



GOLDEN TIMES

Lisa Kime, President

A big thank you to everyone who joined the GRIN membership meeting on June 13th at the Brecksville Library. We received updates from key areas of the organization, including finance, adoption, intake, IT, foster, development, and more. An election was held to select the 2026-2027 GRIN Board of Trustees, and the results are:

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Our dedicated Board puts in tireless effort for the organization, and we're so grateful for their service.

After the membership meeting, Sergio from Pawsitively Pure in Broadview Heights stopped by to chat about dog nutrition, allergies, weight management, ticks, and more. Everyone left with a goody bag and a pint of fermented goat milk. Pawsitively Pure is committed to offering natural, high-quality products to keep pets healthy and safe. For more information you can visit their website at pawsitivelypure.com.



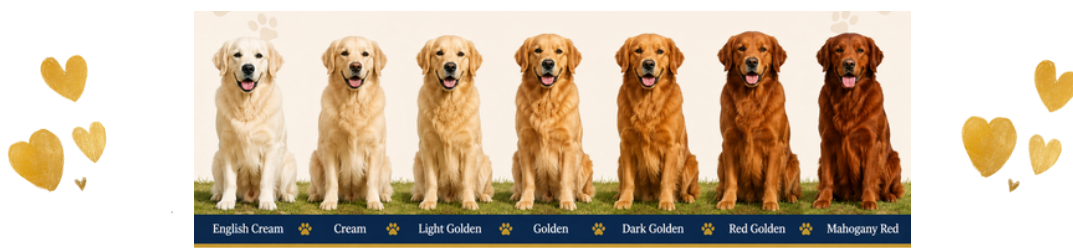
DOES COAT COLOR AFFECT PERSONALITY?

Golden Retrievers come in shades ranging from light golden to golden to dark golden. Although people sometimes associate certain colors with particular personalities, there is no good evidence that a Golden Retriever's coat color determines whether they are calm, energetic, outgoing, or reserved.

Every Golden is an individual! Genetics, breeding, socialization, training, and life experiences all play a much greater role in shaping personality.

Bottom line: You can't judge a Golden by its color!

Source: American Kennel Club, Golden Retriever Dog Breed Information and Golden Retriever DNA Tests.



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

GRIN is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit sustained by the generosity of supporters like you. Every tax-deductible donation goes directly to caring for the Golden Retrievers we rescue.

For nearly 35 years, GRIN has transformed the lives of Golden Retrievers in need through rescue, medical care, rehabilitation, and the dedication of foster families. Every dog who finds safety, healing, and a forever home is part of a journey made possible by this caring community.

More Golden Retrievers are needing rescue, and many now arrive with greater medical and behavioral needs, requiring longer stays before they can be adopted. More than ever, GRIN relies on generous supporters to ensure no Golden is turned away when help is needed most.

As we look ahead, our mission can continue only with the support of people who believe in this work. Your generosity helps keep GRIN a safe haven for dogs in need, and every donation provides lifesaving care for dogs with nowhere else to turn. No matter the size, your gift makes a lasting difference.

One Time or Monthly Donations

These gifts can be made on our donor portal by clicking on this link: [Golden Retrievers In Need](#) No amount is too small!

Become a Golden Guardian

Some of our rescued Golden Retrievers face serious medical challenges, with care costs reaching hundreds—or even thousands—of dollars. By becoming a Golden Guardian, you can help cover these expenses and give a dog the healing, comfort, and love they deserve.

Has a GRIN dog captured your heart? By becoming their Golden Guardian, you can help cover the cost of their medical care. Sponsorship is a meaningful way to support GRIN and make a direct difference in a Golden's journey to healing and adoption. Sponsorships can be made by clicking on this link: [Sponsor a Golden](#)

Please also consider these additional ways to support our Golden Retrievers:

Qualified Charitable Distribution

(QCD) allows IRA owners who are 70½ or older to transfer money directly from a traditional IRA to a qualifying charity — up to \$111,000 per year — without the withdrawal counting as taxable income.

A donor-advised fund (DAF)

A DAF is a charitable giving account set up under a public charity or sponsoring organization. You contribute cash, securities, or other appreciated assets to the fund, and in return, you receive an immediate tax deduction for your contribution. Once the assets are in the DAF, the sponsoring organization has legal control, but you retain advisory privileges to recommend how the money is invested and which IRS-qualified charities should receive grants.

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Legacy Giving

A legacy gift is a donation made by an individual through their will or other formal estate planning designation.

Bequests (which designate a dollar amount or portion of the total estate to be donated) are by far the most common type of legacy gift. Legacy gifts are typically prepared by a financial planner and reflect the values and desires of the donor.



