

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, September 13, 2006

The meeting, held at the home of Dianne Snow-Posner, was called to order at 7:25 P.M. Members in attendance were: Claire Bertone, Diane Brown, Denise & Doug Carrier, Laura Kelly, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Hermine Scolnik and Dianne Snow-Posner. Diane Brown's daughter Amy was a guest.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were sent via e-mail and Box.Net and accepted as sent.

Treasurer's Report: In Marlene's absence, Hermine presented the report as of August 31, 2006. We have \$12,343.52 in the checking account, and \$4,767.76 in the SOS Fund, for a total of \$17,111.28. We took in \$15,719.26 and paid out \$5,082.23 for a net gain of \$10,637.03.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 5 dogs have been officially adopted since our last meeting. They are Sinatra/Jack, Sabrina, Sassy, Shadow 3, Dixie 2, and Jake 3.
- ?? **Foster to Adopt** - Comet/Boris is in a foster-to adopt home.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 12 dogs either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Captain is with Jenny at Last Chance Ranch; Trooper, Lucky 4/Carson 2, Romeo, Micah, Sonic, Joey 3, Sierra, Denver, and Hunter 2 are in foster homes. Levi is at Dr. Butzer's, as is Cody 2/Billy who belongs to Dr. Butzer. Buddy 7 is at Dr. Cordova's.
- ?? **Membership** – Mark Pachtner.
- ?? **Sunshine** – Get well cards were sent to Shelly Goldman and Jack Bajart. A condolence card was sent to Todd Frank on his loss of Princess.
- ?? **Follow-up** – Rusty 6 is now in Pennsylvania with DVGRR.
- ?? **Intake** – Buddy 8, 7 yo neutered owner surrender.

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** - Tracey is sending out another mini newsletter in September, and a full one in October.
- ?? **Plaques** for Drs. Cordova and Butzer have been presented to them.
- ?? **Fund Raising:**
 - ?? **Count your Blessings - Thanksgiving** - put on hold.
 - ?? **Girl Scout Cookie Treats** - Cost \$2.00 box, we sell for \$4.00. Will have order forms for Responsible Dog Owner Day on Sept. 17. Delivery within 10 days. We discussed how to get the "cookies" to the purchasers. Since it was a local event, we will deliver them.
 - ?? **Macy's Shopping Passes** - in progress. Event is on September 16th and we should have a report of the results at the next meeting.
 - ?? **Beg Letter** – This was very successful financially, and it produced new foster homes as well. Marlene will give us the figures at the next meeting.
 - ?? **Raffle Ticket** - trip to the Keys to include 2 nights at the Doubletree Inn, Conch train and airfare. Will be announced once it is organized.
 - ?? **Garage Sale with Boca High School** - a spring project.

- ?? **Goldstock Grants** – Diane Brown needs information on the dogs in order to work on this.
- ?? **Website** – The adoption application is working well now, thanks to Tracey. Our store prices seem to have now disappeared.
- ?? **Coordination with Breed Club** – We are planning a grooming event for the Holidays. Hermine will follow-up with Pat Andrews
- ?? **Fostering** - Beg letters also urged members to consider fostering.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** – Volunteer of the Month should have been included in the mini-newsletter, but it was not. We will have to be sure this does not happen again.
- ?? **Excessive e-mails** – This was revisited because some people don't understand the difference between "Reply" and "Reply to All". Hopefully, this will begin to change.
- ?? **Brochures for Adopters** – From DVGRR; need to be distributed to the foster homes to go as part of the adoption package.

New Business:

- ?? **Events for Participation**
 - **Macy's Charity Day** – Sept. 16th. Ellen Edwards will represent us at the store on that day.
 - **Responsible Dog Ownership Day** - Sept. 17th. Denise and Claire are going to man this event.
 - **Howl'Oween Pet Festival** – Decided not to attend. We do not have enough volunteers willing to man this event in the Acreage.
 - **Story Book Festival** - Nov. 18th - Pembroke Pines Library. Volunteers are needed.
- ?? **Changes to Dues Structure** – Proposed changes:
Individual dues increased to \$25, Family membership to \$35.
- ?? **Changes to Adoption Fees** – Proposed changes were as follows:
 - < 2 years -- \$350
 - 2 – 4 years -- \$300
 - 5 – 7 years -- \$250
 - 8 -- < 12 years -- \$100
 - 12 + years and SN – donation requested

Neither the dues change nor the adoption fee changes could be voted on since we did not have a quorum of the board present.
- ?? **Nominating Committee** – Needs to be selected so that they can meet in October.

Next Meeting – Will we held at the home of Hermine & Herb Scolnik, on October 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Snow-Posner, Acting Secretary