

## **Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, July 10, 2007**

The meeting, held at the home of Ellen Lindenfeld, was called to order at 7:50 P.M. Members in attendance were: Holly Bittle, Doug and Denise Carrier, Kara Clark, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Megan Healey, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater, Hermine Scolnik, and Diane Snow-Posner.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were uploaded to box.net and accepted as sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marlene presented the report as of June 30, 2007. Total income was \$5,267.91 and total expenses were \$5,182.79, for an overall total of \$85.12. So far, donations to the Little Bear Fund total \$3,312.00. Our current year's veterinary expenses total \$30,000 so far, while we only spent \$38,000 for the entire veterinary expenses for 2006. Most of the money was spent for boarding, and we did have more dogs this year.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 5 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted with completed paperwork are: Cozmo, Gracie 3, Maggie, Morgan, and Riley.
- ?? **Intake** – We have been contacted to take in Bailey, a 14 month old spayed female; Casey, a 9 year old spayed female; Cuervo, a 5 year old neutered male; Hunter, a 10 year old neutered male; Sparky, a 5 year old neutered male; and Treasure, a 19 month old neutered male.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 11 dogs that are either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Murdock is with Annie Gerow, Jerry and Max are with Jen Becker, Buddy is with Ellen Edwards, Pudder is with Barb Sheedy, Dolphin is with Mark McWilliams, and Becky is with Kathy Keenan. There are two dogs that are in Foster-To-Adopt homes. Ginger is with Barbara Clark and Little Bear is with Maria Calderon. No dogs are currently being boarded at Dr. Cordova's. Pebbles and Pampero are being boarded at Dr. Butzer's. Logan, an 18 month old intact male, is being boarded at Dr. Darko's. Captain is with Jenny at the Last Chance Ranch and his health is failing.
- ?? **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **Membership** – We have two new member families – Barbara and Barry Clark, and Susan Rambusch.
- ?? **Sunshine** – Get Well cards were sent to Herb Scolnik, Jack Bajart, Peter Clark, and Bill Posner. A sympathy card to Ellen and Glen Lindenfeld for Hannah.
- ?? **In Memoriam** – Hannah

### **Old Business:**

- ?? **Newsletter** – Articles are due by July 15<sup>th</sup> and the newsletter will be out at the end of the month. A featured-dog story is needed. After discussion we decided on Cozmo.
- ?? **Fund Raising** – So far \$3,312 was collected for Little Bear and is in the Little Bear Fund. The funds donated on behalf of Little Bear will be used on his behalf for the rest of his life. After that, the funds should go for the treatments of any other dog that had been diagnosed with treatable cancer. "Count Your Blessings" is on hold until September.

- ?? **Expo** – The proposed date is April 12, 2008. So far, no conflicts have been brought to EGRR's attention. No shows have been scheduled for that time. We need to book the park.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** – We need to coordinate volunteers. Denise offered to do this. We need to recognize special foster families who went above and beyond in their services to EGRR. We will present plaques and gift certificates or gift cards at the EXPO. Recipients will be notified prior to the event.
- ?? **Coordination with Breed Club**—California bill AB1634, the legislation that dealt with mandatory spay/neuter issues, was eliminated from the Senate committee on July 10, 2007. Form and Function seminar was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the St. Lucie Fairgrounds. Hermine and Marlene attended the seminar and talked about what they learned. The Breed Club is holding a Dinner and Movie social on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Rescue has been invited to this covered dish dinner. Details are available on the website [www.evergladesgrc.org](http://www.evergladesgrc.org).
- ?? **Grants** – Stacey reported on the grants she has applied for. Several of them were to defray the cost of spaying and neutering services. One grant offers funding for office equipment. Publix has donated 100 training videos, and Lupine has donated collars, harnesses and leashes.
- ?? **Website** – None of the changes including thank you's to vets and the online adoption application will be put into place until the format of the website is changed. Hermine, Tracey, and Valentina will be meeting to review the new format.
- ?? **Fostering** -- We may be allowing too many dogs to go to Foster-To-Adopt homes. There have been problems because many of the people were relatively inexperienced in dog owners. We recommend that the potential Foster-To-Adopt families take a training course, and receive a copy of EGRR's fostering manual. A compilation of foster home training tips from former foster parents were also suggested. Temperament testing was discussed. A vet check of prospective adopters was suggested. Ellen volunteered to do this.
- ?? **NRC Committee President's Group** – Topics discussed recently included the list is being expanded to other areas and owners are viewing website and calling to reclaim dogs they think are theirs. They discussed ways to effectively handle the dogs' anxieties, such as thunder anxiety and separation anxiety. Golden doodles were discussed. Most groups treat these as they do any other mixed breed and do not accept them into their programs. Medical care of cats in prospective adoptive homes was discussed. Some foster homes are stealing the dogs. They refused to return the dogs to the rescue on demand by the rescue. Our topic of whether we could pay vet bills generated by dogs after they have been adopted in a Senior for Senior program was also discussed.
- ?? **Home Visits** – Our home visit form is being reviewed. This is still in progress.

### **New Business:**

- ?? Broward County has begun a program offering generic drugs to a valid prescription holder upon presentation of the Broward County plan card. This discount card can also be used for dog prescriptions.
- ?? Minor changes have been made to the adoption application.
- ?? The adoption contract revisions have not been completed and approved. We are waiting for input from Craig.
- ?? Basic obedience classes were discussed and shall be offered at Clint Moore on Tuesday, with the first class occurring on 7/24/2007. Puppies and other dogs are

welcome to take part in the class, and a minimum of four dogs are needed for the class to be held. The cost should range between \$25 and \$35, depending on the number of dogs in the class. There will be an additional charge for the Canine Good Citizen test.

- ?? **Boarding kennel for shelter dogs:** EGRR now is in affiliation with Dr. Darko, located in Lauderhill. Dr. Darko will take shelter dogs as we need him to do so.
- ?? **Sunny** is at Almost Home in West Virginia.
- ?? **Puppies:** All of the female puppies are in stages of renal failure and it has been deemed that they have less than 6 months to live. Gracie had underdeveloped kidneys that eventually failed after a short time. The male puppies seem to have healthy kidneys, although one has a heart murmur. It's been suggested that not all of the pups may have had the same father. EGRR will pay for all initial tests for the puppies. The adopters will be responsible for medical bills for the puppies thereafter. If we get a surplus of grant funding for the puppies, we can reimburse the adopters for the puppies' veterinary/medical bills as funding amounts permit. We are proposing the formation of a special fund in memory of Gracie and Marlee.
- ?? **Microchip System Change:** The USDA is suggesting that a new microchip system be adopted. Under this new system, pet owners would have to rechip their dogs, since the new readers can not read the data on the old chips. We should write letters of protest about this change being not in the best interest of the dogs. Go to their website [www.AmacatUSA.org](http://www.AmacatUSA.org) to get the details of the proposed change and to write letters of protest.

The next meeting will held on Wednesday, August 8th 7:00 P.M., at the home of Janet John. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Bittle Secretary