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November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President, Tim M. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim D. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

No report given.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy D. gave the following report on our accounts:

Beginning Balance: \$3,942.18
Income: \$325.00 (19.60 Escrip)
Expenses: \$2,031.15
Ending Balance: \$2,255.63
Flash Fund: \$32,833.05

Membership Report

Judy S. reported that we had three membership inquiries and three member packets were sent out.



One is very interested in fostering!
No new members in the past month.
There was one visitor at the meeting, Carrie W.

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had one dog that came in in the previous month:

11-002R Ben (Return) He had a tumor in his head that was larger than his brain.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we did not adopt any dogs out in the previous month.

Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website traffic for the last few months. The most current information from November in listed below:

Hits: 97,624
Page Views: 15,099
Visitors: 6,487

Wishing You A Golden New Year!



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!!!

GRRR Events

Next GRRR Meeting

Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

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

The parade is usually held the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. I believe that would be March 16th this year. We will walk in the parade with our dogs but we will not have a float. More information to come later on this event. Mark your calendars!

Before I Was A Dog Mom

~Author Unknown~

Before I was a Dog Mom: I made and ate hot meals unmolested; I had unstained, unfurred clothes; I had quiet conversations on the phone, even if the doorbell rang.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got to bed . . . or if I could get into my bed.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I cleaned my house everyday, I never tripped over toys, stuffies, chewies, or invited the neighbor's dog over to play.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I didn't worry if my plants, cleansers, plastic bags, toilet paper, soap or deodorant were poisonous or dangerous.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I had never been peed on, pooped on, drooled on, chewed on, or pinched by puppy teeth.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I had complete control of my thoughts, my body and my mind. I slept all night without sharing the covers or pillow.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I never looked into big, soulful eyes and cried. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop a hurt. I never knew something so furry and four-legged could affect my heart so deeply.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I had never held a sleeping puppy just because I couldn't put it down. I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was well. I didn't know how warm it feels inside to feed a hungry puppy. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Dog Mom: I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment, or the satisfaction of being

~A Dog Mom



Old & New Business

Old Business

Jim D. reported that he called the Oakville call and he reported the prices for how much adds cost to run. Tim ran through the costs of the Ladue News and the West County Call papers. It was decided that we should run adds for volunteers in all three papers in January and see what kind of response we get.

Jim D. announced that Bernard Middle School usually looks for an organization to back in the spring. He is going to look into seeing if they want to help with our reunion picnic.

Chris R. brought up that our membership renewal form needs to be updated. She would like for it to be a volunteer renewal and not a “membership” renewal. We need more people to actually come to events, meetings, foster dogs, do phone lines, home visits, etc. Paying dues and not showing up to anything all year is not what we are looking for. It was agreed that the form needed to be updated. Tracie G. said she would update the form and run it by the board before issuing. Renewals are due by our February meeting and the cost is \$20 per year per family.

New Business

Tim announced that re received our contract for the Dog Museum for the next year. We will sign and return it with a check for using their facility for our meetings.

Tim M. asked if anyone would like to run for the position of President or Secretary. Finally, Mike S. said he would volunteer for President. After nobody volunteered for the position of Secretary, Tracie G. said she would do it for one more term. It was voted on and it was determined that Mike S. and Tracie G. will be the President and Secretary of GGRR for the next two years.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Kathy D. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



DONATIONS

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

JoAnn Grodsky & Julie Goldman in memory of Robert Slosberg

The Shepherd Foundation, in honor of the GGRR members who so tirelessly support such a wonderful organization.

Chris Wollenberg & Peter Wollenberg, in honor of GGRR volunteer Pamela Wollenberg

The Karraker Family, in loving memory of their “Angel”.

My Dog Lives Here www.katberard.com

Author Unknown

My dog and I live in this house. You are welcome to come and visit me anytime but we have a few things that you must understand before you visit.

You must expect a few dog hairs to stick to your clothes. I vacuum and clean every day but a Dog lives in this house too.

You may be licked and given a paw a few times but he does this because he loves people and wants to say hello, so if you feel that you are too good for his love then you are not welcome here because this is his home too.

My dog is well mannered and very clean but if you are one of those people who think all animals are dirty and smell then go away. You are not the type of person that I care to associate with.

If you don't like the sound of barking, then my home is not going to be a comfortable place for you to visit. My dog protects me by letting me know I have a visitor. Whether it be a friend or uninvited stranger. If you are a friend, my dog will consider you his friend too but if you are an unwelcome guest, my dog will protect me with his life as I would his. Do not expect me to lock my dog in another room during your visit. I have trained my dog well so he will not do anything to you except maybe want a pat on the head. I will not subject him to feel as if he is being punished by locking him away for no reason. That would just be cruel.

When you walk in my home, be careful not to trip on a squeaky toy or a bone. These are my dog's little treasures and I will not take them away from him just to show you that I keep a clean house. He knows where all his toys are. They may not look like much to you,



but to him, they are worth more than gold.

You see, This is OUR home. We have been together since he was a small pup scampering around the house, a tiny bit of a thing only a few weeks old. I raised him into a well mannered, beautifully behaved dog. I am proud of him.

I consider him my personal gift from God. He has done nothing but give me his endless love and devotion for many

years. I love him dearly and want to make his years happy ones. As happy as he makes mine. When you go home to your family, he stays here with me. A fine and loving companion. He is MY family and I wouldn't change that for the world. When times were hard, we both went hungry. When it was cold and there was no heat, we both kept each warm. When I was sick, he stayed right by my side as I did his when he was not having a good day.

A better friend I could not ask for. When no one else cared, my dog did. He has given me nothing but pure joy and I love him endlessly.

So please understand that I am not being rude. I'm just looking out for my best friend.



GRR Needs VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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

Please volunteer today!

Volunteers are appreciated for whatever time they can provide to GRR. 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. GRR pays for all food and medical costs.

Other Ways GRR 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.

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A Golden Retriever's New Year's Resolutions

Dear self,

I would like to improve on a few things in 2013. Below, I have listed several starting points:

1. I will spend more time stretched out on the couch.
2. I will follow my nose wherever it leads me.
3. I will sleep on an orthopedic pet bed (hint hint, Mom)
4. I will not dig through the laundry to find my favorite "toys".
5. I will not go counter surfing because I'm bored.
6. I will keep my nose out of the litter box.
7. If I lapse on number 6, I will not lick mommy's face after raiding the kitty crunchies.
8. I will not give the cat a colonoscopy every time I see her.
9. I will bring the ball back when we play fetch.
10. I will not dig a hole in the mattress to make it more comfortable.
11. Mommy's pants and daddy's shirts are not towels. I will not use them as such.
12. I will leave the animals I find outside where they belong. If I forget, I will take them back outside when mommy asks.

Well, those are the things I'd like to improve on in 2013. Have a Golden New Year!

Love,

The Golden

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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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