

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS



goldstock 2005 *by Ali Stapp*

Indescribable!

Goldstock, the wonderful annual gathering where Golden rescues nationwide get together to learn, know one another better, share ideas and experiences, have fun attending and participating in events, and do a little shopping for Golden and people merchandise.

For all of you who've attended GRRoW's Bark in the Park events and have seen the field full of running, playing Golden Retrievers, enlarge that image and you'll have an inkling of Goldstock. For everyone, picture a camp in the Pennsylvania wooded countryside with many cabins on both sides of a gently sloping hill that leads to a good-sized

lake. In the cabins are Golden Retriever rescue people from "everywhere," including Alaska, and in those cabins on or near most of the beds you'll find Golden Retrievers unless they're proudly lounging on the cabin porches or taking strolls, swimming in the lake — practicing for the Golden Olympic events, happily greeting customers in the merchandise area, or waiting patiently outside the dining hall. With the weather so lovely two of the meals were served outside...and many Golden Retrievers lay quietly in the shade of the picnic tables.

GRRoW had a good year at Goldstock although public attendance was down due to Hurricane Katrina, gas prices and lack of gas available in some states south of Pennsylvania. The seminar on fundraising and the meeting with members of the Golden Retriever Club of America/ National Rescue Committee were very informative and alone made the trip worthwhile.

This year's GRRoW attendees were: Deb Lukasik (1st year), Edell Schaefer, Ali Stapp and Sharon Strege (2nd year).

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Mission Statement

To encourage and promote responsible dog ownership and to reduce the abuse and neglect of all Golden Retrievers through rehabilitation and adoption.

To do all in our power to assure the humane treatment of Golden Retrievers and to accept unwanted Golden Retrievers, care for them medically, spay/neuter and rehabilitate them and place them in caring homes.

To educate the public in responsible dog ownership to include proper health, spay/neutering, nutrition, training and good canine citizenship.

To discourage unwanted or careless breeding practices and promote care for all dogs.

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In order to save printing, mailing and publishing costs, the newsletter will be posted on the public portion of the GRRoW web site. Beginning with the Spring 2006 issue of Goldentails the link will be e-mailed to all volunteers.

However, if someone would like to subscribe and receive a mailed copy of the newsletter, the subscription fee will be \$5 for the 2006 calendar year.

a word from our top dog... *by Deb Lukasik*



I sit here pondering what to say as I think about the last three months in GRRoW. I can definitely say that the economy is now unstable, the southern states have suffered tragic losses with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and we worry about gas prices on a day to day basis. Does this affect GRRoW? Most definitely.

I can't believe the number of people who responded offering to help the Katrina animals. It was overwhelming and I was impressed. Then I began to ponder and feel very sad. There were so many people offering to open up their hearts and homes to help the animals from the south, why aren't they stepping up to help the animals in WI.

On a daily basis we have Golden Retrievers waiting to come into rescue. Can we help them? The answer is "some of them." What happens to the rest of them? Answer: We don't know, we can only speculate that they are being turned over to shelters, maybe rehomed, hopefully not abandoned or euthanized.

The next question is why are people not interested in helping the Golden Retrievers in WI? I can't answer that. Can you? You ask, how can we help the Golden Retrievers in our state? There are many ways YOU can help.

Ask yourself, "What have I done to contribute to GRRoW lately?"

A fine organization such as ours takes a "village of people" to run. Each and every component of our organization runs like a well-oiled machine when we all pitch in to help. We have numerous opportunities just waiting for you! Just read through the list and see what fits your lifestyle.

Friends of GRRoW (supporting volunteers) – contribute monetarily which helps pay for medical bills, web site expenses, postage, printing costs, etc.

Foster homes – without foster homes dogs can't be rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed. Contact Angela Hugel at feuerman_911@yahoo.com

Intake – without intake we would not be able to get information on the potential dogs coming into GRRoW. Contact Betsy Sande at shelgold2@earthlink.net if you'd like to help in this capacity.

Placement – assists the foster homes in finding forever homes for their

dogs. Contact Angela Hugel at feuerman_911@yahoo.com to become involved in the placement of Golden Retrievers in our care.

