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Suzanne Bolwell
2009 Wilson Award Recipient

The Wilson Award was established in 2008 in memory of a Rescue boy named Wilson whose life was too short due to health problems. To qualify for the award, the dog needs to earn a title and the owner must be a member in good standing in the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club.

“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

In preparing my comments for the Annual Meeting, I found myself thinking about our greatest challenges and accomplishments over the past 12 months. Thanks to the GReat team of volunteers and foster homes that we have, we always rise to whatever occasion faces us and the challenges become our accomplishments. Although we have taken in groups of dogs before, this is the first year it has happened multiple times. First there were three feral Goldens who came to us last summer from the Everett Shelter. Then, in early January, we took in the four adults and six 9-month old puppies (note 10 dogs total which was a record). Finally, most recently, we took in three 4 year old intact males who had never left their backyard even to go to the vet. Their owners had lost their home and were living in a motel and you guessed it – the dogs had to be out asap! We teamed with PAWS for these dogs and I am happy to report that all three are living happily ever after in their forever homes. There is an important common thread in all three of these significant intakes and that is Sue and Rich Randall. They have the ability to accommodate numerous dogs until we can assess and move the dogs to individual foster homes and have done so numerous times without reservation. Thank you, Sue and Rich, for without you, I believe that we would have had to decline these multiple dog intakes.

We have also faced the challenge of an inordinate number of dogs with medical problems who have essentially clogged our foster home system. As I write this, we have five dogs who are undergoing veterinary assessment and/or treatment, one dog who is in a hospice situation and one dog who has behavioral issues which preclude his adoption at this time. This number did just recently drop by one as CJ, Barb Hale's hospice dog with Oral Melanoma, went to the Bridge 2 weeks ago. We have absolutely no regrets in taking on these dogs but their long term foster requirements and veterinary expenses do present a unique challenge. My sincere appreciation to the foster homes that are caring for these dogs who in reality need us more than the healthy dogs do.

Our Annual Meeting was the best attended yet and included 11 EGRR dogs. We were unfortunately not able to broadcast it via webcam but will continue to investigate this technology for future meetings and training sessions. All Board Members chose to remain on the Board and were re-elected. I sincerely appreciate their efforts and desire to continue steering EGRR's course for the future. It should be noted that for the first time, all committees have a chairman – another accomplishment. We had a booth at Auburn's "Petpalooza" and will also have a booth at Kirkland's "Go Dog, Go" in July. Our new website is nearing completion and it will allow on-line applications. So although progress is slow and at times comes in "puppy steps", EGRR continues to grow, evolve and position itself for the future.

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From the Vet's Desk

ANXIETY AND STRESS

By

Jody L. Thomas O'Brien, DVM
Animal Hospital of Newport Hills

Have you ever wondered why Fido shivers or yawns when you leave the house? Many pets are affected by anxiety and stress. There are many obvious signs that our faithful companions are stressed such as the dog that hides behind the toilet or in the bathtub every time there is a thunderstorm. Or the cat that hides under the bed at the first sight or sound of the pet carrier being brought out of the closet. But there are more subtle signs of stress, fear and anxiety that are more difficult to recognize. Did you know that panting, yawning, shaking, averting the eyes or even postural changes such as stiffening up or lying still can be signs of a stressed pet?

Many pets have some degree of anxiety about their visit to the veterinarian. Your veterinarian can easily recognize early signs of stress. When early signs are ignored behavior problems can escalate. It is estimated that as many as 85% to 90% of all dogs exhibit one or more behavior problems, and veterinary behavior is a growing field.

Whether you think your pet has a behavior problem or even just seems a little anxious about his/her yearly visit to the veterinarian, please don't hesitate to schedule an appointment to discuss it or bring your concerns up at the next scheduled wellness exam. There are many little things we can do to make the appointment more comfortable. If your pet has a favorite treat or favorite toy, feel free to bring it along. An object that smells like home can go a long way in comforting Fluffy. If your pet doesn't get along well with other animals, you can leave your pet in the car until an exam room is available to minimize time in the waiting area where anxiety can get worse. Consider scheduling your appointment for a quieter time of the day. Sometimes leaving through the back door to avoid conflict can be helpful for decreasing interactions with other pets on the way out of the building as well.

