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May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President, Tim M. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat M. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim reported that we were catching up on applicants. We are not

inquiries in the past month and no new members. There was one visitor at the meeting, and her name was Carol.

Intake Report

Penny M. Was absent so Tim M. gave her report. We had five dogs come in in the previous month:



012-008 Bridgette—a 4 month old female who is

not altered. She is actually not a Golden. She is more of a lab mix. She's a sweet girl, cuddler and active. Perfect for someone who wants an active dog and doesn't care if it's a Golden or not!

12-009 Bear—a 5 year old male who is altered with severe allergies.

12-011 Rosie—a 7 year old female who is altered. Owner sur-

rendered due to moving.

12-012 Hachi—an 8 month old male who is not altered. Crated much of the time in his original home. They didn't have time for him.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we adopted out one dog in the previous month:

12-004 Lilo



accepting any more puppy requests. We do have one in looking for an older dog so that's good too. Thanks to everyone that has been pitching in and doing home visits. There have been a lot of them lately.

Treasurer's Report

Pat M. reported that our balance in our checking was \$2,487.98 at the beginning of the month. Income was \$682.34 (\$31.89 from Schnucks E-Script Cards) and our expenses were \$339.50 leaving us with an ending balance of \$2,830.72.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had four



GGRR Events

Reports on Events

Tim M. announced that we really haven't had too many events in the past month and there isn't much on the calendar until September.

Upcoming Events

Next GRR Meeting

Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. We will be voting on Coordinator Positions. Please see the list of Coordinator Positions on Page 3 of this newsletter to see if you are interested in any of the Coordinator positions.

Golden Retriever Nationals

The Nationals are coming to Purina Farms on September 3rd through the 8th. The Rescue Parade will be held on September 7th. Take the day off of work if you plan to help with the rescue parade. We will also have a vendor booth at this event. More info to come on this event



along with a list of jobs volunteers are needed for so you can sign up.

Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park

The annual Greentree Festival will be held on September 15th and 16th this year. We will need a lot of our members and their dogs to

come out and staff our booth. More info to come on this event over the summer.

Annual GRR Reunion Picnic

Tim M. spoke with the Dog Museum about our reunion picnic and they had an available date of October 27th. It's a Saturday. It was decided to book the date and have the picnic from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. We plan to keep it simple with the food, dog games and attendance prizes. More info to come later.



Old & New Business



Happy
Father's
Day

Old Business

Mike S. informed everyone about the upcoming Rescue Parade that will take place at the Nationals in September.

The website is up and running and applications are coming in. The name blocks can be purchased for \$25.00 at www.rescueparade2012.org. The memorial wall will be on display at the Nationals and then it will be moved to the Dog Museum where it will remain. The proceeds from the sale of the blocks will go to Love-A-Golden, GRR, Dirks Fund and other rescue groups.

Tim M. announced that our next meeting, June 14th, will be the appointment of Coordinator positions. Please see the list of coordinator positions on page 3 of this newsletter for a better idea of what each Coordinator's responsibilities are and let Tim M. know if you are interested in any of them before next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Paul S. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

A Place Just for Dad

We may not shower him with praise
Nor mention his name in song,
And sometimes it seems that we forget
The joy he spreads along.

But it doesn't mean that we don't know
The wonderful role he's had,
And away down deep in every heart
There's a place that is just for Dad.

~ Author Unknown



Coordinator Positions for June 2012

There are six coordinator positions that will be up for appointment in June. Please read the following positions and determine if one of them is something you would be interested in. Coordinator positions are 1-year term positions.

Foster Home/Intake Coordinator

The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall receive all information on any dog needing rescuing. The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall give each dog a number and maintain a complete list of all dogs currently in the program. Decisions pertaining to the fostering, kenneling or direct re-homing of any dog accepted into the GRRR program shall be at the discretion of the Foster Home/Intake Coordinator. The Foster Home/Intake Coordinator shall work closely with the Adoption Coordinator so that he or she will have current information about all dogs in the program.

