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Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue Drops In And Delivers Puppies!



Dateline Bellevue, May 12, 2008 – Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) announces delivery of 10 puppies to “Carmel” today. Seven boys, three girls. Carmel was handed in to a shelter the week of May 5 in Port Ludlow on the Olympic Peninsula looking very, very pregnant. The story of prior ownership or how she got to the shelter is not totally clear. The shelter did an ultrasound and declared “many” puppies there, and also concluded that she was probably within a few days of delivery. EGRR was called and a foster home, Donna & John English, picked Carmel up at the shelter after the hold period was up. Nancy Kiesler put out a broadcast and, by Saturday the 10th, the wheels were in motion. A very overweight and hugely pregnant Carmel was transported by Karen & Tom Jones to the Randall’s in Bellevue. Out came the old whelping box which was washed, disinfected and assembled in a quick

hurry, as Carmel’s temperature had dropped from 101 degrees in the morning to 98.4 degrees by the time she arrived in Bellevue at noon. However, it seems Carmel was herself in no hurry. Diane Murphy popped over with overnight gear and did the 12 midnight to 7 am Sunday morning shift, sleeping on the couch, while mom-to-be Carmel simply had a really sound sleep all night. Temperature at Mother’s Day dawn was now 97.6 degrees, but Carmel was more intent on breakfast than puppy delivery it seems. Mother’s Day passed with various shifts by Diane and others, and everyone was taking a guess at who the father might be and what breed (or breeds) the puppies might be. Other than being visibly pregnant there was not much prior history, and only Carmel had any clue as to who Dad was. Carmel was not telling and was not delivering by Sunday bedtime which now saw Sue Randall uncomfortably on one couch and Carmel contentedly cuddled on another!!! Monday morning came, Claudia Shaw came, and by mid-morning the waters had broken and we were soon drying off puppy Number 1. And it was indeed a golden!!!! Leslea McLean and Diane Murphy dropped by to pitch in. By the end of the afternoon, Carmel was still working hard on presumably more inside and trying to feed already present sons and daughters.

We were up to puppy Number 5, all Golden, but there it ground to a halt, despite Carmel’s best efforts.

(See Puppies, page 4)

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



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From the President's Desk

It seems only appropriate that the article I write for this, the 2nd edition of the Golden Nuggets, be about the wonderful team of volunteers who make up EGRR for without them, we would not exist. They help in many ways, some exciting and other's downright boring but nonetheless all are very important. I will not try to name names because I would without a doubt unintentionally forget someone. Instead, I'll give you a perfect example of how our team works together.

On Thursday evening, May 8, I received an e-mail from a friend in Port Ludlow telling me of a very pregnant bitch in the Jefferson County shelter and asking if EGRR could take her. After sending several e-mails and making several phone calls the next morning to confirm that the dog could be turned over to us, the rest was amazingly easy. Volunteers stepped up without hesitation to help transport and to foster/whelp the litter so that by Saturday afternoon, Miss Carmel was getting settled in at her new "digs". Just in the nick of time, as it turns out, because Monday afternoon she started to deliver her pups. 5 were born naturally with the assistance of several EGRC members and when it became obvious that there was a problem, they rushed her to the vet where 6 more were delivered by C-section. One was breach in the birth canal and had died as would have Carmel and the remaining pups without the skilled assistance of these volunteers. Since the birth of the puppies, volunteers have been assisting the foster home with the care of the puppies and Carmel literally around the clock.

As wonderful as Carmel's story is, the real beauty is in how everyone worked together to make it happen. Although this is the first litter Rescue has whelped in over 10 years, the accomplishments of our volunteer team are repeated on a daily basis with the 70+ Golden we deal with every year. Countless hours are spent working on these dogs from the time they enter our program until after they are settled into their forever home. I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" and that I feel extremely honored to have each and every one of you on our team. Hopefully, you can join us as we celebrate our successes and learn about grooming at our annual meeting which is being held on June 8, at 2 PM at the Paws Abilities Training Center in Tukwila.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Annual Meeting

June 8, 2008, 2 PM

Paws Abilities Training Center

1007 Industry Drive, Building 33, Tukwila

Directions: http://www.pawsabilities.com/map_to_center.html

EGRC is allowing Rescue to hold a raffle at the June agility trial (June 14 & 15). We need donations. Please solicit donations from workplaces and businesses. Bring the items to the meeting. EGRR is a 502(c)(3) organization ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Donation form on Page 6

If you plan to attend contact Nancy at 206-286-5900 or goldenrescue@egrr.net

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS



As Placement Coordinator, **Sue Randall** makes it her responsibility to learn as much as possible about every dog coming into Rescue so she can make the best possible match. Sue also assists with Intakes and oversees the “day to day” operations of EGRR. She has a big job to do and she does it well!