Home visit team members – screen homes and families of potential adoptive families. Contact Lisa Hilgart at lhilgart@charter.net

Fundraising – Wow! This takes an army of people all by itself to coordinate and run our events. Contact Fundraising Coordinator Jeanne Rufflo at fundraising@grrow.org

Education, Meet & Greets, Pet Fairs, Adoption Fairs, Special Public Events – inform & educate the public about GRRoW, spay/neuter issues and responsible pet ownership. These people spread the word by handing out literature & posters in pet stores & vet clinics and other pet-related venues. Contact Michelle Demarest at demarest.michelle@mbco.com

Membership – recruit members and assist the membership coordinator (if needed) Contact Erin Zander at ezrider03@yahoo.com

Area Coordinators – train foster homes and handle foster dog behavior issues. Contact the Board of Directors at bod@grrow.org

Grants – research and submit grants

for additional funding for GRRoW

Assessment – assess dogs (requires training and experience). Contact Assessment Coordinator Janet Egdorf at janetegd@yahoo.com.

Transport – transport the Golden Retrievers to foster homes

Clerical – numerous clerical projects available

Web site – assist the webmaster in database and web projects

Coordinators & Board of Directors – when there are vacancies, please submit letters of interest to the Board. Yes, the positions require lots of time and dedication but are worth it. These positions provide essential guidance for GRRoW. We make sure we are adhering to proper guidelines, policies and procedures.

Like to shop? Shop at Pick N Save. Stop at the service desk, sign up for the "We Care" Program and choose GRRoW as your charity. (Our number is 280700) We will receive 1% of your tape total every time you use your Advantage Card!

Do your online shopping at iGive.com. You shop at over 440 stores, like Lands End, Barnes & Noble,

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Buy Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Dog or Cat food. Save the UPC code and receipt from your purchase of Natural Balance pet food. Mail them to:

GRRoW
C/O Jeanne Rufflo
4108 N. Morris Blvd.
Shorewood, WI 53211

GRRoW will receive a rebate from Natural Balance for every UPC code and receipt we collect!

Shop at PeckandGartner.com Peck & Gartner sells art work with a nature motif as well as gifts at their online store. They donate 10% of the value of your purchase to the dog rescue of your choice.

Select GRRoW as your rescue. <http://www.peckandgartner.com/>

Remember without YOU and your HELP, there is no GRRoW.



Goldie, Dallas & Lazer

ANNOUNCEMENT

The cost for an initial senior dog adoption is \$100.00. A senior dog is defined as a dog 8-years-old and older. Any subsequent senior dog adoptions are \$50.00.

events

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Edell again handled the Silent Auction, Sharon contributed some time at the end of the auction to make sure that everyone who had bid on items collected and paid for them, and she, Deb, & Ali worked the merchandise booth. This year with three GRRoW people and a volunteer regularly available to sell merchandise, it was possible to schedule participation in a few events including Golden Olympic events, the Therapy Dog Exam and to be in the audience for others such as the Rescue Parade and the Dog Dancing. Two of Deb's, Sharon's & Ali's cabin mates performed — one with her blind dog who was fantastic; the other gal danced first with her adult dog and then with her 9-month old puppy who moved remarkably smoothly for such a young guy. The Candle Ceremony to remember those that have left us and those that need our prayers was a very moving program.

Very special thanks go to Edell who chaired the GRRoW Craft Committee that made several items for the Silent Auction. In addition, Edell organized and set up the Silent Auction at Goldstock and donated numerous major items to it. For the two items for the Silent Auction, go more heart-felt thanks to Sharon and her mother who hand-sewed a charming quilt, and to Lisa Hilgart who donated a beautiful, framed print. Thank you very much for so generously helping to make Goldstock 2005 a success for GRRoW.

Rescue Booth (does not include merchandise cost)	\$766.50
Silent Auction (all items were donated)	\$617.00
Live Auction (both items were donated)	\$325.00
Donations	\$ 10.50
TOTAL:	\$1719.00



(above top) Deb & Dallas, Ali & Jamie, Sharon & Molli
(above middle) Dallas & Molli in the lake
(above bottom) Dallas at the candle ceremony

We'd like to encourage all of you to attend Goldstock next year or sometime in the future. It is truly a unique experience. Our count-down until next year's Goldstock has already begun!



