

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, Dec. 13th
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Goldens (up-to-date on shots, please) 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.

An election for three positions on the Executive Board is on the agenda for our December business meeting: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member Representative. Holiday refreshments and a canine gift exchange will take place following the business meeting.

MINUTES FROM NOV. 8TH :

President Pat Moran called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Drew C. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October meeting. Paul S. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat had no report this month.



There's no place like home, and Rocky D. has definitely found his forever home! He quickly laid claim to this easy chair, deciding it was more comfortable than the dog bed Rocky's new family bought for him. Rocky was in the care of GGRR for many months due to treatment for heartworm disease and other health issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our account balance at the beginning of October was **\$7070.59**. Income was **\$775.00**. Expenses were **\$578.90**, leaving an ending balance of **\$7266.69**. The balance in the Flash Fund remains at **\$6349.03**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There were 4 membership inquiries, with one person joining GGRR in October. Welcome to Kimberli Bayer, who is the sister of member Tracie Bayer. We also welcomed Dave Arky and Virginia and Nick Vasey who were visitors at the meeting.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Six dogs were surrendered to GRR since our last meeting;

- 07-031: Maximus** (Max), a 3-4 year old male being fostered by Pat M.
- 07-032: Gryffin**, an 8 month old male currently being kenneled at Under One Woof to receive obedience training
- 07-033: Little Max**, a 5-1/2 month old male being fostered by Barb and Bill B.
- 07-034: Penny**, a 1 year old female currently at Williamsburg Kennel. She will be fostered by Betsy F.
- 07-035: Oliver**, a 3-4 year old male being fostered by Pat M.
- 07-036: River**, an adolescent male stray (age not yet determined) from the Sikeston Humane Society; he is currently being treated for kennel cough and will be fostered by member Janet G. until he arrives in St. Louis

Two dogs are still with their owners waiting for a foster home to become available:

Albert Pujols, a 1 year old male, and **Maxwell** (Max), a 2 year old male. They will be assigned numbers once they are in GRR's possession.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Four dogs were placed in their forever homes this month:

- 07-013: Rocky**
- 07-027: Jack**
- 07-029: Samantha**
- 07-033: Little Max**

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

GRR will participate in the Webster Groves Christmas Walk again this year. The event will be held on Sunday, November 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Chris R. read the list of volunteers who signed up to work, as well as the shifts to which they were assigned. An X-pen for the dogs will be set up next to Lucky Dog. Members and their dogs should wear holiday attire. The owner of Lucky Dog would like to know how many dog adoptions have resulted from our adoption events at her store. Our next two Adoption Days will be held at Lucky Dog on Saturday, Nov. 17th, staffed by Steve W., and Saturday, Dec. 15th, staffed by Jim D. Hours can be flexible, according to the volunteer's availability. High volume times tend to be from 12:00 to 4:00, so working for several hours during the afternoon is greatly appreciated!

Chris will place an order soon for GRR member apparel. T-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece items, and nylon jackets are some of the items available. Chris needs at least twelve items to place the order. Talk with her for additional information and costs.



Max Bayer (l) and Chloe Rogers (r) enjoy a game of tug at the Webster Groves Christmas Walk. Max had surgery for hip dysplasia soon after this photo was taken. Within a couple of months, he should be back to playing tug with Chloe and all of his GRRR dog buddies.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

Paul S. reported the following website numbers for the month of October:

58,703 hits

13,665 page views

7,519 visitors

1294 unique visitors

The number of hits was down by approximately 30,000 from the previous month. Paul S. needs pictures of all six dogs that have come in during the past month. No new dogs have been added to the Available Dogs section of our website since October 23rd. Website traffic increases when we keep the site updated with photos of our newest arrivals. Barb B. has a camera and will take photos of foster dogs after the meeting.

Spammers found our website recently, which caused Rich T. and Shane S. to be inundated with spam. Paul has been working on solving the problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

Drew C. asked about profits from the Kirkwood Greentree Festival in September. Chris R. reported we took in approximately \$575.00 at this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat M. announced that three positions on the Executive Board will be elected at our December meeting. The positions of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member Representative will be listed on the ballot. Nominees must have been members for at least one year. She asked the people who currently hold these positions to describe their duties.

Vice-President: Chairs the monthly meeting in the event that the President is unable to attend; attends Executive Board meetings

Treasurer: Deposits adoption fees and donations in our bank account; pays bills received from vets and kennels; files necessary paperwork with IRS; checks post office box on a regular basis; attends Executive Board meetings

Member Representative: Serves as a liason between members and officers; attends Executive Board meetings

Voting will take place by secret ballot. People currently holding these positions will appear on the ballot, as well as any additional nominations taken from the floor at the December meeting. There will also be room for write-in candidates on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Holiday refreshments and a canine gift exchange will follow the December business meeting. Please bring a wrapped dog toy worth approximately \$5.00 if your dog(s) would like to participate. You will take home the same number of gifts that you contribute to the exchange. Members are welcome to bring a treat to share with others after the meeting. Please remember to take home or dispose of any treats that remain at the end of the evening.

Carrie T. reported on grooming services available at South County Technical School. Students in the veterinary assistant training program provide a variety of services at very reasonable rates. Some of the services performed include bathing, grooming, nail clipping, and checking anal glands. Carrie paid a total of \$20.00 to have her two dogs groomed. Call 314-989-7400 and ask for the vet assistant program to schedule an appointment. Grooming services are offered only on certain days of the week. Dogs should be dropped off between 8:00 and 8:30 and picked up again around 2:00. All work is performed under the supervision of an instructor.

A motion was made by Nanette S. to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Paul S. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jack Tennesen checks to see if his Santa suit still fits. Time to buy a bigger size, Jack!

WAGS AND BRAGS:

Pamela Wollenberg and her Golden Retriever, **Nikon**, obtained the following honors at a recent obedience trial:

- ? **Highest Scoring Dog in Trial**
- ? **Highest Combined Score**
(of two advanced classes)
- ? **Highest Scoring Sporting Dog**

Congratulations on a job well done, Pamela and Nikon! We're proud of both of you!

DONATIONS:

Donations to GGRR were received from the following individuals:

Pamela Wollenberg—

who donated the prize money Nikon won from taking honors in 3 categories at a recent obedience trial.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana 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.



A Doggy Wonderland

(sung to the tune of "Walking in a Winter Wonderland")

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white--I've been there
tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!"
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
Following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,
So all the world will know it's mine-mine-
mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,
Flows my natural incense boast;
"Stay off of my TURF, this small piece of
earth,
I mark it as my winter wonderland."

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