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November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 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 Lynn S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.



counts at the meeting but it was not recorded at that time.

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had no membership/volunteer inquiries and no new members. There were no visitors at the meeting.

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had no new dogs at this time.

Adoption Report

Chris R. and Penny M. reported that there were no dogs placed in their forever homes in the last month.

Website Report

No report was given.



President's Report

Mike reported that we passed our AG inspection and the State form still needs to be filled out. We are also looking into how we could possibly help with the Goldens that are coming from Turkey. Mike will get more information and share with us soon.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. gave her report on all ac-



Happy Holidays!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit in 2016?
Want to Foster a Golden in your home?
Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Next GGRR Meeting

Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.,
at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

The Golden Specialty at Purina Farms

The Golden Specialty will be January 20th through the 24th at Purina Farms. We will have a booth as always and will need volunteers to help work the booth. Please contact Julie G. for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We are unsure if we will participate in the St. Patrick's day parade this year. Stay tuned for more information on the parade after the new year.



Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs, they're tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Til morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For morning's here, it's time to play,
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.

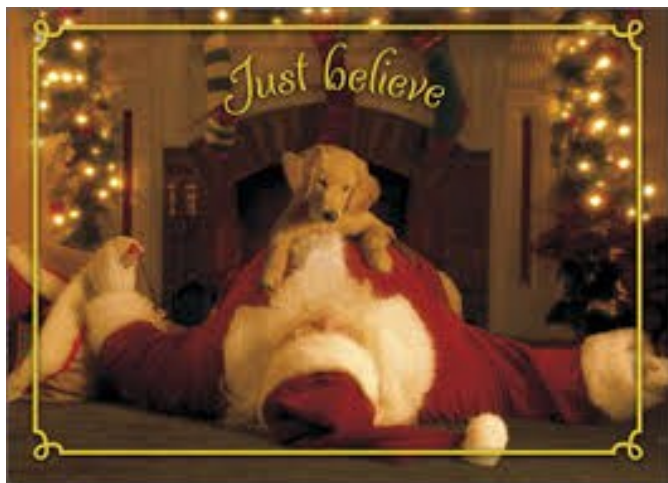


Jake after a long walk.

Old & New Business

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.



New Business

We received donations in memory of Pat Moran for a total of \$860.00.

Votes were cast for the positions of President and Secretary. Mike S. will remain President and Shane S. will continue to be Secretary for the next term.

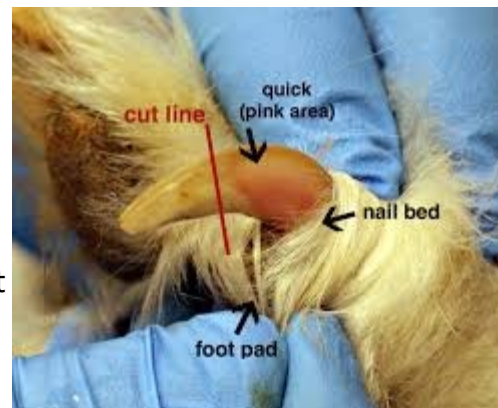
A motion was made by Jim D. and seconded by Chris R. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Nail Clipping Tips

By Juliana Weiss-Roessler

Do you hear that clicking sound when your dog walks on a hard surface? That means he's overdue for a nail clipping.

Keeping your dogs nails trimmed is a vital part of the dog-grooming process. This is particularly important because if they get too long, it can cause health problems, such as torn nails and even broken toes.



For a lot of people, though, the process can be intimidating, especially if their dog doesn't like having its paws touched or held. There's also the risk of injury by cutting too far down. But it doesn't have to be a daunting process. Here are some tips on how to clip your dog's nails.

Get your dog used to having his feet touched. Without trimmers anywhere in sight, get your pup used to the sensation of having his legs and each individual toe touched. Associate the experience with affection or treats.

Inspect your dog's feet. Look for dirt and debris on the paw and between toes.

Keep the fur on the feet trimmed. This can help prevent or reduce irritants, such as dirt, tar, rocks, and salt, which stick to your dog's feet.

Start slow. Introduce the clippers in a relaxed way. Then just trim one toe. It's okay if it takes several days to get them all done at first.

Cut the tip at a slight angle. You want to look for the point where the nail begins to curve.

