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ONE YEAR LATER

Carmel Puppies – Year One Birthday Party

On Saturday, May 9, 2009 a one year old birthday party was held at Michelle and Scott Harvey's on Vashon Island for the puppies born from Carmel in Bellevue on May 12, 2008. Kit (aka No Collar) hosted the party which was attended by Tucker (aka Light Blue Collar), Jack Redford (aka Purple Collar), Sunny (aka Miss Red), Mazie (aka Miss Peach), and Riley (aka Mr. White). Three of the puppies from the Carmel litter, Hunter (aka Yellow Collar), Dodge (aka Navy Blue Collar) and Mitch (aka Mr. Brown) RSVP'd with their regrets.

The party was kept at a lively pace through wrestling contests on the floor, charging around and around the kitchen island, barreling through the woods on the Harvey's property, and then just general celebration and finally a birthday cake. Everyone had to slow down for a boring few moments to get group photos and then we were quickly back to mischief. The humans were kept happy by playing pre-organized guessing games, such as who had what collar in the litter a year ago (see answers above), and whose photo was on the cake (two humans guessed correctly it was Tucker's).

All humans agreed that everyone in the litter was a spitting image of all the others, amazing. Good thing they all came with collars (new ones that is) so all the humans could take home the correct adolescent doggie!!! From the way that the pups were bonded to their adopters, that probably wouldn't have had much chance of happening. In the end everyone headed off with a present and some fond memories of seeing their siblings once again.

Another GReat Rescue Happy Ending!!!!



"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

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on May 17th. Thank you also to those who wanted to be there but could not. I know it is a very busy time of the year and it is impossible to find a date that works for everyone. It was, as always, fun to get together, meet some of the dogs we have read about, like Toby and Starman, and to learn a bit about CPR and first-aid.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors! We had someone running in every position and they were elected unanimously. In addition to myself, they are:

Jean Whitehead - VP
Diane Murphy - Secretary
Lee Cummings - Treasurer
Sue Randall - Director
Roy Talbot - Director
Leslea McLean - Director
Kim Condrin - Director
Brad Kammerer - Director

I want to thank these dedicated individuals for their commitment to EGRR. They will have a lot more work to do as Board members than in previous years and they readily accept the challenge. I would also like to announce that we have filled several open coordinator positions and found assistants for others. Karen and Terry Jenkin's will be Foster Home Co-coordinators; Sandy Silvester is now helping with Placement; Kathy Hobson is back and has accepted the job of assisting with Intake; Nancy Maxson will be assisting Sachika Takeda, our Volunteer Coordinator; Arywn Todd has volunteered to help Brad Kammerer with the webpage and Kim Condrin has stepped up to assist Howard Jacobs with Publicity. Speaking of Publicity – Kim and her committee shared with those at the meeting the new informational piece that they have designed for EGRR. It is perfect, in my opinion, in design, message and size. The next step is to get it out to every vet, shelter, pet store, groomer, boarding facility, etc in our territory and to do this, I know the Publicity Committee could use some assistance so feel free to contact Kim if you can help. Hand delivering them with a personal message is much more effective than having them arrive by mail.

Our goal this year is to grow to meet the current demands placed on us and to plan for the future as well. I hope to have regular training sessions which in addition to being conducted in person, will also be transmitted via web-cam for those who are unable to attend. We will work to enlarge our volunteer base and especially the number of foster homes. By the end of the year, our webpage page will have a far different look and, I'm told, be much more user friendly.

This is only a smattering of our plans and we will be looking for additional ways in which we can better do our job. Bottom line - we need to insure that as long as Golden Retrievers need to be Rescued, EGRR will be there to help.

EGRR is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible so please consider helping us in our efforts. If your employer will match your donation, consider EGRR in your charitable giving.

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From the Vet's Desk

Managing Allergies in Golden Retrievers

By

Kent Thomazin, DVM

Animal Hospital of Newport Hills

The following is Part 1 of a 2 part article on Managing Allergies in Golden Retriever. Part 2, "Overview of Treatment Options" will be published in the next issue.

