



# GGRR Newsletter

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*Animals do have a voice.  
 If you ignore their suffering, I will remind you.  
 If you dont understand them, I will translate.  
 If you dont hear them, I will be their voice.  
 You may silence them but you will not  
 silence me as long as I live.  
 - Anita Mahdessian*

#### September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 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 Penny M. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

#### President's Report

Tim M. reported that we have new brightly colored flyers to post around town.

Please take some and hang them in your vet's office or other dog friendly places.

#### Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that our balance in our checking was \$6,010.08 at the beginning of the month. Income was \$600.00 (\$36.20 from our Schnucks Escript cards) and our expenses were \$2,258.04 leaving us with an ending bal-

ance of \$4,388.24.

#### Membership Report

Amy G. was not present but Tim M. gave her report. We had three inquiries and three new members in the previous month. These



new members are Jane M., Judy and Bill O. and Judy F. There were six furry little visitors at the meeting, our six new puppies!

#### Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had 7 dogs come in in the previous month:

11-016 Harley—a 3 year old neutered male who still needs a foster home

11-017 Biscuit—16 1/2 week old female puppy

11-018 Jammers—16 1/2 week old male puppy

011-019 Mac—16 1/2 week old male puppy

011-020 Lily—16 1/2 week old female puppy

011-021 Molly—16 1/2 week old female puppy

011-022 Baccus—16 1/2 week old male puppy

All of the above puppies came from a couple that live on a farm and their two Golden Retrievers had a litter of puppies and they couldn't find homes for them. All of the puppies were present at the

meeting.

#### Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we did not place any dogs in the previous month but by the looks of our intake list, that will change in the next month for sure!

### Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic from the previous month:

Hits: 98,000  
 Page Views: 20,721  
 Visitors: 6,859

GGRR also has 548 fans on Facebook!



# GRR Events

## 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. Tim announced that we are short on volunteers for Saturday evening. We are booths 104, 105 and 106. We will be sharing these booths with the Golden Re-

**Come to our October meeting on Thursday, the 13th at 7:00 p.m. to learn about Canine Cancer with Dr. Wayne Boillat.**

triever Club. Kirkwood Park is located at the corner of Geyer and Adams in Kirkwood. There are craft and food booths there as well. This is a big exposure event for GRR so all members are encouraged to show up and help man a shift at our booth. The sign up sheet was passed around again to fill up the remaining shifts.

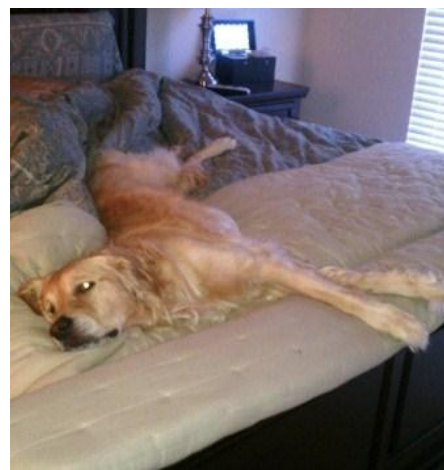
### The Scottish Games Saturday, October 1st

The Scottish Games will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Forest Park. Jane M., Chris R. and Pat M. will be working

our booth at this event.

### APA Carnival Sunday, October 2nd

This event is held at Tilles Park in Rock Hill. It is held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tim M., Chris R. and Jane M. have signed up to work this event.



**Cami Rhynerson (pictured above and below) hates Mondays! The horrible life of a rescue Golden!**

## Old & New Business

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at the meeting.

### New Business

Chris R. announced that she has member blue shirts if anyone needs one for working our booth at Greentree. Long sleeve shirts are \$13.00 and short sleeve shirts are \$10.00.

Tim M. announced that Dr. Wayne Boillat will be at our October meeting to talk about Canine Cancer.

Tim M. also reported at we will have nominations at our November meeting for the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer and Member Representative. We will take nominations at the November meeting and vote at our December meeting.



John R. is in charge of micro chipping all of our dogs. Please call or email him, not Tim, to arrange micro chipping your foster dogs.

Michelle F. asked when we should have the six puppies altered? It was determined that we could hold off for a while since we do not have a ton of applications for them yet. When we decide to do so, we will use the Veterinarian Clinic in Wentzville.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Pat M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

After the meeting, Rob from Petropolis in Chesterfield, MO did a presentation on dog training.



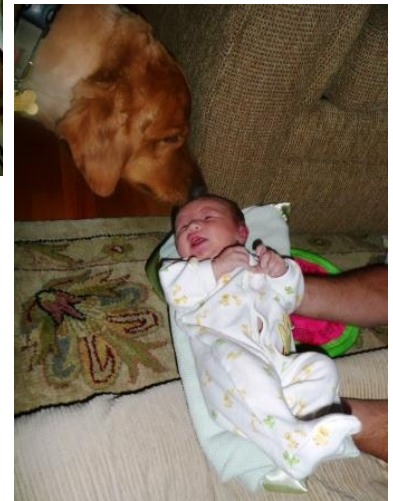
# Rainbow Bridge

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susan Freund who recently lost another one of her Golden companions.

