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August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by President, Tim M. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim reported that Leah Egan was present at our meeting to present the profits from her annual bake sale! We also have the board position of Treasurer open. Anyone who is interested in filling this position can talk to any of the board members after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report given.

Membership Report

There were no inquiries for the past month.

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had two dogs come in in the previous

month:

012-015 Summer—a 3 year old female who is spayed and should be easy to place.

012-016 Harley—a 2 year old male who has epilepsy. His levels look good and he's done well since being on medication.

Both of the dogs above are at Under One Woof. We also have a 9 month old female with 8-week old puppies wanting to come in. The problem is that the pups are no full Golden. Paul suggested that we buy her some puppy food until we can find a place that will take the puppies.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we adopted out one dog in the previous month:

12-013 Katie



Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website activity for the past month:

Page views: 15,683
Visitors: 7,268
Hits: 92,641
Unique Visitors: 4,833

Paul reported that we have 725 Facebook Fans. He also reported on where our website visitors are coming from. 68% is from the U.S. Out of that, 55% is from Missouri and 5% from Illinois.



GGRR will be at the GRCA National Specialty at Purina Farms September 4th—8th.



GGRR Events



Event Coordinator Report

Julie G. reported that she has sent in our application for the APA Carnival in October.

Our first adoption day at Pet Supplies Plus was a huge success. There was a lot of traffic and members Chris R. and Pat M. showed up to help out. We had lots of our pamphlets and information on hand to pass out. We will continue to do this the first Saturday of every month from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at their location on Manchester Road in Ballwin. Contact Julie G. if you are interested in helping out with these adoption days.

Upcoming Events

Next GGRR Meeting

Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

The National Specialty

Tim M. has sign up sheets for the National Specialty. We will be there on Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. We need at least 2 members to volun-

teer each day from 9:00-4:00. We especially need a few volunteers on Tuesday, September 4th. All members are required to wear their blue shirts. The important day will be Friday, Sept. 7th. The rescue parade will be held around the noon lunch break. For a full schedule of events, go to www.grcanational.org.

Tim and Mike have started making the blocks for the Memorial wall. If you want a block, place your order through our website or print off the application and send it to Mike Stemmler with your \$25 payment. We will continue to sell these blocks through the Specialty.

Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park

The annual Greentree Festival will be held on September 14th, 15th and 16th this year. We will need a lot of our members and their dogs to come out and staff our booth. These are the volunteers that have signed up to work our booth that weekend. Please take a look at this list and come out for a few hours with your dog on one of these days! Greentree is a lot of fun and we get a lot of exposure at this event. The crowd loves to see all of the Golden Retrievers in our pen.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF THE SHIFTS LISTED.

Greentree Volunteer Schedule

Friday, 9/14 (5pm-10pm)

Chris & Warner R.

Julie G.

Saturday, 9/15 (9am-3pm)

Julie G.

Kathryn R.

Michelle F.

Saturday, 9/15 (3pm-7pm)

Chris & Warner R.

Julie G.

Sunday, 9/16 (9am-3pm)

Julie G.

Tracie G.

Judy

Michelle F.

Sunday Afternoon/Clean-up

Julie G.

*****Need Help Cleaning Up!*****



Donations

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

The Haun Family, Fenton, Missouri—In honor of the kind GGRR member who stopped to help them with their car troubles.

Elizabeth Blanton, St. Louis, Missouri

Old & New Business

Old Business

Chris R. announced that we were invited to participate in the Girl Scouts of America Parade in Downtown St. Louis on September 22nd. It's only 1 mile long. IT was determined that we have a lot going on in the month of September so it may be difficult to get members to attend after two full week/weekends of GRR activities. Chris R. will send a nice letter to decline the invite.

Mike S. reported that they are halfway finished with the Memorial Wall for the Golden Specialty. This wall will be displayed at the specialty and then it will be permanently placed in the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. He also brought one of the blocks to show everyone what they look like. He also put a picture of the block on the website. We will continue to sell these blocks after the specialty.

New Business

Mike S. announced that if anyone wants to be in the Rescue Parade they need to write a bio of 100 words or less and submit it to Mike S. as soon as possible.

Tim M. announced that we received a donation from the Haun family of Fenton, Missouri with a nice letter explaining that they made the donation because one of our members stopped with jumper cables to help them on the side of the road and mentioned that she was a foster parent of Golden Retrievers. They were so



thankful that they mailed us a donation check.

If anyone needs a new GRR decal for their car, please see Julie G.

Leah Egan and her sister presented a check for \$465.00 to GRR from her 4th Annual Bake Sale. GRR volunteers are thankful for Leah's continued efforts with her annual bake sale so they presented her with a movie pass gift card to show our appreciation. Keep up the good work!

Tim M. announced that he has the sign-up sheets for the Specialty at the front table if anyone wants to volunteer to work any of the days.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Paul S. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Come Out and Help Support GRR at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park on September 14th -16th. Bring your dog out for some ex-pen fun! Members should wear their blue member shirts to Greentree.

10 People Foods That Dogs Can Eat Too www.dogingtonpost.com

Once a dog is regarded as part of the household, he usually gets taken care of with similar amount of attention, love, and affection that a family member would have. This yearning to include the pooch in various family activities often goes on even to the tabletop. Although there are a lot of human foods that are dangerous for your dog, there are some that are considered to be safe for him to eat.



7. Bananas. Similar to berries, dogs can also benefit from the nutrients of bananas. So, next time your pup's treats run out; don't hesitate to grab this fruit. Bananas can be a quick healthy snack for your pooch.

