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May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Tim M. Rich moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy G. and passed. There was one correction to the minutes, the number of membership inquiries from the previous month was five.

President's Report

Tim announced that there are some Board appointed changes to the Coordinator Positions. Mike S. will take over Placement/

Adoption and Tim M. will take over events.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had four inquiries during the month of May and no new members.

We had two visitors at the meeting, Rhonda and Mary B. who are waiting to adopt from GGRR.



Intake Report

Penny M. was not present at the meeting so Tim gave her report. We took in one dog during the previous month: 011-014 Romeo—a 1-1/2 year old male, medium in color and very high in energy. He is not housebroken either.

Adoption Report

Amy R. reported that we didn't have any adoptions during the previous month.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. was present at our meeting but forgot her report at home.



Website Report

Paul S. was absent for our meeting but sent his report with Nanette. GGRR's website had the following traffic during the last couple months:
 April
 Hits: 120,730
 Page Views: 24,414

Visitors: 9,102
 Unique Visitors: 2,691
 May
 Hits: 93,551
 Page Views: 20,398
 Visitors: 8,009
 Unique Visitors: 2,701
 GGRR also has 504 fans on Facebook. Paul is still working on our new updated website.

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Treats Unleashed Adoption Days

Saturday, June 25, 2011

This adoption days event will be held at the Treats Unleashed in Ladue at Hwy. 170 and Ladue Rd. Tim announced that we need volunteers to work this event. Randy K. and Amy G. will work the event. Time to be determined.

Muddpuppies Adoption Days

Tim M. announced that he had talked to the owners of Muddpuppies and there are a few opportunities for GGRR to hold events there. We can hold a dog wash at their location and charge \$15 per dog and GGRR keeps the profits. They also offered to do a hot dog day and put out a donation jar where GGRR would keep all donations from the hot dogs.

Downtown St. Charles

Tim also mentioned an event to be held in Downtown St. Charles. This event would be held with GGRR members Dan and Amy V. More info to come at an upcoming meeting.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival September 16th, 17th and 18th

This event is held at Kirkwood Park and is a huge event for GGRR. A booth is set up for us to bring our dogs and give out information to the public about GGRR. Please save the date on your calendars for this weekend as we will need many workers and their Golden Retrievers to staff our booth.

APA Carnival

Sunday, October 2nd

This event is held at Tilles Park in Rock Hill. We have not received all of the information on times yet, but it will be reported on when we receive it.



So Long Lucky Dog

Lucky Dog in Webster Groves closed it's doors on June 30th. GGRR thanks Owner, Beth Fox, for all of her support throughout the years and for letting GGRR host many events at her location. Lucky Dog will be missed by all who ever visited her unique dog boutique!

Old & New Business

Old Business

Vice President, Heather H. reported that GGRR received a very nice letter from the April's Fund for our generous donation.

New Business

President, Tim M., announced to everyone that our new Adoption Coordinator, Mike S., will NOT place a dog until we have all the necessary paperwork on that dog on file. The following is what is needed to place a dog:

Dogs will NOT be placed until the Adoption Coordinator receives all paperwork on the dog being placed.

Surrender Form with ID from person or facility surrendering the dog, Dog Information and Shot Records, Microchip, Phone Interview, Home Visit Form, Photo of the Dog, and the Adoption Agreement

All of this information is REQUIRED by the State of Missouri for our Agriculture License. We have to have all of this information on file for each dog that goes through GGRR. Dogs should not be shown or talked about until it has had shots. If you need to speak with Mike regarding dogs or adoptions,

please call him rather than email him. Please also make sure if you're doing a home visit that you put thorough notes on the form. The more notes the better! The foster home is responsible for making sure we have all of the necessary paperwork on each dog. Foster homes, please keep copies of all of the paperwork on each dog you foster.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Warner R. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Donations

GRRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Tom & Heidi (Kay M.) Hutchinson, in memory of May Barner and her Golden, Ben.

Shane & Lynn Stark, in honor of Billy's TPO Surgery



Frosty Summer Treats for Your Dog

Yogurt Treats

Ingredients:

1-32 oz. container of vanilla yogurt and 1 cup of peanut butter and a table-spoon of honey.