MAKE AN IMPACT WITH THRIVENT CHOICE®

GRIN is now a donation option in the **Thrivent Choice online catalog**. Thrivent Financial is a member-owned, not for profit, financial services organization offering insurance, investments, banking, and generosity programs serving over 2.4 million clients across the United States. Thrivent Choice® can make a meaningful difference for organizations like ours. If you're a Thrivent client with membership, don't forget to direct 2026 Choice Dollars® by Dec. 31, 2026. We'd be honored if you chose to support GRIN. Your support helps strengthen our mission and the work we do every day. Learn more or direct Choice Dollars at **thrivent.com/thriventchoice** or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

Special thanks to Jessie Ritter for the nomination. If you are interested in learning more about the Thrivent organization, please reach out to Ritter Financial Group.



LYME DISEASE IN OHIO: WHY TICK PREVENTION MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

Contributed by Shonda Perry

Lyme disease is no longer just a concern for dogs that spend their weekends hiking in the woods. Lyme disease has become increasingly more common throughout Ohio over the past several years as black-legged (deer) tick populations continue to expand across the state and dogs are being exposed in neighborhood parks, backyards, and even on daily walks. Areas that once had very few reported cases are now seeing ticks much more frequently, making year-round prevention more important than ever. The good news is that Lyme disease is largely preventable with the right precautions and preventing it is far easier than treating an infected dog.

Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is transmitted through the bite of an infected black-legged tick. Unlike mosquitoes, ticks don't transmit the disease immediately. In most cases, a tick must remain attached for approximately 24 to 48 hours before the bacteria are passed to the dog. This is why using an effective tick preventive and performing routine tick checks after outdoor adventures are two of the best ways to protect your pet.

If you find a tick attached to your dog, use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool to grasp the tick as close to your dog's skin as possible and pull it straight out with steady, even pressure. Avoid twisting, crushing, or burning the tick, as these methods can increase irritation or leave parts of the tick embedded in the skin. After removal, clean the area with soap and water or an antiseptic, wash your hands thoroughly, and keep an eye on your dog over the next several weeks. If you notice any signs of illness, contact your veterinarian.

One of the challenges with Lyme disease is that many infected dogs never show symptoms, while others may not become ill until weeks or even months after being bitten. When signs do occur, they often begin with fever, fatigue, decreased appetite, swollen joints, and lameness that may seem to move from one leg to another. Because these symptoms can be subtle or come and go, Lyme disease is sometimes overlooked until a dog becomes more uncomfortable.

Although uncommon, Lyme disease can also lead to a serious kidney condition called Lyme nephritis. Dogs affected by this complication may experience vomiting, weight loss, increased thirst and urination, swelling of the legs or abdomen, and a significant decline in appetite. While most dogs with Lyme disease recover well with treatment, kidney involvement can be life-threatening, making early recognition and veterinary care especially important.

The good news is that Lyme disease is largely preventable. Your veterinarian can recommend the best flea and tick preventive for your dog's lifestyle, whether it's a monthly chewable, topical medication, or long-lasting tick collar. No preventive is perfect, however, so it's still a good idea to check your dog after spending time outdoors. Pay special attention around the ears, under the collar, between the toes, around the eyes, in the armpits, and under the tail - ticks often hide in these warm, protected areas.

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Lyme Disease in Ohio: Why Tick Prevention Matters More Than Ever, continued

Many Ohio dog owners also wonder whether their dog should receive the Lyme vaccine. For dogs that spend time outdoors, hike frequently, visit parks, or live in areas with a high tick population, the vaccine may provide an additional layer of protection. It is important to remember that vaccination is not a substitute for tick prevention, but rather another tool that can help reduce the risk of disease. Your veterinarian can help determine whether the vaccine is appropriate for your dog.

Lyme disease is a growing concern in Ohio, but it's also one of the easiest tick-borne illnesses to help prevent. By using a veterinarian-recommended tick preventive, checking your dog for ticks after spending time outdoors, and discussing the Lyme vaccine with your veterinarian if appropriate, you can greatly reduce your dog's risk. By taking a few simple preventive steps today, you can help ensure your Golden Retriever stays healthy, active, and ready to enjoy many more years by your side.



GET TO KNOW THE GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB!

The Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club (GPGRC) is an AKC member club dedicated to the Golden Retriever, located in Pittsburgh, PA, established in 1973. Our club not only supports and encourages reputable breeders but also encourages owners to explore various activities and sports and to practice proper animal husbandry with their dogs.