Adoption Coordinator

The Adoption Coordinator shall receive all information on any prospective adopters and shall maintain a complete list of these people. The Adoption Coordinator shall be responsible for selecting the appropriate adopter for any and all dogs in the program.

Membership Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator shall maintain a complete list of all Rescue members, Supporting members, Honorary members, and volunteers. The Membership Coordinator shall monitor the Volunteer telephone line and respond to inquiries about volunteering and/or membership. The Membership Coordinator shall provide the names and addresses of all members to the person preparing the newsletter. The Membership Coordinator shall collect membership applications and dues and coordinate training of new volunteers or members in any way that may be necessary.

Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator shall handle all advertising and publicity for this organization's events. He/she shall be responsible for scheduling events and manpower, promoting the organization, obtaining donated items, etc.

Newsletter Editor/Coordinator

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the preparing and mailing (emailing) of the monthly GRRR newsletter.

Website Coordinator

The Website Coordinator shall be responsible for the maintenance of the GRRR website.

DIY: Make Your Own Doggie Shampoo www.dogingtonpost.com

Although there are plenty of safe, dog-friendly commercial shampoos available for our four-legged little companions, there are still some dog owners who prefer making their own. Preparing your own doggie shampoo is quite easy, and the homemade version often costs much less than the commercial products you see in the marketplace. Plus, in addition to taking a more active role in the care of your dog, there's the added peace of mind that comes with knowing exactly what you're putting on your dog's skin.

We've compiled 6 easy, do-it-yourself homemade doggie shampoos that can be made from items many of us already have in the pantry!

Easy Homemade Recipes

Formula 1 – Try adding one cup of dish detergent and one cup of white vinegar to a quart of water. Store the solution in a thoroughly rinsed old shampoo bottle.

Formula 2 – Wash a plastic bottle thoroughly with hot water and soap. Rinse it properly and then mix two cups of distilled water, one-half cup of 100 % vegetable liquid glycerine, two teaspoons of mild liquid castile soap, one cup of apple cider vinegar, and two tablespoons of aloe vera gel. Shake well until the mixture is well-blended. This homemade shampoo will keep up for a month if stored up in a cool place.

Formula 3 – For puppies with sensitive, itchy skin, try making a shampoo by initially grinding a cup of fast cook-



ing oatmeal (preferably organic as it has no chemical additives) to a powder using a coffee grinder. Add a cup of water to the powdered oatmeal and mix well. Apply the mixture into your pup's fur and skin. Massage well for about 20 minutes prior to rinsing. Make sure that all oatmeal residues are removed.

Formula 4 – If you need a moisturizing shampoo for your pooch that has itchy skin, try the recipe that combines a cup of dish soap with lemon scent, one-third

cup of glycerine, a cup of white vinegar, and a quart of water. Shake well before using. Make sure that your pup is always given a thorough rinse.

Formula 5 – Combine a cup of all-natural dish soap with a cup of distilled water. If you can't find a natural dish detergent, use Dove or Ivory as an alternative. Make sure that you avoid dish soaps that have dyes or perfumes in them. Gently stir the mixture to avoid creating a lather, and then add a cup of apple cider vinegar to it. Continue gradually adding water until the mixture reaches the shampoo consistency that you want to work with. Add one-third cup of pure vegetable glycerine. Mix well and pour into a thoroughly rinsed recycled shampoo bottle.



Formula 6 – Because frequent bathing of dogs can result to skin irritation, the use of dry (or non-rinse) shampoo can be an excellent alternative. Do this by mixing a cup of oatmeal with a cup of baking soda or corn starch in a food processor or blender. Mix well until it reaches the consistency of a fine powder. Sprinkle onto your pooch and with your hands rub the dry shampoo thoroughly onto his coat and skin. Brush well to remove any residue. Store the unused mixture in a cool, dry location.

In a Hot Car, 'Just a Minute' Can Be Deadly for Dogs By: Linda Lombardi

If you've ever left your dog in the car for "just five minutes" on a summer day, the officers of the Washington Humane Society want you to hear some cautionary tales.

