

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, June 8th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having Golden Retrievers 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 MAY 11, 2006:

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Shane Stark. It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion carried. Five people, who were attending a meeting for the first time, were introduced: Kathy Bolich, Ron and Donna Graef, and Jack and Joan Tracy. All of these families currently have dogs that were adopted from GGRR. It was great seeing so many new faces at our meeting!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our account balance at the beginning of the month was \$7539.39. We did not have any new income. Expenses were \$203.57, leaving us with an ending balance of \$7335.82. The Flash Fund has a balance of \$2,431.71.



Hannah Greenberger and her dog, Wrigley, won first prize for "Best Trick" at a pet show in July last year. Wrigley was adopted from GGRR in 2004. This photo, sent in by Hannah's mom, appeared in one of the local newspapers. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Hannah and Wrigley! Next stop—Westminster!

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

We had 5 inquiries last month, and 5 families who joined GGRR:

Mike and Kay Callison, who are also one of our newest foster homes

Kathy Bolich, who adopted a dog from us and also owns 2 other Golden Retrievers

Leland and Joan Ellege and **Andrew and Korisa Carbone**, whose families have recently adopted dogs from GGRR

Brie Sullivan, who walked in the St. Pat's Day parade with her Golden, **Charlie Brown**

We can't wait to become better acquainted with all of you!

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (cont.)

Barb distributed an updated membership roster which included the new members.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Three new dogs came in during the past month:

- 06-012** **Ginger**, a 7 month-old female from the Sikeston Humane Society, who is being fostered by Carrie Tennesen
- 06-013** **Drake**, a 2 ½ year-old unneutered male, who is being fostered by Pat Moran
- 06-014** **Sunny**, an unspayed blond female who is almost 2 years old and with the owner while waiting for a foster home to open up

Mike distributed copies of our 2006 Agriculture License to people who have foster dogs.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Two dogs have been placed since our last meeting:

- 06-007** **Cody**
- 06-003** **Champ**



The only thing missing here is a driver! Sebastian and Jaelyn Moran eagerly wait for Pat Moran to join them on a road trip. Destination: ANYWHERE!



Regal (on left) and Ripley Blaes make a great pair! Regal , who was one of the puppy mill dogs rescued last year, was adopted by Shawn Blaes in 2005. Regal arrived afraid of everything and trusting no one. Now she wakes up with a smile on her face, eager and excited to start each day. With a buddy like Ripley, wouldn't you be happy too?!

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris sent in our application to march with our dogs in the Valley Days parade on Saturday, June 17th. We will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. The parade has a patriotic theme, with the colors being red, white, and blue. The parade route is two miles long. More details will be available at the next meeting. Wear your blue GGRR shirts and outfit your dog with something patriotic.

We received the application for our usual booth at the Green Tree festival in Kirkwood. The event will take place on Sept. 15, 16, and 17. Mark your calendars, as we receive lots of public exposure and lots of donations at this event!

The APA Canine Carnival will be held on Sunday, October 1st at Tilles Park. We plan to have a booth at this event.

There will be a meeting in June to plan the Canine Olympics, which will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Purina Farms. We will send a representative to this meeting.

PDR REPORT:

This group is inactive at the present time.

WEBSITE REPORT:

The following stats show our website activity over the past two months:

March: 8,620 visits
69,270 hits

April: 7,185 visits
52,771 hits

Paul can provide additional information if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Adoption Phone Line is being manned by the following people:

- Sun. & Mon:** Chris Rogers
- Tues:** Barb Blacksher
- Wed:** Donna Graef
- Thurs. & Fri:** Chris Billingham
- Sat:** Shane Stark

It would be great if each person only had to cover one day. It's never too late to volunteer! Let Shane know if you would be interested in taking a day. It's easy! Just check the line for messages a couple of times on your assigned day. Then call anyone who has left a message.

We have received some calls on the Adoption Line from people who are an hour or more outside of St. Louis. However, we are the closest Golden rescue group to the people who have called. If no one is willing to do the home visit, it ***is*** possible to adopt to these people. Ask them to get a letter of recommendation from their vet and from someone who knows them well, such as a neighbor or co-worker. They should also submit photos which show their yard, including the fence; and photos of the rooms

where the dog will be spending its time. A home visit is always preferred, but we can make an exception when distance is a problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jake C. looks like a proud dad holding the stuffie he swiped from his sister Sammi's collection of animals. Jake's new family reports that he learned to swim at a recent picnic. Jake has also wheeled his way into the kids' beds at night and onto the white couch that was supposed to be off limits to him! How could anyone resist that adorable face?!

WAGS AND BRAGS:

Freia, now known as **Hannah**, and mom **Marjorie Deibel** graduated from TOUCH class (Therapy of Unique Canine Helpers) through Support Dogs, Inc. They are now certified to visit hospitals, nursing homes, and rehab units. Congratulations on a great accomplishment! Hannah, who was adopted from GGRR in 2004, knows something about rehab herself. Sadly, she had to have an eye removed last year due to glaucoma. However, Hannah was a real trooper through the whole thing and has recovered without any complications. She'll be a real motivation to people on the mend! Hannah now has a Golden buddy named **Daisy (aka "Crazy Daisy")**, who was

adopted from GGRR last year. Once Daisy has learned to control her enthusiasm and settles down a bit, the Deibels are hoping that she will join Hannah as a TOUCH dog.

RAINBOW BRIDGE:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our families who lost a beloved Golden during the past month:

Emma, companion to **Barney and Eileen Combs**, went to the bridge last month at the age of 12 years.

Ben, devoted friend and companion to **Heather and Natalie Haberstroh**, went to the bridge at the age of 9 years due to cancer.

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Champ, who was adopted by the Ellege family, looks like a happy boy in his new home. Those walks around the lake at Creve Coeur Park must agree with him! Champ was one of Pat Moran's foster dogs.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

Please send items of interest, *photos of your pups, brags*, etc. to:

Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana Ct.
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Put your furkids in an upcoming newsletter!

You can also email items to:
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Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

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