

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS



Miller time – grow's 1500th rescue *by Denise Konkol*

GRRoW ushered in the month of March by celebrating with a little “Miller time”—or with our milestone 1,500th foster dog named Miller, a 3-year-old neutered male. Brought to our attention by the Shawano County Humane Society at the end of February, he is a big boy: 100 pounds and by the vet's estimation, in need of only 5-10 pounds to lose.

He was surrendered to the shelter and lived in an employee's home for a year before he found a home last August. That family returned him the beginning of February because they decided he was just too big. One of these previous families had 6 kids, 2 dogs & cats. We were told he got along with everyone. The shelter did a wonderful thing by calling GRRoW (a minimum of three homes in 3 years!!).



Shayla Willmarth, his foster mom, calls him “incredibly handsome, with piercing eyes and a beautiful coat.” Indeed his pictures help show off his russet color and he's been a wonderful houseguest to boot, with just a minor issue of being pushy in doorways.”

“He's been here since March 2 and although large, he's an incredible 3-year-old boy who is going to make a family so happy,” Shayla explains. “He's now living with 4 dogs, 2 cats and loving every minute of it! He fits right into our routine. He loves lounging around on the dog beds when he's not bouncing through the snow outside. He does destroy toys, but we've had no

issues with any other items. He's also one of those sloppy eaters! He cleans up after himself though. He sleeps on the foot of our daughter's bed every night and is very content. They bonded immediately! He pulls on leash, but we're trying to teach him some manners. We're so happy to be fostering Miller. He's a joy.”



Medically, Miller tested positive for whipworms, for which he is being treated. He was also diagnosed with Lyme's disease last year and a recent titre was low enough to not warrant treatment. It will mean that he is a carrier and it may or may not flare up in the future, according to the vet.

Miller's good temperament with families and children will make him a great candidate for adoption for one of many waiting families. He is currently listed as ready for adoption and for his info and updates, see the GRRoW Web site and click on “dogs currently in foster care.”

GRRoW Vice President of Administration Denise Konkol is currently sending out the first set of press releases to newspaper outlets throughout the state to further “toot our own horn,” and we hope that the news creates some press and some curiosity, which can translate into donors, volunteers and a better-educated public about GRRoW and what we strive to do for our beloved Goldens.

Unfortunately, we know Miller isn't our last rescued dog and our work continues with a very busy end of March in intake. However, it's good to realize how far we've come since 2000 and what difference we have made in the lives of each of our dogs.

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



On March 2, 2008, we had the 2008 GRRoW annual Meeting. This meeting is similar to the "State of the Union Address." Below is an excerpt from the GRRoW annual meeting.

In a perfect world, GRRoW would be able to save each and every Golden that comes our way, but we have to work within our resources (volunteers, policies/procedures, finances, state/federal regulations and insurance guidelines).

It takes an army of volunteers to accomplish what we do. Each of us decided to volunteer for GRRoW for our own reason and in our own way. Some volunteered to foster, assess, transport, fundraise, help at events or coordinate/manage a particular area of GRRoW. Together as a "team" we can accomplish many awesome things. However, when there is a missing link (such as a shortage of foster homes or volunteers to help in a particular area), it limits our resources, what we can accomplish and the number of Golden retrievers we can help.

Let me tell you a little bit about life on the Board of Directors. It can be fun, hard work, frustrating, exhausting, rewarding and tearful. We work hard at what we do and donate countless hours, miles, and sleepless nights. We're on call 24/7 but we love what we do. Sometimes when we think we can't read/respond to one more e-mail or handle one more problem, one of the Golden retrievers in GRRoW or your own Golden looks at you with their big brown eyes and you know why you give so much—it's for the dogs' lives we save every day.

We try to maintain a sense of humor, have found that patience is a required, you must look at all angles of a situation, have an open mind and tap all resources available. Responses and decisions may take longer than we'd like, but no decision is taken lightly. We get advice when needed and discuss until arriving at an educated decision while still juggling our personal lives and the never-ending to-do list. Our immediate and extended families/friends accept the fact that we live on our computers and are working in some volunteer capacity for GRRoW on the weekends. We live and breathe Golden retrievers and no outfit or vehicle is complete without Golden hair.

