



Winter 2022 | Happy Tails, Golden Hearts



GOLD RUSH WAS GOLDEN

Wow! Can you believe Gold Rush 2022 is over? The day was absolutely perfect at Sumtur Amphitheater. Not too hot, not too cold. We had everything from young pups to older sugar-faced Golden Retrievers. White coats, red coats, fuzzy-wuzzy coats, smooth-straight silky coats. We had over 170 attendees and 70-plus doggie guests. Many of the attendees were our wonderful volunteers and committee members who helped run the event. Gold Rush would not be possible without them – THANK YOU!

We had a few new additions to Gold Rush this year. We introduced a wet shirt race and a kissing booth where you could take a photo with your dog. Traditionally popular activities could still be found: bobbing for tennis balls, spin the prize wheel, Plinko, and the cake walk, which is now called the Golden Goodies Walk. We owe special thanks to ambitious board member Warren Narducci, who spent hours creating the kissing booth and painting worn equipment.

GRRIN is always grateful for the support of local vendors - eighteen business members spent the day with us! Visitors could get pet advice, pet grooming, swag bags, pup treats, and one-of-a-kind pet-themed home décor.

Again, we thank everyone involved in this annual event that has been taking place for over thirty years. Save the date for next year's Gold Rush, which will be held on Sunday, October 1st, 2023!





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. Make sure to keep an eye out for your membership 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) and go a long way toward helping us care for all of our wonderful rescue dogs. Go to <https://grrin.org/member/> to either purchase your membership online or for information on how to pay by mail.

2023 GRRIN CALENDARS ALMOST SOLD OUT!

The new year is approaching and the GRRIN 2023 calendar supply is dwindling. If you or your loved ones need twelve glossy, full-page golden retriever photos to keep you going throughout 2023, make sure to purchase your calendars today.

To purchase calendars online, head over to <https://grrin.org/2022/10/grrin-celebrates-30-years-calendar/> 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:

Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska

PO Box 126

Boys Town, NE 68010

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Want to learn more about how you can support the mission of rescuing golden retrievers? Do you enjoy free lunch?

Whether you're a new volunteer or a seasoned one, there's always something to learn.

GRRIN will be hosting its annual volunteer training on Sunday, January 22nd from noon-2pm at the Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium at 8929 Fort St. in Omaha.

The event will start with lunch and a bit of social time and then the training sessions will take place after that.

Plan to come and learn more about GRRIN and how you can help make a difference in the lives of golden retriever rescue dogs.



SMILE FOR GRRIN

Do you want all the convenience of shopping online while making 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." 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 shop!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE, PARTY ANIMALS!

SUNDAY

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PHOTOS WITH SANTA

WHEN: 1 pm - 4 pm

WHERE: Nature Dog

13366 W Maple Rd, Omaha, NE

Want to put your lap dog on Santa's lap? Head over to GRRIN's annual photos with Santa event for a holiday photo memory. The price is \$10 per dog. (cash only)

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ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

WHEN: noon - 2 pm

WHERE: Nebraska Humane Society Auditorium

8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE

Whether you're a new volunteer or a seasoned one, there's always something to learn. Join GRRIN for an overview of our available volunteer opportunities.

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 **second** Sunday of each month from 11 am - 1 pm, at The Bookworm in Omaha, NE



WE NEED INTAKE COORDINATORS

"You can't change a dog's past, but you can rewrite the future."

Are you interested in making a BIG difference in a dog's life? We have the volunteer opportunity for you!

GRRIN needs two to three intake coordinators to facilitate the initial phase of rescue, bringing a surrendered dog into GRRIN. Intake coordinators have the opportunity to work with the special people that have decided to trust GRRIN with their beloved golden. We are one of the first GRRIN volunteers that potential surrendering owners have contact with.

