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Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 11th
at 7:00 p.m.
held at The Dog Museum
in Queeny Park**

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

GGRR Newsletter

Minutes from Our Last Meeting Held on February 11, 2010

By Tracie B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Tim M. Pat M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike S. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There was one visitor at the meeting, Liz T.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. gave the treasurer's report. Our account balance at the beginning of January was \$5,479.61. Income was \$670.00. (\$16.16 came from our Schnuck's e-scrip cards!) Expenses for the month were \$1,017.09, leaving an ending balance of \$5,148.68. The balance in the Flash Fund as of January 27, 2010 was \$14,825.21.

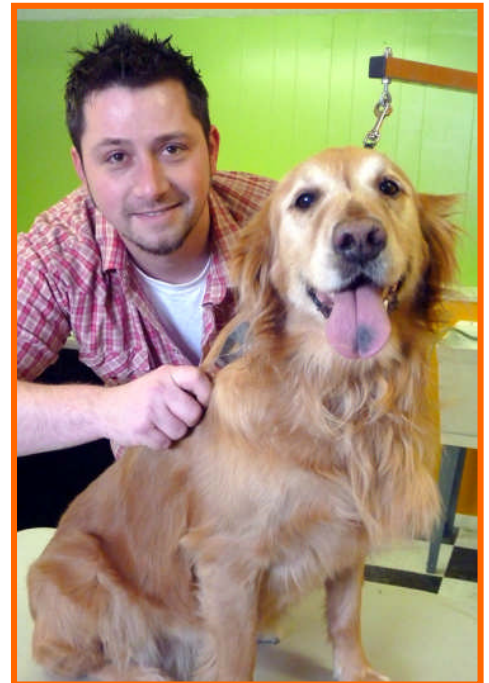
Membership Coordinator's Report

Janice E. reported that there were no inquiries or new members for the last month.

Intake Coordinator's Report

Carrie T. reported that one dog came in in the month of January:

10-004 Buddy – a 4 year old male who is heartworm positive. He is being fostered by Chris B. and needs to go back to the vet for x-rays to see how bad the heartworms are.



Wrigley was adopted by Pamela G. in Mahomet, IL six years ago and was recently featured in their local groomer's brochure. She's quite the diva at age 9!

Adoption Coordinator's Report

Amy A. reported that we placed four dogs in the month of January:

- 09-024 Marcus
- 09-025 Flame
- 09-026 Ginger
- 09-028 Sugar



Amy reported that she has eight families on the waiting list and two members that would also like to adopt. Most of the applicants want a Golden around the 1-4 age range and no puppies.

Event Coordinator's Report

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held downtown on Saturday, March 13th at noon. Chris R. reported that we received our approval to participate, but we will not know what number we are in the parade until the end of February. The parade starts at 18th and Market and ends at Broadway and Market. There is a parking lot at Market and Jefferson and that is probably the best place to park for the parade. You will probably want to show up at least an hour in advance for the parade because parking is limited. We will have two vans in the parade this year for supplies, dogs, and people. The parade is about 3 miles long. If you do not have a green GRRR sweatshirt, Chris R. is taking orders tonight for them. The sweatshirts are \$20.00 and the hoodie sweatshirts are \$22.00. You do not have to purchase a green GRRR sweatshirt to participate in the parade.



Max models his new St. Patrick's Day t-shirt for the Downtown St. Louis Parade, Saturday, March 13th at 12:00 p.m. Mom, Tracie B., thinks he looks cute, but Max doesn't think so.

GRRR Reunion Picnic

Our Reunion Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 13th at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. Barb B. reported that the Dog Museum rewrote our contract so we can set up from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and our guests can arrive starting at noon. The cost of the room is \$150.00 and is due about a month beforehand. Amy G. has contacted everyone who volunteered for the committee and responsibilities have been assigned. It's not too late to volunteer if you haven't been at the last couple of meetings!

Trivia Night for GRRR

Korisa and Drew C., Tracie B., Pat M., Cheryl G., and Barb B. have volunteered to plan our GRRR Trivia Night. If you are interested and haven't signed up, talk with Barb. Tracie B. is checking with Webster Groves Masonic Lodge to see what dates are available, the cost of rental, and restrictions they have for use of their facility. It was determined that January or February would be best for this event.

Five Guys Burgers & Fries Fundraising Opportunity

Barb B. announced that charitable organizations can choose a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for a fundraiser. We would hand out flyers to members, friends, and family with the date, time and location. 15% of each order from individuals who present the flyers will be donated to GRRR. Flyers cannot be given out at the store on the day of the event. Barb will pursue this if we think we can get enough people there to make it worth our while. A summer date would probably be the best. We do have to pick one location. Pat M. thought it would be a good idea.



Paul S. holds his foster puppy, Mya, at the February 11th meeting. Mya has been quite the hit with everyone at the last few meetings!

Sandy B. also reported that Culvers will also do something along these lines. It was brought up about working a vendor booth at a Cardinals game. This requires a mandatory training session on working concessions, but you can make a lot of money. Pat M. will look into this.

Website Coordinator's Report

Paul S. reported on our website traffic during the previous month. Our website had:

- Hits: 100,313
- Page Views: 17,402
- Visits: 8,898
- Unique Visits: 2,879



We are on Facebook and we have 86 fans! We also have 24 Twitter followers. Paul also put up a blog called Golden Notions. Penny M. reported that GRRR had 1,162 hits on PetFinder.com for the month of December and 1,685 hits for the month of January.

Old Business

Barb B. reported that Nancy R. is putting together a training group through Delta. Please email or call her if you want more info on therapy dogs. She will be at our March meeting.