This begins my fifth year as president of GRRoW. Late in 2007, we added the Administrative Advisory Committee to help get our policies, procedures and handbooks in writing and available to our volunteers, coordinators and directors.

My 2008 goals are to continue to promote GRRoW, get our volunteers more involved, work on communication between the many facets of GRRoW, educate the public through public events, continue to work on the GRRoW policies and procedures and continue to recruit volunteers to fill the administrative vacancies in GRRoW.

I challenge all GRRoW volunteers to try one new thing this year. If you have never done a meet and greet, assessment, foster, transport, helped at a fundraising event, try it. I am confident that you will meet many wonderful, new friends in the process.

Fred and I are once again placement failures. Our foster dog Sherlock "Bones" is staying right here. We just could not let him go after all we have gone through with him since he came to our house at 11 weeks of age at the end of July 2007. Bones was officially a Lukasik on March 9, 2008 after being released from GRRoW's care. Thank you GRRoW for giving this puppy the chance to have a good life!

Remember Shadow who was adopted by a family in WI who moved to Kentucky? Shadow was found as a stray in Kentucky, turned over to Golden Retriever rescue and we brought him all the way back to Wisconsin. Think about the two litters of puppies. One litter was found at a rummage sale in the hot, 90-degree sun. The other litter was abandoned at a vet clinic. Think

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board of directors and coordinators

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of young Molly who is getting two new hips because of GRRoW and the 109 dogs that we took into our care in 2007.

Think about your own dog(s). What would your life would be like without them? Your life would be very different and so would theirs. Think of all the dogs out there counting on us to show them a loving, forever home. Do we want dogs to be abandoned, turned over to a shelter, given away to the first person who comes along or even euthanized because we didn't act fast enough? GRRoW is not one person, not the Board of Directors and not a committee. Often times we hear, "Why doesn't GRRoW..." Our response to that is "you are GRRoW." Each one of us comprises this awesome organization and together "We are GRRoW." We need you to step up and volunteer and make a difference in the life of a Golden.

In closing, let's reflect on the Golden retrievers that touched our lives in 2007—the special needs, our senior dogs, the neglected and abused dogs, the abandoned dogs, shelter/puppy mills dogs and terminally ill dogs that we care for selflessly. Let's not forget the dogs that we could not help and we were not able to get in our care in 2007. Let's think about the many volunteers, surrendering families, vets and adoptive families who have made an impact on our lives and the dog's lives as well. Let's ask for strength, determination and patience to help us carry on our Mission Statement through bad times and good as we head into the new GRRoW year.

If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions, I can be reached at deblukasik@wi.rr.com or you can e-mail the entire Board of Directors at rescueboard@yahoo.com. The Board always welcomes your thoughts, comments and suggestions and we keep an open door policy. Thank you for your dedication to GRRoW.

2007 Intake Statistics

269 intake contacts via phone calls

75 intake contacts via e-mail

158 dogs did not come in to GRRoW

30 owner kept

25 owner placed

17 mixes we could not accept

20 documented bite cases

10 shelter placed

7 calls for out of state dogs

25 never returned the intake phone calls

6 did not pass GRRoW assessment

16 went to another rescue/shelter/
return to breeder

2 were too ill to come in (family changed
their mind)

Questions: Contact Betsy Sande, Intake
Coordinator at shelgold2@earthlink.net.

Dog Statistics

109 Golden retrievers rescued – 57 males, 52 females
(3 were returns from previous years)

Ages: 0-2: 40; 2-5: 27; 5-8: 23; 9+: 19

Vet Expenses: \$58,177.93

18 spays, 19 neuters

Total number of volunteers in 2007: 299

Volunteer Miles: 59,647 (21 families reporting)

Home Visits: 321 applications received, 186
home visits completed

Transports: 104 with 218 transporters

Help Wanted—Craft Chairperson

Chairperson to organize our volunteers who do craft projects. Home-made craft items, baked goods (human and canine), etc. help raise money at our GRRoW raffles. If you are interested, please e-mail the GRRoW Board of Directors at rescueboard@yahoo.com.

Searching for New Database

GRRoW currently uses an antiquated program where we put our dog, volunteer and adoptive family information. This program is often times down and the person who designed the program travels and is unable to be reached.

