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February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President, Tim M. Penny M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Julie G. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim reminded everyone that when you are doing a home visit, you are putting your seal of approval on the family that they are a good fit for one of our Goldens. Please make sure you fill out your home visit report accordingly and if you do not feel they are a good match, then please say so on the form. Tim also reported that we received a thank you letter from the Make a Wish Foundation for helping with their Christmas Party.

Treasurer's Report

Since Beth J. was not present, Tim M. gave her report. Our beginning balance for the month of January was \$1,666.39. Income was \$2,607.00 (\$18.06 came from our Schnucks e-Script cards) and our expenses were \$2,579.72 leaving us with an ending balance of \$1,711.73. Tim also commented that we have received many donations in memory of Shawn Blaes and May Barner and with the passing of member, Ron Graef, we are sure to probably see more in the near future.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had one

membership inquiry and no new members during the previous month. We had two visitors at the meeting that will be new members, Julie M. and Andrea D.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had four dogs come in in the last month:

011-001 Buddy—a 2 year old male, who has not been to the vet since he's been found.

011-002 Ben—an almost 2 year

meeting, but Tim M. gave her report. No dogs were officially placed during the last month, but Honey will be adopted by her foster family this month.

Website Coordinator's Report

Paul S. was not at the meeting and his report was not submitted.



Max & Sammy Blacksher snuggle on the couch during the Superbowl!

old male that has seizures. He is currently on medicine and was present at the meeting.

011-003 Billy—a 9 month old male who is suspected of having hip dysplasia. No x-rays have been done yet.

011-004 Buddy—a 5-1/2 year old male who is neutered.

Adoption Report

Amy R. was not present at the



Dog Joke From doggiesparadise.com

As an elderly lady sat on her front porch reflecting on her long life, a Fairy Godmother suddenly appeared and offered to fulfill three wishes for her. "Well," said the woman, "I guess I'd like to be rich." POOF: The Fairy Godmother turned her rocking chair into solid gold. "And I wouldn't mind being a young and beautiful princess." POOF: The Fairy Godmother turned the old woman into an exquisite young princess, with a priceless crown of jewels.

"Your third wish?" asked the Fairy Godmother. "Could you possibly turn my wonderful dog into a handsome prince?"

POOF: There, in front stood the most handsome young man anyone had ever seen. She stared at him in awe, completely smitten.

As he came toward her, her knees weakened. He bent down, brushing his lips across her ear as he whispered, "I bet you are sorry you had me neutered."

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following members that have passed away within the last month.

Ron Graef
and
Cheryl Gruber

**St. Patrick's
Day Parade is
Saturday,
March 12th in
Downtown St.
Louis!**

**Join GRR and
walk with your
dog in the
parade!**

**Contact Barb B. for
more information or
come to our
March 10th Meeting.**

GRRR Events By: Barb Blacksher

Our calendar of events for 2011 is attached to this newsletter. Please mark the highlighted events on your personal calendar. There are three events which require a large number of volunteers: The Golden Specialty in April, the Reunion Picnic in May, and the Kirkwood Greentree Festival in September. Please make these three events a top priority.

Reunion Picnic—Sunday, May 1st

Members decided that May 1st was the best date for our Reunion Picnic, and the Dog Museum is available. We can get into the museum at 11:00 to set up, and our guests can arrive at noon. If you would like to volunteer for the picnic committee, see Amy Gerber.

Tri-County Agility Trials—Sunday Feb. 20th

The Tri-County Agility Trials will be Feb. 20th from 7:30 -2:30 at the National Equestrian Center in Chesterfield—Members will be performing several functions—running leashes from the start to the end of the course; running score sheets to the secretary's table; and resetting bars that get knocked down during runs or when the height needs to be changed between groups. We still are short some people in both time slots: 7:30 -11:00 and 11:00 -2:30. Dress warmly, wear something GRRR related if possible, and bring a lawn chair so you don't have to stand the entire time.

St. Pat's Parade—Saturday, March 12th

The St. Pat's Parade will be downtown at noon. Arrangements will be finalized at the March meeting and through emails to members. So far 12 members have signed up to walk, for a total of 27 people and 19 dogs. If you haven't signed up, please contact Barb B.

Golden Retriever Dog of the Week— April 3rd at the Dog Museum

This year we have invited the Golden Retriever Club and Love a Golden to participate with us from 1:30—4:00 p.m. Having 3 groups will allow visitors to see a larger number of dogs. Last year, it was just Max and Barb and the people who came were quite disappointed.

The Golden Club forgot to come, and most of our members were at the Webster Groves Holiday Walk. This event is sponsored and publicized by the Dog Museum so the public can learn more about the various dog breeds. We also need to advertise it on our website.

Golden Specialty—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 8, 9, 10

In the past, we have provided breakfast and lunch for the competitors and judges but that will not be necessary now that the arena has a snack bar. Details should be available by the March meeting on what we will be doing.

Adoption Day Events

Treats Unleashed and Three Dog Bakery in Chesterfield have asked us to hold an adoption day at their locations. We have done little in the Chesterfield or the St. Charles, O'Fallon, and Wentzville areas. Not only do these events attract adoptive families, but they also help us bring dogs into our program.