8. Seedless watermelon. Like humans, this fruit is also rehydrating for dogs. However, because ingesting watermelon seeds can result in intestinal blockage, make sure that

you have removed all of the seeds before you give it to your dog.

Table Scraps You Can Share With the Dog:

1. Rice. This is commonly used as a filler in dog foods. Giving your pooch a few bites of it on his plate is safe, so long as the rice does not contain garlic or onion as these ingredients can be harmful for him.

2. Chicken. Cooked chicken is an excellent treat for most dogs. In fact, many will gobble it down faster than they would any other food choice. Plus, chicken is a rich source of protein, and so long as spices and oils are regulated, it is safe to give to Fido.

3. Cooked eggs. Whether they're scrambled or simply boiled, eggs are healthy for dogs since they contain lots of vitamins and protein. Just make sure that the eggs have been fully cooked before serving as raw ones can make him sick.

4. Carrots. This low-calorie vegetable makes a great snack for your pooch. Whether raw or cooked, carrots are safe to give to your dog. In fact, many dogs love the crunchy snack just as much as any packaged treat.

5. Green beans. Green beans are quite filling yet rather low in calorie content. So, as long as salt content is controlled, green beans can be a healthy treat for Fido.

6. Berries. A lot of dogs love to eat frozen berries as a special sweet treat. Dogs can safely eat a small amount of these fruits and they can benefit from berries' antioxidant properties just like humans.

9. Cheese. A lot of dogs love cheese. It's rich in protein and tastes amazing! But, some dogs experience sensitivity to excessive consumption of dairy like some humans. Begin by feeding your pooch just a small amount of cheese to avoid stomach upset.

10. Peanut butter. This is safe to give to dogs. However, because of the high fat peanut butter contains, you have to limit its serving.

So, the next time he flashes you those puppy dog eyes, as long as what you're eating is on this list, it's okay to share with your dog. Be careful, though, if you get in the habit of feeding your dog from your dinner plate, you'll quickly end up with a mealtime sidekick!

By: Brandy Arnold



How to Stop Your Dog From Choking www.findavet.us

It's your worst nightmare: You toss Fido a treat, which he gulps down whole – and starts gagging. You pat his back, but he continues to choke. What do you do?

Choking occurs when a dog can't breathe because a foreign object or constriction is preventing air from reaching his lungs through his throat. While gagging is the most obvious sign, be aware of other choking symptoms such as difficulty breathing, pacing, drooling, excessive pawing at the mouth and a blue-tinged tongue, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

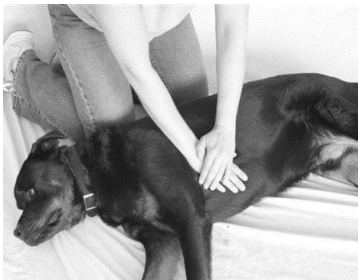
If your dog is choking, you should rush him to your vet or emergency clinic. The AVMA and petplace.com recommend you also do the following. A panicking, choking dog is more likely to bite, so use caution.

Remove your dog's collar, harness, bandana or anything that might be constricting his throat area.



Look into your dog's mouth to see if the object is visible. If you can see it, try to gently remove it with tweezers or pliers, but be very careful not to push it farther down your dog's throat.

If your dog is small, lift him and, securely holding him, suspend him with his head pointed down and his hind end up. For a larger dog, lift his rear legs so his head is tilted down below his shoulders. This may help dislodge the object.



If you can't remove the object or if your dog loses consciousness, perform a canine version of the Heimlich maneuver. Put both your hands on the side of your dog's rib cage and apply firm,

quick pressure, or lay your dog on his side and firmly strike his rib cage with the palm of your hand three to four times. This will push air out of his lungs and hopefully push the object out from behind. Repeat this until the object is dislodged.

Even if you successfully dislodge the object, have your dog checked by your vet as soon as possible to make sure he has

no internal injuries. According to terrificpets.com, in addition to mouth injuries, choking can also lead to "fluid entering the lungs, pneumonia and other chronic respiratory conditions."



As anyone who has a dog surely knows, dogs will try to eat almost anything. To prevent your dog from choking, take the following precautions.

- ❖ Never give your dog real bones, especially chicken and turkey bones, because they easily tear and can get stuck in your dog's throat or intestinal tract. Keep trash cans away from your dog in secure places so he can't rummage through them and find discarded bones.
- ❖ Nylon and marrow are good choices for dog bones. Rawhide and green dental bones are not recommended. According to professorhouse.com, one of rawhide's "multitude of hazards" is that when it's chewed, its gooey, stringy material can get lodged in a dog's throat. The more a dog drinks or salivates to try to dislodge the rawhide, the more it swells, which makes it even worse.
- ❖ Throw away any bones or chew toys that your dog has chewed down to a size that he could swallow.
- ❖ Always supervise your dog when he's gnawing on a bone or chew toy.
- ❖ Make sure your dog's bones and toys are appropriate for his size. For example, if you have a large dog like a Saint Bernard, don't play fetch with a racquetball.
- ❖ Keep small objects out of your dog's reach.

Like the Boy Scout motto says, be prepared. The next time you visit your vet, ask her to demonstrate the best way to perform the Heimlich maneuver on your dog. You can also take a pet first-aid class, which may be offered by your local adult school, pet store (Petco has an online class) or Red Cross chapter.

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We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers
at our meetings! Please make sure your
dog is up to date on shots and
vaccinations. please!

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