It appears that spring has finally sprung in the Seattle area and we are all welcoming the sunshine that seems to have been absent for so long. With the nicer weather, everyone is spending more time outdoors. Unfortunately, the nicer weather also means the start of allergy season for some Goldens and their owners. Allergies can be a year round problem depending on what the individual dog is sensitive to but with all of the world becoming green again, we generally see a significant increase in symptoms associated with Canine Atopy this time of year. Atopy is the medical term for a generalized allergic condition in dogs. Atopy is characterized primarily by itching, foot chewing, excessive licking, inflammation to the eyes, ears and skin. Seasonal allergies can manifest themselves in dogs very similar to what anyone that suffers from "hay fever" is all too familiar with: sneezing, runny nose, and itchy eyes.

Another significant problem associated with allergies in dogs is recurrent ear infections. Often for Goldens, this can be the most difficult aspect of managing dogs with allergies because of their recurrent nature. Often allergic ear problems, or Allergic Otitis is confused with recurring yeast, bacterial or parasitic infections. Owners most commonly complain that they cannot get rid of the "ear mites" that cause the dogs to itch. While there is often an infectious component to the ear problems that we see in dogs, it is important to understand that the primary problem is an inflammatory problem secondary to the allergy, and if we do not focus on controlling the underlying inflammation, we will never control the secondary infection.

To understand how to control allergies, we first have

to understand the underlying problem. There are three main categories of allergies: contact, inhalant and food allergies. Contact allergies are by far the most prevalent allergies that we see. Anything that comes in contact with the skin can potentially cause contact allergies; most commonly this is fleas, dirt, pollens and molds but can include carpet dyes, fabric softeners or detergents and bedding. While there can be a direct correlation between the points of contact and the areas of skin affected (think poison ivy), the contact is often generalized and only the thin sensitive areas of skin become significantly inflamed. The most common areas affected are the skin of the ears, arm pits, abdomen, and groin.

Inhalant allergies will cause sneezing, runny nose and itchy eyes as well as generalized itching to the skin and ears. Pollens, dust and mold are the common causative agents but smoke, perfumes and aerosol sprays can cause irritation as well. Food allergies account for approximately 15% of dogs that have allergic dermatitis. A common misconception is that most of the allergies that we see in dogs are caused by food and while good nutrition is important, most allergic skin conditions in dogs are not directly affected by dietary selection. Unfortunately we cannot control the pollens and environmental contaminants that may cause the contact and inhalant allergies but we can directly control the diet. This is why dietary trials are often attempted to determine a cause and effect relationship.



Spotlight On Our Volunteers

Lee Cummings

In addition to holding the purse strings for EGRR, Lee Cummings has been fostering homeless Golden Retrievers for over 13 years. Lee and her husband, Phil, live in Renton. They are life-long Cougar fans and met at Washington State University. Lee works full time for the Renton school district having started at the local elementary school many years ago and now has an office at the administration building where she oversees WASL testing for the district. Now down to one Golden, at one point they had 3 of their own Golden Retrievers in addition to 3 children but there was always room in the Cummings' Inn for a foster dog. Their current Golden, Jenny, is getting up in years but still enjoys playing with the young foster dogs.

Lee has experience in many dog-related areas including breeding, showing in conformation and obedience. She has also played an important part in many dog's lives because regardless of the day of the week or the time of the day or the dog, Lee almost always says "sure – we'll take him". Even when her college-aged daughter was recently recovering from knee surgery, Lee was ready to foster again once she knew that Shannon was stable on crutches and would not get knocked over. That is dedication! The Cummings are one of the few foster homes that has a cat – in fact, they have 2 cats – and this provides the opportunity to cat proof the dogs they foster.

Lee is a member of the Renton Disaster Preparedness Team and in her limited free time teaches classes on disaster training. She is also a certified ham radio operator. Thank you Lee for everything you do for the community and for EGRR!



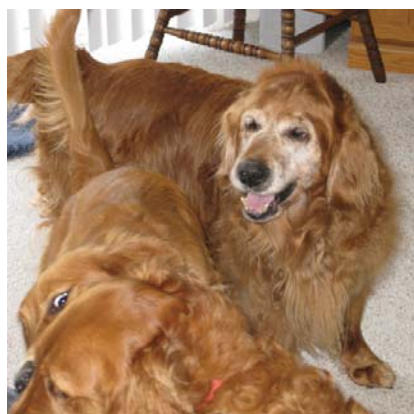
RESCUE OF THE MONTH

SOLO AND TOBY

EGRR experienced another “first” recently when we accepted 2 dogs at opposite ends of the age spectrum. 4 week old Solo is the youngest dog we have taken in and 15 yr old Toby, the oldest. Solo was found along the road in a rural area on the eastside with his sister. The person who took Solo contacted us and the person who took his sister supposedly turned her over to another Rescue group. Solo spent 9 days with the Randalls building up his strength, then he spent over 2 weeks wreaking havoc at the Kieslers. Plans at this point are for him to go to Gloria Miller’s house to spend a week with her litter of Golden puppies for some important puppy to puppy socialization. From there, he will go to his forever home.

