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March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Tim M. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim and passed. There was one correction to the newsletter to add the Intake Coordinator position to the list of available positions for June 2012.

Treasurer's Report

Pat M. reported that our balance in our checking was \$2,495.15 at the beginning of the month. Income was \$825.95 and our expenses were \$584.11 leaving us with an ending balance of \$2,836.99.

Membership Report

Amy G. was absent so Tim M. gave her report.. We had 3 inquiries in the past month and no



new members. Just another reminder that dues are DUE! Please fill out your renewal application and turn in your \$20.00 as soon as possible.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had zero dogs come in in the previous month. There are a couple that we are working on though.

Adoption Report

Mike S. was running late so Tim M. reported that we had zero dogs adopted out in the last month.

Tim M. called on John R. to give an update on Stevie's condition. He reported that after an MRI done at the University of Missouri, it turns out that Stevie has a huge amount of fluid on his brain. They estimated that he only has about 25% of his brain. There isn't anything that can be done right now so his foster home will keep him until he is in pain or until something else happens. This could be a couple months to a year. All of the medical bills for Stevie will come out of our Flash Fund.



Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic from the previous month:

Hits: 81,476
Page Views: 16,198
Visitors: 5,569

GGRR has over 630 fans on Facebook now too!

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown St. Louis is Saturday, March 17th. The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. this year and you need to be there by 11:00 a.m. if you plan to walk. It starts at Jefferson and Market and goes down to Busch Stadium. GGRR is #90 in the parade and Chris R. will have plenty of water in her van for everyone. We also have candy to pass out.

The Nationals are coming to Purina Farms on September 3rd through the 8th. The Rescue Parade will be held on September 7th. Take the day off of work if you plan to help with the rescue parade.

We will also have a vendor booth at this event. More info to come on this event along with a list of jobs volunteers are needed for so you can sign up. Our annual Reunion Picnic that is usually held in May or June is going to be moved to October this year. The Dog Museum is booked for the spring months and it's too hot during the summer. We are going to look at a few dates in the first part of October.

Other upcoming events this fall include Greentree in September and the APA Carnival which is usually in October.



photos: Dennis S. Moore
APlaceToLoveDogs.com

Easter Candy Safety for Your Dogs www.americandogblog.wordpress.com

Candy may be more prevalent in your household during holidays such as Halloween, Christmas, or Easter. So if you have pets, it is important to keep candy out of their reach. Easter is an especial time to be cautious as you may have hidden candy around your house for the kids to find. You wouldn't want your dog to find any by accident.

While candy, for the most part, may be harmless to your pet, too much could cause upset stomach, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Even little bits of candy given over a long period of time could lead to obesity or even Type II Diabetes – Yes, dogs can get diabetes too.

Not only is candy bad for a dog's health, certain candy such as chocolate could be deadly. Dark chocolate is even more potentially harmful than milk chocolate. But if your dog ingests any form of chocolate, it is best to consult your vet immediately for proper treatment.

Eating candy wrappers or basket grass could also be harmful to your pet. Such things could cause intestinal blockage in your dog's intestines, which in turn could lead to death.

Be careful of your dog eating hard boiled eggs as well. While the eggs and the egg shells may be relatively harmless, there is a danger of choking. This applies to the plastic eggs with hidden goodies as well. If your dog happens to eat a hard boiled egg with its shell without choking on it, he is probably okay. But it wouldn't hurt to contact your vet just to make sure. However, if your dog eats a plastic egg without

choking, get your dog to the vet immediately as an object of this size is very likely to cause blockage in your dog's intestinal tract.

To keep your dog from getting into any candy or other Easter stuff, keep it out of your dog's reach or in cupboards which have child safety latches. If you hide candy and other Easter stuff for your children, keep the dog in their crate, in another room, or outside during these activities (or inside if the Easter hunt for the kids is outside). Make a list of how many and where you hid each item so that you can be sure all are found before you allow your dog back into that area.