Another option is to try pheromone therapy. Pheromones are substances that are smelled by dogs and cats and can have a dramatic effect on behavior, including helping lower stress levels. These come in

convenient sprays, collars and aromatic diffusers. In rare cases the best option is to give anti-anxiety medication prior to the stressful event. This is something that is best discussed with your veterinarian.

Noise phobias are common in dogs. If your dog is anything like my Great Dane, Daphne, the first signs of a thunderstorm or fireworks starts her pacing, panting and shaking. Many dogs suffer from this common affliction. Desensitization is a method of training that involves gradually exposing your pet to a stimulation that normally causes stress and anxiety. The idea is to have the stimulus at a low enough level to not cause the undesirable behavior and gradually over time increase that stimulus. For example, many people will get a thunderstorm CD and play it for the dog with thunderstorm noise phobias. Start with the volume low and over time increase the sound.

With the 4th of July coming up, many people are already dreading the fireworks and the mayhem that comes with it. Start early with desensitization. But for those pets that you know will still be stressed, please call to discuss other options for minimizing the anxiety. Again, some dogs will respond well to anti-anxiety medications and your veterinarian can help you decide what the best option is for your pet.



Annual Meeting

The Joys of Fostering

FULL CIRCLE

By

Rhonda Comfort, volunteer

My first introduction to rescue was when I saw a neighbor keeping their two Golden Retrievers either tied up or being left in a small kennel outside all the time. The female, Abbey, was a beautiful dark red GR and sometimes would get loose, but the male always was in this kennel and never let out. It broke my heart. Neither one of these dogs seem to get much attention. One day, after Abbey got loose and ending up in my yard, I sadly returned her to her owner. The owner was angry that she got out and mentioned that she had a litter of pups in the basement and he was tired of them all and wanted them gone. I went home and contacted Nancy Kiesler, whom I had met through G&H Golden Retriever mailing list. I explained the situation to her and asked if rescue could take in these dogs. Of course, her answer was yes, if they were unwanted and uncared for, rescue could help. I then went back to the neighbor and told him rescue could take all the dogs if he was serious about not wanting them. He handed the male dog, Jesse, over to me right then and there, but he wanted to try and sell the rest of them first, but would give them to me if he could not get rid of them.

Jesse became my first rescue dog and after clipping away mats and giving him a bath and lots of tummy rubs, we took him over to Nancy who after getting the necessary vet care, was able to place him in a great home. After checking back with the neighbor on the rest of the dogs, I was told he was successful in selling all the puppies and also a home for Abbey too. I was so glad I no longer had to watch what I thought was a very sad life for these Golden Retrievers. Abbey was such a sweet dog and I always worried about whether she found a good home or not. Oh, how I wished I could have helped her too.

I found out what a great feeling it was to be a part of helping a dog who is in a bad situation and giving them a second chance. This is how I got started, along with my husband's help, and have been a volunteer for rescue mainly in the Kitsap County area over 10 years now. Although, it has been only

short term foster care that we have been able to do and sometimes just doing home checks and providing transportation, it has all been so rewarding and fun. I have lost count of the number of dogs we have been lucky enough to help.

This brings me to Angie, the one rescue dog that we ended up adopting through rescue. We got a call from the shelter about a stray golden that had been on the run for quite some time and she was finally caught by animal control. We quickly determined she was a real nice dog and because she was so sweet and had such an easy going temperament, she was easily placed with an older couple who has recently lost their own much loved red golden and could not wait to have another one to love. Come to find out, the dog they lost and loved so much was Abbey. The very same red dog that I tried to rescue along with Jesse and all the pups nine years earlier. Apparently, Abbey was purchased through a newspaper ad and they said she was the best dog ever and had a wonderful life with her until old age took her. This brought me to tears, knowing that Abbey did find a great home, and just could not believe what a weird coincidence it was about the connection we had.

The unfortunate part or I should say "fortunate" part of this story is after a couple of months of Angie living in her new home, she was sadly returned to rescue due to the ill health of the husband and they could no longer take care of her. After picking her up again and seeing how well she got along with our own golden, we felt that Angie was meant to be our dog and we ended up adopting her through rescue and now she is a much loved member of our family and a great companion to our 14 year old golden, Chole

Working with a Great rescue like EGRR who offers so much support and knowledge makes it so much easier to become involved, even if it is in a small way. It has been one of the best things I have ever done.



