

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, May 9, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Jane Lipson, was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Members in attendance were: Holly Bittle, Marlene Goldman, Janet John, 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: Marlene presented the report as of April 30, 2007. Income from the Expo was \$3,196.00, and adoption fees collected in April totaled \$1,500. Total income was \$8,675.76 and total expenses were \$5,274.21, for an overall total of \$3,401.55.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 13 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted with completed paperwork are: Buddy 9, Bear, SySy/Chelsea, Zimmie, Flappy/Thud, Sandy/Brandy, Summer, Magic, Cherokee, Boomer, and Sunset/Sunny. BooBoo/BoomBoom and Mitchell have been “adopted” but we are awaiting receipt of their paperwork.
- ?? **Intake** – One young female, information unknown, is in the intake process from Broward ACC, Pompano.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 7 dogs who are either in foster homes: Sugar, with Erin Youngwirth; Gracie 3, with Janet and Henry John; Harley, with Christine Kneeland; and Honey, with Angela and Vic Stern are in foster-to-adopt homes. Morgan, with Marci Froehlig; and Bailey, with Jen Becker; are in foster homes. No dogs are currently being boarded at Dr. Cordova's or Dr. Butzer's. Captain is with Jenny at the Last Chance Ranch.
- ?? **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **Membership** – We have 10 new member families, 7 of whom joined in April, with the remaining three joining in May. These are as follows: April new members are: David and Wendy Bowers, Robert and Brenda Crowling, Randall and Jean Gibson, Henry and Janet John, Don and Edith Koenig, Jam Parry, and Jill Wentz. May new members, as of May 9, are: Marc and Sharon Beaubien, Christine Kneeland and Eldon Anderson, and Victor and Angela Stern.
- ?? **Sunshine** – We sent a get-well card to Diane Brown, a baby gift to Jen Angeline, and a sympathy card for Gracie to the Worch Family
- ?? **Follow-up** – Xena was helped on her journey to the Rainbow Bridge by Piper, after her cancer returned. Poor little Gracie was put to sleep when it was discovered she was in kidney failure. We will refund \$450 to the Worch's for Gracie.

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** – All articles have been sent to Tracy. Valentina may be working with Tracy on the newsletter.
- ?? **Expo** – According to the May treasurer's report, we took in \$3,196.00 at the Expo. Once we find out the show schedule for 2008, we will select a date in coordination with EGRC.

- ?? **Fund Raising** – So far \$1,410 was collected from raffle ticket sales. Jane, Elaine Donaghue, and the Hendrix's are making monthly donations. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of May.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** – Our newest volunteer is Megan.
- ?? **Coordination with Breed Club** – Grooming & Manners seminar had been postponed until the fall, due to an outbreak of kennel cough at the facility. We were also asked to help defeat the California bill requiring all dogs not being shown to be spayed or neutered by 4 months of age.
- ?? **Grants** – Nothing to report since Stacey was not at the meeting.
- ?? **Website** – We will ask Tracey to post a thank you on the home page to all vets who help us. Online application is still not working because we want to make modifications to the actual application before having it fixed. These changes will be made in early June and forwarded to Tracey and/or Valentina.
- ?? **Fostering** – We don't have many dogs now, but we always need more foster homes.
- ?? **NRC Committee President's Group** – Topics of discussion the past month included puppy mill closure, the California bill which EGRC has asked us to try to help defeat, and the case in Arizona of a rescue group's refusal to return a dog to a family that had surrendered him.
- ?? **Home Visit Form** – The committee to make changes still has not done any work. This should probably we worked on in coordination with changes being made to the adoption application.

New Business:

- ?? **West Coast** – EGRR has repeatedly tried to contact Jane Donelson via email and telephone calls but she has yet to return calls or respond to emails. We now have no one to handle Home Visits on the West Coast. We will deal with the applications as they come in however, we will not actively solicit any at this time.
- ?? **Other--** We will purchase Rainbow Bridge's sympathy cards and send them to people whose dogs went to the bridge or to people who are donating in memory of a dog. Ellen Lindenfeld will take over as Sunshine person.
- ?? **Broward County ACC Animal Disaster Meeting** – The meeting will be held Monday, May 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Several people have expressed an interest in attending.
- ?? **Addison Mortgage Group Open House** – This event will be held in Boca Raton on May 17th from 5 - 6:30. Jane Lipson, Marlene, and Janet John have volunteered to help. We still need a dog to bring, possibly Janet's Gracie, who is very well behaved.

The next meeting will held on Tuesday, June 5th 7:00 P.M., at the home of Hermine Skolnik. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bittle Secretary