GPGRC members span all walks of life from wonderful pet parents to proud preservation breeders and everything in between. We have members that complete and train in almost every event including but not limited to rally, obedience, agility, fastcat, dock diving, hunt tests, scent work, and conformation. Our club also hosts a specialty show each year in addition to rally and agility trials, fastcat events, hunt tests, and social events. Our club also coordinates therapy visits and members regularly attend senior centers, schools, and other locations with their therapy dogs.

GPGRC also supports canine organizations such as GRIN and the Golden Retriever Club of America because when it comes to supporting dogs, it is a group effort! More information about our club can be found on our website at gpgrc.org. We are always happy to accept new members to our club!



DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Rob Showalter, Director of Development

THANK YOU FOR DINING OUT FOR GRIN!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Dine to Donate event at Aladdin's Eatery in Strongsville!

Thanks to our amazing GRIN supporters and the generosity of Aladdin's, the event raised funds and awareness to help the Golden Retrievers in our care.

A special highlight of the day was a visit from GRIN dog Buddy, who stopped by the restaurant to spread some Golden cheer! Buddy made the rounds, greeting guests and getting plenty of love and attention from the Aladdin's waitstaff. He was the perfect GRIN ambassador and brought lots of smiles along the way.

We are so grateful to the Aladdin's Strongsville team for choosing to support GRIN and donating a portion of the day's sales to our rescue. And, of course, thank you to everyone who stopped in for lunch, dinner, or carry-out.

Thank you, Aladdin's, and thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success!



WOOF, WAG & WINE TRAIL RAISES \$1,080 FOR GRIN!

Wine, wagging tails, and a wonderful cause came together once again for the 2026 Woof, Wag & Wine Trail! Throughout the month of June, dog lovers and their four-legged companions made their way through the Grand River Valley, visiting Grand River Cellars, Debonné Vineyards, and Cask 307 Winery for a fun and unique experience benefiting local rescue organizations.

Guests enjoyed wine samples and food pairings at each stop, while their pups were treated to special goodies of their own. Participants could complete the trail in one day or spread their visits throughout the month, making it the perfect summer outing for dogs and their people.

Best of all, the event raised \$1,080 for Golden Retrievers In Need! Those funds will help GRIN continue providing veterinary care, rehabilitation, and second chances to the Golden Retrievers who depend on us.

We are incredibly grateful to Grand River Cellars, Debonné Vineyards, and Cask 307 Winery for once again including GRIN in this special event. And, of course, thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, brought their pup along for the adventure, and helped turn a day of wine and fun into meaningful support for rescue.

We hope to see plenty of familiar faces, and wagging tails, back on the trail next year!



DEVELOPMENT REPORT, continued

THANK YOU DAD'S GRUB AND PUB

It was GRIN week at Dad's Grub and Pub in Monroeville, Pennsylvania and we could not be more appreciative of their generosity, hospitality, and partnership. Dad's donated 10% of each customer's entire bill, and at the end of the week they MATCHED all proceeds earned.



Dad's also donated three beautiful raffle baskets and hosted a 50/50 raffle. Thanks to the raffle winner who donated their winnings back to GRIN! The homemade treats made by one of the employees were also a big hit!

Events like this not only help raise much-needed funds, but also spreads awareness about GRIN's mission, so a big shout out to everyone who dined, donated, volunteered, and helped make this event such a success.



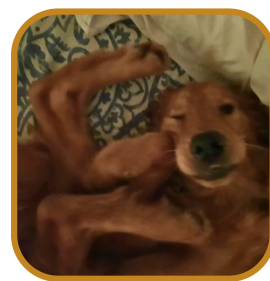
REMEMBERING AVALANCHE Cindy Stewart

Avalanche, my Golden Retriever suddenly passed away at the young age of 6. I adopted him thru GRIN (Golden Retrievers in Need) where they had worked with China Rescue Dogs - who saves canines in China from the Yulin Dog Meat Festival.

Avalanche was blind, experienced seizures (though hadn't for the past three years), other neurological issues and definitely had his own unique personality. Avalanche's skills included being a World Class Champion "Belcher", proficient in the "Silent but Deadly" Gasser, had the ability to sleep thru a major storm and fireworks, never met a toy he didn't love, enjoyed playing tug of war, always sat at the smell of peanut butter, and often found twisted into the oddest pretzel-like positions.

Avalanche loved going to camp with "Auntie Ingrid" and knew by scent approximately a mile away where he was going and behaved like a child going to Disneyland for the first time.

But most of all, Avalanche started each day prancing with excitement, ready to run outside at the speed of light, tracking and eating dandelions like a thief, eating snow like he was grazing and filled with energy ready to embrace the day!



WHAT IS FEAR FREE DOG TRAINING?

Fear Free dog training is a humane, science-based approach that teaches dogs through positive reinforcement rather than fear, force, or intimidation. The goal is to create a learning environment where dogs feel safe, confident, and motivated to succeed.

