



# GGRR Newsletter

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#### January Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Mike S. Kathy D. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Judy S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

#### President's Report

New President, Mike S., stated that our meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. His goal for the next few years is to get everyone on the same page with all of the policies and procedures of our rescue group. There will be a mini training session at each meeting covering a topic in our policies and procedures.

#### Treasurer's Report

Kathy D. gave the following report on our accounts:  
Beginning Balance: \$2,255.63  
Income: \$2,004.19 (\$26.93 Escrip)



Expenses: \$425.59  
Ending Balance: \$3,861.19  
Flash Fund: \$32,843.99  
Kathy D. also reported that we received a donation from Susan Ittner for the amount of \$1,500.00.

#### Membership Report

Judy S. reported

that renewal forms are due. Tracie G. stated that she had some at the meeting if you need one. There was one membership inquiry in the past month and no new members. There were two visitors at the meeting, Brian and Susan who adopted Honey from us a few years back.

#### Intake Report

Michelle F. was absent but Mike S. reported that we didn't take in any dogs in the past month.

#### Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we didn't adopt any dogs out but we have an online application that looks very promising for Stevie.

#### Website Report

Paul S. was absent so no report was given.



**GGRR Volunteer Renewal Forms are Due!**  
 \$20.00 per Family for the entire year.  
 Please renew only if you plan on volunteering for our organization in one way or another this year.  
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

*My furry Valentine*



## GRRR Events

### Next GRRR Meeting

Thursday, February 14h at 7:30 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

### Joint Golden Club and GRRR Rescue Meeting

This joint meeting will be informational and will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. See the flyer on the next page for more information.



### St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis

The parade will be held the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day, March 16th. We will walk in the parade with our dogs but we will not have a float. Our application is in so we will know more later on this event.

## Top 10 Reasons To Foster a Dog [www.angelpaws.org](http://www.angelpaws.org)

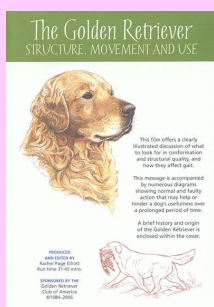
10. Companionship without a lifetime commitment.
9. Animals that have endured hardship can really use a loving home, one in which they can get used to living with people again.
8. Fostering provides a great lesson in compassion, nurturing, and generosity to children and it's a wonderful, life-affirming experience for an entire family, a couple, or a single individual.
7. If you already have one or more dogs, one more won't make a difference to you, but it sure will make a difference to the foster dog who otherwise might not have a second chance at life.
6. Fostering increases the likelihood of adoption and dramatically reduces the chances of an animal being returned. If your foster dog is loved and accepted in its new home, it is because of you!!!
5. Increased "human interaction" greatly helps foster dogs who often come from neglectful or abusive situations... and lets not forget what "canine interaction" can do for you.
4. You undoubtedly will get attached but when you meet the new family that's ready to provide a permanent, loving forever-home for the dog you helped rescue through fostering, you will feel more than satisfied to see him move on to his new life.
3. It's fun!!!
2. You get to show and teach your foster dog what a dog's life should be.
1. More foster homes means more dogs saved from the pound and possible death; it is a fact that only a small fraction of dogs impounded every year are rescued from the terrible fate of euthanasia...FOSTERING IS A TRUE WAY TO SAVE A LIFE !!!

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**  
**FOR OUR FEBRUARY 20 CLUB MEETING**  
**(Weather Permitting)**

**Special start time: 6:30 pm**

**TOPIC:**

**STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER**  
**WITH A GROOMING DEMONSTRATION BY JUDY KNOBBE**



A brief DVD from the Golden Retriever Club of America will be shown, featuring:

- Working Goldens—doing what they do best
- Video clips of how a dog's structure affects movement and stamina
- Images of the birthplace of Goldens—Guisachan, in the Scottish Highlands
- Narrated by famed Golden Retriever breeder and expert Rachel Paige Elliott

**President Judy Knobbe will show us how to groom feet and ears.**

**There will be handouts from the GRCA, including the breed standard.**

We will be joined by Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue members for this program.

Bring your dogs (on lead)! Bring your questions! Bring food and beverages to share with our guests (contact Sue Hippler and let her know what you plan to bring)!

**Join us for a fun and educational evening!**

## Old & New Business

### Old Business

Tim M. reported that he ran ads for volunteers in the West Magazine, Ladue News and The Call. They will run for a month to six weeks depending on the paper. Tim read the add and a scanned copy of the add can be seen on the bottom of this page.



we do it with the Golden Club. Mike explained that we will have to be available for a few hours on the day that they give us to answer questions about the breed for any visitors that come by.

Mike S. reported that the Memorial Wall from the National Specialty will soon be placed in it's forever home in the Dog Museum. We hope to have it there by March sometime. The Museum is trying to figure out a place to put it.

### New Business

Mike S. shared that the Dog Museum send us an invite to do the "Dog of the Week" at the Museum. It was suggested that



Mike also stated that it's odd that we're not getting many phone calls to pick up dogs. We need a few volunteers to call the APA and the Human Society every week and see if they have any Golden Retrievers. Sometimes they like to keep the pure breeds to draw people in. Other times they will turn them over to us. If we have a volunteer call once or twice a week we can keep up with them.