Vrrrooom! by Terese Barta

Rescue Ride Report

On Saturday, Sept. 10, we held the first annual "2 Wheels 4 Paws" Rescue Ride. We left at 9:00 a.m. from the Stevens Point Area Senior High parking lot for a 50 mile scenic ride along back country roads to the Wausau Harley Davidson dealership. After a short break, we returned to Stevens Point along a different route and the ride

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Check this out! We have a new column where we will feature items submitted by kids. ➔



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concluded in a picnic at Piffner Pioneer Park. Although turnout was small (9 riders), it was still a successful event. The weather was perfect, the food was tasty and everyone had a good time.

The combination of rider fees and additional donations raised just over \$250 dollars for our Golden friends. We will have it again next year, about the same time, and I have several ideas for how to broaden the publicity and increase attendance. I would like to thank Sue Schultz and the Lepaks (Jim and Michelle) for donating food and help in setting up the picnic. Michelle also provided a nice gift basket from the K-9 Kitchen, which we raffled off.



2005 Tails on Trails Dog Walk *by Diane Fitting*

The 4th annual Tails on Trails Dog Walk, held September 10th at a beautiful new location within the Root River Parkway in Milwaukee, was a huge success. The Walk and events of the day were attended by many Golden Retrievers, honorary Golden Retrievers and their families. After the Walk, all enjoyed doggie demos, doggie tricks, a rescue parade, raffle prizes and visits with dog-related organizations. Fun was had by all as we spread the word about GRRoW and made money for the pups.

Over 70 families enjoyed the Walk and the activities. It was covered on Wake Up on Fox 6 and in the Greendale Village Life Newspaper. We are looking forward to beginning the planning of the 2006 Walk.



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new + feature!



GRRoW Kids Rock!

Well, if you were at Tails on Trails, you know that the day was full of many activities. There were plenty of volunteer "hands on deck" and GRRoW kids to help make the day a success.



Special thanks to the following kids for their love of animals, their support of GRRoW, and their help at the Walk. With our future in the hands of young people like this, we can rest easy!

Ali Stapp's granddaughter, Alexandra (she goes by Alex), who will be 11 in a few weeks. Alex was a big help with registration. And she did a nice job showing off Ali's pup Jamie!

Kate Venn's second cousin, Sam Head, who is 15, did a great job helping all of us get food at the Walk: He took orders and served up the grub!

The Egdorf kids, Rachel 12, Jaclyn 10, and John 7. They all helped me organize and announce the raffle. And who could not notice their Golden, Cooper, and foster puppy Ernie!

Mackenzie Pahl, who is 11, single-handedly raised \$220 in pledges for the Walk! Way to go! You probably saw her with senior fosters Will & Grace who we have all come to know and love.

A Night Out for Mom & Dad

by Jennifer Shryock

Is your babysitter watching the kids and your canine family member? It's Saturday night and you have planned for a babysitter to entertain

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Many dogs and their owners joined in on the fun



K-9 unit demo with Milwaukee County K-9 Unit Sheriff, Joel Streicher and his dog



Cooling off



Volunteers help at the GRRoW tent

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Once again, Jeanne Rufflo and I would like to thank all of those who made the 4th annual Tails on Trails Walk a total success. Yes, the weather could have been cooler but over 70 families and their puppies braved the heat and cooled themselves in the puppy pools and the shade of the park.

We got the word out about GRRoW by distributing posters and brochures throughout the State. Jeanne and I had the opportunity to announce the Walk and more importantly got the word out about GRRoW on Wake Up on Fox 6 on September 5th and received more publicity by having the Walk mentioned and a picture of Lisa Southern's Rocky and Cooper in the Greendale Village Life. So — for one more time — let us thank the following people and I pray that I have not missed anyone:

Heidi Zich, Dawn Christenson, Carol Dall, Lisa Hilgart, Chris Cera, Jean Zylka, Todd and Cheryl Krueger, Janet and John Egdorf and family, Karin Conway, Erin Zander, Erin Zander's mom, Tami Wojo, Barb Egan, Ali Stapp, Karen Stapleton, Michelle Demarest, Jeff Ody, Shayla and Scott Pahl, Lindsey Bewick, Dan and Judy Schneidewent, Deb and Fred Lukasik, Deb Schmitz, Richard and Tammy Pozayt, Chris Pozart and Erik, Wendy Blum, Paula Kirchman, Randy Bash, Vic and Diane Penna, Sam Head, Kate Venne, Stewey Freund, Kathy Mayer, Jan Fuss, Dawn Bumgardner, Karen Peckham, Sheila Burns, Deb Wagner, Edell Schaefer.

