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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit in 2015? Want to Foster a Golden in your home? Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!

August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:45.m. by President, Mike S. Tim M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Shane S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Mike reported that we still need people to do home visits. If you are interested, please see Penny M. We have a whole list of them. We are still in need of foster homes as well.

Mike is looking into reducing our phone bill by \$25 a month by reducing our number of minutes from 600 to 60 per month.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. was not present but will make a report for this month at our next meeting.

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had 2 membership/volunteer inquiries and no new members. There were no visitors at the meeting.

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had no new dogs come in in the previous month.



Adoption Report

Chris R. and Penny M. reported that there were no dogs placed in their forever homes in the last month.

Website Report

Paul S. Reported on the last two months:

June

Hits: 118,027
Page Views: 11,988
Visitors: 7,019
Unique Visitors: 5,179

July

Hits: 109,144
Visitors: 6,811
Unique Visitors: 5,243
Page Views: 10,847



GGRR will be at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park September 18th—20th!

GRR Events

Upcoming Events

Next GRR Meeting

Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m., at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Greentree Festival

The Greentree Festival will be held the weekend of September 18th—20th in Kirkwood Park.

We are booths number 100, 102 and 103. If you need more information on Greentree, please call Julie or Chris. We hope to see everyone there with your Golden Retrievers!

Scottish Games

The Scottish Games will be held September 25th and 26th.



APA Carnival—October 2015

The APA Carnival will be held Sunday, October 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More info to come on this event.

Old & New Business

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

We received a \$510.00 donation check from Leah Egan from her annual bake sale to benefit GRR. A big thank you to Leah and her friends and family for always thinking of our rescue group and holding this annual bake sale to benefit the Golden Retrievers that come into our care!

We have decided to change the current way we do adoptions. We will do our adoptions by application now. Many other changes in our policies will also have to be adjusted to make sure that we are finding good homes for the dogs in our care. More information will be coming on this as issues are resolved and we have a good plan in place. Home visits will be changed and a disclaimer will be added to the website.

A motion was made by Kathy D. and seconded by Paul S. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



How to Respect Your Fellow Pack Leaders www.ceasarsway.com

By Juliana Weiss-Roessler

As a dog lover, it's likely that you enjoy meeting new pups — whether they belong to friends, family members, or neighbors. But sometimes the excitement over getting to know a new dog can cause you to inadvertently overstep the boundaries of a fellow Pack Leader.

Here are a few guidelines you should always keep in mind to help respect the rules, boundaries, and limitations set by other dog parents.

If the Pack Leader asks you not to let their dog jump up on you or sit in your lap, comply — even if you don't mind

You may enjoy some time with a nice lapdog, but you're hurting their ability to maintain the household rule for other guests who may not only dislike the behavior but actually be allergic.

Never feed someone else's dog without permission

Food is a very powerful motivator for dogs. It can bring out negative instincts and behaviors in an otherwise well-behaved pup. And of course, you can't know what allergies or food sensitivities this dog may suffer from.

Always practice “no touch, no talk, no eye contact” when meeting a new dog This includes even a cute, cuddly one that's rushing up just begging for love. It can be hard, but remember, by giving the dog attention while he's in a hyperactive state, you are reinforcing that state — not something that's in the best interest of the dog's safety.

Don't stick your hand in front of the nose of a dog you don't know Many people mistakenly believe they are helping the dog to smell them — but this dog can smell you from much further away. It's not only unnecessary, but unsafe.

Don't yell at someone else's dog In the heat of the moment, it's easy to use our words to try to deal with a dog's problem behavior, but that will only cause the situation to escalate. Exuding calm-assertive energy will always get you further.

Don't encourage puppy bites Yes, they're adorable, and yes, they don't hurt (much). But you're reinforcing the behavior. Imagine what that will mean when the dog is full grown. Help the Pack Leader by redirecting that behavior towards toys instead.



Don't leave your dog off-leash Unless, of course, it's an off-leash dog park. Yes, your dog may be trained, balanced, and completely well-behaved, but that doesn't mean other dogs will be. In fact, the other dog may be undergoing rehabilitation for an issue, and your curious and otherwise friendly dog interferes with that. Or it simply may make the other Pack Leader nervous — hurting their ability to maintain that crucial calm-

assertive energy — because they simply don't know how in-control your dog will be.

Do teach your children about the right way to meet a dog

This isn't just a matter of respecting other Pack Leaders; it's about safety. Not all dogs are ready and willing to meet children, and if your child approaches for a hug, he or she may get bitten instead. Children should always ask first before touching a dog, and then, if permission is granted, allow the dog to approach the child instead of the other way around. Start early; even toddlers can start to pick up on these valuable lessons.

Do secure your gate Accidents happen. Even if you are responsible, your dog can get loose. But here's the key: once it happens, figure out why and how. Take steps to fix the issue as soon as possible, and before allowing your dog out in the backyard again without supervision.

