

GRRIN NEWS

SPRINGING INTO ACTION

First Quarter 2022 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



RESCUE RECAP

Thank you to everyone for supporting GRRIN in 2021! Here is a high-level recap of our rescue's work last year.

- While we were not able to hold our traditional Kibble 'n Bids fundraiser, so many of you were **incredibly generous** throughout the year and during the membership drive in December.
- Vet expenses were high, with several dogs needing extraordinary care, and we knew we had the funds to get that care.
- *"This isn't dog hair, it's rescue glitter."* GRRIN volunteers were covered in glitter the last half of 2021 as they managed to place over 25 newly surrendered dogs in foster care.
- We were able to celebrate GRRIN's 30th anniversary in person with over 150 attendees and 60 pups at Gold Rush in October.
- We can't say enough about our volunteers! They are the advocates for rescue dogs, whether they are caseworking, fostering, writing a grant, or stuffing envelopes.

What do we have planned for 2022?

- GRRIN's Outreach chair has many in-person events scheduled throughout the year so we can get people and dogs together - we think it is so important that it has been part of our mission statement for 30 years!
- We are building our group of volunteers and will try to have more gatherings where we can all learn from each other and celebrate rescue.
- We would love to have Kibble 'n Bids this year, but we need help. If you would like to chair this event or be part of the planning committee, send an email to volunteer@grrin.org.
- It's been quiet in rescue for a few months and GRRIN volunteers are ready for the glitter. If you know someone who needs help re-homing their Golden, they can contact the Goldline at 402-330-6680 or send an email to surrender@grrin.org.

Thank you again for supporting GRRIN and helping to make us one of the longest-running Golden Retriever rescues in the country!



INTERVIEW WITH AN INTAKE COORDINATOR

As you know, the ultimate goal of GRRIN is to get every one of our rescued dogs into a loving home that is a perfect fit for both dog and human. But, that is only the last step in the long process of rescue. Before we can place dogs in their forever homes, we have to first bring them into GRRIN. This is where the Intake Coordinator comes in. To help provide a better understanding of GRRIN's intake process, we talked with Tammy Weihe, a longtime GRRIN volunteer and current Intake Coordinator.

Q. How long have you been an Intake Coordinator?

A. I think I have done this for 9 years.

Q. How many dogs have you brought into GRRIN as an Intake Coordinator?

A. Since 2014 I counted that GRRIN took in 236 new and surrendered dogs. I completed the intake for 150 of these dogs.

Q. Why did you decide to volunteer as an Intake Coordinator?

A. The short answer is that I was asked if I was interested. I had previously volunteered as a foster home (though my family had a hard time letting fosters go), foster coordinator, and transportation coordinator.

Q. Why do you continue to be an Intake Coordinator?

A. It seems to be a good fit. Intake needs to gather as much information as possible about incoming dogs while providing respect and reassurance to the family needing to surrender their beloved family member. I am detail oriented and empathetic.

Q. What is the best part about being an Intake Coordinator?

A. Getting to know the dogs and their family.

Q. What is the worst/hardest part about being an Intake Coordinator?

A. The heartbreak of the family surrendering.

Q. Is there a story you'd like to share from your experience as an Intake Coordinator?

A. I have worked with several families who planned to surrender their dog, then backed out prior to surrendering only to call within a week and want to proceed. Everyone has their own story and needs. They need support, understanding, and time to make some peace with their decision.

Q. What advice do you have for someone who is thinking about becoming an Intake Coordinator?

A. Get to know the whole rescue process so you can provide potential surrendering owners information about what to expect. Brush up on computer skills if needed. You will be completing, saving, and sharing many electronic files.

Q. Anything else you'd like to say? Or something I forgot to ask?

A. You don't need to go it alone with any job on the rescue team. You are part of a team and your team members are there to support you and work together for the same goal of taking in dogs and giving them another chance.

Are you interested in learning more about the Intake Coordinator position or maybe volunteering? Email our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@grrin.org or go to <http://grrin.org/volunteer/> and fill out the contact form.



