

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, November 14, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Kara Clark, was called to order at 7:30 PM. Members in attendance were: Kara Clark, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Jane Lipson, Hermine Scolnik, and Dianne Snow-Posner. Also in attendance was a guest, Rawls Morgan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were sent via e-mail uploaded to Box.Net. They were not sent out but accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene presented the report as of October 31, 2007. We have \$20,518.00 in the bank; \$13,621.88 in savings which includes \$8000 in the Little Bear account. We took in \$6064.22 and paid out \$8309.93 in expenses for a net loss of \$1843.66. Dues statements for 2008 are ready to go out the first week of December along with a questionnaire for all 2006 and 2007 dogs that were adopted.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that 7 dogs were adopted since our last meeting. These are Mozart/Ranger, Dasha/Gracie, Rusty, Isabel, Nugget/Cooper, and Pebbles/Lucy.
- **Foster** – There are currently 11 dogs either in foster or foster-to-adopt homes, or being boarded at our vets' offices. Buddy, Rhett and Bailey are in foster-to-adopt homes; Bear/Bruiser, Buggy, Yeager, and Little Shaq/Jack are in foster homes, and Max, Shaq, Sparky, and Zeus Bear are being boarded at Clint Moore. Zeus Bear is now having seizures that are probably related to his tick borne diseases. Marlene will be calling Customs for information regarding dogs for adoption as drug dogs.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter was sent out.
- **Fund Raising:**
 - **Count Your Blessings** – Barb will send out an e-mail blast to remind people to send in their donations.
 - **Monthly pledge donations** – Only three people have pledged over this year. No letters have gone out for the year 2008 since we have not decided if we are going to do it again.
- **Grants:**
 - **GR Foundation** – We received \$998 for the litter testing on the puppies.
 - **Infrastructure grant** – We received \$2405 from GRF which was used to purchase a laptop computer, camera, color laser printer, laminating machine and paper. We have decided to return the laminating machine and paper, and discussed buying a tripod. We will be able to take all our own pictures with Santa, the Easter Bunny or anything else at the Expo.
- **Expo** – We are set with the Expo on Sunday, April 6th at the Appaloosa Shelter in Tradewinds Park. We plan to recognize the foster parents at the Expo.
- **Coordination with the Breed Club**
 - **Grooming and Santa** – This event was held on November 4th, as a joint venture with EGRC. Initially it was determined that the profits for each group were \$688.39. However, we were contacted by Ginnie Wight, who claimed that her dog was injured by the "groomer" and she was expecting

us to reimburse her for veterinary bills. Once we have all the information, we will attempt to negotiate with her. Her vet did say that there was no way to determine what caused the injury when she saw the dog 24 hrs after the alleged accident. If we submit the bill to our insurance company, we will need pictures, and she will have to prove negligence. Pat Kopco has agreed to provide us with a release form absolving both groups of any further responsibility. We decided to offer her 50% of her bill, which we will split with EGRC. In the future, we will require everyone who wants to have their dog groomed to sign a release, and we will reserve the right to groom certain dogs.

- **Holiday Party** – EGRC has invited all members of EGRR to attend their annual awards dinner to be held on 11/30/07. EGRR is not having a holiday party this year.
- **Website** – Valentina has been working on a new version of the website. She has modified the colors of the logo. Kara was asked if there would be a problem changing the colors on the logo. Since the original logo was done in black and white so colors would not affect copyright.
- **Events**
 - **Storybook Festival** – We were unable to get volunteers this year.
 - **Woodstock** – The event is on Saturday, December 1st, from 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday, December 2nd, from 9 am – 4 pm. If possible, we will set up on Friday. If not Dianne and Kara will get there at 7:30 am on Saturday to set up.

New Business:

- **Kennel dogs** – We discussed changing the dog food for our dogs in the kennel at Clint Moore. Currently they are eating Purina EN, which is an easily digestible food, but we do not feel it is an appropriate food for long term use. We received several recommendations of Canidae, and hopefully will be able to get it at a good price.
- **Temperament testing** – Kara Clark demonstrated temperament testing on dogs. A Handout was given to members.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Eunice Bajart, in Lake Worth, on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Snow-Posner, Acting Secretary