

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS



tails on trails dog walk *by Kelly White, Dog Walk Coordinator*

On a cold, wet, and dark October morning a group of people gathered in the forest, everyone there had a reason for showing up and braving the Wisconsin weather. What you may ask was the reason? What could convince this group of people to wake before the sun and drive all distances to meet? The reason was the four legged, furry family members who also braved the October Wisconsin morning. The group of people gathered for the ninth annual Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin Tails on Trails dog walk. Before I go any further, let me start at the beginning.

donations, demonstrators and vendors and many, many more much needed items. These volunteers and others also began advertising the dog walk at all the meet and greets, dog shows and fairs, local parks and stores. I was lucky enough to join this group of amazing people in June and take on the coordinator position of the dog walk. Like many of the Tails on Trails volunteers, I got caught in the excitement of this amazing meeting of volunteers, adopters and sponsors in one location. The months flew by and the work got easier and the walk began to take form. This brings us to the day of

the walk, I would like to tell you about the walk from my perspective and how the day affected me.

My husband, Lucy (our adopted Golden) and I woke at 5am on Saturday the 23rd to pack the car and prepare for the drive to Delafied, WI. We arrived at the park at about 6:45am, just in time to see a pair of deer eating at the

entrance to the park. The sight of the deer in the quiet morning brought a sense of calm to a hectic morning. Lucy even sensed the serenity of the moment and only sighed in the back seat when she saw the deer. We continued into the park and found the Dog Walk shelter; we parked the car and got out to take in the wet and cold Wisconsin morning. (The morning of the walk started with rain and I repeated a silent lintel all morning



This event was 10 months in the making; the first thing was picking the date and location. The location was easy; GRRoW has had almost all their highly anticipated dog walks at Lapham Peak State park for nine years. The date chosen was Saturday October 23rd. Over the following months chairpersons and volunteers began working toward the goal of raising funds and support for GRRoW. Then these wonderful volunteers began the very hard and devoted work of finding sponsors, raffle items, food

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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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message from our top dog *by Deb Lukasik, GRRoW President*



Dear GRRoW Friends, Family & Neighbors:

As we approach the close of another GRRoW year, I want to extend a personal thank you to each and everyone one of you for your continued support and commitment to GRRoW. Additionally, I'd like to thank those of you for the personal support shown me during my tenure as GRRoW's President.

I have made the decision to retire from my position as president of GRRoW. This will happen at the conclusion of the GRRoW annual meeting in March 2011 and will effectively conclude my 7th year as president of GRRoW. During those seven years, I have met many wonderful people, and more importantly, made some amazing friends. Everyone I've met—surrendering families, adoptive families, GRRoW volun-

teers, "Golden retriever" people, dog people, general public, other rescues, attorneys and other professionals—have helped me to grow as an individual, leader, obedience instructor and a dog owner.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to work alongside GRRoW volunteers at fundraising events, Meet & Greets, Pet Fairs and Expos, assessments, home visits, etc. I've had the honor and privilege to travel with GRRoW volunteers to "Goldstock" in Pennsylvania numerous times to represent GRRoW (at my own expense) and to set up a booth there to help raise money for our Golden Retrievers over that 3.5-day event. I have traveled to various areas of the state to work events, train volunteers or be at a meeting. This year, Fred and I took our vacation in Colorado in order to attend Golden Retriever National Dog Show. It was our pleasure to accept the GRCA National Starfish Award for GRRoW's foster home, Jane Babcock.

This journey is one I will never forget and will cherish in my heart always. Of course, there have been some trying times but, for the most part I've had outstanding adventures and experiences. Those who know me, know that

I have always given 100%+ in my commitment to GRRoW whether I was on vacation, at work, or spending time with my family; trying always to make myself available when needed and upheld my Oath of Office and commitment to GRRoW.