EVENTS

HANG WITH THE PACK

SUNDAY **MEET & GREET**

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WHEN: Sunday, April 3rd, Noon - 2pm

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

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 & greets occur on the first Sunday of each month at noon at The Bookworm in Omaha, NE.

SAT-SUN **I LOVE MY DOG EXPO**

09 & 10
A P R

WHEN: Sunday-Sunday, April 9th-10th, 9am-5pm

WHERE: Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N 84th St, Lincoln

Come visit the GRRIN table at the I Love My Dog Expo in Lincoln! The I Love My Dog Expo is an annual benefit for Domesti-PUPS that includes entertainment, games, training demonstrations, and, of course, plenty of shopping. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. For more information, visit www.ilovemydogexpo.com.

SUNDAY **GRRIN ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & LUNCHEON**

24
A P R

WHEN: Sunday, April 24th, Noon - 2pm

WHERE: Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium, 8929 Fort St, Omaha

Join us for GRRIN's annual membership meeting where we'll serve lunch, have a short business meeting, vote for board positions, and catch up with our fellow GRRIN members. This is our 31st year in rescue. Friendly dogs are welcome. Please RSVP to volunteer@grrin.org.

DO GOOD RETURNS

Do Good Week is back this year, though as Do Good Days. Share Omaha is once again hosting the multi-day giving event dedicated to supporting all kinds of charitable organizations across the community. The event will run for three days and includes Give on Tuesday (May 17th), Wishlist Wednesday (May 18th), and Volun-Thursdays (May 19th). Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates about how you can help GRRIN during Do Good Week.



TREASURER NEEDED

Our wonderful treasurer, Dani Crow, will be stepping down when her term expires in April. GRRIN would like to thank Dani for all of the work she has done to support GRRIN over the past year and a half. If you think you might be interested in joining the GRRIN board as treasurer, please send an email to volunteer@grrin.org. We are looking for someone with QuickBooks and/or accounting experience who can manage monthly expenses and prepare reports.

CALENDARS SOLD OUT

Thanks to everyone who bought a 2022 GRRIN calendar! Thanks to you, all of the calendars have been sold out. Oh, and since you probably have a GRRIN calendar already, make sure to note that Gold Rush will be on Sunday, October 2nd from noon-3pm!

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
AND PARTICIPATING IN OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Amy & Joe Black | Amy & Kevin Koehler | Amy Pirolo | Amy Vifquain | Babs & Mike Weinberg | Barbara & Dennis Garrett | Bill & Chris Fletcher in memory of Marley | Brent & Brenda Klanderud | Brian Nogg in Honor of the life of Rodney C. Hansen | Bryan & Mary Welty | Carol Struve | Christopher Maroney | Colleen & Kyle Cochran | Connie Jelsma | Craig Connolly | Cynthia & Steve Roberts | Danielle Pedersen | Darrica Hollis | Daryl Kats | David & Lisa McElhose | Doris & Corky Buell | Dorothy Wright | Doug & Debra Wallace | Elisa Blazek & Perry Wiseman | Elizabeth & James Marriott | Fred Susgin | Gay Lynn & Gaylen Baker | Heather Wrenn | J.K. Barker Foundation | Jack & Pat Bell | Jacque Rank & Jane Wiederspan | James Thele | Janie Tinder | Jeff & Sherrie Chester | Jeff & Tori Ryan | Jeff Weier | Jill Shefte | Joann MacDonald | Jodi Flores | Joe & Rita Kean | Jon & Sue Sprinkel for Athena's surgery | Julie Jerabek | K. Yates | Kathy Glenn | Kevin Klein | Kimberly & Thomas Olson | Konda & Timothy Nietfeld | Laura Deacy | Linda Kneifl for Athena's surgery | Marilyn Maude | Marsha Peal & Mike Awsilciewicz | Marshall Pred & Gayla Brockman in Memory of Marshall Becker | Martha Gilchrist | Mary Jane & Jim Fitch | Mary Vaughan | Matt & Sarah Wickencamp | Megan Ehlers | Merry & Ken Hinton | Michael Royce | Michelle Wright | Mike & Karen Marie King | Molly Andreasen | Owen Henderson DVM & Julia Tracy | Pamela Dowell | Pat Key | Patricia Newman | Patty Carrell & John Binderup | Paul & Bonnie Seaquist | Phil & Nancy Wolf | Ralph & Kari Sands | Regan Pufall | Rhonda & Dave Heineman | Robert Wilson | Roger Campbell | Sandra Steele & Steve Triplett | Sharlene Wilson | Shirley Doherty | Sid French | Susan and Robert Drvol | Susan Narducci | Ted & Judy Brass | Teresa M. Hier | Terri & Steve Johns | Theresa Hier | Theresa Houston | Thomas Lamczyk | Tracy & Sean McMahon | William Andres

