

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, March 12, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Diane Snow Posner, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Members in attendance were: Holly Bittle, Kara Clark, Jacquie DeLuccio, Marlene Goldman, Laura Kelly, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Hermine Scolnik, and Diane Snow-Posner.

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

Treasurer's Report: Figures available at next month's meeting. Marlene reported that she is still transferring funds from the S.O.S. Fund. Soon, we'll be able to repay the S.O.S. fund and work exclusively from the regular account. Marlene has gotten monthly pledges from about 4 or 5 people, but some prefer to give larger, annual gifts, which is also acceptable. Marlene will deposit check donations from the rally but will retain cash donation to be used as petty cash at the Expo.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 7 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. These are Bear, Linda, Clancy, Napoleon/Duke, Maggie May, Riley/Tucker, and Marlee. An orientation training class for new adopters was proposed. It should be held during cooler weather, possibly in winter, and Dr. Butzer has agreed to allow us to hold it on his office grounds. It was suggested that we hold it on Sundays when the office is closed, and advertise it in local media.
- ?? **Intake** – Boo Boo, an 8 year old spayed female, was returned to EGRR.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 12 dogs that are either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Micah, Tucker/Dakota, Zimmie, Missy/Lucy, Buddy 10, SySy/Chelsea, Booker/Tucker 2, Rusty 7, Isabel, and Cherokee are in foster-to-adopt homes. Sunset/Sunny, Xena, Jake, Kasey, Gracie, Amber, Jorja, Lukas, and Buddy 9 are in foster homes. No dogs are being boarded at Dr. Cordova's. Being boarded at Dr. Butzer's are Flappy, Sandy, and Harley. Captain is at the Last Chance Ranch. We are checking to see if Micah was neutered. He was to have been neutered by or in April. Tucker/Dakota will be adopted soon. Zimmie will remain FTA until her heartworm treatment is completed. Buddy 10 is in an FTA home but the adoption is supposed to be finalized soon, possibly by 3/17. Booker/Tucker is supposed to have been adopted by 3/17. SySy/Chelsea, who was 7 mo. old when surrendered to EGRR, may be dog-aggressive and needs to be evaluated.
- ?? **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **Membership** – We have 2 new members since our last meeting. These are Allison Martin and Erica Schultz. Membership requests were discussed.
- ?? **Sunshine** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **Follow-up** – Dorsey was sent to the Rainbow Bridge when it was determined that his seizures could not be controlled.

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **Expo** – There will be an Expo basket-making session on March 23 at a Palm Beach County location TBA. We will decide who is doing which jobs at the Expo, including who will staff an information desk there, and to finalize a specific payment system for the silent auction table. Demonstrations are all set. Board

members should be there by 9:00 AM. EGRR will sell tickets that will be exchanged for merchandise, the photographer's services, and food, and are considering accepting cash for food. We would like to have the dog balloons we used for display last year, but nobody has located a supplier. We are considering a golden kissing booth, a dog/owner look-alike contest, paw prints, and a pet psychic, as well as additional activities. We will encourage foster parents to bring their dogs. Food will be purchased with a \$150 donated Publix gift certificate as well as other cash donations received. We will start selling raffle tickets at the Expo, and then continue through April and May. We will announce the winner at the end of May.

- ?? **Fund Raising** – Marlene will remind people that dues are due now. We also need to send out the raffle tickets for the vacation trips donated by Karen Thurman and Piper Smith.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** – The ad in the Palm Beach Post got us one volunteer to foster. An application was sent to her and we are waiting for it to be returned.
- ?? **Coordination with Breed Club** – The breed club will be Expo participants, doing obedience, rally, agility, and field demonstrations in the morning. They will be grooming after the demonstrations are completed. A minimum donation of \$10 per dog will be required for grooming, but we will encourage larger donations.
- ?? **Grants** – Stacey now has what she needs to work on grants.
- ?? **Website** – The online application is not operational. We shall hire a computer tech to correct the problems.
- ?? **NRC Committee President's Group** – Hermine reported on the topics discussed in the past month. These included:
 - o **Fostering** – We were in agreement with most groups with our policy that home surrender dogs should be foster for at least 10 days to 2 weeks, and strays and shelter dogs for a minimum of 2 - 3 weeks.
 - o **Relationship with Local Breed Clubs** – Our relationship with the breed club is works well. Most rescues do not have good relationships with their local breed clubs.
 - o **Adopting dogs to Senior Residences** – We have discussed this and decided against it, although many groups have had success with Sunrise facilities.
- ?? **Home Visits** – Home visit form revision is still on hold.
- ?? **Other** – EGRR received a thank-you note from Sooner Rescue Club for our donation towards their puppy rescue expenses. All the puppies were rescued.

New Business:

- ?? **Provisional Adoption Contract** – A provisional adoption contract has been put into place for dogs that need to be trained as per our training agreement, and for dogs that need to be spayed/neutered.
- ?? **Grooming and Manners Seminar** – This EGRC event will be held on May 5th at Tail End Pet Resort in Davie. Two sessions will be held with the manners session in the morning when all breeds are welcome, and the grooming session in the afternoon for Golden Retrievers only. We need flyers to distribute and sign-up sheets to post at the Expo.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th 7:00 P.M., at the home of Marlene Goldman. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bittle, Secretary