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May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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 John R. and passed.

President's Report

Tim reported that we sent our \$1,000 donation check to the April Fund. We also received a \$200 donation check from the Seal family who lost their Golden, Bailey, that they adopted from GGRR.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that our beginning balance for the month of April was \$9,540.80. Income was \$990.00 (\$16.34

came from our Schnucks e-Script cards) and our expenses were \$473.31 leaving us with an ending balance of \$10,047.83.

Membership Report

Amy G. was not present at the meeting so Amy R. gave her report. We had two inquiries in the previous month and no new members. There was one visitor at the meeting, Jane M., a neighbor of Chris R.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had one dog come in this month:

011-011 Marley — a 4 year old male who is neutered and updated on shots. He is at Under One Woof right now. He was chasing chickens in his previous home.

Adoption Report

Amy R. reported that we had three dogs placed in their forever homes in the previous month:

- 03-068R Holly
- 011-001 Buddy
- 011-004 Buddy
- 011-007 Honey



Sammy Blacksher graduated from Beginning Agility into Intermediate Agility at Westinn's Under One Woof. He conquered most of his fear of the dreaded teeter. He also overcame "impulse control" issues he had in the previous class. In other words, Sammy the agility equipment does not belong to you. Other dogs get to take turns on it as well!



Website Report

Paul S. reported that he is still working on designing a new website for GGRR. He has almost finished the basic pages, but there is plenty to be done still on everything else. Once it is ready, he will let everyone know.

Due to the website statistics server being down, Paul was not able to report on our website traffic during the previous month. He will update everyone when he receives the information.

Currently, GGRR has 480 fans on Facebook.

GRR Events

Event Coordinator's Report

Barb thanked the following people who volunteered along with her at our Adoption Day events the few Saturdays in April: Randy K., Patrick K., Tim M., Julie G., Rich T. and Nanette S. There was a lot of foot traffic at Muddpuppies and we should continue having some events there. The area we used at Treats Unleashed was a bit isolated from the store traffic. We may want to try one of their other locations next time.

The Delta Pet Partners Walk with the Brentwood Children's Home Society had to be cancelled due to cold rainy weather. A new date has not been scheduled yet.

GRR Reunion Picnic

29 Families attended this year's picnic. We sold \$209 in merchandise, \$261 in raffle tickets and took in \$404.98 in donations for a total of \$874.98. We had approximately \$200 in expenses.

We had 21 members show up to help work the picnic. This has always been a required event for members and this year's member turnout was by far the poorest since we started keeping records in 2007. Members who worked at the event were great about pitching in to do whatever we needed from the time they arrived until the last car was loaded at the end of the picnic.

There was some discussion about why our turnout was low for both guests and our members to work the event. Suggestions were made to invite families that have adopted from us from further back in previous years. It was also mentioned that maybe we shouldn't sell our merchandise at the picnic or charge for raffle tickets. Make it an entirely free event for our families. It was suggested that the people who were suggesting ideas volunteer to be on the committee next year to make sure some of these ideas are followed through with.

Wildlife Rescue Center Baby Shower, Saturday, May 14th from 10:00—3:00

Barb reported on our last scheduled Spring event to be held on May 14th. Julie G., Pat M. and Barb B. were all signed up to work this event.

Upcoming Events

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

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

APA Carnival Sunday, October 2nd

This event is held at Tilles Park in Rock Hill. We have not received all of the information on times yet, but it will be reported on when we receive it.

Donations

GRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

JoAnn & Bob Seal, in loving memory of their GRR rescue Bailey

Pat Moran, in memory of Kay Callison's dog Lady

The following companies made generous donations for our annual Reunion Picnic:

Bissel

Petco Foundation

Kong Company

Blue Dog Bakery

Earthwhile Endeavors, Inc.

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Direct Pet Superstore

Kennelwood Pet Resorts

**T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
(Nylabone)**

**Doctors Foster and Smith
River City Rascals**

Skyview Services, Inc.

St. Louis Symphony

Westinn Kennels

Build-A-Bear

Raging Rivers

TeleBrands (maker of Pedi-Paws)

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Kennelwood Pet Resorts

The Pasta House Co.



Many Families Visited GRR at our Muddpuppies Event in O'Fallon, MO.

The Importance of Dog Grooming and Canine Skin Care

From The Whole Dog Journal Tip of the Week

Submitted by Barb Blacksher

The primary function of the dog's hair is as a protective and insulating coating. But if the eyes are the gateway or the window to the soul, the skin and hair are both gateway and window to the embodiment of an animal's inner health and well-being. Shiny hair, that is, a hair coat that exudes a healthy and lustrous sheen, is an indicator of overall health of the animal. In contrast, a dull coat that lacks luster is an indicator that the animal isn't as healthy as she could be.

A dog's coat color is determined by his genes. That said, a variety of environmental factors can somewhat alter the color of his hair. Specific nutrients may be involved in hair color. Cystine, methionine, arginine, tyrosine, and phenylalanine deficiencies are reported to induce hair discoloration. Protein malnutrition induces disturbances in hair growth and quality.

A 2004 study by the American Society for Nutritional Sciences reported that trace-element deficiencies or imbalances also affect hair quality. Suboptimal zinc levels, it said, induce graying of hair, and copper deficiency causes fading of brown- or black-pigmented hair. Other trace elements such as iron and iodine can also affect hair color, as well as vitamins A, B-2, and B-6, pantothenic, folic, and nicotinic acids, and biotin.

Too much exposure to sunlight can make the hair brittle and cause a black coat to redden or turn brown. After a dog has been clipped, the color of its hair is noticeably lighter, and scars often leave a mark of hair that remains white throughout the rest of the dog's life.



In aged dogs, hair color tends to fade. As a dog ages, his hair turns gray, especially on the head, beginning with the muzzle.

Old & New Business

Old Business

Member, Liz T., has designed some car magnets for GGRR.

The sample was shown at the meeting. It's \$100 for 500 car magnets. Tim asked if we would like to go ahead and purchase them?

The members present voted that we should.

There was discussion

to take the phone number off and just have our website address. We also have new GGRR window decals. Please take a few if you did not get one at the Reunion Picnic.

New Business

President, Tim M., reported that we need to vote on Coordinator Positions. The positions up for taking are the following:

Intake, Adoption, Membership, Events, Newsletter and Website.

New Coordinator Positions were Appointed at our last Meeting!

The following was the outcome from the voting on these positions:

Intake Coordinator: Penny M.

Adoption Coordinator: Pat M.

Membership Coordinator:

Amy G.

Events Coordinator: Barb B.

Newsletter Coordinator: Tracie G.

Website Coordinator: Paul S.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by John R. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Cami Rhyneron is worn out after a nice long walk! Make sure your pet stays hydrated this summer when outdoors for long periods of time!

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Next Meeting

Thursday, June 9th 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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