



GGRR Newsletter

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Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Goldens (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.

REMINDER

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 14th Downtown.

GGRR Minutes from February 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Tim Miget. Mike Stemmler moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathy Dierkes. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

President's Report:

Tim reported that Heather Haberstroh was appointed by the Executive Board to fill the position of vice-president for the remaining year of Tim's term.

Treasurer's Report:

Beth Johnson was unable to be at the meeting, so Heather H. gave the treasurer's report. Our account balance at the beginning of January was **\$2,377.08**. Income was **\$2,123.00**. Expenses for the month were **\$1,015.27**, leaving an ending balance of **\$3484.81**.

Membership Coordinator's Report:

Janice Elsenraat reported there was one membership inquiry in January, but no new members joined the group. There are 16 active members who have not yet renewed their memberships. She has sent everyone two emails and a letter informing them of the need to pay their dues to continue as members. Please check the online membership roster to make sure that all of the information listed for you is still correct. Use the Member Management box on the website to log in with your user name and password. Click on My Account and then look for Display Member List. If you are unable to access the member's section of the website, contact our webmaster, Paul Swarhout.



Above pictured is Max Hamlin with his tire toy. Max belongs to Ron & Marla Hamlin.

Intake Coordinator's Report:

Barb Blacksher reported that 2 dogs were surrendered to us during the past month:

08-004R: Chester, a 4 year old male being fostered by Bill and Barb Blacksher; he was returned because his adoptive family said he seems unhappy without a canine companion and hates being confined in a crate while they are away from home; Chester also jumps their chain link fence if he is out in the yard without supervision.

09-002: Max, a 1-1/2 year old neutered male; the surrendering owner obtained Max from Siever's Retrievers as a puppy, and he needs more time and attention than the family is able to provide for him; Max is being fostered by Tom and Amy Gerber.

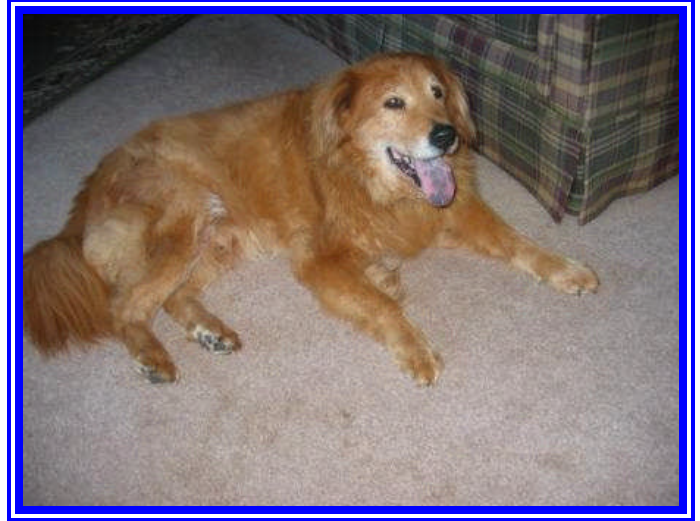
We need a foster home to evaluate Chance, who is at Under One Woof due to some aggression issues with his foster parents. Chance is being treated for chronic diarrhea, which may be a contributing factor in his behavior issues. Everything has been ruled out except for a food allergy or irritable bowel syndrome. Chance is currently being treated with an antibiotic for 6 weeks.



*Ginger looks pretty comfy in her new home and has made this end of the loveseat her official spot!
Ginger was adopted by her foster mom,
Sandy Bayer, in October 2008.*

Barb is tracking the number of days each month that we pay expenses for dogs that are being kenneled. Below are the figures for January:

08-028 Duke	1/1/09 – 1/15/09	15 days
09-001 Zena	1/7/09 – 1/10/09	4 days
08-043 Chance	1/30/09 – 1/31/09	<u>2 days</u>
January total:		21 days



Mr. Ralph is 15 years old, but mom, Nona Bauer, says he still acts like he's five! He has been with them now for four years and wakes up feeling great every day!