Veteran intake coordinators will train new volunteers to:

- Contact surrendering owners and learn more about their Golden
- Invite a GRRIN intake volunteer to meet and assess the incoming dog
- Gather records from the dog's current veterinarian
- Alert the foster coordinators we have an incoming dog
- Collaborate with the Rescue Chair if GRRIN is not a good fit for an incoming dog
- Invite a GRRIN transport volunteer to bring the new dog into rescue

Skills we recommend:

- Willingness to work with surrendering owners in a nonjudgmental fashion
- Ability to complete Word docs, use Google Drive and check email regularly
- Comfortable talking to new people, asking questions about their dogs, and listening to their stories

All GRRIN volunteers work remotely and we provide opportunities to meet in person and find support from other volunteers! The time commitment for intake coordinators is flexible, but averages 6-8 hours per dog. Coordinators take turns working each incoming dog. The current coordinators manage one to two dogs per month.

Please send an email to volunteer@grrin.org if you are interested in learning more about becoming an intake coordinator and save the date for GRRIN's annual training scheduled Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 12-2 pm at the Nebraska Humane Society. We'd love to meet you!

NOTHING TO WINE ABOUT

Thank you to everyone who came out to join us at the wine tasting fundraiser at Vino Mas on Saturday, August 20th. We were joined by 42 humans and their dogs for a fun afternoon of tasting wine, beer, and soda; eating popcorn and cookies; and chatting with other dog lovers. Not only did the event provide a lovely social experience for all of the attendees, but GRRIN walked away with \$560! Not a bad result from sipping merlot and hanging out with our furry friends.

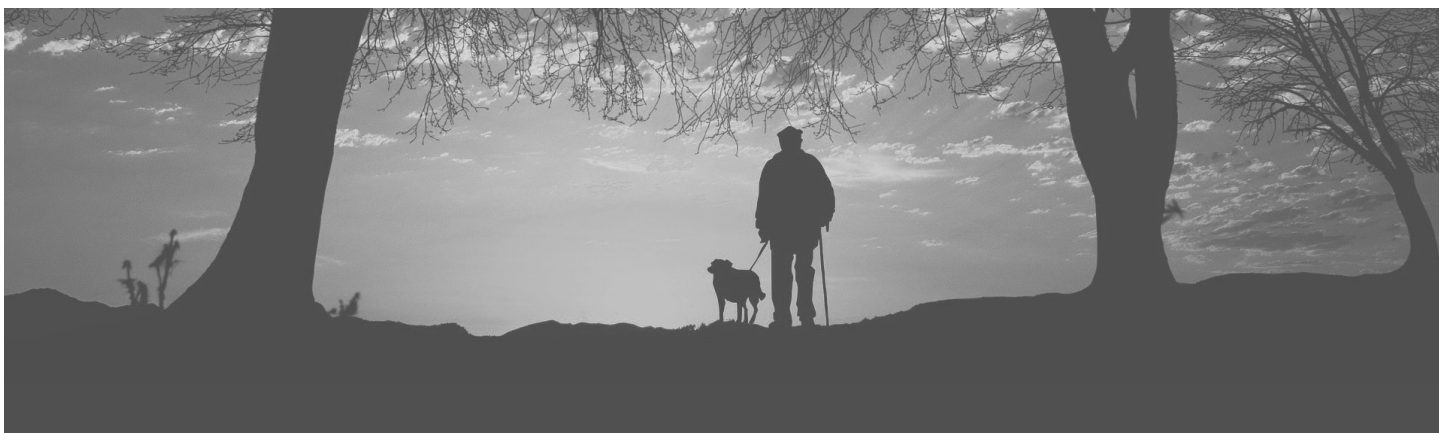
Once people had finished their tasting samples, they could order single glasses or flights from the bar, shop the bottles on the shelves, or grab that second (or third) cookie from the snack table. The guests came for the wine tasting but they stayed for the conversation and golden cuddles.

This was our second time hosting a fundraiser at Vino Mas and we can't wait for a third time! Thank you so much to Vino Mas for making the event not only enjoyable but also so easy. We hope to see everyone back at Vino Mas next year!



VINO MAS

*Good friends. Good times.
Good wine.*



IN MEMORY OF THAD TINDER

GRRIN recently lost a veteran volunteer, Thad Tinder. His wife Janie has shared a tribute to Thad. This wonderful couple donated many, many hours of their time to rescuing Golden Retrievers. The family has suggested memorials to GRRIN in lieu of flowers. Thad's celebration of life service was held in October.

