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Next Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10th
at 7:00 p.m.
held at
The Dog Museum
in Queeny Park

GGRR Newsletter

Minutes from Our Last Meeting Held on August 13, 2009

By Tracie B.

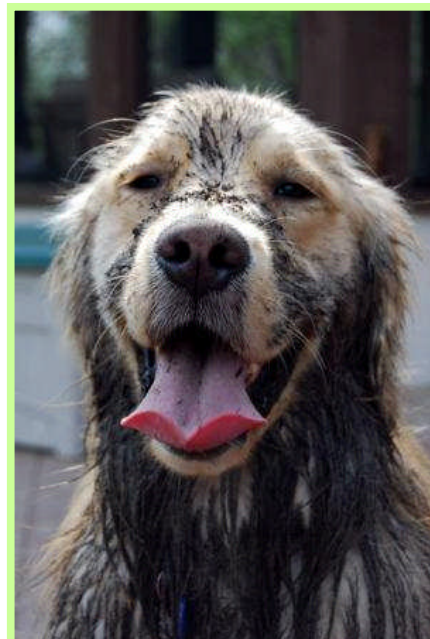
The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Tim M. Kathy D. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Eileen C. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There was one correction to the minutes. Chris B. wanted us to make sure it was understood that Clarkson-Wilson vet is most reasonable for shots, but for other veterinary care services, GGRR prefers Kirkwood Animal Hospital.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. gave the treasurer's report. Our account balance at the beginning of July was \$2,265.95. Income was \$2,062.00. (\$18.75 came from our Schnucks e-Script cards!) Expenses for the month were \$1,256.80, leaving an ending balance of \$3,789.90.

Membership Coordinator's Report

Janice E. was not able to attend the meeting, but she submitted her report by email so it could be included in this newsletter. We had two new members in the month of July. Penny M & Ember S. (who were present at the meeting and interested in fostering!) We also had four membership inquiries.



Mud puddle + digging in the mulch + rolling in the now muddy mulch = Mud Puppy Luigi!
All just so he could play in the water for his bath! Luigi belongs to our new member Penny M.

Visitors at the meeting included: Colleen C., Susan W., and Mary and Bill P. from the Golden Retriever Club. We also had Beth and Leah E. and The Karraker's who are also new members. Tim thanked everyone for being there.

Intake Coordinator's Report

Carrie T. reported that four new dogs came in during July.

09-016 Sabrina – a 6 year old female

09-017 Buddy – a 1 year old male

09-018 Sasquatch – a 3 year old male being fostered by Mike S.

Intake Continued

09019 Gaylon – a 2 year old male being fostered by Randy & Kerry K.

Adoption Coordinator’s Report

Amy A. reported that two dogs were placed in their forever homes during the past month:

- 09-015: Jack**
- 09-016: Sabrina**

Event Coordinator’s Report

Barb reported on the following events:

Lucky Dog Days –

Volunteers Needed September through December! We need someone to volunteer for September 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (This is also the same weekend as Greentree Festival).

Kirkwood Greentree Festival

Members are asked to bring their own dogs. No fosters please. The schedule of workers is on the front table if you need to check to see when you signed up to work.

Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games

Barb B. needs volunteers to work Sunday, September 27th from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Flyers and applications are on the front table.

Newly Announced Dog Swims

Maryland Heights Aquaport & January-Wabash in Ferguson

Macy’s Shop for a Cause

Saturday, October 17th, GGRR sells \$5.00 shopping passes and we keep the profits on passes sold.

See the Events Section on Page 6 for more information on all of these events!



Emrys is pictured above with his favorite toy Zebra. Mom, Michelle H., says the Zebra’s feet are now missing since this picture was taken!