Spotlight On Our Volunteers

Sheila Fiepke

We have policy to try to give a new foster home an easy dog for their first foster experience in the hope that they will enjoy it and want to foster again. This was our plan when Sheila Fiepke was asked to foster 5 yr old Lucy in the spring of 2007. After all, what could be easier than a middle aged female to foster. Boy, were we wrong! Sweet Lucy had been used exclusively for breeding and then discarded by her owner so she was very poorly socialized including having never known a leash. Sheila worked very hard with Lucy, learning a lot in the process, and was a stepping stone in Lucy's journey to her forever family. Efforts to make this up to Sheila were never very successful. Sheila was asked or has offered to foster some very challenging dogs for EGRR and through this became very aware that for some dogs the journey is much more difficult and the outcome not always what we hope it will be.

Fortunately for us, Sheila was able to see the overall picture and value of what she did and continued to open her heart and home to these dogs. Sheila has fostered all ages from puppies to seniors. She's fostered post-op, injured and Epileptic dogs and dogs with behavior issues. She spent 2 straight days caring for Carmel and her puppies at the Randall's home while they were out of town. Perhaps one of the reasons for her perseverance is that Sheila is by profession a registered nurse. Originally from Morengo, Illinois (75 miles NW of Chicago) Sheila joined Vista and worked with migrant workers in Skagit Valley which is how she came to love the Pacific Northwest. She returned to the Midwest, got her MBA and started a home infusion business. She sold the business in 1998, retired and moved to Seattle along with her Golden girl named Blaze. Blaze (aka Blazemeister, Blazie girl and Bunny) went to the Bridge at age 12 years, at home with Sheila by her side. Sheila travels frequently and fostering dogs allows her to get her "Golden fix" while at the same time knowing that she does not have to worry about her dog while she is gone.

Sheila is a busy lady. In addition to her work with EGRR, Sheila volunteers at the local food bank.

Her hobbies include working with pottery and stained glass both of which she has used to help raise money for EGRR. She also enjoys gardening, hiking, kayaking and about anything done outdoors. As you can see, Sheila is a very special person and EGRR feels most fortunate to have her on our team!



Blaze



HAPPY ENDINGS

“Marley”

By
Sherry McCabe



On September 21, 2008, I adopted Marley from the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) association. At the time, his name was Barkley and I was 2 days shy of turning the big “35” and was picking my mother up from the airport later that day. She was coming in because we share the same birthday date. We had planned an extravagant trip to New York to eat fine food and see a Broadway show to ring in this seemingly monumental birthday of mine but ended up staying in town to get to know Marley, and as it turns out, each other. We spent the extended weekend playing, taking long walks, and catching up. It was a great birthday.

When I first met Marley, he reminded me of a big, friendly bear; one that everyone would want to hug and one that would want all those hugs. He was a big boy, weighing in at 140 lbs, but as sweet as can be. His owner surrendered him because she no longer had time for him so he was left alone outside most of the time. I owe her a big thank you!

For years I had wanted to get a dog with the temperament that would be good for the Reading with Rover (RWR) program, and he was it. RWR is a non-profit volunteering program made up of “pet therapy teams” of owners and their canine companions. These teams gather at different libraries, schools, bookstores,

etc. around the Puget Sound area for children to read to them. Studies have shown that this type of educational therapy significantly increases children’s reading and social skills, and it’s just plain fun. Marley has already received his Canine Good Citizen certificate and Marley and I will become a RWR pet therapy team after completing our shadowing hours in the summer 2010. We plan to begin a RWR program in the West Seattle/Burien area where there currently is none.

One year after adopting Marley on September 23, 2009, Marley and I, along with my partner and her canine companion, hiked up Snoqualmie Pass to plant a flower in remembrance of my mother. She passed away suddenly on March 10, 2009, from a brain aneurysm at the age of 54. I had no idea one year before that we would never spend another birthday together again. So now, whenever I look at Marley, I remember my mother and us spending that weekend together. He is a perfect reminder of that special, and last, mother-daughter time spent together.

Marley and I have looked forward to becoming a RWR team but will do so now also as an act of commemoration of my mother’s spirit. Thank you to EGRR for providing me with not only a wonderful companion but also a cherished and heartfelt memory.

