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### Next Meeting

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.  
held at  
The Dog Museum  
in Queeny Park

# GGRR Newsletter

## Minutes from Our Last Meeting Held on July 9, 2009

By Tracie B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Tim M. Paul S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathy D. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

### President's Report

Tim reported that we received the check for \$1,200.00 from the Golden Retriever Club for our help with their Field Trial Duck Shoot Event. We will discuss doing this event again next year for the club. We also received another check from Pfizer for \$50.00.

### Treasurer's Report

Beth J. gave the treasurer's report. Our account balance at the beginning of June was \$1,501.20. Income was \$2,545.46. (\$21.06 came from our Schnucks e-Script cards!) Expenses for the month were \$1,801.77, leaving an ending balance of \$2,265.95.

### Membership Coordinator's Report

Janice E. was not able to attend the meeting, but we had a few visitors present. The Ortmann's and Joyce and Jenny Jasper. Tim M. thanked them for coming.

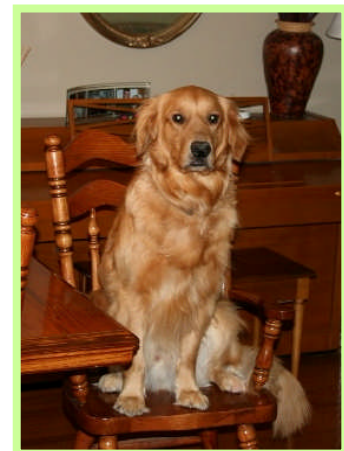
## Intake Coordinator's Report

Carrie T. reported that two new dogs came in during June.

**09-014 Nala** – a 12 and a half year old female who is being fostered by Kay C. in Columbia, Missouri.

**09-015 Jack** – a 2 year old male fostered by Betsy F.

Carrie also reported that there are a few dogs waiting to come in. Sky is an 8-1/2 year old golden who is more of a show type golden. Tim M. did the dog visit and he said that he is absolutely gorgeous. The man who owns Sky has to move to an apartment and doesn't have room for him anymore. Along with Sky, we also have a 5 year old female in St. Peters, a 9 month old male and another 2 year old male over at Scott Air Force Base. Carrie has also received a few emails on some older goldens around the age of 9. Pat M. said she would be happy to foster a senior golden.



Jack is pictured above seated at the dinner table ready to eat!



Riggs Elsenraat will not leave the sore on his leg alone, so he's been forced to wear his cone!

### Adoption Coordinator's Report

Amy A. reported that three dogs were placed in their forever homes during the past month:

- 09-006: Daisy**
- 09-012: Clark Kent**
- 09-013: Clover**

Tim M. explained that Chance is with the Combs family and he will most likely be adopted by them before the next meeting. Things are going really well and he's getting along okay with their other golden, Moses.

Paul S. reported that Clover and Clark Kent are doing well in their new home. Their new owner said that it's like they've been there forever!

### Event Coordinator's Report

Barb reported on the following events:

**Lucky Dog Days –**  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> – Kathy D.  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Donna S.  
 We still need volunteers for September through December.

**August's GRR Meeting –**  
 Special Visit from Suzanne Wakefield to speak to us on Conformation Competition

**Kirkwood Greentree Festival**  
**APA Canine Carnival**

**Golden Retriever Dog of the Week at the Dog Museum**

**Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games**  
Barb B. has flyers at the desk.

**Celebrate Spot Walk**

**Lucky Dog Halloween Party**

**(See the Events Section on Page 3 for more information on all of these events!)**

Barb also mentioned that we usually have our GRRR Member Picnic sometime in October because most of our events are finished for the year by then. If you are interested in hosting the GRRR Member Picnic at your house, please let Barb know. It was suggested to have it at the Dog Museum, but that would cost us \$100-\$150 for the use of the building.

***Quote from the Dog Calendar***  
*If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them.*  
 ~ Phil Pastoret

### Website Coordinator's Report

Paul S. Reported on our website traffic during the previous month. Our website had:

- Hits: 73,369
- Page Views: 18,462
- Visits: 6,254
- Unique Visits: 2,412

### Old Business

Reunion Picnic Numbers  
Barb B. reported that we had 43 families attend the picnic this year. There were 42 dogs present. In 2008 we had 27 families and in 2007 we had 30, so this year was a much better turnout. We sent out 314 invites. We had 21 returned and 37 actually RSVP'd in advance. We also had 32 workers at the picnic this year from GRRR. We have tracked the attendance at our picnic for the last three years. Next year we plan to send out less invites to save money on postage. Paul S. suggested that we send them out by email instead. Barb B. said that it is something we should look into.