To have fun with your dog as well as with your children during Easter, hide dog biscuits. But keep your dog's event separate from your children's. Your children will have just as much fun helping your dog find their treats as they did finding their own eggs and candy.

And the final Easter candy safety advise we have is that you keep your dog at home when you go to an Easter event. Candy and other Easter stuff will be everywhere and your dog may find something a child missed. Or someone who doesn't know the dangers of chocolate to dogs may accidentally give your dog a deadly treat.

Easter is supposed to be a special event for your family. Practice these safety tips and everyone, including your dog, will have a good, safe, and happy holiday.

Prevent Ticks Early This Year www.orschlenfarmhome.com

By: Diane Conklin

While tromping through the woods in mid-Missouri this early spring I have already experienced the presence of the dreaded Tick. How could they be out on the prowl this early in the year? I was none too thrilled when my little Boston Terrier Max clearly had one attached on his neck. Luckily I saw it easily on his white hair. I was able to pull it off without a problem since it had not had much of a chance to embed a long way into the skin. I was quick to apply his next application of Frontline before our next trip to the woods where he could do his favorite activity-hunt for squirrels.

I decided to do a little research into the proper method to remove ticks since it seems this summer they will be out in huge numbers. Some say that's because we had such a mild winter. Not sure if that's the real reason but sounds good just the same. My research found that the proper way to remove a tick goes like this:

1. Use forceps or tweezers, not your fingers.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible, pulling back gently but firmly.
3. Try not to crush the ticks body and don't worry if a small piece of skin comes away with the tick.
4. Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water.
5. Keep an eye on the area for the next few days to watch for a rash, if one appears or if your pet shows a lack of energy, fever or decreased appetite or water intake be sure to consult your veterinarian.



Happy Easter!

Our Next Meeting is
Thursday, April 12th at
7:00 p.m. at the
Dog Museum in
Queeny Park.

Old & New Business

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Penny M.'s dog, Mia, earned her Novus Agility Jumper title.

The Rudtowski's announced that there is a Flyball tournament at Westinn Kennels this weekend.

Tim M. announced that Mike S. would be at the meeting by 8:00 p.m. to do his training on Online Applications and Phone Interviews.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Pat M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Coordinator Positions for June 2012

There are six coordinator positions that will be up for appointment in June. Please read the following positions and determine if one of them is something you would be interested in. Coordinator positions are 1-year term positions.

Foster Home/Intake Coordinator

The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall receive all information on any dog needing rescuing. The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall give each dog a number and maintain a complete list of all dogs currently in the program. Decisions pertaining to the fostering, kenneling or direct re-homing of any dog accepted into the GRR program shall be at the discretion of the Foster Home/Intake Coordinator. The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall work closely with the Adoption Coordinator so that he or she will have current information about all dogs in the program.

Adoption Coordinator

The Adoption Coordinator shall receive all information on any prospective adopters and shall maintain a complete list of these people. The Adoption Coordinator shall be responsible for selecting the appropriate adopter for any and all dogs in the program.

Membership Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator shall maintain a complete list of all Rescue members, Supporting members, Honorary members, and volunteers. The Membership Coordinator shall monitor the Volunteer telephone line and respond to inquiries about volunteering and/or membership. The Membership Coordinator shall provide the names and addresses of all members to the person preparing the newsletter. The Membership Coordinator shall collect membership applications and dues and coordinate training of new volunteers or members in any way that may be necessary.

Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator shall handle all advertising and publicity for this organization's events. He/she shall be responsible for scheduling events and manpower, promoting the organization, obtaining donated items, etc.

Newsletter Editor/Coordinator

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the preparing and mailing (emailing) of the monthly GRR newsletter.

Website Coordinator

The Website Coordinator shall be responsible for the maintenance of the GRR website.

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Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers
at our meetings! Please make sure your
dog is up to date on shots and
vaccinations. please!

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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