

Gold Dust

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How could anyone resist Mia carrying the donation basket?



*“Saving one dog will not change the world, but, surely for that one dog the world
Will change forever.” - Unknown*

Rescue Booth at Seattle Kennel Club

For the past four or five years, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club has invited EGRR to share their breed booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show. Members from both groups staff the booth Saturday and Sunday in an effort to educate the public regarding all aspects of Golden Retriever ownership. Volunteers talk to prospective adopters or puppy buyers and occasionally people interested in volunteering with Rescue or joining the breed club. Every year it seems to get better and this year was no exception. The set-up done by **Diane Murphy** and **Scott Rohrer** was well designed and allowed plenty of room for people to congregate. Compliments were received from many individuals and among the reasons stated were that the breed standard was clearly posted, there were pictures depicting Golden Retrievers participating in the many sports and activities they excel in and that Rescue and the Breed Club were together. One individual stated that she was going to request that all of their members visit our booth to see for themselves how a booth should be designed!

The perfect ambassadors for our booth are the wonderful dogs who hang out there and make everyone who stops to pet them feel special. Thank you to all of the dogs and their owners who came to help. Special thanks go to **Melody Rohrer** who worked her charms on Saturday and **Manda Rohrer** who did the same on Sunday. The other stars on Sunday were **Mia Shaw** and her assistant, **Copper Miller** who, basket in mouths, entertained the crowd while collecting donations. People actually lined up to put money in Mia's basket!!

The SKC show is not typically a fundraising event for EGRR but thanks to EGRC/EGRR member, **Sherry Chevalier's** creative ideas, it will likely end up as our best for the year. Sherry came up with the idea of holding a raffle to benefit Rescue and then enlisted the help of **Stacia White, Kim Bullard, Tonya Struble, JoAnne Johnson** and **Suzanne Rapier** who acquired donations and created 13 lovely baskets for the raffle. In addition to these, Sherry donated one of her Cool Koats for the raffle and had a donation jar on the table. The idea of having Mia carry a basket in her mouth "panhandling" for donations was also Sherry's idea – one that came to her in the wee hours of Saturday night. Fortunately, she waited until Sunday morning to call Mia's Mom, **Claudia Shaw**, to explain her plan. The combined efforts of these human and canines resulted in \$1160.00 being raised for Rescue!!! WOW!!! This money will go a long way in helping Golden Retrievers in need.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way from set-up or take down to manning the booth to donating an item for the basket or buying a raffle ticket. Special thanks to Scott Rohrer, Diane Murphy, Sherry Chevalier and Mia Shaw. Everyone's hard work and support resulted in a big boost to the Rescue coffers! EGRR is very fortunate to have the relationship with EGRC that we have and are most grateful for it.







Annual Meeting – May 15, 2011

This year the location for the annual meeting has been changed to Kennydale Memorial Hall which is located at 2424 NE 27th St. in Renton. It is very easy to find and is less than a mile east of exit #6 off I-405. The agenda will include a business meeting with Board elections, a training presentation by Jean Whitehead and a presentation by Dan Kennedy, DVM (from Woodinville Vet Clinic) on what to check for and palpate when you think your dog is not feeling well. Dogs are invited to attend so you can practice on your own dog as Dr. Kennedy explains what to look for. Please remember to keep your dog on a shorter leash, under control and out of the faces of the other dogs there. The floor there is lineoleum tile so if you feel you need to, bring a mat for your dog. As always, we will also have a human social time for refreshments and conversation. We hope to see you there!

EGRR will be hosting two fundraising raffles this summer – one at the Evergreen Golden Retriever Agility Trial on June 18th and also at the Reunion Picnic on July 31st. Please consider bringing a donation for one of these raffles. Check your closets for gifts or other items that you ended up not using. Dog related or not, all donations are welcome. Smaller items will be combined to make gift baskets. Everything is greatly appreciated and tax receipts will be provided upon request. Bring your raffle donations to the Annual Meeting.