A Nugget of Training

by

Jean Whitehead

**EGRR VP, Shelter Checker and Behavior Coordinator
Positive Approach Dog Training and Daycare Instructor**

HOW RUDE!

The following is a summary/interpretation of a wonderful article "He Just Wants to Say "Hi!" by Suzanne Clothier, check it out at flyingdogpress.com.

One day while shopping with my mom a strange man ran up to me, tackled me, threw me over his shoulder, dropped me on the ground, then slapped my behind before throwing his arm over my shoulders. As I caught my breath I shoved his arm off of me and started to scream as I moved quickly away from him. He started to move toward me again, so I screamed louder and moved away, when he reached for my shoulder I shoved his hand away.

When I caught up with my mother she started to scold me for being rude, after all the guy just wanted to play wrestle. People around us were giving me dirty looks, noting what an unpleasant person I was, and a couple of people were comforting the tackler! My mother was criticized for raising such a mean child.

Sound ridiculous? It should, yet every time I go to the dog park I see a similar canine scenario. People already in the park congregate near the entrance talking to each other, their dogs off doing their own thing. A new dog enters the park and gets rushed by several other dogs. At least one young retriever is likely to rush up to and jump on the new dog, licking it in the face, getting underfoot then jumping on the new dog again. Shortly the new dog starts to growl, then snap, then pin the jumpy greeter on the ground. The new dog's owner scolds his dog, the jumpy dog is gathered up and comforted and other dog owners give the new dog and its owner dirty looks and move away from them.

Was the new dog any ruder to the jumpy dog than I was to the tackler? Probably not, yet we often let our dogs be incredibly rude to other dogs then

scold the other dog for reprimanding our inappropriate dog. Was either of the dogs being aggressive? Again, probably not. In both cases the pushy individual was likely being friendly – obnoxiously, overwhelmingly “friendly”. Just as people can properly ward off invasive humans, dogs also have limits to the rude behavior they will tolerate. It would be appropriate for me to ward off some strange man tackling me but not kill him; it would be appropriate for one dog to growl and snap at another dog jumping all over him but not kill him. Chances are good we humans missed several subtle bits of communication from the new dog telling the jumpy dog he wasn't wanting the jumpy dog's attention. Dogs have a normal progression of warning signs, body stiffening, eye contact hardening, etc. that are often missed by dog owners and ignored, or unknown to rude dogs.

Luckily there are ways we can help our dog be less rude or avoid being treated rudely - mostly by educating ourselves as to normal dog communication. By knowing what is rude behavior and how dogs let each other know whether or not they are interested in other dogs we can avoid most negative interactions. Of course ALWAYS be aware of where your dog is and what they are doing.

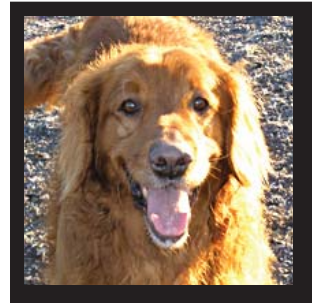


Rainbow Bridge



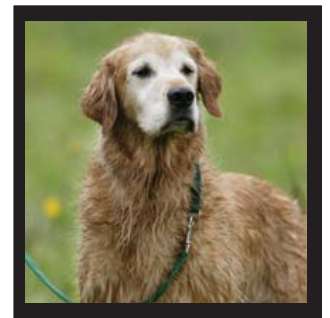
Three of “our” dogs made their journey to the Bridge this past quarter and we want to let their owners know that we share in their loss.

“CJ” - We knew from the start that his time with us would be limited because the shelter told us he had Oral Melanoma. Foster Mom Barb Hale took him into her home and heart for three short months. She did not think that the name CJ suited him preferring to call him Pretty Boy Floyd and Silly Boy Floyd because he liked to climb up on the bathroom counter and look at himself in the mirror!



“Leroy” - Leroy arrived in western Washington at the age of 4 months along with approximately 200 dogs when a puppy mill in eastern Washington was closed. He quickly grabbed the hearts of volunteers, Jim and Judy Tallant, and went on to lead a long and very happy life with them. He had the kindest of hearts and taught many foster dogs the ropes but he was best at being a Couch Potato!! (see the Draw the Dog T-shirt ad - that’s Leroy.)