Toby was rescued from the King County Shelter in Kent where he was turned in by his owner to be euthanized because he was old and not getting along very well. The shelter asked – no, they more like pleaded with us to take him because they just did not feel it was Toby’s time to go to the bridge. Toby then spent the next 3 weeks at Karen and Terry Jenkin’s home where he romped and played with the five resident Golden. He was recently moved to Tony and Kathy Bahnick’s home where he will spend his remaining days enjoying the good life.

We found it interesting how we could in the span of 1 week deal with 2 dogs at opposite ends of their lives. Solo, who was too young to be weaned when we got him, is just starting out on his journey and Toby, who has seen and done so much we’ll never know, is nearing the end of his. Both red dogs with a lot of energy, personality and a need for our services and we are just happy we could be there to help.



Rainbow Bridge



Six of "our" dogs made their journey to the Bridge this past quarter and we want to let their owners know that we share in their loss.

Shasta - adopted by the Gehrman family in 1999

Emmy - adopted by the Thayer family in 2003

Katie - adopted by Ann Mosley in 2003

Cassie - adopted by Debby and Louis Buennagel in 2002

Sky - hospiced only a few months by June Gabriel

Honey - adopted by George Kelley and Ed Richards in 2005

Although not an EGRR dog but having shared her home with many foster dogs:

Breeze, owned by Sue and Rich Randall

Memorial Donations

the Gehrman Family
in memory of
"Shasta"

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Honey Bear



Our golden Honey Bear who we adopted through EGRR is now almost finished with her therapy dog class. She is going to become a Pet Partner / Delta Dog so she can visit Ronald McDonald House and various other things. We are so proud of her because she's doing so well (she is the best in her class - last class all the other dogs got homework and she didn't!). With her extremely happy, calm and generous personality and her love for everyone, especially children, she's going to be the best therapy dog ever! We just think she's the greatest dog: we're so proud of her and grateful she is in our lives.

Fiona O'Carroll

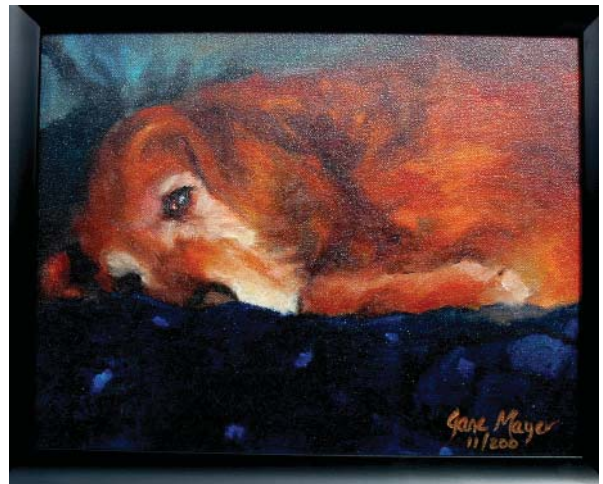
SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 5th
(Labor Day Weekend)**

Please join us at Argus Ranch (www.argusranch.com) for the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club's annual Specialty Show. We would like to invite you to join us for a barbecue dinner and Silent Auction of the many Golden Retriever artworks donated to Rescue. The evening is always fun, with good food (beer and wine), great company and new friends. Come early to watch the judging of Best of Breed. As this is a "specialty", only Golden Retrievers will be participating. This is your chance to see "the best of the best" in the show ring as well as obedience and rally competitions. Let us know you are coming and we will team you up with your own personal guide to the show.

Details regarding price and reservations will follow as soon as available....so save that date! Also, if you have any prints or artwork you would like to donate to the auction, contact Diane Murphy at 206-527-1219 or 206-851-4658. EGRR is a registered 501(c)(3) so we can provide a receipt for your tax record.