Do help dogs wandering your neighborhood As a Pack Leader, you are a part of a community. Help your fellow dog lovers by keeping an eye out for dogs that may have gotten loose. Again, even the most caring Pack Leader can struggle with a devious escapee or accidentally leave a gate unhinged. Put your safety first, but if you can do so safely, please intervene. If you are unable to help — for whatever reason — you can still let the owner know the dog's last-known whereabouts by posting a message on your neighborhood's Facebook page, the NextDoor social network, or other community message boards.



Remembering GRR Member, Pat Moran By: Tracie Grimm

For those who don't know, one of our long time members, Pat Moran, passed away last month. This was incredibly shocking to me because every time I saw Pat she was cheerful, happy and smiling.



her longtime job at the Post Office. It was then that I found out that Pat suffered a long time battle with depression and in this past year, a lot of her animals had crossed the Rainbow Bridge and her health hadn't been the best.

Pat was the President of GRR when I joined. She was always upbeat when she was around and ready to pitch in and help do whatever needed to be done. Pat was always at events, helping at our reunion picnics and was a great

I know that Pat is in a better place. She won't have to suffer anymore



foster mom. My favorite memories of Pat are when she would get down on the ground at our meetings or reunion picnics and let all of dogs climb all over her and smother her with kisses, tails wagging

with that horrible disease. I know she made it to the Rainbow Bridge and all of her pups were there to greet her. I can picture her on the ground with them smothering her with kisses and many tails wagging around her. I think this is when she was the happiest!



happily! She opened up her home for our rescue pups and even had 12 golden retriever pups born in her house a few years back that we adopted out as soon as they were old enough to leave their mom. When Pat was around she brightened up the room with her love of animals and her unique personality. She was always a joy to be around.



You will be missed dearly Pat. You were a joy to all that knew and loved you.

I thought the following poem was fitting for Pat. I know that there were many animals waiting at the Rainbow Bridge on August 11th, 2015 that stopped and spotted Pat in the distance and ran towards her. Then they all happily crossed the bridge together and finally found peace.



When I got the call that she had passed, it just didn't seem like it could be true. She was 57 years old and just three years from retiring from

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Remembering Pat Moran *(Continued)*



The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...

Greentree Festival in Kirkwood—

September 18-20th

All Volunteers NEEDED!

See Events Section or attend our September 10th meeting for more information!



Grooming Tips for Your Golden Retriever

By Ron Miller

Do you own a Golden Retriever or are you planning to get one? Then this article with grooming tips for your Golden Retriever is for you. The Golden is an excellent breed that is a perfect hunting partner. Not only that, but they have an exquisite appearance, are great with children, and make an excellent family member.



do it gently as you would on a child. Dogs with clearer nails are easier to deal with, because it is easier to see the quick. But just in case of accidentally cutting into the quick, there should be a styptic powder next to you, to stop the bleeding. Remember to not cut too close. A weekly trim should be a good practice.

Do not shave your Golden Retriever, because their coat is really de-

signed for protection against bad weather, and was intended to be kept that way. The only ideal parts of your dog to groom are the tail, inside the ears, on the ears, and the feet. Trim the excess hair around the pads using a pair of ordinary grooming shears. Think of a cat's paw and how it is trimmed.

But because they are a double-coated breed, grooming activities need some effort and extra time, as well as extra care being needed to clean up the house from dog dander. The reason for their double coat is to be their shield for any kind of weather. In the winter season, the coat grows so your dog gets protection from the cold. While in the summer season, the fur sheds because it is no longer needed, and this is where he starts to cool off and you start to clean up the mess. Tools you can use for grooming your Golden Retriever are a bristle brush and an undercoat rake. With some regular brushing, you will not only reduce shedding but also reduce the mess he leaves behind in your house.

Ear hair should also be groomed, both inside and out. Inside ear hair can be trimmed using regular grooming shears and thinning shears. The hair outside the ears should also be trimmed and kept neat. There are many good shear products in the market such as Millers Forge Gold Line Thinning Shears and the Styling and Thinning Shears made by Micro Surgical, which can be a bit expensive but very professional, made for groomers. Aside from the hair, the ears should also be delicately cleaned using an ear cleaning solution.

If you feel somewhat unsure of yourself in this area, there's a really easy way to pick up the techniques of those who are "pro's" at doing it. Go to a nearby dog show and watch one or more owners of Golden Retrievers prepping the dog for the show. Compliment them on how beautiful the dog



is, & ask if they mind your watching so you can learn how to groom yours. I'll bet they'll be happy for you to watch.

When it comes to the tail, you should groom and twist it carefully like a fan, because it was meant to be that way. There are many websites and blogs out there that teach more on Golden Retriever grooming and care, but these are the basics.

As for bathing, just give him regular baths because his coat does not get damaged through constant bathing. Choose a good shampoo that is of high quality for your dog. But you might need to consult your vet in case your buddy has some skin issues.

Clipping your dog's nails should also be done regularly, to help him be comfortable with his legs and run around freely. Having short nails also represents cleanliness in your dog. Snip your dog's nail tips regularly with dog nail clippers, but



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

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

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