Some reasons that dogs end up in a kennel are: the foster home lacks the knowledge or experience to deal with issues that develop (aggression, separation anxiety, housetraining, etc.); conflicts in schedules between the surrendering owner, the person doing the dog transport, and the foster home; the dog is living under inhumane conditions or will be euthanized; travel plans by the foster parents; and too few foster homes. Barb reported has posted an ad for foster homes on Craig's List. Pat Moran suggested that the ad be reposted every 10-14 days with Golden Retriever in the subject line. An ad will also appear in the Post-Dispatch from Sunday, February 15th through March 1st.

Adoption Coordinator's Report:

Carrie Tennessen was unable to attend the meeting, so Heather Haberstroh presented her report. Two dogs were placed in their forever homes during the past month:

08-028: Duke
09-001: Zena



Haylee sits in the window and watches as her family leaves to go bye-bye without her! Haylee's mom, Laura Reilly, says that she thinks she's part cat!

Event Coordinator's Report:

Chris Rogers reported that GGRR has been accepted into the St. Pat's parade. We have not yet received our line position number. Details about the parade have been rather slow in arriving this year. The best place to park is in the lot at the corner of Market Street and Jefferson. The parade route is approximately 3 miles long. Chris will bring water for the dogs and dog treats. Her van will follow our unit, and dogs or people can ride in the van if they become too tired to finish the route. Sweatshirts for the parade are in, so see Chris to pick yours up. If you still want to place an order for one, Chris will place one final order tomorrow. Feel free to wear blue GGRR apparel if you don't want to order something in green. Barb Blacksher added that we have bone-shaped candy to give out at the parade again this year. Beth Johnson's daughters, Susan Ittner's daughters, and Joan Ellege are putting labels on the candy that have our website address and phone line number. GGRR will provide letters for these volunteers that will allow them to receive community service hours for their work.

The dates and volunteers for Lucky Dog adoption days are:

- Feb. 21: Kathy Dierkes
- March 21: Tom and Donna Schmiederer
- April 18:
- May 16:
- June 20:
- July 18:
- August 15:

Please check your schedules before the March meeting so we can fill the dates that still need volunteers. Chris said GGRR has made \$218 from the sale of woolies at Lucky Dog. Approximately \$50 came in from our donation jar in the store. Lucky Dog sponsored a photo day recently along with Blue Shadow Photography. GGRR received approximately \$200 from this event.

Amy Gerber announced that the Reunion Picnic committee met prior to the meeting, and the various subcommittee assignments were filled. We will definitely need some long banquet tables and chairs since there aren't picnic tables at the Dog Museum. The picnic will be held on Sunday, May 3rd.

Chris also reported that she will definitely have to give up her position as Events Coordinator in June. She is working on Saturdays now and has to take a vacation day for any events she wants to attend. The Events Coordinator is our contact person who receives the information about all of the activities in which we participate. She schedules volunteers to work at the events; and in the past, she has always made sure that everything needed to set up our booth is at the appropriate place. Chris also orders all of our GGRR apparel.

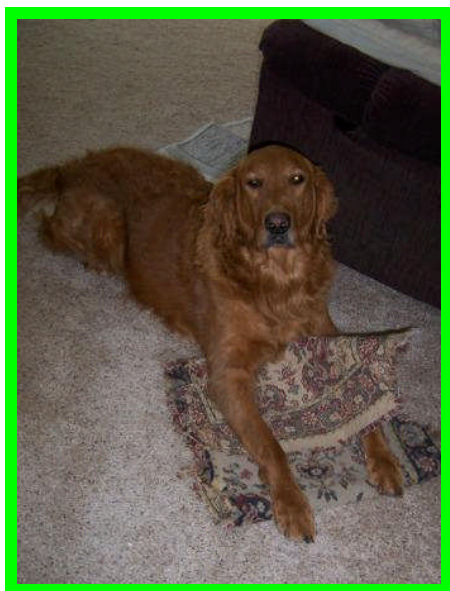


Tanqueray & Max Bayer absolutely love to swim every chance they can get! Max just happens to be the faster swimmer of the two and almost always steals the stick away from his brother!

Event Coordinator's Report: (cont.)

The Golden Specialty will take place on April 4th and 5th at Purina Farms this year. Kathy Dierkes and Korisa Carbone are in charge of coordinating lunch on both days and shopping for the food. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting for volunteers to work and to provide side dishes and desserts for the participants.

