the article on the front page for more information.

SATURDAY
10
OCT

MEET + GREET

WHEN: noon - 2 pm

WHERE: The Bookworm
2501 S 90th St #111, Omaha, NE

Meet our team members and 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.

SUNDAY
06
DEC

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

WHEN: 1 pm - 4 pm

WHERE: Nature Dog
13366 W Maple Rd, Omaha, NE

It's never too early to start thinking about holiday photos with your pup. Give your furry loved ones a chance to tell Santa and his elves what they want for Christmas at Nature Dog on Sunday, December 6th. All proceeds from the holiday photos will go to GRRIN.



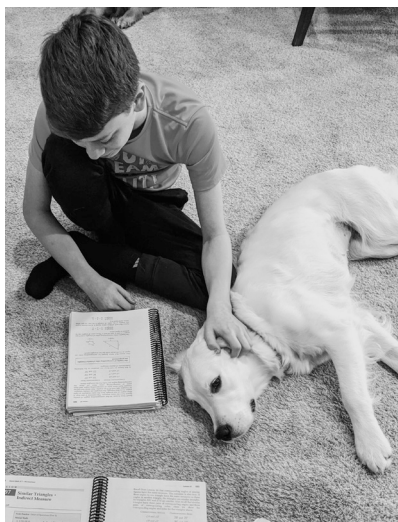
GOLDEN SMILES

CUTE STORIES FROM A COVID WORLD

Please share your COVID or work-from-home stories with GRRIN as we create a special tribute page for our website. Stories and photos can be sent to webmaster@grrin.org.

COVID has given me more time to spend with Bright. A new thing we are doing is playing a cup game. I put a treat under one of two cups, then mix them around. When released he needs to find the treat. Recently he brought me a yogurt cup from his toy bin, to initiate the game. In the photo Bright is practicing a down stay and waiting to be released so he can find the treat.

Tammy Weihe
Intake Coordinator



Foster Dog Ella thought that COVID School at home was the BEST!

Tori Ryan
Prospective Owner
Coordinator

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

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GRRIN 2021 CALENDARS

HELP GRRIN CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF RESCUING GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Next year is GRRIN's 30th anniversary, and we are celebrating with calendars! You may have seen the calendar photo contest GRRIN held earlier this summer or may have even participated by submitting a photo of your dog. Well, the winners have been selected and the calendar has been printed! Each month contains a full-page golden retriever photo, a quote from the family about their beloved pet(s), and a brief paragraph about the history of GRRIN or its current operations.

These 13-month calendars will be available for purchase on our website through PayPal or via the mail-in order form found on the bottom half of this page. It's the perfect gift for the dog-lover in your life and a great way to support GRRIN. They make great stocking stuffers, too!



Mail-In Calendar Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Calendars: _____ Total (\$20 x Quantity): _____

Cut this form out and mail it, along with a check or cash, to the following address:

**Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska
PO Box 126
Boys Town, NE 68010**



MOLLIE SUE 19-24

ADOPTED BY: Mario & Linda

Hi there! Mollie Sue here just wanting to tell you about my fabulous forever home with Mario and Linda! This is the BEST place ever! I spent almost all my life out on a farm having babies. Then, I somehow got away from that life and spent a little bit of time with a different family, but we all knew that the perfect home was just around the corner and sure enough, there were Mario and Linda, ready to give me the best life EVER!

I have a huge bed that is all mine and I even have my own pillow! I surround myself with all these great things they call "toys!" I never played with toys before and it's the best.

Mario and Linda treat me like a queen and I just love them so much! I am so happy to finally be HOME! Thank you, GRRIN, for helping me get to the perfect family. We're all so happy! Mario and Linda sometimes bring me to GRRIN meet-n-greets, so maybe I'll see you at one! Come say "Hi" and I'll let you know just how great it is to get adopted into LOVE!

Read Mollie Sue's full happy tail story at www.grrin.org.



MACK 19-26

ADOPTED BY: Grace & Gavin

Mack is 11 years old now. He came into GRRIN last summer. Mack had been alone a lot in his previous home, so he was not able to get out and exercise like he should have been. He was around 110 lbs, and with exercise and play, he has lost some weight. He is getting around much better now and can actually climb stairs quite well! Good for you, Mack!!

Mack found his furever family in January, but he needed some surgery before he was adopted. He had multiple lipomas removed, 2 growths from his mouth and a tooth pulled, and 2 eyelid growths all removed at one time. Wow! That's a lot of things taken off of him. He did excellent with his recovery and was adopted into his furever home with Grace and Gavin and their small resident dog. He has settled in nicely!

Thanks to GRRIN for taking such good care of him and making him more comfortable. He is a very sweet boy!



MAX 19-37

ADOPTED BY: Kristen

Max came into GRRIN with his buddy, Bubba. They had lived together for a long time but didn't really get regular human attention. Foster Mom Kristen took in both dogs, her first foster!

She almost immediately bonded with Max and he took to her as well. Over time and with the help of another foster home it was realized that it would be best if Max and Bubba each had their own home and no longer needed to be together.

The happy ending is that Max is at his true furever home with Kristen where he enjoys chasing balls, rolling in the grass, belly rubs, and constant cuddles!

Congratulations Kristen and Max!





HALLIE 19-40

ADOPTED BY: Terry & Wendy

Look at me...Hallie. Don't I look really happy? That's because after several months, I was adopted and now have my fur-ever home.

