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August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President, Tim M. Penny M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat M. and passed. There was one correction to the minutes that our Muddpuppies event in O'Fallon will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. was absent and her report was not submitted ahead of time.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had two inquiries and no new members in the previous month. There were two visitors at the meeting; the Olsen's and the Egan's.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had one dog come in in the previous month: 011-015 Tera—a 9 year old female who is spayed and was an assis-

tance dog.

Currently we have Bailey and Baxter and we're working on finding them a foster home. Romeo also needs a foster home and is very high energy. Charlie and Trooper and still looking for their forever homes.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that three dogs were placed in the previous month:

- 009-015R—Jack
- 011-008—Samantha
- 011-015—Tera



Donations

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Betty Ann & Harvey Cohen, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of **Susan & Mike Hearst** who have adopted two Golden Retrievers from GGRR.

Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic from the previous month:

Hits: 79,156
 Page Views: 13,651
 Visitors: 5,308

Our website is traffic is down about 20% from last month.

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Muddpuppies Adoption Days / Dog Wash & Hot Dog Day— Saturday, August 13th

Tim M. announced that he could use a few more volunteers for our Muddpuppies event. We will hold a Hot Dog and Dog Wash Adoption Day at their location on Saturday, August 13th. We need GGRR volunteers to wash dogs, grill hot dogs and pass out information on GGRR. This event will be held from

**Come see GGRR at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park!
Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18th**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will wash people's dogs for them and Muddpuppies will donate the \$15.00 for the wash to GGRR. Donations will be accepted for our grilled hot dogs too. If you can help, please let Tim M. know.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival September 16th, 17th and 18th

This event is held at Kirkwood Park and is a huge event for GGRR. A booth is set up for us to bring our dogs and give out information to the public about GGRR. Please save the date on your calendars for this weekend as we will need many workers and

their Golden Retrievers to staff our booth. Tim passed around a sign up sheet for workers through that weekend. If you can help out, please let Tim know.

APA Carnival Sunday, October 2nd

This event is held at Tilles Park in Rock Hill. It is held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will need 3-5 members to work our booth. Please see the sign up sheet that was passed around.



**Meet Molly!
Come see GGRR's newest additions at the Greentree festival!**

Old & New Business

Old Business

Amy G. announced that she has more Schnucks E-Script cards. These cards can be scanned when you check out at Schnucks and a portion of whatever you spent will go to GGRR.

all GGRR members to show our appreciation for all of her hard work.

A motion was made by Kathy D. and seconded by Penny M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

New Business

President, Tim M. announced that we had a special guest at our meeting. Leah Egan was there to present a check to GGRR from her annual bake sale. This year she totally out did herself and raised a whopping \$460.00 for GGRR! Of course she had some help from her friends and family too. GGRR presented her with some t-shirts for her and her bake sale staff and she in return presented Tim with a pie! She received a big round of applause from



Brotherly Love—Tank and Max Grimm are never far from each other...

Top Toxic Things To Pets

Submitted by: Julie Goldman

Top Toxic Human Medications to Pets

Safe pet-proofing starts with your medicine cabinet. Medications that are perfectly safe for humans can be deadly for pets. Half of all calls to Pet Poison Helpline® are for ingestion of human medications.

Pain relievers - Just one pill can cause serious stomach and intestinal ulcers, kidney failure, liver damage and red blood cell injury.

Sleep aids - These drugs can cause agitation, severe lethargy, lack of coordination and slowed breathing.

Antidepressants - Ingestion can cause dangerously elevated heart rate and body temperature, as well as life-threatening tremors and seizures.

Top 10 Toxic Human Medications

NSAID pain relievers (e.g. Advil®, Aleve®, Motrin®)

Acetaminophen pain relievers (e.g. Tylenol®)

Antidepressants (e.g. Effexor®, Cymbalta®, Prozac®, Lexapro®)

ADD/ADHD medications (e.g. Concerta®, Adderall®, Ritalin®)

Sleep aids (e.g. Xanax®, Klonopin®, Ambien®, Lunesta®)

Birth control (e.g. estrogen, estradiol, progesterone)

ACE inhibitor heart medications (e.g. Zestril®, Altace®)

Beta-blocker heart medications (e.g. Tenormin®, Toprol®, Coreg®)

Thyroid hormones (e.g. Armour® desiccated thyroid, Synthroid®)

Cholesterol lowering agents (e.g. Lipitor®, Zocor®, Crestor®)

If you suspect that your pet has ingested something harmful, seek immediate veterinary advice.

Avoiding Pet Poisoning Tragedies

Whether your pet overdoses on, has an adverse reaction to or accidentally ingests medication, drug toxicity is a serious matter. When using any sort of medication—prescription or over-the-counter—take extra precautions to ensure that they stay out of your pet's reach. Ask for child-proof caps, tightly close all containers, store drugs in secure cabinets and properly dispose of expired medications.

Also, beware of flavored medications. Candy-coated pain relievers, chocolate-flavored vitamins and sweetened cough syrups can be irresistible to pets, so be sure to keep these kinds of drugs safely out of reach.

Hidden Hazards in Your Home

Pet Poison Helpline receives thousands of calls each year about pet poisoning accidents that could have been avoided. Check to see if you have any of these pet toxins in your home, and remove them from your pet's reach.

Ten Most Common Dog Toxins

1. Chocolate
2. Insect bait stations
3. Rodenticides (e.g. mouse and rat poison)
4. Fertilizers
5. Xylitol-containing products (e.g. sugar-free gums and candies)
6. Ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin® in brand name or generic form)
7. Acetaminophen (Tylenol® in brand name or generic form)
8. Silica gel packs
9. Amphetamines, such as ADD/ADHD drugs
10. Household cleaners

Chocolate - Different forms of chocolate have different levels of toxicity. Compared to milk chocolate, unsweetened baking chocolate has much higher levels of the chemical that is toxic to pets.

Fertilizers - Some fertilizers contain organophosphates carbamates, which can be harmful or even deadly to pets if ingested.

Rodenticides - Even if these poisons, most often sold in pellet form, are used away from pets, rodents can carry them to pet-occupied areas.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested something harmful, call for veterinary advice right away. Be sure to have the following information ready when calling:

- What your pet ingested and when
- How much your pet ingested (how many pills, what milligram strength, etc.)
- Your pet's current weight
- Your pet's known medical history, including any medications

Household cleaners

Be sure there's adequate ventilation when using any chemicals, thoroughly wipe up spills, tightly close bottles containers and stow them safely in cabinets that pets cannot pry open.

My Dog and His Love Author Unknown

*He's with me 24 hours a day.
And never a word is able to say.
But he can say more with a look or two,
such as I Love You, My Whole World Is You!*

*As I do my chores throughout the day,
He's by my side, every step of the way.
When I stop to eat, you can bet he's there,
sitting of course, in his favorite chair.*

*And if some night I decide to go out.
He'll hang his head, and kinda pout.
He sits by the window,
until I come home.*

*Sits there and waits so patiently.
Hoping to catch a glimpse of me,
can't wait till I put the key in the door.
He's barking and jumping, and barking some more.*

*Then as I lay me down to sleep.
He's there by my side, his vigil to keep.
And I thank the Lord, in the heaven above.
For My Best Friend, My Dog and His Love!*



GGRR has some new additions in the puppy world!



Max Grimm and Beau Rogers attend their first GGRR baby shower. They were VERY interested in all of the gifts because each one smelled like one of their Golden buddies! One even had some treats in it! Max still isn't convinced he needs a baby sister...

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Next Meeting

Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.
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.

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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