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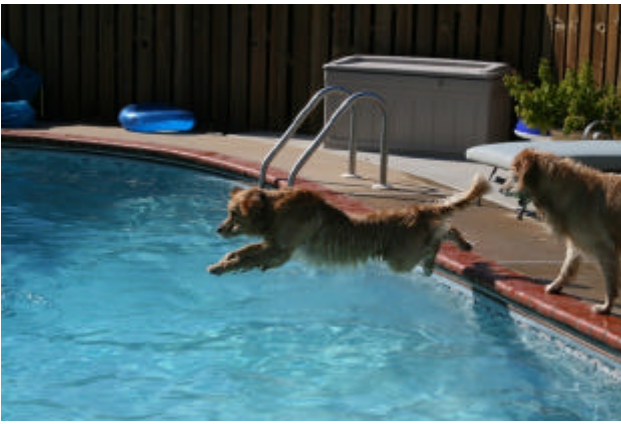
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Date: October 2007

* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, Oct. 11th
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: The Museum of the Dog

We love having well-behaved, healthy Goldens (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.



Slider Taylor shows off his diving skills in a jump from pool's edge. It's never too early to start practicing for next year's Canine Olympics!

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13th:

President Pat Moran called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Rich moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September meeting. Drew seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat brought up the idea of a volunteer of the year award. She suggested that nominations take place in October, voting in November, and the results announced in December.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our account balance at the beginning of August was **\$6,779.70**. Income was **\$1925.00**. Expenses were **\$1928.34**, leaving an ending balance of **\$6776.36**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kristin reported there were 5 membership inquiries during the past month, but no new members. We had 1 visitor at the meeting: **Nancy Rutkowski**, who is known to some of our "old-timers." Nancy was a member for many years before moving out of town. She recently returned to the St. Louis area.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Barb reported that three dogs were surrendered during the past month, and one additional dog is still with the owner waiting for a foster home to become available.

07-026: **Mia**, a 5 month old blond female being fostered by Tara and Corey B; she is crate trained, housebroken, and good with other dogs.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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07-027: **Jack**, a 1-1/2 year old male, being fostered by Barb and Bill B.; he was hit by a car and needs surgery for a wound that isn't responding to treatment.

07-028: **Max**, a 5 month old male being fostered by Tracie B; the current owners cannot keep him due to health and financial issues.

(no number yet) **Diamond**, a 3 year old female currently with the owners; she is well-behaved, crate trained, good with children and with other dogs.



Macy, who was adopted by her forever family in September, is dog tired after romping with her new buddy, Carmen. Macy, who is 7-1/2 years old, is still a bit puzzled by those creatures known as cats who are also inhabitants of her new home. Macy was fostered by Tom G. and Amy H.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Carrie and our foster parents have had a busy month! Ten dogs were placed in their forever homes since our last meeting.

06-029R: **Lucy**, now called Molly

07-011: **Macy**

07-016: **Tyson**

07-017: **Buddy** (placed with his dad, Riley, as a pair)

07-020: **Chaise**

07-021: **Hannah**

07-022: **Fawn**

07-023: **Little Bit** (aka Honey)

07-025: **Riley**

07-026: **Mia**

Carrie asked foster parents to make sure and send a picture of their foster dog(s) to Paul to post on the website. The number of adoption applications we receive increases when our website is updated with new dogs.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris R. reviewed the schedule of volunteers for Greentree. If you have not yet signed up to work but would like to attend, feel free to show up anytime. You will definitely be put to use! Chris distributed maps with directions to Kirkwood Park, which is at Geyer and Adams Roads. An x-pen will be set up for the dogs, and they must remain in the pen. Bring a lawn

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (cont.)

chair for seating. A cooler will be available to keep soda and water cold. Wear your blue member shirts. Chris still has 2 LG. and 2 XL shirts available for \$8.50. Chris has a parking pass for the event. If you have trouble finding a nearby parking place on Friday or Sunday, call Chris on her cell phone. She will meet you at your car and drive you into the park. Call Tim M. on his cell phone if you need a ride into the park on Saturday. Pat M. and Paul S. volunteered to help Chris set up our booth on Friday morning.