Rescue is a family affair as Sue’s husband, **Rich**, oversees membership and publicity for EGRR. Throw in the responsibility of chief “pooper-scooper” for their 3 Golden Retrievers and the occasional foster dog and the Real Estate course he is taking and it’s obvious that Rich is a busy guy too. Despite these responsibilities, Sue and Rich were quick to volunteer to foster Carmel and her puppies. (see article)

What brought Sue and Rich to EGRR? Hailing from Wales, Sue met Rich in London where Rich, a Canadian, was studying at Cambridge. They moved to the Pacific Northwest from Pennsylvania with their 3 children and 4 dogs in 1998. Sue’s reason for getting involved with Rescue was because she felt that if you were going to be a breeder, you should also do Rescue. Oh, if only more breeders felt that way!

Rich and Sue are proud parents of 3 grown children, Chris, Deborah and Tim. Chris and his wife have recently relocated here from Boston and are temporarily living at home as is Tim, a Seattle-ite, who is in the process of buying a new house. Deborah lives in Ethiopia but is home on vacation so with Carmel and her puppies, the Randall house is a busy place. They also have 3 Golden Retrievers, Breeze, Dijon and Dijon’s son, Finley. They have had Golden Retrievers for over 15 years, and during that time have bred several litters and have worked or competed with their dogs in conformation, obedience, field and agility.

Rich and Sue are the epitome of the Golden spirit and EGRR is very fortunate to have them on our team!



HAPPY ENDINGS

“ COPPER ”

It is our plan to feature a dog in every edition of Golden Nuggets and the logical choice for the first dog is Mel and Gail Miller’s dog, Copper, because he is the first dog EGRR placed.



Adopted by Deputy Miller in June 2005, Copper is now the Narcotics Detection Dog for the King County Sheriff’s department. Copper has completed over 1,400 “sniffs” of buildings, vehicles, packages, bags and other items. His nose has led to the discovery of nearly 1,000 pounds of contraband with a street value of more than 4 million dollars. From the smallest trace of methamphetamine in a needle cap to over 20 pounds of high grade cocaine hidden in a storage locker, Copper has found it all. Besides his own department, Copper has made cases for The Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Postal Service, Washington State Patrol, Seattle Police Department and several other Federal and local law enforcement agencies. He is credited with over 350 narcotics arrests and the seizure of 3.5 million dollars in cash and property related to narcotics trafficking. After making more arrests in 2006 and 2007 than the rest of the Department’s K-9 Unit combined, Copper was named K-9 of the year for King County both years. Copper was also the winner of the 2007 G.R.A.C.E Award in the category of law enforcement which was presented at the GRCA 2007 National Specialty last September in Snohomish, WA. The G.R.A.C.E. Award, given annually by Rescue a Golden of Arizona, recognizes Rescue Golden Retrievers who have “accomplished something significant and exceptional”.

The story of Copper is inspiring from another standpoint. We were told that Copper (then Spencer) had a “raspy” bark but were not prepared for what he actually had - Laryngeal Paralysis. The neurologist felt that Copper should not be worked but Rescue’s vet who by now knew Copper very well felt that he would be much happier with a job to do and supported Deputy Miller in his decision to pursue training Copper.

As Copper became more settled and secure, the raspy sound in his throat all but disappeared. Copper excelled in his training despite the surfacing of some “baggage” like

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PUPPIES *(Continued from front page)*

By supper time, Sue, Claudia, and Diane were speeding to the vet, Carmel and five puppies in hand. Everyone, including Deb Pampiks who had joined the group, now pitched in to help the vet deliver five more live puppies by C-section. A little guy, Number 11, who through no fault of his own had probably caused the trouble by getting stuck in the birth canal, unfortunately did not make it.

Now to find adopters for them all. Well, in a few weeks from now anyway!! Also to arrange some helping hands for the Memorial Day weekend and the few days before. Little matter of a Randall family wedding that Saturday in Vancouver which has been planned for a while so a bit hard to postpone at this stage....!!!!!! In any event — Thanks to all in EGRR and in EGRC who readily offered help and who came by to help. It made it possible to handle the suddenness of it.

