

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, January 10th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Golden Retrievers (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.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13th :

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Pat Moran. Shane S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November meeting. Ron G. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. Barb B. noted one correction to the online version of the newsletter. Question marks, rather than bullets, mysteriously appeared in front of the accomplishments of Nikon in the Wags and Brags section. Our sincere apologies go out to both Nikon and Pamela.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None this month



Rocky D. poses for a holiday photo with his new siblings. They knew Rocky was the dog they wanted as soon as they saw his sad face pictured on our website. It's hard to tell who has the biggest smile now—Rocky or the kids!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beth reported that our account balance at the beginning of November was **\$7,266.69**. Income was **\$1956.89**. Expenses were **\$1,535.62**, leaving an ending balance of **\$7,687.96**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kristen reported we had 3 membership inquiries, but no new members. There were two visitors attending the meeting: Marsha Wilson, Jessica's mom and Trisha O'Quill. We always enjoy new faces at our meetings—both human and canine ones!

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Two dogs were surrendered to GGRR since our November meeting:

- 07-038: Tucker**, a 4 year old male being fostered by Tara and Corey Bolen
- 07-039: Finn**, a male estimated to be just over a year old being fostered by Janet Guethle.

We have 6 dogs waiting to come in that have not yet been assigned numbers:

Sunny and **Sasha**, 8-10 month old male littermates found abandoned in a ditch during an ice storm in Washington, MO.

Tommy, a 19 month old male

Sadie, a 1 year old female whose family will be moving to the St. Louis area in mid-January.

Lucky, a 14 month old male



Max Blacksher gets a hug from Santa Bill B. before the family makes their Christmas Day deliveries to needy families for Santa's Helpers, Inc. Max had to stay at home, as he bears little resemblance to a reindeer. Bob Barker declined to be photographed with that scary red man wearing a beard.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Four dogs were placed in their forever during the past month:

- 07-031 Maximus**
07-034 Penny
07-035 Oliver
07-037 Albert Pujols

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris reported that the recent order of member shirts has arrived. Please see her after the meeting to pick up anything you may have ordered.

Applications for the St. Patrick's Day parade must be in by the end of December. The parade will be held downtown on Saturday, March 15th at noon. Members voted to participate in the parade again this year, so Chris will mail in our application.

Chris explained how the evening's gift exchange of dog gifts would work. Everyone who brought gifts should take the same number of gifts in the exchange after the meeting.

Chris brought an extra copy of the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue catalog to the meeting for anyone who would like to look through it. There is a wide variety of Golden Retriever merchandise for sale in it. You can also view the merchandise online at www.ygrr.org.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

There was no report, as Paul S. was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Korisa C. has discovered a website that will print a variety of items on demand. It is www.cafepress.com. The website is easy to use, and items ordered usually arrive in less than a week. We upload our image and choose what products we want the image printed on. We select the mark-up we want for our profit, and the company prints, fills, and ships each order for us. We receive a profit on the items without having to do the work. Items can be ordered from multiple groups on this website. Tracie B.'s aunt is a graphic designer. Tracie will ask her aunt if she would be willing to design an image for GGRR to use.

Beth J. brought a letter she received from one of our adoptive families, and Pat read it to the group. Pat will ask Paul S. to post it on our website.

The next order of business was holding elections for the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member Representative on the Executive Board. Pat M. opened the floor for nominations, and there were no additional people nominated for these offices. Ballots were distributed, voting took place, and the votes were tallied. Tim Miget was re-elected as Vice President, Beth Johnson as Treasurer, and Chris Rogers as Member Representative. All of these new officers were elected to 2-year terms.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Pat M. passed out slips of paper for our holiday raffle items. Names were drawn for two baskets of dog-related items and one dog stocking of goodies. The winners were Natalie Haberstroh, Tracie Bayer, and Marcia Wilson.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kim B. It was seconded by Eileen C. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Holiday refreshments and a dog gift exchange followed the meeting.

WAGS AND BRAGS:

Congratulations go out to member **Kristen Weinberg** for some holiday additions to her family! Kristen delivered twins (*the human kind!*), a boy and a girl, on December 20th. The new twins will be sharing their parents with their canine sibling, **Newton**.

HEALING THOUGHTS:

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to President **Pat Moran**, who is recuperating at home from recent back surgery. Hopefully Sebastian and Rain are waiting on her paw and foot until Pat is up and around again.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

blacksher@charter.net

Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE

- author unknown

Here in this house . . .

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of other dogs "out there."

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.

I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.

I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.

My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house . . .

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.

I will be talked to, and even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.

I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house . . .

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.

I will never be used to improve people's images of themselves.

I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.

If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house . . .

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch . . . knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and fair as dogs.

Here in this house . . .

I will belong.

I will be home.

We rescue their lives . . .

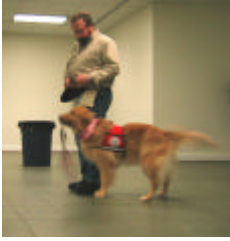
They rescue our hearts!

Rescue is not about finding perfect dogs to adopt.

Rescue is about helping loving dogs in need.

Thanks to Shane S. for contributing the above poem.

GGRR ACTIVITIES IN 2007



Rob Schenberg Demo- Feb



St. Pat's Parade-March



Reunion Picnic- May



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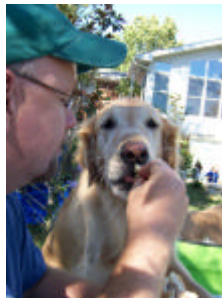
Sunrise Assisted Living-July



Pups Rescued in July



Member Picnic-Oct



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Sacred Heart Preschool Visit-Oct.



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Webster Groves Christmas Walk-Nov.



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TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL THE GGRR PHONE LINES:

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