



# Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue

July 2010

## July 2010 Newsletter

### June 10th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Tim M. Penny M. 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

Tim announced that this Sunday is our reunion picnic and all members are encouraged to come work the picnic. Please, no members in the basket raffles. It looks bad

when our members win everything. This is for our adopted families and we want them to have a good time.

### Treasurer's Report

Beth J. was not present at the meeting.

### Membership Report

Janice E. reported that there have been two inquiries in the last month and no new members. Visitors at the meeting included John & Helen A., Tom & Fran H., and Sasha from the Golden Retriever Club.

### Intake Report

Carrie T. reported that we haven't taken any new dogs in in the last month, but there are a few in the works.

### Adoption Report

Amy A. Reported that two dogs were placed in the month of May:  
010-012—Finnegan  
010-011—Ella



Nerdy Puppy—Amy G. snapped this shot of Rusty wearing his reading glasses!

## GRRR Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website traffic during the previous month.

Our website had:  
Hits: 98,704  
Page Views: 16,204  
Visitors: 6,451  
Unique Visitors: 2,278  
Paul also reported on our

PetFinder stats: April had 704 hits and May had 905 hits.

Amy G. asked why you cannot go from the message board to the member roster and Paul commented that it's because of the way it's

setup. Paul also gave an update on some new features he is adding to our website. More to come on that next month.

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## GGRR Upcoming Events

Barb B. reported on our upcoming events:

### **Flea Market at Under One Woof**

The first annual flea market will take place Saturday, June 12th from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Proceeds go towards purchase of animal oxygen masks for the St. Charles County Fire Trucks.

### **GGRR Annual Reunion Picnic**

The GGRR Reunion Picnic will take place this Sunday, June 13th at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. Members are asked to wear their member shirt, bring a bag or two of ice, and a side dish if possible. Set up is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Picnic goes from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Clean-up is from 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. and we need to do a thorough job this year. Assignments will be given at the picnic as to who is working where. We will need



Milo & Millie are pictured above and are looking for their new forever home together!

people to hold dogs while their owners eat, run games, etc. Amy announced that we need tables and chairs and any extras you can bring are greatly appreciated. This is a rain or shine event! Amy also needs volunteers to help bring some of the raffle baskets in her car after the

meeting.

### **Lucky Dog Adoption Days**

Next adoption day at Lucky Dog in Webster Groves is Saturday, June 19th. Tom and Donna S. are signed up to attend with Oliver.

### **Sacred Heart Academy**

#### **Preschool Visit**

We are planning to visit this preschool on Friday, July 2nd at 9:00 a.m. There are six classrooms and anyone who is off of work is welcome to attend. If your dog is good with small children feel free to bring them along. Jim D., Nancy R., Pat M., Barb B, and Chris R. volunteered to attend.

### **Adoption Days at**

#### **Treats Unleashed**

Randy K. is looking into setting up an adoption day at Treats Unleashed in Ladue for the month of July.

## GGRR Old Business & New Business

**Old Business**— There was none.

### **New Business**

We received a donation check from Pfizer for \$395.

New shirts are in. See Chris R. to pick up your order. If you like one of the new designs, buy one tonight before they go on sale at the picnic!

Pat M. announced that 4 members and their dogs have passed the test to be Delta Pet Partners. A gift cer-

tificate to O'Charley's was given to Nancy and John R. as a thank you for working so hard with us on this certification!

Tim M. announced that we need to vote on new coordinator positions tonight. The following was the outcome of that vote:

Adoption Coordinator — Amy A.  
Intake Coordinator — Penny M.  
Membership Coordinator—Amy G.

Events Coordinator—Barb B.  
Website Coordinator—Paul S.  
Chris B. volunteered to take over Penny's Friday night Adoption Lines since she'll be doing Intake.

