

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, July 10th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Goldens (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 JUNE 12th :

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Pat Moran. Beth J. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May meeting. Heather H. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. There were no additions or corrections to the May minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None this month

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beth reported that our account balance at the beginning of May was **\$3940.30**. Income was **\$3789.00** and expenses were **\$2662.47**, leaving an ending balance of **\$5067.83**. We made a profit of **\$545** at the garage sale in June.



Slider Taylor is developing into one handsome boy! Papa Rich has been so busy shooting nature photos that we had to beg for a picture of Slider!

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kristen reported we had 3 membership inquiries, and one new family who joined GGRR. Welcome to **Tom and Donna Schmiederer**, who are currently on our waiting list for a dog. Visitors at the meeting included Jessica Wilson's dad, **Mary Lowden, Brendon Wells, and Courtney Hunt**.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Barb reported that seven dogs were surrendered to GGRR during the past month. Every one of them needs to be spayed or neutered.

- 08-024: Ruby**, an 8 month old female who is being fostered by Betsey Finnegan
- 08-025: Haley**, a 9-12 month old male from Stockton, MO being fostered by John and Nancy Rudkowski
- 08-026: Comet**, an 18-24 month old female, who is probably Haley's mother; she is being fostered by Pat Moran
- 08-027: Cindy**, a 4 year old red female, who is being fostered by Tom Gerber and Amy Hernlund; Cindy came from a vet in Waynesville, MO
- 08-028: Duke #1**, a 4 year old red male who came in with Cindy; he is currently at Under One Woof, as he has shown some aggression toward other dogs
- 08-029: Mason**, an 8 month old blond male, who is being fostered by Barb and Bill Blacksher
- 08-030: Duke #2**, a 2-1/2 year old male, who was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder called myositis; Duke is being fostered by Kevin Germino and Jessica Lester



Shadow Moran enjoys the life of leisure at a lake in Freeburg, IL. She is taking a well-deserved vacation after raising her litter of pups. Max Blacksher acts as lifeguard.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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

- 07-029 Finn**
08-003 Toby
08-014 Keira
08-023 Spencer
08-026 Comet
08-030 Mason

Ruby has been shown to a family who plans to adopt her when she has recovered from her recent spay.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris reminded members of our scheduled summer adoption days at Lucky Dog. Korisa C. will take June 21st and Kathy D. will take July 19th.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (cont.)

The Golden Retriever will be Dog of the Week on June 22nd at the Dog Museum. Paul and Nanette S., Pat M., and Chris R. are scheduled to work this event from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. We will be joined by members of the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis. Anyone is welcome to attend with or without their dog.

Chris reminded everyone to mark Kirkwood's Greentree Festival on their calendars. It takes place on Sept. 12, 13, and 14. Sign up sheets will be circulated at a later date. We will need lots of volunteers to cover the three day span of this event.

The APA Carnival will be held Sunday, October 5th this year. Details will be announced later, but this is also an event in which GRRR participates.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

Paul S. announced our website statistics for May, which were down some from the previous month. They include:

Hits:	143,768
Page Views:	26,443
Visitors:	14,824
Unique Visitors:	3,493

Paul also reported some of the new features he recently added to the member's portion of our website. It is now possible to send an email containing attachments to members. He reminded us that emails can be sent to all members, or just to specific members on the list. Uncheck the box that says, "send email to all members" and place



There's nothing better than a good nap! The above photo was taken by Linda Roberts when Shadow's puppies were just three weeks old.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: (cont.)

a check by the people who you want to receive your email. Paul is currently working on posting the Intake List on the members' portion of the website, so we can check it between meetings to see what new dogs have come in. People working on the Intake Committee will be able to post photos and information about dogs they bring in. His next task will be to post our waiting list online so we can check the length of our waiting list or see where a particular family is located.

GRRR has received a total of \$270 in donations from the Pay Pal feature Paul added to the website. Since we pay a small administrative fee to Pay Pal for online donations, it would be better for members to write checks if they wish to make a donation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coordinator positions expire on June 30th. The following people will fill these five positions:

