



GRRIN NEWS

Third Quarter 2019 | Happy Tails, Happy Hearts



GOLD RUSH RECAP

Sit. Stay. Celebrate! Thank you to everyone who came out to Sumtur Amphitheater to experience Gold Rush, GRRIN's annual celebration, on Sunday, September 15. Although we had to change plans earlier in the year when our traditional spot at the Offutt Base Lake Park was damaged from flooding, committee members created a friendly and fun atmosphere at Sumtur. They were even able to adapt to the hot September day by providing pools for the dogs and a water station for the humans. We ran out of goodie bags and estimate more than 150 people came through with 75+ dogs, our biggest attendance in years.

This event wouldn't have been successful without the help of 25 GRRIN volunteers and two shifts of junior high students from La Vista Middle School.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VENDORS WHO ALSO BRAVED THE HEAT TO SUPPORT GRRIN!

- DogGurt** Amanda Colanino, Papa Nick & Penny – Locally made organic frozen dog yogurt. A coupon for DogGurt was included in the Gold Rush goodie bags.
- Photo Booth** Brenda Orr from Orr Photography
- Nature Dog** Melissa Hoover & Austin – Local retail for food, treats, and nutrition info
- Kirk’s Works** Caricature Kirk Kuenzl – all proceeds were donated to GRRIN!
- Nail Trim Paw-di-Cures** Jenny from Val Verde Animal Clinic and Kelly from BestCare Animal Hospital at 30th & L
- Sirius Vet** Jessica Horstman – Orthopedic surgery
- Preferred Pet Partners** Eliza Burr – In-home dog sitting and daily needs for pets
- Laurie Weidinger** Dog trainer for you and your dog
- UCA Midwest Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center** Laura Bates – 24-hour emergency clinic and specialty referral and surgical center
- Woof & Whiskers** Donated the GRRIN bones in the goody bags
- SumTur Amphitheater** Thanks to Terry and the crew for all of their help!

GET INVOLVED

GRRIN needs foster families and case workers to help with the rescue process. Do you have a love for big, hairy golden dogs? Would you like a little extra unconditional love in your house for a few weeks? Please consider applying to foster for GRRIN. All that’s required is a safe house with a fenced-in backyard and a willingness to help. You provide dog food and GRRIN covers any medical costs. You will also have the help of a case worker, who will visit you and the rescue dog and answer any questions you have.

And we need more case workers, too. If you can’t foster, but would like to have some hands-on time with the dogs, consider becoming a case worker. You will keep track of all the paperwork associated with the dog, visit with the foster family and the dog, and assist the foster family with any training or behavior issues they may have.

Want to know more about either of these volunteer opportunities? Send an email to info@grrin.org and include your phone numbers. Our Rescue Coordinator will call you and answer all your questions.



BOARD UPDATES

We would like to start by welcoming Barb Garrett to the board. She has been elected president, and we are already thrilled to have her! Barb has been with the organization for years, and she has a passion for helping golden retrievers transition to their furever homes and for helping GRRIN to grow as an organization.

We would also like to thank outgoing board members Kathy Glenn, Nancy Bowen, and Dennis Garrett. Without their tireless efforts, GRRIN would not have been able to rescue and care for golden retrievers the way that it does. Our board is a working board, and we appreciate how hard each of you worked for GRRIN!

Q3 DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS!

Woof & Whiskers: Bones for Bogie | Kevin & Dora Klein: For the love of Goldens, in honor of Nell (10-14) | Deborah & James Ciurej: In Memory of Maggie | Richard Truckenbrod | In Memory of Terry Schnitker: Gerald Moran, Joan Otto , John Gregory, Joyce Vacanti, Julie Rickels | Tanya Hansen: In Memory of Nikki, pup belonging to Michelle Wright | Matthew Bokowski | Brianna Loecker | Catherine Doyle | The Green Spot, LLC: Proceeds from TGS Trimming Claws for a Cause |

UPCOMING EVENTS
SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY Wine & Beer Tasting @ Vino Mas

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WHEN: 1 pm - 4 pm
WHERE: Vino Mas
On Saturday, October 12th from 1pm-3pm, stop by Vino Mas and sample five wines and three beers for just \$20. (If you pay in cash, all \$20 goes to GRRIN. If you pay by card, GRRIN will get \$15.) Plus, if you like what you taste, 10% of all retail sales will be donated to GRRIN as well. Best of all, dogs are welcome! Vino Mas is just southwest of 144th and Maple in Omaha at 14450 Eagle Run Dr., #220.