Dear GRRIN Volunteers and Friends,

I wanted to let you know that my husband and fellow Golden lover passed away on September 22nd.

He and I have been long-time members of GRRIN from the early nineties volunteering for home visits, transport, and many more activities. We personally adopted first mother Brandy (99-24) and then her daughter Julie (00-12) as our first foray into Golden ownership. We couldn't have asked for a better experience!

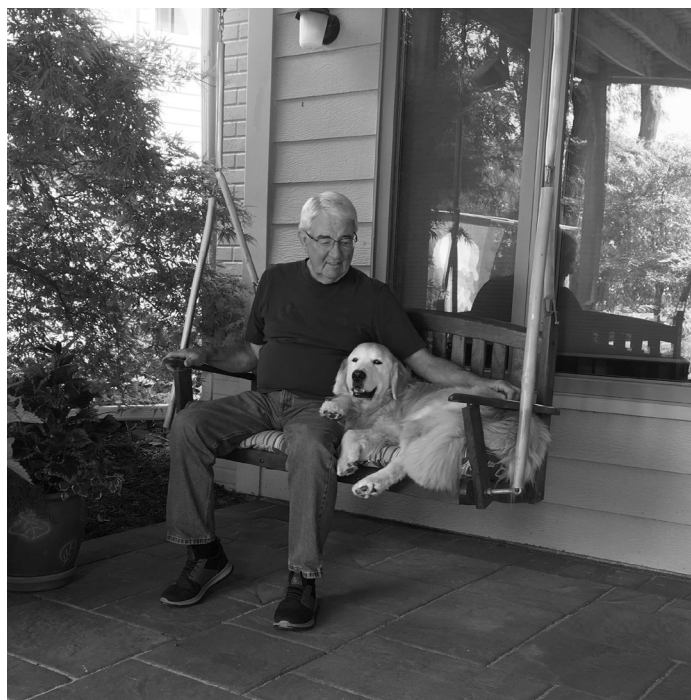
We loved every moment that we spent with all of you and the satisfaction of volunteering brought Thad immense pride.

Thank you for being such a big part of Thad's enjoyment of this organization.

Much kindness,

Janie Tinder

We also received a lovely memory from a GRRIN volunteer:



Years ago, when I started volunteering, Thad was one-third of our transport team. Jim and Scott were the other transporters. They would take turns transporting ALL our incoming dogs. This was a big deal in years like 2008 when we had a record number of dogs entering GRRIN. That system was revamped and we now have a larger number of transporters helping out when able.

Our thoughts remain with Janie and her family. We are grateful for their special love of Golden Retrievers and commitment to volunteering. Dedicated people like Thad and Janie are the reason GRRIN is still going strong after 30 years.





ROCKY 22-18

ADOPTED BY: Carol

After a rather rough start in life, Rocky has been adopted to a wonderful family. He was first found as a stray, and then adopted out to be a service dog. When his owner passed away he was given up for adoption.

Hi I'm Rocky. My new life with my mom is the greatest. I really have to say that I think I have her wrapped around my paw. Mom takes me for rides just because I want to go. All I have to do is look at her with my big chocolate eyes, she caves, and hands me my favorite treats. She lets me watch TV and laughs at me when I bark at the dogs on my favorite shows.

Mom says that I'm just hilarious, and she is so glad that I've come into her life. If she only knew, she's the best thing that's come into my life. I think we make an awesome pair.



AUCHIE 22-03

ADOPTED BY: Jeff & Jacki

I didn't have to look far to know where I wanted to be in my fur-ever home. After spending six months with my GRRIN foster family, they knew that they really wanted to keep me and ADOPTED ME. I am so happy because I know I will always have a caring, fun, active, loving family. My 3-year-old Golden fur-sister Hope and I have so much fun wrestling around, running, and chasing squirrels in our huge back yard. I also have a 14-year-old English Cream Golden fur-brother Kaci who I'm very respectful of and admire very much.

I went to training to perfect my leash walking skills and now we go on daily walks. I love my walks!

Sometimes, we have family movie night and when I see a dog on television, I get excited because I want to play with it.