Milwaukee Kicks Butt in Statewide Rummage Wars

As you know, GRRoW members across Wisconsin stepped up to a special challenge. Which area of the State could raise the most money for our Golden Retrievers by holding rummage sales? Well, the final results are in, and Milwaukee is the winner! Here's how everyone did:

MADISON:	\$862.61
GREEN BAY:	\$1059.26
APPLETON:	\$404.29
MILWAUKEE:	\$4224.29

That's a grand total of **\$6710.45** for GRRoW!

Of course, the real winners here are the Golden Retrievers who are surrendered into our care. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success, especially Dan and Judy Schneidewent who graciously hosted not one, but two sales in Milwaukee. Thanks also to Chris Calaway and Heidi Zich for hosting Madison rummage sales. Start setting aside your rummage for next year. The wars will return!



Green Bay Rummage Sale

and care for your children while you have a date with your spouse. Aaaahhhh adult time! Your sitter arrives and greets the kids and your eager dog. As you go over the rules, meal plan and emergency numbers your furry family member follows your every move. He is excited and not sure what is going on, but he is thrilled to have a new person to pay attention to him. You give hugs, kiss the kids goodnight and give a pat to your pup as you head out. In your car you mentally go over the details to be sure you told the sitter everything. You drive off confident you have covered it all.

But have you? What about your dog? Do you know how this babysitter feels about dogs? Have you provided an area where the dog can be put so that they can focus full attention on the kids? What about if there is a thunderstorm? How will your dog react and what should the babysitter do?

It is important that parents learn about safe kid and canine interaction so that they can plan and prepare anyone who will be responsible for their children while they are away from home. When parents leave the home the dynamics change. This can create confusion for some dogs. Planning ahead sets everyone up for success.

I suggest parents find a quiet and secure spot for their K9 companion while they are away from home. Provide a stuffed Kong® or some kind of unique treat for these times. This will allow your babysitter to focus their full attention on the kids. If confining your dog is not an option, educate your babysitter about safe kid and K9 interaction. Learn about the signs and signals your dog offers to indicate stress.

Dogs and kids often share a unique bond. This is something to cherish. It is important to remember that they are dogs and perceive things very differently than we do. Learning about canine body language and behavior helps you to ensure a safe and loving bond between your canine and all family members.

For more information please visit familypaws.com or email Jen@familypaws.com. Jennifer Shryock is a Certified Dog behavior consultant that specializes in safe Kid & K9 interaction. Jennifer provides positive training techniques to help promote safety and fun between kids and their family dog. Family Paws offers a wide variety of services ranging from basic doggie manners to complicated behavioral solutions.

emergency preparedness

The Golden Rule of Pet Preparedness in the Event of a Disaster

by Lois Kurschner, D.V.M.

To love and be loved by an animal is a privilege. To own and care for an animal is a responsibility that does not end. Please do all that you can to plan and take care of your pets in the event of a disaster.

Thinking "It'll never happen to me" will surely get you into trouble. No matter where we live, Wisconsin or Timbuktu, we need to be prepared to take care of our pets. In Wisconsin, that disaster could be a tornado, house fire, flood, or some other unthinkable event. There is much information on this topic for all animals. For the purpose of this newsletter, let's cover our dogs and cats. Preparing our pets for a disaster requires immediate planning. Here are 10 simple steps to implement right away.

1. Go to your veterinarian with your pets to update vaccinations and routine medical care. Obtain copies of all vaccine and health records. Have your pets micro chipped for identification. Don't run low on important medications.
2. Order ID tags for your pets' collars. Always keep collars on your dogs!
3. Leave contact information, house key and directions with a neighbor or friend who is comfortable with your pets in the event that you are not home when a disaster occurs.
4. Develop an evacuation plan. In case of a tornado, have crates in place in your basement for all of your pets. To gather cats in the house, put them in pillow cases and then bring them downstairs to their crates. In case of a fire or other disaster where evacuation is necessary, have leashes, harnesses, and crates readily available for a speedy exit. Know the exit routes.
5. Evacuate efficiently to your "escape vehicle." Have plenty of food and water in the trunk and gas in the tank.
6. Never leave your pets behind. Assume and prepare to be gone two weeks.
7. Radios and cell phones and flashlights with extra chargers and batteries are essential.
8. Understand what disasters could occur in your area to better prepare for the unthinkable.
9. Label stickers and affix them to your home. Include number and types of animals that can be found in your home in case you are not home during the disaster.
10. Evacuation kits and first aid kits must be prepared in advance and placed in waterproof containers. Take them with you wherever you go.

