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# GRRIN NEWS

Second Quarter 2022 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



## GOLD RUSH

Gold Rush, GRRIN's annual golden retriever (and human) festival, is only a couple of months away, so make sure to save the date. It will once again be held at SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion where there is plenty of room for games and booths, plenty of seating for the demonstrations, and plenty of parking. This festival is also plenty of fun, so make sure to stop by!

As always, there will be plenty to do. In the mood to win a prize? Spin the wheel, toss some bean bags, or try your luck at the cake walk. Want to learn or be entertained? Watch one of the demonstrations or even a dog parade! Want to find out about local vendors and resources for your four-legged friends? Make sure to tour the vendor booths throughout the space. Also, make sure to stop by the GRRIN store. We'll have tshirts, dog toys, drinkware, and 2023 calendars.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Date:** Sunday, October 2nd

**Time:** 12 pm to 3 pm

**Location:** SumTur Amphitheater

South of Highway 370 on 108th St.



Hopefully the weather will be perfect, but, rain or shine, hot or cold, Gold Rush will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from 12 pm – 3 pm 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](mailto:goldrush@grrin.org)!





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## ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to those of you who attended the GRRIN annual meeting. It was held on Sunday, April 24th in the Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium. Thirty-three GRRIN members were in attendance, in addition to multiple GRRIN dogs and other family pets.

It was nice to be back at the Humane Society. There is always plenty of room for people to socialize and eat, plus the audio visual system makes it easy for the board to present information during the business meeting. (Though, most people would probably agree that the best use of the projector was the slideshow of golden retriever photos and GRRIN events.)

There was a brief business meeting with presentations from our President, our Rescue Chair, and our outgoing Treasurer. Plus, the annual board election was held and the votes were counted and the election results announced. Congrats to our Vice President, Rescue Chair, and Outreach Committee Chair! They were all renewed for new terms. (See the board of directors list on the next page for the full list of board members.)

Most importantly, though, the members got to socialize, talk about golden rescue, and show off their dogs.

Plus, there was a great spread of sandwiches, chips, cookies, dips, and drinks. No one left hungry. In fact, at the end of the meeting, we were giving sandwiches away!

One special moment was the surprise recognition of Judy Davis, a long-time GRRIN volunteer and current Rescue Chair, by our President, Barb Garrett. To thank Judy for her thirty years of dedicated service to GRRIN and to rescue, Barb presented her with an engraved garden stone. The stone reads "Happy Tails, Golden Hearts! 30 years of rescue" and has an engraved paw print. The amount of time and energy that Judy has given to our organization is unmatched and we are so lucky and grateful to have her as a member. Thank you, Judy, for everything you do!



## 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 selected individuals.

**PRESIDENT:** Barbara Garrett

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Emily Meador

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Amy Vifquain

**TREASURER:** Chris Fletcher

**CORRESPONDING SEC:** Celia Lazar

**VOLUNTEER CHAIR:** Laura Beavers

**RESCUE CHAIR:** Judy Davis

**PHONE LINE CHAIR:** *open*

**OUTREACH CHAIR:** Pam Nathan

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Megan Van Alstine

**RESOURCE CHAIR:** Warren Narducci



## DO GOOD WEEK

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

**Theresa Houston | Morgan Ronspies | Heather Wrenn | Sue Sprinkel | Judy Davis | Melissa Stebbins**

## UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE, PARTY ANIMALS!

### SATURDAY **GRRIN & GRAPES**

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**WHEN:** 3 pm - 5 pm

**WHERE:** Vino Mas

14450 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha

Enjoy a beer & wine tasting while supporting GRRIN. The price is \$20 per wine/beer tasting and \$10 per soda tasting for non-drinkers and kids. (GRRIN will receive \$15 per wine tasting and \$5 per soda tasting plus 10% of all retail purchases.) Dogs are welcome! Details on page 5.

