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GRRIN NEWS

Second Quarter 2021 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



GOLD RUSH

Two years ago we moved Gold Rush from the Offutt Base Lake in Bellevue to the SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion and we will be holding Gold Rush there again this year on Sunday, October 10th from noon until 4pm.

If you and your pup want to stay active, there will be games, like the cake walk and pin the tail on the cat. But, if you want to take a seat, there will be presentations from the stage, including an agility and obedience demo given by dog trainer Ashley Osborn. She will also be offering an ask-the-trainer service at her Pawsitive Pups Academy vendor table. We will also have the GRRIN store open, plus there will be a number of other vendors in attendance, so you can learn all about pet food options, vet services, pet treats, and other doggy service providers. And make sure to stop by Kirk's Works and get a caricature drawn of your dog!

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Sunday, October 10th

Time: 12pm to 4pm

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



In 2019 Gold Rush was held in September and it was a bit hot. We are hoping that moving Gold Rush back to October 10th will help to keep the weather cool. But, rain or shine, hot or cold, Gold Rush will be held from 12pm – 4pm at SumTur Amphitheater. All leashed, well behaved dogs are welcome. Make sure to watch Facebook and the GRRIN website for the most up-to-date information on this free event.

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





ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to everybody (two legged and four legged) who attended GRRIN's annual meeting in April. Thirty people and thirteen dogs joined us at a new venue - Bonafide Dog Academy near 72nd and Pacific in Omaha. Everyone really enjoyed getting to use the large, dog-friendly training room for the presentations and social time.

After not being able to gather in our usual fashion last year, the attendees took time to catch up with each other as they ate sandwiches and chips from Pickleman's Gourmet Cafe. Although the sandwiches were good, the most impressive item was GRRIN's 30th anniversary cake!

The business portion of the meeting was opened by a welcome from our president, Barb Garrett. Then, our

Rescue Chair, Judy Davis, gave her report on GRRIN's rescue activity from the past year and our Treasurer, Dani Crow, gave an update about GRRIN's financials. Finally, the board election results were revealed. Our president, corresponding secretary, communications chair, and volunteer chair were renewed for another term. The board also welcomed a new board member, Amy Vifquain, to the position of recording secretary.

Thank you to everyone who was able to help plan, set up, and clean up for the event. And thank you to Bonafide Dog Academy for being so accommodating. Because of everyone's hard work, we were able to celebrate GRRIN's achievements in person this year.



BOARD ELECTIONS

The GRRIN Board of Directors plays a crucial role in the success of our organization. Together the members 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.

PRESIDENT: Barbara Garrett

VICE PRESIDENT: Emily Meador

RECORDING SECRETARY: Amy Vifquain

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: *open*



DO GOOD WEEK

Thank you to everyone who supported GRRIN during the inaugural Do Good Week, hosted by SHARE Omaha. Every donation helps and we appreciate all of your support!

Q2 DONATIONS

Christopher Maroney | Sid French | Steve & Cindy Roberts | Joni & John Nix in memory of Hedy Kirke | **Heather Harris | Jon & Sue Sprinkel** in memory of Buddy | **Jill Shefte | Carolyn Peters | Cynthia Jones | Deann Grovijohn | Sandy & Marvin Crawford** in memory of Reagan, the Golden belonging to Karen & Scott Stevens | **Bobbi Catron, Betty Lou Catron & Tom Catron** in memory of Buddy | **Michele Brixius | Laraine Roberts | Melissa Stebbins | Tori Ryan | Nebraska Wesleyan English Department** as a retirement gift to honor Dr. Jim Schaffer and his thirty plus years of service at Nebraska Wesleyan University | **John Bucy** in memory of Sunny | **Jan Little** in memory of Buddy | **Grant from The Brendan and Maci Harshman Donor Fund | Steven Otto**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE, PARTY ANIMALS!

SAT-SUN 24-25 JULY **PICK-A-POOCH ADOPTION DAYS & PET EXPO**
WHEN: 10 am - 4 pm
WHERE: Baxter Arena, Omaha, 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 26 SEPT **NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY, WALK FOR THE ANIMALS**
WHEN: 11am-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, food, beer garden, silent auction, rescue groups, and much more! Keep your eye on the Nebraska Humane Society website for more details as they develop!

SUNDAY 10 OCT **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.

MEET & GREETs

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.

