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October Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President, Tim M. Chris R. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim D. and passed. There were one corrections to the minutes to change the membership coordinator to Judy S.

President's Report

Tim M. thanked everyone for coming to the APA Carnival and the Race for Rescue. There was a great turn-out at both events.



Treasurer's Report

Kathy D. gave the following report on our accounts:

Beginning Balance: \$1,084.94
Income: \$4,138.36 (34.36 Escrip)
Expenses: \$1,145.08
Ending Balance: \$4,074.22
Flash Fund: \$32,474.06

Membership Report

Judy S. reported that we had one membership inquiry over the previous month but no new members.

Intake Report

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

012-020 Jackson—a 4 year old male

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we adopted out two dogs in the previous month:

12-016 Harley
12-019 Sadie

Website Report

Paul S. was not at the meeting so he can give his report at the next meeting.

Dog's Thanksgiving Poem

*I give pause to my paws on this day of Thanksgiving,
Whether wide-eyed, or doe-eyed, or with eyes that seem hidden,
They're focused on you, As I watch for a clue,
Just wink or a touch Says I'm important to you.
But my words sound like woof
My voice kind of gruff,
So I know that My thanks may seem never enough,
But this secret I share With you on a whim
All dogs speak best with what's farthest from them,
Whether fluffy or skinny, full-sized or "a la carte"
Always watch for our tail, It's attached to our heart.*



GRR Events

Event Coordinator Report

Julie G. reported that we made \$662.76 at the Greentree Festival between donations and sales. Another \$100.00 was collected at the APA Carnival in donations and sales.

Upcoming Events

Next GRR Meeting

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Agility Event

There will be an Agility Event held at the Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis the weekend of November 15th. If you would like to help out, please notify Michelle F.

APA Carnival 2013

The APA Carnival will be held on October 6th, 2013.



The Lawn Habit That's Killing Your Dog By: Leah Zerbe



A lush lawn creates a sense of pride for many American homeowners, but a new study finds that utilizing a chemical lawn service to achieve those results is likely causing malignant cancer in many pet dogs.

In the study, researchers identified 263 dogs with biopsy-confirmed canine malignant lymphoma (CML), 240 dogs with benign tumors, and 230 dogs undergoing surgeries unrelated to cancer. Then, they asked the pet owners to complete a 10-page questionnaire. Scientists found that dogs with malignant lymphoma were 70 percent more likely to live in a home where professionally applied lawn pesticides had been used. Dogs with the serious malignancy were also 170 percent more likely to come from homes where owners used chemical insecticides to combat pests inside of the home.

Interestingly, this study found that use of flea and tick control products did not appear to cause an increased risk of canine lymphoma.

Humans should take this study as a warning, too. The methods researchers used to determine risk in the dog study are part of a trusted model for assessing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma risk in humans. Other studies have linked lawn chemicals to melanoma and childhood leukemia.



Old & New Business



Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

New Business

Chris R. announced that she needs two members to be on the Nominations Committee with her. We will have nominations for the positions of President and Secretary at the November meeting. These will be voted on in December. We are looking for two members to fill these positions. Please see the description of these positions in the box to the right.

President, Tim M., read a letter from our website from a family that would like to adopt. There were a bunch of red flags in this letter and he wanted our members to pick them out while he read the letter. This was a perfect example of a family that we DO NOT adopt to. (As a gift, no fence, outside dog, etc.) To everyone doing phone interviews and home visits, please make sure you keep those items in mind and let the family know that they are most likely not going to get a Golden from us.

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

Description of the President's and Secretary's Duties in GGRR

Taken from the GGRR Constitution

President—The President shall preside at Annual, Regular, and Special meetings. He/she shall be virtue of his/her office to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. He/she shall present at each annual meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization. He/she shall appoint all committees, permanent or temporary. He/she shall see that all books, reports, and certificates as required by law are kept properly and filed. He/she shall be one of the officers who may sign the drafts of the organization. He/she shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization. He/she shall appoint interim Coordinators if necessary.

