

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2006
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having Golden Retrievers attend our meetings. However, please keep them leashed and at your side while we conduct the business portion of our meeting. Dogs are welcome to romp and socialize both before and after the meeting.

MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2005:

President Shane Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February meeting. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. The following corrections need to be made in the March newsletter:

The December website numbers were incorrect. They should read 6684 visitors, 12,094 page views, and 52,820 hits.

Mike Stemmler's phone number was incorrect. It should read 636-227-3471.

Shane's email address should read tenille01@earthlink.net.

IN MEMORY



GGRR lost a dear friend, devoted member, and fellow dog lover when Ann Timar passed away in March at the age of 56. Ann touched so many lives in the work she did with our Golden Retrievers. As a foster parent, she was able to turn the rowdiest foster dog into a well-mannered pet. Ann also performed home visits, dog visits, and served as adoption coordinator and membership coordinator during her years with GGRR.

Ann lived life to the fullest, knowing that each day was a gift. She was first diagnosed with lymphoma in 1979, when doctors estimated her life expectancy to be six months. Always the optimist, Ann's strong will to live and her deep religious faith carried her forward each time she faced another bout with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband, Jim, and to her family. Ann was an inspiration to all of us, and she will be deeply missed. Our departed Golden Retrievers have a new shepherd to watch over them and to keep them on their best behavior!

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Shane reminded us that the following coordinator positions will be up in June:

- Intake Coordinator
- Adoption Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The balance at the beginning of February was \$7,384.06 Income was \$1201.00, expenses were \$1,052.87, leaving us with a balance of \$7532.19. The current balance in the Flash Fund is \$2,431.05.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

No report

INTAKE COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

The following dogs came in during the month of February:

- 06-006** Gordon, a 4 year-old heartworm positive male
- 03-013R** Shelby, an 8 year-old female who doesn’t like other dogs
- 05-040R** Bernie, a 4 year-old male
- 06-008** Romeo, a 4 year-old male

ADOPTION COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

No dogs were placed during February.



It’s tough to decide who’s more handsome— Tim Miget or his dog, Rush. They made a great pair walking together in the St. Pat’s parade.

EVENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Chris discussed arrangements for the St. Pat’s parade. It will take place rain or shine. GRR will be Unit 111, which is toward the end of the parade. Check in will be at Choteau and 4th Streets. Plan to arrive no later than 12:15. Since parking will probably be limited, Chris suggested arriving by 11:30. Wear your green or blue GRR shirt. There will be a van following us in case dogs or people are too tired to walk the entire route. Cars will be available at the end of the parade route to take us back to wherever you have parked.

Chris reported that the Paws di Gras event, while nice, was not well attended by the public.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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Queeny Park Pet Expo: March 25th and 26th
10:00 - 4:00

Golden Specialty Show: April 8th and 9th
- 4:00
South County Recreation Center
on Wells Road

Bark in the Park: Saturday, May 13th
World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park

PDR Pet Adoption Days—Westinn Kennel
Wentzville location
10:00 – 3:00

March 11
June 10
August 12

PDR REPORT:

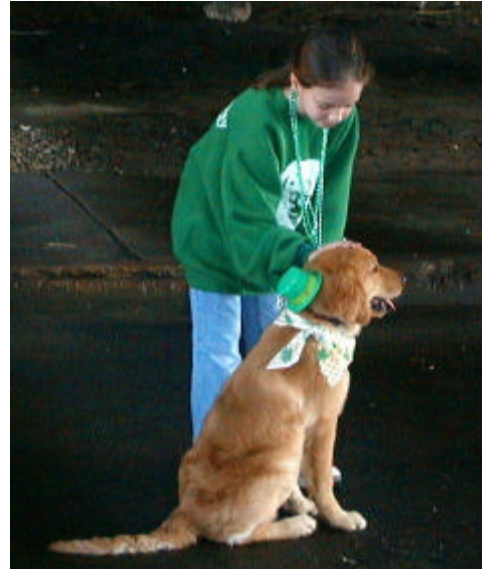
There is a new president for the group. The PDR phone lines are down at the moment.



Shane Stark appears to have his hands full while keeping a watchful eye over his energetic pack of Golden Retrievers. Lynn Stark made the costumes that Belle, Truman, and Foster Stark wore in the parade. Too bad Shane didn't rate a matching outfit!

WEBSITE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There were 6,956 visitors to the website, with 11,611 page views, and 56,644 hits.



Five month-old Tucker, the foster dog of Paul and Nanette Swarthout, settles down long enough to get some pets from Sara Johnson. Tucker alternated between walking the parade route and being carried by Paul. Sara helped carry the GRRR banner in the parade.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was further discussion on problems with the phone lines. Anyone interested in helping with the adoption lines should talk with Shane.

Shane clarified that when a member performs a home visit, that person is responsible for maintaining communication with the family. Feel free to contact Shane to check a family's status on the waiting list.

Barb distributed a sample letter to inform adoptive families that our reunion picnic will not be held this year. Several changes were suggested. Barb will send the letter out to families on our picnic list by May 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Pat Moran's foster dog, Champ, had to be the coolest dude in the St. Pat's parade!

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

Please send items of interest, *photos of your pups, brags*, etc. to:

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26 Cynthiana Ct.
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Put your furkids in an upcoming newsletter!

You can also email items to:
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Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

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