

GGRR NEWSLETTER

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* * * Meeting Notice * * *

Date: Thursday, February 12th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The Museum of the Dog

The Reunion Picnic Committee will also have a dinner meeting on Thursday at the Steak and Shake on Manchester Road at 6:00 p.m. Picnic sub-committees will be formed for invitations, set-up, food, games, auction baskets, and clean-up. Feel free to attend this meeting even if you haven't already signed up for the committee.

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.

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8th :

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Pat Moran. Mike S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Paul S. seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There was one correction to the December newsletter: Tim Miget's email address was incorrectly listed in the January newsletter under **Officers** in the text box on the last page. The correct email address is:

tnsemiget@charter.net

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat introduced **Marian Brickner**, a local photographer who is taking photos for an upcoming book. Ms. Brickner is looking for 5 dogs that can pose for a group photo.



Walker and Lady Day Naughton-Callison are shown while taking a break this past summer from hiking in Glade River, Colorado.

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The dogs need to be able to do a sit/stay or obey the "stand" command. The photo shoot takes about 7 minutes. There is no fee for participating, and you will receive a copy of the photo or a disk containing the photo. If you are interested, contact Marian at:

insect1@swbell.net or **314-680-4333**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beth J. reported that our account balance at the beginning of December was **\$2536.93**. Income was **\$1360.00**. Expenses were **\$1519.85**, leaving an ending balance of

TREASURER'S REPORT: (cont.)

\$2377.08. The Flash Fund, which is reported quarterly, had a beginning balance of **\$8,478.90**. Interest accumulated on the account was **\$8.52**, for a current balance of **\$8487.42**.

Beth also provided the following summary of our expenses for 2008:

Vet Care: \$12,458.64

Boarding: \$6924.88 (up from \$2186.50 in 2007)

Club Expenses: \$1546.86

Foster Home Reimbursement: \$1040.04

Reunion Picnic: \$587.58

Avid Chips: \$301.22

Obedience Reimbursement: \$25.00

Income for 2008 was approximately \$20,000, and we spent approximately \$4500 more than we took in. These figures have been updated since Beth presented them at our January meeting, as a few bills from 2008 are still trickling in. Exact figures should be available soon.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Janice E. reported there were two membership inquiries during the past month, but no families became GRR members. In 2008, there were a total of 50 membership inquiries for the year, and 16 new families were added to our membership roster. There was one visitor at the meeting—photographer Marian Bricker.



Slider Taylor, who is now 2-1/2 years old, is shown in a 4-generations photo. From left to right are Shawnee, Slider, Slammer, Sydney, Jack, and Sasha. Here comes the hard part—Shawnee (adult on the left) is Sasha's mom; Sasha (adult on the right) is Sydney's mom, and Sydney (adult in the middle) is the mother of Slider, Slammer, and Jack.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Barb B. reported that 2 dogs were surrendered to GRR during the past month:

08-048: Sparky, a red 2 year old male, who is currently with Jennifer K. in Columbia and will be coming to St. Louis on Sunday; Sparky was neutered while he was with Jennifer. Pat M. will foster Sparky when he arrives in town.

09-001: Zena, a 3-1/2 year old red Golden Retriever/Irish Setter mix; Zena is currently at Woof and will be fostered by Betsy F. beginning on Saturday.

INTAKE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

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Parents of an employee at Under One Woof have expressed an interest in adopting Duke. Their home visit is being done on Saturday.

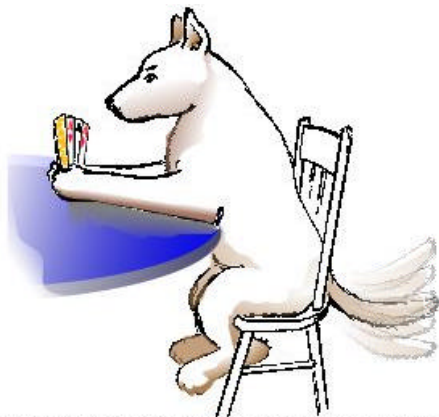
Barb also received an inquiry from Change Academy in Lake of the Ozarks. They are looking for Golden Retrievers up to the age of 3 years for students in their residential program to train as therapy dogs. The students are very interested in training more challenging dogs, such as ones coming out of puppy mill facilities. Barb will ask a member to look into their credentials and to visit the facility.

ADOPTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Carrie T. reported that 1 dog was placed in its forever home during the past month:

08-046: Sniffy

Carrie has not received any home visit reports in quite some time. Please make sure she gets copies of both home visits and dog visits that you perform.



WHY DOGS DON'T WIN AT POKER

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Adoption Days at Lucky Dog will be held on the following dates:

January 17: Barb B.

Feb. 21: Kathy D.

March 21: Tom and Donna S.

Chris R. reported that we still don't have final details for the St. Pat's parade on March 14th. She should have information by the February meeting. If you want to order GGRR apparel for the parade or other items of clothing, Chris will be placing an order next week.