Instead of correcting unwanted behaviors with punishment, Fear Free training focuses on rewarding the behaviors you want to see more often. By using treats, toys, praise, and other meaningful rewards, dogs learn to make good choices because they enjoy the learning process—not because they are afraid of making a mistake.

This approach recognizes that a dog's emotional state plays a critical role in learning. Dogs that are stressed, anxious, or fearful have a more difficult time processing information and retaining new skills. When training is calm, positive, and tailored to each dog's individual needs, learning happens more quickly and the results are more reliable.

The benefits of Fear Free training extend far beyond basic obedience. Dogs trained using positive reinforcement are often more confident, eager to learn, and better able to cope with new situations. They develop stronger trust in their owners, making everyday activities—from walks and veterinary visits to meeting new people and other dogs—less stressful and more enjoyable.

For owners, Fear Free training builds a stronger relationship with their dog based on communication, understanding, and mutual trust. Rather than relying on fear or physical corrections, owners learn how to guide their dogs with patience, consistency, and encouragement. This creates lasting behavior changes while strengthening the bond between dog and owner.

As a multi-certified dog trainer, I am committed to using Fear Free methods because they are supported by modern behavioral science and prioritize both the physical and emotional well-being of every dog. My goal is to help dogs become confident, well-mannered companions while giving owners the skills and knowledge to continue building a positive, lifelong partnership with their canine family members.

Amy Hunt,
Co-founder, MBR Farm
President, Multiple Breed Rescue
Dog Trainer, MBR Farm

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- Shelter Dog Training Certificate
- Member of International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC)
- Member of Association of Professional Dog Training International (APDT)

HOW DO DOGS TELL TIME?

Dogs appear to have no sense of time. Yet that same dog waits lovingly by the door precisely when it's time for the kids to get home from school. What gives? Can dogs tell time or not? What does time even mean to a dog? That's a tricky question to answer, and what precious little research has been done is, frankly, not all that helpful.

A Dog's Cognition

"There's a lot of evidence that dogs know when somebody's supposed to come home," says Greg Bryant, a cognitive scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "But a lot of those stories don't include details that are probably important."

Dogs have better hearing than humans; perhaps they can hear the car coming and distinguish it from other cars long before it pulls into the driveway. Or there might be more subtle clues, Bryant says, things we wouldn't even think about: the slant of light at that time of day, or a very slight sound the clock makes, or maybe something the neighbor in the upstairs apartment always does at that time of day.

How Dogs Perceive Time

More interesting, perhaps, is how dogs perceive the passing of time. There is evidence, says Bryant, that dogs perceive time as passing more slowly than humans do. This is based on research on various species, showing differences based on metabolism, ecology, and lifespan, as well as other factors. So the reason your dog goes bonkers when you've been away 15 minutes may be that those 15 minutes of clock time seemed a lot longer to Fido than they did to you.

Besides, we all know how tricky time perception can be, even for a species that surrounds itself with clocks and calendars. The pandemic, for example, really messed with our sense of time, leading to the coining of the word blursday. During lockdown, a lot of people had the sense that time had all but stopped, becoming meaningless.

Do Dogs Have a Sense of Time?

Of course, we can't know what time passing feels like to our dogs because they can't tell us. And that lack of language might be the crux of the whole issue. Our sense of how quickly or slowly time is passing is a function of the way we think about time. And the way we think about time — even the fact that we can think about it at all — is a function of our ability to communicate about it.

A lot of time perception involves ruminating about the past and the future, and dogs probably don't engage in a lot of introspection. Humans are likely the only species that is able to wonder about how other species (and other members of our own species) conceptualize time, says Bryant.

"We're weird in that we have this conception of time that we can talk about, but for every other animal, including dogs, [time] is just what it is."

Written by Avery Hurt, Hurt, A. (2023, August 2). Discover Magazine.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

The hearts of your GRIN family break for you at this time of sadness.
Thinking of you, sharing our sympathy, and remembering your pet fondly.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those recently lost
and hold you close in our hearts. May you find comfort in cherished memories and
the support of those around you.

Denise and Joe Manley on the passing of Joe's sister
Lindsey and Kyle Murray on the passing of Lindsey's mother
Kathryn Scarvelli on the passing of her grandfather
Caroline Chesebrough on the passing of her beloved husband, Jim
Sally Weist on the passing of her mother-in-law
To the family of Dr. Dennis Schirripa
To the family of Roberta Curtis

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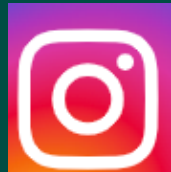
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