We have found that our coordinators are doing double the work necessary and we are beginning our search for a database program. We need to be able to track dog, volunteer, intake, assessment, volunteer and adoptive family information, as well as other necessary information needed by the GRRoW coordinators. This will save many volunteer hours. For instance, intake, foster, placement and assessment all need the

dogs name, number, pertinent information on the dog. Each coordinator is taking the same information and formatting it in their own tables or spreadsheets to track this information. With a database program, intake for instance would start by putting in the dog's name, number and information and every other coordinator needed this information will be able to access it on a database. Please stay tuned as we continue our search for a program.

new board members



Bob Falconer: BOD (2010)

Bob and his wife, Lynn, live in Hubertus, just northwest of Milwaukee. Bob retired as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy. Duty included adventures in Vietnam. He spent a 34-year business career in various management positions with three manufacturing companies in the Milwaukee area and retired in 2002. Other interests have included aviation, do-it-yourself (breaking things and fixing them), reading, writing, terrible golf and, of course, activities centered around animals—most recently Washington County Humane Society and GRRoW. Ben and Bailey, pictured above, seem to approve.



Erin Zander: BOD/Web Coordinator (2010)

When I was a teen, my family got our first dog, a Golden named Einstein. I got my first Golden as an adult a few years ago and can't imagine my life

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alternative care seminar *by Denise Konkol*

Dr. Chris Bessent, a holistic veterinarian who practices in the Oconomowoc area, paid GRRoW members a March 18 visit at Canine Campus, where many of our orthopedic rehabs go post-surgery. She presented chiropractic and acupuncture therapy, using alumni Bones (07-054SN) and then Jasmine (07-089SN) as



Dr. Bessent explaining the benefits of chiropractic and acupuncture therapies.

living subjects, while explaining the logic behind alternative and Eastern approaches to medicine. Jasmine has been treated for pancreatic insufficiency (EPI), which is a deficiency in enzymes that her pancreas isn't producing. Dr. Bessent felt her issues would also benefit from the administration of acupuncture and Chinese herbs.

"In Eastern medicine, we look at the entire animal, with the understanding that balance and harmony—or the lack of it—are often behind their symptoms," she explains.

Often, energy within a dog's body is off-balance, which can create pain or weakness. Bessent looks to chiropractic to address those skeletal issues as well as a combination of acupuncture and Chinese herbs to achieve inner balance. When speaking of it, she likened acupuncture to a house that has a light bulb in every room.

"If the amount of electricity going to any one area is higher than another, the bulb burns brighter and hotter, while the rest probably are dimmer," she said. She then administers 10 to 15 needles to the area that shows lower or imbalanced energy, with the resulting release of energy to the area relaxing the patient to the point where many fall asleep during the 20 to 40 minute session.

For Jasmine, the process was indeed relaxing and she remained relaxed during her treatment, with her eyes often closed.

For skeptics, Bessent says she did her homework on these approaches, having started out as many vets do—in traditional Western medicine. Her interest in the alternative and Eastern branches of medicine came as she saw the limits of its Western counterpart.

"I saw the limitations of traditional medicine. If they healed, great. If not, we were just suppressing symptoms and possibly suggesting surgery."

However, even after becoming certified with the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) and the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS), she proceeded slowly. She performed spinal adjustments on patients for the first six months for no charge because, as she explains, "I did not want to risk my veterinary degree over a fad."

Bessent adopts the philosophy that, "If disease were a mountain, there could be many paths to approach it, either from the east or west. Some paths may be better than others to reach the top of the mountain or to come to a resolution of the disease." That said, she acknowledges that there are some things that Eastern medicine can never address as well as traditional practices, like orthopedic issues and ligament tears.

Since December, GRRoW has used Dr. Bessent's services to treat Baxter (07-072SN) for incontinence incorporating chiropractic, acupuncture and Chinese herbs. Previously Baxter had been through diuretic hormone

treatment at the vet, which proved unsuccessful. Foster, Mary Helinski reports that Baxter's issues seem 95% resolved, though we are currently seeking a maintenance plan for him prior to his adoption.