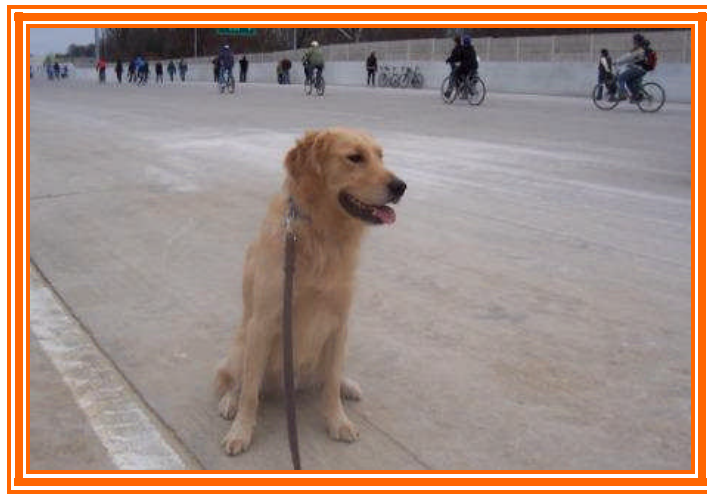
Tim Miget reported on plans for the GRC field trials on May 30 and 31. The committee is meeting on Friday, so we should have more information by the next GRRR meeting. Once Tim has more details, he will contact the people who have signed up to volunteer and schedule the times and days they will be working. Call or email Tim if you have not signed up and would like to volunteer to work. A month before the actual event, there will be a practice session, which Tim and others can attend. Dogs will get some practice time, and volunteers will be trained for the jobs they are assigned. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for volunteers, and GRRR will receive some of the proceeds for this event. Tim is also trying to find some corporate sponsors willing to donate raffle items, but the AKC must give their approval for sponsors to participate.



Stone helps out by 'fixing the Feng Shui' at Korisa & Drew's house! Everyone knows the rug goes by the couch and NOT the backdoor!

Chris has information about an event called the 2nd Annual Paw Festival sponsored by Belleville Area Rescue of K-9's (B. A. R. K.). It will take place on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00 – 2:00

in Swansea, IL. Booths for non-profits cost \$15 if they are reserved by March 1st. There will be a dog walk, contests, a silent auction, crafts, jewelry, raffles, and other vendors. Participating groups last year reported that it was a profitable event for them. Chris will pursue getting a booth for us at the festival.



Cody watches the race down the new stretch of the highway at the I-64 Party. Cody is being fostered by Kathryn Ryder.

Old Business:

Mike Stemmler reported that our 2009 license from the Dept. of Agriculture has arrived. He will provide copies of it to members who serve as foster homes and to members doing intake who might be involved in pulling dogs from shelters.

Pat Moran can still order green parade bandanas for your dog with its name and some paw prints embroidered on it. They cost \$5.00. See her after the meeting if you would like to order one.

Amy Gerber reported that she has finally received the Schnuck's e-script cards. See her after the meeting if you don't yet have one. She needs your name, address, and phone number. GRRR will receive a percentage of the purchases you make at Schnucks when you present this card at the time of purchase.

Jessica Wilson has a list of media outlets that we might want to contact to generate publicity for GRRR events or for interviews in which we inform the public about the increase in dogs

being surrendered to rescue groups due to people losing their homes and losing their jobs. Jessica will send some information out to her list of contacts, and let Chris know if any of the groups expresses an interest in interviewing someone from GRR.



Cameron (formerly Snickers) entertains herself while new mom, Amy Anzelmo, tests Christmas lights. Her face says it all - GUILTY!