Avoid the quick. For most dog owners, this is the most nerve-wracking part of nail clipping. The quick is a vein in the nail, so if you cut it, your dog will bleed. For dogs with lighter colored nails, you can see this pink area through the nail. But if your dog has darker nails, it can be harder to distinguish.



Keep styptic powder on hand. Even professionals accidentally hit the quick on occasions, so keep your calm if it happens. Apply styptic powder to stop the bleeding.

Use an emery board after clipping. Smooth those rough edges, and you're done!

Why Do Dogs Lick?

by Josh Weiss-Roessler

See if this sounds familiar: After going for a long walk with your dog and feeding her, you sit down to relax. She comes over, so you start petting her, but as soon as you do, the licking begins. You're not a fan, but it isn't a big deal at first... and then it progresses until she's slobbering all over your face.

This happens every single time you offer affection! Why?

Dogs lick their pack members and themselves for many reasons, and if you want to curb the behavior, it helps to understand its cause.

We taste good

If your dog is licking their bowl, the floor after a spill, or the counter after you've been cooking, you might pretty easily come to the conclusion that they simply like the taste. But did you know that the same thing can be true when they're licking us? Sometimes we have tiny food particles that they can taste, and beyond that, dogs enjoy the salt on our skin.

Grooming

You might not think of your pup as particularly concerned with hygiene, but dogs often lick to clean themselves, just like cats. Pay close attention, though, because excessive anal cleaning can indicate that the glands need to be expressed.



Healing

Dog saliva has enzymes that kill off bacteria, and when a dog licks himself, it helps to get rid of dead tissue and clean dirt from wounds. Some dogs, however, just can't stop themselves and may actually reopen wounds or cause other kinds of harm through excessive licking.

Compulsion

Speaking of excessive licking, if you notice that your dog is licking the same object or area over and over or that they seem to be doing so whenever they are

scared or nervous, it might be time to seek medical help.

While licking can be a healthy stress reliever, obsessive licking merely reinforces anxiety and makes the problem worse.



Communication

Dogs lick other dogs to tell them all sorts of things: everything from "I'm hungry" to "I submit to you" to "Let's be friends." They do this with people as well, but we're typically not as good at interpreting the message. If your dog is licking you with intensity, take a look around and see if something is amiss. Maybe the water bowl is empty or the doggie door is closed. Chances are your dog needs something.

Affection

This is the most common reason that domestic dogs lick and tends to be the kind of licking most pet parents want to change. Licking for affection causes your dog to release pleasurable endorphins that calm and comfort them, but sometimes it can just get to be too much for people. If you want your dog to stop, ignore them and walk into another room whenever it begins. Eventually they will learn that licking causes you to leave, which isn't what they want.



Golden Retrievers Tend To Owner For 2 Days After Fall Until Help Arrives, Show True Loyalty www.huffingtonpost.com

Some guardian angels choose to look over us from close by.

And such help from two loving golden retrievers might be the reason Judy Muhe of Palmdale, Florida, is still alive today. When the 76-year-old woman, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and lives alone, fell in her kitchen, 10-year-old Higgins and 4-year-old Dodger clung to her side for two days until help arrived, reported ABC News.

Muhe bruised her head and shattered her shoulder when she fell, and spend the subsequent 48 hours drifting in and out of consciousness. Her two dogs, aware of her distress, laid down next to her, keeping her as warm and as comfortable as they possibly could.

"The main thing was they let me know I was not alone," Muhe told ABC News. "[Higgins] laid up against my back, and Dodger laid on my feet and legs ...I don't know what I would have done without them ... I just love my dogs so much."

After her friend Kathy Jacobs called several times and didn't receive a



response, she entered Muhe's home using a key that Muhe had previously given to her.

"When I came in, we found her right away on the floor," Jacobs told ABC News. "The dogs were right here with her. They actually ran to the door and then they ran back to where she was,

like showing us that she was there."

Muhe has since undergone two surgeries to repair her shoulder.

Dogs not only have an incredible sense of when things aren't right, but also make sure to let their owners know as well.

Last December, 15-year-old Sean Kilgore of Alexandria, Indiana, noticed his German shepherd Gunner's extremely loud barking and stepped outside to see what was wrong. He then noticed a faint cry coming from somewhere down the street, and despite thinking he was just hearing things, decided to try and follow the sound.

He soon discovered it was the voice of an 82-year-old woman who had fallen in her garage and could not get up. He called 911, and the emergency responders arrived to help



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We love having happy healthy Goldens
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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