Here's a sampling of the artwork available.



"This Had Better Be Important"

Framed and numbered giclee print on canvas by Washington artist **Jane Mayer**. Only a Golden owner understand this "look".

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

Board Meeting
April 26, 2009 1:30 PM
Fairwood Library, Renton

Board Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:42 PM April 26, 2008.
2. Attendance: Nancy Kiesler, Sue Randall, Rich Randall, Lee Cummings, Diane Murphy, Leslea McLean, Jean Whitehead, Roy Talbot, Linda Talbot, Gail Ballenger, and Kim Condrin.
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. Volunteer Workload: This year will be a year of growth and sharing the load. Nancy presented a hand out of new volunteers and the current breakdown of responsibility.
 - b. Nancy spoke about the Money market surplus and P&L statement and encouraged members to continue to shop from the links on the website as it generates free revenue and the profits are direct deposited into our account.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasure- Lee Cummings presented written income and expense reports for 2008 and 2009 to date, broken down by donations and membership fees.
 - b. Fundraising – Diane Murphy Presented a committee report. She is concentrating on applying for grants and has narrowed it down to three basic funds that she will be focusing on. Goldstock Fund, Golden Retriever Fund, and Build a Bear Kennel palls grant. Diane would like to be in the loop when we have an intake that's cost would likely qualify as a candidate. Needs an IRS form 990 to complete the grant forms.

Raffle was a disappointment last year so Dianne made patches to sell at the general meeting and other events. Also she revitalized the rescue poster and printed it to be sold.

Diane has scheduled two fundraising events. The first is a one day raffle June 13th. The donated Disney passes are one of the items that is available She will be crating a themed basket around them and is requesting other Disney items to add. EGRR will be hosting the silent action at the breed club Specialty, Sat Sept 5th at Argus Ranch and members will be invited to the BBQ following. Wine tasting has been researched but Diane has not found the perfect venue for this fundraiser yet.
 - c. Intake- Sue Randall 8 dogs in Rescue She gave a brief run down of the current dogs in foster care. 42 dogs this year to date. Transferred 5 to Purdy for training. 7 dogs currently in foster and

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4 of those dogs are over 10 years old.

- d. Placement Sue Randall reported that we are doing well with the waiting list at the moment and anticipates the continued growth of our new applicant pool.
- e. Publicity- Kim Condrin reported for the committee. Kim had some flyers printed up for distribution that she offered to the members to distribute and display in prominent locations such as vets offices. They were all dispersed and the group decided we could use some more. Kim will get more printed to hand out to those who did not get them at this meeting and then offer to the general membership for distribution at the next meeting. Kim will also keep track of the flyers and make sure we can thank those that result in business.
- f. Membership -Rich Randall gave a report on membership. A written report was provided. Membership has increased due to added efforts with the intention of supporting our fundraising credentials with regard to qualifying for grants. Secondary benefits also bring in more volunteers to rescue. Also, a considerable amount of additional donations are being sent in on top the membership fee. Rich proposed that we ask foster homes to collect the membership paperwork and fee at the time of adoption. The group decided to include the membership application in the Welcome Letter and then ask the foster homes to follow up on the process and collect the fee for those that choose to join at the time of adoption. Rich will put into a written reason why donation helps rescue to add to the Welcome letter. Leslea and her team will be answering questions about membership along with the initial phone call in order to further these efforts.

6. Old Business

- a. Board Tenure: Nancy discussed accountability for the board which requires a by-law change and that it would be addressed later in the meeting.
- b. Separation from SPDR: Nancy reported and those present confirmed that the transition went very well. No issues associated with the separation from SPDR have been reported. Some EGRR volunteers and or members retained their dual status with both EGRR and SPDR. We are encouraged by the fact that SPDR still refers questions about Golden Retrievers to Pet-finder. EGRR has continue to receive a healthy number of new adoption applications, and our web site gets and average of two hundred hits a week.
- c. Adoption Donation amounts: Nancy Review that we increased to \$250 for dogs under 8 that are not puppies and reported that all the new amounts are on the new applications.

