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Let it snow!



*“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

I participate in several e-mail lists and receive newsletters from other Rescue groups and because of this have a good sense of what issues other Golden Retriever Rescue groups are dealing with. Although the financial issues that faced us in 2009 have continued through 2010 with vet expenses increasing from 79% of our budget in 2009 to approximately 85% in 2010, we have met these challenges. We owe this to several things – the competent and caring vets who treat our dogs, our awesome Fundraising team and continued support from our donor base. No Rescue group that I am aware of is able to meet their expenses with their adoption fees alone and take in dogs with medical issues. These are the dogs who need us the most and who we will continue to help. In almost all cases, once recovered from whatever health issue they are dealing with, these dogs are adopted and bring much love and joy to their families.

I believe one of the main reasons that we are not getting as many young, healthy dogs is because Rescue in this area is a very well known and an accepted way to get a dog. People are more pro-active and search sites like Craig's list, Petfinder.org and shelter websites or visit the local shelters and find the dogs on their own. A volunteer checks Craig's list daily and sends an e-mail to everyone listing a Golden there telling them about Rescue and most of the time she never gets a response. When they do respond and indicate they would like to work with us, it is often because they received so many responses to their ad that they were overwhelmed and decided that they would rather we had the responsibility of placing their dog. The shelters call us only when they feel the dog will not be adopted for health or behavior reasons. This is quite a change from years ago when the shelters at times had numerous young Golden Retrievers needing our assistance. The other obvious reason for the increase in dogs with medical issues is the economy which continues to have a significant impact on pet ownership. Many dogs have come to Rescue because their families could no longer afford to care for them.

Our GReat team of foster homes is also critical to our success and this is even more apparent given the longer stay in foster care that is usually required by the dogs with medical issues. In some cases, foster homes have had to "tag-team" to cover the foster care of a dog. Take Polo who had knee surgery to repair a torn cruciate ligament. He was in four different foster homes, two before surgery and two after surgery.

Despite our holding our own, we are not "out of the woods" yet as economists continue to report a much slower recovery than originally hoped. We can expect this trend to continue and because of that, we will continue to need and appreciate your support. If you have been thinking about fostering, now is the time. Same with volunteering. And of course, financial donations are critical. Remember – for many of the dogs we help, we are their last hope.

Happy Holidays!

Nancy Kiesler

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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November 21, 2010

Dear Friends of Rescue,

Rescue (res·cue)

Pronunciation: /'reskyoo/

verb (rescues, -cu·ing, rescued)

save (someone) from a dangerous or distressing situation

keep from being lost or abandoned

—*Oxford Dictionary*, © 2010 Oxford University Press

Imagine always having your needs come last. Always being the lowest priority for many assorted reasons. For two of EGRR's intakes, this has always been their "life". While loved by their families, Milo and Polo both had debilitating health issues that their respective owners could not afford to address...for YEARS.

Milo's rear leg could not bear any weight and as a consequence, had significant muscle atrophy. He wanted to run and play but could only limp along and even that was with considerable pain. Polo also needed TPLO surgery on both rear legs...yes, his "problem" is bilateral. ☹

Your EGRR Board was faced with a dilemma. Here were two young dogs, both with true Golden temperament, and both with equally EXPENSIVE diagnosis...about \$3,500 per dog. Those kinds of expenses would put a huge dent in our cash reserves. We could provide many spay/neuters and vaccinations and routine surgeries with \$7,000. Could we "afford" such expense? But wait...these two dogs have spent their lives as the subject of similar discussions...and always had their needs unmet. EGRR knows we cannot help every dog but here were two dogs that desperately needed a safety net. The decision was made to put a big "RESCUE" into EGRR (see the Oxford Dictionary entry for "rescue" listed at the beginning of my letter).

Thanks to the foster homes (pre and post-op) and to our vets (surgically and financially), both boys underwent TPLO surgery and have "aced" their 8-week checkups. Polo is enjoying his life in his "forever" home and potential adopters are being called for Milo.