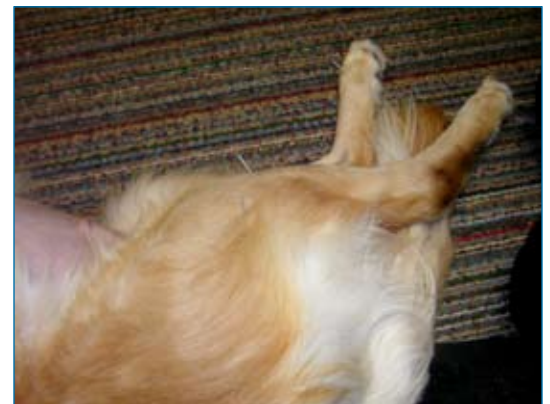
Bones, now adopted by the Lukasiks, is also undergoing chiropractic treatments to help his continued rehab and success after TPO (triple pelvic osteotomy) surgery to repair his malformed hips.

GRRoW is hoping to set up a hands-on seminar for volunteers in fall with Dr. Bessent to learn more about acupressure. More info will come as soon as we have it available.

For more information on chiropractic and acupuncture, visit Dr. Bessent's Web site, herbsmith.com; AVCA's Web site, animalchiropractic.org; or IVAS's site, ivas.org.



Dr. Bessent demonstrating proper technique in acupuncture.



Jasmine with acupuncture needles applied.

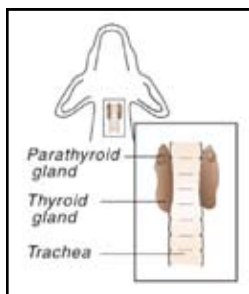
hypothyroidism *by Dr. Ron Beatty, DVM*

What is the thyroid gland and what does it do?

The thyroid gland is one of the most important glands in the body. It is located in the neck near the trachea or "windpipe" and has two lobes, one on each side of the trachea.

The thyroid gland regulates the body's metabolic rate. Metabolic rate can be compared to the idle of a car engine. If a car or a person is at rest or at idle, metabolic

rate is normal. If the thyroid is overactive (hyperthyroidism), the body's metabolism is elevated. This would be like pressing on the gas and racing the engine while the car is in park. If the thyroid is underactive (hypothyroidism), metabolism slows down. In this case a car engine would run slow and rough and not respond well.



What causes hypothyroidism?

Hypothyroidism is usually caused by one of two diseases: lymphocytic thyroiditis or idiopathic thyroid gland atrophy. The former disease is the most common cause of hypothyroidism and is thought to be an immune-mediated disease. This means that the immune system decides that the thyroid is abnormal or foreign and attacks it. It is unclear why this occurs. In idiopathic thyroid gland atrophy normal thyroid tissue is replaced by fat tissue. This condition is also poorly understood.

These two causes of hypothyroidism account for more than 95% of the cases in dogs. The other five percent are due to rare diseases, including cancer of the thyroid gland.

What are the clinical signs?

When the metabolic rate slows down, virtually every organ in the body potentially can be affected. Dogs with hypothyroidism cannot be diagnosed on physical signs alone. I have diagnosed dogs with hypothyroidism (and other treatable diseases) on routine geriatric blood work that I did not expect to be hypothyroid. Some dogs may have one or more of the following symptoms:

- Weight gain without an increase in appetite
- Lethargy and lack of desire to exercise
- Cold intolerance (gets cold easily)
- Dry, dull hair with excessive shedding and flaking
- Very thin to nearly bald hair
- Increased dark pigmentation in the skin
- Increased susceptibility and occurrence of skin and ear infections
- Failure to re-grow hair after clipping or shaving
- High blood cholesterol

Some dogs also have other abnormalities such as:

- Thickening of the facial skin so they have a "tragic facial expression"
- Abnormal function of nerves causing non-painful lameness, dragging of feet, lack of coordination and a head tilt
- Loss of libido and infertility in intact males
- Lack of heat periods, infertility and abortion in females
- Fat deposits in the corneas of the eyes
- Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) or "dry eye" due to lack of proper tear production

How is it diagnosed?

The initial screening test is a Total Thyroxin (TT4) level. This is a measurement of the main thyroid hormone in a blood sample. If it is low to below normal and clinical signs are present, this suggests hypothyroidism. Often, the Thyroxin level comes back as normal even if a dog is truly hypothyroid. So, diagnosis is not always straightforward. If the first test comes back normal, but a dog has

signs of hypothyroidism, a definitive diagnosis can be made by performing additional blood work: free T4 by Equilibrium Dialysis (Free T4 by ED) along with other special thyroid tests.