UPDATE

Dateline Bellevue, May 20, 2008 – As of Day 9, we are busy, busy, busy, feeding and caring (along with Carmel) for her pups. On about day two after birth, all pups were still losing weight. Carmel was just not producing enough milk yet. So a chain gang of volunteers commenced bottle feeding the pups on formula on round the clock shifts. By day 5, Friday the 16th, all the pups were now starting to regain weight and several had gone above their birth weight. A couple, in particular, were really thriving, but two or three were rebounding much more slowly. By Saturday and Sunday the 17th and 18th, it seemed Carmel was lactating more and all the pups were pretty much just feeding from her. One or two were given bottle fed supplement, but it was becoming increasingly obvious they much more preferred mum to the bottle!!! The night shifts had shifted to more just keeping an eye on things.

Sadly, we lost little “Pink” (named for the color of the ribbon tied around her neck – each pup a different ribbon for tracking purposes) girl. Pink had been born breech and had not given a breath for the first few minutes. So she had a rough start all told. And by day two it was obvious she had a damaged left rear leg. Nonetheless she was thriving and the leg seemed much better as the days went by. Suddenly on Saturday her leg went from progressing well to ballooning with an infection. Emergency vet surgery was attempted to save her life by amputating the leg. But unfortunately Pink’s heart stopped while the stitches were being done and it was not possible to revive her. She was the one everyone asked about every day and there were a few long volunteer faces that night...

Happily though, the remaining nine pups are feeding off Carmel pretty much on their own now, with

some small help from the many volunteers. In between, as all pups do they crash for sleep. Mother Carmel is being very, very good. She is a sweet girl. All in all we now just need to make sure everyone does well. That means the 9 pups continue to gain weight and that Carmel continues to help them along!!!

Again, many, many people from EGRR, EGRC and others who just want to help have been coming by Bellevue to care and feed puppies, and supervise Carmel. Everyone has been wonderful in lending a hand!!! It could not have been done without this GReat assistance!!!



Roy Talbot giving a helping hand.



Puppies at 15 days.



What a darling face!

Copper (Continued from page 4)

a fear of cameras and of some men. Now, 3 years later, Copper has defied the odds and has become an outstanding narcotics detection dog working full time with Deputy Miller.

To date, Copper has not needed the corrective surgery for the Laryngeal Paralysis and has yet to take a day of sick leave. Deputy Miller limits some of Copper's activities like running but he makes up for it with regular hikes both on and off duty. Deputy Miller makes sure that Copper is kept cool on hot summer days which fortunately are a rarity. When not out on a case, he can be found interacting with the Detectives and Patrol Deputies he has adopted as his family. When home, he likes to play with his Golden brothers, Jerry Garcia, who is a retired narcotics detection dog that Mel and Gail adopted as a senior, or the new youngster in the family, recently adopted Milo.

STARFISH AWARD

The Golden Starfish Award is presented on an annual basis to one or more rescue groups or individuals that make a difference. By the ones or by the hundreds, each group contributes to the effort, and we would like to recognize these groups both large and small for their devotion to rescue.

GRCA's National Rescue Committe is pleased to announce the 2007 Starfish Award winners.

Individual Category: Richard and Jane Fish of Texas. Over the years they have traveled thousands of miles to rescue one or two Golden and many rescuers have seen the wisdom of including the Rick and Jane in on messages about dogs in need. Their "drop everything else" approach after the 2005 hurricanes carries through today to the needs of even one Golden in a shelter several hundreds miles away. At the same time through the Dogstuff Affiliate Program, they make it possible for Rescue programs all over the country to receive "commissions" from their Dogstuff/Source Menagerie business. This is done with no charge to either the rescue program or the customer. Rick and Jane say "It's just our way of sharing revenues to help support the ongoing work of these wonderful organizations".

Individual Category: Patricia Duke of Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue of North Carolina. The nomination of Pat Duke shines with many references to the impact she has had on NRGR by her many deeds (adopt-a-thons, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, forums for foster homes, mentoring others). Just as significantly, it is the positive, energetic and respectful manner with which she interacts with other volunteers

and the public that caught our attention. She makes the point for us that we help Golden Retrievers by supporting and encouraging other volunteers. And it was Pat that spearheaded the highly successful "Find the Next Firedog" campaign that netted NRGR over \$60,000 when "Hank" became the Firedog with national recognition.

