

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, June 12th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Golden Retrievers (up-to-date on shots, please) 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 8TH :

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Pat Moran. Paul S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April meeting. Drew C. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. Chris B. noted two corrections to the May newsletter:

Under the Treasurer's Report on page 1, there is a discrepancy of \$300 in the figures as reported. Beth and Barb will put their heads together and see where the problem is.

Under the Events Coordinator's Report on page 3, the Golden Retriever Club of **Greater St. Louis** will be participating in the Guest Dog of the Week at the Dog Museum along with GGRR.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None this month



Kelsey T. was a big hit in her cowboy hat at the 2008 GGRR Reunion Picnic in May. She is being held by Sydney P. Kelsey is one of Shadow's puppies.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beth reported that our account balance at the beginning of April was **\$3067.35**. Income was **\$2839.00**. Expenses were **\$1,966.05**, leaving an ending balance of **\$3,940.30**. The balance in the Flash Fund remains at **\$7918.86**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kristen reported we had 2 membership inquiries, but no new members joined in April. There were three visitors attending the meeting: Brett Grimm and Tom and Donna Schmiederer.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Barb reported that two dogs were surrendered to GRR during the past month:

- 08-022: Libby**, a 7 year old female being fostered by Tara and Corey B.
- 08-023: Spencer**, a 6-1/2 year old male being fostered by Barb and Bill B.

We need foster homes for 3 dogs that will be coming in:

Lucky, a 7 year old male, who likes to roam. His foster home will need a 6 ft. fence to contain him.

A 4 year old pair of dogs used for breeding in Rolla, MO; after seeing them advertised on Craig's List, a vet in Waynesville, MO has offered to purchase them if GRR will find homes for them.



Gillian D., one of Shadow's pups, explores the gardens in her new home.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Thirteen dogs were placed in their forever during the past month:

- 08-001 Sadie**
08-002 Bailey
08-007 Seamus
08-008 Ronan
08-009 Aiden
08-010 Maddie
08-011 Kelsey (now called Kaia)
08-012 Allie
08-013 Gillian
08-015 Rory (now called Sadie)
08-020 Mizzou
08-021 Nicholas
08-022 Libby

Keira is the only puppy that has not yet been placed. There are still families on our waiting list who have requested one of Shadow's puppies, so a suitable match will be chosen for Keira.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris R. asked for volunteers to staff our next few adoption events at Lucky Dog. We generally work from 1:00 to 4:00 on the third Saturday of each month. The following people will attend with one of their dogs:

- May 17th: Heather H.
 June 21st: Korisa C.
 July 19th: Kathy D.

The Golden Retriever will be the Guest Dog of the Month at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park on Sunday, June 22nd. GRR and the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis

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will both bring dogs to this event. We have enough people signed up to work. However, feel free to come with or without your Golden if you would like to participate.

Mark your calendars for the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood on September 12, 13, and 14th. This is an event that gives GRR lots of public exposure and is financially profitable as well. Because it is a 3 day event, we need many volunteers to work a shift in our booth.

Chris has started a list of members wishing to order GRR apparel. Once there are 8 or more items, she can place the order. See Chris after the meeting if there is something you need.

Chris announced that we took in over \$1000 at our Reunion Picnic in May. Expenses have not yet been deducted from this total. The proceeds came from donations, raffle basket tickets, and the sale of merchandise at our booth.



Kathy L. and Chris B. register guests at the 2008 Reunion Picnic. They have been handling this task at the picnic for many years.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

Paul S. reported that our website traffic increased significantly after the birth of Shadow's litter of puppies. The number of online adoption applications showed a similar increase. We generally receive 12-14 applications per month, but there were 49 applications in April. Our website numbers for April were:

Hits:	171,090
Page Views:	31,056
Visitors:	15,821
Unique Visitors:	3,874

Paul added a Pay Pal feature to our website on the Home Page and by the puppy pictures on the Adopted Golden's page. We have already received some donations from this feature, including a \$100 donation. There is a 2.9% transaction fee + .30 per transaction. The transaction percentage will decrease if we receive a large number of donations or some sizable donations. Paul will make sure that Barb B. receives copies of the transactions so she can send thank you notes to the donors. We also discussed adding a donations section to the website where we could list the donors online.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beth J. thanked everyone for their hard work in making our Reunion Picnic such a great success.

The revisions to the home visit form that Kathy D. made were discussed. Rich T. likes the box in the top corner listing the applicants' preferences for gender, age range, and energy level of the dog they adopt. Carrie T. likes the section with the applicant's address. It has spaces for the

OLD BUSINESS: (cont.)

city, state, and zip code, which makes it much easier to add families to our picnic list. It was agreed that we would begin using this new home visit form and provide additional feedback at a later date.