Can it be treated?

Hypothyroidism is treatable but not curable. It is treated with oral administration of thyroid replacement hormone. This drug must be given for the rest of the dog's life. Fortunately, the medication is inexpensive and pretty much side-effect free. Dogs on this hormone must be periodically monitored by testing their Thyroxin level.

How is the proper dose determined?

There is a standard dose that is used initially based on the dog's weight. After one month of

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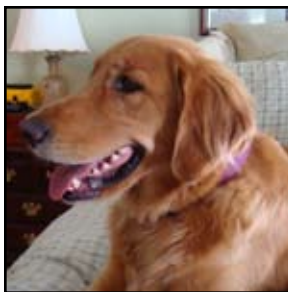
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golden stories



Cami by Barry & Mary Jo

Cami is doing great and we just love her. She is a good dog and very smart. When she sees herself in a reflection of a window or mirror, she thinks it's another dog and growls and barks—too funny. She spotted some deer yesterday and Mary Jo had to finally close the blinds as she kept barking. We will have to work on that barking part.

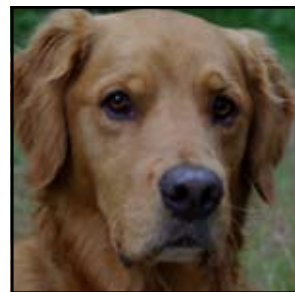


She sleeps through the night. She only spent a few hours in the kennel the first night and has had the run of the house since with no problems. At left are a couple pictures that show how “stressed out” (not) she is at our house.

paws for applause!

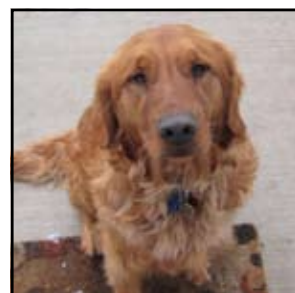
Buddy Owned by Karen Peckham

Buddy (06-027) passed his AKC Canine Good Citizen test March 12, 2008.



Jerry Owned by Dr. Lois Kurchner

Congratulations to “Jerry” Kurchner who recently received his AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate. Good job Dr. Lois and Jerry!



business partners in excellence



Recently GRRoW presented a “Partners in Excellence” certificate to Dr. Brenda Long and her staff at Burlington Longview Animal Hospital in Burlington, Wisconsin. Burlington Longview has been a wonderful supporter of GRRoW.



GRRoW presented the End of the Leash pet store in Mukwonago, WI, with a “Partners in Excellence” certificate for their continual support of GRRoW.

GRRoW to the South Pole

Matt Newcomb, a GRRoW Madison volunteer, shows that even down south knows about GRRoW. Matt works at the South Pole every winter and is showing off the GRRoW banner. Talk about international PR! I wonder how we are going to do those home visits?



in loving memory...



Tanner (02-208) by Dr. Sue Fluhr



Tanner B. was surrendered to GRRoW due to cluster seizures. Once in foster care we discovered that he had severe hip dysplasia and needed surgery on both of his hips. He had surgery thanks to GRRoW. When he was younger he was a champion counter surfer. He had 3 foster homes that tried without success to break him this. He ate all of Carrie Franzene's family dinner when she dog sat for him. He was in foster care for a long time. He was in my heart, so he stayed. His road was not easy, sometimes having 10 seizures in 24 hours. Many things were tried—special diets, meds, mood stabilizers etc. He really needed to be with someone all the time. He became a great clinic dog, coming to work every day. He was very tolerant with a lot of foster dogs, puppies biting his ears and children laying on him. He always had a goofy expression on his face and managed to knock everything over at meet and greets.

There are so many Tanner stories I could tell... there's one about him turning on the stove while trying to get something off from it. One of the best stories took place about a month ago when a Golden-owning client came in with her 3 year old son. He ran into my office and threw a baby blanket on top of Tanner. He said, "I don't need this blanket any more but you do because you are sick." It brought tears to my eyes and reinforced that Tanner helped all that knew him to become better people. He was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, (bone cancer) in August of 2007. He had his leg amputated and received chemotherapy. Despite this his cancer spread. He was euthanized on March 5, 2008, at age 7. He was my companion. I miss him.