Here are some ideas on what to include in your kits.

Evacuation Kit:

Medical records, current pictures of your pets, pet descriptions including distinguishing characteristics, emergency contact numbers, evacuation destination, 2 weeks supply of food and water, familiar blankets and toys, litter, scooper and boxes for cats, dishes, paper towels, trash bags, hand sanitizer.

First Aid Kit

Contact your veterinarian to put this together. Some ideas are bandage materials and scissors, sterile saline for eyes, Frontline, hydrogen peroxide, latex gloves, dawn dish soap, tourniquet, triple antibiotic ointment, towels, wash cloths, betadine, bandage tape, vet wrap, antidiarrheal (Immodium), cotton, etc.

Take these ideas, build on them and tailor them to fit your needs. Good luck and be ready!

in loving memory...



Nikki by *Verna & Richard Toftum*

It is with such a heavy heart that I write this to let you know that Nikki, the 1000th rescue who made her home with us since April 3, of 2004, died peacefully. She would have been 12 in October.



We are so sad but, we are also so happy to know that she had a wonderful life. In fact, we believe that it was her zest for frolicking in the grass with a playmate that may have contributed to her death. Nikki was outside playing with our foster Brodie, chasing lightly after him and even showing him that she was the queen of the yard. After a short time, Nikki went to rest in her favorite spot in the yard – a maple tree on a little knoll overlooking both the neighbor's and our yard. It was as if she was on watch – a real joke since Nikki would probably hold the flashlight for a burglar. After resting there for about 15 minutes, I walked over with the leash to take her on a short walk. But she just lay there panting heavily. Try as we might, we could not get her to even lift her head. She groaned as if in pain and continued to pant heavily for no more than 10 minutes – even

less I'm sure – then stopped breathing. Nikki had been to the vet less than 2 weeks prior and her check-up was fine. I think her heart just gave out. We buried her in a grassy place near some spruce trees just beyond where we mow and where she often spent her time checking out the rabbit tracks nearby. We loved her so very much.

We really did spoil her. I shared my morning toast with her, added milk, a tomato slice or an apple slice to her food. I'd put an ice cube in her water on warmer days. We had a soft dog bed in several rooms for her, put the air conditioner on even when we could have gone without it and took her on most outings. In fact, Nikki was the only dog my mother has ever allowed in her house. Not that she doesn't like dogs, she just thinks large dogs shouldn't be in her absolutely spotless kitchen. But Nikki was allowed there – an honor that NO other dog has ever had. All the others got as far as the porch. That tells you what a special girl she was.

Grandma Tiffany by *Stephanie Boismenu*

I want to thank you for allowing Nick and I to foster and subsequently adopt Grandma Tiffany. She has been with us for a year and three months and we have loved her from the moment we met her. Sadly, she passed away today (Friday, July 22, 2005) at age 16.

For the past month, we noticed she'd begun to fade. For the last two weeks, she has been on a rollercoaster ride, doing great one minute and



Grandma Tiffany

not so great the next. We thought, "Ok this is it, she's starting her journey." We hand fed her and picked her up to get her outside. Today, I had to hold her up so she could potty.

On Monday, Nick and a friend dug her grave and today she was laid to rest in it. She now resides our woods, close to the house and she has the perfect view of the sunset overlooking the lake. She is buried next to 4 other goldens (all females and one of them was a senior foster dog). I may call it the "The Golden Girl's Hill."



We already miss her and the house seems very quiet tonight.



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updates

Meet Two New Placement Coordinators

The **Placement Team** has two new team members to assist with your placement needs. **Cheryl Krueger** will be the new Placement Coordinator for the Fox Valley area and **Shayla Willmarth** will be the new Placement Coordinator for the Milwaukee area. Cheryl can be reached at criterz@milwpc.com and Shayla can be reached at shaylawillmarth@yahoo.com. **Angela Hugel** is the Head Placement Coordinator and will continue to oversee all of Placement but will slowly transition out of working one-on-one with foster families to place their foster dogs. You can reach the entire Placement Team at placement@grow.org.