A motion was made by Amy G. and seconded by Paul S. to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## Donations

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

**Randy Karraker & Joan Foley**, in memory of Angel Karraker & Chloe Rogers.

**Kathy Callahan & Jane Mayfield**, in memory of a "very special girl", Chloe Rogers.

**Tank & Max Grimm**, in memory of our GGRR event buddy, Chloe Rogers.

**Helena & David Servis**

**Donald & Jean Foster**

**Judith Hoffman**, in honor of Austin, adopted in 2001.

**Deb Zotti**, in memory of Nickie Yoder

**Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program**



Chloe Rogers is pictured above. Chloe went to the Rainbow Bridge in early June. She was a unique Golden and will be missed by her parents, Chris and Warner, and GGRR members dearly.

## Canine Heat Stroke (Hyperthermia) *Submitted by: Barb Blacksher*

Heat stroke or hyperthermia is a term which describes an elevation in body temperature. It occurs when an animal gets severely overheated, most commonly during warm weather or due to overexertion. The normal body temperature of a dog ranges from 100.2 – 102.8 degrees Fahrenheit. A rectal temperature over 104 degrees requires action, and over 106 degrees is a dire emergency.

Dogs do not sweat through their skin as humans do. They release body heat primarily by panting, although they do sweat through their foot pads and nose. When a dog cannot effectively expel heat, its internal temperature begins to rise. The following information can help you to identify common causes of heat stroke, to recognize the symptoms of heat stroke, and to properly treat an animal with hyperthermia.

### **RISK FACTORS:**

- Black or dark-colored dogs
- Obesity
- Older dogs or very young dogs
- Breeds with short noses, such as Bulldogs, Pugs, or Boston Terriers
- Heavy-coated dogs in warm climates

- High heat and humidity
- Previous episode of heat stroke
- Poor ventilation
- Dogs that have other diseases, especially of the heart and lungs

### **CAUSES:**

- Pet is left in a parked car (the most common cause)
- Excessive exercise in hot, humid weather
- Lack of appropriate shelter for an animal outdoors
- Animal is not acclimated to heat
- Lack of availability to cool, fresh water

### **SIGNS:**

- Vigorous panting or difficulty breathing
- Increased rectal temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit above
- Weakness, loss of coordination, collapse, loss of consciousness
- Lying down and unwilling or unable to get up
- Thick saliva
- Pale or brick red gums
- Dizziness, disorientation, stupor, or appearing in a daze

- Bloody diarrhea or vomiting

### **FIRST AID:**

- Move the dog to a shady area or into air conditioning.
- Spray the dog with cool water.
- Turn on a fan and point it toward the dog.
- Put towels soaked in cool water (don't use ice or very cold water) on the foot pads, head, neck, abdomen, chest, and groin areas.
- Offer the dog some cool water, but don't force it to drink.
- Monitor the dog's temperature. When its body temperature lowers to 104 degrees, stop the cooling process.
- **Take your dog to the nearest veterinary hospital immediately, even if the dog seems better.**

Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency. Even animals that survive can suffer long-term damage to their organs. Most animals will require IV fluids and will need their liver and kidney function monitored by a vet for several days. [Preventing heat stroke from occurring is always the best medicine!](#)

## Dog's Bedtime Prayer *Submitted by: Carrie Tennesen*



Alex Carbone comforts his Golden, Stone, during a recent storm. Mom, Korisa, snapped this shot of them hiding together from the storm!

Now I lay me down to sleep.  
The queen-sized bed is soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the center groove,  
My human being can hardly move.

I've trapped her legs,  
She's tucked in tight,  
And here is where I pass the night.  
No one disturbs or dares intrude,  
'Till morning comes and I want food.

I sneak up slowly and it begins,  
My nibbles on my human's chin.  
She wakes up then and smiles and shouts,  
"You darling beast! Just cut it out!"

But 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 always holds me tight,  
And shares her bed with me at night!

~ Author Unknown



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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Dog Museum in  
Queeny Park!

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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