### SUNDAY **NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY, WALK FOR THE ANIMALS**

**26  
SEPT**

**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 **GOLD RUSH!**

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**WHEN:** 12 pm - 3 pm

**WHERE:** SumTur Amphitheater, Papillion, NE

Want to volunteer? Many hands make light work at Gold Rush! Send an email to [goldrush@grrin.org](mailto:goldrush@grrin.org) and let us know you'd like to help.

## MEET & GREETINGS

### 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. **Note: The August Meet & Greet will occur on Saturday, August 14th.**

## Q2 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

**Christopher Maroney | Sid French | Julie Jerabek | Kathy Richter** in memory of Tom Guild | **Judith Anderson | Marjorie Wellendorf** in memory of Harley Birdwell | **Judy & Wayne Andersen** in memory of Roger Struve | **Richard Bushnell** in honor of the life of Wendy Haber-Salinas | **Carol Struve | Phil & Tammy Bitzes | Catherine Creighton | Brad & Gena Burwell | Miriam Howard** in memory of Roger Struve | **Linda Gepford** in memory of Ron Simons, and in honor of the help provided by Pam Nathan | **Amanda Stillman | Amanda Schur** in memory of Max Rock | **Joel Gehringer** in memory of Max Rock | **Kristi Studt | Phyllis Titus | Theresa Lehn | Vanessa & Jerry Ramm | Sober Coaching | Joseph Supenski | Jeremy Kaliff** in honor of GRRIN supporters Danielle Pedersen & Dr. Melody Kaliff



# GRRIN IN-THE-KNOW

## INSIGHT ON ALL THINGS GOLDEN

# HOT DOG! SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

There have been some record-breaking temperatures and heat waves this summer, and when it gets hot, it's important to take extra precautions to protect ourselves and our pets. This article will lay out some safety tips for navigating the heat while keeping your pets safe.

### NEVER LEAVE PETS IN A CAR

Temperatures in a car can rise very quickly, even with the windows cracked or the air conditioner running. For example, on an 85 degree day, the temperature in a car can rise to 102 degrees within 10 minutes and 120 degrees within 30 minutes. Pets left in a hot car are at risk of organ damage and even death, so plan ahead if taking a road trip or running errands with a pet to ensure they will always have a safe and cool place to be.

### HUMIDITY

Both high temperatures and high humidity can affect our pets. Many pets pant to cool themselves, which works by evaporating moisture from their lungs. If the humidity is too high, the moisture can't evaporate and your pet's temperature may start to quickly climb. You may want to avoid outdoor activities on days when the weather is hot and humid to prevent overheating and heatstroke.

### EXERCISE

There are a number of precautions you should take when outdoor temperatures rise:

- limit exercise - make activities shorter and less intense
- take walks in the early morning or in the evening to avoid the hottest parts of the day
- avoid asphalt, which can get extremely hot and burn paws
- always carry water to prevent dehydration

### COOLING

Here are a couple of tips to help you keep your pets cool:

- Don't rely on fans
  - Our pets don't sweat like we do, so fans aren't very effective for cooling them
- Always provide water
  - Add ice cubes to help keep the water cool when the weather is extra hot
- Find shade outside
  - If your pets must be outside, make sure they have access to shade
  - Enclosed spaces like dog houses with no airflow may make heat issues worse
- Provide a cool bath
  - For pets that don't hate baths, provide cool water for soaking

### HEATSTROKE

Pets can suffer heatstroke in high temperatures. They are at an increased risk if they are very old or very young, not used to prolonged exercise, have heart or lung issues, or have shorter muzzles, which makes breathing harder. The following are all potential symptoms of heat stroke: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness.

If you believe a pet has heatstroke, move them to a cool area. Cool them using ice packs, a cool towel, or cool water on their head, neck, and chest. Provide small amounts of cool water for drinking or provide ice cubes. Take them to a vet immediately.

*Research from <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/keep-pets-safe-heat>*



**A NOSE FOR NEWS**

## **GRRIN & GRAPES “FUN”DRAISER**

If sitting in a wine bar sampling wine and beer while hanging out with friends (both two-legged and four-legged) is your idea of a good time, do we have an event for you! Vino Mas will be hosting a wine and beer tasting on Saturday, August 20th and the proceeds are going to GRRIN.