IN MEMORY OF ARLO OLSEN

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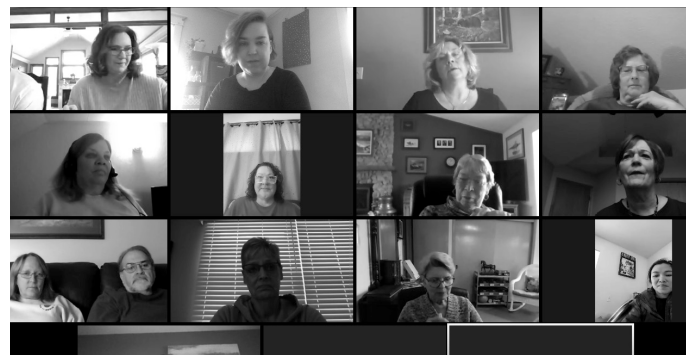
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Our apologies if we missed you! Please send corrections to newsletter@grrin.org

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual GRRIN volunteer meeting on January 23rd. The meeting was held via zoom and 27 people (and their dogs) attended. Our Rescue Chair started off the meeting by giving a summary of GRRIN's work from 2021. Afterwards, a number of GRRIN officers and volunteers talked about different volunteer opportunities available in the organization. Attendees learned about various positions, such as caseworker, Goldline volunteer, intake coordinator, transport coordinator, prospective owner coordinator, adoption coordinator, and fostering. If you were unable to attend but are interested in learning more, please reach out to volunteer@grrin.org.





ELLIE 21-06

ADOPTED BY: Wendy & Terry

Hello, Ellie here. I am two years old and I just got adopted into my forever home with Wendy and Terri. They have a huge backyard and I spend a lot of my time zooming around back there. I have my favorite spot on the hill where I can sit and watch everything that goes on in my new domain. I'm pretty much the boss back there and the squirrels and rabbits know better than to invade my space when I'm on watch.

I am also getting lots of walks where I see other dogs and people. I get very excited and try to go meet them, but my family IS still letting me know what proper manners are all about. I think I'll get the hang of it pretty soon. I get lots of treats when manners are being taught, so I'm learning fast.

I have my own bed and get to sleep on my people's bed when they are in it, although I am told I can be a bed hog.

I am so excited with my new life, I know lots of good things are going to continue to happen for me. Thanks, GRRIN!



NEPTUNE 21-08

ADOPTED BY: Jan

Hello, from Neptune! Nope, not from the planet, but from my brand new furever home here in Omaha, Nebraska! I was adopted in July by my sweet mom, Jan, and since I arrived, it's been non-stop visiting with all the people in my building, and lots of new friends who've been over to meet me.

My mom lost her best friend, Buddy (GRRIN 18-10) in March and she was very sad, but then I came along and it's really helped her AND me!

I'm a mellow gal but don't get me wrong, I love to play, too, and people can't believe the ferocious growls that I put out when I'm really involved in a game of tug. (I'm all show but shhhhh, don't tell anyone!). Needless to say, I usually win.

Mom takes me out for lots of walks during the day and we go visiting whenever we can, so I'm staying busy.

At the end of the day, you can usually find me taking up more than my fair share of mom's bed, but she doesn't mind - we both love to cuddle with each other.

I am definitely living my best life and my mom tells me every day just how much she loves me.