Put the peanut butter in a microwave safe dish and microwave until melted. Keep an eye on it as it can burn quickly.

Mix the yogurt and the melted peanut butter in a bowl.

Pour mixture into cupcake pan lined with papers and freeze. When they are frozen hard, you can pop them out of the cupcake pan and put them in a zip-loc bag for storage in the freezer.

www.twobarkingdogs.wordpress.com

Homemade Dog Ice Cream

Ingredients:

1 banana.
1 cup peanut butter.
2 cups natural yogurt.
2 tablespoons honey.

How to Make

Mash the banana and stir into the yogurt. Warm the peanut butter either on your stove or in the microwave until it is easy to stir. Add the banana/yogurt mixture and the honey. Mix everything until well combined. Pour into non-stick trays or containers and freeze. We like to use ice cube trays, or freeze in small dog sized containers! Freeze overnight or until frozen.

This recipe make a lovely creamy ice-cream. It is nicer if you take it out of the freezer to let it soften before giving it to your dog. It depends how big your frozen portions are, but this could take somewhere between ten minutes and half an hour.

www.crazycrumb-dog-treats.com

Tips for Summer Travel With Pets By: Emily Cassee, www.topsummerdestinations.com

I'll be the first to admit that I was one of those people who swore up and down that she would never think of a pet as anything more than just a pet, but who ended up treating her dog like a full-status member of the family. Not that I felt like a weirdo for doing it – it seems to be pretty standard procedure for most of America. I see dogs everywhere these days, and the fad of taking your dog everywhere you go isn't just for Chihuahuas and Yorkshire Terriers that are easily tucked into a bag – I've seen full-sized Golden Retrievers in Home Depot. Yes, really.

I can't blame anyone for making their pet into a true member of the family – it's a wonderful thing to have an animal you have a connection with. But traveling with a pet can be a tricky thing. There should be lots of advance preparation and planning, as well as general extra care taken to ensure the safety and health of a pet. Remember that the world at large is never as pet-friendly as your own home and surroundings are! With that in mind, here are some other things to keep in mind if you plan to take yours on the road with you this summer.

Use a safety harness or crate in the car

As much as you hate to imagine it, the truth is that a car accident can turn an animal into a projectile. It's unsafe for them as well as for the other passengers in the car. Crate your dog or invest in a harness that attaches to the seat belt. And remember that the best place for your pet is in the back seat, for much of the same reasons children are: they can be injured or killed by an airbag.

Take along a pet traveling kit

It's a good idea to have a bag dedicated to the care of your pet containing all food, medication, grooming necessities, medications, toys, collars, and



leashes, as well as any documentation needed in case of emergency. It's a good idea to have (at the least) your rabies information available if there is ever any kind of incident involving your pet and another animal or person.

Make sure your pet has ID

The best way to ensure your pet can be found if he's lost along the way is to make sure you have him microchipped, but if that can't be done, always have identification tags on him. When you're traveling, make sure you have updated information on the tag, such as a cell phone number or address where you'll be staying, rather than your home information.

Bring your own water

It is possible that water in other parts of the country (or other countries) can contain foreign bacteria that your pet hasn't been exposed to, which can cause an upset stomach or diarrhea – and that kind of situation isn't fun for you or your pet, and can put a serious damper on your travel schedule. Fill a gallon jug with tap water from your home and bring it along; remember that your pets need to be well-hydrated, too!

Never, ever, EVER leave your pet in a locked car

A locked car can trap cold air in the winter and hot air in the summer, and can seriously injure or even kill pets. Plan ahead for situations where you might need to go somewhere your pet isn't allowed to go.

Wags & Brags

Luigi DaPoochie competed in the GRCGSL/TAC trial in mid-June and earned his Open Agility (OA) title!

He is such a good boy!

Luigi belongs to member, Penny M.

Eli competed in the GRCGSL/TAC trial in mid-June and took 1st place in 3 of the 4 events she was entered in. That's some real star power!

Peyton competed in the GRCGSL/TAC trial in mid-June and earned her first leg EVER! She took 1st place in that event, too! Way to stick it Michelle, and not give up on the girl! Eli and Peyton belong to member, Michelle F.



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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers at
our meetings! Please make sure your dog
is up to date on shots and vaccinations.

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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