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June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Mike S. 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

Mike reported that we still need people to do home visits. If you are interested, please see Penny M. We have a whole list of them. We are also looking at not taking any new applications because we do not have any dogs in the program to place. More on this issue later. Paul will look into removing the app from the website.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. was present but will give a full report at the next meeting.

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had 1 membership/volunteer inquiry and no new members. There were no visitors at the meeting.



Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had no new dogs come in in the previous month.

Adoption Report

Penny M. Reported that two dogs were placed in their forever home since the last month:

15003—Ruby
10028—Charley

We have no dogs in the program at this time.

Website Report

Paul S. Was not present to give his report.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit in 2015? Want to Foster a Golden in your home? Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!



GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Next GGRR Meeting

Thursday, July 9th at 7:30 p.m., at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Treats Unleashed—2nd Saturday of the Month

We will have a table set up at Treats Unleashed to pass out information on our group the second Saturday of every month. We will be there from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. See Julie G. if you are interested in attending.

No Reunion Picnic This Year

It was decided to have our annual reunion picnic on a bi-yearly basis. Our next reunion picnic will be held in 2016.



APA Carnival—October 2015

The APA Carnival will be held in October. More info to come on this event.

Greentree Festival

The Greentree Festival will be held September 18th—20th in Kirkwood Park. Mark your calendars now.

Scottish Games

The Scottish Games will be held September 25th and 26th.



Old & New Business

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.



New Business

Coordinator positions are up and the results are in on the new coordinator positions: Website Coordinator—Paul S., Volunteer Rep—Tim M., Events Coordinator—Julie G., Adoption Coordinator—Not officially filled at this time.

A motion was made by John R. and seconded by Jim D. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Brown Recluse Spider Bites on Dogs www.pet360.com

Brown recluse spiders occur throughout the United States, but are found most commonly in the Midwest and Southeast. When the spider bites a dog, venom is injected into the site. This venom has a component that destroys red blood cells and kills the surrounding tissue



in dogs. These bites are rarely fatal for dogs, but in systemic cases where the dog has a poor immune response, they can cause kidney failure.

Brown recluse spiders will usually not bite unless disturbed, so curious dogs are the most likely to be bitten. Because the bite is often painless, your dog may not even know it was bitten until 2 to 3 hours later. By this time, the spider will likely have left the area. Because of this and because many things can cause deep lesions, there is often misidentification of the spider and brown recluse spider bites are often misdiagnosed.

Signs & Symptoms of Brown Recluse Spider Bites on Dogs

Symptoms are dependent on how much venom is injected into the bite site and how your dog's



body reacts to it. In a small percentage of cases, a systemic reaction may occur, usually 24 to 48 hours after the bite. Symptoms include fever, joint pain, weakness, vomiting, seizures, blood disorders, and kidney failure.

10 minutes after bite:

Constriction of capillaries around bite site

2 to 6 hours after bite:

Red, swollen area surrounding the bite site

Localized pain surrounding the bite site

Fever

Nausea

12 hours after bite:

Blister forms at bite site

7 to 10 days after bite:

Rapid cell damage surrounding the bite site

Bite site with a black center

Causes of Brown Recluse Spider Bites on Dogs

There are about fourteen *Loxosceles* species of brown spiders found in the United States, but the most common of these that bites domesticated dogs is the brown recluse spider, *Loxosceles reclusa*. The brown recluse spider typically hides indoors in dry, undisturbed areas such as closets, basements, and attics. The bite of a brown recluse spider causes the blood vessels in your dog to narrow, increasing their blood pressure. The area around the bite becomes red and swollen and may form a blister. The venom will kill any cell it contacts and may form a painful crater of dead tissue within 3 to 4 days. The extent of

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the tissue damage is dependent on how much venom is injected into your dog at the time of the bite.

Treatment for Brown Recluse Spider Bites on Dogs

If you suspect your dog has been bitten by a brown recluse spider, these actions should be taken:

- Apply an ice pack to the bite site to reduce pain and swelling.
- If you see the spider, CAREFULLY try to catch it in a jar for later identification.
- Contact your veterinarian immediately.

Brown recluse spider bites usually take a long time to heal, and it may take 6 to 8 months to heal completely. If black necrotic tissue has formed, it may fall away and expose the muscles underneath. It is very important to keep these wounds clean to avoid infection. A sunken scar will usually develop.

Prevention of Brown Recluse Spider Bites on Dogs

Though the chance of seeing the spider is slim, being able to identify the spider that bit your dog may help get your dog the proper care faster.

The best way to prevent a brown recluse spider bite is to limit your dog's exposure to the spider. Check



old storage boxes and rarely used areas of your house for spiders, and if a brown recluse is seen, call an exterminator as soon as possible. An infestation could take as long as six months to resolve. However, there are certain measures you can take on your own, such as exclusion, sanitation, or control.

Exclusion

- Seal off all windows and doors to ensure that no pests can enter
- Seal cracks in your home to keep pests out
- Reduce the number of other insects around your home
- Make sure everything you store away is sealed tight
- Sanitation
- Remove unwanted items and boxes that may provide hiding spots for the pest
- Remove dead insects that the spider may feed on
- Do not keep wood stacked near your home
- Keep your home clean and uncluttered
- Control
- Capture individual spiders
- Use sticky tape or glue traps to capture spiders



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Note: Blitz (a former GGRR Rescue) had to be put down a couple months ago due to a brown recluse spider bite. Please be aware of these spider bites!

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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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