New Business

Carrie T. asked if anyone had ever heard of Southwestern Missouri Canines. Or another group called For the Love of Canines? She was wondering if they are legitimate rescue groups. Nobody present had heard of either group. Carrie also announced that she has adoption folders if anyone needs a few.

Mike S. reported that our Agriculture License came in. Mike will make copies and make sure the appropriate people receive copies.

Barb B. showed everyone a shirt she had made on www.zazzle.com. You can make custom t-shirts with any pictures you want on it and they only charge you for the shirt.

Mike S. announced that his Golden, Rocky, turned 15 on January 29th!

President, Tim M., announced that we have a special guest speaker for after the meeting. Sasha from the Golden Retriever Club will be doing a presentation on Field Trials and answering any questions we have on that.

A motion was made by Mike S. and seconded by Rich T. to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. so we could listen to our guest speaker.



Peyton and her new little sister, Eli, pose for a quick picture at the February meeting. Little Eli got quite the workout with all those big dogs running around! Peyton & Eli belong to Michelle F.

DONATIONS
GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program

Jeanne Gieseke, in honor of Joan Foley's Special Birthday

The Crooks Family

Barb & Bill Blacksher, in memory of Nala, foster dog of Kay Callison & Mike Naughton.



Chloe Rogers waits patiently for our February meeting to be over...

THE TRAINING CORNER

Canine Cabin Fever: Indoor Activities for the Rainy-Day Dog

Taken from a Flyer from the San Diego Human Society and SPCA

By Lisa Mullinax and Kelly Ryan

Rainy weather can make you and your dog a little stir crazy. When you can't provide your dog with physical activity, coming up with some games and activities that work your dog's mind and senses can give you both a little relief.

If your dog loves a good game of fetch, consider yourself lucky. This game can keep your dog occupied for a long time. If you live in a house with stairs, play fetch up and down the stairs for an added workout.

A good hide-and-seek game will not only entertain your dog, but is an excellent exercise for building reliable recalls. If your dog knows "Wait," ask them to wait in another room while you go hide (if not, have someone hold your dog). Then call your dog to you. When they find you, give them a treat and/or a good play session! Make it fun!

You can also work on obedience commands or even teach your dog some new tricks. Just a few minutes a day will do.

If you need some ideas on new tricks, try these books from www.dogwise.com:

Dog Tricks for Dummies by Sarah Hodgson

Dog Tricks Step by Step by Mary Ann Zeigenfuse & Jan Walker

Andrea Arden's Little Book of Dog Tricks by Andrea Arden

Almost all of these books have different "obedience" skills you can teach your dog, as well as fun tricks.

Pet supply manufacturers are now making interactive toys for dogs. Toys like the Buster Cube, a large plastic die with inner chambers made for holding kibble, can keep your dog entertained while they tip and turn the cube with their nose and paws trying to release the treats. You will probably have to spend some time teaching your dog how it works, but then you can adjust the difficulty level, which means it will occupy your dog for longer and longer periods of time. A web search for "interactive dog toys" produces enough results to keep your dog entertained until the sunny weather returns.

You can also teach "scent games." Hide treats, bones, or toys in various parts of the house and/or yard and tell the dog to "Find It!" Make it easy at first. Once your dog gets the hang of this game, start making it more difficult to find the treats – don't just hide them on the floor, hide them on windowsills, chairs and door knobs! We don't recommend hiding treats on tabletops and counters, unless you want your dog to consider these areas fair game.

Mental activity requires quite a bit of energy and can keep your dog busy and happy!



Sasha, from the Golden Retriever Club, did a presentation on Field Trial Events after our meeting.



Rainbow Bridge

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following families who recently lost a beloved companion:

Angelina DaPoochie – In early January, the McNeil Family lost Angelina DaPoochie. She was just over 7 months old and was suffering from kidney failure. Angelina was a sweet little black mix (probably Basenji and ?), who always thought she was just like her big brother Luigi, except for that swimming thing! The McNeil family will miss their honorary Golden dearly. They said it was amazing how much she changed them in the four short months they had her.

Nala – Nala was a 12 year old female who was fostered by Kay Callison and Mike Naughton, who went to the Bridge on February 22, 2010. Nala passed away peacefully at home with Kay and canine siblings Walker and Lady nearby. Foster dad, Mike, was there at the Bridge to greet Nala on her journey. Mike passed away unexpectedly on Christmas Eve 2009.

Buddy – Buddy was a 4 year old male being fostered by Chris Billingham, who went to the Bridge on February 15, 2010. He was diagnosed with heartworm disease shortly after being acquired by GGRR. Buddy was unable to undergo treatment due to the advanced stage of his disease. His heart and lungs had already been seriously damaged by the heartworms.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these GGRR upcoming events!

Thursday, March 11th – Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.
at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park

Saturday, March 13th – St. Patrick’s Day Parade Downtown
Parade starts at noon at 18th & Market Street.
Please show up at least one hour in advance to walk in the parade.

Saturday, March 20th – Lucky Dog Adoption Days
Stop by Lucky Dog in Webster Groves to learn more about GGRR
anytime from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lucky Dog carries
great canine gear and gifts for any dog lover!

Thursday, April 8th – Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.
at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park

Friday – Sunday, April 9th-11th – 2010 Golden Retriever Specialty

Saturday, April 15th – Lucky Dog Adoption Days



Cami Anzelmo starts her day out right with her morning coffee straight from her initial mug!

Kaia Tennesen plays with her best friend, Aurora, who is a Champion Afghan Hound. They go round and round, rest a bit and then go right back at it! After their visits, Kaia spends a few days recuperating from all that fun!



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