The A.P.A.'s Canine Carnival is on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 10:00 – 2:00. We have enough people scheduled to work at this event.



Meet Samantha, a.k.a. Sam, a 1-1/2 year old female who recently was surrendered to GRRR. This spunky girl is being fostered by Steve Warner, our newest foster parent.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

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

128,381 hits
17,688 page views
10,647 visitors
1,832 unique visitors

All of the numbers show an increase over the previous month with the exception of unique visitors, which was down 50%. Paul doesn't have an explanation as to why that would happen.

OLD BUSINESS:

After contacting PetsMart on Lemay Ferry, a member reported that the store wanted GRRR to do same day adoptions. Since we don't conduct business in that manner, we declined their offer of space for a monthly adoption day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carrie T. offered to host the member's picnic this year. She will bring some possible dates to next month's meeting for us to consider.

Rich T. reported that Sharon West, owner of **Under One Woof** in Wentzville is organizing a fundraising event at the kennel. The proceeds will be donated to GRRR. Rich also reported that Sharon is planning to build a dock at one of her locations so dogs can train for dock diving competitions. He also apologized for emails which were returned to the sender because his inbox was full while he was out of town. Those 13,000+ emails have been deleted.

A motion was made by Heather H. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

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26 Cynthiana Ct.
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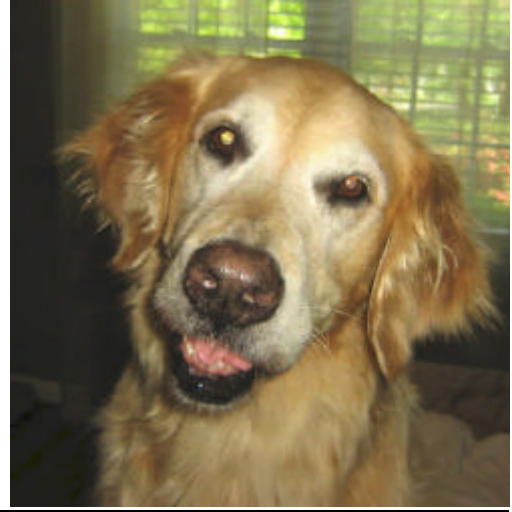
Put your furkids in an upcoming newsletter!
You can also email items to:

blacksher@charter.net

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

HEALING THOUGHTS:

We wish a speedy recovery to Rusty Hernlund-Gerber, who was pictured with his Woody stuffed animal in the September newsletter. While on a camping trip in Columbia, MO, Rusty developed bloat and required emergency surgery. Fortunately for Rusty, he was whisked to the UMC-Vet School where he received the best of care. After spending several days recuperating in Columbia, Rusty was able to return home with Tom and Amy. Walter had a few rough days at home without his faithful buddy Rusty.



Rusty sits patiently by the window waiting for Tom and Amy to get his leash for a walk. That leash will be ready and waiting when Rusty has recuperated enough to resume his walks.

A DOG'S BILL OF RIGHTS

1. I have the right to give and receive unconditional love.
2. I have the right to a life that is beyond mere survival.
3. I have the right to be trained so that I do not become the prisoner of my misbehavior.
4. I have the right to adequate food and medical care.
5. I have the right to fresh air and green grass.
6. I have the right to socialize with people and dogs outside my own family.
7. I have the right to special time with my people.

A DOG'S BILL OF RIGHTS (cont.)

8. I have the right to be bred responsibly, if at all.
9. I have the right to be foolish and silly, and to make my person laugh.
10. I have the right to earn my person's trust and to be trusted in return.
11. I have the right to be forgiven.
12. I have the right to die with dignity.
13. I have the right to be remembered well.



Kristin Carter's Goldens, Mandy (l) and Sampson(r), uncover "treasures" buried in the snow. Those wintry days will be upon us again all too soon.



Puppies Little Bit (l) and Hannah (r) play a game of hide and seek. All of the puppies found their forever homes in September.

**TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL
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