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



## DONATIONS

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

**Sarah Cavin in memory of Anna Alioto and Murphy and in honor of Addison**

***Our Next Meeting is Thursday,  
February 14th at 7:30 p.m.  
Happy Valentine's Day!***

## How to Exercise Your Dog Indoors [www.cesarsway.com](http://www.cesarsway.com)

By Nicole Pajer

*Dogs need their daily exercise, and even things like it being too cold or hot outside or the days getting shorter shouldn't get in the way.*

*Here are some tips on how to work out your dog's body and mind indoors:*

### **1. Run your dog up and down the stairs.**

*Using the stairs is a great way to tire out your dog. The steps add an additional challenge to a dog's workout, as they engage different muscles than those used on a regular walk or run and add an extra level of difficulty with the change in elevation. Stand at the top of the stairs and throw a toy down to your dog. When your dog grabs the toy, call his name and have him bring the toy to you. After several rounds of this, he'll be winded.*

### **2. Laser pointer.**

*Pick up an inexpensive laser pointer at a store and shine it back and forth across the floor. Watch as your dog chases the laser back and forth and works out in the process. Be careful to avoid shining the laser directly in a dog's eyes, as this can cause damage to its retinas.*

### **3. Set up obstacle courses.**

*Whenever Cesar enters someone's house on the show, he looks around for things in the environment that can be repurposed to help the dog. Like using that old hula hoop for him to leap through or using cushions to create a tunnel for him to navigate. Map everything out and lead your dog through the various obstacles. This game will challenge your dog both mentally and physically.*

### **4. Make your dog work for its treats.**

*Take a variety of your dog's favorite treats and hide them around the house – behind doors, under tables, underneath rugs, etc. Your dog will be so busy tracking down his treats that he'll physically tire out in the*



*process. Treat dispensing toys are another great way to keep your dog busy and engage them physically as they push around their toys and try to get to the food inside.*

### **5. Keep away and fetch.**

*Engage your dog in a good old fashioned game of fetch and keep away. These games keep your dog engaged, active, and help to re-*

*lease pent up energy.*

### **6. Take a socialized outing.**

*Put your dog in the car (always remember to use a car restraint!) and head over to the nearest pet store. Walk your dog through the aisles, let him try out toys and sniff around.*

### **7. Get your dog on the treadmill.**

*A treadmill is a great way to get your dog a dose of healthy indoor exercise. First, allow your dog to get comfortable with the sight and sound of a running treadmill. Next, place your dog on the treadmill and give him a treat. Turn the treadmill on the lowest speed. Give him treats to keep him on the treadmill. You may use the dog's leash as an aid but never tie your dog to the treadmill. Also, standing in front of the treadmill and rewarding him with treats for walking might make your dog feel more comfortable. Once your dog is adjusted, you can gradually increase the speed to provide a more challenging workout.*

### **8. Tug of War—But Be Aware of the Risks**

*With the amount of ropes and toys available that encourage tug of war, it's not surprising that so many dog owners play this game with their dog. However, you need to be aware of the risk. It's a game that brings out the predator in your dog and can be unhealthy for your relationship if you don't have trust and respect to begin with. You need to have control over your dog's power and instincts before you can engage in a healthy game of tug of war with them.*

# GGRR Needs VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Would you like to help GGRR rescue abused and neglected Golden Retrievers?

**Please volunteer today!**

Volunteers are appreciated for whatever time they can provide to GGRR. There is no minimum amount of time required to volunteer. Your contribution of time will be appreciated whether you volunteer for 1 hour every few months or for 100 hours every week. **However, volunteers that are willing to work 8 or so hours every month are desperately needed. The more dedicated volunteers we have, the more golden retrievers that we can save from abusive and neglected situations.**

**Won't you volunteer to help a golden retriever today?**

## Foster Homes NEEDED!!!

Keep and care for a Golden Retriever in your home. Evaluate the Golden Retriever and report on the dog's strengths and weaknesses. Provide pictures and a written description for our website. Make arrangements with prospective adopters to meet the Golden. GGRR pays for all food and medical costs.

Other Ways GGRR Needs Your Help:

- Conduct Home Visits
- Conduct Telephone Interviews
- Conduct Dog Visits
- Provide Transportation
- Coordinate Activities/Events and Help Out at Them
- Fundraising
- Crafts & Sewing

**Please contact one of our Officers as soon as possible or visit our website for more information.**

**Click "We Need Volunteers" on the Left.**

**[www.ggrr.com](http://www.ggrr.com)**



## FOSTERING DOGS

**What does fostering a dog involve?**

When you foster, you agree to take a homeless dog into your home and give him or her love, care and attention, either for a predetermined period of time or until the dog is adopted.

**Why do adoption groups need foster homes?**

There are many reasons a dog might need foster care. Some of the most common include:

- A rescue group doesn't have a physical shelter and depends on foster homes to care for dogs until suitable homes are found.
- A puppy is too young to be adopted and needs a safe place to stay until he or she is old enough to go to a forever home.
- A dog is recovering from surgery, illness or injury and needs a safe place to recuperate.
- A dog is showing signs of stress such as pacing or hiding in the shelter.
- A dog has not lived in a home before or has not had much contact with people and needs to be socialized.
- The shelter is running out of room for adoptable dogs.

**Why should I foster a dog?**

Fostering a dog is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have (other than adopting, of course). By taking an animal in need temporarily into your home you're:

- freeing up a spot so the shelter or rescue can take in another dog.
- giving your foster dog the time he needs to be ready for adoption.
- helping the shelter or rescue learn more about the dog so he can end up in the best home possible.
- socializing the dog to a home environment and possibly getting him used to being around other pets and different types of people.

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### **Next Meeting**

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We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers 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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