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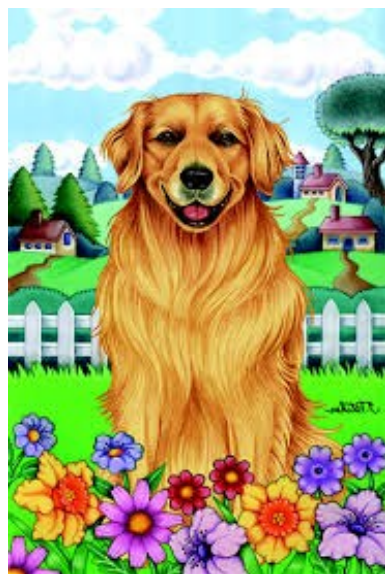
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April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by President, Mike S. Lynn S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim M. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Mike reported that we are going to offer some classes for dog visits and home visits when the weather warms up. Hopefully this will help get some of the home visits and dog visits done sooner. We are still very low on dogs and this seems to be a problem nationwide. Craigslist is also apart of it. We need to be checking to see what's out there.

It was also discussed to add a disclaimer to our website about how we are an organization to find dogs a home. Not an organization to find people dogs.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. did not give her report.

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had 1 membership/volunteer inquiry and two new members. Welcome to Maria and Jose G. and



Pilar Dela P. our new members/volunteers!

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had one dog come in in the previous month.

15-003 Ruby—An 18 month old spayed female

Adoption Report

Penny M. was not present to give her report.

Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic during the previous month:

Hits: 110,067
Page Views: 13,403
Visitors: 8,773

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit in 2015? Want to Foster a Golden in your home?
Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!



Happy Mother's Day!

GRR Events

Upcoming Events

Next GRR Meeting

Thursday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m., at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Treats Unleashed—

Saturday, June 6th

We will have a table set up at Treats Unleashed to pass out information on our group. We will be there from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. GRR will be there every second Saturday of the month this summer.



Greentree Festival

The Greentree Festival will be held September 18th—20th in Kirkwood Park. Mark your calendars now.

Scottish Games

The Scottish Games will be held September 25th and 26th.



No Reunion Picnic This Year

It was decided to have our annual reunion picnic on a bi-yearly basis. Our next reunion picnic will be held in 2016.

APA Carnival—October 2015

The APA Carnival will be held in October. More info to come on this event.

Jake gets some attention at one of GRR's information days! Perks of the job!

Old & New Business

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

We are still exploring the idea of having a “Golden Loves” event. If you have any ideas for this event, please let Mike S. know.

We also would like to thank the Golden Retriever Club of St. Louis for their very generous \$2,000.00 donation!

A motion was made by Lynn S. and seconded by Shane S. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



10 Facts About Dogs By Juliana Weiss-Roessler

Do you think you know everything about our canine companions? Think again! Check out these 10 surprising facts about dogs.



1. Your dog is as smart as a 2-year-old toddler. There's a reason your tot and your pup get along so well: they speak the same language. Or at least, they likely understand roughly the same number of words and gestures — 250!

2. Dogs and cats both slurp water the same way. This may be hard to believe since dogs are such messy drinkers, but just like cats, our canine friends bend the tip of their tongue and raise liquid in a column up to their mouths.

3. Your dog does have a sense of time — and misses you when you're gone. If you think your dog knows when it's time for dinner or a walk, you're right! Dogs pick up on our routines and habits, and they also sense how much time has passed. One study showed how dogs responded differently to their owners being gone for different lengths of time.

4. Your dog's whiskers help him "see" in the dark. Okay, it's not quite night-vision or a super power, but those whiskers pick up on even subtle changes in air currents, providing your pup with information about the size, shape, and speed of things nearby. This allows your dog to better sense approaching dangers or prey — even at night.

5. Dogs only have sweat glands in their paws. More specifically, they are found between their paw pads. That's why it can help to wet the bottom of their feet on a hot day, and it's also why dogs rely on panting as a means of cooling down.

6. On average, a dog's mouth exerts 320 pounds of pressure. The tests were done on a German shepherd, American pit bull terrier, and

Rottweiler. In comparison, human beings exert 120 pounds, white sharks exert 600 pounds, and crocodiles exert a whopping 2,500 pounds! Dogs also have ten more adult teeth than humans — 42 versus 32.

7. Your one year-old pup is as physically mature as a 15-year-old human. Of course, different breeds age a little differently.

Large dogs age faster than small ones. You can get a more exact comparison for your dog using a nifty Dog Age Calculator.

8. A dog's sense of smell is 1,000 to 10 million times better than yours. Depending on the breed, your dog has between 125 million to 300 million scent glands — compared to only 5 million for humans. And the part of your dog's brain that controls smell is 40 times larger than yours — that's true, even though the canine brain is much smaller than the human, relative to size. A human's brain is about 1/40th of their body weight while a dog's brain is only 1/125th. Don't feel too smug, though — an ant's brain is 1/7th its body weight.