I will continue working with and for GRRoW by keeping some of my coordinator duties. You'll also see me around working and chairing some Pet Expos in my area of the state. As always, I will be here to guide anyone that needs my assistance.

Currently I'm serving on the Golden Retriever Club of America—National Rescue Committee in the capacity of one of the two Central Regional Representatives. I'm looking forward to this new challenge.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the many Golden Retrievers, volunteers, coordinators and Board Members over the years. Thank you for the support and vote of confidence you have given me during the past seven years. Please continue to give your support to the Coordinators and Board Members who keep this organization running 24/7. Thank you!

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member bios

Sonja Belgrade



Assistant Foster Coordinator

I am graduating from UW-Madison with a Chemical Engineering degree this December and going to graduate school for my PhD next Fall. I love traveling and photography, as well as spending time with family, friends, and my two Golden Retrievers back at home, Penny and Charlie. Living in Madison apartments the last four years has prevented me from owning another dog, but I am looking forward to finding a place that allows pets. I am glad I have the chance to help GRRoW by volunteering for the assistant foster coordinator position, and I look forward to getting more involved!

Audra Bissen



Transport Coordinator

Hi GRRoW volunteers and supporters!

My name is Audra Bissen and together with my husband, Roy, I am owned by our dog, a border collie mix named Twerp, 5+ barn cats and 4 horses.

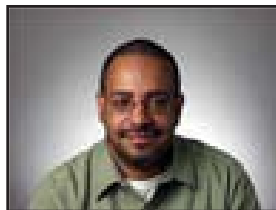
How I came to love Goldens is an odd little story so I'll shoot straight to the ending. I broke up with the guy and kept the dog. I was owned by Rook from 8 weeks of age until he went missing a few months before his 10th birthday. He was absolutely a great dog and dispelled my previous belief that Goldens were too smelly and too hairy for me. Twerp was a puppy stray that was supposed to be re-homed, but the two of them were such great buddies from the start, that

we just couldn't separate them. Rook was only 1.5 years old at the time, but did such a good job training Twerp in the ways of the house that although we no longer have Rook, we do have his best bud.

In the past 2+ years, we've tried to come to terms with Rook's disappearance and although we will likely never know why, I do know that some good has come from it. I went looking for something to help me get involved in Goldens again and found GRRoW. I know we will be owned by Goldens again but in the meantime, I'm very excited to be serving GRRoW as the transport coordinator where I get to see all the wonderful dogs that we help.

Garry Denny

Dog Update Web Coordinator



Hi, my name is Garry Denny and I'm excited to volunteer for GRRoW as one of the new Web Coordinators. My wife and I live in Madison, and are huge lovers of Golden retrievers and supporters of GRRoW. We have two Goldens, Duke and Connor – both who we believe are really little boys in dog suits. Duke came to us through GRRoW as a foster, and of course we fell in love with him and ultimately adopted him. In my professional life, I'm the Director of Programming for Wisconsin Public Television, headquartered in Madison. As a GRRoW volunteer I do home visits, transports and few Meet and Greets to help raise money. My favorite is doing transports because I get to meet so many Golden doggies. I'm looking forward to volunteering as a Web Coordinator and giving my time and effort to an organization that serves what I think is such a wonderful purpose for the most beautiful, innocent and loving creatures on the planet.



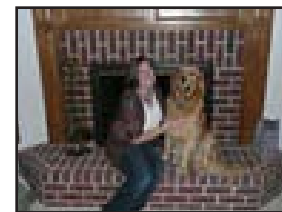
Andy Clark



Dog Update Web Coordinator

My wife and I currently live in southern Milwaukee County with our Goldendoodle Leela. I enjoy hiking/dog walking, hunting, movies, reading, and doing home improvement projects. I currently work for a company in the Milwaukee area providing IT support. I look forward to helping the organization by combining my love for dogs with my love for technology.