## Toby

Just wanted to let everyone know that my Toby crossed the bridge on September. He was around 13 years old. I adopted him December 25, 1998. I acquired him in November 1998 from a Mixed breed rescue group who told me he was a she golden. When I first saw him, I knew he wasn't a pure bred Golden, but when I got home I also discovered that he was an intact male. I guess they never looked or had so many dogs they lost track. Anyway I fell for him and he stayed. He was a very friendly people dog, but was definitely leader of the pack at my house. He was the one who taught all of my foster dogs the ropes and put many of them in their place. Of course he mellowed some with age. Even though it's sad when they leave, it was time to let him go. Hopefully I won't have any more Rainbow bridge stories for a long while.

By: Susan Freund



Max & Tank Grimm meet their new little sister, Leah, born September 14th. She's now the youngest member of GGRR. Everyone is adjusting just fine so far!



Pictures from our September meeting. The puppies were a big hit as you can see. Rob from Petropolis joined us to teach some great training techniques too!



## Doggie Home Care Medicine Chest Submitted by: Julie Goldman

First aid and home remedies don't replace proper veterinary care, but they can keep dogs more comfy until medical care is available. And sometimes a home remedy is all that's needed. Even if human meds work on dogs, the doses usually are lower due to the smaller size of the dog. Your vet can tell you the exact dose needed for your specific pet but here are some common human medicines that benefit dogs.

### 30 Common Human Medicines for Dogs

- A & D Ointment: antibacterial for scrapes and wounds.
- Anbesol: topical anesthetic for mouth pain
- Artificial Tears: eye lubricant
- Aveeno Oatmeal Bath: soothing rinse for itchy skin
- Benadryl: antihistamine for bug bites-also makes pets sleepy
- Betadine: antiseptic for cleansing/soaking wounds or injuries
- Bufferin or Baby Aspirin: pain relief
- Burow's solution: topical antiseptic
- Caladryl: soothing topical for pain or itching
- Cortaid: anti-itch cream
- Desitin: for skin inflammation
- Dramamine: helpful for car sickness, nausea
- Dulcolax: for constipation
- Epsom salts: for soothing soak for sore paws
- Ipecac Syrup: to make dog vomit
- Kaopectate: to control diarrhea
- Lanacane: topical anesthetic
- Massengill Disposable Douche: body odor/skunk spray
- Metamucil (unflavored): for constipation
- Mylanta Liquid: for digestive problems and/or gas
- Neosporin: to help prevent wound infection
- Pedialyte: counteracts dehydration
- Pepcid AC: to control vomiting
- Pepto-Bismol: for diarrhea, nausea, vomiting
- Phillips' Milk of Magnesia: for constipation
- Preparation H: soothes sore bottom
- Robitussin Pediatric Cough Formula: cough suppressant
- Solarcaine: topical anesthetic, helpful for sunburn
- Vicks VapoRub: for congestion
- Witch hazel: topical antiseptic

### 23 Helpful Household Items

In the best of all possible worlds, emergencies never happen or if they do, dog owners have a professional medical kit handy. These should be stocked with sterile gauze pads in different sizes, elastic Ace bandages, needle-less syringes and eyedroppers for medication and even stretchers. You can buy commercial kits from pet supply stores and catalogues or put together your own, and it's very helpful to have a handy pet first aid how-to guide handy.

But all too often pet owners don't think about being prepared until after the first emergency. If you find yourself

faced with a doggy health crises you may be surprised how many everyday items around the house or in your pantry can be helpful.

- Blanket/cookie sheet/ironing board: stretcher
- Bubble Wrap: stabilize leg fracture/injury
- Canned Pumpkin: for constipation or diarrhea
- Condoms: to cover injured/bleeding paw
- Dawn Dishwashing Soap: decontaminate fur
- Heat pad: for arthritis/aches
- Hose/sink spray: flushing wounds
- Hydrogen peroxide (3%): given orally to prompt vomiting
- Ice bag/frozen peas: topical pain control
- Karo syrup/honey: for shock
- KY Jelly: lubricant such as for eye out of socket
- Olive oil: to suffocate/kill ear mites
- Pliers: remove porcupine quills/foreign object in mouth
- Pantyhose/necktie: muzzle
- Mustache trimmer: clip fur around wounds
- Needle/Safety pin: acupuncture CPR
- Teabags, soaked and cooled: to treat hot spots
- Turkey baster: flush wounds, give liquid medicine
- Rectal thermometer
- Saran Wrap: seals wounds, holds bandage together without sticking to fur
- Sterile Saline Solution: flush wounds, eye injuries
- Squirt gun, squeeze bottle: give liquid medicine/flush wounds
- Yogurt: settle digestion, control gas

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### Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13th 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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