When: Saturday, August 20th 3-5 pm

Where: Vino Mas, 14450 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha

Come and enjoy an afternoon of wine and beer tasting at Vino Mas, one of GRRIN's great supporters. Admission is \$20 per person and includes 5 wines and 3 beers to sample. The event is also family friendly, as kids and those who don't drink alcohol can enjoy a sampling of 5 different sodas for \$10.

GRRIN will receive \$15 from each wine/beer tasting and \$5 from each soda tasting. 10% of all retail sales come back to GRRIN as well. What a great way to support GRRIN and have an amazing time too! Bring your dogs and show them off proudly! Plus, meet some adoptable dogs in foster care and some happy goldens and doodles already in their furever homes.

*You will need to use cash or check to pay for the tasting. Credit cards can be used to pay for additional purchases.*



**VINO MAS**  
*Good friends. Good times.  
Good wine.*

## **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

GRRIN has been lucky enough to pick up two new board members this spring. We have a new Resource Committee Chair and a new (and returning) Treasurer. Welcome, Warren and Chris!

### **RESOURCE CHAIR**

The GRRIN board would like to welcome Warren Narducci as the new Resource Committee Chair. Warren has been volunteering for GRRIN for a couple of years already and is one of the people responsible for the wonderful calendars that GRRIN has put out over the past few years. (Watch for the 2023 calendar this fall!) He also has professional experience in grant writing and finding funding sources, which makes him an excellent match for the position. Thank you, Warren, for stepping up and taking on this new responsibility with GRRIN.

### **TREASURER**

When the GRRIN board started the search for its next treasurer, it was impossible to imagine that someone could be found who was not only familiar with the job, but was familiar with GRRIN's work. The board is thrilled to welcome back Chris Fletcher, who served as GRRIN's treasurer a number of years ago. Thanks, Chris, for being willing to step back up and ensure that GRRIN can continue to provide the same level of fiscal responsibility that lets us provide care for our foster dogs and earn our donors' trust.



## EMMA GRACE 21-25

ADOPTED BY: Erich & Amelia

Remember me? Emma Grace, the very cute but very shy little Golden. I'm not sure why it takes me a while to warm up to people, especially men, but once I get to know you, I will be your very best buddy in the whole world.

Well, that is just what happened when I went to meet my new family for the very first time. It took me about 30 minutes before I figured out...this family is really awesome. Everyone was very patient and gentle with me, even Maggie, their three-year-old flat-coated retriever. After that, I just became a social butterfly – letting everyone pet me, investigating all areas of the house, taking treats, and playing with Maggie.

Every day we all have a great time starting at 5:40 am when I become an alarm clock and wake everyone up and then jump into bed with my best human sister, Bella.

We go for walks, I'm learning my commands, I'm even starting to like car rides and, of course, playing with Maggie.

Because of GRRIN and my foster family teaching me to become more confident, I have found my fur-ever home with an awesome family. I am so HAPPY! THANK YOU, and many puppy hugs.

Emma Grace



## LEO 21-32

ADOPTED BY: Joe & Mary Jo

My name is Leo. I made myself at home the minute that I set foot in my new home. I explored all the rooms in search of what I could run off with. What fun I had! I am so happy! I have been told that I am smart. I know my basic commands, but I have trouble focusing on what my parents ask of me. I start class soon to learn how to do that. I hope it is fun!

I love going on daily walks. I walk on the leash well now. I spend as much time as I am allowed sitting on the deck and watching what is happening in the neighborhood. My GRRIN brother, Rusty, is 13 years old! I will lay with him sometimes, but he does not have my young energy. He has helped teach me how to be a good golden. I was not allowed on the bed at night, but I sure have learned how to sneak up there. I even get to stay up with mom and dad sometimes...I know that they love me!!