To all of the GRRIN volunteers, I want to thank you for everything that you did in helping me grow and to find my perfect fur-ever home. I hope to see you soon. Many Golden hugs,

AUCHIE



LUNA 21-18

ADOPTED BY: Todd

Hi! My name is Luna and I'm a 19-month-old Golden Retriever-St. Bernard mix! In December, I went to my forever home with Todd (my dad) and his three kids. I'm a very energetic, playful pup with a lot of love to give...sometimes too much love (I like to lick!).

I always prefer to be with my family and am more than willing to go on car rides, walks, and anywhere that they go! When they do have to leave me, I like to spend time with my fur buddy Loaf the cat.

When we're not running about the town and doing fun stuff, I like to sit on the couch with my family and watch TV and movies. They keep telling me I'm not a lap dog but I always find a place on the couch and in bed so I don't really see the problem. I also love to lay outside in the grass and let the sun warm me up.

Since I'm still a pup, I'm very hyper and love going to play at the dog park and going to see my dog friends at daycare on occasion. However, my heart is at home with my family.

Read Luna's full Happy Tail on the GRRIN website.



BUDDY 22-20

ADOPTED BY: Chris & Erin

Hi! It's me, Buddy! You may remember me as the beautiful two-year-old red Golden Retriever who has equal amounts of energy to burn and love to give. I am happy to tell you, I have been matched with the perfect family.

My family loves to take me on long walks, lets me play endlessly with my two-year-old English Cream Golden Retriever brother, Milo, and other neighbor dog friends. I enjoy my daily routine of waking up in my human parents' bed, checking out the smells of my large fenced back yard, and riding with my human brother and sister in the car to school. I even get to walk up to the school drop-off area to say "hello" to all the kids. I didn't know a dog could get so much love every day!

I have only been with my forever family for a few weeks, but they tell me there is so much more fun to be had. We have hikes planned, lake and swimming pool activities for next summer, and a trip to Colorado to play in the mountain snow!

My family continues to remind me of how lucky they are to have such a loving and kind dog, but I think I am lucky too. Thank you GRRIN for helping me find the perfect forever home!

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

Sid French | **Christopher Maroney** | **Julie Jerabek** | **Jon & Sue Sprinkel** in memory of Forrest | **Don & Pat Reding** | **Cynthia Evans** | **David & Michelle Huffman** | **Carol Struve** in memory of Carly | **Margaret Ory** | **Karen Sedoris** in loving memory of GRRIN dogs Chester, Razzy & Toby | **Jill Shefte** | **Michelle Vorpahl** in honor of Karen & Scott Stevens | **Debra Burkholder** | **Sober Coaching** in honor of the best Golden ever, Brody & Chase | **Shirley Doherty** | **Oodles of Poodles** | **Becky Bass** | **Grant & Sara Guikema** | **Donna Mindrup** | **Jennifer Houston** | **Ronald Olson & Louann Bovy** in memory of Thad Tinder | **Pamela Nathan** in memory of Thad Tinder

TAGG RECEIPTS TO RAISE \$\$\$ FOR GRRIN

GRRIN is pleased to announce that we are now registered with the organization TAGG - Together A Greater Good.

Raising funds and donating to GRRIN to help support our mission to rescue and re-home Golden Retrievers has never been easier! There are hundreds of amazing business partners ready to give back as you eat, drink, and shop! Plus, you get rewarded for doing your part. Not only does TAGGing cost you nothing, you can also receive points for submitting receipts that can be used to purchase items or even bump up your donations!

How does it work? When you spend money at a participating business, just go to tagg.today, snap a photo of your receipt, choose the business where you shopped or dined, and then select "Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska" from the list of who to support. Then, just click send! Depending on the business, GRRIN will receive between 1%-5% of the total bill.

So, the next time you get coffee at Dunkin' on the way to work, go grocery shopping at Hy-Vee, pick up sandwiches at Jimmy John's, take the family out for ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery, or meet some friends for drinks and the game at DJ's Dugout, make sure to take a photo of your receipt and TAGG that receipt for GRRIN.

Ready to get started? Head over to tagg.today to get your first donation for GRRIN. Thanks for your help!





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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.

2022 Quick Stats: 26 Goldens Adopted | 5 Goldens in Foster Care



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