9. Dogs can hear 4 times as far as humans. Puppies may be born deaf, but they quickly surpass our hearing abilities. Dogs can also hear higher pitched sounds, detecting a frequency range of 67 to 45,000 hertz (cycles per second). The human range is from 64 to 23,000 hertz. In both dogs and humans, the upper end of hearing range decreases with age.

10. Your dog can smell your feelings. Your pup can pick up on subtle changes in your scent, which can help him figure out how you are feeling — such as by smelling your perspiration when you become nervous or fearful. It's also likely how dogs can detect certain diseases or know that a household member is pregnant.

We hope this list of odd facts about dogs gave you a better appreciation of your best friend. They are truly incredible animals and companions.

Diarrhea in Dogs www.ceasarsway.com

Signs of diarrhea in dogs

It is important to understand that diarrhea in dogs can take several forms. Stools can range from abnormally soft to watery. Other clinical signs may be present such as straining while defecating, gas, abnormal odor, or blood and mucous in the stool. Many cases of diarrhea are self-limiting, but others require treatment.



hookworms, whipworms, coccidia, Giardia, tapeworms. A fecal exam can help diagnose the infection.

- **Bacteria in dogs.** Such as Clostridium perfringens, E. coli, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Spirochetes. This can be challenging as pets may carry these bacteria without having them cause clinical disease.

Bloody diarrhea with severe straining may be an emergency especially for small dogs. Diarrhea along with vomiting can be signs of serious intestinal obstruction that may even need surgery. Weakness, pain, vomiting, or agitation are serious signs that the dog needs medical attention.

Causes of diarrhea in dogs

Since there are numerous causes of diarrhea in dogs it is always a good idea to have your dog examined by a veterinarian to rule out more serious causes. Here is a brief list of causes of diarrhea.



- **Parvovirus Infection.** Usually vomiting and diarrhea accompanied by a fever typically in young dogs. An antigen test is usually used to diagnose this infection.
- **Parasites in dogs.** Including roundworms,

- **Inappropriate ingestion.** Let's face it, dogs eat anything from other animals' feces to grass trimmings and garbage. This is one of the most common causes of diarrhea in dogs.

This is by no means a complete list of causes as there are books written on this subject alone. Most people want the answer to two important questions. Do I need to take my dog in to my veterinarian and if I don't, how can I treat it at home?

When to see a Vet

It is always a good idea to consult with your veterinarian if your dog has diarrhea. Your veterinarian may want to see your pet or at least do diagnostic testing on the feces to determine the best treatment. Since some parasites and bacteria can also cause disease in humans, it is important to check for them. In mild cases where the dog is acting normal otherwise, withholding food for 24 hours may be sufficient. If however other symptoms such as vomiting, lethargy, depression, or pain accompany the diarrhea then prompt veterinary attention is needed.



Dogs and Dreaming

Most people have experienced this before: You're watching TV to unwind after a long day when suddenly you hear whimpering and scratching. What's going on? Is your dog okay? You race to check on him only to discover that he's fast asleep — he must have been having a dream!

But is that really what's happening when dogs move and make noises in their sleep? After all, it's not like the dog can confirm this by waking up and telling us what he or she was dreaming about. Though we may never get an absolute confirmation like this, there is plenty of scientific evidence to point to the fact that dogs do, in fact, have dreams. How so? Let's take a look.



- Our brains are similar—While there are obviously a great many differences between human and dog brains, they're quite alike on a structural level. Because of this, there is a high likelihood that dogs can and probably are dreaming.
- We sleep in comparable ways—At least, that's what EEGs tell us. Like people, dogs enter into a “deep sleep” stage that is accompanied by rapid eye movements and irregular breathing. This is the stage where people are known to have dreams. It's also the stage where you're likely to see Fido pawing the air or hear him growling at nothing.
- Other animals do it... we think—Just like dogs, rats have been shown to have electrical activity in their brains during sleep that is similar to humans — and their brains are far more different from ours than dog brains. The real surprise would actually be learning definitively that dogs do not dream.

What do we know about dog dreams?

While we might not have 100 percent confirmation that dogs dream, there are several things that we do know — assuming, of course, that dreaming really is happening.

- Small dogs do it more—While no one is really sure why, smaller dogs tend to have more dreams than larger ones. Toy poodles and Chihuahuas might experience new dreams every 10 minutes, for example, while a typical golden retriever will only dream once every 90 minutes.
- It's normal and natural—Though it may be surprising and sometimes even frightening to witness your dog acting out in his or her sleep, the behavior is completely normal, natural, and healthy.
- They're dreaming of “dog” things—Humans have a specific part of the brain, the pons, which keeps us from acting out our dreams. When scientists inactivated this part in dogs, they started doing things like digging imaginary holes, fighting with pretend burglars, and chasing dream birds or cats.



How do you know if your dog is having a dream? Simple. Watch him or her after they fall asleep. If you notice odd movements or sounds around 20 minutes in, you can bet that your dog is probably having some kind of adventure.

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vaccinations please!

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

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