

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, September 10, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Holly Bittle, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Members in attendance were: Holly Bittle, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Jayme Melofchik, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Hermine Scolnik, and Dianne 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 August 31, 2007. Total income was \$8,490.72 and total expenses were \$8,089.87, for an overall total of 400.85. Fees from adoptions, totaling \$3,475.00, and funds from awarded grants, totaling \$4,251.17, comprise the major portion of EGRR's August income. EGRR's August veterinary expenses totalled \$7,620.36.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that 9 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted are: Casey/Jane, Logan, Teddy, Simba, Murdock, Becky, Plato, Sammy, and Cuervo.
- **Intake** – We have been contacted regarding the following possible home surrenders: Kaylee, a 7 month old spayed female, Buddy, a 9 year old intact male, Rusty, a 5 year old intact male and Mozart, a 18-20 month old intact male. We were also contacted by Coral Springs ACC regarding a 10 month old to 1 year old male.
- **Foster** – There are 11 dogs that are either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Pudder is with Barb Sheedy, Baxter is with Jayme Melofchik, and BamBam is with Kathy Keenan. Jayme has a tick problem so Baxter will not be ready to go for 7 to 10 days. We are still caring for Neal Katz's dog. Elvis/Casey is with Cathy Fegers, and Rusty and Isabelle are with Marci Froehlig. There are four dogs that are in Foster-To-Adopt. Little Bear is with Maria & Henry Calderon, Pebbles/Lucy is with Deborah & Doug Hamblen, Buddy is with Valentina Mayz, and Jet is with Summer & Eric Clark. No dogs are currently being boarded at Dr. Cordova's or Dr. Darko's. Zeus Bear, Fudge, Brittney, Max, Lucky/Lacey, Sport/Ragamuffin, and Bart are being boarded at Dr. Butzer's. Once he is well enough to leave, Bart will be turned over to Alan Babcock Dog and Cat Rescue.
- **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- **Membership** – Kristi and Chris Sachtleben are EGRR's newest members
- **Sunshine** – We sent a Get Well card to Valentina Mayz. We sent sympathy cards to the Connors for Marlee, Jackie Bowes for Blue, and Kay Strawderman for Savannah.
- **In Memoriam** – Dolphin/Dalton, Marlee, Savannah

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – We are considering including "Now That You've Adopted Me", a story about an adopted dog, in a future issue. We have selected Jane as the featured volunteer and Pudder as the featured dog for the next issue.
- **Fund Raising**—EGRR was awarded \$4,251.17 in grant money, \$610.00 in donations, and \$125.00 in pledges, but the Little Bear Fund has approximately \$8,000 remaining for future treatments.
- **Count Your Blessings** – Some ideas suggested for "Count Your Blessings" were: counting your children, counting your TV's or other countables, and

donating money based on a donation per item . We need more fundraisers to defray large vet bills.

- **Starbucks** has a program in which they donate up to 2 lbs. of coffee to a charity per month We would have to present them with a letter and our non-profit corporation number.
- **Expo:** The proposed date is April 13, 2008. It was suggested that members donate professionally made-up baskets to be raffled at the Expo.
- **Volunteer Updates** – Carmela is a new volunteer. EGRR needs to create certificates for the vets who help us. We will also get a gift for Ryan at Clint Moore and present it at Christmas.
- **Coordination with Breed Club**—A picnic will be held at Quiet Waters Park on October 6th. EGRR members may attend. Bring your food to share -and your dog. They will hold games similar to those held at the Expo. EGRR members can join the breed club even if they do not breed. The breed club offers workshops, speakers, and hosts dog events.
- **Grants**—see treasurer's report.
- **Website**—On the website, EGRR can publicly thank companies or individuals who donate. However, if we post these individuals' ads on the website and receive money for these ad placements, that money must be reported as income.
- **Fostering**—Stacey and daughters assembled the fostering manual.
- **NRC Committee President's Group**—Dog owners must be cautious about giving ice cubes to dogs following vigorous exercise. The dogs could get bloat.
- **Home Visits**—Home visit form is being reviewed.

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee**—The nominating committee members are Marlene Goldman, chairperson, Eunice Bajart and Stacey Lopater as board members, and Kara Clark as the non board member. We are considering 2-year terms for directors and having two vice presidents.

The next meeting will held on Wednesday, October 17th 6:30 P.M., at the home of Hermine Scolnik. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bittle, Secretary