Casey (K.C. 03-088) by Jean M.

The saying goes that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," however, after having adopted Casey in 2003 we know that to be untrue. In fact, at 10½ years old at time of adoption, Casey did learn many new tricks, but really taught us some tricks as well as new definitions. For example, what really constitutes a "clean" house, how important is it actually to sleep past 5 am, who cares about the weather, it is always a perfect time for a hike outside and the simple joy of life.

Casey has forever redefined the meaning of a clean house. As everyone knows, Golden Retrievers tend to shed just a bit. They have four



big feet and volumes of fur, both of which brings in extra dirt, sand and moisture. Even Casey never learned to really wipe his feet. Casey thought that cleaning house (as well as gardening) was pretty boring and would rather go to the park. So off to the park it was. Our house will never be the same and we would have it no other way.

Casey and our cat, Gracie (also adopted at age 10½) were in cahoots! The cat of course, would like breakfast at about 3:30 am, but it is easy to ignore her and put up the baby gate to prevent her from coming up to the bedroom. However, Casey learned that if he barked in the morning, that one of us would come and let him out and give both of them breakfast. So the cat started waking up Casey and Casey would bark and both would get breakfast. We have not slept past 4:30 or 5:00 am for at least the last 3 years. Sleep—over rated!

Hikes were one of Casey's favorite things to do and it never mattered the weather. He loved the cold, did not mind rain or snow (until it became hard to walk in deeper areas), but did slow down a little in the heat. Our neighbors often commented that no matter the weather they would see us out several times per day. We would even go to the park in a snow storm because that's what Casey wanted to do! I do miss our walks down the road and our hikes in the parks.

Casey really taught us the meaning of the simple joy of life. His first 10 years were spent living in a barn (unless it got really cold then he could go in the garage!) He adjusted well to living in the house and having a soft bed and regular good food, although the occasional 'snack' found on a hike was never ignored. Casey was a very happy dog and taught us that having a perfectly clean house, sleeping late and avoiding bad weather and many other things were really not all that important. The important things in life were having breakfast early and taking long walks with the one you love. He brought so much joy to our house and we really miss him.

Casey was our first GRRoW dog, but because of Casey, he will not be our last GRRoW dog.

book review by Deb Lukasik



*On Talking Terms with Dogs:
Calming Signals*
by Turid Rugaas

Available for purchase at the online GRRoW Golden Gifts Store under Books, Training, Behavior & Reference Materials

Your dog is talking. Do you know what he is saying? Yawning, lip-licking, sneezing, even scratching are just a few of the 30-plus signals that dogs use to communicate with one another. With *On Talking Terms with Dogs* you can learn to recognize these signals and use them yourself to interact with your dog.

Learn to identify situations that are stressful to your dog so you can resolve or avoid them. Rehabilitate a dog that has lost their ability to read or give calming signals.

friendly feedback forum

We get a lot of feedback from our readers, supporters and general public. We'd like to use this column to showcase your views and comments. Please share with us!

The following is an e-mail from a GRRoW member and is reprinted with the writer's permission.

Good morning, everyone. I hope it is alright for me to send an e-mail on the two "dog party" events. I'm speaking as a relative outsider, since I am not able at this time to take on any real volunteer responsibilities. I also realize that it takes a lot of volunteer time and effort to put together such wonderful gatherings. Before I became a member of GRRoW or put in an application to adopt a dog, I came to a Bark in the Park (because of information on your Web site.) I came not knowing what I would find—hoping that a few people would let me pet their dogs. What I found was:

A community of dedicated people and a huge assortment of Golden Retrievers—all sizes, shapes, conditions and ages

People who not only let me love their dogs but who were eager to share their dogs' stories

Friendliness beyond any expectation

A welcoming environment

I was licked by more beautiful dogs than I had ever met in my life and I went home with a wonderful, doggy smell all over my clothing. I loved it.