Break:

7. New Business

- a. By Law changes- Nancy handed out the new By-Laws for approval. Jean made a motion was made to hold the annual meeting each year in the month of May. Seconded and approved moved. Lee made a motion to change the By-laws to change the 3 year term to 5 years terms. Seconded by Jean and approved.

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- b. Board Elections: Nancy spoke about upcoming annual elections at the general meeting and be contacting current members about their intentions for concerning running for another term.
 - c. Frequency of Board meetings: Nancy announced that we need to have additional meeting. It was discussed and decided to hold one after the General meeting in October. Tentatively planned Oct 4th. Location TBD.
 - d. General Meeting and Training session: Red Cross will be demonstrating pet first aid. It is Nancy's intent that there will be time for people to socialize and get to know on another. It was discussed by Jean that she would provide additional training on halter options for dogs. Nancy will make copies of the news letter to have on hand as well.
 - e. Intakes of dogs with behavior issues: Nancy discussed that we decline any dog with extreme behavioral issues that can be named excessive separation anxiety of aggression. Sue discussed that once we have the dog we have to have deal with the issues and finding the right home for these dogs can be very difficult. Some of these situations can be prevented if we temp test with a dog for dog VS dog issues although the unwanted behavior does not always show during the test and appears later in the foster environment. Jean proposed to hold an annual foster home training seminar to help identify any issues as early as possible to give us the best chance to correct the behavior or at least place them in a home prepared to deal with the issue.
 - f. Update on Max: With a heavy heart Jean explained that she has been involved with Max's training and there owners for two years. The family has worked hard with the dog and had formal training with Positive Approach. Unfortunately, EGRR can not place him elsewhere due to the tremendous liability and responsibility that comes with his bite history. The family will not be able to keep him either due. Max will be PTS as he is would legally be labeled a potentially dangerous dog. Nancy will add some info into the foster-home packet to help foster homes look for early signs of aggression or other obsessive behavior.
 - g. Tanner: Sue discussed the situation with Tanner and that he is back with Sheila. Sheila needs another temporary foster home while she is traveling. She has been trying to find effective training for his toy obsessive behavior and has sought professional consult. Much discussion was generated about the responsible options we had in finding the right owner for Tanner such as Pet-finder or network with another rescue group. The bottom line after a thoughtful and thorough conversation is that Tanner is a liability and it is recommending that he be PTS.
8. For the Good of the Order
Roy asked that we put a donor's business card in the news letter as a thank you to their contributions. It was suggested that we create an issue that has a section thank you to all of our sponsors as to not show favoritism to one.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

These minutes are respectively submitted by:

Leslea McLean.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

**General Board Meeting
May 17, 2009 / 2:00 PM
Pawsabilities Training Center
Tukwila, WA**

Board Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM May 17, 2009.
2. Attendance was recorded and is attached to the Board minutes.
President Nancy Kiesler welcomed all the members and facilitated introductions. Nancy proudly noted that this is EGRR's first General Board meeting as an independent 501c3 charity.
3. The minutes were read by Leslea Mclean. A motion was made and seconded to approve the last Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was approved.
4. Report of the President– Nancy Kiesler
 - A. Nancy reviewed the notable accomplishments in 2008. Foremost is the smooth separation from SPDR. Further noted were the increased hits on the web site, (getting close to 300 a day) and the inaugural issue of the newsletter The Golden Nugget. Nancy also invited the volunteers to become guest writers in future publications. Additionally reported was a significant increase in membership and in the volunteer base.
 - B. Goals for 2009-2010-
 - Continue to expand the volunteers and distribute the load to avoid burn out. Find ways to move volunteers up the ladder and increase training to provide overlap and support.
 - Increase the number of foster homes
 - Expand the web page. New co-web page manager
 - New program. Sr's for Seniors. Nancy is still Ironing out the details. Basically the program would waive the adoption fee for senior dogs to senior adopters. This will be featured and supported on the web-page.
 - More training. Reave suggested web-cam training so we are hoping to put something together that allows training at home on their computer.
 - Maintain financial stability.
 - C. Nancy offered an answer to a previous election officers question: What do the board members do and how much time is expected to fulfill a position on the board. The time involved varies from 10 to 20 hours a week but this year Nancy will also be expecting board members to have an additional volunteer job or responsibility in the rescue process.

Nancy then introduced the foster dogs in attendance

-Star: Nancy spoke about his progress and his new surgery. He is a happy boy.