Somehow, just before the holidays, I found myself alone and wandering the streets. Fortunately, I was found and taken to a shelter where it was warm, they fed me, took me on daily walks, and gave me medical care. The shelter contacted GRRIN, and wonderful volunteers came and picked me up and took me to my foster home.

Immediately, my foster family knew they permanently wanted me to stay and named me HALLIE. But, I had some medical problems that needed to be resolved. During this time, I remained my mild-mannered and happy self while living the good life: going for daily walks, car rides with the window down, meeting new humans, and rolling around in my big yard, along with sniffing scents in the flower/vegetable gardens. Now, I am healthy, happy and enjoying my life in my new, fur-ever home with my mom, Wendy.

To all the GRRIN volunteers, shelter staff, and medical staff who cared about my well-being, health, and happiness, thank you soooo much and many puppy hugs to all of you.



GRACIE 19-44

ADOPTED BY: Bob & Barb

Beautiful Gracie officially joined Barb & Bob's Pack on January 5, 2020. Her previous family surrendered her to GRRIN in order to keep her safe – a dog in their pack could not learn to get along!

Gracie's two favorite spots in her new home are her fuzzy bed and as close to her mama as possible! She's learned to walk perfectly on a leash next to her brother, waits for her food, and has learned to "sit" and "chill." She is naturally affectionate, quick to learn and owns that trademark Golden "smile." She is polite to other dogs, kitties, and all humans. Recently she had her first trip to the dog park. We watched her run like the wind and then gracefully cross the creek stepping stones. What a dog! We are so lucky to be her forever family!



HOPE 20-03

ADOPTED BY: Jeff & Jackie

Hope is a very happy little girl. She came from a breeder and had to learn how to be with people and trust them. She sure loves to be loved on! Hope is still tiny compared to other Golden Retrievers her age. This makes her easier to hold and snuggle with! She can even slide under the bed to sleep. She does love it under there!

Hope has come a long way in the six months since she came into GRRIN. She has learned how to go on walks and not pull on her leash any more. She loves to go outside in the yard to see her "fence friends". The dog behind her waits at the fence line for her to come out to run. How sweet is that? While she is outside, she will chase birds; she has not caught one yet.

She is loving her new life. She loves everything and everyone. She especially loves playing with her new older "brother". Casey is 11 years old but can keep up with her for a while. Their favorite game is tug of war.

Thanks to GRRIN, Hope is a happy girl.



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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.

2020 Quick Stats: 15 Goldens Adopted | 8 Goldens in Foster Care

OMAHA GIVES 2020 DONATIONS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE. IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Denise Bash | Jean Burggraf in memory of Molly | **Michele Wakefield-Krohn | Megan McGowan | Megan Van Alstine** in memory of Bailey, Tanner, Dusty, and Snickers | **Lisa Miers | Christopher Paintin | Laura Beavers | Charlotte A. Curry | Holly Weeks** in memory of Buddy, Ginger, and Duke | **Chris Stungis | Jacque Rank** in honor of Abby & Annie | **Kristine Schuler** in memory of Toby-Juan GRRIN 07, Knox GRRIN '06 | **Thomas Stratman** in honor of Tim Stratman | **Patricia Newman | Cynthia Jones** in memory of Sayde | **Tara LeMay | Kathleen Glenn** in memory of Wiley, Sophie and Boomer | **Catherine Kennedy** in memory of Natasha | **Richard Sklenar | Kim Lemmons | Judy Hartlieb** in memory of Andy | **Jocelyn Houston** in honor of our dog Theodore Roosevelt | **Diane Metz | Mary Jo Parys | Cathilynn Smetana** in memory of Cedar | **Laraine Roberts | Celia Lazar** in memory of Lincoln | **Kelli Baltzell | Jill Shefte | Chris Swanson | Anonymous** in memory of Beth Renz | **Judy Seeman** in memory of Max & Maddy | **Michael Sharp** in honor of all the GRRIN volunteers | **Jenni Herchenbach | Felicia Weaver** in memory of Greta Lily | **Shawn Hough** in memory of Abby 11-34 | **Katherine Hart** in memory of Norman | **Amy Shaw | Elisa Blazek | Anonymous** in memory of Maggie | **Tracy Madden McMahon | John Marousek | Taylor Jackson** in honor of Ash + Shadow | **Martha Gilchrist | Gregg Christensen** in memory of Sheyanne | **Mary Wallace** in honor of Nicole | **Josh Bucy** in memory of Sunny | **Barbara Garrett** in memory of Gracie | **Stephen Longo | Jill Wells** in memory of Woofers | **Sarah Birdwell | Murphy Fan Club Members 201** in honor of Murphy | **Danielle Crow | Bonnie Seaquist** in memory of Daisy, our GRRIN dog | **Heather Wrenn** in memory of Duke | **Jennifer Hrbek | Jenn Mueller | Terry Ralph** in memory of Amber Dawn, Chloe, Charity, Rue and Puck | **Michael King | Theresa Houston | Tamara Draeger | Pam Nathan** in memory of Greta Lilly | **Barbara Weinberg | Jessica Ellis | Diana Dabbs** in memory of Ruby | **Kelley Horrigan** in honor of Hanna | **Barbara Teter | Mary Hofmeister** in memory of Henley Of the Eagles Brown | **Elizabeth Feltus** in memory of Sydney | **Jim Fitch | Judith J Davis | Megan Lowry-English** in memory of Daisy Partridge | **Brenda Klanderud | Sharlene Wilson | Colorado Animal Rescue Express | Vickie Rogge** in memory of Jesse Jacob