Kathryn Prell



Waiting Applicant Placement Assistant

My husband and I recently moved back to Wisconsin after I finished graduate school and my husband got a new job. I work as an occupational therapist at one of the local hospitals, but have always had a place in my heart for animals. Growing up we had dogs, birds, chinchillas, bunnies, hamsters, lizards and more. My husband and I both grew up with dogs and love them, but until recently we were living in an apartment and unable to have a dog. We have two cats, Verde and Bailey, whom we adopted from the humane society. They had always done well around dogs and we decided it was time to add a dog to our family.

We did not think it would be fair to get a puppy as both my husband and I work full-time and so we began the search to find an adult dog. We decided on a Golden because they are so friendly and make great family pets. We found GRRoW on the Internet and

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decided to apply. We were told it could be a long wait and were asked if we wanted to become a FWITA home. It was a great decision as we were soon able to help a dog in a desperate situation. His family was moving and they were unable to take him with them. I fell in love with Buster the minute I met the sweet boy with his blonde curls. We decided to adopt Buster in September and he has been a great addition to our family.

Being new to the area, I have been looking for an organization to volunteer with and I have decided I would like to become more involved with GRRoW. I really respect the work all the volunteers do to bring joy to so many dogs and people's lives every year.

Tom Landretti



Placement Coordinator Assistant

My wife, Ann and I are happy to share our home with our two-year-old Golden Retriever named Cider and two cats. Cider and I both enjoy long walks, rally and agility classes, and gardening (although Cider's contributions to the garden are purely supervisory!). I am a podiatrist and have practiced at Podiatry Associates of Wausau for the past 16 years. I have been assisting with home visits in my area for the past year and I am excited to contribute more to helping Golden Retrievers find their forever homes.

Cory Corrigan



FWITA Coordinator

My name is Cory Corrigan and I live in Milwaukee with 3 Golden males ages 8, 13 and

14 and 3 cats ages 12, 13 and 14.

I currently live in Milwaukee on the far northwest side bordering Wauwatosa. I grew up on a dairy and chicken farm and was allowed whatever beasts I was willing to take care of: cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, non fancy horses and of course, dogs.

I have always had dogs and with the exception of one (out of 12) they have all been rescues. I worked at the Animal Emergency Center in the early years (early 80s) and I did a host of fostering: cats, dogs, ferrets, birds, and found homes for most of the cast offs. I love the old ones and always seem to be giving meds or special foods. I have practiced hospice/palliative care with many of my own animals and I think of it as the last, best gift I can give them. My home has good energy and I like to think of it as a safe haven, for me and the beasts in my care.

In 2008, I started a "Pies for Pooches" (and purrs) program where, in the first 18 months, I raised over \$4300 for the WI Humane Society, Elm Brook HS, Haws (Waukesha) and Second Hand Purrs, a no-kill cat shelter in Milwaukee.

Since mid 2010, I have and will continue to send the donations to GRRoW. The program works so that personal checks are written directly to the shelter or non profit agency for a minimum of \$20 a pie.

In my spare time, I work full-time in the restaurant business.

Deb Seline



GRRoW Secretary

I was born and raised in Racine. After graduating from UW Superior, I moved to the LA Basin in California; spent time in Kwajalein, the Republic of the Marshall Islands; went to NC State University in Raleigh; tried for a PhD in English Literature at the University of Kansas; taught at a junior college in Western New York between Buffalo and

Rochester; and finally returned to Wisconsin in 1999, residing near Shawano and working at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

I have volunteered in search and rescue since I was 14 years old; I had the opportunity to see a search dog work while attending KU, and I knew I wanted one for myself. While in New York, I acquired my first Golden Retriever, Sherlock (Advent's Promises to Keep WC CGC). Sherlock had been donated to me by her breeder to train and use for search work. She taught me a lot (Yes, Sherlock was a spayed female) as I had to learn how to train her and train myself to use a dog for search work; when Sherlock was 5, I got my second Golden, Clue (Webshire's A Study in Saffron JH WCX CGC). Clue is intact, and while she has been trained as a search dog, I have also trained her for hunting (field) work. I've had 3 litters with Clue, and I have donated pups from my litters to be search dogs as a Pay It Forward for Sherlock. Clue has six pups involved in search work; one of her sons was even in Iraq.