Website Coordinator’s Report

Paul S. Reported on our website traffic during the previous month. Our website had:

- Hits: 85,245
- Page Views: 17,996
- Visits: 8,379
- Unique Visits: 2,747

Paul S. also reported that GGRR can now be followed on Twitter. Anytime you post a message on the front page of our website, it will automatically go to Twitter. This way you can keep up with our group without having to access the website constantly.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

New Business

Jessica W. reported that she had a lady who would like to adopt a Golden for her elderly Mother that is in assisted living. This lady’s mother has her own house, but cannot do the phone interview because she gets confused over the phone. It was discussed among the members and decided that this woman is probably not a good candidate for a rescue Golden. It was suggested that we refer her to Senior Dogs for Seniors, The Senior Dog Project, or to Stray Rescue who also has similar programs. They will have a better feel for this type of situation. Another thing to consider was the cost of an elderly Golden. It could become very costly for an elderly woman on a fixed income to take care of an aging Golden’s medical needs.

A presentation was made to Leah E. for raising \$162.00 for GGRR. Leah was also named an Honorary Member. **(See the box on Page 3 for more on this story.)**

A motion was made by Jim D. and seconded by Paul S. to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Quote from the Dog Calendar
Yesterday, I was a dog.
Today, I’m a dog.
Tomorrow, I’ll probably still be a dog. Sigh! There’s just so little hope for advancement. ~ Snoopy

A Big Golden Thank You goes to Leah E.!

Leah's family adopted their Golden, Holly, two years ago from GGRR. Leah took it upon herself this summer to hold a fundraiser for a local charity. After discussing with her mom what charity to raise money for, she decided that she would support the one who had made such a difference in her family, GGRR.

Leah gathered up some of her friends and came up with a game plan. They made flyers and distributed them throughout their neighborhood about the upcoming bake sale they were planning to raise money for GGRR. Her friends helped out by baking brownies, cupcakes and cookies to add to the bake sale goods! They set up the bake sale a few weeks later and within three hours had made \$162.00!

Leah came to our meeting on August 13th and presented President, Tim M. with a check from her bake sale. In return, Tim presented Leah with a certificate and a bag of goodies for her generous donation from her bake sale. In the bag of goodies she received a t-shirt, Golden Retriever notepads, and the book, "Golden Retrievers for Dummies" written by a GGRR member, Nona B. Tim also informed Leah that she is now an Honorary Member and will be able to get online and view our newsletters and keep up with our organization through our website.

Tim thanked Leah again for her hard work and determination to make her bake sale for GGRR such a success! The rest of the members applauded her and the Golden present wagged their tails in her honor!



Leah E. and her golden, Holly, explained how she raised a whopping \$162.00 from a 3-hour bake sale for GGRR. Tim M. presented her an honorary membership and a bag of goodies for her generous donation.



THE TRAINING CORNER

BEGGING AT THE TABLE

Taken from the ASPCA Website
www.aspca.org

What happens when you walk into a house and encounter the delicious aroma of your favorite home-cooked meal or freshly baked cookies? You probably gravitate toward the kitchen without even thinking about it, especially if you're hungry. Because most dogs enjoy the same kinds of foods that we do, it's not surprising that they're drawn to good smells, too. However, many pet parents don't like it when they sit down at the table to eat and find themselves under the intense scrutiny of their hopeful, drooling dogs.

You can't really blame your dog for begging at the table. But if you'd like to change her behavior, you can do so by using one or both of the following tactics:

1. Prevent begging by controlling your dog's access to the table.
2. Teach your dog to do something else instead, such as lying down and staying on a mat or bed.

Prevent the Problem

Sometimes it's easiest to solve a problem by preventing it from happening. If you'd rather your dog leave you alone while you eat, you can use a baby gate to confine her to another room when you sit down for a meal. Or, if your dog is crate trained, you can put her in her crate while you eat. To keep her busy and quiet, try giving your dog a chew bone, her dinner or a KONG[®] toy stuffed with something delicious.

If you'd like your dog to stay in the same room with you but refrain from loitering right next to the table or drooling on your shoes, you can use a tether to keep her in her own space. Attach a short leash or tether (four- to six-foot long) to a heavy piece of furniture or an eye-hook in the baseboard. (You can buy a length of chew-proof plastic-coated wire with a clip on each end at most pet stores.) Put a soft bed or mat next to the tether. Before sitting down to eat, lead your dog to her comfy spot, and attach the leash or tether to her collar. Then give her something to chew or a stuffed KONG. After you finish your meal, you can release her from the tether. As long as you give your dog a tasty treat of her own to work on while you eat, she'll enjoy settling in her special spot during mealtimes. (A word of caution: Do not leave your dog unattended while she's tethered. She could get tangled in the tether and injure herself.)