As EGRR's Fundraising Coordinator, I "personally" feel the sting of such large expenses, but I am thrilled by our decision to give these two deserving dogs a better life, a life without pain. So I need to refill the coffers. ☺ I was recently sent very appealing fundraising opportunity. There is a company that will pay EGRR for recycling old cell phones and cell phone batteries. If there is a new iPhone or Droid or ?? in your Holiday future, please SAVE those old cell phones for Rescue. We can help raise money for Rescue and save the environment as well! I will be contacting EGRR members, who indicated on their membership application, that they wanted to help with fundraising. We will work together on setting up collection points and contacting businesses too.

****DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON****

Yours with hope and gratitude,
Diane Murphy
EGRR Fundraising Coordinator

2011 Annual Membership Drive

Thank you so much for being members of Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR) in 2010. Great, great help toward promoting responsible dog ownership and, above all, helping more and more homeless Golden Retrievers!!

We are starting our 2011 Annual Membership Drive for EGRR !!!

We – AND all of our Rescues - would ask for your continuing support in 2011 - By renewing your annual individual memberships, at only \$10 for each individual member!!! The 2011 membership application is included in this Newsletter. Please mail the application to the Renton P.O. Box noted in the application.

EGRR has spent a great amount in the eleven months so far in 2010 for veterinary care on all the rescued dogs. Quite an expensive year. But, the total fees from adopters covered only part of these costs. Therefore, sustaining the very existence of EGRR depends on other sources of funding. As EGRR is a 501c3 charitable organization, additional donations by members are tax deductible and are very, very gratefully received!!

Lastly, ask a friend, ask a relative, ask a colleague to join, and they can become new supporters as **New Members!!!**

Thanks kindly!!!



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 _____

HAPPY ENDINGS

“Jessie”

Editor’s Note: It is with sadness in my heart that I inform you that Jessie passed to the Rainbow Bridge on November 26th. I felt it was important to tell her very special story.

Kathy Hobson had no idea that her life would change forever when she adopted 2 yr old **Jessie** from EGRR in 1999. Jessie had been found along the road with a fractured hip after being hit by a car. Near death, a vet in Sea-Tac treated her wounds and surgically fixed her hip and one of his vet techs took Jessie home to recover. Rescue was asked to place Jessie and Kathy got the phone call she was waiting for. Looking for a playmate for her 9 yr old Golden, Jake, and having missed out on two other Golden retrievers at shelters, Kathy drove immediately to Sea-Tac, determined to adopt this dog no matter what!

At first, she had her hands full because Jessie was not housebroken and chewed up everything in sight. At parks, Jessie appeared to enjoy climbing on or into things. During basic obedience class Kathy mentioned this to her trainer who suggested she look into Agility training. In an effort to keep Jessie busy and out of trouble, Kathy did just that and Jessie excelled, earning her first title after just 9 months of training. When a friend suggested Kathy try flyball, she did and again, Jessie was a natural. After just 5 classes, Jessie did an awesome job in her debut in a demonstration at a Husky soccer game despite the distraction of several children yelling “It’s a Golden, It’s a Golden!!

This, as it turned out, was only the start for Jessie and flyball demonstrations. Jessie was selected for a flyball team going to New York to perform in the halftime show for a Nick’s game at Madison Square Garden. Not to be outdone, Philadelphia asked if they could stop there on their way home and perform during the halftime show for a 76er’s game. They were invited back the next year and have performed at many other venues including in Canada at a Canuck’s game. Not only did Jessie open the door to new activities and travel for she and Kathy but Kathy has put this knowledge to good use by teaching Agility.

Jessie has been retired for several years now but the memories linger on – of a special girl given a second chance at life and making the most of it thanks to Rescue and a wonderful forever Mom. Kathy now fosters and assists with Intake for EGRR as a way to “pay it forward” in appreciation for the phone call that changed her life.



