

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, August 9th

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.

Two members have reported that their dogs became ill a couple of days after attending one of our meetings. Please make sure your Golden is healthy and up to date on shots (including a bordetella) if it accompanies you to our meetings. The dogs drink out of a common water bowl and often share balls and other toys.

MINUTES FROM JULY 12th :

President Pat M. called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Heather H. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Shane S. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Note: Under the Intake Coordinator's report for June, dog #07-014 is named Lady Day, not Lady May.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat again discussed the buddy program which pairs new members with experienced members to help them learn more about how we operate. If you would like to be



Some of our GGRR dogs got together recently to romp and splash in a kiddie pool. From top to bottom: Rain Moran, Max Blacksher, Bob Blacksher, and pups Hannah and Little Bit (aka Honey). Little Bit may be tiny, but she sure can hold her own among the big boys!

included on the list of mentors, or buddies, please let Pat know.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None--Beth was not present at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There were 3 membership inquiries during the past month, but no new members.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Three dogs were surrendered to GGRR during the past month. We were expecting to receive a fourth dog, but the owners had a change of heart and are going to keep him.

- 07-016: Tyson**, a 7 month old male being fostered by Nancy A.
- 07-017: Buddy**, a 6 year old heartworm positive male being fostered by Pat M.
- 07-018: Robin**, a 3 month old female who was left in the "drop box" at the Sikeston animal shelter; she is currently in Dexter, MO with Janet G. Robin will be coming to St. Louis on Sunday and will be fostered by Kathy D.
- 07-019: Charley**, a 4 year old male is being kept by his owner.

Tim M. will be transporting Chaise, a 4 year old male, to St. Louis as soon as arrangements can be worked out with the owner. Chaise will be fostered by Tracie B. Two other dogs are still with their owners until a foster home is available: Riley, an 8 year old male (Buddy's sire) and Blaze, a 6 year old male.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Three dogs were placed in their forever homes last month:

- 06-027R: Buck**
- 07-015: Jake**
- 07-012: Lexi**



Colby, who was adopted by Nona B.'s daughter, shows off a prized possession discovered during a recent walk.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris R. reported that booths at the APA Carnival will cost \$75. She talked with their PR woman about this fee, mentioning that \$75 was a bit high for the limited budgets of many rescue groups. A number of smaller rescue groups are unable to participate because of the cost. The APA may offer "scholarships" next year. The PR representative said she would bring Chris's concerns to the board meeting that evening and get back with Chris. However, it has been 3 weeks, and Chris has not been contacted. GGRR decided to go ahead and pay for a booth this year, as this event is usually a successful one for us.

Barb reported (via email) that the Petco in Affton has asked if we would participate in a monthly adoption day at their store. One concern raised was that it is often hard to get volunteers for the events we have now. It may be difficult to get enough people to

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (cont.)

staff a second adoption day each month. Another concern is that many adoption events at Petco involve people taking home an animal that day. GGRR does not permit same day adoptions. If we did a Petco adoption day, visitors would have to be content with meeting a few of our dogs, learning about the breed and how we operate, and then going through our usual screening/adoption process. A third concern was the location we would be given in the store. Unless we were assured of a visible location in the front of the store, we may not have the opportunity to interact with many people. Chris will contact Petco for more information and report back at our next meeting.

Kathy D. and Tracie B. will attend the adoption day at Lucky Dog on July 21st. Pat M. received an email stating that when Kathy D. was at Lucky Dog in June, the store reported that at times, there were 6 people waiting to speak with her. Pat asked if other members had experienced that volume of traffic. Shane S. was at Lucky dog on a cool winter day and did not have much traffic. He reported that an employee at Lucky Dog said that it wasn't a prime foot-traffic day. Pat M. has been at Lucky Dog several times. She reported that some days have been busy ones, while others had little traffic. Our adoption days at Lucky Dog are listed in the events section of St. Louis Pet Tails.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

No report—Paul was not present.



Rich T. and Jewel visit with a resident of Sunrise Assisted Living in Chesterfield. Sunrise plans to adopt a dog from us, as their previous pair had to be retired due to age-related infirmities. Rich, Barb B., and Jewel visited the facility to discuss their needs and view the environment in which one of our dogs would be residing. The residents were quite excited, thinking that Jewel was their newest resident. Much to their dismay, Rich was not willing to part with Jewel, so we'll have to find a dog that is just as wonderful as Jewel is.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew C. expressed compliments and appreciation to everyone who was involved in getting pictures of all our newly available dogs on the Available Golden's page of our website. It really makes the site and our organization more appealing to have a variety of dogs displayed on our website.

Pat M. shared information about a new

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

charity license plate. The plate benefits the Missouri State Humane Association and displays a photo of both a dog and a cat. The text at the bottom reads "I'm Pet Friendly." A person can obtain this plate by making a \$25 donation to the MSHA per year and then taking their receipt to the license bureau. This \$25 is in addition to any MO Dept. of Revenue fees a person must pay for license plates. Pat distributed copies of the application form to interested members.

Tracie B. needs a crate for Chaise. Pat M. volunteered the use of one of her crates. It was decided that Shane S. will get one to her since he lives closer to Tracie. If Shane is unable to obtain a crate for her, Pat will see that Tracie gets one of hers.

Chris B. needs a small crate for a dog that is currently in her care. If anyone has a crate that is slightly larger than a cat crate, Chris would like to borrow it.

Rich T. reported that Charlie is not being surrendered at this time. The mother-in-law is helping to care for him during the day. Rich feels this may only be a temporary solution for the family and that Charlie may eventually end up in GRRR's possession.

A motion was made by Kathy D. and seconded by Andrew C. to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Thanks to Korisa C. for providing such thorough notes from the July meeting for inclusion our newsletter.

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.



Pat M.'s pup, Little Bit, might be tiny; but she made sure no one else could get in the water to steal "her" toys.

Meet Kristen Carter:



Kristen is pictured with her puppy, Samson, in 2006. She also has a Golden named Mandy.

Kristen Carter joined GGRR in 2006, and has been actively involved with us ever since. She is our membership coordinator and is learning to do home visits. Besides working with GGRR, Kristen also volunteers for the Animal House Fund, which is an organization trying to raise \$4 million in cash and in-kind contributions to build a new state-of-the-art, environmentally-responsible animal shelter for the city of St. Louis. When complete, the shelter will replace the current facility on Gasconade.

Since graduation, Kristen has worked in commercial real estate and is currently working for a marketing/advertising company.

Kristen has been passionate about animals, and Golden Retrievers in particular, since an extremely young age. Her very first friend was her grandparents' Golden, Luvie. When Kristen was born, her mother brought Kristen to her grandparents' house for a visit. Luvie went and stood in the corner of the living room, faced the wall, and pouted! It wasn't long before Luvie warmed up to Kristen, and they soon were inseparable. Kristen's grandmother became extremely worried one day when Kristen started panting (like Luvie), but she was merely trying to communicate!

GGRR is indeed fortunate to have such a talented, dynamic member! Thanks for the great photos, Kristen!



Baby Kristen shares a cup of milk with Luvie, her grandparents' dog back in the spring of 1984.

Treat your pups to some nutritious home baked treats!

Three Dog Bakery Dog Biscuits

2 cups whole-wheat flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 cup natural peanut butter
1 cup skim milk

Cooking Directions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk. Add wet mixture to dry, and mix well.

Turn out dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll out to ¼ inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a rack and then store in an airtight container. Makes 30 large bones.



Happiness is a tired puppy! Hannah takes time out from all the action. Wouldn't it be nice if puppies were like this all the time?!

**TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL
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