I also left with a desire to become part of whatever GRRoW was doing

I went home that day and applied for a dog and eventually was connected with 13½ year old, beautiful Penny. I cannot tell you how much I look forward to these gatherings. They are two of the highlights of my year. I love the location, the format, the people, the introductions of new, special needs and recently adopted dogs. I love the outside option and the opportunity to hang out inside. And one thing I could volunteer for is set-up the night before. Without these gatherings, those of us who are not on the "inside" of the organization would have no real opportunity to come together or feel connected.

Thanks for listening. Jane and Harley

Contact GRRoW! Do you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback? We want to hear from you. You can reach us at: contact@grrow.org



the badger golden retriever club *by Pat Smith*

The Badger Golden Retriever Club (BGRC) is a local club with members throughout southeast Wisconsin. It is not limited to this area and anyone may join. There is another club located in Oshkosh, WI called Northern Flyway which serves members in that area. Some of our members belong to both. These two clubs along with many others in the United States belong to the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA), the national club.

We would like to extend a welcoming hand to all who would like to share the love of our wonderful breed. You do not have to desire to compete and you do not have to have a "show" dog. All you need is a desire to learn and have fun with people who share a common interest, a Golden Retriever.

We strive to help people appreciate our wonderful breed by offering activities that most can participate in. We offer knowledge in field and

tracking, obedience and the breed ring through our members who have developed skills over the years. For those who wish to compete, we also offer AKC licensed trials and shows. For those who wish to just have fun by associating with other "Golden" people, we have bimonthly meetings which always include a program of some sort. This year we are planning to have some demos on search and rescue, dancing with your Golden and easy tricks to teach.

Our club meets every other month at the Humane Society (HAWs) in Waukesha or at the Emergency Vet Clinic (EVS), also located in Waukesha. Sometimes we schedule a meeting at the Animal Motel on Silver Spring Drive in Milwaukee.

No one has to be a member to attend our meetings and, if you do wish to join, the fees are nominal, \$15 to \$25 yearly, depending on which type of membership you desire.

Our May 21st meeting features a program on "Canine Cancer" presented by Dr. Cal Kuenzi of the Kuenzi Animal Clinic. Desserts will be offered and we invite you to join us at 6:30pm at the Emergency Vet Clinic in Waukesha.

We are also planning to attend GRRoW's reunion event on Saturday, June 14 at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club.

We will have three or four stations set up for our "Ask the Experts" question and answer session. Some of our members will be at each area to help you with any concerns you may have whether they be on grooming, field work, obedience or behavioral issues.

If you have any questions regarding BGRC or our upcoming events, please contact me at 262-495-3443 or patsmith1@charter.net. You can also visit our club Web site at www.bgrc-wi.org. We look forward to meeting all of you.

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without one. Callie is my motivation for exercise, my confidant and my surrogate child. Once I had a Golden of my own again, I wanted to be able to do something more for the breed and thought rescue was the way to go. I have been a volunteer with GRRoW since February 2005. I have really enjoyed my increased involvement with GRRoW over the last few years. In my non-GRRoW life, I am a registered nurse working in healthcare IT for Advanced Healthcare in Germantown. I also play bells in my church's bell choir, I'm an avid scrapbooker and take agility classes with Callie. Maybe we will compete someday! I am really looking forward to getting involved with the BOD again.

Sara Westgor: Secretary (2010)



Animals, dogs in particular, have long been a big part of my life. In my senior year of high school, our vet called my dad to say that there was a 1-year-old Golden who needed a new home; her family was getting a divorce and she couldn't go with either mom or dad. This would be our first experience with Golden Retrievers. Animal welfare is my number one passion

in life and every time I look into my dog's eyes, I want to do more to help as many other Golden Retrievers as possible. That's lead me to GRRoW! I met Deb on a yahogroups board and learned how wonderful GRRoW is and wanted to be a part of your rescue team! My rescue experience with RAGOM and experience on other Boards, such as the Menasha Rotary Club, Menasha Action Council, Fox Valley Humane Association and other groups, as well as volunteering for my church and other organizations has given me the enthusiasm to give my all to the causes that are dear to my heart. GRRoW has definitely become one of them. I have enjoyed being on the intake team, home visits, fostering sweet Mickey (07-106) and now beginning my term as Secretary. I can't wait to see what amazing things I can learn from all of the awesome volunteers and Board members of GRRoW!! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Secretary.