Spotlight On Our Volunteers

Karen Rupert



Karen & Mark

Karen Rupert's introduction to Rescue occurred in 1994 when she asked for Rescue's assistance in placing a young Golden name Frisky that she had rescued on her own. As Karen tells the story, she eventually got involved with EGRR because she was so impressed with how Frisky's placement was handled. Karen started out fostering and then jumped in with both feet during the Mt. Top Kennel closure in 1997. Since that time, she has continued to foster, been in charge of Intake and Placement, transported many dogs and made literally hundreds of trips to the Kent shelter to meet and temperament test dogs. Although Golden-less now, they had a Golden named Autumn for 12 years who was a wonderful playmate and model for their many foster dogs.

Karen, an attorney, is President of Indoor Billboards WA, an industrial laundry company and her husband, Mark, is a retired air traffic controller. They have four grown children. Mallory works for Nintendo, Ali is a first grade teacher, Tommie has just left for an assignment in Cambodia as part of the Pari Project and Dean lives and works in Renton. Karen continues to be the EGRR liaison to the King County shelter in Kent and to foster occasionally. Although she was raised in Portland, Oregon with Golden Retrievers, she always wanted a Newfoundland so she adopted 1 yr old Daisy in 1995 which began a love affair with giant breed dogs. They had Daisy for 10 years during which time Karen and Mark learned many valuable lessons about the many ways a dog can gain entry to the kitchen pantry! Karen and Daisy participated in the Reading with Rover program in her children's school. Karen and Mark now have two Newfies, Benny and Jet and two Saint Bernards, Connie and Razzle. They compete with their crew in conformation (Benny has his championship and won BOB at the 2009 Canadian National), obedience, Rally and Draft. All dogs are certified therapy dogs.

Although Karen's interests have moved to different breeds, we know that she has a soft spot in her heart for Golden Retrievers and sincerely appreciate her continued involvement with EGRR.

Zen and The Art Of Fostering

Mel Miller



There may be many ways to volunteer for an organization such as Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue but none is as rewarding as being a foster. And though not all volunteers have either the time or the right environment for a temporary guest, the rewards of doing so far exceed any inconvenience or risk.

My decision to foster actually began with the adoption of a senior dog from EGRR. From the brief information available, I knew this old gentleman had not been given the best life possible and I also understood why people were reluctant to adopt him. Jerry Garcia became part of the Miller Pack and taught me more about discarded dogs than I could ever learn from watching Animal Planet or going to a Humane Society seminar. Jerry had been a working dog that was treated more as a tool or piece of equipment with little affection or interaction with his humans except when it was time to work. A toy was his only source of satisfaction and pleasure. In less than a month in my home, he became a couch monster, demanding deep massages and ear rubs. He still loved to play with a ball, but he recognized that his humans were the source of that pleasure. When we lost Jerry nearly three years later, I realized we could have the opportunity to impact a Golden's life many fold through fostering.

Many of the dogs that come into EGRR have been ignored, at best, and often they have been neglected or even abused. As a foster, you have the opportunity to be the first human to show them affection and that your hand is there for comfort, not inflicting pain. You can also restore the faith in humans of a senior dog that was cast aside because it became too inconvenient or not as aesthetically pleasing as it once was. The return you get from these dogs in the form of love and absolute adoration is greater than all the wealth in the world. And if building up your self-esteem is not enough, there is the selfish reward of getting outside for a walk with your foster and feeling less guilty about the extra helping you just had at dinner. These dogs are huge motivators, whether it be going for a hike, playing fetch in the yard or trekking down to Lowe's for some socialization and checking out some new tile for the entryway to your home. I have gained far more from fostering than all the dogs have.

Fostering also provides an education that can't be obtained anywhere else without expensive courses and far more time and inconvenience. My experience working dogs taught me

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Zen and The Art Of Fostering—continued

how to exploit their natural abilities and instinct but fostering taught me how to alter behavior and recognize other traits outside the narrow field of my occupation. Altering the behavior of a dog that has little or no trust in people to one that demands to be at your side at all times can make you a better dog owner. I have also learned tips on dog health, diet and grooming I never would have had I not fostered.

