

## Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting June 11, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Bonnie Kimelman, was called to order at 7:51pm. Members in attendance were: Eunice Bajart, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater, Valentina Mayz, Hermine Scolnik, and Diane Snow-Posner.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were posted on box.net. A motion made by Marlene Goldman to accept the Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Jane Lipson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marlene presented the report as of June 2008. Total income was \$4,306.35 and total expenses were \$2,738.33, for a net gain of \$1,568.02. There is a Total of \$20,915.73 in the Operating Account, \$4,394.38 in the Little Bear Fund, and \$1,879.23 in the SOS Fund for a Grand Total in checking and savings of \$27,189.34. Funds raised from raffle tickets totaled \$1,802.55.

### Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that 2 dogs were adopted since our last meeting. The adopted dogs include Scooby #491 and Prince/D'Angelo #487.
- **Intake** – We have two new rescues scheduled for intake. First is Bailey, a 13 year old male; home surrender. He'll go to Jenny Elliott on June 27<sup>th</sup> via transport by Barbara Sheedy. Another Bailey, a 3 year old spayed female, also a home surrender, is expected to be coming into Dr. Cordova's office on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Foster-to-Adopt** – Duke #461 and Prince #462 are still with Jen Becker. Rusty is with new EGRR member Sue McMath and Dakota is with Maria & Henry Calderon.
- **Foster** – There are currently six dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. Moose/Echo #470 is with Barbara Sheedy and Romeo #492 is with Emilia Villati. The following Golden Retrievers are at Clint Moore: Cesar #493 who's going into foster care with Kathy Keenan on 6/12, Tank #495 who's going to be seen by the McKim family on 6/16 and Bear #496 & Lion #497 who will be going into foster care with Marci Froehlig on 6/14.
- **Sunshine**–Sympathy cards were sent to Kelly Ballester for Jewel, Ginger & Ted McKim for Riley and Chris Kneeland and Eldon Anderson for Jake. Get Well cards were sent to Peter Clark and Bernie Gilick. The Strassner family had requested that In lieu of flowers donations be made in Mr. Strassner's name. Cards acknowledging these donations were sent to the family. We have received \$830.00 in donations and a Stepping Stone will be created in his name.
- **Follow-up** – Bear #337 has completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> round of chemo for lymphoma and Casey Jane #441 is being treated with doxycycline for blindness caused by erlichea, a tick borne disease. We recently learned that Sophia/Sophie #165, who was adopted by Adam Lotz in 2004, went to the Rainbow Bridge in 2006. The status of Kaylee was discussed. She's now up-to-date with Heartgard and vaccinations.
- **Membership** – Welcome new member Sue McMath.

### Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – Will be available on the web site in July. Ellen Lindenfeld will be our featured volunteer and "Buddy" will be our featured Golden.
- **Fundraising**
  - **Scavenger Hunt** –Information was sent out to all members. Thank you Barb Sheedy!
  - **Phantom Ball** – Information about the October event will be presented at future meeting.
  - **"Stepping Stones to our Goal"** – The purchase of Stepping Stones will continue to be available on the web site as an ongoing fund raiser.
- **Grants** – No new report.
- **Expo** – Four available dates were presented: 3/28, 3/29, 4/4 and 4/5. After discussion of holidays and dog shows, a motion was made by Marlene Goldman to hold the event on

- 4/4. It was seconded by Stacey Lopater, so next year's Expo will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Coordination of Volunteers** – A list presented for review by Board. It is expected to be ready in July.
  - **Coordination with Breed Club** – A request has been made by staff at Morikami Park Elementary School Program, for "Dogs at Day Camp". This is strictly a Rescue activity. Funds donated will go directly into treasury. Ellen Bloome, Pat Andrews, Kara Clark, and Hermine Scolnik will be working with AKC to present information on Pet Ownership and Safety. They will be our Canine Ambassadors.
  - **Website** -- As a result of a Host problem we've switched to a new Hosting Site. The current website has been moved to the new hosting site. Only the most important portion of the website was moved including adoptable dogs and the current adoption forms. Other stories and features, as well as the new on-line forms and store will be activated as part of our new website. At this time we anticipate the new site to be fully functional in July.
  - **Fostering** – Jane is working developing a Foster Contract. Jill Sayer is our foster mentor, but to date, no one has ever contacted her.
  - **NRC Yahoo Groups-**
    - **President's Group** – Topics discussed included Pigmentary uveitis, an immune mediated heredity disease leading to glaucoma and cataracts, Starfish Awards, given to individuals and rescue groups making important contributions. This year's rescue group award went to RAGoM, a Minnesota group.
    - **Foster Coordinators' Group** has discussed posting flyers to get more foster homes
    - **Intake Coordinators' Group** discussed accepting seniors
  - **Adoption Process Revisions** – Revisions to the Home Visit Form, Adoption Application, and Adoption Contract are still on hold.
  - **Events** – The city of Boca Raton is opening a new Dog Park. We discussed the possibility of EGRR having a presence at the Opening event. Ellen Bloome will look into this as well as in running events at the Palm Beach County water parks at the end of the season.
  - **Broward County vets** – Valentina Mayz will follow up with Dr. Gallo, to get pricing information.
  - **By-laws** – Marlene, Eunice, and Hermine will work on the general updates and corrections, as well as adding a clause on dissolution of the corporation. This will be done once Marlene returns from her vacation in July.
  - **Policy on dogs that bite while in foster care** – On hold.
  - **Coral Reef High School fostering a dog** – The High School has a pre-vet program. They've inquired about fostering one of our Rescue dogs. The Golden boy or girl would live with the teacher and work during the day with the students. Hermine will work with Ms. Jackson to go over the details.

#### **New Business**

- **Grace Award** - Arizona Rescue receives this yearly. Rescue dogs involved in animal therapy, law enforcement and education are eligible for nomination. The award is presented by RAGofAZ (Rescue a Golden of Arizona).
- **Storage space** – Cost has increased \$5.00 per month. Once Marlene is no longer sharing the space with us, we may need further discussion.
- **Rejection letters** – It was discussed and agreed that letters will be signed "Adoption Committee". Jane will send letters as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

The next meeting will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dianne Snow-Posner.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Stacey Lopater