“Catch” - Shadowland’s Dream Catcher, WC, CD, NAP, CGC - Jean Whitehead was blessed to have 15 years with Catch during which time he temperament tested and socialized many Rescue Golden Retrievers. He also acted as Jean’s official “greeter” and she knew that if Catch reacted to a dog or human, she had a problem. Although not a Rescue dog, he was one of our best canine volunteers and will be missed by all.



*Then you cross
Rainbow Bridge together....*



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EGRR Board of Director's Meeting 4/18/10

Call to order: 1:48 pm

Attending: Nancy Kiesler, Sue Randall, Allan Kiesler, Rich Randall, Kim Condrin, Jean Whitehead, Brad Kammerer, Lee Cummings, Diane Murphy

I. Minutes from 11/1/09 meeting (read by Diane) MSP

II. Report of the President:

1. Many dogs coming in with significant medical problems
2. However, our donors are rising to the occasion. Approximately \$535 received just from EGRC members. Particularly happy with memorial donations sent in by strangers.
3. Projects to get EGRR more visible in the community
 - a. Business cards (donated by Chris Enrico – “Thanks Chris!”)
 - b. Need to have EGRR banner made for use at community events
4. Still working toward goals stated last fall

Education -- Foster Homes:

1. In addition to Foster Home Guidelines, they are asked to read 2 articles available on-line (links are: He Just Wants to Say "Hi" and Becoming a Foster Parent)
2. Sent booklet (Leader of the PACK – Patricia McConnell)
3. Required to watch DVD “Language of Dogs”
4. Create a behavior assessment team – first project is to standardize our temperament testing form
5. More visible in community (projects for this year)
SKC, Go Dog Go, Pet Palooza

III. Committee reports

A. Treasurer – Lee Cummings

Profit & Loss Statement – detailed report provided. Net income YTD was \$3,691.52

Previous years' comparisons – detailed report provided.

Vet expenses up \$2300 this year over last

We will send bills for Ginger to GRF “April Fund Grant” (over \$2,000 so far!)

B. Intake – Sue Randall

C. Placement – Sue Randall

Dogs adopted: 19 YTD

2 listed (but placed by owners)

8 applications “on hold”

11 adopted elsewhere

16 adopted from us

30 people currently waiting to adopt

We currently have 8 listings (2 dogs with seizures & 1 with auto-immune issues)

D. Foster Home – Karen Jenkins (not present)

Task force is being formed to recruit new foster homes

Karen submitted (via email) a detailed report of the steps so far completed and the remaining plans of the task force.

E. Fundraising – Diane Murphy

April Fund Grants, through the GRF, have been applied for and GRanted!!

Annual Raffle (September EGRC Agility Trial)–spend money & solicit donations (Diane to write letter for distribution to list)

Will spend money this year to buy more Guisachan ornaments (from GRF) & “good” prizes. Last year’s “Disney Day Passes” were a HUGE success last year. Many thanks to Leslie Bratspis!

F. Publicity – Kim Condrin

Nancy put a “hold” mailings for now

Kim created address “stickers” advertising EGRR – samples passed out to board members

G. Membership – Rich Randall

Detailed report provided – 157 members to date (52 new members)

We will add a line for: “How did you hear about us” to membership application form

Many people add a few “additional” dollars to membership dues

37 have not (as yet) renewed

Over 50 “volunteers” listed

23 people (16 foster homes) listed

H. IT – Brad Kammerer

New website design and hosting is Pro Bono – we received a notice from East coast web developer (Charlotte’s Web - she hosts/develops/etc.)

Currently to add to website is hard – not under our control as yet. It will come back to Brad eventually once up and running.

Take picture of foster dogs?

Projected date to go “live” – real close!

Database driven – online applications and other forms

IV. Old Business

A. “Rex” aka “Jack” – Skagit Shelter/ resource guarding still at Mel & Gayle’s

Professional assessment?

B. Creation of a “Star Award” to present to vets and others who donate/discount their services. Livingston Taylor’s permission to use his music on our website. For example: Christopher Peacock’s permission to use his music on our website. Dr. Kennedy (Woodinville Vets) and Dr. Thomazin (Newport Hills) for their GReat discounts!