Obviously, there are risks that come with fostering that some may not wish to take. Bringing a dog who's history is unknown into your home with your own dogs and family is probably the most common risk to consider but it is mitigated by precautions taken by EGRR and ones you can take at home. As much information as possible is obtained about each dog before placing them in a foster home, including a temperament test and a check with the veterinarian. If there is still some concern, the foster home can isolate a foster dog for a brief time until any concerns are resolved. I have dealt with an outbreak of kennel cough in my pack but it became more of an educational experience than a crisis. The other more obvious risk is becoming too attached to a foster and not wanting to let them move on to a "forever" home, a risk I admit is the hardest I have had to face. One must take the mind set that the more dogs you can pass on to a new home, the more you can save. I also try to think of my fosters as the pets of close friends that I am caring for while they are on vacation. If this doesn't work for you, I suggest you foster Pitt Bulls or juveniles recently released from detention.



A Nugget of Training

By

Jean Whitehead

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

From Noisy and Nuts, To Attentive and Quiet

Last time we talked about identifying your dog's triggers, reaction distance and the type of barking. We also talked about foundation work, creating a training plan including leadership, preventative, corrective and management strategies. With all that information in mind, and foundation work in progress we can select from a variety of training methods to help our dog be less reactive. You may find yourself mixing and matching depending on the situation. *Have a goal (a calm, quiet dog) and rewards planned.*

Before we talk about the methods, let's talk rewards. Notice I didn't say treats. Our dogs find many things enjoyable or rewarding. Reinforcers include anything your dog wants, needs or enjoys – your attention, treats, car rides, dog play, walks, etc., etc. Barking is rewarding for dogs whether it “chases” off an offender (relieving stress), burns energy, or reduces boredom. Many of us have rewarded our dogs barking in the past. Know what your dog finds rewarding. We will use going for a walk as a reward in these examples. Give your dog a way to be successful, such as holding a sit, praise their compliance.

One of the simplest methods is to watch for and reward quiet. This is especially effective for the new puppy or dog in your home without a history of getting what they want with their reactive behavior. However, say you currently have a whirling, barking dog as soon as they see a leash. Have a clear goal in mind – a quiet dog sitting by the door waiting calmly while you put on a leash and open the door. When faced with the whirling dervish, don't put on the leash; put it down and walk away. Wait a few moments and return taking more control of the situation. Put your dog in a sit, praise the sit while you put on the leash, then go for a walk. This may take several repetitions – it's OK to set time limits and miss a walk.

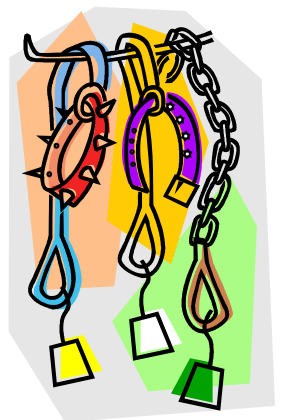
Being prepared to break your morning routine up to have several training opportunities is another idea. Instead of walking the dog, having breakfast, making lunch, showering; be prepared to start a walk, if there is barking, go have breakfast. Try the dog again. Barking? Go make lunch. Try the dog again. Barking? Take a shower. At any point the dog is successful go for the walk.

You can break the behavior into small steps – first we only require quiet to get the leash out, then we go for a walk. After a couple of successful repetitions, increase your criteria. Now to go for a walk the dog has to be quiet for the leash to come out and be put on. Then require quiet for the leash to come out, be put on and the door to open. Keep increasing the criteria until the dog is quiet for the whole process.

Restructuring your patterns is another way to create the desired outcome. If the appearance of the leash causes barking, have it in your pocket (put there when the dog is out of sight), go out a different door, put the leash on in a room far from the door and walk to the door with the leash on inside.

For the dog who barks while on a walk one of my favorite solutions is to step on the leash (with the ball of your foot, not under the arch) with only enough room for the dog to stand up and IGNORE them until they calm down. Take the “fun” away from the dog. Praise them once they calm down, pick up the leash and walk on. This is also an excellent solution for the dog who is tuning you out.

In all cases start small rewarding short periods of quiet, as the dog's behavior improves require more and more quiet time. Next time: more ideas with the habitual barker in mind.