Additional Tips and Troubleshooting

- If you don't want your dog to beg at the table, don't give her tidbits from your plate. If she sometimes scores a delicious morsel when she barks, whines and stares at you while you eat, she'll diligently try those tactics whenever you sit down for a meal.
- Some people worry that feeding their dogs "people food" (anything except dog food and treats made for dogs) will encourage begging at the table. But when teaching a dog new skills or treating certain behavior problems, using high-value treats, like small pieces of chicken, cheese or hotdog, can accelerate the training or treatment process. Luckily, dogs can learn very specific rules. It's okay to give your dog foods you eat, too. Just avoid feeding her from the table so she learns that she never gets anything in that context.
- If your dog asks for handouts by barking or whining when you eat, please see the ASPCA's articles on [Barking](#) and [Whining](#) on their website for additional help.

Avoid yelling at your dog if she begs at the table or barks for food while you're eating. Giving her attention of any kind—even if it's negative attention—might actually convince her to keep begging. Instead, try giving your dog a time-out. Before you sit down to eat, attach a lightweight leash to her collar. Let the leash drag on the floor. The instant your dog barks or starts to whine, quickly take hold of her leash and lead her to a time-out area. (A dog-proofed room of any kind will work fine. Just make sure there's nothing fun in the area—no toys, no chews, no people to play with. Time-out should be entirely boring.) When you get to the time-out area, tether your dog to a heavy piece of furniture or use a baby gate to confine her. Then go back to the table. After a minute or two, you can release your dog from the time-out area. Repeat this procedure every time your dog starts to whine or bark for food. If you're consistent, she'll learn that begging results in banishment—far away from the thing she wants most!



Suzanne W. from the Golden Retriever Club explained to us the Conformance Competition and what it takes to be a winner at these events after our meeting on August 13th.

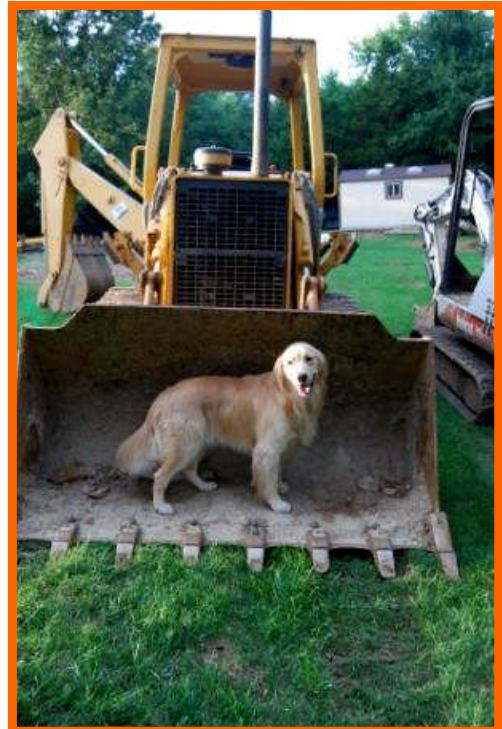


Chloe Rogers and the puppy proceeded to entertain themselves during Suzanne's presentation! They stole the show!

Pictures & Articles Needed

If you have any pictures of your furry little kids or articles, poems, recipes, jokes, etc. that you think might be fun to share in our newsletters, please send them to:

Tracie B. at tbayer80@gmail.com



Look what's been digging in the backyard! Luigi McNiel, pictured above, is fascinated with the new toy in his backyard!

SAVE THE DATE GGRR Upcoming Events

Newly Announced Dog Swims

Maryland Heights Auquaport: Labor Day, September 7th 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
January-Wabash in Ferguson: Wednesday, September 9th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Rain-out date: Thursday, September 10th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Next GGRR Meeting - Thursday, September 10th

Join us for our regular meeting at the Dog Museum at Queeny Park. All healthy happy Golden Retrievers are welcome at our meeting! Golden Retrievers may romp and play before and after the meeting, but we ask that you keep them on a leash during the actual meeting.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival – September 18th – 20th

Come visit our booth at the Greentree Festival. You can meet our Golden Retrievers and stock up on our GGRR merchandise. Greentree is always a lot of fun and a great way to get our name out there.

