

## Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting August 14, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Hermine Scolnik, was called to order at 7:34pm. Members in attendance were: Sharon Bennett, Tracy Eller, Teri Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Jane Lipson, Kim Lopater, Stacey Lopater, Valentina Mayz, Herb and Hermine Scolnik, and Barbara Sheedy. Jeff Nann attended as a guest.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were posted on box.net. A motion made by Herb Scolnik to accept the Meeting minutes. Motion was second by Barbara Sheedy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hermine presented the report as of July 31, 2008 for Marlene. Total income was \$4,684.42 and total expenses were \$5,334.23, for a net loss of \$649.81. There's \$18,955.27 in the checking account, \$6,450.68 in the savings account for a total of \$25,405.95.

### Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that six dogs were adopted last month. Rusty #498 was adopted by Anita and Dwayne Standridge, Diane and Joe Wolak adopted Shadow #476, Jen Becker adopted Duke #461 and Prince #462, Boone #501 was adopted by Shari Goldstein, and Kia #502 was adopted by Bill Crowley.
- **Intake** –
- **Foster-to-Adopt** – Jean and Ron Schindler are caring for Layla #478 and Brady #503 is in the care of Marisela and Cliff Poirier.
- **Foster** – There are currently five dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. Ginger #499 and Yogi #500 are with Barbara and Brad Carpenter, Ginger #507 is with Stacey Lopater, Shakira #505 is with Jayme Melofchik and Buddy #508 is with Marissa Vanbuskirk and Steve Varisco. The following Golden Retrievers are at Clint Moore: Bo #504 who's going to Kathy Keenan on 8/16 or 8/17, Java who's going to Sharon Beaubien on 8/16 or 8/17 and Hogan #506.  
**Sunshine** – Sympathy cards were sent to Christina Barletta for Mr. Lucky/Luka #73, Brenda Monse for her sister, Christine Pound for Rusty#250, Johanna and Miguel Diaz for Prince/D'Angelo #487, and Carol Johnson for Magnum. A Get Well card was sent to Bill Posner. Birthday card and donation on behalf of Marci Froehlig will be used to purchase a Paw Print.
- **Follow-up** – Bear #337 has completed chemo treatments for lymphoma and Shasta #389 is doing well. Sadly we recently learned that Scooby #481 was diagnosed with kidney disease.
- **Membership** – Welcome new members Shari Goldstein, Diane and Joseph Wolak, Sherri and Everett Butler, Barbara and Brad Carpenter, Marissa Vanbuskirk, Jean Schindler and Marisela Poirier.

### Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – Now available on the web site.
- **Fundraising**
  - **Phantom Ball** – Information about the October event will be presented at the September 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.
  - **Calendar** – Tracy Eller presented information about a Print on Demand calendar. Members are invited to submit photos of their Golden Retrievers to be used for the calendar. Information about ordering coming soon.
- **Grants** – Funds received from Build-a-Bear for spay and neuter.
- **Expo** – Expo will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Tradewinds Park.
- **Coordination of Volunteers** – Lists are complete. Stacey will forward list of names of members who can "transport" to the Board.

- **Coordination with Breed Club** –The eight week “Golden Education” summer program at Morikami Park Elementary School was a great success. The tentative date for the fall grooming Event is November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further discussion at September meeting. Please be advised that the EGRC Specialty will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Grounds. Volunteers are needed to man our table.
- **Website** – The online adoption application is now available online. Additions continue to be worked on at this time.
- **Fostering** – Barbara is working with Jane and Hermine in developing a Foster Contract.
- **NRC Yahoo Groups-**
  - **President’s Group** – While some groups have a vet on their board we do not. Dr. Butzer was approached but unavailable. At this time we don’t feel it’s necessary.
- **Adoption Process Revisions** – Revisions to the Home Visit Form will be presented at a future meeting. The EGRR Adoption Contract has been revised, completed and goes into effect immediately.
- **Adoption fee for pairs** – There have been occasions where we have taken in a pair of Golden Retrievers and it’s in their best interest to be adopted together. However, it may not be financially feasible for a family to afford the full cost of both. In response to this, a motion was made by Stacey to put in place a fee plan that enables a member to purchase the younger of the two at full price and the older one at a reduced price. Motion was seconded by Jane.
- **Requirement of membership** – We discussed requiring all adopters to become dues paying members. The discussion will continue at the September meeting.
- **Adoption Package** – One of our members, Tracy Eller, will be working with her daughter on this project to create bags containing valuable information for newly adopting families.
- **Events** – The Palm Beach County has a new Dog Park in West Boca. An event will be held sponsored by the Boca Raton Dog Club to raise money to purchase oxygen masks for canines that will be kept on fire trucks. We hope to be present at this very important event.
- **GRACE Award** – Congratulations to Plato and the Foley family! Plato earned Honorable Mention and is invited to an awards presentation in Rhode Island on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ryan** – A gift was presented to Ryan, at Clint Moore Animal Hospital, as a gesture of our appreciation for all the extra time and attention he gives our Golden Retrievers.

## **New Business**

**Rescue Conference** – Barbara, Stacey and Valentina have expressed an interest in attending the October conference held in Ohio. (at their own expense)

**Nominating Committee** – This year’s committee will be announced at the September meeting. The committee consists of 2 board members and 1 member from the general membership. Anyone interested in serving, please e-mail Hermine Scolnik prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Valentina Mayz.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Stacey Lopater