Mushroom Poisoning in Dogs

by

Twyla Brown, DVM

Animal Hospital of Newport Hills

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Mushroom poisoning of companion animals, particularly dogs, is a potentially underestimated problem in North America. Due to their wandering and scavenging nature, dogs seem particularly prone to mushroom poisoning. *Amanita* species are the most commonly documented cause of fatal mushroom poisoning in dogs, especially *Amanita phalloides* (commonly known as death cap). This is one of the most poisonous European mushrooms that have been introduced to the Northwest. All parts of the fungus are deadly, and it should never be eaten. The cap is typically yellowish to olive greenish, sometimes paling to almost white, usually with darker streaks radiating outwards. It is convex at first, but becomes flattened as it ages. The gills underneath the cap are white, and the white stem has a distinct ring, although this may become damaged or lost. The base of the stem bulges into a 'bulb'. The death cap grows either singly or in groups, and typically occurs between July and October. They are found growing in deciduous and coniferous forests as well as in grassy areas. Due to our recent weather patterns here in the Northwest, their numbers have increased, which makes them all the more concerning.

If ingestion of a mushroom by your pet is suspected, take them to your local veterinarian immediately. Ideally, samples of the ingested mushrooms should be brought in to the clinic in a paper bag, not plastic, to help with identification of the mushroom. Typically, 10 to 12 hours pass between consumption and the onset of clinical signs. The principle toxic constituent damages the liver and kidneys and is often fatal with no antidote known.

Early aggressive decontamination and enhanced elimination are critical. This includes, most importantly, inducing vomiting as soon as possible and is probably not beneficial more than four hours after ingestion since the toxins are rapidly absorbed from the stomach and intestinal tract. The effectiveness of activated charcoal is unknown, but its use has been recommended. Supportive care involves administering intravenous fluids, glucose, possible blood products, gastrointestinal protectants and broad-spectrum antibiotics to reduce the risk of sepsis. Treatment with vitamin K₁ and packed red blood cell or whole blood transfusions may be required if bleeding is severe.

There are three distinct sequential phases of poisoning. The **initial gastroenteritis phase** is characterized by profuse bloody diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain, dehydration, fever, tachycardia (increased heart rate), and hyperglycemia (increased blood sugar). This phase typically lasts about 24 hours. Animals usually improve and this characterizes the onset of the 12- to 24-hour **latent phase** and many assume that the animal will be fine. The **final—and often terminal— phase** of poisoning begins three to four days after ingestion. Severe liver dysfunction, severe kidney failure, swelling of the brain, low blood glucose, bleeding disorders and sepsis characterize this phase. In addition, neurologic dysfunction, including coma, can occur. Typically, the animal dies three to seven days after ingestion.

Due to the high toxicity of *Amanita* mushrooms and high fatality rates after ingestion, prevention is important. Survey your yard or area that your pet has access to and remove any suspicious mushroom. If there is an ingestion of a mushroom, take your pet to your local veterinarian immediately for the appropriate care.



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

Jessie—Please read about Jessie on page 6.



Frodo (2009) - Frodo was going blind and was in great pain when he came into our lives, although you would never have know it. His big presence, care free attitude and eagerness to please despite the daily regimen of drugs, eye drops and ointment 3 times a day, made him so endearing. Every time we grieve for our loss, I have to believe he is able to chase a ball, feel the wind in his face (without wearing goggles) and bask in the sun without pain. I will see you soon and yes, I know you will see me! Debi Sherwood

Brandy (2010) - Brandy was with us for such a short time but during that time she touched so many people. Everywhere she went people fell in love with her. She was the most loving sweet little girl and we feel so blessed that she was ours. We will miss our little “baby girl” Brandy. She is in heaven now eating all the socks she can carry. Brandy Lynne 11/7/09—11/15/10
Arlene and Mike Dannat



Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.....

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Donations given via CFD or United Way are very much appreciated but they arrive without donor information which means we are unable to thank or acknowledge your generosity. Thank you, whoever you are!