I'm taking a break from breeding for a couple of years since the girl I had intended to breed has developed allergies; she and her mom will be spayed this winter. Right now I have Clue, 3-year-old Lizzy (Pemberley's Pride and Prejudice JH WC CGC), and 8-month-old Kate (Pemberley's Kiss Me, Kate).

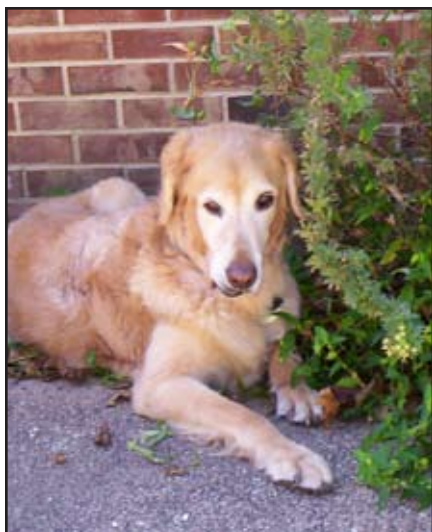
I will continue training my dogs for search work along with agility and field work, but I am especially excited about volunteering for GRRoW. While I understand a lot about Golden Retrievers from my experiences over the past 13 years, there is still so much to learn about this wonderful breed. I have been involved with Golden Retrievers that a lot of people wanted, so I am eager to help those Golden Retrievers that, for whatever reason, need GRRoW's help in finding someone just as eager to want them. ♥



success stories

Ozzie (09-105R)

We are very lucky that Ozzie came to our home, and of course, very thankful to have recently celebrated his tenth birthday, with a toy fest, and a special dinner from Merrick-the venison. — The T Family



Ozzie pictured above.

Lucy

I would like to brag about my GRRoW rescue Lucy's accomplishment. Adopted just a little under two years ago, Lucy earned her CGC certification (Canine Good Citizen) and has been working toward an obedience title. I was unsure if this was something both her and I would enjoy doing together so we took a class this last fall to find out what was involved. During the class Lucy started to really show her stuff off and like with most

things she did it with a smile. She is my first dog that I have ever wanted to show. This past summer AKC announced a new obedience category, the Beginner Novice. So, I put Lucy in the car and we drove to Western Waukesha Country Dog Training Club for our first show Thanksgiving weekend. I was really nervous for the show. Lucy on the other hand lay down on the floor and waited for attention from anyone willing to spare a hand. We got through our first show with a qualifying score and third place, she earned a ribbon with a score of 186 out of 200! One done, two to go!

Since I was feeling optimistic at the time I signed up for the Badger Kennel Club dog show in Deforest the following weekend in addition to the Western Waukesha show. Lucy did really well with a score of 192 out of 200, came in fourth place and still qualified. Sunday was a better day. She tied for first place and had a walkoff. This is where



you walk a pattern with the judge calling the signals. She did really well until she heard the dumbbell in the next ring hit the floor. Being a retriever her head swung around to look for the object. This only lasted a few seconds before she remembered what she was doing and fell back into heel. We didn't take first that day but we still qualified and brought home a second place ribbon with a score of 196 out of 200. As you can tell I am really proud of our girl! Someone commented, "Your dog looked like she was having the time of her life out there with the smile and wagging tail, she really enjoyed it!" I don't know if enjoyed the work or the "special" time she gets for doing the work, but we are going to continue. Next step: her Companion Dog title. Look out world, here comes Lucy!