BETSY 21-09

ADOPTED BY: Jeff & Sarah

Betsy's forever family started fostering her and her brother, Charlie 21-10, at the end of July 2021. They were two of four VERY special Goldendoodle puppies. This quartet (which includes Millie 21-11 and Frank 21-12) had an amazing journey after being surrendered to GRRIN when it was discovered they were blind from birth.

It was clear almost from the beginning these pups were destined and determined to be normal, active, loving, and well-adjusted dogs who just needed a bit of extra training and attention.

At first, Betsy seemed a little sad without Charlie (but he also landed in a fantastic forever home!!), but her family has two resident dogs who took Betsy into their pack. So, they adopted her! Now it seems like Betsy has always been with them and they can't imagine their life without her.

Betsy is a quirky, lovable dog who enjoys ice cubes from the ice dispenser, chewy bones, and wrestling with the family's other dogs.

The kids love to snuggle with Betsy whenever they can, and she walks the older kids to and from school every day. She loves all the kids and has quite the fan club. Betsy loves to follow her kids and fur siblings around the house to keep tabs on them. Everyone is incredibly grateful to GRRIN for all of their help with Betsy.





REAGAN & GUNNER 21-13 & 21-14

ADOPTED BY:
Clayton & Keegan

Gunner and Reagan are home!!

We were so happy to join our new family, which includes our mom and dad (Clayton and Keegan) and our new fur sibling Finn! We are all getting along great and together we enjoy lots of walks around the neighborhood, playing fetch with the tennis ball, and, of course, taking naps on the couch.

We felt at home right away and have already learned a few tricks like sitting, staying, and walking on a leash. We continue to work on our obedience skills and have a trainer helping us!

Thank you to everyone at GRRIN who helped us find our new home. We are so grateful!



CHARLIE 21-10

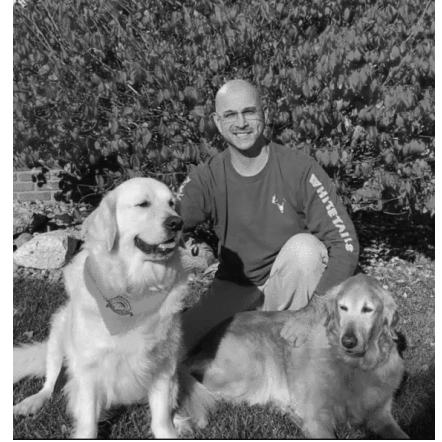
ADOPTED BY: Tom & Barb

As one of four blind Goldendoodle puppies surrendered to GRRIN in 2021, Charlie continues to do just great. His forever family calls him an absolute delight! He's learning commands, walking well on-leash, and getting the hang of all the ins and out of being a more grown-up dog having just hit eight months old.

Charlie has also become a good traveler since he gets to winter in Texas with his family, including their resident Golden Retriever, Abby.

We're told he loves meeting people on walks, knows everyone, and has made tons of friends. He is also very playful and will even sometimes hop like a bunny!

Bottom line: Charlie's family says they'd adopt him again in a heartbeat. How wonderful is that?



OSO 21-23

ADOPTED BY: Danny

Hi everyone! My name used to be Pope, but my new Dad changed it to Oso. Oso means Bear. He thinks that I look like a big bear because I am a big white fella. He loves to give me big bear hugs!!

One of my favorite things to do is to roll over so Dad can give me belly rubs. Oh, how I love those rubs! I am also a great kisser. If you get your face close to me, I will give you a great big kiss. Besides kisses, I will sit on your foot. Feel special if I pick your foot to sit on!

I love my new brother! His name is Caesar. He and I get along well. We hang out together all the time. I don't take anything that he wants and I will wait my turn. The only thing that I can't wait for is a squirrel. We lie and wait for to one to come close. If one is close to me, I can't let it go. I have to keep running after it!

Thanks to everyone from GRRIN who helped me find my wonderful home! I couldn't be happier!

Yours truly, Oso





MOSES 21-24

ADOPTED BY: Matt & Blair

F.A.B.U.L.O.U.S...