Memorial Donations

The Hedden Family

In memory of

“Kenna” Miller

Cathleen Powell

In memory of

“Milley” Massey

Lee Cummings

In memory of her Mother,

Nancy Houston Guthrie

&

In honor of her new pup,

Cooper, whom her Mom would have loved!

*We would like to express our appreciation to the **Golden Retriever Foundation** for their continued support in the form of grants for dogs with significant medical bills.*



Remember to do your Holiday shopping via the “I-give” link on the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue webpage, www.egrr.net

EGRR receives a percent of your purchase at no cost to you.

I am always looking for pictures to use on the front cover or as fillers. Feel free to send me nice quality photos. They must be in a jpg format, 100 to 300 DPI, and not larger than 5 x 7. Send them to gaylesac@mindspring.com.

Minutes

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

Those in attendance: Nancy Kiesler, Kim Condrin, Susan Randall, Roy Talbot, Lee Cummings, Leslea McLean, Brad Kammerer and Jean Whitehead

Absent: Diane Murphy

Guests: Allan Kiesler and Rich Randall

Call to Order: 1:40 PM

- I Minutes from 4/18/2010 meeting were printed in the Golden Nuggets; MSP as written
- II Report of the President
 - A. It would appear the flow of dogs with medical problems has temporarily slowed. We've had very good luck placing these dogs and we've weathered the financial challenges. most recent, dog with Cherry Eye from the Olympia shelter will need surgery.
 - B. We participated in 3 events this year but it appears doing so has not generated much in the way of adoption applications.
 - C. One of our goals of last year was to increase at Foster Home network and increase training. That is on "hold" at the moment due to the fact that Karen and Terry Jenkins are on sabbatical. Karen did create a questionnaire that volunteers were invited to answer. Results will be e-mailed to Board members
 - D. Standardizing our temperament testing – volunteer created a new form
- III. Committee reports
 - A. Treasurer – Lee Cummings- detailed report provided
 1. 94% expenses this year are for vets
 2. Income – donations and adoption fees
 - a. Within \$3 of last year
 - b. Vet Expenses \$4000 more
 3. Checking \$13,000
 4. Money Market \$10,000
 5. It was suggested that Lee add another column for "Grant" income
 6. Last big expense, other than vet expense, is insurance
 - B. Intake – Sue Randall
 1. Debbie Hawkins picked up Treva
 2. Have 6 other dogs in Foster Care
 - a. Cooper 9 years old, gastric issue
 - b. Milo – 8 years knee surgery
 - c. Sadie May – 12 years old at Ann Gibson's
 - d. Polo – 4 yr old post TPLO at Randall's
 - e. Happy Jack- 4 yr old male with resource guarding
 - f. Jafo at June Akizuki's

3. 3 coming in this weekend
 - a. 2 - 7yr old littermates, Jack and Stella
 - b. Ben
 - c. Maddie – 5 years old, intact
 4. Jazz/Leo - Possible return due to hip dysplasia; Barb will take back
- C. Placement – Sue Randall
1. Adopted out 32 dogs this year
 2. 40 people on the waiting list. Apps are up
 3. 21 no pref, 12 male, 11 female
- D. Foster Home – Nancy Kiesler
1. Karen and Terry Jenkins are on sabbatical
 2. Need to find help and possibly replacement
 3. Nancy will send out the results of the survey to the Board
 4. Karen – will send Nancy the CD
 5. Vacation coverage for regular foster homes to recruit neighbors/friends
 6. Rescue group in California has applicants foster
- E. Fundraising – report provided from Diane Murphy
1. Raffle \$461 for a one day raffle
 2. Diane does not want to do the raffle anymore but will continue to make select items to be sold.
 3. Will look into having raffle at EGRC Holiday party
 4. Grant application from GRF \$400 per dog, \$5000 per group
 5. Thundershirt promotion – have not heard
 6. LeRoy shirt promotion – sold one
 7. Must find new ways of fund raising
- F. Publicity – Kim Condrin
1. Provided example of possible new brochure
 2. Discussed if we should do a yearly mailing to vets or other groups
 3. Showed information on magnetic car sign
 4. Plastic cling on
- G Membership – Rich Randall – report provided
1. 190 members to date (89 full, 101 supporting); compared to 142 (88 full, 54 supporting) in 2009
 2. Adopters get membership form in adoption packet with note that they get complimentary 1 year membership with donation
 3. 47 supporting memberships for 2010 are adopters
 4. Quite a few send a donation with their membership
 5. Can we track how they became members?
 6. 65 people checked “volunteer” on their membership form
 7. 19 residences have offered to foster
 8. 8 have volunteered to fund raise
 9. Members now from 5 states – CA,OR, AK, ID, WA
- H. IT – Brad Kammerer
1. Showed proto-type of new webpage

