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April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President, Tim M. Pat M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim reported that we had 20 applicants already for the month of April so we will need lots of volunteers to do all of the home visits that will follow.

Treasurer's Report

Pat M. reported that our balance in our checking was \$2,836.99 at the beginning of the month. Income was \$233.81 and our expenses were \$1,869.77 leaving us with an ending balance of \$2,487.98. The balance in our Flash Fund is \$32,448.23.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had five inquiries in the previous month and no new members. Amy has been keeping track of who will do home visits in what areas so



she will try to get that on the website soon. There was one visitor at the meeting, Cheryl F. who is interested in volunteering and maybe a puppy.

Intake Report

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

- 012-003 Sam—a 2 year old male who is also the father of all of the puppies.
 - 012-004 Lilo—a 10 week old female
 - 012-005 Stitch—a 10 week old male
 - 012-006 Louie—a 10 week old male
 - 012-007 Bogie—a 10 week old male
- We also have a 5 year old male from Springfield coming in with allergies and a three month old puppy out of the Joplin area

that will be coming in next week.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we adopted out zero dogs in the previous month but that will definitely change by our next meeting!



Happy Mother's Day!
 Our Next Meeting is
 Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.
 Coordinator Positions will be voted on!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~Author Unknown

GGRR Events

Reports on Events

Tim M. reported that the Golden Specialty out at Purina Farms April 6-8th was a big success and GGRR earned \$430.35 in selling woolies, t-shirts and other generous donations.

Upcoming Events

Tim M. reported that we were invited to do the Belleville, IL Parade on June 1st, but the membership voted that this was probably not a good idea being that it's a Friday night parade.

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.

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.

The APA Carnival is usually held the first weekend in October, but we do not have a definite date at this time.

Our annual Reunion Picnic that is usually held in May or June is going to be moved to October this year. More info to come when we book the date!

What Exactly are Hot Spots Anyway? www.dogingtonpost.com

If you have a dog, you've probably encountered a hot spot on his skin at some point. Well, what exactly are hot spots, anyway? Where do they come from? And more importantly, how can we treat them? The dog-loving folks at PetMD solve the mystery for us with this article.

Hot Spots are one of those less than desirable skin irritations seen in pets. Often, you'll here your vet refer to them as moist eczema, but you ... well, you can call them hot spots. They occur when your dog itches, scratches or licks him or herself excessively, eventually forming a wet scab on the fur.

Hot Spots (also known as Summer Sores or Moist Eczema) can seemingly appear spontaneously anywhere on a dog's body; the surrounding area can rapidly deteriorate too. This moist, raw skin disorder has a variety of causes but the most consistent factor is bacteria.

Anything that irritates or breaks the skin can create the environment for bacterial contamination if the surface of the skin has but only a little a bit of moisture on it. Such incidences of moisture can be such seemingly innocuous things such as a recent bath, swim, stroll in the rain, or playtime in wet craze. Even a slightly oozing sore can provide enough moisture and/or nutrient for a bacterial infection to take hold.

Although there are various types of "hot spot"-causing bac-

teria, most respond to oral and topical antibiotics. For some reason, cats rarely acquire hot spots.

How to Treat a Hot Spot

1. Trim the area around the hot spot with animal clippers. If the area is too big, shave it. Exposing it to air will dry out the moisture and help speed healing.
2. Clean the area with a mild water-based astringent or antiseptic spray, or specialized shampoo, and pat dry.
3. Apply hydrocortisone spray or hydrocortisone cream (with a veterinarian's prescription) to stop the itching and help promote healing.
4. Prevent your dog from biting, licking or scratching the area. Placing an Elizabethan collar (plastic cone) around your dog's neck, for example, can be an excellent tool to keep him/her from biting and licking at it.
5. Keep an eye on the area to make sure it continues to heal and doesn't worsen or spread. Hot spots often require a visit to the vet, who will likely prescribe topical medication usually in the form of a Gentamicin / Betamethasone spray, and possibly oral antibiotics. The vet may also give your dog a cortisone injection to jump start the healing process.

Now that you know what exactly hot spots are, you should know if left untreated they can spread very rapidly.

A Mother's Day Poem from the Dog



You feed me when I'm hungry,
 You keep water in my dish,
 You let me sleep on anything,
 Or in any place I wish.

You sometimes let me lick your hands
 or even lick your face,
 Despite the fact I've licked myself
 In every private place.

You taught me how to come when
 called
 You taught me how to sit,
 You always let me go outside
 So I can take astroll.

You'll always have my loyalty
 up to the bitter end,
 'cause after all, it's plain to see,
 You are a dog's best friend.



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 GRR 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 GRR newsletter.

Website Coordinator

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

Old & New Business

Old Business

Mike S. informed everyone about the upcoming Rescue Parade that will take place at the Nationals in September. This honors people that have rescued Golden Retrievers. There will be about 30 dogs selected from all of the applicants. Most of the applicants are sad stories about these magnificent rescued dogs. The parade participants will be given a plaque with the dog's name along with a medallion on a ribbon. We need a committee to help come up with what we should put on the plaques. There will also be a memorial wall with blocks on it with the names of deceased Golden Retrievers. These 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, GGRR, Dirks Fund and other rescue groups.

Chris R. suggested that we offer two options each year when we renew our membership and pay dues. She suggested that we have members and volunteers. If you just

want to be a member of GGRR, it will cost you \$50.00. If you want to be a volunteer and actually attend functions, help with dogs, phone lines, etc., the annual dues would be \$20.00. She suggested that maybe we have a list of events they have to circle that they will attend if they're a volunteer. If they are a member, they will just get a copy of the newsletter, etc. Tim M. decided that the board will discuss this at their next meeting.



New Business

Tim M. announced that the coordinator positions are up in June. Please take a look at the list of coordinator positions in this newsletter on page 3 and see if there is one that interests you. These are one-year positions and you do not have to be a member for more than a year to take one of these positions.

A motion was made by Amy G. and seconded by Kathy D. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Doggy Meatloaf with Vegetables

www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1 apple, cored and diced
- 2 eggs
- 2 slices white bread, torn into pieces
- 1 cup regular rolled oats
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 4 medium potatoes, cubed
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, cubed

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Coat a large roasting pan with oil and set aside.

In a large bowl, mix together the ground beef, 3 stalks of celery, grated carrots, apple, eggs, bread, oats, wheat germ and tomato paste using your hands. Divide the meat mixture into four equal parts and make loaf shapes. Place the loaves in the roasting pan. Surround them with the potatoes, remaining carrots and remaining celery. Cover the pan with a lid.

Bake for 80 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the meat is cooked through. The internal temperature should be 175 de-

degrees F (80 degrees C) when taken with a meat thermometer. Allow to cool.

Portion the food into containers with one loaf and one quarter of the vegetables in each one. Refrigerate. To serve, give your dog 1/3 of a container with each portion of kibble.



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Thursday, May 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. please!

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

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