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Sept. 2010 Meeting Minutes

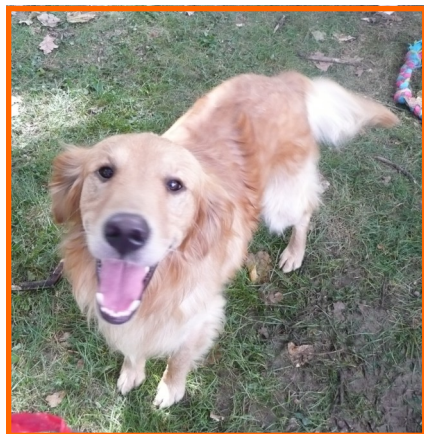
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Tim M. Penny M. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat M. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim M. informed everyone about Proposition B "Puppy Mill Initiative" on the ballot in November. He asked that everyone take a look at it and make sure you vote. (See Page 3.)

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that we had a beginning balance of \$2,390.28, income was \$1,395.00 (\$22.49 was from our Schnuck's e-script cards) and our expenses were \$1,551.14, leaving an ending balance of \$2,256.63.



Pictured above is a new GGRR addition, Beau Rogers. Beau attended his first GGRR events this fall with his mom, Chris, and is looking forward to more fun times in the ex-pen!

Membership Report

Amy G. was not present but Tracie G. gave her report. There was one inquiry and no new members. Visitors at the meeting included Julie G. who just adopted Henley (now Jake) and Beth and Leah E.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that three dogs came in during the last month:

- 010-021 Lion**—a 6 year old male
- 010-022 Harley**—a 6 year old male
- 010-023 Henley**—a 1-1/2 year old male
- 010-001R Butterball**—a 2-1/2 year old female (Return)

Adoption Report

Two dogs were placed in their forever homes dur-

ing the previous month:

- 010-014—Max
- 010-023—Henley (now Jake)



Canon Wollenberg is pictured above after earning his AKC Utility Dog title with his mom, Pamela.

GGRR Website Report

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

Our website had:

- Hits: 93,992
- Page Views: 21,342
- Visitors: 6,951
- Unique Visitors: 2,259

Paul also mentioned that we have a couple hundred fans on Facebook and Penny M. reported that our Pet-Finder site received 1,580 hits.

Why to Volunteer with GGRR?



Second safest place to ride out a thunderstorm... The closet floor—right on top of everything!!! Tank hides out during a storm since the bathroom was off limits!

1. **Be part of the solution.** You'll join a network of a group of people working to make the world safe and more human for all living creatures. You'll make the jobs of everyone working for animals a little easier by lending a hand and spreading the message of responsible pet ownership and animal protection.
2. **Get warm fuzzies.** You'll never find a more grateful and accepting comrade than an animal you have comforted.
3. **Keep good company.** You'll make lots of new friends—and not just the four-legged kind. Working side by side with people who share similar interests can forge life-long friendships.
4. **Meet the new you.** You'll discover skills you never knew you had, and you may be surprised at what you're capable of achieving.
5. **Enjoy a wagging tail, a lick in the face and a smile.** Didn't someone once say that the best things in life are free?

What have you done to help with GGRR lately? Whether it's doing phone interviews, home visits or fostering dogs, etc. we appreciate your efforts in our group. Have you attended an event before? If not, they are a great way to get to know other members and to socialize your dog with other dogs in our organization while informing the public about our efforts in finding our Golden Retrievers loving homes.

GGRR Events

Donations

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

Leah Egan, from her annual bake sale with friends this summer to benefit GGRR.

The Golden Retriever Club, in memory of Karen Arbutnot



The Moran Clan gets some attention from a little girl at the APA Carnival. Pictured from left to right—Shadow, Sebastian and Rain.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival

The Kirkwood Greentree Festival is scheduled for September 17th, 18th, & 19th at Kirkwood Park. We need more volunteers to work this event. We will have a nice big ex-pen set up for the dogs to romp in and we'll be selling our merchandise too. It looks really good when we have dogs in our pen and it draws the crowd to our booth. Please sign up to cover a shift and bring your dogs out for a day of fun! Barb had the sign up sheet for shifts. The shifts go from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Even if you cannot work a full shift, please come by for a few hours and help out! Everyone is welcome!

PNC Bank Pet Adoption Day

On Saturday, October 2nd we will be at PNC Bank off of Hwy. K and Mexico Rd. from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will not have any merchandise

sales or donation jars but it will help get our name out to interested adoptive families. We will have a small ex-pen set up for anyone who would like to bring their dog.

APA Carnival

The APA Carnival will be Sunday, October 3rd from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in Tilles Park on Litzinger Road. We will sell merchandise and are allowed to collect donations. We will have an ex-pen set up for the dogs and there will be other games and activities going on.

Celebrate Spot Walk

Sunday, October 10th at 9:00 a.m. is the Celebrate Spot Walk in Forrest Park. Proceeds support the Young Women's Breast Cancer Program. Registration is \$30 in advance or \$35 the day of the event.