V. New Business

A. Event planning

1. SKC show - \$65.00 in cash donations/t-shirt etc. sales. EGRC/EGRR won BEST BOOTH award! The judges mentioned the “crowds” our dogs “attracted” to the booth as well as the information materials and RESCUE!

2. Petpoolza May22
 3. Kirkland 7/24
 4. Picnic (Argus – cost \$\$/private park-Nancy will check/public parks- talk to insurance company/PositiveApproach in Tacoma-rent bldg)
- B. Foster Home Task Force study – Karen is forming this group to study and recruit new foster homes
- C. King County Shelter Update: “Not going to close the shelter. Will have 4 districts with 6 officers, working 5 days a week (will close Crossroads facility)”
- D. IRS Course - Nancy will attend (\$45) to check out accepting funds from out-of-state (do we need to register in every state we get funds from?)
- E. Audit of EGRR books- Laurie Beiden will complete audit
- F. Annual Meeting – May 16, 2 PM at Paws-Abilities in Tukwila. Jean will present a leash manners & dog parks etiquette (bring projector)
- G. Adoption Fee verse Donation – re-adjust fee schedule and approve at annual meeting
- H. Eye clinic again to be help at Dr. Sullivan’s office in the University District.

VI. For the good of the order:

None

4:18 pm: Meeting adjourned MSP

Respectfully submitted

Diane Murphy

EGRR Recording Secretary



Annual Meeting

EGRR Annual Meeting 5/16/10
4th Annual Meeting

Call to order: 2:20pm

1. Welcome from EGRR President Nancy Kiesler. Introductions of volunteers, members, and their Golden Retrievers. Special “guest” Golden Retrievers introduced (Star, Tippi, Jake & Elwood, Milo, Charlie, Gismo, Happy Jack and Julie).

2. Approval of previous annual meeting’s minutes as published in the Golden Nuggets. MSP

3. Report of the President:

A. The video “Best of Friends” was shown. This video, featuring EGRR dogs and the music of Livingston Taylor, was featured at Rescue’s booth they shared with EGRC at this year’s Seattle Kennel Club show. Thank you to Gayle George-Sackett for producing the video and for getting Livingston Taylor’s permission to use his music, both in the video and on our website.

B. It has been a good year for Rescue in many ways.

- I. 68 dogs have been helped
- II. Every committee now has a chair
- III. We have increased the number of foster homes
- IV. We are getting information out to the general public. Starting with the shared booth with EGRC at SKC (which won “Best Booth in Show” thanks to the number of people stopping to meet the Golden Retrievers “manning” the booth, the breed health and history information presented, the Rescue information and the use of video presentations), Rescue will be attending more public venues this year. This will be the first year we will attend Petpalooza and Go Dog Go. We are also looking into another possible event with the Kiwanis Club. 1st year –Petpalooza and Go-Dog-Go (Kirkland) and possible event with Kiwanis Club
- V. We have a great newsletter, which is also sent to local vets.
- VI. We’ve increase training efforts for our foster homes. Booklets are given to new foster homes. They are also sent a DVD to watch.

4. Treasurer’s report – Lee Cummings

A. Printed detailed Profit/Loss Statement and 2-yr comparison reports were submitted

- I. \$1000 profit
- II. Average cost per dog placed is \$427.31
 - a. Vet expenses - \$343.15
 - b. Fostering expense - \$11.23
 - c. Administrative expense (mostly the cost of our insurance policy) - \$72.93
- III. Vet expenses are up due to the number of dogs with medical issues. Average vet expense per dog placed - \$343.15
 - a. 19 dogs exceeded the average cost of vet expense
 - b. 17 dogs had vet expense of \$500 or greater
 - c. 5 dogs had vet expense of \$1,000 or greater

5. Committee Reports

A. Intake – Desiree Gibson (not present – report given by Sue Randall)

- I. 10 dogs in currently in foster care. Of these 10 dogs, 2 are “hospice” cases, 3 have seizures, and 1 has autoimmune issues.
- II. There are 2 possible incoming dogs and 1 possible currently at a shelter.

B. Placement – Sue Randall

- I. We have placed 21 dogs in 21 weeks! 3 dogs were adopted by Rescue volunteers, 5 dogs were kept by original owners, 1 dog was declined for aggression issues.
- II. There are 25 people on our waiting list. However, most are very specific in their wants and needs for a golden.

