

GRRIN NEWS



Winter 2020 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



WE NEED PHOTOS

Next year is GRRIN's 30th anniversary and we would love your photos. We are wanting to share memories of GRRIN through the years by posting old photos on Throwback Thursdays. If you have any old photos you would like to share, either scan them or take a picture of them and send the digital photos to newsletter@grrin.org. (We will enjoy getting "retro" photos from GRRIN members, no matter the quality.) After all, the dead of winter is a great time to go through some old albums or photo stacks to get those photos to GRRIN.

We may be using some of the high-quality photos for a photo book that is being assembled, so please submit any photos you would like to share by January 30th.

If you would like to submit physical photographs, those can be mailed to our PO box, but they will not be returned to you.

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ONLINE ANNUAL MEETING

A quick thank you to everyone who attended this year's annual meeting via Zoom. We were sad that Gold Rush couldn't take place this year, but it was nice to see some familiar faces and some very cute doggies! Barb kept the meeting fairly short, and after business was concluded, attendees got the opportunity to socialize and show off their pets. We missed seeing everyone in person, but we were glad to get an opportunity to interact with members. Hopefully we'll be seeing everyone in person next year!



EXTRA! EXTRA!

THE LATEST NEWS + RECENT HAPPENINGS

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GRRIN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time again! It's time for GRRIN's annual membership drive. You should have received a letter from GRRIN's president Barb Garrett reminding you to renew your membership or to become a first-time member. Not only do the membership dues go toward helping GRRIN fulfill its mission of finding forever homes, but as a member, you have access to a variety of benefits, including the GRRIN newsletter and the ability to vote at the annual meeting. Memberships are only \$15 (\$10 for each additional member in the household), so become a 2021 member today and help us celebrate our 30th anniversary! Go to <https://grrin.org/member/> to either purchase your membership online or for information on how to pay by mail.

GREET 2021 WITH A GRRIN CALENDAR

If, like everyone else, you're tired of 2020, why not usher in the new year with a GRRIN 2021 calendar? 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 work that GRRIN has done over the past (almost) 30 years and the work that GRRIN continues to do.

We've already sold over half of our inventory, so don't be left out! If you can't imagine January 1st without a big, beautiful golden retriever on your wall, head over to <https://grrin.org/product/2021-grrin-calendar/> and order one (or five!) today, or mail in the order form below. It's the perfect gift for the dog-lover in your life and a great way to support GRRIN.

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:

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A SWEET FALL FUNDRAISER

GRRIN held its first Bake Sale Fundraiser thanks to the ingenuity and drive of two Bellevue high school students who wanted to help rescue dogs. Larissa and Angelina contacted GRRIN in September hoping that they could create a fundraiser for GRRIN. During a virtual meeting, they brainstormed with GRRIN volunteers and the idea to hold a bake sale was born!

The next step was to find some baked goods. Kendra Blessie, the owner of Woof & Whiskers, was willing to donate cookies that Larissa and Angelina could sell on a Saturday afternoon in October at a table in front of the shop. They were able to share their ideas for a specially-decorated cookie, which turned out to be a paw with orange frosting.

On October 31st, a gorgeous fall day, they sold every cookie and some of GRRIN's 2021 calendars. They also received several good-will donations and managed to raise over \$300! The best part of the two-hour event was visiting with many dogs and their owners, some of whom were dressed in adorable Halloween costumes. GRRIN foster dog Lucky spent the afternoon charming everyone - it's not a party without a golden retriever's friendly smile! Many thanks are due to Larissa, Angelina, and Kendra for making this Bake Sale fundraiser so successful.



SMILE FOR GRRIN

Shop online 'til you drop - and make money for GRRIN!

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!



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.

SHADOW

When our travel plans and usual activities were curtailed by the pandemic, we decided to schedule weekend outings at regional parks with Shadow. Our Sunday morning “church of dog” hikes took us to Mahoney, Schramm, Platte River, Two Rivers, and Indian Cave State Parks as well as Lake Wanahoo and Hitchcock Nature Center. It is wonderful to see Shadow trot along the trails pursuing every interesting odor that passes by her nose. Last fall she was a foster dog recovering from a major orthopedic surgery with very restricted activity. Many thanks to GRRIN for giving her the chance to live her best life.