Secretary—The Secretary shall keep the minutes of general meetings and all pertinent records of the organization. He/she shall present to the membership at any meetings any communications addressed to him/her as Secretary of the organization. He/she shall be official custodian of membership lists and meeting attendance. He/she shall be responsible for maintaining a Post Office Box and Telephone Line for the organization. He/she shall be the keeper of the seal. He/she shall report directly to the President on any correspondence.

Thanksgiving Safety Tips for Dog Owners www.dogster.com

Dogs enjoy the revelry at least as much as humans, with bits of this and that dropping on the floor, and delectable smells wafting around the house. But Thanksgiving mustn't be a free-for-all. Just because we try to pack away all we can doesn't mean our dogs should. And there are certain items your dog really needs to avoid.

"Veterinarians experience an increased number of office calls due to digestive problems after the holidays because humans invite their animals to celebrate with high fat meals (ham, gravy, turkey skin), chocolates, bones, etc.," warns Casandria Smith, L.A. Animal Services Chief Veterinarian, in a PetFinder article.

Here are some tips that will help your dog get through Thanksgiving safely and with a smile on her snout.

Stuff Your Turkey, Not Your Dog

It's easy to want to give your dog a big fat bowl of turkey, mashed potatoes, and whatever else you think she might enjoy. But that's a bad idea. Overindulging in fatty foods can lead to an upset stomach, diarrhea, or a life-threatening condition called pancreatitis. A few strips of turkey on a dog's normal food is fine, but don't overdo it, no matter how she may plead with her "I'm STARVING" eyes. Keep in mind that turkey skin can wreak havoc with a dog's digestive system, so make sure she gets skinless, boneless turkey.

Stuff Your Dog's Kong, Not Your Dog

Here's a great way to keep your dog busy and happy during your meal. Put a bit of your dog's regular food in a Kong, and then stuff a little boneless turkey, sweet potatoes, gravy - just a tad, mind you - in the Kong. It's not much food, but it will keep him occupied for a long time.

Get Her Pooped

A dog who has been on a big walk or fetched the ball a zillion times will be much more likely to run out of energy during the feast than a dog who's been inside all day. A tired dog is a good dog on Thanksgiving. Make sure your pup gets plenty of exercise before the festivities begin.

Make No Bones About It

Cooked turkey bones can be a danger to your dog. They're sharp, and potentially very dangerous. You may not know a dog has a turkey bone lodged in your dog's digestive system

for days. Don't leave plates with bones lying around. Ditto for the turkey carcass. Hungry dogs have been known to run off with the remains of a carved turkey. It can happen in the blink of an eye. You notice the turkey is gone. You notice the dog is gone. With luck, you find their hiding place before anything happens. Put plates in an unreachable area if you can't dispose of everything properly right away.

Know This Sage Wisdom

Sage and some other herbs have essential oils that can cause tummy upset and central nervous system depression if a dog eats them in large quantities. Most dogs aren't going to nosh on a fistful of sage, but keep herbs out of reach just in case. See: Poisonous Plants and Foods for Dogs.

Don't Cry Over Onions

Onions are toxic to dogs. They can lead to a dangerous form of anemia that may not be detected for days. Make sure your dog stays away from the pearly whites, and yellows, and reds. See: Poisonous Plants and Foods for Dogs.

Don't Give Her the Raw Deal

Unless your dog is already on a raw diet, we wouldn't recommend plopping a piece of raw turkey in her bowl (the change from her regular food might cause an upset stomach). But more importantly, keep your pup away from the uncooked dough for bread or rolls. What helps make dough rise? Heat. If a dog eats raw dough, what's it like for the dough in the dog's stomach? Warm. The dough rises in the dog's stomach, and if the dog has eaten enough, the swollen dough can cause pain, vomiting, and bloating -- conditions that can send you to the doggy ER on Thanksgiving.

Avoid Yappy Hour

Some dogs seem to enjoy alcoholic drinks. Walk away from your drink that's set on the coffee table, and Lulu may get lit. Dogs and booze are a bad mix. Your dog may not do anything embarrassing she'll regret in the morning, but she could become disoriented and quite ill. Too much alcohol can even lead to a coma, and death. Watch where you - and others - put their drinks, especially if you have a curious pup.

By following a few basic tips, your dog will enjoy a fun, safe Thanksgiving.

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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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