"They all say the same thing: I never thought that this would happen," says Mitchell Battle, deputy director of humane law enforcement at the Washington Humane Society. "I was only going to be gone for two minutes."

But just running inside for a quick errand can be deadly to your pet — even if the weather isn't all that hot.

In one fatal incident Battle responded to, the temperature was only in the 70s. A woman stopped at home, parked in the shade and came out after what she said was 15 minutes. By the time officers got there, the shade had moved, turning the car into what officer Eve Russell calls "a solar powered Easy-Bake oven."

Everyone's opened a car door and been amazed by how much hotter it is than outside — but you may not realize exactly how hot a car can get. Check out the numbers at the Web site mydogiscool.com, a program of United Animal Nations. When it's 72 degrees, a car in direct sun can reach an internal temperature of 116. Even in the shade, a car can be 10 to 20 degrees hotter than outdoors, and cracking the window has almost no effect.

Veterinarian Cate Rinaldo, a volunteer with United Animal Nations, points out that dogs don't have sweat glands all over their bodies like humans do, so the main way they can cool off is by panting, which isn't very efficient.

Once a dog's body temperature gets over about 106 — normal temperature is around 101 — the result is "everything from nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, systemic organ failure, and it happens fast, within a matter of minutes," she says.



Summer is also vacation season, and the Washington officers are often called to cases where people travelling with their dogs tried to use the car to extend their stay by a few hours.

"They check out of their hotel at noon and they still want to go to the zoo or a museum, and they leave Fluffy in the car," says officer Ann Russell.

Remember that one more museum isn't worth the risk to your pet's life — and that cars are not the only place where

dogs can get overheated. Rinaldo says that before she was a vet and knew of the dangers, one of her dogs collapsed from heat exhaustion after playing off-leash on a 75 degree day.

That dog survived, but not all are so lucky. One 90 degree day in the San Bernadino mountains, Andy Hoodward of Orange, Calif., was flagged down by a couple carrying their dog in a backpack.

"The woman explained that they had set out hiking in the morning but a couple of miles in, the dog had become lethargic, unresponsive and would neither walk nor drink," says Hoodward.

The couple were also in bad shape, and Hoodward drove them to a ranger's station, but it was too late for the dog, which died on the trip.

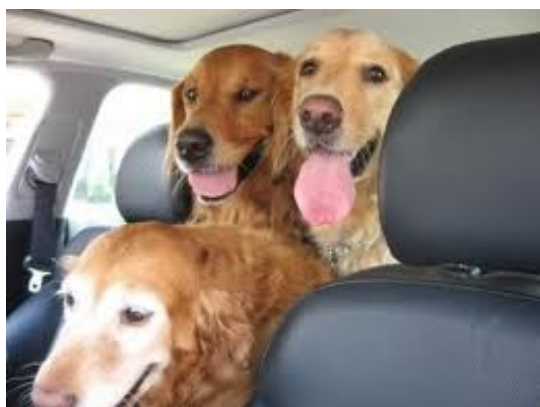
And officers say anyone can be the victim of inattention or miscalculation. Officer Ann Russell tells of one woman who worked with autistic children and was a volunteer guide dog puppy raiser — "the most responsible person you can imagine," she says. In an emergency with one of the children, the woman accidentally left a puppy in a car and it died.

Even indoors, it can get too hot for some animals. Battle tells of an elderly, overweight beagle that died of heat exhaustion in his own home; sadly, the house did have central air conditioning but the owners hadn't left it on since there were no people home.

Be especially careful if you confine your dog to a crate or one area of the house and he's not free to seek a cooler spot. If you leave your dogs outside, even on a patio or deck, make sure they have shade all day and remember that the sun moves. Use a tarp or awning to shade the spot, and perhaps reconsider whether your dogs might be happier indoors.

"Go out there barefoot and step on the concrete where your dogs are," says Battle. "It's not as comfortable as you think it is."

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We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers
at our meetings! Please make sure your
dog is up to date on shots and
vaccinations. please!

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