Patty and John



Shadow
post-op

Shadow
today



BUDDY



It's hard to know where to begin with the dog who is more human than some people. Buddy is my entire life and being retired has allowed us to be together 24/7 and I wouldn't give it up for anything in this world. I love him more than life itself.

While he was a foster, Buddy had some medical issues and I was fortunate enough to be his nurse 24/7 while he recovered. He was an absolute dream while he was recovering.

Because Covid has taken a terrible turn in all of our lives and so many people have been lost, it is very difficult to try and keep something normal. But I will say having Buddy has been the most normal thing in my life. We spend lots of time outside, we go for walks, we go for car rides - he's taken out at least five times a day and that has been very normal for me. Without him by my side I don't know what my life would be. All I can say is having him is as close to normal as things can get at the moment.

I have to admit he is a little spoiled rotten and I certainly wouldn't have it any other way. I could go on on about my love for him and the things that we enjoy but I think that from what I have said you pretty much get the picture.

Please take care everyone. Be safe God bless.

Thank you GRRIN for everything that you have given me. (My Buddy)

Jan

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

NOT ALL YEARS LOOK THE SAME. HERE'S HOW GRRIN WORKED TO FULFILL ITS MISSION DURING 2020.

Our all-volunteer program provides a network to shelter, rehabilitate, and rehome golden retrievers who are displaced due to family circumstances or other needs. This year that looked a little different. Because of the pandemic, we ended up taking in around half of the dogs we did last year, but the dogs who did come into GRRIN tended to be older and to have more complex medical needs. This meant that our veterinary expenses per dog almost doubled compared to 2019.

It's hard to predict what the future will hold, but because of GRRIN's generous network of volunteers and supporters, we have been able to continue meeting the evolving needs of the families and golden retrievers who come to us for help. The four dogs below are examples of the type of work we have been doing over 2020, and we are grateful and privileged to be able to do it.

ELLA

This sweet 10-month-old girl entered GRRIN with a genetic condition called cricopharyngeal achalasia, which affects her ability to swallow correctly and can cause her to accidentally inhale food or water. She required a number of specialized vet visits in order to ensure that she was getting the care that she needed. Luckily GRRIN had a dedicated foster family that stepped forward to care for Ella while she was with GRRIN. They had to ensure that she always had ice cubes available (she can't drink water) and they had to feed her in a Bailey chair, which kept her upright while she ate. Our adoption coordinators worked hard to find the perfect forever home for Ella. She now lives with Trent, a veterinarian, and Karen, who is also in the medical field, plus her two brothers, Zeke and Charlie.



SCOUT

Scout is a beautiful golden oldie! This 10-year-old golden mix entered GRRIN in March. Like many senior goldens, he had a few health problems that needed to be assessed and/or addressed before he could be considered for adoption. While he was in foster care, GRRIN and the foster family worked to make sure that all of his health needs were addressed so that when he found his forever family, he would be the healthiest, happiest version of himself. His vet bills totaled almost \$2,200, but he is worth every penny. And, good news! Scout was just adopted into a loving, forever home. Thank you to his adoption coordinators for finding him that perfect match.



ABBY

Once a GRRIN dog, always a GRRIN dog. Abby is emblematic of that adage. She was 14 when she was returned to GRRIN because her family was moving to a new home with lots of stairs. Because of her severe arthritis, Abby was not able to go with them and so she was placed in a loving foster home where she had access to ramps and was spoiled rotten. While with her foster family she received treatment for her pain, but after a few months they knew that it was time. Abby crossed the rainbow bridge surrounded by the foster family who loved her.



MURPHY

This handsome boy is another golden oldie, although you'd be forgiven for thinking that he was 6 instead of 13. He's playful and loves chasing a ball and going on walks. There were many potential adopters who showed interest in Murphy and he met a few of them, but it never seemed to be the perfect fit. He was a bit of a tough match because he prefers to be an only dog, has trouble using stairs, and is a bit of a nervous barker. Since he is 13 and had already bonded with his foster family, GRRIN decided that, instead of trying to move him again, he could stay with GRRIN forever as a permanent foster.



LEXIE

19-42

ADOPTED BY: Amy & Lilly

Hi everyone! I am Lexi. I came into GRRIN with my older “brother”, Kobe. I had always lived with him. We were a pair, for sure. Our original family was moving and could not take us with them. We were so lucky to come into the GRRIN family! We got to live with Amy and her dog, Lilly. Lilly was very good about giving us space and freedom in the home where she had always been the only dog.