SATURDAY Kibble ‘n Bids

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WHEN: 12 pm - 4 pm
WHERE: Arbor Hall
GRRIN’s yappy hour and silent auction is back! On Saturday, November 2nd, from 6pm-9pm, Kibble ‘n Bids will take place at Arbor Hall near 144th and Center in Omaha. The event will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction items. This is a humans-only event with a casual dress code. Check out the event on the GRRIN website at www.grrin.org for details and how to purchase tickets. If you are interested in donating any items for the silent auction, please send an email to kibblenbids@grrin.org.

SUNDAY Photos with Santa

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WHEN: 1 pm - 4 pm
WHERE: Nature Dog
It’s never too early to start thinking about holiday photos with your pup. Give your furry loved ones a chance to tell Santa and his elves what they want for Christmas at Nature Dog on Sunday, December 8th from 1pm-4pm. All proceeds from the holiday photos will go to GRRIN. This event is open to the public, so tell your dog-loving friends! Check out www.grrin.org for more details.



HALLOWEEN TIPS & TRICKS

Fall is here and Halloween is right around the corner. While all of the candy makes Halloween a sweet holiday, it can quickly turn sour for pets due to familiar holiday hazards. Here are some tips for keeping your four-legged family members safe during the Halloween season.

Candy We all know that chocolate, especially dark chocolate, can pose a serious hazard for dogs. But, also be on the lookout for xylitol, a sugar substitute found in gums, mints, and other candies. Xylitol is toxic to dogs and can cause low blood sugar, liver failure, and even death. Also, remember that candy packaging, such as wrappers and lollipop sticks, can lead to intestinal blockages. If you are worried that your pet has consumed something hazardous, contact your vet, an emergency vet, or the ASPCA poison control hotline at (888) 426-4435. **Costumes** Yes, your dog may look adorable dressed as a hot dog for Halloween, but there are a few costume tips to keep in mind to make sure your pet is comfortable and safe. First and

foremost, only dress your pet in a costume if they are comfortable, and make sure to try the costume on before Halloween. Costumes should fit properly and should not obstruct your pet's vision, hearing, breathing, or movement. Ill-fitting costumes can become snagged on objects or trap your pet, leading to stress, injury, or strangulation. **Trick or Treating** If you take your pet trick or treating, make sure to use a sturdy leash with a collar or harness. Be careful with your pet around unfamiliar people, and be on the lookout for candy or other treats on the ground.

Keep Your Pet Inside Sometimes people will tease, injure, or steal pets around Halloween. Make sure that your pets are kept safely inside during the Halloween season. **Décor** Jack-o'-lanterns and other holiday décor can create a spooky and festive atmosphere, but they can also pose a danger to pets. Glow sticks are popular

around Halloween, and while they are nontoxic, they taste bad and can cause odd behavior, excessive salivation, and even vomiting. If your pet chews on a glow stick, offer them some water or a small amount of food to clear out the taste of the material.

Stress at Home Some pets are OK with a constantly ringing doorbell and a parade of macabre creatures, but this can be a very stressful situation for others. Some anxious pets may try to escape through the open door or may bite unexpectedly. To ease your pet's anxiety and prevent unwanted behavior, keep your pet away from the door, either with a gate or in a separate room. Make sure that your pet is microchipped and wearing their collar with an ID tag so that they can be returned if lost. You can also minimize noises by turning on the TV or some music. Consult your vet if your pet has abnormally high anxiety.

Sources: <https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/halloween.aspx> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JC8LDtCBYQ> (ASPCA video) | <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/halloween-safety-tips> | <https://www.caninejournal.com/halloween-safety-tips/> | https://www.petmd.com/dog/seasonal/evr_multi_halloween_safety_tips?page=show

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CHARLIE 19-16
ADOPTED BY: Bill & Chris

I'm one of the many breeder dogs that were rescued by GRRIN this year. I'm also one of the many Charlies. But, make no mistake, I'm unique. I really was lucky that I got the best foster home. Marley and Marco taught me how Golden Retrievers are supposed to act. Tori, Jeff, and their family taught me that people can be trusted. The best part was that I got to sleep with my friend, Jonathan.

I didn't know it at the time, but Bill and Chris lost their last GRRIN dog over a year ago and were finally ready for a new member of the family. After meeting me, they decided I was the perfect dog for them. I've been a little nervous because Marley and Marco aren't here to show me what to do any more. I'm learning that Bill and Chris love me and that I can trust them. I follow them from room to room and they give me lots of attention. I also just went on my first visit to an assisted living home where everyone loved me. I was a perfect boy and let them all pet me and tell me stories about the dogs they've had. I think I'll be going there a lot. It's going to take me a while to get really comfortable, but I'm having fun with my new family.