2. Agreed to encourage Charlotte's Web to expedite completion

I. Volunteers – Nancy

1. Getting volunteer list up to date
2. Will be sending e-mail to volunteer to recruit more help and get more volunteers involved.
3. Goal is to have several people trained to do a job like return messages left on hot line.

IV. Old Business

A. "Rex" aka "Jack" – update

1. Working with a trainer
2. Friend of the Miller's might be perfect adopter

B. Star Award – where are we at with this?

1. Pass Over – head shot of Star
2. Recognition Award

C. Annual Meeting

1. Very successful
2. Thank you Jean for presentation
3. Next May; Jean will present again, perhaps how to prevent resource guarding

D. Events: SKC show, Petpalooza, Kirkland "Go Dog, Go"; group picnic

1. Few volunteers at Petpalooza
2. Kirkland – same volunteers – no applications
4. Woofstock in Tacoma- adopted over 100 dogs
- 5/ Our insurance precludes us from taking foster dogs to adoption events

E. Foster Home Task Force – only 2 or 3 people volunteered for it

F. Review of EGRR Books – looking into having Laurie Beden review them

G. Adoption "fee" versus "donation"

1. Topic of terminology was raised
2. Motion was made to change the wording from "donation" to "fee" by Jean Whitehead; 2nd by Brad Kammerer;
3. Discussion regarding terminology "donation" versus "fee" and advantages and accuracy of each.
4. Motion carried unanimously

H. King County shelter update

1. Federal Way – will use foster homes
2. Many municipalities changing facilities
3. Chris Enrico and Nancy will do a letter to areas no longer serviced by King County.

I. IRS Course

1. Well worth the \$40 cost of tuition; IRS is working to help non-profits
2. Donations in kind – learned how to acknowledge them

3. It will not create a tax event to sell items if done occasionally

J. PU Screening clinic

1. 52 dogs registered; 51 showed up with many being Rescue dogs
2. Fewer dogs were found positive because many were repeats

V. New Business

A. Adoption fee amount

1. Nancy read a survey from other rescues
2. We have already adjusted the fees for puppies - \$500
3. Lee moved that we increase the adoption fee for adult dogs to \$300
4. Roy seconded the motion
5. Discussion ensued
6. Motion carried

- ##### B. Reimbursement for spay or neuter – agreed to set a standard amount we will reimburse for Spay or Neuter at \$100

C. Micro chipping

1. AKC microchip – will investigate if it can be picked up by local shelters
2. Polo's new adopters have done micro chipping for another organization

D. Healthy Paws Foundation

1. They are funded by Healthy Paws Pet Insurance which is a local company and rated very high in reviews
2. Will create a facebook page
3. Has program that will send follow-up emails automatically at regular intervals to adopters
4. Brad has been in communication with them to coordinate website
5. Time frame in the contract so things will get done in a timely manner
6. Can cancel contract at any time

E. Golden Retriever Foundation's efforts to move dogs west

1. Many rescue groups in south-east are struggling with Seniors
2. Effort underway to move dogs from these areas to Rescues in west and east
3. Transported 3 dogs so far to Homeward Bound GR Rescue and Sanctuary in CA

VI. For the good of the order – none

Motion to adjourn at 4:07 PM; seconded, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Allan Kiesler