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June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Mike S. Tim M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Julie G. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Mike S. thanked our volunteers for the memorial plant sent to his father's memorial service. He also stated that we still need volunteers to do home visits.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. reported on our accounts from the previous months:

April

Starting Balance: \$2,472.09
Expenses: \$931.61
Income: 0.00
Ending Balance: \$1,540.48
April Flash Fund: \$27,638.62

May

Starting Balance: \$1,540.48
Expenses: \$344.48
Income: \$360.00
Ending Balance: \$1,556.00
May Flash Fund: \$27,859.16

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had two volunteer inquiries, and no new members/volunteers. There were no visitors at the meeting.

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had one new dog come in during the previous month:

14-006 Sunshine—a 3 month old puppy who was a stray.

Adoption Report

Penny reported that no dogs were placed in their forever homes in the previous month.



Website Report

Paul S. was absent.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit? Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Next GGRR Meeting

Thursday, July 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Scottish Games (Sept. 5)

The Scottish Games will be held again in Forrest Park on September 5th. More info to come on this event.

Greentree Festival (Sept. 11-14)

The Greentree Festival will be held over the weekend of September 11th through the 14th at Kirkwood Park. Please mark your calendars now.

APA Carnival (Oct.5)

The APA Carnival will be October 5th in Forest Park this year.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Want to help a Golden in need?
 Contact us through our website
www.ggrr.com to find out how you
 can become a volunteer!

Donations

The following individuals or organizations made generous donations to GGRR:

Donald & Jean Foster
The Peterson Family, in memory of Tom Schniederer.



Old & New Business

Old Business

Mike S. announced that we needed to appoint Coordinator Positions. The following was the outcome: Intake Coordinator—Michelle F., Adoption Coordinator—Penny M., Events Coordinator—Julie G., Volunteer Coordinator—Tim M., and Website Coordinator—Paul S. No Newsletter Coordinator was appointed...anyone seeking that job, please let Tracie G. know. (Editors Note: Should nobody step forward, I'll try my best to keep doing it with two small kids running around.)

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed. A motion was made by John R. and seconded by Tim M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.



Grooming Tips for Your Golden Retriever www.shadaline.com

Information below is some tips on how golden retrievers should be groomed and trimmed.

We tend to hear many stories of people taking their golden to a local grooming parlor. The response usually is, "They shaved or chopped the hair of my golden". Not very funny considering that it may take up to 9 months to fully grow back. In general we like to see our golden's "Show Groomed" - This is the way we come to expect in appreciating their attributes.

There are a few specific areas that we look at when we consider the important areas to trim and clean up when we are grooming our golden. Neck, Ears, Paws, Chest and Tail. The information below may provide some additional insights for those who are learning to groom their golden retriever.



Expert Tips on Grooming your Golden Retriever

Paws

Golden retrievers need their haircut on the bottom of their paws, as they have a tendency to grow 'slippers'; overgrown fur from their toes that can cover the pads of their feet. The easiest way to trim this fur is to hold the pad of the paw facing up and hold the sheers parallel to the paw, cut close to the pad, being careful not to nick their sensitive pad; trim up by the toe nails and the back of the paw, to complete the 'cat paw' look. This will usually need to be repeated once a month.

Ears

To groom your golden retriever's ears, use the thinning sheers to neaten up the natural look. Start inside the ear; lift the ear and use the thinning sheers to remove some of the fur; hold your sheers parallel to your golden retriever face, do not cut all the hair, just thin it to make it look neater. For the edge of the ear, groom your golden retriever by using the thinning sheers to again thin out, not cut off, the natural fur line along the edge of the ear. If you have never seen your dog with its fur thinned, you may want to have a groomer do it properly the first time. Be sure to take pictures and use those as a guide to repeat the process yourself.



Chest

Sometimes, the fur on the chest gets a little thick or long. Some people choose to thin it a little, or trim it a little, for shows, this really isn't necessary for non show dogs. If you like the trimmed look, simply trim along the existing fur line. Use the thinning sheers to turn any tight curls into wispy feathering. If you feel the length is still too long, and you want to give your golden retriever an additional hair cut, use the regular sheers to trim not more than half an inch and stay within the normal line the fur grows in. Do not over cut; it will create a 'hard' look that is very unbecoming to a golden retriever.

Grooming Tips for Your Golden Retriever *(continued...)*

Tail

Again, because they are to be kept 'natural', it is important when trimming your golden retriever, to stay within the natural hair line, you want to neaten and improve the look, not change it entirely. For the tail, hold it at the tip, and begin thinning by the base, gradually fanning out to keep the signature wispy fan tail. Hold the sheers at such an angle that it matches the natural growth; this method can also be used on the back of the legs if the fur looks a little heavy.

Blow Drying

Blow drying is a part of golden retriever grooming that isn't necessary but it may help your dog from becoming too cold and sick in the winter. Blow drying is also the only way to straighten a normally wavy coat of fur. If your golden retriever is intolerant of the blow dryer, you may need to use a grooming table and leash them to it; but as mild mannered as golden retrievers usually are, they should tolerate it pretty fairly as they age.

Rainbow Bridge — Ginger



Ginger—The Bayer Family

Ginger was a GGRR Rescue that was returned to GGRR in 2009. Due to her issues with other dogs, GGRR was unsure how we would place her again or who would be able to foster her. The Bayer Family stepped up and offered to foster her. It didn't take long for them to fall in love with her. Ginger was always an opinionated dog and she would let you know if she was tired and crabby. Ginger was also obsessed with chasing the ball over and over and over again. She was able to overcome her issues with other dogs and socialized with other dogs in the family quite well. She



also was good with little kids as the Bayer's granddaughters would love and hug on her all of the time. Ginger never missed a home cooked meal at the Bayer household either. That dog ate as well as any other person in the family. The Bayer Family gave Ginger six good years that she may not have had after being returned to GGRR. She went to the bridge on July 2nd. She was 13 years old. She will be missed dearly.



The Importance of Giving Your Dog Affection www.ceasarsway.com

By Cesar Millan

Love is one of the greatest gifts we can share with our dogs. Dogs are affectionate animals. Touch means a lot to them, both in their natural world and when they live with us. However, affection that hasn't been earned and is shared at the wrong time can be detrimental to a dog.

Here are a few of my thoughts on sharing affection.

Give affection - but at the right time!

Remember anytime you give affection, you reinforce the behavior preceding it. Reward stability. Share your love when your dog is in a calm-submissive state.



Share affection after a dog has...

exercised and eaten, changed an unwanted behavior into a behavior you asked for, responded to a rule or command, or entered a calm-submissive state.



Don't share affection when your dog is...

fearful, anxious, possessive, dominant, aggressive, whining, begging, barking, or breaking a household rule.

Don't forget exercise and discipline.

Prove your love by giving your dog what he or she needs: long walks; rules, boundaries, and limitations

Give your dogs as much love as you have!

Give as much love as your heart can handle and then some! But please give it at the right time.

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.

~Josh Billings



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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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