— Kelly White

Koda

Amanda R. and Josh E. and their Golden Strider adopted Koda from GRRoW in April 2010. Amanda and Josh quickly found out Koda had a special talent. Strider suffered from seizures and every time Strider would have a seizure, Koda would run and get the family. He was never trained to do this, is just came naturally to him and the family was more than thankful to have adopted him through GRRoW. Unfortunately, Strider passed at the young age of 4-5 years old.

We are all adjusting to life now without our beloved Strider. We lost him during the week between Christmas and New Year's. His cluster seizures had continued to worsen along with other health problems. Needless to say, we did everything we could, but it was not enough. We are comforted to know he is not suffering anymore, but we do really miss him.

The first few days without Strider were hard on Koda. They were best buddies. Koda was



always there for Strider, they did everything together. However, Koda has adapted and is showered with attention from all of us. He is simply amazing. We take him everywhere with us and if we are not able to, he is not happy. We traveled to Michigan last weekend and for the first time, Koda was out of

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in loving memory...



Winter Solstice III

A poem for Winter Solstice III, our personal Golden, whom we lost in March 2010 to lastomycosis.



In Memory of Winter Solstice III

A Song from Sylvan

by Louise Imogen Guiney

The little cares the fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play:
Among the lowing herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing birds,
The humming of the bees.
The fears of what may come to pass,
I cast them all away,
among the clover scented grass
among the new mown hay:
Among the husking of the corn,
Where the drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

The B Family

Rusty

Angel Unaware. We've heard the term many times, but I can think of no better words to describe Rusty; for you see, he was not an ordinary dog. There was something about him, an almost mystical quality, which touched peoples' lives and hearts so deeply,

so profoundly, that they knew this dog was really quite exceptional. Rusty was a dog who was immersed in love throughout his life and in that way, he was immeasurably blessed. But Rusty was born with a congenital hip problem which he lived with throughout his twelve plus years. Over time, he also developed severe allergies, and when his family felt they could no longer provide the care he needed, they surrendered him to GRRoW, hoping that we could make everything right.

Rusty quickly became a permanent foster and a featured dog on the website, but he was with us for only nine short months. During those months, his allergies became the prime focus of his care. He was tested, medicated, washed down frequently, and put on special diets, and his condition improved dramatically. But there was something always below the surface of his obvious symptoms which eluded his doctors. That something turned out to be cancer. Rusty was a very stoic dog, whose personality never revealed what his body was going through. He was, simply



said, the sweetest dog you'd ever want to meet. He both soaked up and poured out love to everyone whose path he crossed. It is even said that he changed peoples' lives. His love was unconditional.

Rusty was also blessed in experiencing life in two foster homes with two foster moms, and that, ultimately, seemed to be the way it was intended to be. When his condition finally spiraled downward, and it became obvious that he had reached the end of this journey – that there was no magic wand to make things right, both moms were there

to say goodbye. Rusty in usual form, buried his head in each of our laps and soaked up all the love he could take in. He passed very peacefully from this life and that night appeared in a vivid dream in which he had a new, youthful body full of vitality – running and jumping through a lush meadow. "I will never forget the look on his face and in his eyes. He turned his head to look at me as he was running and he looked complete." We believe it was his final gift to us – his way of saying, "I am home, and I am well."

Rusty was co-fostered by Jane Babcock and Beth Spangenberg-Marian

Candie



In loving memory of Candie our little girl: God called you home at the young age of six, dear sweetie. We know your alpha personality is being used beyond the bridge to keep all the animal faces in line. You were excellent at your job. We will never forget the memories we had with you. Run free little girl... and don't lose that "tude" that you were known for.

