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GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

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## February 2011 Newsletter

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### January 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Tim M. Pat M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Julie G. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

### President's Report

Tim reminded everyone to turn in their Trivia Night forms, if you want a table. It's filling up quickly and it looks like we're going to have a good crowd.

### Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that our ending balance in our checking account in the month of December was \$1,666.39. The ending balance in our Flash Fund was \$17,374.55. Beth also went over some of our expenses from the previous year. The total made on our Schnucks e-Script cards was

\$270.00 for the entire year, so please remember to use it when you check out at Schnucks!

### Membership Report

Amy G. reported that she hasn't seen any online inquiries in the last month, but a visitor at the meeting informed her that he had tried to send an email and never got a response. Amy said she would give him the info after the meeting. We had no new members in the month of December. Please remember to get your

2011 membership dues in by our February meeting.

### Intake Report

Penny M. was not able to attend the meeting but Tim M. gave her report. There is one perspective dog coming in but we do not have any information on it yet.

### Adoption Report

Amy R. reported that we have five perspective families on our waiting list right now and that Lacy and Honey will be shown within the next couple weeks.



Happy Valentine's Day!

**GGRR Membership Renewals are Due!**

## GGRR Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic for the past month.

Our website had:

Hits: 89,654

Page Views: 23,507

Visitors: 8,888

Unique Visitors: 2,505

Paul reported that he has added a new page for our

Avid chips and the intake statistics page is about 99% complete.

We have 388 Facebook fans and Paul also added an advertisement on Facebook about our Trivia Night to get the word out there.

## GRR Donations



Cami A. won't make eye-contact because she's a blanket thief! Even Golden Retrievers need to keep warm on these cold winter days!

GRRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

- The Shepherd Foundation, in honor of Susan Shepherd Ittner's Golden Duke and Chip Dianna Adorjan
- Craig & Jo Ellen Davidson & Pat Moran, in honor of Pamela Wollenberg
- Korisa & Drew Carbone
- Kevin Germino
- Nabil Munfakh
- David Payne
- Steven Wingard
- Jessica Hedgpeth
- Bob Hollander
- Elizabeth Hoaglund
- Connie Eilerman
- Jan Briesacher

The following donations were made in memory of May Barner:

- George Kaiser, Marcia Knox Ritter, Missy Knox Wulff, Joanne Reilly, George & Susan Solovic and Barbara & Edmund Czerwinski

The following donations were made in memory of Shawn Blaes:

- Connie Daily
- Dr. Roger Levin
- Mimi & Mary Carnal
- Ken & Micha Kornblum
- Bette Handy
- Fred Malicoat, Malicoat-Winslow Engineers
- Margaret & Joe McCormick
- Cindy Gebelein
- Otto & Peggy Huber
- Bill & Carol Nejelski
- JoAnn Jeannet
- Rich & Helen Skoff
- Cap & Jennifer Grossman
- Betty Wilhelm
- Sue & Norm Friedmeyer
- Dog & Linda Pulliam
- Jerroy & Dolores Frank
- Danny & Michelle McKeever
- Crosstex a Cantel Medical Company
- Brian Nylaan, D.D.S.

## GRRR TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

A big THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered on the committee, came and played trivia, donated silent auction items or attendance prizes or participated in any way to help our first Trivia Night be such a huge success!

GRRR raised a whopping \$7,266.96

Thank you for all of your support!

## GRRR Events

### GRRR Trivia Night

Our first major fundraiser event is our Trivia Night on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Webster Groves Masonic Lodge located at 12 E. Lockwood (next to the City Hall and Fire Department). Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the trivia night beginning at 7:00 p.m. Get your table reservations in ASAP to Barb B. The fee is \$120 for a table of 8. We will provide soda, water, popcorn, and other snacks. The committee has plenty of workers lined up for this event so members are welcome to come play and take part in the

fun! The only part we may need help with is clean up. If any members that are playing could stay and help cleanup, it would be greatly appreciated! Any silent auction items should be given to Tracie G.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown St. Louis

Our next big event after our Trivia Night is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis on Saturday, March 12th at noon. We need members and their families to walk with their dogs and pass out candy bones for the kids. If you can't walk the parade route, you can ride in one of our GRRR vans or help transport walkers from the end of the parade route back to their cars. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the parade participants to sign-up.

### GRRR Reunion Picnic

We need to select a date for our annual reunion picnic at the Dog Museum. Most of us seemed to agree that the weather in May was by far preferable to June after last year. We generally select a Sunday since more people seem to be off work that day. It was voted that we should try to reserve Sunday, May 1st as our Reunion Picnic date. Barb B. will call and see if that date is available. We also need to form a committee to help plan this event. The committee will need to start planning in February or March. The committee consists of members volunteering for various tasks including invitations, games, food, donations and set-up/clean-up. We would love to see some new faces with creative ideas on this years committee. Contact Barb B. if you would like to chair the committee or be a member of it.



# Old Business & New Business

## Old Business

Pat M. reminded everyone that her sister will be making more green bandanas for the St. Pat's Parade and if anyone wants one they are \$5.00. See Pat for more info.

## New Business

Amy G. reported that she received an application from Carlyle, IL and the family does not have a fence. Should we take the application and do a home visit being that it's so far away and they do not have a fence? Tim M. suggested that Amy should call them and explain the limitations on the no fence issue and that we would only be able to place an older dog with them. If they are still interested, then we can get the ball moving.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Amy G. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Pictures from our first Trivia Night! Thanks to all that made it a HUGE success!**



## Winter Paw Care Tips [www.dogster.com](http://www.dogster.com)

Winter can be a tough time for your dog's paw pads. Prevent winter weather-related paw pad injuries by following some basic dog paw care tips and the use of products designed for paw protection.

### How To Prevent Paw Pad Injuries

One of the biggest threats to healthy paw pads is the salt used to melt ice on driveways, roads and sidewalks. Prolonged contact with deicers can lead to chemical burns on dog paws. If your dog is limping toward the end of a walk, deicing products may be hurting his feet. Whenever possible, get your dog off the salty sidewalk and into the grass or snow for walking.

Another threat from deicers is ingestion. Dogs may lick their paws or your boots and ingest deicing salts. To prevent your dog from ingesting deicing salts, keep a shallow bowl of warm water and a cloth near the entryway to your home so that you can wipe your boots and your dog's paws when coming in from the cold.

Another common cause of sore paws during the cold winter months are the ice balls which form between the pads and toes of hairy-footed dog. To reduce the risk of ice balls, keep inter-pad hair trimmed neatly and short during the winter months. Not only can hairy feet contribute to the development of ice balls on the feet, paw hair can retain a lot of those nasty deicing salts. If your dog has hairy feet, trim them throughout the winter.

Dogs left in the cold for long periods of times are also at risk for frostbite on paws (and other extremities - ears, tail, etc.) and hypothermia. It is not advised that dogs spend hours in the cold. In winter, more frequent short walks are better for your dog than a single long walk. If you suspect your dog has hypothermia or frostbite, get him to a vet right away!

Additionally, just like the dry winter air can dry out human skin, it can contribute to the drying and cracking of dog paws. Bag Balm, a product available at nearly

every pharmacy, applied in a thin layer daily or every other day should help keep your dog's paws from cracking and bleeding. Keeping a humidifier in the house should also prevent dry, itchy skin for both you and your pet.





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**Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.  
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park  
We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers at our meetings! Please make sure your dog is up to date on shots and vaccinations.

**GRR DUES ARE DUE!!!**

Please send your Membership Renewal Form & \$20 to Amy G. or bring it to our next meeting!

**To Adopt or Surrender a Dog  
Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477**

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