Lucky Dog Days – Saturday, September 19th

Come by Lucky Dog in Webster Groves and talk to one of our members about Golden Retrievers and what it takes to rescue one. Beth, the Owner of Lucky Dog, is always happy to have our group there and her shop is filled with lots of unique dog merchandise!

APA Canine Carnival – Sunday, October 4th

We will have a booth at the APA Carnival in Tilles Park in Ladue again this year. This event was a great success for GGRR last year. It was a lot of fun too!

Golden Retriever Dog of the Week – Sunday, November 8th

We will be hosting the Dog of the Week at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park on this Sunday. We need another volunteer to work from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer any questions on Golden Retrievers.

Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games – Sunday, September 27th

This event will be held at Purina Farms in Grey Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is sponsored by St. Louis Samoyed Club and the Samoyed Rescue. We will have a booth and workers are needed. You and your dog can participate in flyball, lure coursing, agility, and other fun events. There will be vendors, demos, rescue dog parade, costume contests, and much more! Advance registration is recommended.

Celebrate Spot Walk for Breast Cancer Research – Sunday, October 11th

GGRR participated in this walk for the first time last year. We will register our team to walk but not set up a booth. It will be held at Forest Park in the Upper Muny Lot. Registration begins in August.

Macy’s Shop for a Cause – Saturday, October 17th

We will be selling shopping passes for \$5.00 each for discounts at Macy’s on this day. All of the proceeds for the shopping passes will go to GGRR. You can sell passes or buy them yourself to give to neighbors and friends. This is basically a no work, all profit event! Passes will be available for purchase at the next meeting.

Lucky Dog Halloween Party – October 2009

There has not been an official date set for the Halloween Party at Lucky Dog, but GGRR will be in charge of the party again this year. If you would like to help out with this event, please let Barb B. know.

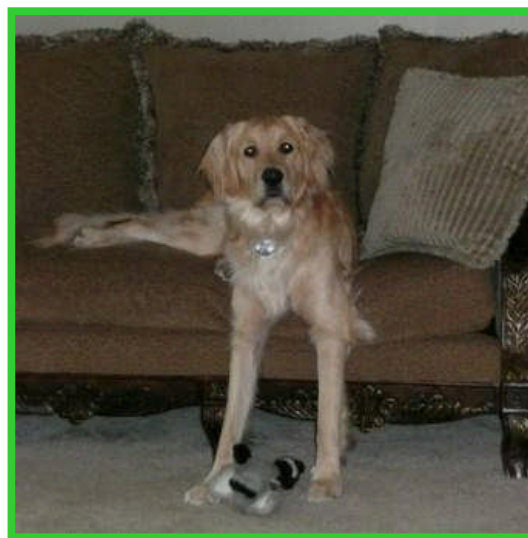
The Doggie Pledge

- I will not eat the cats' food, before or after they eat it.
- I will not burn rubber through the open car window and into the fast food restaurant, no matter how good it smells.
- The computer's mouse is, unlike a real mouse, inedible.
- I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
- I will not throw up in the car.
- I will scootch my bottom along the grass to rid myself of hangers-on.
- I will not steal used sanitary napkins from the bathroom garbage.
- I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- I will not eat other animals' poop.
- I will not roll my head around in other animals' poop.
- "Kitty box crunchies" are not food.
- I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.
- The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.
- I will not eat the disposable diapers, especially the dirty ones.
- I will not wake Mommy up by sticking my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.
- I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
- I will not chew crayons or pens, 'specially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging.
- When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
- I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of someone who is sitting on the toilet.
- We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.
- I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.
- The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.
- My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
- I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.
- I will not pre-clean the dishes when they are being put into the dishwasher
- I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
- The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
- I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.

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Sabrina, pictured above, is fitting in just fine now with her new family! She's got the hang of fetching the ball in the pool too now!



Yes, it really is comfortable to sit like this!!! Cami Anzelmo poses for the camera in her normal position on her couch!

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