### New Business

Kathy D. reported that Randy and Kerry Karraker were at our reunion picnic and decided to join our group and be a new foster family. By the end of July they can start fostering. They currently have two dogs.

It was mentioned that the booklet for Foster Homes did not have the vet list enclosed in it. Tim M. said that it will be looked into. We need to make sure all of the booklets have one.

It seems that we have had some issues with emails that go to our Membership Coordinator. Paul S. is afraid they might be getting caught in Jan's Spam filter and she may not be getting them. Paul will start monitoring these emails to make sure they are not getting lost.

Tim M. mentioned that the list of vets in the newsletter was nice to have in there, but that we need to take the Webster Groves Animal Hospital off of the list. They do not give us any kind of discount. As far as discounts go, Clarkson-Wilson Vet Clinic is still the cheapest on shots for our foster dogs.

A motion was made by Paul S. and seconded by Jim D. to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Rusty Gerber is pictured above with his friend Evan on the Fourth of July. Mom, Amy, thinks that Rusty may still have had some "worry pill" left in him because he melted into Evan's lap and that's where he stayed!

## SAVE THE DATE GGRR Upcoming Events

### **Lucky Dog Days –**

#### **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Come by Lucky Dog in Webster Groves and talk to one of our members about Golden Retrievers and what it takes to rescue one. Beth, the Owner of Lucky Dog, is always happy to have our group there and her shop is filled with lots of unique dog merchandise!

### **August GGRR Meeting - August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Suzanne Wakefield from the Golden Retriever Club will be at our meeting to explain to us the Conformance Competition and what it takes to be a winner at these events.

### **Kirkwood Greentree Festival – September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

Come visit our booth at the Greentree Festival. You can meet our Golden Retrievers and stock up on our GGRR merchandise. Greentree is always a lot of fun and a great way to get our name out there.

### **APA Canine Carnival – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a booth at the APA Carnival in Tilles Park in Ladue again this year. This event was a great success for GGRR last year. It was a lot of fun too!

### **Golden Retriever Dog of the Week – Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will be hosting the Dog of the Week at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park on this Sunday. We need another volunteer to work from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer any questions on Golden Retrievers.

### **Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games – Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

This event will be held at Purina Farms in Grey Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is sponsored by St. Louis Samoyed Club and the Samoyed Rescue. We will have a booth and workers are needed. You and your dog can participate in flyball, lure coursing, agility, and other fun events. There will be vendors, demos, rescue dog parade, costume contests, and much more! Advance registration is recommended.

### **Celebrate Spot Walk for Breast Cancer Research – Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

GGRR participated in this walk for the first time last year. We will register our team to walk but not set up a booth. It will be held at Forest Park in the Upper Muny Lot. Registration begins in August.

### **Lucky Dog Halloween Party – October 2009**

There has not been an official date set for the Halloween Party at Lucky Dog, but GGRR will be in charge of the party again this year. If you would like to help out with this event, please let Barb B. know.

# THE TRAINING CORNER

Submitted by: Barb B.

**Whole Dog Journal** has published a booklet containing listings of the dry and canned dog foods they consider to be top quality foods. The booklet also contains lists of dry and canned foods they do not recommend feeding your dog due to low quality ingredients. You might be surprised by some of their findings! The criteria used to evaluate the dog foods include:

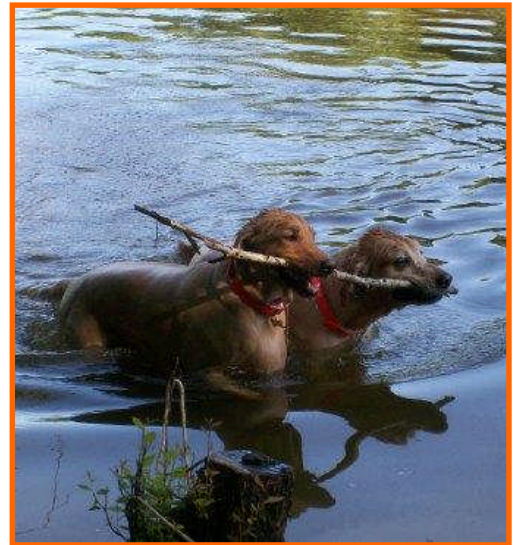
- Lots of high-quality animal proteins
- No meat by-products or poultry by-products
- No fat or protein not identified by species
- Contains whole grains and vegetables
- No artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives
- No added sweeteners
- Contains organic ingredients

