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November 2010 Newsletter

October 2010 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25p.m. by President, Tim M. Pat M. 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 M. reported that our Adoption Coordinator, Amy R., will not show a dog unless she has all paperwork on the dog. Foster homes, please make sure Amy gets a copy of all of the dog's information as soon as possible. Tim also encouraged everyone to vote on November 2nd on the Proposition B Puppy Mill Initiative. Tim reminded all members that when doing phone interviews and home visits, please do no talk about specific dogs. The Adoption Coordinator and Foster

Home are the only two that know the status of a particular dog.

Tim also spoke about the importance of volunteering. It seems that we've had the same crew at all of our events. If newer members would volunteer to help out, older members could take a break. We are there to inform. We need the PR and we want to get our name out there and inform the public. Why are you here? Tim also reminded everyone that we need help with home visits. Please try to volunteer for these as soon as possible especially with the holidays coming up. Tim concluded his report by thanking Barb B. for her hard work and time put into all of our events these last few months.

Treasurer's Report

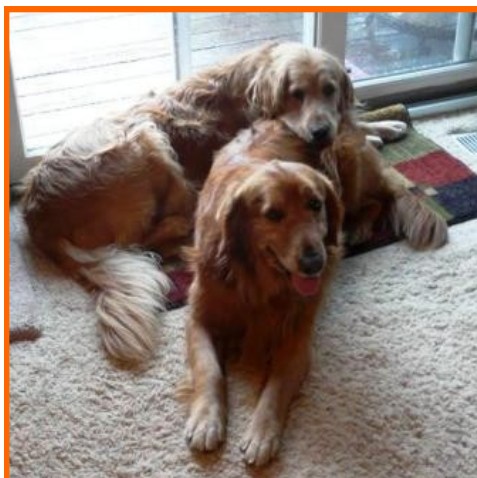
Beth J. was unable to attend.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had two



membership inquiries and one new member, Julie G. Amy will be sending reminders about membership renewal fees soon. The fee is \$20.00 per family. There were two visitors at the meeting, Chip and Angie Thoma. *(Continued on Page 2.)*



Kate R.'s Foster Dogs, Millie & Milo, are pictured above. They went to their new forever home in mid October!

GGRR Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic for the past month.

Our website had:

Hits: 110,761

Page Views: 26,937

Visitors: 8,767

Unique Visitors: 2,236

Paul reported that all of our numbers are up for the month. This is probably due to all of our events and PR we've gotten in the last few months.



Chris R. keeps trying to make a duck dog out of sweet little Cami. Mom, Amy, doesn't think he's talked her into it yet!

Intake & Adoption Reports

Intake Coordinator's Report

Penny M. was unable to make the meeting, but Tim M. gave her report. Two dogs came in during the previous month:

010-026 Blondie—a 2 year old female that was running on a farm. She has a broken pelvis and it will take six weeks to heal. After that she will need to be spayed. She is being fostered by Kay C.

10-027 Honey—a 4 year old female that was found running with Blondie (above). She needs to be spayed. She is also being fostered by Kay C.

Adoption Coordinator's Report

Amy R. reported that two dogs have been placed in their forever homes in the past month:

010-023 Henley (now Jake)
010-021 Lyon

Amy R. reported that Kipper was going to be placed within the next few days and Ellie will be going to her new home next week. We also have a potential match for Millie and Milo. Harley will also be shown tomorrow.

Please make sure you send all your paperwork to Amy R. Note: She will no longer show a dog to a potential family until she has ALL of the paperwork on the dog.

Message from our President Tim M.

New Kennel To Use for Our Foster Dogs or Personal Use

Pleasant Valley Kennels
2612 Old Dougherty Ferry Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
314-822-1000

When we need to board, our members should ask for Michelle Hess. She is the Manager and her parents own the facility. She is a member of St. Louis Sporting Dogs and friends with President, Tim M.

In the summer months and holidays, they open their other kennel up on Hanna Rd. Lets try not to use Williamsburg again. The cost is just too much. Pleasant Valley is not as cheap as Westinn Kennels, but is cheaper than Williamsburg Kennel Day and Spa Club. They are basically located on the West side of Hwy. 270 and Dougherty Ferry.

GGRR Events

Barb reported that we made the following at our fall events:
Greentree—\$815

APA Canine Carnival—\$289
Agility Comp. at Purina—\$180
Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games—\$232.57

The above events have brought in over \$1,500 since our September meeting, but getting people to volunteer at these events is becoming increasingly difficult. We rely on events such as these to:

- Educate the public about Golden Retrievers so people can decide if this breed is the right dog for their family; educate people about the importance of proper veterinary care, spay/neuter programs, preventing heartworm disease, and dog training; to prevent indiscriminate breeding, and to encourage people to adopt dogs from shelters and rescue groups
- Make contacts that lead to

new members, foster homes, adoptive families, and acquiring Golden's that need new homes.

- Generate additional income since our adoption fees often don't cover the cost of a dog's vet bills. In this economy, raising our adoption fee would make it more difficult to find adoptive families for our dogs.

One solution to this problem could be that once our yearly calendar is issued, each member is asked to sign up for one shift at one event of their choice for the year. It is their responsibility to plan on working that event and should something come up, it would be their responsibility to find a replacement to fill in for them if they cannot make it. Is it too much to ask for a member to hold open one day of their life to fulfill their responsibility as a member of GGRR?

Webster Groves Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk will be held on Sunday, November 14th (Note: Ppreviously reported to be held on the 7th but that information was incorrect.) Our ex-pen will be set up next to Lucky Dog and members and dogs are asked to wear holiday attire/scarves to greet the shoppers. We do not sell merchandise, but we do collect donations and get a lot of PR from this event.

