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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, Dec. 14th
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: The Museum of the Dog

Our December business meeting will be followed by holiday refreshments. Please feel free to bring a *small* amount of a snack item to share with the group. If you would like to participate in a pooch gift exchange, please bring a wrapped dog toy valued at approximately \$5.00.

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 NOVEMBER 9th :

We were unable to hold our business meeting due to failure of the security officer to arrive and unlock the Dog Museum for us. Fortunately, the weather was delightful, and we were able to socialize in the dark for awhile before heading home. Rob Schenberg's demonstration with Maggie, a former GGRR dog, will be rescheduled for a meeting in early 2007.

RAINBOW BRIDGE:

My baby Jalen was really a special dog. From the day I brought him home at six weeks, he became my shadow and my best buddy. At puppy school, everyone thought I must work with him a couple of hours every day. But not so. Jalen just caught on so quickly and would do anything that I asked

of him. I could take him anywhere off leash and he never left my side; unless of course, you were playing fetch with him. He lived to play fetch. In the last two years of his life, Jalen's back legs didn't work so well; but that didn't stop him. He just walked instead of running for the ball. And when he stumbled and fell, Jalen got back up and kept going. Sometimes he had to crawl to the ball because he couldn't get back up. He never quit and never complained. Jalen was very jealous of the first few foster dogs that I brought into my home. Over time he learned to accept them and didn't seem to care that they were here. I'm not "trying to be the person that my dog thinks I am." I'm trying to live my life with the same type of spirit and thirst for life that Jalen had.

- Pat Moran

Thanks, Pat, for reminding us why we have dogs in our lives!



Jalen Moran poses in the living room at Pat's house. One of his many tennis balls can be seen in the background.

A Special Place

(in memory of Jalen Moran)

You have a special place, Dear Lord
That I know you'll always keep.
A special place reserved for dogs,
To peacefully fall asleep.

A place with fluffy pillows,
And a yard for hiding bones,
With maybe a little babbling creek,
That rushes over stones.

With wide green fields and flowers,
For those who never knew
Of running, playing freely
Under sky of perfect blue.

Lord, I know you keep this special place,
And so, to you I pray
For one oh-so-special dog
Who came to you today.

He was full of strength and love,
And so very, very wise.
The puppy look he once had,
This morning left his eyes.

He will be dearly missed, Lord,
This special love of mine.
But now he'll romp and play
In your land that's so divine.

Speak to my baby softly, please
With a hug and warm hello.
He's a special gift to you, Dear Lord
From me - -who loves him so.

-Author Unknown

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

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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.



Andrew Carbone finds a willing Golden partner for a game of fetch after a recent GRRR meeting.

Christmas Dog

By Shel Silverstein

Tonight's my first night as a watchdog,
And here it is Christmas Eve.
The children are sleeping all cozy upstairs,
While I'm guardin' the stockin's and tree.

What's that now—footsteps on the rooftop?
Could it be a cat or a mouse?
Who's this down the chimney?
A thief with a beard - -
And a big sack for robbin' the house?

I'm barkin', I'm growlin', I'm bitin' his butt.
He howls and jumps back in his sleigh.
I scare his strange horses, they leap in the
air.
I've frightened the whole bunch away.

Now the house is all peaceful and quiet
again.
The stockin's are safe as can be.
Won't the kiddies be glad when they wake
up tomorrow
And see how I've guarded the tree.



Santa Bill Blacksher with Charlie Brown, who was visiting the Blackshers on Christmas morning. Charlie is owned by Bree Sullivan.

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