C. Fundraising – Diane Murphy

- I. Through the generosity of the Golden Retriever Foundation, EGRR has applied for and received \$1,600 from their April Grant Fund (dedicated to rescued Golden Retrievers). We will continue to apply for future grants.
- II. Three fundraisers (so far) this year.
 - a. EGRR now has tee-shirts (and an organic cotton baby “onesie”) available online from CafePress. The drawing “features” EGRR’s very own LEROY. Leroy was one of the many puppies seized from a notorious puppy mill in the dead of winter. Leroy was fostered and adopted by EGRR member Judy Talent. Leroy just went to the bridge but will be fondly remembered by all of us. Please go to www.cafepress.com/goldenrescue for information and to order.
 - b. EGRR is partnering with ThunderShirt for a fundraiser featuring their product. For two weeks (June 13th through June 26th) EGRR will earn \$15 for every ThunderShirt purchased from their website (www.thundershirt.com) when our special code (evergreen) is entered in the discount code box. After this two week period, EGRR will still earn \$5 for any shirts ordered. Rescue has heard many good things about this product from members and other rescue groups. We applaud this company’s belief in their product and their willingness to help rescue groups at the same time. There is no better advertisement than a satisfied customer.
 - c. EGRR has again been offered the opportunity to host a raffle at EGRC’s September agility trial (Labor Day Weekend). A reminder will go out to members for donations to the raffle. This event is traditionally a great “money-maker” for us. We will again have Disney “day passes” (Thanks Leslie Bratspis!) Any Disney paraphernalia would be greatly appreciated as I build raffle baskets.

D. Membership – Rich Randall (detailed report submitted)

- I. Currently 159 members for 2010 (142 for 2009, 96 for 2008, and 39 for 2007)
 - a. Of these members, 56 have volunteered their help. 23 members to foster (in 16 foster homes) and 7 to fundraise.

E. Volunteer – Sachika Takeda (report presented by Brad Kammerer)

- I. Lots of foot traffic at booth with LOTS of DOGS in the booth
- II. Next weekend is Petpalooza and Go Dog Go is July 24th
Thanks all the volunteers!

F. Webpage – Brad Kammerer

- I. Last November, Charlotte’s Web – took over our website (pro bono)
 - a. Still in transition – almost ready to go live (database driven – input forms can be filled out online)

G. Publicity – Kim Chondrin (not present - broke tooth on way here!)

- I. Nancy has put a hold on mailings for the moment.
- II. Kim has created “address” labels that promote EGRR

H. Foster Homes – Karen and Terry Jenkins

I. Working to continue building foster home list

a. Task force forming to examine how to build numbers of foster

homes

1. Request for any volunteers to join this task force

I. Shelter Manager – Chris Enrico

I. Developing list of shelters and breed rescues

6. Old Business

none

7. New Business

A. Election of Officers

I. Ballots passed to voting members

a. Current slate of Officers unanimously re-elected

B. Other

I. Chris Enrico has designed and donated “generic” business cards for use by members.

II. Nancy reported EGRR’s non-profit status is up-to-date and all required IRS paperwork has been filed.

a. She will be attending a conference on required financial reporting and other legal issues for non-profits.

8. For the good of the order

A. Gail & Mel’s “Milo” has earned his NADAC Tunnelers agility title

B. Jean & Laura’s “Star” has found his vocation – assisting in grief counseling

C. “Jasper” reports his enzyme levels are creeping back up

D. Gayle George-Sackett gave information about K9 Nose Work, a new sport for dogs.

“The sport holds special gifts for dogs which lack task or handler focus, are shy or overly reactive around other dogs and/or people, dogs convalescing from medical issues, dogs with social or situational anxiety preventing them from joining typical group training classes, dogs with hearing or sight impairments, or which are retired service, competition, conformation, or working dogs in need of a 'job' to keep them busy and happy.”

Check out www.nwnoseworks.com. You can view a video and at the bottom of the page are links to the national group.

9. 3:20 pm – motion to adjourn MSP

Break – Refreshments

Presentation: “Manners, On Leash and Off” by Jean Whitehead. Jean is a longtime EGRR volunteer, Golden Retriever breeder, and a professional trainer.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Murphy

EGRR Recording Secretary