2011 GGRR Calendar of Events

March

10th—Monthly Meeting

12th—**St. Patrick 's Day Parade**

12:00 p.m.

19th—Adoption Days

April

3rd—Golden Retriever Dog of the Week at the Dog Museum 1:30—4:00 p.m.

8th—10th—Golden Retriever Specialty at Purina Farms

14th—Monthly Meeting

16th—Adoption Days

May

1st—Annual Reunion Picnic at the Dog Museum

12th—Monthly Meeting

21st—Adoption Days

June

1st—Newly Elected Coordinators Begin their 1-Year Terms

12th—Monthly Meeting

18th—Adoption Days

July

14th—Monthly Meeting

16th—Adoption Days

August

11th—Monthly Meeting

20th—Adoption Days

September

8th—Monthly Meeting

16-18th—Kirkwood Greentree Festival

24th—Adoption Days

October

2nd—APA Canine Carnival—Tilles Park

13th—Monthly Meeting

15th—Adoption Days

16th—Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games at Purina Farms



? - Celebrate Spot Walk

? - Member Picnic

? - GGRR Board of Directors Annual Meeting—Exec. Board Members

November

10th—Monthly Meeting

13th—Webster Groves Christmas Shopping Event

19th—Adoption Days

December

8th—Annual Membership Meeting/ Christmas Party and Dog Gift Exchange (Voting on Offices of Treasurer and V.P.)

Old Business & New Business

Old Business

Mike S. reported on the National Specialty that will be held in St. Louis in 2012. This event will be held in the beginning of October. Mike S. will be chairing the rescue parade of 30-50 dogs. He would like to have a memorial wall and sell tags with the family name and dog name and have the wall on display at the specialty. Eventually this wall might be donated to the Dog Museum. More to come on this later. Korisa C. thanked all of the mem-

bers for supporting our Trivia Night. If anyone has any suggestions for next years Trivia Night event, please let her know.

New Business

Amy G. asked if our membership records needed to be kept past five years? Tim M. told her that we only need to keep five years worth of records.

Amy G. reported that Allstate Insurance approved our grant and they will be making a \$1,000.00 donation to GGRR.

Tim M. reported that member, Ron Graef, passed away from cancer and the family has requested that donations be made to GGRR. A motion was made by Penny M. and seconded by Pat M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Proper Greetings: Stop Your Dog from Jumping on People

From: **The Whole Dog Journal** (Submitted by Barb B.)

There's a common misconception that dogs jump on people to establish dominance. Balderdash! Dogs jump on people because there's something about jumping that is reinforcing for the dog - usually the human attention that results from the jumping. If you want your dog to stop jumping on people, you have to be sure he doesn't get reinforced for it. Here's what you can do to prevent your dog from jumping on people:

- Educate. Tell friends, family and even temporary acquaintances what

you want them to do if your dog starts to jump up. Insist they not reinforce jumping up behavior - even those friends who claim they don't mind! Educational options include telling them to:

- Greet your dog before he jumps, perhaps even kneeling to greet a small dog.
- Turn and step away from your dog until he sits, or at least has four feet on the floor, then turn back to greet the dog.
- Ask your dog to sit and reinforce by petting him if/when he does.
- Back away from your dog (if you have

your dog on leash) and wait for him to sit before greeting or petting him. If he jumps up while you are petting him, simply stop the petting and take a step backward. Resume petting only if he sits.

- Toss a toy conveniently provided by you to redirect the dog's behavior before the jump happens.
- Walk away from your dog through a gate or door and close it behind them to keep the dog on the other side.

Donations

GRRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Randy Karraker & Joan Foley, in memory of Angel
Stephanie Alport
Allstate Insurance
Best Friends Animal Hospital & Pet Resort
Christine Hannafan
Sarah Cavin
John & Nancy Rutkowski
Barbara Bowling

The following donations were made in memory of Shawn Blaes

Debbie Dodge-Howe & Christina Jones
Deborah Schlitt
Camp Solidarity, Inc.
Bruce & Patricia Jones
Dana Hollander
Creve Coeur Figure Skating
Arnold & Phyllis Juette
Joan Clines

Mark Ferber, Exit Strategies
Ann Houston
Thomas Haake

The following donations were made in memory of Ron Graef

Barb & Bill Blacksher
Susanne Reimer & Dave Fey
Katie Markovich
Denny & Karen Whitesell
Sandra Boxx
Kent & Tina Clark
Dave & Linda Tyler
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Delanty
Mr. & Mrs. William Fuhrig
Mark & Leslie Wester
Stephanie & Steven McFadden
Tina Noennig
Jill Pumphrey
(Friends at JHU/APL)
William & Kathleen Kujawa
Tom & Lisa Egan
Patrick Elder
Bob & Shirley Kessler
David & Candice Wolf
Doborah Bommarito

Elaine & Lawrence Bell
Leanne Excely
Darlene Gilliam
Sandy Simon
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Andrew
Donna Graef
McCluer High School PTSO
Victoria Ferris
Rob & Eileen Banden

The following donations were made in memory of May Barner

Don & Maureen Kaminski
Bank of America
Michael Doherty





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Next Meeting

Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.
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.

**St. Pat's Parade Downtown
Is Saturday, March 12th!
Join GRR and walk in the
parade with your Golden!**

**To Adopt or Surrender a Dog
Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477**

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