Meet and greets occur on the first Sunday of each month from 12 pm - 1 pm, at The Bookworm in Omaha, NE.



GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

INTERVIEW WITH A FOSTER FAMILY

If you've ever thought about becoming a foster family but weren't sure about what it might entail, this interview may help to give you some perspective. We asked Patty and John, long-time foster parents, a few questions about what drew them to fostering and why they continue to foster.

Q. How long have you been a foster home and how many dogs have you fostered?

A. We have been fostering dogs for about 12-13 years intermittently, and there have been about 14-15 different dogs in our home. When our resident dogs were older and more fragile, we would take a break from fostering to respect the needs of our senior pets.

Q. Why did you decide to become a foster home and why do you continue to foster?

A. We have enjoyed the company of dogs for many years, so fostering seemed like a good way to volunteer when it worked for our household. We have met wonderful people through GRRIN who were caseworkers and adoptive families. It is a treat to be part of the "happy ending" when a dog is matched with the right family to meet his or her needs.

Q. What is the best part of fostering? What is the worst/hardest part of fostering?

A. The best part of fostering is learning the personality and strengths of each dog and what family environment would work best for each of them. The hardest part is to see the dogs who are stressed or traumatized from the transitions or from their past experiences. It may not be the fault of their prior owners...just difficult situations. We get attached to our foster dogs, and it can be a little sad to see them leave our home. But there is also joy. We know we could have been a "good enough" family for a lot of the dogs temporarily in our care, but our home wasn't the "best" home for them. Some of the dogs would thrive better as the only dog in a home, to have a person around most of the day, or need a different energy/activity level than what we might offer. Finding that right match is always the goal. We appreciate that GRRIN team members work closely with the foster homes to help identify the best matches for the dogs from the families waiting to adopt.

Q. Is there a story you'd like to share about fostering for GRRIN?

A. We have a lot of fun memories of our foster dogs. There were lots of cuddles and snuggles, games of fetch and neighborhood walks. We learned (the hard way) to keep food away from the edge of the counter; a very nice salmon filet disappeared one evening. Another dog decided he should eat ALL the cubed bread from a bowl set aside for the Thanksgiving stuffing. That prompted a quick trip to the grocery store! On an early morning walk with our own 2 resident dogs and the foster dog, our guest dog wanted to stop and sniff a bit. We give him credit for saving us all from a skunk encounter if we had continued on at our regular pace. He got an extra treat when we got home!!

Q. What advice do you have for someone who is thinking about becoming a foster home?

A. There are important things to consider for a successful family fostering experience: Identify what types of dogs you could foster well. Some foster families are good with helping dogs learn structure and better manners, and others are great with diets and medical needs. Some very active dogs or ones who have been breeder dogs may not do well in a kennel for 8-9 hours during a work day...they need someone with more hours at home. Consider the status of your family and your resident pets and what "ages and stages" of dogs would they accept and tolerate. Safety of small children is critical, and it wouldn't be fair to the children or an overly active or stressed foster dog to have an injury. We have fostered different types of dogs over the years in response to changes in our household. The Foster Care Coordinators are very experienced and can be helpful to answer questions for anyone interested in fostering for GRRIN. We have enjoyed the fostering experience immensely with GRRIN, and we hope others will consider trying it too!



A NOSE FOR NEWS

VOLUNTEERING WITH GRRIN

GRRIN is an all-volunteer organization. We're celebrating our 30th anniversary this year, but we would never have made it all these years without the help of countless volunteers in all capacities. GRRIN is always on the lookout for new volunteers. If you love helping golden retrievers and are interested in volunteering, check out the volunteer opportunities below.



RESOURCE CHAIR POSITION OPEN

GRRIN has an open board position!

The Resource Chair manages the GRRIN boutique and fundraising opportunities throughout the year. These include annual giving days and the biennial Yappy Hour & Silent Auction fundraiser. Board members also attend quarterly meetings and help with the annual Gold Rush celebration in October. If you are interested in learning more about this board position, please send an email to volunteer@grrin.org!



GOLDLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Goldline volunteers are part of a phone team that returns calls and interviews people who want to surrender a Golden or adopt one. Volunteers usually work one 3-4 day shift per month that is scheduled quarterly so volunteers can plan ahead. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Goldline volunteer, please send an email to volunteer@grrin.org.