-Toby: 15 year old overweight male that owners wanted to euthanize. The shelter called us to take him. He is a great dog with kids and other dogs. Loves to play.

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5. Treasurer's report– Lee Cummings

Financial Review –Lee was present at the meeting and provided an oral review to those present as well as a written report which is attached to the Board Minutes. Reminded shoppers to shop thru IGive as it raises money for rescue at 2 cents a hit.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Intake- Desiree was not present so Nancy reported on the dogs coming into rescue.
- B. Placement- Sue was not in attendance so Leslea talked about the importance of getting to know the dogs and advantage of support and input from the foster homes.
- C. Fundraising- Diane Murphy reported first on the patches she had made. They are for sale at \$5 each. Also the door prize today is a framed rescue poster that will be given to one of those people present at the close of the meeting raffle. The framed posters are also for sale at \$20 each.

Diane also scheduled a one day raffle June on 13th. She is looking for additional Disney related items to go with the donated Disney tickets. The donated items will be welcome.

Additionally we will be holding another fundraiser Sept 5th during the Specialty at Agrus Ranch. They have graciously invited EGRR to the BBQ and allow us to hold a silent auction with donated artwork and other wonderful items.

- D. Membership- Rich Randall was not in attendance but Nancy reported on membership. A written report was provided.
- E. Volunteer- Sachi our volunteer coordinator reported that things are moving along but she is still missing a few volunteers updated paperwork and invited those that know who they are to turn in their paperwork.
- F. Web Page- Brad reported that our EGRR site gets almost 300 hits a week. The more hits we get the more we move up in the priority. New volunteer Erwin who does this for a living and will be making some changes to freshen up the site and easier to navigate. Also paperwork and other info to run the charity will be available via password to authorized members.
- G. Publicity- Kim had brochures developed to hand out in order to create more awareness for our group. Nancy picked a batch up from the printer at Costco and delivered them to the meeting. The flyers will be distributed by the volunteers to vets offices or other businesses to create more awareness and drive membership and increase volunteerism.
- H. Foster Homes- Karen and her husband have recently volunteered to be the foster home coordinator. They are planning on working together as a team. First they will reach out to other groups to gather info to see what has worked with them. Just starting out but happy to get started.

7. Old Business

No carry over old business

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8. New Business –

A. Election of Officers was held and the following ran for re-election

Nancy Kiesler - president
Jean Joseph -Vice President
Lee Cummings - Treasurer
Diane Murphy - Secretary
Sue Randall- Director
Leslea McLean - Director
Roy Talbot - Director
Kim Condrin – Director

Gail Ballinger did not run for re-election and left one open position.

Brad Kammerer- was nominated for the open Director position and accepted the nomination

All candidates were elected.

9. For the good of the order: Alan brought attention to the a club member who has graciously come forward offering to add our new puppy Solo to their litter for socialization. Nancy and Alan will first make sure that the young pup is healthy as we do not have any background information on where he came from or other history.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Meeting was followed by a short break with refreshments followed by a Canine First aid and CPR presentation from a volunteer from the American Red Cross.

These minutes are respectively submitted by: Leslea McLean.



Get Your Adopted Dog Featured in a Book!

Do you have a great story about your dog? Happy Tails Books wants to know! Your story could potentially be included in a book that serves to:

- Give adopted dog owners the opportunity to share their dog's amazing story
- Educate readers about the breed in a fun, unique way
- Enlighten readers about dog adoption options through rescue groups
- Generate funding for rescue groups by donating a portion of proceeds back

Each book features about 30 stories, and the donated proceeds will be divided between the rescue groups whose members contribute stories that get published. We are one of 10 rescue groups to be accepted, so write those stories. The stories can be about the dogs challenging history and happy future, a funny anecdote about something your dog did or any other heartwarming story that people would like to read. Don't worry if you're not an "author" – just do your best to get the message across!

The Happy Tails Books website is <http://happytailsbooks.com>, where you can read more about this project, find story submission guidelines and examples and submit your story. Please visit the website and consider forwarding this information along to your friends who have also adopted dogs. Happy Tails Books will be doing a Labrador book next, and has many other books in process. In order to create great books that have a positive impact on animal welfare, Happy Tails Books needs to hear from you!

The deadline for Golden Retriever submissions is July 30th, 2009.

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