Mala Johnson: Placement Team



My name is Mala Johnson. I'm originally from Black River Falls and now live in Wauwatosa. I'm married to Randy (not the highly paid baseball player). We have three children, Krista, 21; Marissa, 19; and Sam, 17. I have two part time jobs: I am the financial secretary at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and I teach aerobic exercise for The

Fitness Firm. I always had cats in my life until a friend introduced us to his Golden. Soon after, in 1996, we adopted a puppy, Abby. She was a wonderful pet. We loved and enjoyed her immensely. Unfortunately, she died of cancer in April 2007 at the age of 11. We had heard about GRRoW from

some friends and decided to fill out an adoption application. We became FWITA and adopted Kali in July of 2007. Gracie, age 6, joined our family in September of 2007. After participating in some of the GRRoW activities I knew that this was something I wanted to be involved in.

Carly Penn: Placement Team



My name is Carly Penn. I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Economics. I have another year of school left and haven't decided if I will be attending graduate school or not. My love for Golden Retrievers started in the 5th grade when I got a 10-week-old puppy with a red bow tied around his neck for Christmas (much to the dismay of my

father). Eleven years later he is still with me and my respect for the breed has grown with him. I was first introduced to GRRoW by doing a Google search for my friend who was looking for a dog. She filled out an application to adopt and I filled one out to volunteer. This led me to placements.

The road to this happy ending runs straight through your backyard.

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IN SOME STORIES THE HERO IS YOU

This film is not yet rated, mostly because it's not a film. It's a simple request from Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin that you consider fostering a Golden. Visit grow.org for details.

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treatment, further testing is done to verify that the thyroid hormone levels are normal. Later, TT4 levels are checked every six months. Close communication with your veterinarian is necessary in order to ensure that your dog is neither over nor under-dosed.

What happens if the medication is overdosed?

Signs of hyperthyroidism can result. These include hyperactivity, lack of sleep, weight loss and an increase in water consumption. This is why the periodic Thyroxin monitoring is required.

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Reminder

Do you know a GRRoW volunteer who is celebrating a birthday, is ill or their dog went to the Rainbow Bridge? Contact the GRRoW Sunshine Coordinator, Martha ReQua, at marequa@earthlink.net and she will send an e-card on behalf of GRRoW volunteers.

Bark in the Park **FREE!**

Saturday, June 14, 2008
Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club.

Contact Deb Lukasik at deblukasik@wi.rr.com or Sara Westgor at iloveGoldens@new.rr.com for details or to volunteer with this event. The theme is "Golden Luau" this year.

Tails on Trails Dog Walk

Saturday, October 18, 2008
Lapham Peak State Park.

Contact Kim at k9house1@juno.com to volunteer or for details on this event.rr.com

Many Thanks

Borders Gift Wrap

Thank you so much for volunteering at Borders on the west side of Madison during the months of November and December. I know it is a hard time due to Holiday planning but with your help we raised \$638.61! Awesome job gang. Thanks to the following: Jill O'Connell, Suzan Van Beaver, Anne Coleman,

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PetSmart Santa Claws Weekend

We received a check for our efforts at the holiday PetSmart Santa Claws Weekend. We made \$460!!! We had a great weekend of taking photos of all different kinds of pets with Santa. We had a hedgehog, guinea pig, cats and of course lots of dogs! This really took a group effort to pull off and a lot of hard work. But we had fun! The Petsmart manager and employees said we were the best group ever and thought that we were so funny to watch (could have been prize winning YouTube material). One customer stood and watched us jump and make funny noises for over an hour and she was not even getting a photo! A HUGE THANK YOU to the following people who covered the Saturday and Sunday event. The SANTAS: Brad Chapiewsky, Laurel Mohs; PHOTOGRAPHERS: Natalie Thomas (2 days—who's knees will never be the same after kneeling on cement for hours on end) Lisa Chapiewsky, Barb Egan, Tom Taves; PHOTO DEVELOPERS, ANIMAL WRANGLERS, GRRoW BOOTH HELPERS, ATTENTION GETTING STAFF, JACK OF ALL TRADES – Karen Peckham, Anne Coleman, Wendy Strang, Suzan Van Beaver, Linda Leighton and Paula Volpiansky (honorary GRRoW friends) And Greg Thomas who was there is spirit after hurting his back.

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