

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, October 10, 2006

The meeting, held at the home of Hermine and Herb Scolnik, was called to order at 7:25 P.M. Members in attendance were: Sharon Bennett, Claire Bertone, Holly Bittle, Denise Carrier, Elaine Donaghue, Marlene Goldman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Hermine Scolnik and Dianne Snow- Posner. Jacqueline Forasch was a guest.

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

Treasurer's Report: Marlene presented the report as of September 30, 2006. We have \$22,055.25 in the checking account, and \$4,768.44 in the SOS Fund, for a total of \$26,823.69. We took in \$9,921.48 and paid out \$209.75 for a net gain of \$9,711.73.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 5 dogs have been officially adopted since our last meeting. They are Comet/Boris, Hunter 2, Princess 2/Princess Fiona, Lucky 4/Carson, and Romeo.
- ?? **Foster to Adopt** – Micah, Sonic, Lucky 7/Levi, and Karma/Julie are in foster-to-adopt homes. Micah will be adopted once he is neutered. Sonic was just neutered and will be adopted as soon as the paperwork can be completed. The others will be adopted after a 2 week period.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 9 dogs either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Captain is with Jenny at Last Chance Ranch; Trooper, Joey 3, Sierra, Simon, Clancy, Buddy 7, and Denver are in foster homes. Maggie May is at Dr. Butzer's and Casey is at Dr. Cordova's.
- ?? **Membership** – Liz Weinstock, Tyson Box, and Kim Fritsche became members in order to foster-to-adopt their dogs,
- ?? **Sunshine** –Sympathy cards were sent Marlene Goldman for Shelly and to Pam Strickland for Opie.
- ?? **Follow-up** – Princess 2 returned was returned and has already been adopted.
- ?? **Intake--**

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** – Will go out this week.
- ?? **Fund Raising:**
 - ?? **Count your Blessings - Thanksgiving** – On hold til next year.
 - ?? **Girl Scout Cookie Treats** – These treats cost \$2.00 box, and will be sold for \$4.00. We will order 100 boxes and try selling them at our "Grooming for the Holidays" event on November 12th. Anything left over, will be sold at Clint Moore Animal Hospital.
 - ?? **Fund raising board position**—We would like to create a new board position that will focus on fund-raising endeavors. A second position for a grant writing specialist is also being considered.
 - ?? **Beg Letter** – This was very successful financially. EGRR collected \$18,000 in donations from the respondents.
 - ?? **Grooming for the Holidays** – This event will be held on Sunday, November 12th, from 11 am to 3 pm on the grounds of Clint Moore Animal Hospital in Boca. This will be a joint fund raising event with the Breed Club. We will require minimum donation of \$10 for grooming of

each dog. It was suggested that we schedule appointment time slots. We will also accommodate walk-ins. Pictures will be taken and we will charge \$15 for a package that includes one 5 x 7 and 4 wallet-sized pictures. The Breed Club will make up baskets for a raffle table, and we have some raffle items left from the Expo that we will add. Ellen Bloome will represent the Breed club. It was suggested that we have a Kissing Booth and charge \$1 for each "Golden Doggie Kiss". Claire will be making bandanas and Holiday Stockings. We also talked about simple stockings would be filled with aromatic treats and placed in a basket near the path that leads to Santa. When the dog becomes interested in the treat stocking, the owner will buy it for his furry golden child. It was suggested that we have a "Decorate Your Own Dog Bone" table, where a dog owner could purchase a dog bone then decorate it in custom fashion for the holidays. Since we do not want to have this event become too big, we will save this for the Expo in March.

- ?? **Pushing our website sponsorships** – Tracey will mention this in the newsletter.
- ?? **Raffle Ticket** – Karen Thurman has talked about a trip to the Keys to include 2 nights at the Doubletree Inn, a ride on the Conch train and more. Details will be announced once it is organized. We hope to announce winner at Expo, held in spring of 2007.
- ?? **Garage Sale with Boca High School** - a spring project.
- ?? **Goldstock Grants** – Diane Brown needs information on the dogs in order to work on this.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** – We should recognize the foster families.
- ?? **Brochures for Adopters** – From DVGRR; need to be distributed to the foster homes to go as part of the adoption package.
- ?? **Responsible Dog Ownership Day**—Claire and Denise reported that we were not properly prepared for this event. Now that we know what is entailed, we will do it next year too and be better prepared for its grand scope. It was a big event with extensive local news coverage. It was set up like a large craft fair, but everything sold there was for the dogs. It looked like a great fund-raising opportunity. We did hand out a lot of brochures.

New Business:

- ?? **Events for Participation**
 - **Story Book Festival** - Nov. 18th - Pembroke Pines Library. Volunteers are needed. Show up with your dog and visit with the children who are also attending the event.
 - **Delray Holiday Parade**—Dec. 9th—We will participate. We'll wear glow stick necklaces that will be ordered from premierglow.com. It was suggested that we call the Delray mayor and invite him to march in the parade with the dog that he adopted from EGRR. We should be able to get good media coverage if the mayor participates with his dog. We need to contact the local media.
 - **Jupiter/Tequesta Holiday Parade**—Dec.10th—We decided not to participate since it is a day parade and is the day immediately following the Delray Holiday Parade.
- ?? **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 -- \$125
 - 12 + years and SN – donation requested
 - Training deposit under consideration for dogs under a certain age, because puppies and young dogs need training.
- ?? **Nominating Committee** –The committee will consist of Marlene Goldman, Jane Lipson, Laura Kelly and Sharon Bennett. They will present new slate of officers for 2007 at November meeting.
- ?? **Interim Secretary**— Eunice Bajart has resigned as secretary because of Jack’s ill health. In light of the fact that it is close the end of the year, we will alternate interim secretaries.
- ?? **Home Visit Form Revision** – Being worked on in committee.
- ?? **SOS Fund**—When funds were low, we needed to borrow \$1,000 from SOS to pay emergency medical bills. Borrowed funds will be replenished now from general checking. Suspend the 10% of general donations that automatically goes to SOS until after January 1, 2007.

Next Meeting – Will we held at the home of Diane Snow-Posner, on November 9th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bittle, Acting Secretary