Canine Games at Purina Farms

The Canine Games will be held at Purina Farms on Sunday, October 10th and is sponsored by the Samoyed Club. Volunteers are needed to work the morning and afternoon shifts. Please contact Barb B. to sign up.

Lucky Dog Adoption Days

Our next Lucky Dog adoption day will be Saturday, September 25th unless another rescue group takes that fourth Saturday. Otherwise we'll resume our normal schedule on Saturday, October 16th from 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to do Lucky Dog, please see Barb B.

Tri-County Agility Club

The Tri-County Agility Club will be having an event out at Purina Farms on October 8, 9, and 10. It will be in their new building and Penny M. has reserved us a free booth. Barb B. will send out an email to get volunteers to work.

Old Business & New Business



Pictured above is our GGRR Merchandise booth along with ex-pen at the APA Carnival in Tilles Park on Oct. 3rd.

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

Penny M. announced that she has new Foster Home Folders available. They have new forms so please take a few if you are a Foster Home. There are also some training collars if you need one.

President Tim M. announced that Leah E. and her mom, Beth, were present at the meeting. Leah

presented Tim with a huge check from her bake sale that she had to support GGRR. Tim thanked her

on behalf of the group and presented her with GGRR T-Shirts for her and her friends that held the bake sale. Leah raised \$274.00 this year!

Mike S. reminded everyone that when you're dealing with Fosters, to please send your paperwork off but make sure you keep a copy for at least six months. Three copies need to be made: Intake, Placement and Foster Home. The Department of Agriculture will be auditing us again this year and we need to make sure our files are in order.

A motion was made by Kathy D. and seconded by Penny M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

What is a Puppy Mill?

What is a puppy mill and why should you care whether the puppy you buy comes from one?

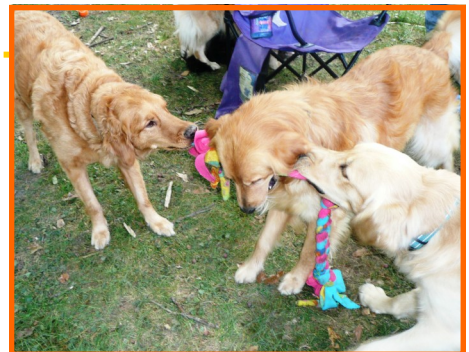
By the formal definition, a puppy mill is a large-scale breeding operation that produces large numbers of puppies for profit. What the formal definition overlooks is that most puppy mills are inhumane in their treatment of breeding dogs and puppies.

Many are filthy, and are run by people who have no idea about or concern for the genetic implications of breeding or about what dogs require in terms of basic health care and socialization. Many are simply hellholes in which the breeding dogs are kept in the most deplorable conditions—dogs confined to small wire cages for their entire lives, fed inadequately, kept in unheated buildings, denied basic veterinary care. The breeding dogs are sick, wounded, and malnourished. And their lives are miserable. When their breeding usefulness is over, they may be killed or dumped. Large-scale mills do not take their older dogs to shelters, as a rule, because they don't want to draw attention to themselves.

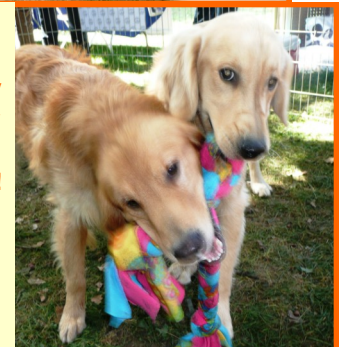
In rescue, we are sometimes fortunate enough to rescue breeding dogs from mills. These dogs always—without exception—have health problems, most of which have been chronic and neglected for years. So why should you care whether the puppy you buy comes from a place like this? Because the chances the puppy you buy will

have genetic defects that will cause disease are extremely high. Because puppies in mills are so poorly socialized that they often develop severe fearfulness and shyness. And because the money you pay for that cute puppy in the window will go right back to the mill owner, who can use it to buy and mistreat more dogs.

The Missouri Dog Breeding Regulation Initiative, Proposition B, also known as the "Puppy Mill Initiative," will appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot in the state of Missouri as an initiated state statute. The initiative is being supported by multiple animal welfare groups. Missourians for the Protection of Dogs is leading the effort for the certified measure that would adopt new rules for dog-breeders, including capping the number of dogs that are used for breeding purposes, require resting periods between breeding and establish other requirements. If enacted, dog-breeders would only be able to have 50 breeding dogs and would require them to feed those animals daily and regularly. (ballotpedia.com)



Tug of war in the ex-pen! Max, Beau and Sammy demonstrate how playful Golden are for the crowd! New BFF's Beau and Sammy are pictured to the right.



Cooper and Shadow get some attention at the APA Carnival



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Next Meeting

Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
We love having happy healthy Goldens at
our meetings! Please make sure your dog
is up to date on shots and vaccinations.

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