

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, Sept. 13th
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.



Nona Bauer's Golden, Ralph, models his new summer haircut. It doesn't look as if he has forgiven Nona yet! Get that boy a t-shirt!

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9TH:

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 July meeting. Shane S. seconded the motion. One correction was noted: Jim D. was at Lucky Dog in June when it was especially busy with people wanting information about adopting a dog. A vote was taken on the motion to dispense with reading the minutes, and it was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat had no report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beth reminded members that checks collected as application fees and adoption fees should all be made out to GGRR or Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue so they can be deposited in a timely manner. On the memo line of the check, write either "**Application Fee**" or the **dog's name and GGRR number** for an adoption.

Our account balance at the beginning of July was **\$7439.39**. Income was **\$849.50**. Expenses were **\$1509.19**, leaving an ending balance of **\$6779.70**. The balance in the Flash Fund is **\$5395.13**.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There were 5 membership inquiries during the past month, but no new members. Two visitors were present at the meeting: **Jessica Wilson** and **Steve Warner**.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

This past month was a busy one! The following seven dogs were surrendered to GGRR:

06-029R: **Lucy**, now called Molly, a 14 month old female being fostered by Sherri C.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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07-020: Chaise, a 4 year old male, being fostered by Tracie B; needs to be the only dog in a family

3 littermates: all 5 month old females

07-021: Hannah, being fostered by Barb and Bill B.

07-022: Fawn, being fostered by Paul and Nanette S.

07-023: Honey, now called **Little Bit**, being fostered by Pat M.

07-024: Blaze, a 6 year old male who is still with the owner

07-025: Riley, an 8 year old male, sire of Buddy; both dogs are being fostered by Pat M.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Two dogs were placed in their forever homes this month:

06-024: Honey, who was adopted by her foster mom—we just had trouble catching up with her to get the paperwork signed!

07-024: Blaze, whose adoptive family was surprised to learn their current Golden is one of Blaze's littermates! It's a small world indeed!

Carrie asked that people who take calls on the adoption phone lines make sure to send her a copy of the completed phone interview form. This form lists the family's

preference for age range and sex of the dog they hope to adopt. It would be helpful if people doing home visits could also list the age range and requested gender in the top right-hand corner of the home visit form. Whenever GGRR updates the home visit form, a space will be provided for this information. Carrie does *not* need interview forms from the surrender phone lines.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Chris R. reminded us of two upcoming events where GGRR will have a booth:

Kirkwood's Greentree Festival

September 14, 15, and 16

Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A.P.A. Canine Carnival

Sun., Oct. 7th at Tilles Park

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Chris circulated sign-up sheets for these events. She also needs someone to do a home visit in Wildwood. Tim M. volunteered to take care of it.



Walter Hernlund / Gerber is definitely dog-tired! Part of his nightly ritual before falling asleep is sucking on his blanket. Does anyone know a good bedtime story?

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

Paul reported that the number of hits to our website increased approximately 10% when photos of all our new dogs were added to the website. He provided our website numbers for the months of June and July.

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Hits:	85,694	117,042
Page Views:	18,536	18,612
Visitors:	10,422	10,622
Unique Visitors:	2,949	3,337

Keep those photos of your foster dogs coming in! They really increase the traffic on our website. Paul was asked to explain the difference between visitors to the website and unique visitors. A visitor is someone who comes to our website. A unique visitor is anyone who hasn't been to the website in the previous hour, according to their IP address. A person who visits the website 5 times within the span of an hour counts as 5 visitors, but as one unique visitor. A member who is making phone calls or sending email messages might visit the website numerous times during one hour to obtain phone numbers or email addresses. However, he/she would count as one unique visitor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat reminded us that the buddy system, which pairs a new member with a more experienced member, is currently functioning. If you would like to mentor a new member or if you would like to obtain a mentor for yourself, please talk with Pat. She will be happy to arrange these partnerships.



Meet Mia, a 5 month old female, who was the first foster dog for new members, Tara and Corey Bolen. Mia was adopted before her photo even made it up on the GRR website! How could anyone resist such a cute face?

NEW BUSINESS:

We need volunteers to handle calls on the adoption phone lines on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Pat M. volunteered to answer calls on Tuesdays, and Heather H. will return calls on Saturdays.

Rich T. and Shane S. will both be out of town from August 14 – 28. Since they handle our online adoption applications, Rich and Shane need volunteers to fill in for them while they are gone. Cathy A. and Amy H. agreed to share the responsibility during the two weeks our "regulars" are cruising the waters of Alaska. Paul will make sure the applications get forwarded to Cathy and Amy.

Chris R. needs volunteers to help set up our booth at Greentree on Friday, Sept. 14th in case Warner is out of town. It helps to have someone tall, as the overhead tarps need to be attached to poles and it is quite a reach. Pat M. and Paul S. agreed to be on call if needed.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

A few people are still having difficulty accessing the message board on our website. Paul will continue working to solve these problems.

Paul S. found some great prices on clearance merchandise in the Pet Edge catalog. He ordered some retractable leashes, dog toys, and other items that we can sell from our booth at upcoming fall events. Beth J. will reimburse Paul for the cost of the items.

Shane S. volunteered to mentor anyone interested in learning how to perform home visits. Let Shane know if you are interested, and he will call when he has appointments scheduled.

Pat M. asked members who still need nametags to let her know. Cathy A., Ruth S., Nancy A., and Tracie B responded. Barb B. will have them ready at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Drew C. and seconded by Kathy D. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Slider Taylor seems to have landed in the lap of luxury—his grin says it all. All he needs now is a swim-up dog bone bar and a female companion with fur! What a life for a dog!

DONATIONS:

Donations to GGRR were received from the following individuals and groups:

Evansville Obedience Club--

on behalf of **Karen Winter** of Troy, MO who was an agility judge at their July 6, 7, 8 obedience/rally/agility trials

Eileen Scott—

in memory of **Mrs. Doris Tierney Ferrara**

Kevin and Becky Hupp--

in memory of **Joyce Kleine's Golden Retriever, Madge** and to be used toward the adoption of a dog from GGRR if Joyce would like a new companion

In memory of **Molly**, beloved companion of **Linda Marshall and Jackie Dixon:**

- **Maria Whitter**
- **Lisa Harden**
- **Margaret Burgess**
- **Sheri and Tony Phipps**

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

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

Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana Ct.
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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.

You're sure to be your dog's best friend when you whip up these great-tasting treats. They'll cool off both the hounds and the humans in your family!

Homemade Frosty Paws

1 quart vanilla or plain yogurt
 1 medium banana (ripened is better)
 2 Tablespoons peanut butter
 2 Tablespoons honey

Blend or mash up the banana.

Add peanut butter and honey and mix until smooth.

Add yogurt and mix well.

Put mixture into small paper cups (bathroom size), plastic fruit cups (from single servings of applesauce or fruit cocktail), ice cube trays, or even small molds. Place in the freezer until solid.

For a special treat, you can place the mixture on a baking sheet and freeze. After freezing, use cookie cutters to make fun looking treats.

Before serving, microwave for a few seconds to soften the treat and serve to your pups.



Rusty Hernlund / Gerber is tuckered out from a romp with his Woody toy. That bird's not going anywhere! What more could you ask from a faithful Golden Retriever?

**TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL
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