

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, August 10th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having Goldens 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 JULY 13th:

Vice-President Tim Miget, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June meeting. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. The following corrections need to be made in the July newsletter:

Issue Number should be: 7

Date should be: JULY 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The account balance at the beginning of the month was **\$7,418.79**. Income was **\$785.00**; expenses were **\$1472.50**, leaving an ending balance of **6731.29**. The current balance in the Flash Fund is **\$2434.77**.



This picture, which appears to be taken on a cold and blustery day, shows Cody (r) and Jasper (l) Swarthout as they snuggle together inside. Not so—your eyes are deceiving you! It's actually a bright, sunny, day in early spring. The leaves aren't fully out on the trees yet. This is one of Cody and Jasper's favorite places (and positions). Since the arrival of Amos, it's common to see a 3-way snuggle by the front door.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

We had 15 membership inquiries this month after Pat Moran and Sundance appeared on the Channel 5 news. Sherri Campagna of Edwardsville, IL joined GGRR and was also approved as a foster home. She is currently fostering Bernie. Several guests were introduced, including Cheryl Gruber; Cathy Arnold; and Laura and Reed Haberstroh. All were attending a meeting for the first time. It was great to see so many new faces!

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

We had 2 dogs come into the program since our last meeting:

- 06-017: Bailey L.**, a 3-1/2 year old neutered male
- 06-018: Duke**, a 22 month old unneutered male

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

One dog has been placed since our last meeting:

06-002 Tucker

Carrie Tennesen has officially taken over the responsibilities of Adoption Coordinator. All adoption paperwork should be mailed to her now. Thanks go out to Shane Stark who has handled the duties of Adoption Coordinator for the past year, while also serving as President and answering calls on the surrender phone line! Carrie will be out of town from July 13th through July 24th. Barb Blacksher will be filling in for Carrie during this time.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

The city of Valley Park thanked us for participating in their Valley Days parade. The letter said the parade was one of their best ever, and they hope we will consider taking part again next year. Coverage of the event appeared in the local edition of the Journal.

Upcoming events include:

**Kirkwood Greentree Festival:
Sept. 15th, 16th, and 17th**

We generally earn a lot of money at this

event. A sign-up sheet was passed around. If you weren't at the meeting, please let Chris Rogers know if you are willing to work one of the shifts.

**APA Carnival: Sunday, Oct. 1st
10:00 – 3:00**

They are giving us a free booth this year because of some problems that occurred last year.

Canine Olympics: Saturday, Oct. 14th

This event is being co-sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club and the Samoyed Club. Dogs can participate in many activities including a luring course, an agility course, and a rescue parade. GGRR will have a booth, and we are also in charge of the rescue parade. Chris Rogers would like several volunteers to work with her on organizing the parade. Please talk with her if you are interested. We will need to have sign-up forms available so people can enter their dogs in the parade. These parades generally have a limit of approximately 50 dogs. We also need to find an announcer for the parade. It is customary to give the parade participants some type of doggie gift bag.

We are scheduled for Adoption Days at the Ballwin Petco on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We will be asking people to sign up for the months of August, September, and October at our next meeting. Please check your schedule to see if you and your dog are available!

PDR REPORT:

None

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

In June, our website had the following traffic:

Hits: 77,586

Visits: 9,402

Unique Visitors: 2856

Page Views: 14,020

Our peak day for traffic was on June 21st, when Pat Moran and Sundance appeared on Channel 5!

OLD BUSINESS:

Barb Blacksher reported that she called Meals On Wheels to see if they were involved in a program to deliver pet meals to seniors who own a dog or cat. No one has contacted yet her to follow up on the call.

We will not be holding a fall garage sale this year. A date has not yet been set for the members' picnic. However, it generally is held in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthia Ct.
Florissant, MO 63031

Put your furkids in an upcoming newsletter!

You can also email items to:

blacksher@charter.net

Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

WAGS AND BRAGS:

Max and Barb Blacksher recently completed Beginning Obedience at Westinn's Under One Woof. Once the weather gets cooler, Max plans to enroll Barb in a Pre-Novice class.

RAINBOW BRIDGE:

Nala Blacksher went to the bridge most unexpectedly on Friday, August 4th at the age of 11-1/2 years. After being rushed to the vet in obvious distress, Nala was diagnosed with advanced hemangiosarcoma and had to be put down. We only had gentle Nala for five years, but she created enough memories to last a lifetime!

Nala was everyone's sweetheart. All she wanted in life was someone's hand on her head giving her pets. She adored her brother Simba, who demonstrated his devotion by grooming her coat nightly until she was soggy. The highlight of her week was a trip to visit Bill's parents every Sunday. Somehow she always knew what day it was and followed Bill around the house until it was time to leave. Nala also did her part to help a Hazelwood School Board candidate in two elections. She is pictured below dressed in her campaign finery. They don't come any sweeter than our precious Nala! She will be missed by all who knew her.



HELP US FIND A HOME FOR THIS SWEET GIRL!

SHELBY



It's hard to be 8 years old and lose your beloved owner! Shelby was returned to Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue when her elderly owner required heart surgery and was facing a lengthy recovery.

Shelby is a blond female Golden Retriever who adores people and will provide lots of love and companionship for her adoptive family. Shelby's ideal family would have a parent who is home with her for most of the day. This girl is very active, intelligent and a quick learner. She loves walks and behaves well on a leash. Shelby is a perfect angel on car rides, too. She also enjoys playing tug with her ball or bone.

Shelby needs to be the only pet in her adoptive family. She thrives on the attention of her owners and becomes most upset if she must share it with any other animals, including well-mannered pets that may be accustomed to visiting your home. Shelby will also chase squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, and opossums out of her yard!

Shelby takes thyroid medication daily, which is very inexpensive, and a hormone pill every 7-10 days, also inexpensive. With an expected life span of 12 to 14 years, Shelby

is looking forward to many wonderful years with her new family! A home visit is necessary before dogs can be adopted from Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue. Because Shelby is a senior dog, she can be adopted at a greatly reduced fee. For more information about Shelby or other available Golden Retrievers, please contact Carrie, our Adoption Coordinator, at 314-843-1593

WHY CONSIDER A RESCUE?

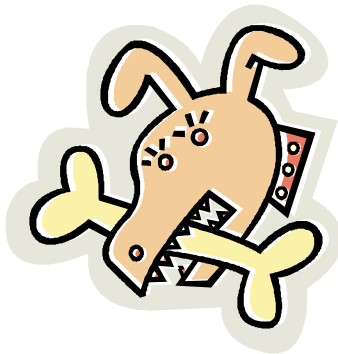
1. Animals that have been in foster care are housebroken, neutered, up-to-date on shots, and know basic obedience commands.
2. Many rescue animals are adults. You get to avoid the puppy stage (shredded shoes, accidents on the carpet, sleepless nights, etc.).
3. Rescued animals seem to know they are lucky to have a second lease on life. They are very devoted to their adoptive families. Animals can bond to a new family at any age.
4. Foster families get to know the personality of each animal, so adoptive families receive a lot of useful information about their pet before it is placed in their home.

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and Like to Complain About Our Pets:

- ? They live here. You don't.
- ? If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
- ? I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- ? To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours, and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember: Dogs are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Don't talk back
5. Normally come when called
6. Never ask to drive the car
7. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
8. Don't smoke or drink
9. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
10. Don't want to wear your clothes
11. Don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and . . .
12. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.



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