**Membership Coordinator: Janice
Elsenraat**

Intake Coordinator: Barb Blacksher

**Adoption Coordinator: Carrie
Tennessee**

**Events Coordinator: Chris Rogers /
Tracie Bayer**

Website Coordinator: Paul Swarthout

Korisa C. reported on the items GRR has for sale on the Café Press website. Tracie Bayer's aunt snapped and edited the photos used on the apparel. Tanqueray, one of Tracie's dogs, modeled for some of the photos. Shadow's puppies appear on some of the apparel as well. There isn't a link on our website that will take people directly there. The web address of Café Press is www.cafepress.com/grr. We make approximately \$ 2-3 in profit for each item sold. We can adjust the amount of our profit if needed. We have already made our first sale. Thanks to Korisa C., Tracie B., and Tracie's aunt for all of their hard work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barb B. brought up problems we are experiencing due to a lack of foster homes for incoming dogs. We are getting an increasing number of dogs who need to spend longer amounts of time in foster homes, due to health or behavior issues and not having been previously altered. Kathy D. offered to post an advertisement

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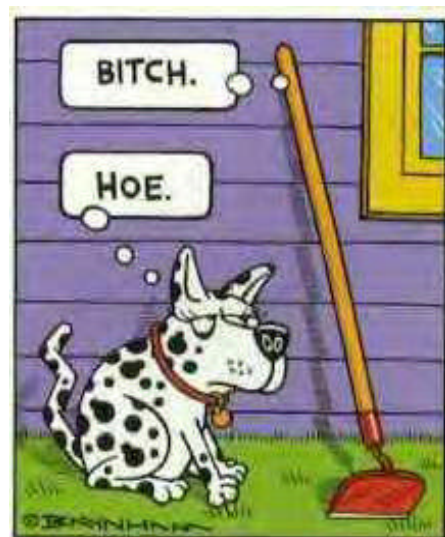
on Craig's List, and Heather H. will put something on her company message board if someone will compose the message and email it to her.

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:

Lee and Carmie Adkins were able to bring baby **Iris** home from the hospital in mid-June. Iris now tips the scales at 5 pounds. Lee reports that canine siblings, Scottie and Belle, have shown little interest in Iris so far. Members will get the opportunity to meet Iris at one of our future meetings once the doctor gives approval for Iris to be out in public.

Chloe Rogers was voted Queen of the Parade at an event hosted by Chris's employer, Sachs Fifth Avenue. GRR members already call Chloe the Queen Bee, and now we have further proof that Chloe's title is well-deserved!





Pat M. encourages Bob Barker Blacksher on his very first attempt at swimming. Sebastian, Rain, Shadow, Max. Friend Bev and her Great Pyrenees, Baltimore look on.

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.

ANIMAL HOSPICE GUIDELINES

1. Be present and be in the moment with me. In the moment of now, we will write the final chapter of my life. Your presence is everything. Listen to me with your heart.
2. I have a right to compassionate, considerate, respectful care. Choose for me a veterinarian who will honor me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. One who will listen to you because you

ANIMAL HOSPICE GUIDELINES

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are my advocate and no one loves me as you do. Choose a veterinarian who will offer her or his wisdom so that you can make informed decisions regarding my care.

3. Keep me free from pain and symptoms so that I may enjoy my day and the precious time I have left with you. Seek to understand the different types of pain I may have. Look for enthusiasm in my eyes as a gauge. Celebrate my life with me until the very end!
4. Keep me well nourished so that my body will have the fortitude that it needs to fight disease and energy to function. Offer me my favorite foods to entice me to eat but honor my decision, should I choose not to eat.
5. Keep me well hydrated; for this will keep me in balance with the universe.
6. Keep me warm and comfortable. I will need to be bathed more frequently—maybe several times a day. My favorite bed and blanket give me security and let me feel safe. I want to smell fresh air and to feel the warmth of the sun on my face. I want to hear the softness of your voice reassuring me of my importance in your life.
7. Let me stay active and continue to be a part of the family I love so dearly. I want to go for rides in the car, and long walks on the beach, and snuggle with you on the couch while we watch TV. Keep fun in our day.

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8. Touch me. Your loving hands have fed me, played with me, comforted me and now give me strength. Linger just a little longer as you scratch my ear. Your touch lets me know you are there and gives me assurance that you care.
9. Give me permission to leave--I need to hear those words from you—I need to know you will be OK. Let me go.
10. If there comes a time when you know that I am suffering, please euthanize me. I trust that you will always make the right decision for me for I am the blood of your heart. Be with me—I want you to be my last vision.
11. As there has been great joy in our life together, now let there be joy in my passing. Cherish and be thankful for our happy moments together. Promise to keep my memory alive in all you do every day.

Thanks to Rich T. for submitting the above article.



Megan and Jack Tennesen take a well-deserved power nap. Hasn't anyone told Megan that the **dog** is supposed to be the pillow?!

**TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL THE
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