Cheryl Krueger

I've lived in Delafield for over 20 years, married for 31 years. I have two grown kids 25 and 26, one married. I have two Golden Retrievers at the moment but have had numerous dogs throughout the years.

I work at Covenant Healthcare full-time as a financial analyst for the medical group. I just recently completed my Bachelors degree in Computer Science. Haven't had much free time while going to school the last few years but, I like to travel occasionally. I like to cook and bake. I like to be outside doing gardening or yard work. A good day is any time I can hang out with our fur-faced kids.

I've been so fortunate to have adopted 3 great dogs from GRRoW that I'd like to help other folks know how great it is to have a Golden and to help give the dogs who were surrendered a second chance at a forever family.

Shayla Willmarth

I'd like to briefly introduce myself to you as the new placement team person for the Milwaukee area. Ali Stapp introduced me to GRRoW earlier this year. Although new to my post, I'm on top of the world to be involved with such a great group of people and dogs.

I live in Northwestern Wisconsin with my husband, two children (ages 13 & 11), my very own 6-year-old Golden Retriever (Jewels), & 1.5-year-old Cavalier King Charles (Ruby), a 5-year-old stray cat we took in (Goldie), & two anoles (Recko & Rosie). We're also the very lucky family fostering Will & Grace. I'm also involved with Lucky Star Cavalier Rescue which is nationwide. Currently we're also fostering two tricolor 11-week-old puppies from a Missouri puppy mill. As you can read, I'm an animal nut and these two rescues have proven to be a very fulfilling way for my family to spend their time.

My husband & I own a small business with 14 employees in our small community. I work part-time in accounting and oversee the office.

Besides dogs I love books, movies, fishing, family, an occasional cross stitch and anything that involves my children.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the foster homes in the Milwaukee area and hope to be a great help to you in finding the perfect homes for your fosters.

golden window display



before

A special thanks to Michelle Lepak and her band of volunteers — Heidi Zich, Terese Barta, Sue Schultz and Lisa Hilgart — for their creativity and help in creating a window display for the Companion Shop, a pet store in Stevens Point. Store owner, Andi Oppeman will keep the display in her window for a couple of months and will again later in the year. The display incorporates a movie theme and features many wonderful GRRoW dogs. Michelle made some “coming soon” posters with **HOMEWARD**

BOUND and **RESCUE ME** as the titles. They used two stuffed Golden Retrievers as “body doubles” for real dogs. They set up the first week of June and the window was displayed for 2 months. What a great idea and great visibility for GRRoW!

after



Acknowledgments for the months of July, August and September.

Thanks for all you do!

adoptions

R is a Return GRRoW dog • SN is a Special Needs dog

Name	ID	Adopted By	Name	ID	Adopted By	Name	ID	Adopted By
JULY 2005			AUGUST 2005			SEPTEMBER 2005		
Buddy	05-040	Debbie Hardt	Max	05-017	Terri Anne Ullman	Brandy #2	05-055	Dawn & Mark Janiak
Tara	05-041	Debbie Hardt	Comet	05-074	Teri Lasky	Will	05-044	Colette Charbonneau
Roxy	05-063	Rhonda Blake	Pajo	05-072	Patty Thorp	Grace	05-037	Colette Charbonneau
Ozzy	05-064	Brian Bobo	Pops	05-052	Barb Egan	Brodie	05-070	Susan Frasch
Ashley	05-046	Rhonda Wallsch	Colby	05-073	Julie Langenberg	Sandy	05-081	Peri Arul
Goldie	05-054	Barbara Schuren						
Cloe	05-049	Randy Rassch						
Nahji	05-062	Christine Motl						

volunteer recognition

New Volunteers

Welcome!!

Linda & Tony Arts
Emily Benson
Valerie Davey
Mary Helinski
Cary Krickeberg
Laurie McMichael
Jennifer Metcalf
Victor Penna
Diane & Rachel Penna
Robert & Bette Rackow
Barbara & Carl Tessmann

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Terese Barta
Teri Hoepfner
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preparing for baby by Krista Mifflin

Many new parents think that the arrival of a new baby is the time to get rid of the beloved family dog. Please don't make this mistake! Start now, before the baby arrives, getting your dog familiar with baby items. Desensitizing your dog to baby sounds and forthcoming restrictions will help your dog accept this new "sibling."