That's me! Fabulous Moses. When I went to my GRRIN foster home, my foster mom said that I was just FABULOUS. I did have to work on my leash walking skills because I pulled really hard, but now I walk like I'm in a national dog show!

I really liked staying at my foster home. I had a fur-buddy to play with and lots and lots of toys. The whole family really liked me and they took really good care of me.

My previous family really loved me and my fur-brother. We had a great life and really liked being with the kids, but, it was decided that each of us should go to another home. I know my fur-brother found an excellent new home and I am so happy for him.

Now, I have a new fur-ever home! A family heard about me and they wanted to meet me. Immediately, they knew they wanted me to join their family.

I have a huge yard to run in and I chase squirrels and play with my human brother and sister. I met four neighbor fur-friends and we play a lot. I even got to go to the dog toy store and pick out my very own toys and bones. In fact, you can always see me carrying 2-4 toys in my mouth! But, my best time is just laying around and getting lots of hugs and love from my new family.



WALLY 21-10

ADOPTED BY: Jim & Robin

Hello everyone! My name is Wally and I am a 7-year-old golden doodle! I was recently adopted by my foster parents, Robin and Jim. I had my 7th birthday two days after entering their home as a foster dog, and boy did they celebrate ME! I decided right then and there that this was going to be a great home for me! I am so glad that they agreed! I just love to sit on my dad, Jim's lap....I think I am a lap dog – even though I weigh 65 pounds!

I enjoy a good game of fetch and will even let go of the ball...sometimes. My new parents buy me plenty of toys, but my favorite toy has got to be a SOCK! I don't chew them up, but I sure like to carry them around the house. I will gladly give them back when asked, but then I will go find another one, because – well that's just one of the things that I do!

I just love my humans.....and their couch, but mostly the combination of the two. I am in heaven on the couch with my humans cuddling me and they seem to be happy to oblige. This is definitely a match made in heaven for me!



MAISIE & MILO

21-26 & 19-19

ADOPTED BY: Phil & Tammy

Hi everyone! Milo and Maisie here!

We wanted everyone to know that a wonderful family just adopted us!

We are so happy that we are able to stay together because we have always been together, hanging out, playing and snuggling.

Our new family has a nice yard for us to run in and play tug.

We are so happy and we want to thank GRRIN for finding our "forever" family!! Our new family includes Phil, Tammy, and their children Annie, Niko, and Bryce. We also have a dog cousin named Max. We are excited to meet her. We think she will really like us!!





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.

2021: IN REVIEW

2020






-  40+ volunteers
-  270 members
-  27 dogs in foster care
-  12 seniors
-  22 adoptions
-  51 applications
-  24 home visits
-  8 events
-  \$32,733 donations
-  \$7,150 adoption fees
-  \$2,481 grants
-  \$3,175 member dues
-  \$6,323 Omaha Gives
-  \$25,741 dog expenses

2021





-  50+ volunteers
-  232 members
-  38 dogs in foster care
-  6 seniors
-  11 puppies
-  29 adoptions
-  81 applications
-  54 home visits
-  15 events
-  \$42,369 donations
-  \$10,350 adoption fees
-  \$4,385 grants
-  \$3,390 member dues
-  \$485 Share Omaha
-  \$621 Photos with Santa
-  \$35,776 dog expenses

JOIN THE BOARD!





TREASURER

-  Dispense funds for authorized expenses
-  Manage & keep account records using QuickBooks
-  Create quarterly & annual financial reports
-  Provide required documents for tax preparation
-  Attend quarterly board meetings & annual meeting

RESOURCE CHAIR

-  Coordinate opportunities with grant writer
-  Oversee GRRIN store
-  Coordinate fundraising activities
-  Attend quarterly board meetings & annual meeting

GOLDLINE CHAIR

-  Schedule, train & advise Goldline volunteers
-  Comfortable with using a virtual phone system
-  Previous rescue experience recommended
-  Attend quarterly board meetings & annual meeting

If you are interested in any of the above positions or would just like to learn more, email volunteer@grrin.org.