JACK 19-17
ADOPTED BY: Glenn & Linda

My name is Jack and I want to tell you about my wonderful experience thanks to the great folks at GRRIN. I was surrendered because of changes within my family structure. Well, my other mom knew I was too BIG for an apartment so she gave me up to GRRIN. GRRIN found me a great foster family who got me ready to go to my forever family. Rick and Joy helped me settle down and I got to hang with their dog, Sadie. I met the Carlsons and really liked them! They have two girls in high school that love to give me attention. They also have a very tiny dog, Coco. She only weighs 13 pounds, but I don't think she realizes how small she is. The first few days she would get in my face and tell me what to do! What nerve! I used my good manners and just kind of ignored her and now we actually play and run around the house. I get to go for car rides a lot and since I'm on a "weight reduction" program, I go for several walks a day which I actually enjoy. I weigh over 100 pounds (I told you I was big) and I guess I'm supposed to try to lose 20 pounds. Whatever! At least I get some green beans in my dinner bowl and when I'm a good boy I get yummy carrots for my reward. I guess that's all for now – gotta go chase Coco.

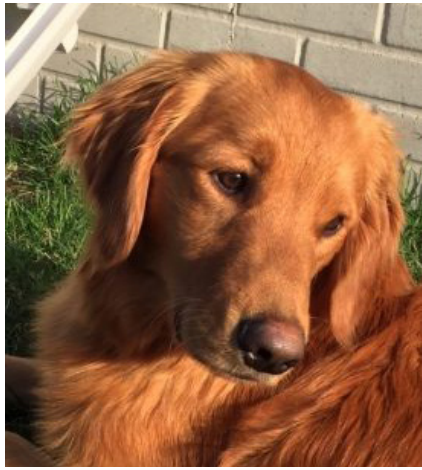


KEVIN 19-11
ADOPTED BY: Leann & Jeff

I am living my BEST life with my new furever family Leann and Jeff. Once I found the right family, I knew it was my home. When I was rescued, i wasn't sure if I even wanted people to touch me. I was scared and didn't know what life was like outside of breeding. Thanks to my patient foster family, they helped me learn what life was like being a dog. Well, let me tell you, life is GREAT! I am as happy as can be with my new mom, dad and brother. I found out that I love to snuggle. I adore being loved on, pet, and cuddled. My new family is happy to indulge my wishes whenever I want. I am a very happy, good boy!



Submit the story of your recently adopted dog at webmaster@grrin.org



AUGGIE 19-05
ADOPTED BY: Sharyn & Dave

Hi everyone, this is Auggie! Just wanted to check in and let you know how I'm doing since moving to my wonderful, forever home. I hardly know where to start. You may remember I was a retired breeding dog rescued by GRRIN earlier this year. I was so fortunate to have an incredible foster dad who, along with his resident Golden (also a GRRIN dog, of course!), helped me go from being a shy guy to a happy, confident dog who now enjoys life to the fullest. Since being adopted by Dave, Sharyn, Charlie (their resident Golden), and another canine buddy, Ham, my world has opened-up even more. Dave, Sharyn (and Charlie) hit the road many times this summer traveling to their son's college baseball games to places like Madison, WI and Topeka, KS and guess what, I also went along, all the players got to know me and looked forward to seeing me on the sidelines! When we're not taking road trips (did I mention we sometimes stopped for ice cream?!), we take daily 3-mile walks around our neighborhood and I was especially happy to keep Charlie company when she needed exercise to rehab after surgery for a torn ACL. I'm so lucky GRRIN and my new family found me and gave me the happy, loving life I deserve.



MILO 19-19
ADOPTED BY: Mary Jane & Regan

I am always excited. But, I'm REAL-ly excited now. I have a new fur-ever home and a new name: MILO (I like it!). Everything happened so quickly. The wonderful GRRIN volunteers took me to my foster family, Mary Jane and Regan, and within a couple of days they felt I would be a wonderful addition to their family. You see, they already had a Golden the same age as me. We instantly became best playmates... people said we were "two peas in a pod." So now I have the most awesome fur-sister, Maisie. We play constantly. We really like running through the flowers then jumping in the pool to cool off: It is sooooo much fun. Both of us are working very hard to learn our basic commands, to calm down, walk nicely on a leash, and to not bark as much. I think we both will do very well in time. I sure do hope that Maisie and me will get to meet some of the GRRIN volunteers soon so we can thank you for bringing us together...we are so happy!