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

GRRIN is always on the lookout for people who are willing to take a foster dog into their home and care for it until a forever family can be found. If the interview with Patty and John on page 4 made you curious about fostering, visit our foster page at <https://grrin.org/foster-golden/> to learn more. If you feel you're ready to foster, call us on our Goldline at **402-330-6680** and someone will be in contact with you. (A fenced yard is required to foster or adopt.)

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

GRRIN turned 30 this year, and we have a graphic to celebrate! We asked the designer who drew the original GRRIN dog (the middle dog) to add a puppy and a senior. We wanted the three dogs at different stages of life to represent each of the three decades that GRRIN has worked to care for golden retriever puppies, adults, and seniors.



We think all three dogs are just adorable, and you should be seeing them again soon on your Gold Rush invitation postcard.



GRRIN DAY OUT AT OMAHA DOG BAR

To all of you who were able to join GRRIN for a yappy hour at the Omaha Dog Bar, thanks for coming out and joining the pack! There were an impressive number of golden retrievers there and, for once, the dogs may have left a GRRIN event more exhausted than their owners! Attendees got to lounge in the sun, run inside for cover during a brief rain shower, and snack and drink from the bar's menu. GRRIN is thinking of hosting another gathering at Omaha Dog Bar, so watch the website and our facebook page for more details!





DAISY 20-08

ADOPTED BY: Denise & Jim

I am a very lucky girl. I've had two families who loved me and helped me become who I am today. When my first family had to let me go, the great people at GRRIN came to the rescue.

When I moved in with my foster family, I turned on the charm and they instantly fell in love with me! Not to brag, but they were very impressed with my manners. My family had taught me so much. I don't bolt out open doors, I don't jump up on people, and I don't counter surf. These were all things my foster family had experienced with their last Golden, so those were some things they loved about me. I do jump straight up on all fours and my foster mom thinks I'm so cute when I turn in circles and whimper with excitement when someone comes home or just upstairs! She says I'm her velcro dog.

I absolutely love to play ball and my foster family's grandchildren are more than happy to throw it for me. We get along great! Everyone was happy when my foster parents, Denise and Jim, decided to adopt me! One of them is home most of the time and I stay right next to them. All in all, this has been a wonderful journey.

Read Daisy's full story at grrin.org.



RILEY 20-14

ADOPTED BY: Greg & Sarah

Hello, everyone! I'm the distinguished golden Riley!

Now happily settled in my forever home, my journey began when I was surrendered to GRRIN by Capital Humane Society in Lincoln. Despite my "maturity" and being a little stiff in the legs (gee, who isn't??) the GRRIN folks immediately recognized my sweet attitude, how I loved life (and tummy rubs!), and knew they could help me find a permanent home. And they did it!

Before I go on, I must give a huge shout-out to my foster dad and his Golden. Thank you!

Anyway, I have landed in the best family ever with three kids and a golden sister, Lady, who's my new BFF and waits patiently for me to join her outside on potty breaks. ☺

My new mom brags that my fur has become super fluffy now that I'm fully recovered from some nuisance health issues. I'm also doing great getting around and doing all the usual, fun dog stuff.

By the way, I LOVE footballs. Believe me, I'm a happy boy and have GRRIN to thank for making my life the best it can be.



ANDY 21-02

ADOPTED BY: David & Julie

This winter hasn't been the best for Julie and me. I have been recovering from back surgery and we lost one of the greatest dogs we've had on New Year's Eve, Barney, our adopted Golden who we got from GRRIN 10 years ago. The house was just too empty without him in our family. Luckily, GRRIN did offer us the opportunity to adopt Andy, a beautiful and affectionate 2 ½ year old boy just recently surrendered.

We met Andy and his foster family and we fell in love. The following Sunday they brought him to our home in Lincoln and we adopted him.

Andy is quite the character. He's very affectionate and loves to cuddle up to you. He'll stay by you as long as you're petting him. He loves to play and will chase a ball all day long. We got him a few stuffed animals and the latest one, the hedgehog, is his current favorite.

To say we've fallen in love with Andy is an understatement. He's fit into our household really well and we love him dearly already. We are glad that we've decided to adopt him.

Read Andy's full happy tail at <https://grrin.org/happy-tails/>



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 2 Quick Stats: 6 Goldens Adopted | 7 Goldens in Foster Care



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