Avoid jealousy when baby arrives

Your dog, your furry companion, your baby — until you realize that you are expecting a human baby, that is. And suddenly, the hordes of well-meaning friends, neighbors and family members descend upon you with a ton of good advice. Then there's this little gem: "Why don't you get rid of the dog? He's so spoiled, you know he'll be jealous and try to bite the baby."

Whoa! Back the gravy train up here, expectant parents. Before you start calling your local animal control and making arrangements for Brutus, the dog, why not start now and get Brutus used to the fact that he's going to have a baby crawling around soon? It can be done fairly easily and there's no need to remove from your life an animal that's been your best friend through thick and thin (and getting thicker).

First Things First: Obedience Classes

Obedience classes not only ensure that your dog is well behaved but also build a strong foundation of socialization experience. A dog that learns to handle himself in a crowded room filled with other dogs and owners will also handle himself well when baby starts to crawl.

Teaching you how to correctly handle your dog as well as teaching your dog what is expected is a necessity in this relationship and having a baby on the way makes this doubly important.

Prepare for Baby's Arrival

You've got a couple of months left before the new baby arrives and your faithful companion is still secure in the knowledge that he is Number One. It's time to get him used to sharing your affection. As with all important desensitization processes, you'll need to start slowly.

If you don't want Pooch in the newly appointed nursery, it's time to start prohibiting access. Start

by closing the door at night or when you aren't home. If he ceases to see that room as his territory, he won't be as put out by being "put out." Gradually, add "during playtime" to the restricted access schedule. Then, after a couple of weeks, start keeping him out when you are in the room as well. Once it is firmly established that the nursery is a "no puppy zone," you won't need to worry about Pooch hopping in there to play and you won't have an incensed furball on your hands when you need to put the baby down or change diapers.

Play recordings of a baby cries and other baby noises. Playing these for a little while every day will get your dog used to the sounds and he will start to take them for granted. The volume at which a baby will wail can be distressing for a dog who's never heard it before. I recommend starting them at a low volume then gradually increasing it to a normal level.

When the time is drawing near and you have about four or five weeks left, start to sprinkle baby powder around the house to help your dog get familiar with this new smell. You might also want to start "borrowing" babies from friends, so arrival of this little intruder is not such a big shock. Borrow unwashed baby blankets from the aforementioned friends and let your dog get used to having them lying around. This is also a good way to get him used to not lying on a baby blanket draped along the sofa or chair. If he looks like he's about to get comfortable on a baby blanket on the floor, a firm "Off" and re-direct to an appropriate place will set a pattern and soon he'll be avoiding blankets that may hide a baby in the near future.

Baby's Here! Now What?

POSITIVE reinforcement is the only thing that will work with a dog with reliable results. Punishing a dog is the worst thing to do; smacking a dog will incite biting and it will also cause your dog to resent your child's presence. (ie: "when she's around, I get in trouble"). Start to reward your dog every time he and the baby are together. He NEEDS to associate the child with GOOD things. Once you've returned home with your new baby your dog may still feel a little jealous — it's perfectly natural to feel a little left out when there's



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a new arrival — but you can easily reassure your dog that he hasn't been displaced in your affections.

Make it a habit to play with your dog too, even when the baby is out. Pet him while you are feeding the baby or while the baby is on the floor on a blanket.

Be careful not to push your dog away when his curiosity gets the better of him and he comes to sniff your new bundle. Ignoring him while the baby is loose will create problems as your dog starts to associate the baby's presence with his neglect.

Some important things to remember

First, please, never ever punish a dog for growl-

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ing, all it does is teach the dog not to warn before biting. Remember, growling is NOT bad. It's the only way your dog has of warning your child that she's too close or telling you that he's had enough and needs time away.

- Hold the baby, reward the dog.
- Feed the baby, feed the dog.
- Change the baby, reward the dog.

If your dog is rewarded every time he comes near the baby and sits nicely to sniff, it will not be long before the baby becomes the dog's favorite person, next to you.

I know that some days you feel like you just don't have the energy to play with your dog in addition to caring for your new baby but, the extra effort will be worth it as your human child and your dog grow to be inseparable companions in the years ahead.

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