When we came into GRRIN, the vet found a big lump on Kobe’s side which he thought might be cancer. He was right. I got to spend the best 2 months with him! I could tell that things were getting bad for him and I loved him up a lot! I really miss him but I know that he is not in pain anymore.

Living with Amy and Lilly is great but different now. I am adjusting well. Amy decided that I could stay and live with them forever! I get to keep taking long walks with Amy and spending lots of time with mom. I sleep right next to her bed to protect her. Lilly is such a nice girl to let me hang out with her; that is what we just usually do.

Thanks to the wonderful GRRIN family for giving me such an awesome home!



MURPHY

19-35

PERMANENT FOSTER

Hi there! Murphy here! Still living the good life and acting like a boy half my age. After I had to leave my first home, I wasn’t sure where I was going to end up. Then, GRRIN took me in and put me with a foster family. Well, we thought it was going to be temporary, but it turns out that we’ve all gotten pretty used to each other and we’ve decided that we’d all like to keep it that way. I have officially become a permanent foster! This means that I will still be under the care of GRRIN, but I’ve found my forever home with my foster family, Megan and Ian.

Don’t worry – just because I’m officially part of the family, it doesn’t mean that I’m going to stop demanding to play fetch when they’re eating dinner or stop acting up when I know it’s time for my walk. And it also doesn’t mean that I won’t always have a pile of at least five toys within reach that I can either chew on or “lose” under the furniture. I’ll still be Murphy! I may be 13, but I’m definitely a pup at heart. Thanks, GRRIN, for making sure that I’ll always have someone looking out for me!



ELLA 19-45

ADOPTED BY: Trent & Karen

Early last year, our quiet little family decided we needed a jolt of excitement and enthusiasm in our lives. After finding Ella on GRRIN’s adoption page, we fell in love immediately. Ella was born with a genetic condition called cricopharyngeal achalasia, a condition that affects her ability to swallow correctly and can cause her to accidentally inhale food or water. Because Trent is a veterinarian and Karen is in the medical field, we felt comfortable taking on the extra challenges and adaptations for her care.

Ella joined our family in April after several weeks of anticipation. Quiet and reserved at first, her personality has blossomed and now she is the vibrant, playful motor of our home. She gets along well with her brothers Zeke and Charlie, although I’m sure she tests their patience at 12 and 10 years old respectively. But she has quickly learned how to be gentle with her smaller brothers and save the rough housing for her friend Copper.

Our home wouldn’t be the same without Ella and she has brought us incredible joy, companionship, and opportunities to learn about her and ourselves. She is a perfect fit for our family.

HAPPY TAILS! HAPPY TAILS!



RILEY

20-01

ADOPTED BY: Jolyn

Riley (formerly Roxie) recently got a lot of "NEWS"..... a new, perfect home with a huge backyard, a new best friend (a golden retriever named Max), and a new name – Riley!!!! We think that is the perfect name for her.

When Riley gets happy, she bounces straight up. Rumor has it that she has a better "vertical" than a professional basketball player!!!

Riley is a very picky eater, which is ironic since her favorite toy is a stuffed fabric hamburger!!! She does succumb to a chunk of cheese whenever it is offered, however! Who can resist a good piece of cheese?

Congratulations to the happy family – Jolyn, Max and Riley!!!!



FAITH

20-04

ADOPTED BY: Nathan & Kaitlyn

Faith was rescued from a breeder in Missouri on February 29th. She was initially very timid and scared of her older siblings (Dash and Maggie) and often hid under the kitchen table or in between your legs.

After a few weeks, she became more social, leading to Faith and Dash becoming best friends. They are constantly playing with each other and wearing each other out.

Although our intentions were to foster Faith, after a 3-month foster period (thanks to Covid), we couldn't give her up! She was already a part of our family.

Faith is always happy to cuddle up next to you and loves pets and attention. Faith loves to play fetch with her tennis balls in the back yard. She also enjoys going on walks, going to the dog park to explore, and going to doggy daycare to play with her friends.

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

Because of our lost fundraising opportunities this year due to the pandemic, your donations are more helpful than ever. Thank you to all of you who have continued to support GRRIN through these trying times.



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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: 20 Goldens Adopted | 3 Goldens in Foster Care



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