Below are some of their **top approved dry dog foods** that are available in the St. Louis area:

- Pinnacle Holistic Chicken and Oats Formula
- Canidae All Life Stages Formula
- Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul—Chicken Soup Adult Formula
- Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Organic Chicken Formula
- Eagle Pack Chicken Meal and Rice Formula
- Nutro Ultra Holistic Adult Formula
- Solid Gold Millennia Adult Formula
- Wellness Chicken SuperMix 5 Formula

Some of the **dry foods they do not recommend** using are:

- Diamond Original Formula
- Gravy Train Dog Food
- Iams ProActive Health Adult Lamb Meal and Rice Formula
- Kibbles 'n Bits Original (Savory Chicken and Beef Flavor)
- Nutro Max Adult
- Nutro Natural Choice Adult Lamb and Rice
- Ol' Roy Gourmet Balance
- Ol' Roy Dinner Rounds
- Pedigree Complete Nutrition for Adult Dogs
- Purina Beneful
- Purina Dog Chow—Complete and Balanced
- Purina One Total Nutrition Beef and Rice Formula
- Science Diet Adult Original



Tank & Max Bayer fight over who gets to bring the stick in from the lake to Mom! They look just like those trained duck dogs, don't they?

## DONATIONS

**GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hynes**

**Mr. & Mrs. David Servis**

**Mr. & Mrs. Randy Karraker**, in memory of **Angel**.

**Ms. Judith Hoffman**

**The Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis**, in memory of **Joyce's Mother**.

**The Pfizer Volunteer Program Foundation**

**Jill Weltman**, in memory of **Major Goedeke**.

# St. Louis Dog Swims

Information Submitted by: Barb B. & Chris R.

The Dog Swims listed below are a fundraising event for the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation.

**McNair Park Pool ---Monday, August 3rd 6:00 -8:00 p.m. & Thursday August 6th 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

(inclement weather phone number is 636-946-1553)

3200 Droste Road  
St. Charles, MO

**no rainout days are scheduled**

**Kirkwood Aquatic Center--Tuesday, Sept. 8th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. & Thursday, Sept. 10th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

(inclement weather phone number is 314-984-6972)

111 South Geyer Road  
Kirkwood, MO

**rainout date is Friday, Sept. 11th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Ferguson Wabash Pool--Wednesday, Sept. 9th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

(inclement weather phone number is 314-521-1313)

501 North Florissant Road  
Ferguson, MO

**rainout date is Thursday, Sept. 10th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Alligator's Creek Aquatic Center--Saturday, Sept 12th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

(inclement weather phone number is 636-272-1626)

403 Civic Park Drive  
O'Fallon, MO

**rainout date is Saturday, Sept. 19th 11 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

Admission is \$10 per dog and 1 human companion and \$3 for each additional friend or family member.  
Proof of vaccination is required.



**- Sabrina Abuse -**

Above is a photo of Sabrina who was adopted by her new loving family just a few weeks ago. She is covered with all the new toys they bought for her. Guess she'll have plenty to play with when she wakes up!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**New to GGRR and not sure how to get involved?**

**Interested in getting involved in a different area of GGRR?**

**Just not clear on what you can do to help?**

Simply contact GGRR President Tim M. and he will be happy to discuss any of our volunteer opportunities with you!

Tim can be reached by e-mail at [tsemiget@charter.net](mailto:tsemiget@charter.net)

# Three Dog Bakery Dog Biscuits

Submitted by: Barb B.

- 2 cups whole-wheat flour  
(Bob's Red Mill)
- 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 brown. Cool on a rack then store in an airtight container.

Makes 20 large bones.



We've all seen this game before!  
**The Classic – TUG OF WAR!**  
And we all know there's always a "Winner" and a "Loser"...



Gee... Can you tell who the proud winner is?  
Mango (above) poses happily with his prize, while  
Jilly (below) pouts and is truly the "Sore Loser."



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

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