Cell Phone Recycling – a “green” Fundraising Event

EGRR has started a new fundraising effort which involves collecting used cell phones and recycling them through GRC Recycling. GRC Recycling accepts a wide variety of used phones, with few exceptions, and pay anywhere from \$2 to \$10 for the average phone with Blackberries, smart phones and iPhone-type phones paying considerably more. A Golden Retriever Rescue group on Los Angeles raised nearly \$2000 doing this. So please share this with your family members, friends, neighbors and colleagues at work. If you're able to put out a collection box at any location like work or your neighborhood pet store or coffee house, we can obtain signs for this purpose. We will soon have a list of volunteers in various locations where you can drop the phones off. We will also collect them at our Annual Meeting on May 15th or the Reunion picnic on July 31st. Information about this will also be available on our website. This is an easy fundraiser for EGRR and we incur no cost because GRC Recycling even pays the shipping costs. This is handled through their Shelter Alliance www.shelteralliance.net. They are a Miramar, Florida firm that specializes in the logistics and underwriting of fundraising programs through the collection and responsible recycling of used cellular phones. Shelter Alliance currently works with over 2000 social service organizations in 50 states and has contributed over \$5,000,000 to participating organizations.

Important! Pigmentary Uveitis Screening Clinic

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club is sponsoring a screening clinic for Pigmentary Uveitis also called Golden Retriever Uveitis at the Animal Eye Clinic on Roosevelt Way in north Seattle. This year's clinic will be held on Saturday, May 7th. The cost is \$22.00 per dog. Registration is limited and can be made by calling the Animal Eye Clinic after April 4th at 206-524-8822. Call any day except Wednesday and ask to speak to Leah. Once registered, you will be asked to send in a check and they will send you information and directions to the clinic. Every Golden Retriever from the age of 4 yr should be checked every year for this condition. This is a serious condition and is thought to be present in as many as 1/3 of all adult Golden Retrievers. If allowed to go untreated, it can result in blindness or become so painful that the dog's eyes have to be surgically removed. Typically, treatment involves eye drops administered once a day.

Come and Participate in the Highland Games

The Highland Games are held at the old King. Co fairgrounds, the Enumclaw pavilion. They are held the last weekend in July. And runs for 2 days. For those bringing dogs, admission tickets are provided for free as well as car passes if they chose to bring their cars in an unload. The only thing we pay for, besides food, is parking, last year it was \$5.00. There is a parade around the grounds that the dogs take part in, there is a parade of the kennel club that the dogs do, plus rally, obed., and agility demos.

There are lots of pets and good times to be had by all. Rescue dogs all get rosettes for attending. This year they closed the kennel club so we could all have a quiet lunch. The breeds are all grouped together so all the dogs I bring will be in one place, all the rescue goldens together.

Anyone interested can call or email me and I will let the person in charge know how many tickets we need. They need a ticket per day.

Thanks in advance for all the goldens that come and take part.

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Membership Renewal

Thanks to all who have renewed their 2011 membership. However, just a request that if you have not renewed, could everyone please complete the membership application in this on the next page.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)



2011 Annual Membership Application ___ Renewal *** ___ New Member “”

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail (please print) _____

*** Renewal - Please check (✓) if: Address _____, Phone _____, e-mail _____ has changed since last year.

“” New Member – How did you hear about us? _____

We welcome those who support the goals of our organization to become a member of EGRR. A **Full** membership is for those who wish to participate in activities, decision making, attend the Annual Meeting and vote, or hold office. A **Supporting** membership is for those who wish to show support for Rescue.

*The benefit of membership is knowing that you are helping to sustain the key efforts of EGRR
– to help homeless Golden Retrievers and to promote responsible dog ownership.*

For those interested in active participation, below are the areas in which we could use your help.

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| Grooming | Shelter Visitation |
| Fundraising | Publicity |
| Education | Administrative |
| Art/Graphic Design | Writing/Communication |
| Computer/IT | Web Site |
| Telephone Screening | Home Visits |
| Transportation | Foster Care |

___ I am interested in being a general volunteer – send me a Volunteer Application.

___ I am interested in becoming a foster home – send me a Foster Home Application.

Membership: Annual Dues \$10.00 per each individual member. *Please make your check payable to E.G.R.R.* and mail with your application to the P.O. Box address below.

Enclosed (Your financial support is very welcome and most needed):

Full Membership (\$10 each member) \$ _____

Supporting Membership (\$10 each) \$ _____

Additional tax-deductible donation \$ _____

EGRR is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Total enclosed \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____