As Good As Gold Rescue Conf.

This conference will be held in Chicago on Nov. 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This conference is free. Please let Barb know if you are interested in attending.

December GGRR

Holiday Meeting

Our December Holiday meeting will be held on Dec. 9th. Members are invited to bring refreshments to share. Bring a wrapped dog gift valued around \$10 for the doggie gift exchange if you want to participate! We will also have GGRR merchandise on sale for early holiday shopping for your favorite human or canine friends!

Old Business & New Business



Beau Rogers demonstrates the proper way to greet people in our ex-pens. Hop on a chair and let them know that you're in charge!

Old Business

Mike S. reported that we passed our Agriculture inspection. We need to change our Transfer Agreement form. We need to have a spot for the person's/owner's driver's license number on the form for people who pick up a dog. If it's from

a shelter, we will need the shelter license number. Paul S. volunteered to make the change to the form. Tim M. stated that we need to get a committee together to review all of our forms. Mike S., Amy R., Amy G. and Paul S. volunteered to be on this committee.

New Business

Pat M. reported that her sister will be making more green bandanas

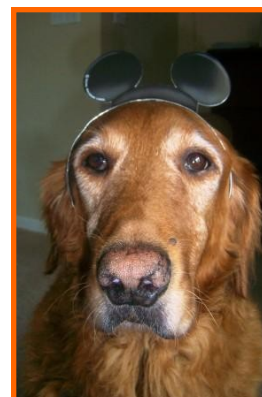
with dog's names on them for \$5.00 each. If you need one, see Pat M. Barb mentioned doing another Delta Training course sometime in the fall. If you are interested in doing the Delta Training this fall, please see Nancy R. Jessica W. announced that she

needs a home visit in Arnold. Tim M. suggested to put it on the website since there weren't any takers at the meeting. Mike S. reported that he received a letter from Rose & Jack Sturn regarding their Golden, Riley, that they rescued from us 12 -1/2 years ago. Riley recently passed away and would've been 15 years old! They mailed us a donation check of \$125.

On another sad note, Mike S. reported that he lost Jake two weeks ago at the age of 13. He will be missed dearly.

We will have nominations for the positions of President and Secretary at our November meeting. Tim M. asked if anyone wanted to run for a position and no one responded. We will hold nominations in November and vote at our December meeting.

A motion was made by Paul S. and seconded by Amy G. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



**Stone Carbone
The newest Mouseketeer!**

Thanksgiving Dinner for Dogs -Winning Ways with Leftovers

Dogs love turkey and sweet potatoes, too. Cook this meal from scratch or use up the leftovers-either way, your chow hounds will chow down with gusto!

Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Makes: 9-1 cup servings

Portion Size: For small dogs, 3/4 cup, medium dogs, 1-1/2 cups, larger or more active dogs, 3 cups

Ingredients

- 3 lb. skinless turkey pieces (light and dark meat)
- 1 cup Oatmeal (cooked)
- 1 lb. Sweet Potatoes (cubed)
- 2 tbsp. Cranberry Sauce
- 4 tbsp. Turkey Gravy (optional, to reduce the fat content, omit the gravy or substitute olive oil)

Directions

Use turkey leftovers or roast the turkey:

1. Preheat oven to 350 deg. F. Lightly oil a roasting pan.
2. For boneless breast or thigh, cook 30-45 minutes; boned breast or thigh, 45-60 minutes; whole turkey, 1-1/2-2 hours or until the meat juices run clear when pierced with a skewer. Let cool.

3. Remove all the bones and dice the meat into large pieces.
4. If using fresh sweet potatoes, roast with the turkey for about 25-30 minutes or until tender, peel and dice.
5. Meanwhile, cook the oatmeal according to package instructions.
6. Mix together the turkey meat, oatmeal, sweet potatoes, and cranberry sauce. If using gravy or oil, add now and mix thoroughly. (If your dog is at all prone to pancreatitis or other fat-related upsets, omit the gravy.)

Adapted from The Healthy Dog Cookbook: 50 Nutritious and Delicious Recipes Your Dog Will Love. Published by TFH Publications, 2008. Used by permission. © Ivy Press Limited www.thebark.com





TRIVIA NIGHT

**Proceeds will benefit
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Saturday, January 29, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Entry fees:

- **\$120 for a Team of 8 People**
(Maximum of 8 people per table.)
- Popcorn, Snacks, Water, Soda & Coffee Provided (Please feel free to bring other food and BYOB for your enjoyment!)

Held at:

**Webster Groves Masonic Lodge
12 East Lockwood Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

For more information:

**Korisa: (314) 229-7414 or
ladykorisa@hotmail.com**

**Featuring local sports broadcaster
Randy Karraker of 101.1 ESPN as emcee!**



**Can you beat Rusty,
the GGRR Trivia Nerd?**

**To make reservations,
please complete and mail
the form below
no later than JANUARY 15th.**

***Retain the top portion
for your records.***

***RESERVATIONS ARE
NON-REFUNDABLE!***

PRIZES

**Cash Prizes
for The Top
Three Tables!**

Silent Auction

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffles

Heads/Tails

**Mulligans
\$5 each or 5 for \$20**

**Checks & Cash
Only Please**

***Bring plenty of
money for our Silent
Auction Items and
GGRR Merchandise!***

Mail form and entry fee to:

Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue
c/o Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana Court
Florissant, MO 63033

Phone: (314) 229-7414 (Korisa)
E-mail: ladykorisa@hotmail.com

Reservation Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to:
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of Tables at \$120.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____



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Next Meeting

Thursday, November 11th 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 GRRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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