

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, Nov. 8th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Golden Retrievers (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.



Truman Stark gets up close and personal with dad Shane at the member picnic.

MINUTES FROM OCT. 11TH :

President Pat Moran called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Heather H. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September meeting. Drew C. seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion, and it was passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat had no report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our account balance at the beginning of September was **\$6776.36**. Income was **\$1294.00**. Expenses were **\$999.77**, leaving an ending balance of **\$7070.59**.

Beth received the quarterly statement for the Flash Fund. The balance at the beginning of the quarter was **\$5395.13**. Income during the quarter was **\$945.38**. Interest was **\$8.52**. The ending balance for the quarter was **\$6349.03**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There were no new membership inquiries during the past month. Two people joined GGRR in September: Nancy Rutkowski, who was a member for many years before moving out of town, and Steve Werner, who is also a new foster parent. Two visitors were present at the meeting: Tara Bolen, a new member who was attending her first meeting, and Kim Bayer, the sister of member Tracie Bayer.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Three dogs were surrendered to GGRR since our last meeting

07-029: **Diamond**, a 3 year old gold-colored female being fostered by Ron and Donna G.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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07-030: Samantha (Sam), a 1-1/2 year old red female being fostered by Steve W.

07-031 Maximus (Max), a 3-4 year old unneutered male, who is currently at Under One Woof while his flea problem is being treated. He will be fostered by Pat M.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Two dogs were placed in their forever homes this month:

07-018: Robin

07-029: Diamond

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Heather H. gave the report for Chris R., who was unable to attend the meeting.

One person with a dog is needed for the Saturday, October 20th adoption day at Lucky Dog in Webster Groves. Amy H. volunteered for this event.

The Webster Groves Christmas Walk will be held on Sunday, November 11th. This event is very popular and should provide lots of publicity for GGRR. We will be setting up an x-pen for the dogs right next to Lucky Dog. Heather circulated a sign-up sheet for those who would like to attend.



Not one to ignore his hunger, Truman Stark joins Carrie T. at the table for a bite of lunch at the member picnic.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

(cont.)

A visit to Sacred Heart Villa preschool is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 31st this year. (The date was later changed to Oct. 30 since the preschool had plans for Halloween). If you have a dog who loves children, this is a great event to attend.

A vote was taken on possible dates for the member picnic, which will be held at Carrie T.'s house this year. Sunday, October 21st was the date selected for this event. Hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Member families and their dogs are all welcome to attend. GGRR will provide meat, buns, and drinks. Members should plan to bring a side dish. Please email Carrie to let her know what you are bringing. Pat M. will send an email to all members with the date and time of the picnic.



Students from Sacred Heart Villa preschool take Casey Rutkowski for a walk. Casey is decked out in his Halloween pumpkin costume.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

Paul S. reported the following website numbers for the month of September:

77,355 hits

14,654 page views

8,783 visitors

2,907 unique visitors

The number of hits was down by 40% during the past month, most likely because there were so few dogs up on the website. The number of page views and visitors was down by 18%. The number of unique visitors was up by 59% over the previous month.

Because there are so many photos on the Adopted Dogs page on the website, Paul has grouped the photos by each dog's year of adoption.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat M. said she is not going to pursue the volunteer of the year award. Feedback she received from several members about the idea was not favorable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather H. said the company she works for has an internal memo board, and a number of dog rescue groups have items posted on it. Barb B. will write a summary of our activities for Heather to post on the website.

Pat brought copies of the GGRR constitution for members who don't currently have one. Paul S. will also post it on our website.

Rich T. needs two home visits—one in South County, which Heather H. volunteered to do, and one in South City, which Kathy D. will do.

A motion was made by Kathy D. to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Nanette S. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



A student at Sacred Heart Villa gets ready to throw a ball for Chloe Rogers to retrieve. Not being a fan of soggy tennis balls, the little girl found a foolproof way to protect her hand from dog slobber!



Casey Rutkowski demonstrates a high five much to the delight of students and staff at Sacred Heart Villa. Casey also waved goodbye to the students when it was time for them to go inside.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

Please send items of interest, ***photos of your pups, brags***, etc. to:

Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana Ct.
Florissant, MO 63031

Put your furkids in an upcoming newsletter!

You can also email items to:

[**blacksher@charter.net**](mailto:blacksher@charter.net)

Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.

FINDING A LOST PET

We have received several calls on our phone lines recently from people who are trying to find a lost pet. Some suggestions to pass along include:

1. Search your house and property thoroughly. A frightened pet can squeeze into, behind, and under furniture, appliances, boxes, closets, or the smallest nook or cranny.
2. Search the neighborhood. Knock on doors and talk with neighbors. If no one is home, leave a message on their door which includes your phone number. Call your pet's name frequently. Talk with neighborhood children at the school bus stop, the mail carrier, and trash collectors.
3. Help your pet smell his way back home. Place the pet's bed or some dirty laundry on the porch or in the yard.
4. Make a flyer with your pet's picture, a description, and your cell phone number. As a matter of safety, do ***not*** include your name or address. Keep your cell phone with you at all times so you will get calls in a timely manner. Post the flyers on signposts, vet's offices, grocery stores, and area shelters.
5. Visit the local animal shelters daily. Leave some flyers there as well. Calling shelters is much less effective, as the word may not get out to all of their employees. Remember that a collar and tags often get lost when a pet is running loose.
6. Place a "lost dog" ad in the classified section of local newspapers.

THINGS TO DO NOW BEFORE A PET GETS LOST

1. Have your vet implant a microchip. Lost pets are routinely scanned for a chip when they are taken to a shelter or vet.
2. Make sure your pet wears a collar and tags. The numbers on a rabies tag and pet license tag can be traced to you. Your dog should always wear a tag with your current phone number on it as well.
3. Spay or neuter your pets so they are less likely to roam.
4. Make sure you have a recent close-up photo of your pet that can be used for flyers and identification purposes.
5. Make your yard escape-proof. Check to make sure your fence and gates are secure. Don't leave a pet unsupervised in the yard for lengthy periods of time. A bored pet may dig under the fence and escape.
6. Secure your pet safely in the car by use of a seat belt, tether, or crate.



This group photo was taken at the member picnic. Thanks to the Carbone family for supplying us with a copy for use in the newsletter!

TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL THE GRRR PHONE LINES:

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