Korisa C. asked members to log on to the Café Press website at www.cafepress.com/ggrr and look at some of the items available for purchase. We can have items printed for GGRR with contact information or our logo and earn a percentage of the profits whenever someone orders these items. However, we can only select one product from each category. Tracie B.'s aunt created some designs that could be printed on the products we choose. If you see products that appeal to you on the Café Press website, let Korisa know which products they are.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michelle H. asked if there was a way to find out which dogs are available for adoption, since our website isn't always current. She also inquired about the length of our waiting list for dogs. Applicants often request that information, and our adoption volunteers have to call or email the appropriate coordinators for an update. Several options were discussed, and members were reminded that dogs on the website will probably be adopted before a new applicant completes the process of having a phone interview and a home visit. If a family just beginning the adoption process has its heart set on one particular dog, it is unlikely that dog will be available when they have moved up toward the top of the waiting list. However, it is quite possible that we will



Rich T. demonstrates grooming techniques on his Golden, Jewel, who was a perfect lady throughout the session. Pat M. gets a closer look as Rich demonstrates how to trim the Golden's ears.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

have other dogs with many of the same personality traits. We will work on finding a way for members to access our most current Intake List and our Adoption Waiting List.

Pat M. announced that the terms for Coordinators' positions end in June. The following positions are available:

- Membership Coordinator
- Intake Coordinator
- Adoption Coordinator
- Event Coordinator
- Website Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor

Janice E. volunteered for Membership Coordinator. Barb B. is willing to continue as Intake Coordinator if no one else is interested. Carrie T. is content to remain in the Adoption Coordinator's position.



Cooper and Toby, formerly called Sasha and Sunny, are littermates who were found abandoned in Washington, MO during a December 2007 ice storm. Their adoptive family reports that both dogs love to swim. Cooper would be content to chase tennis balls all day long, while Toby prefers being petted. It's hard to tell who is the most delighted—the dogs or their new family.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Chris R. would prefer to step down as Event Coordinator. No one volunteered to fill this position, although several people are willing to take charge of individual events. Paul S. is willing to continue as Website Coordinator, and Darren H. is available to help whenever needed. Barb B. enjoys doing the newsletter if no one is eager to assume this position. Kathy D. volunteered to take over as the Foster Home Mentor in place of Barb B. The Coordinator positions will be finalized at the June meeting. If you are interested in holding one of these positions, let Pat M. or the current Coordinator know.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Beth J. It was seconded by Ron G. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Pat invited everyone to stay for a grooming demonstration by Rich T. and Jewel.

WAGS AND BRAGS:

Congratulations go out to **Lee and Carmie Adkins** on the birth of their daughter, **Iris**, on June 7th. Iris, who arrived 7 weeks early, weighed in at 3 lbs.13 oz. Carmie and Iris are recuperating at St. Mary's Hospital. **Scottie and Belle**, the Golden siblings, can't wait to meet the new addition to their family!

RAINBOW BRIDGE:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our GRRR families who recently lost a beloved Golden companion:

Sallie, beloved companion to **Betsy Finnegan** and family, went to the Bridge most unexpectedly from congenital kidney disease.

Duncan, beloved companion of **Jim and Kathy Dilg** and family, went to the Bridge from cancer at the age of 7 years.

DONATIONS:

Donations to GRRR were received from the following individuals and groups:

Jim Alexander
Shawn Blaes

DONATIONS: (cont.)

Colleen Catalano
Paul and Linda Chambless
Donald and Jean Foster
Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis
Marie Herbst
Victoria Herbst
Randy Karraker and Joan Foley
Sally Manion
Karen Schmidt
David and Helena Servis
Blanche Smith
Ross Uetz and Heather Dina
Suzanne Wakefield
Pamela Wollenberg

In memory of Susan Foster:

April Adams
Peggy DeBord
Valerie F.
A. Foster
Dorothy Foulk
Fay Fults
Sandy and Sidney Ganz
Michele and Tom Kasten
Rick Kircher
Carla Goacher and Torre
Kathleen Haley
Kim Hirth
Tess Kirkland
Sharon Luther
Jill McDowell

In memory of Susan Foster: (cont.)

Rena Murphy
Howard and Jennifer Parker
Oscar Rupplinger
Mr. and Mrs. Don Scharf
Kathy Schroeder
Karen Scopel

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many individuals and groups who made donations to GGRR during the past month. Donations were received from people wanting to help with bills for the care of our litter of puppies, from people attending the Golden Retriever Specialty dog show, from adoptive families who attended our Reunion Picnic, and remembrances in honor of Susan Foster. We are in the process of mailing acknowledgements for these donations. If you have inadvertently been left off our list, please inform us through an email to info@GoldenRescueStLouis.org.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

blacksher@charter.net

Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

THREE DOG BAKERY DOG BISCUITS

2 cups whole-wheat flour (Bob's Red Mill flour works well)

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 cup natural peanut butter

1 cup skim milk

Cooking Directions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk. Add wet mixture to dry, and mix well.

Turn out dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll out to ¼ inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake 20 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool on a rack and then store in an airtight container.

Makes 30 large bones



Puppy Gillian is ready for a ride to her adoptive family, where she has two other dogs to keep her company. The apple box is perfect for Gillian, who is the apple of her mom's eye.

TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL THE GRRR PHONE LINES:

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