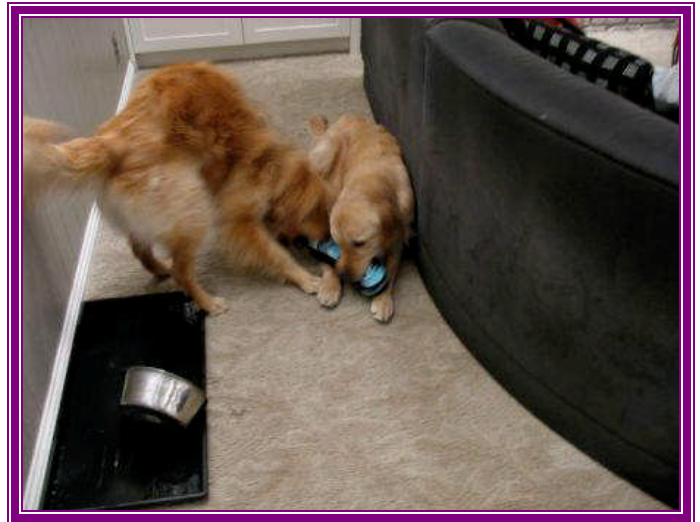
New Business:

Mike Stemmler informed members about some pamphlets produced in a partnership between the Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services and the Humane Society. Their purpose is to help pet owners make preparations for the care of their animals when emergencies occur. Large numbers of pets have been left behind and end up in shelters when people evacuate their homes after flooding and winter storms. The pamphlets include a list of supplies you should keep in an emergency pet kit. Pet owners are encouraged to set up a disaster plan for pets and to form buddy systems with other people who can shelter your pet during emergency situations. There are convenient reference cards included in the

pamphlets, which are also available in multiple languages. Paul Swarthout suggested putting a copy in the folders that go to our adoptive families. Mike will order a supply for us to keep on hand.

Barb Blacksher asked for volunteers to evaluate the contents of our current adoption folders. Printing costs are expensive, so we need to make sure the handouts we provide are helpful to our adoptive families. Kathy Dierkes and Laura Reilly volunteered to help Barb with this task. Mike Stemmler said he would be willing to review the committee's finished product. Laura suggested we obtain copies of the welcome kits that other rescue groups provide to their families. Joan Ellege is assembling a small number of folders for use until the committee finishes its work. Barb's goal is to have the new adoption folders ready by June.

Pat Moran moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Paul Swarthout. The motion passed, with the meeting adjourning at 8:10 p.m.



Freda, formerly Fu-Fu, plays mightily with Canon in her foster home. Freda is learning the joys of being an inside dog now! She is being fostered by Pamela Wollenberg.

Reminder!

Any articles or photos for the newsletters please send them to Tracie at tbayer80@gmail.com

Rescue Me

Submitted by Rich Taylor

Rescue me not only with your hands but with
your heart as well. I will respond to you.
Rescue me not out of pity but out of love...
I will love you back.

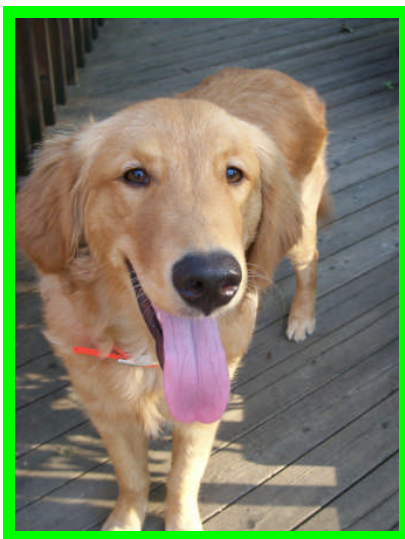
Rescue me not with self-righteousness but with
compassion. I will learn what you teach.
Rescue me not because of my past but because
of my future. I will relax and enjoy.

Rescue me not simply to save me but to give me
a new life. I will appreciate your gift.
Rescue me not only with a firm hand but with the
tolerance and patience. I will please you.

Rescue me not only because of who I am but
who I'm to become. I will grow and mature.
Rescue me not to revere yourself to
others but because you want me.
I will never let you down.

Rescue me not with a hidden agenda but with a
desire to teach me to trust.
I will be loyal and true.
Rescue me not to be chained or to fight but to be
your companion. I will stand by your side.

Rescue me not to replace one you've lost but to
soothe your spirit. I will cherish you.
Rescue me not to be your pet but to be your
friend. I will give you unconditional love.



Max

Rescued by GRRR
in September 2007

One look at this little
face and I knew I was
a "Foster-Failure."

-Tracie Bayer

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