Program Category: Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota responded within three days to the USDA Puppy mill closing in North Dakota and brought back to Minnesota 47 adult Golden and 37 puppies in March 2007. The effort was massive in terms of organizing transportation, volunteers, veterinarians, foster homes, materials, supplies and other resources, and led to the eventual adoptions into forever homes of these abused and neglected Golden Retrievers. RAGoM's organizational skills and willingness of their many volunteers to step up to meet this challenge provides a blueprint for other programs faced with a similar task in the future. RAGoM knew to marshal resources, both locally and from the existing network of Golden Retriever Rescue programs, support committee and foundations. The local alliances they forged to meet this Puppy Mill crisis continue in effect today and portend well for the future of rescue activities in the Twin Cities.

Annual Meeting

EGGR will be holding the annual election of Board Members and have 3 open Directors positions. Those running for Re-elections (all unopposed) are:

Nancy Kiesler - President
 Jean Whitehead - Vice President
 Leslea McLean - Secretary
 Susan Rnadall - Director
 Roy Talbot - Director

Karen Rupert is stepping down as treasurer. Lee Cummings is running for the treasurer's position.

Board members all have responsibilities. We need people to serve on the board who are dedicated to Rescue and our mission and are willing to work and spend time to support our effort. If you feel you are one of those people, we welcome you to run. Please let Nancy Kiesler know so we get your name on the ballot.

After the meeting Jean Whitehead, Diane Murphy and Sue Randall will present a short grooming seminar showing the basic "golden grooming issues" ...Hobbit feet, mats behind the ears, cleaning ears, toenails, etc. There will be handouts for you to take home for reference.

BONUS: All attendees will be given a raffle ticket (FREE) for the chance to win a pair of thinning shears!



Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

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Date:

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue
Board Meeting
March 16, 2008 1:30 PM
Fairwood Library, Renton

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:49 PM March 16, 2008.
2. Attendance: Nancy Kiesler, Sue Randall, Lee Cummings, Leslea McLean, Jean Whitehead and Roy Talbot;
absent: Karen Rupert
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Last Meeting Minutes as written. Motion was approved.
4. Report of the President – Nancy Kiesler
 - a. Wilson Award – Nancy explained how the Wilson Award had come about and how it had been embraced by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club. The first winners of the Wilson Award were: Suzanne Bolwell (Sinjon), Diane and Clay Murphy (Sammy) and Allan and Nancy Kiesler (Mandy)– all EGRR members.
 - b. Newsletter - the first newsletter was distributed via e-mail and hard copies were sent to vet hospitals that give discounts to rescue. Gayle George-Sackett, the Editor, did a wonderful job and is already excited about the next issue. Dr. Thomazin or one of the other veterinarians at Animal Hospital of Newport Hills will write a column for each newsletter.
5. Report of the Treasurer – Karen Rupert
Financial Review – Karen was not in attendance but provided a written report which is attached to the Board Minutes.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraising – Diane Murphy was not present to give the report but sent a letter detailing her efforts and hopes for the establishing credibility of EGRR in the 501c3 community to make it easier to win grants. One helpful way that this could be accomplished was by having existing affiliations and sponsorships. She specifically expressed her disappointment in the board turning down the Purina opportunity. The board again reviewed the Purina criteria for the sponsorship and determined it was too much for our volunteer community. The Board also did not feel comfortable in endorsing any pet food product at the level required by Purina. The board wholeheartedly supports Diane’s efforts to continue to look for these opportunities and is looking forward to the next one. The Board also agreed with Diane’s assessment that EGRR is too small of an organization to undertake a large, fundraising event. The Board also expressed their appreciation and support of Diane’s efforts in her efforts in the raffle’s she has coordinated and the up-coming raffle to be held at the Agility Trial sponsored by EGRC June 14 and 15, 2008.
 - b. Rescue Report -Sue Randall gave a brief run down of the current dogs in foster care.
 - c. Membership Report -Rich Randall gave a report on membership. Currently there are 57 members.
7. Old Business