Pat M. can still get monogrammed green bandanas for your dog to wear in the parade if you didn't order one last year. The bandana is green with your dog's name in gold with some gold paw prints. She will circulate a sign-up sheet. The cost of the bandanas is \$5.00 apiece.

The Dog Museum sent us information so we can choose a date for the Golden Retriever to be the Breed of the Month at the museum. This is an informational event to help others learn more about Golden Retrievers.

The GRCA Golden Specialty, including conformation; obedience; rally; and agility events, will be held at Purina Farms in Gray Summit on April 5th - 6th. This event was previously held at the South County Recreation Center. We will be serving lunch to the competitors, judges, and volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday. Korisa C. and Kathy D. have volunteered to take charge of planning the menus and purchasing supplies. Volunteers will be

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: (cont.)

needed to donate side dishes, set up and serve food, and to clean up afterward. We will also have a booth for the sale of our GRRR merchandise. Please check your calendars as we will need many volunteers to work at the Golden Specialty.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

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

Hits: 71,902

Page Views: 23,040

Visitors: 8,955

Unique Visitors: not available

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike S. stated that he expects to receive our 2009 kennel license within the next couple of weeks.

Barb B. asked that anyone still needing a tax letter for donations made to GRRR in 2008 talk with her after the meeting.

Chris B. inquired about the possibility of GRRR donating money to help Love a Golden pay for TPLO surgical expenses for Izzy, a dog that GRRR was unable to take. Barb B. said Izzy's surgery was more involved than originally estimated. It cost approximately \$2200, and LAG is still collecting donations to be used toward the surgical bill. LAG also received another dog recently that will need a costly surgical procedure. Individuals can go to the LAG website to make a donation. It would require a vote by our membership to use GRRR club funds for Izzy's expenses.



Duke, a shy puppy mill boy who arrived in May, finally found his forever home in January! Duke is shown with two of his new canine siblings. He sure looks like a typical, happy Golden Retriever now! Duke was adopted by the parents of an employee at Westinn's Under One Woof. His new mom and dad have promised to take Duke back to Woof from time to time so he can visit all of the friends he made while boarding there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy D. reminded members to start saving items for our spring garage sale. Donations can be given to Kathy at our monthly meetings or dropped off at her house.

Pat M. asked members to consider forming a fundraising committee to help offset our operating expenses. Talk with a member of the Executive Board after the meeting if you would be interested in helping to pursue some fundraising ideas.

Ballots were distributed for the election of a new GRRR president and secretary. Tim Miget was nominated last month for the office of president, and Tracie Bayer was nominated for secretary. There is also a space on the ballot for write-in candidates. The votes were tabulated, and both Tim and Tracie were unanimously elected. They will take over their new positions on Feb. 1st.



My name is Chester, and I'm looking for a new home. Don't believe all those stories you hear about me! Yes, I do like to hop the fence or escape from my crate when things get dull—who wouldn't?! On occasion, I might swipe some food or knock the trash over. However, I'm mostly just a lovable lap dog that needs a dog buddy and a mom or dad who will be home with me most of the time. How could anyone with half a heart resist this sweet, angelic face of mine?!

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

DONATIONS:

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Ms. Melissa Curran

Mr. Peter Wollenberg, in honor of his sister, **Pamela Wollenberg**

The Shepherd Foundation, to help offset the costs of caring for deserving animals in need (**Susan Shepherd Ittner, Director**)

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Carbone

Mrs. Laura Cavin (Sara Helwig)

David and Myra Glazer, in memory of Cody Swarthout

DONATIONS: (cont.)

Mike and Linda Stemmler

Charles and Susan Moellering, in memory of Cody Swarthout

Joe and Dianna Adorjan, in honor of **Father Larry Biondi's** birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Giffhorn, in memory of Sue Foster

RAINBOW BRIDGE:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following families who recently lost a beloved Golden companion:

Cody, beloved companion of **Paul and Nanette Swarthout**, went to the Bridge on January 5, 2009. His Golden siblings, **Jasper** and **Amos**, will miss their walking buddy and playmate as well.

MY FOREVER FRIEND

in memory of Cody Swarthout

I know that it must be different,
now that I am no longer here.
I realize how much I was loved
And how all of you did care.

I know it will be hard at first
when you look around for me.
Expecting to find me in my bed or
beside my favorite tree.

Someday you will begin to see,
although it'll take some time,
the happy times you shared with me,
the memories are yours and mine.

I'll remember you, my family,
and how much you meant to me.
So please don't grieve and don't be sad,
It was just my time to leave.

Thanks to Laura Reilly for submitting this poem for publication in the newsletter

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

Tracie Bayer will take over as the editor of our monthly newsletter beginning with the March edition. Please continue to submit your items of interest, photos of your pups, brags, etc. for publication in the newsletter, as we have come to think of our members and their Golden (or not so Golden!) as part of our extended families. Send your items to:

Tbayer80@gmail.com

Please submit items by the last day of the month to include them in the newsletter for the following month.



Jewel Taylor (top) and Slider Taylor (bottom) enjoy a fall outing in Queeny Park.

TO ADOPT OR SURRENDER A DOG, CALL THE GRR PHONE LINES:

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