I want to thank all the GRRIN folks who helped me find such a warm and welcoming home!

Yours truly, Leo



## RINGO 22-01

ADOPTED BY: Andrew & Erin

Great news - I found my fur-ever home AND I have a new name: RINGO. My new family changed it from Diego to RINGO because I reminded them of the "FAB FOUR": long, floppy, muppy, hair. I have been so busy since joining my new family! I met the neighbor's two labs and we run back and forth along the fence line (we became instant fur-buddies). We go for daily walks, and one day, we took a hike (with my new frisbie) in the newly fresh snow where there were so many new scents. There was a party for my dad, and I was the life of the party...of course, I was on my best behavior and was the perfect host!

But, my favorite time is when I'm playing and snuggling with my two human sisters and one human brother. Like the original Ringo would say..."Ya, Ya, Ya" I really do have the very best life! I want to thank my original mom and dad who thought I was the cutest, white, little puppy; but, soon realized I needed more activity than what they could give me. Also, to my wonderful GRRIN foster home where I had two fur-buddies to play with and two human sisters who really liked me. When my new family first met me, they knew I would be perfect for them. For only being eight months old, I'm really fortunate to have so many people who really cared and wanted the very best life for me. MANY PAWS THANKS



## HENRY 22-02

ADOPTED BY: Jarred & Julie

Henry here with my new family! I have been on the move since I came into GRRIN, but I'm happy to say that I have landed in my fur-ever home.

My new family is exactly what I was hoping for and I have a great fur-brother, Doc, who loves to play with me, run around in the backyard, and play tug-of-war with our large assortment of toys. Also, Doc is not afraid to let me know when he wants some quiet time for himself. There are two cats in my new family and they're not really sure yet if they like me, but I'm sure they will come around soon.

Best of all, I have two human brothers and they are really fun to play with. Sometimes I get impatient to play and I go and wake them up with slobbery licks.

Since my dad works from home, I'm not alone much and he will remind me to calm down and practice my manners and commands when needed. But, of course, my favorite time is when we go for a walk or have "family night" all together.

When I was on the move, I met some fabulous GRRIN volunteers. All of them thought I was an adorable, sweet, rambunctious Golden puppy who was looking for an active, loving, caring family who would continue training me so I would become a very well-mannered Golden. I'M HAPPY TO SAY....I FOUND THAT FAMILY!



## SADIE 22-16

ADOPTED BY: Sandy

Hi there! My name is Sadie. I spent most of my life in a kennel having puppies. That part of my life is over now, and I am on to better things! My new mom is helping me adjust to a regular dog life. I enjoy learning how regular dogs live. Things are going quite well. My foster brothers got me started on indoor/outdoor life. My favorite thing is playing fetch with a tennis ball. I love to run to get it as fast as I can. I also like toys that squeak; mom must get the toy away from me before I get the squeaker out of it.

I like to play outside. The backyard is fun, but the dog park is even better! I have made lots of doggie friends there. I am still a bit nervous when a person that I don't know comes near me, but it is getting easier as time goes along.

I do like quiet time. Mom and I snuggle together while she reads a good book. She calls me a four-legged book worm. I love my mom!! She is teaching me so many new things. Life is quite the adventure now!

Thank you to my foster mom and fur brothers and GRRIN for getting me adjusted to my new lifestyle and helping me find my furever home!!



## BECOME A FOSTER HOME

One of the biggest reasons that these happy tail success stories are possible is GRRIN's foster system. GRRIN houses all of its foster dogs in vetted foster homes. This means that if all foster homes are full, GRRIN can't take in more dogs.

GRRIN is always on the lookout for people who are willing to bring a foster dog into their lives and care for it until a forever family can be found. If you'd like to help or just have some questions, visit our foster page at <https://grin.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.)





Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska  
P.O. Box 126  
Boys Town, NE 68010

## 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](mailto:newsletter@grrin.org) if you prefer to be removed from the list.

Quarter 2 Quick Stats: 15 Goldens Adopted | 26 Goldens Fostered



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