ROCKY 19-21
ADOPTED BY: Gregg

It's Rocky here and I feel like a completely new, two-year old Golden. Being a breeder dog I really didn't have much exposure to life experiences: playful fur-friends; toys; car rides; social events; and humans who showered me with affection. But, when GRRIN came and picked me up and took me to my foster home, I knew that my forgotten dreams came true. My foster parents, Jon and Sue, made sure I was always comfortable and felt secure. My foster fur-siblings, Harley and Bear, taught me how to play with toys and run free around the yard. We went to so many places and met so many people who would say..."I want to adopt Rocky." I really didn't know what that meant until I met a terrific man, Gregg, who said he would really like to adopt me and give me my fur-ever home. WOW, my very own fur-ever home.... how great is that! And then, it happened...Gregg adopted me. Now, I have my own yard to run around in; we go for daily walks and meet our neighbors and other fur-friends; go for car rides; and, the best time is in the evening when I get to cuddle up close on the sofa with Gregg. I definitely would say with my big, brown eyes...LIFE IS GOOD!



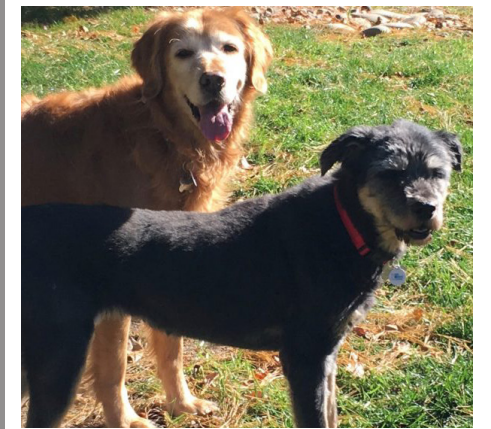
DOUG 19-22
ADOPTED BY: Shawn & Russ

I have just been running in circles celebrating everything. I celebrated my 1st birthday on 8.27 and got so many presents. But, the best present was celebrating my 1st birthday in my new, fur-ever home with my new, fur-ever family: Shawn, Russ, Amanda, Abby, and my fur-sister Joy. My tail is still wagging with excitement and happiness. Also, my name changed: I'm now Douglas Halas...but, all of you can call me Doug. When I'm at home, I'm running in my yard and playing with my fur-sister Joy who is beginning to accept me (she probably would like me more if I remember not to play with her favorite toys!). Now that I'm 1, I know I have to remember my in-house manners and basic commands so I can go on more new adventures. I never knew I could be so happy. My foster family and all the other GRRIN volunteers made sure I was comfortable and happy. I can't wait to celebrate more new adventures with my new, fur-ever family. I bet the next time you see me, my tail will still be wagging with excitement and happiness. Many wags....Doug (formerly Halas)



BENJI 19-08
ADOPTED BY: Brent & Brenda

Benji is 9 1/2 months old, happy, energetic and still very curious about things. He loves to get the newspaper in the mornings, after which he sits, lays down, rolls over and gets a treat. He happily meets new dogs and neighbors on our walks, and is a champ at obedience training. He likes his kiddie pool to lay down and cool off in. Benji loves his new family and we love him.



DAISY 18-16 & **SYDNEY** 18-17
ADOPTED BY: Garry & Beth

We are Daisy (8 Golden Retriever) and Sydney (15 Lhasa Apso Mix), and boy, have we had a crazy year! In the summer of 2018, our owner had to give us up due to medical problems. We spent a couple of months kenneled at our veterinarian's office before we were lucky enough to be moved to our GRRIN foster home with Patty and John, and their Golden Retriever, Jake. We really enjoyed our time there. This past January, Beth & Garry stepped in as our foster parents. Beth & Garry had a tough year, too, having lost their fur babies, Robin (15 Border Collie), Norm (12 Golden Retriever), and Oscar (12 Cat) all within months of each other. Fate sometimes has a way of bringing together pups and people who need each other. Fortunately, that happened for us, and we get our furrever home with Beth & Garry! We have had some medical issues. I had part of my tail removed, and Sydney had a pesky kidney infection. Lucky for us, Garry is retired and Beth works from home, so we are not alone often. They have really comfy couches and dog beds that we curl up in together. Thanks, GRRIN, for finding us a home, especially one where we can be together!



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ABOUT

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 3 Quick Stats: 27 Goldens Adopted | 15 Goldens in Foster Care



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