- a. Application Fees - A motion was made and seconded to raise the application fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Discussion ensued about what fees other rescue organizations were charging. Board members also referenced comments from potential and past adopters. The motion was passed unanimously.
- b. GRAC National: Nancy briefly discussed our great success with the fundraising auction and the publicity that came with host Kathi Goertzen. Great turn out for the parade and thanked the volunteers. Diane Murphy's Rescue Raffle raised more money than any other raffle during the five days of the National
- c. Microchipping: Still researching which company has the most complete coverage and the logistics and costs of having all of EGRR's dogs microchipped.
- d. Fostering restriction for families with kids less than 10. Only one foster family currently has children under this age and they will be allowed to take foster dogs on a case by case approval by intake.
- e. Rescue Crates: It was determined that many crates were scattered over the volunteers/foster homes and that any crates that were in condition for auction should be gathered but those that are working crates should continue to be shared on an "as needed" basis.
- f. Kevin Cobb's request to have link on website to pet vitamins and other requests for links. Board discussion ensued. The Board decided that Kevin's request met the criteria for our Web Site and his link would be added. Brad Kammerer, our Webmaster, will be asked to add Kevin's link to our Web Site with the appropriate disclaimers.
- g. Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue: Nancy reported that she never received a response from Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue (Oklahoma) for more information about the possibility of EGRR taking 1 or 2 dogs from them who were purchased at auction. A very lively discussion ensued. Several Board Members felt this would be helping the puppy mill financially thus allowing the millers to buy more dogs. Other Board Members felt that by SGRR purchasing these dogs it kept them out of the hands of the millers and by bidding up the auction price it meant the millers purchased fewer dogs. Additionally, some board members felt that bringing several of these dogs to our area could be a means of gaining publicity and educating the public about the problem of puppy mills. Discussion ended with the topic being put on hold pending communication with SGRR.

Break

8. New Business

- a. Board Tenure: It was discussed whether or not it would be good for EGRR to have the terms expire for multiple Board Members simultaneously. It was also discussed that the policies could be changed to allow for a gradual turn-over of Board Members and that the 3 year term would not be enough time to for a board member. Lee Cummings mentioned the possibility of creating a "past president" board position. The by-laws limit an individual's time on the board to 3 years but did not specify when this period started for the first board members. A motion was made and seconded that the term of the initial Board of Directors started with the first election which was in May 2007 and that the by-laws would be amended to reflect a 5 year term. Motion was carried unanimously.
- b. SPDR Affiliation: A motion was made and seconded to separate EGRR from SPDR. The separation of duties for those individuals that volunteer for both organizations was discussed. After a long discussion of the pros and cons, the motion was approved unanimously. Many things have to be done before

EGRR can officially separate from SPDR so a goal of having this happen by mid-summer was agreed upon.

- c. Fee Structure: A motion was made and seconded to raise the adoption rate from \$200.00 to \$250.00 for healthy dogs under 8 years of age. The discussion was about the rates of other organizations, rising health care cost and comments from potential and past adopters. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - d. Board Elections: There was discussion about adding another board member and what the best timing for that action would be. Since the by-laws call for up to 9 Board members, it was decided that 2 additional Board Members could be elected at the next General Meeting.
 - e. Next General Meeting: Nancy reminded the Board that an annual General Membership meeting is held every spring at which time Board elections are held and that work was being done to set a date and location. Plans are to have a grooming seminar in addition to the meeting so finding a location that will accommodate dogs is a challenge. Jean offered the use of Positive Approach Training facility in Tacoma free of charge and this will be considered. Nancy would like to find a place more centrally located if possible.
 - f. Donated Food: Nancy Kiesler reported a fairly large donation of food and toys from Royal Canin. Leslea McLean reported a promise of a food donation from Natures Variety.
 - g. Other New Business: Temporary Id tags were donated and available to pick up from Nancy after the meeting. There was discussion to routinely worm all dogs that come into rescue with out proof of prior worming. Worming medicine was also available to be taken by foster homes after the meeting.
9. For the Good of the Order
- a. All of the Foster Homes and Volunteers were thanked for their tireless efforts in helping rescue Golden.
 - b. The possibility of a winter function was discussed and it was stressed that should EGRR sponsor one, it should be done more as a fun, spirit-building event than as a fundraiser. Nancy mentioned a winery in Tukwila that hosts wine-tasting events for non-profits and they were interested in doing it because they own a Golden Retriever.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

These minutes are respectively submitted by:
Leslea McLean.

In Memory

Ernie Kiesler
?/1999 - 6/1/2008

Known best by others for the curls on the top of his head, we knew and loved him for his silly, easy-going, get along with everyone personality. It has been an honor and pleasure to share our lives with him.

Allan and Nancy Kiesler

“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” Theodor Geisel