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November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President, Mike S. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Rich T. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Mike S. announced that we will have nominations for Vice President and Treasurer under New Business. We also need a new Secretary to take over for Tracie G. around March because she will be having another baby around then and won't be able to keep up with meeting minutes and correspondence at meetings. All members need to update their member profiles. Go to our website and under the member profile you can choose to edit yours. Mike will know who's has been edited by the date. Please do this as soon as possible. We really need to recruit volunteers and we will work on that next year. We need people that want to foster, do home visits, transports, etc. We've only taken in 10 dogs this year which is sad and it's partly because we don't have enough foster homes to keep these dogs. A lot of it is due to the economy and people just aren't helping out as much as they used to. Either way, we need volunteers that actually want to help out!

Treasurer's Report

Kathy D. gave her report from October:
Beginning Balance: \$1,532.85
Income: \$700.97 (\$22.16 e-script)
Expenses: \$945.54

Ending Balance: \$1,310.44
Flash Fund: \$32,163.43

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that there had been three volunteer inquiries, but no new members/volunteers.

Volunteer renewal forms are being updated for next year. They will be available at the December or January meeting. Dues are \$20.00.

Intake Report

Michelle F. was absent but sent her report in to Mike and Tracie. We had no dogs come in in

the previous month. A few inquires, but no actual dogs came in.

Adoption Report

Penny M. was absent.

Website Report

Paul S. gave his report on our website traffic from the month of October.

Page Views: 13,317
Visitors: 6,789
Hits: 76,020



GRRR Events



Upcoming Events

Next GRRR Meeting

Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. This is also our Christmas Party. There will be a \$10 wrapped doggy gift exchange and you can bring a snack to share if you would like. We will exchange gifts and have snacks after the meeting.

Tri-County Agility Club

They are having trials on November 14th through the 17th at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis. Julie G. set up the booth the day of our meeting and said that Chris R. was the only volunteer she had to help her so far.

Golden Specialty

The Golden Specialty will be held January 17th through the 19th at Purina Farms. More information to come on this at upcoming meetings.



Old & New Business

Old Business

Mike S. announced that we ordered 500 more flyers from World Press Printing. If you need to refill your brochure holders that you passed out, please take some with you. We want to place these holders and flyers in dog friendly businesses (i.e. vet's office, dog stores, grooming facilities, etc.).

New Business

Mike S. announced that we needed nominations for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer for the next term. Jim D. volunteered to continue on as Vice President for the next term. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Kathy D. stated that she did not want to do the position of Treasurer again. Lynn S. volunteered to do the job of Treasurer for the next term. These positions will be voted on at the December meeting.

Shane S. volunteered to help out and take over the position of Secretary when Tracie G. has her second baby around March. Tracie G. will continue to do the newsletters but will have a hard time attending every meeting and taking minutes with two small kids!

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

Holiday Safety for Your Dog www.about.com

The holidays are all about family, friends, fun and food - but sometimes it's easy to forget about holiday safety for your dog. We all want our dogs to be part of the celebration, but there are some important guidelines to follow. Keep your dog safe this holiday season - no one wants their holiday celebration to end up at the veterinary emergency clinic!

No table scraps! Just because we humans like to indulge in the feast does not mean it is good for our dogs. Rich, fatty foods can seriously upset your dog's stomach and even be toxic. It is especially important to keep your dog away from the following dangerous foods:

- Onions, which can cause anemia (high levels of garlic can, too)
- Grapes and Raisins
- Chocolate
- Bones (especially cooked bones and ANY poultry bones)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Any foods high in fat, sodium and/or sugar

There are some human foods that are okay for dogs, so if you want to give Max or Maggie a special treat you have some options. Try a small piece of cooked turkey or chicken without skin or bones (and hold the gravy). Raw carrots and apples in moderate amounts are actually healthy for dogs. Just remember - everything in moderation.



Watch the holiday decorations! Most dogs are curious by nature, so they will want to check out any additions to the decor. Sniffing can lead to chewing, or even ingestion of foreign objects. Keep electrical cords tucked away and other decorations or holiday plants out of reach. Watch out for dangling objects that can be pulled down and cause injury. Candles should never be left unattended.

Also, if you have a Christmas tree, don't let your dog drink the tree water - it can make her sick.

Don't let your dog get lost in the shuffle. Holiday parties and gatherings can mean lots of commotion. This might be fun for you, but not for your dog. Lots of people in your home can result in injury or stress for your dog. A large crowd is not the place for most dogs, so consider keeping her in a crate or quiet room - especially if she is the nervous type. If she is comfortable around a smaller group, just make sure you set down the ground rules with your company: don't feed the dog and keep the doors closed! Many pets get loose and run off during the holiday season. Though your dog should always wear a collar with current identification, this is especially important during the holiday season. Sadly, many dogs run off and become lost during the holiday season. don't let yours be one of them.

You and your dog can still enjoy the holiday season. Be sure to watch for any signs of illness and keep the vet's number handy. Stay safe and have fun. Happy Holidays!



Christmas Dog A poem 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



Donations

The following people made generous donations to our organization:

Chris & Warner Rogers, in memory of Pat Moran's beloved "Shadow"

Rainbow Bridge

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following GRRR members/volunteers that have lost one of their dear Goldens.

Pat Moran—Shadow

Shadow came to GRRR a few years back and she was very pregnant. As soon as GRRR volunteers got her settled into her foster home she gave birth to twelve beautiful puppies. After the pups were gone her foster mom had fallen in love with Shadow and she found her new forever home. Shadow was a sweet girl who gave GRRR the great gift of all of those pups that we still get to see at our annual reunion picnics. Pat brought her to GRRR functions and events and she was a real sweetheart. She will be missed dearly.

Rich & Carol Taylor—Jewel

Our beloved rescue Princess Jewel went to Rainbow Bridge on September 18th 2013. She lived a great life until the age of 14 years and one month. The sadness here is almost overwhelming. She had many Golden friends human and dogs as well. Her many accomplishments during her life with us and her deep love will live forever.

Mike & Linda Stemmler—Sonny

Sonny was 11 years old at the Bridge. The Stemmler family will miss Sonny dearly.

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At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
Bring a \$10 dog gift and a snack to
share for our holiday party and gift
exchange.

We love having happy healthy Golden
at our meetings! Please make sure your
dog is up to date on shots and
vaccinations please!

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

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