

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, August 8, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Janet John, was called to order at 7:50 P.M. Members in attendance were: Teri Goldman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater and Kim Lopater, Hermine Scolnik, and Diane Snow-Posner.

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

Treasurer's Report: Hermine presented the report, as of July 31, 2007, for Marlene. We have \$14,638.80 in the Checking Account and \$14,159.38 in the SOS Fund for a Total of \$28,798.28. Total income was \$8,333.88 and total expenses were \$7161.76, for an overall total gain of \$1772.12. Little Bear Fund donations to date total \$10,359.14. Expenses for his treatment were \$1959.00, leaving a balance of \$8100.14 for his care. There are still vet charges for his care in July that will be paid in August.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** – It was reported that 7 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted with completed paperwork are: Ginger, Buddy, Max, Jerry/Joey, Pampero/Franklin, and Teddy. Eli/Shadow has been turned over to DVGRR.
- ?? **Intake** – We have been contacted to take in Casey, a 9 yr old spayed F, Chewy, a 9 yr old neutered M, and Buddy, a 1 yr old intact M. We are also following up on a M at Broward ACC, age unknown.
- ?? **Foster** – There are 11 dogs that are either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices, and 3 dogs in Foster-to-Adopt homes. Murdock is being fostered by Annie Gerow, Pudder by Barb Sheedy, Becky by Kathy Keenan, Sammy by Jen Becker, and Logan by Valentina Mayz. In Foster-to-Adopt are Little Bear with Maria Calderon, Cuervo with Marci and Mark Hilton, and Pebbles/Lucy with Deborah and Doug Hamblen. Simba, Zeus Bear, Fudge, Brittney, and Plato are being boarded at Dr. Butzer's. Dolphin/Dalton is in quarantine at Dr. Cordova's after biting Mark McWilliams. He will be PTS on August 15th. Ellen has volunteered to be with him.
- ?? **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- ?? **In Memoriam** – Captain
- ?? **Membership** – We have four new member families: Marci and Mark Hilton, Deborah and Doug Hamblen, Peyton and Thomas Lumpkin, and Barbara Michaels.
- ?? **Sunshine** – A get well card was sent to Peter Clark, who underwent surgery and a sympathy card to Jennifer Elliott for Captain.

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** – We discussed the possibility of changing the newsletter from a quarterly to a semi-monthly publication. The thought was that people might read the whole newsletter, if it were shorter. We are not sure if we can get a vet to write a column that often. We may possibly just send out a President's message, the minutes, and the announcement of the next meeting. There will be no change until next year.
- ?? **Fund Raising** – We will be discussing "Count Your Blessings" at our next meeting in September. Stacey suggested "kennel tags" for a donation, however

- since we don't own our own kennel this is not feasible. Janet John is going to approach some of the pharmaceutical companies for donations of drugs.
- ?? **Expo** – The Expo will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the Appaloosa Shelter in Tradewinds Park. We can only open the Expo to our membership and their friends. If we wanted to open it to the general public, everything would have to be accessible to the handicapped, and we cannot do that
 - ?? **Volunteer Updates** – At our last meeting, Denise Carrier offered to coordinate the volunteers, however, she does not have access to the internet, so this is not practical. Carmella Todaro is going to be our Volunteer Coordinator. Tracey will help her get started on the computer.
 - ?? **Coordination with Breed Club** – The Grooming and Manners Seminar is being rescheduled for Saturday, October 13th, time and place to be announced. There will be a \$35 charge for working spots. Once the time and place are decided, interested parties will have to sign up.
 - ?? **Grants** – Stacey reported that we have received \$4200 from the April Fund for the 2006 calendar year. She is looking into a grant to pay for the kidney screening done on the puppies and their parents. She is applying for an infrastructure grant for a digital camera, copy machine, and other office equipment. She has also looked into an ID program that will pay for a collar, leash, nametag, and microchip. There are grants to pay for kennel fees, but she has been unable to locate a phone number to call for more information. The Red Cross and the United Way do not provide any grant money for our causes.
 - ?? **Website** – Valentina has taken over updating the Adoptable Dogs, and it is being done in a very timely fashion.
 - ?? **Fostering** – The foster situation has not improved – we still need more foster homes and are still being forced to use Foster-to-Adopt homes.
 - ?? **NRC President's Group** – Topics discussed recently included Goldstock, YGRR's new camp, Lyme disease and aggression, rabies incubation period, policies regarding dogs who bite while in foster,
 - ?? **Home Visits** – Updated form is still on hold.
 - ?? **Basic Obedience Classes** – The scheduled class did not start because the parents of the female puppies decided that their sick dogs did not need this training. In addition, an outdoor class in the early evening was not a good idea, due to the weather.
 - ?? **Boarding shelter dogs:** Dr. Butzer has created an isolation area for dogs coming directly from the shelters. It is large enough to house several dogs, however, if one is sick, they will all get sick. It is the best we can do for now.
 - ?? **Puppies:** Blood samples for all the living puppies and their parents were sent to CHIC (Canine Health Information Center). Their DNA will be extracted and used in any studies on Golden Retrievers with Juvenile Renal Dysplasia (JRD). Rhoda Hovan facilitated this for us.
 - ?? **Events**
 - ?? **Broward County Chamber of Commerce** – August 28th. Stacey will obtain more information so we can decide if we want to participate.
 - ?? **Storybook Festival** – November 17th from 10am to 4pm, at the Southwest Regional Library. Volunteers are needed.
 - ?? **Woodstock Crafts Show** – December 1st and 2nd from 9am to 4pm. Volunteers must be there before 9am to set up.

New Business:

- ?? **N'zymes** – Jane discussed these supplements for dogs with skin problems. She uses them for her dogs and suggested buying them to try on foster dogs such as Becky. Adopters could continue the program and buy them from us at a reduced price.
- ?? **Life's Abundance Food** – Hermine presented a proposal of this pyramid marketing program. We would sell this food on our website, and earn a percentage for use bag sold; GRRMF would also earn money on our sales. We would need to solicit other groups to fall under our umbrella to earn more money. We voted not to do this.
- ?? **Neal Katz's Dogs** – Neal has been hospitalized for an extended period of time. He wanted us to take his dogs back because he can't care for them temporarily. Stacey picked up the dogs where they were being boarded and was presented with a \$500 boarding bill. Currently Elvis/Casey is being fostered by Kathi Fegers. Marci Froehlig will foster Rusty and Isabel as soon as Morgan goes home. Right now they are at Clint Moore.

The next meeting will held on Monday, September 10th 7:00 P.M., at the home of Holly Bittle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Snow-Posner, Acting Secretary