The H Family

Barney



In memory of "Barney" Rufflo who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on July 23. When he was

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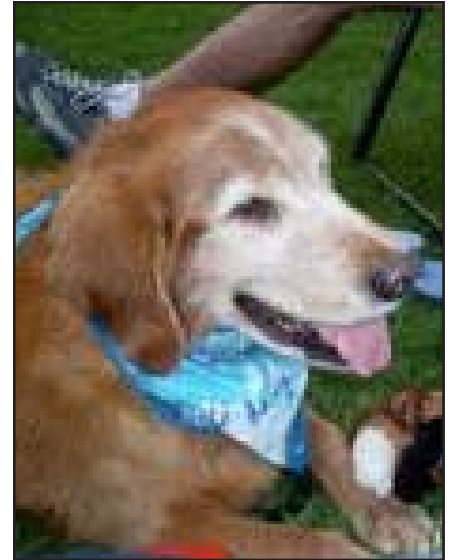
five, Barney and his littermate Alex introduced me to dog ownership and made me fall in love with the breed. After Alex passed in 2002, I wanted to get involved in rescue, and I found GRRoW. Barney was my sidekick, and became a wonderful Ambassador for GRRoW. Over the years, he put up with a stream of foster dogs, gently teaching them the doggy ways; he represented GRRoW at countless Meet 'n Greets making friends with every human who met him; he went with me on home visits, always making me proud to be his person as he showed people the life and love a canine buddy can infuse a home with. He was also a certified therapy dog who for years brought

a smile or a tear to people spending time in a nursing home. He was nearly 16, and I was blessed to have had him as my companion for 10 wonderful years. — The R Family

Favre

Favre (08-036) was a wonderful dog, sweet, considerate, and a gentle giant. He had a beautiful smile and fun personality. He loved people, dogs, and cats. He was a joy to be with! His family and friends miss him dearly. However, we smile when thinking of memories of him. Thank you to GRRoW for placing Favre with us!

The B Family



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that the rain would stop and the sun would come out.) Shortly after parking the car several other volunteer began showing up to begin the very hard work of setting up the site for the walkers. After a few hours of very wet and cold set up we were ready to begin taking the walkers registrations. By this time the rain had changed form to a drizzle. We did make a change from years past and place the raffle in the shelter; this helped keep everything dry and gave us all a warm place to go that was dry for a few moments.

As the morning continued, I saw something that will stay with me for years to come, the parking lot began to fill and people with their Golden Retrievers and families started to show up and socialize with each other. I also saw that we had several other breeds show up with families to support the fund raiser for GRRoW. I realized at this point that this was not only

a fund raiser for GRRoW but a reunion for former fosters and adopters to meet. It was a chance for those involved in the placement of a particular Golden to see how happy the dog is with its new family. This is something you see with your eyes and feel in your bones at the same moment.

The time grew closer to 11am, the start time of the walk so we gathered the group together. Before we

began the walk Deb Lukasik, GRRoW president, made a truly inspirational announcement that our own Jane Babcock received a national award for her work with senior Golden Retrievers, from all of us Jane, congratulations once again.

I then thanked the people there in support of the walk, the volunteers, sponsors, and Pack 12 Cub Scouts from Madison for all the work and support of GRRoW. Then the



Jane Babcock accepting her GRCA National Starfish award from Deb Lukasik.

most wonderful part of the day took place, everyone walked on to the trail together as one group. To see all the people and dogs as a large group walking together in support of GRRoW is something any dog lover should experience. If you were not there this year to experience it please join us the coming fall and experience the magic yourself.

Once the group returned, people took advantage of the hot food and cold beverages in the food tent. They followed this up with some sweets from the baked goods table. Finally we had the raffle, this was a great success! The day for the participants finished around 2pm and the cleanup crew made quick work of the remaining duties.

In closing I want to thank with my whole heart everyone who helped with the dog walk. This includes everyone who helped with the work up to the walk, the day of the walk, advertising the walk, set up and clean up and even if your help was only in support of the cause behind the walk. Without people like you who volunteer, GRRoW would not be able to help as many dogs as we currently are and would most likely not exist today. This is the 10th year of GRRoW and I would like to see it around for another 10 years, so please help in anyway you are capable.

Just remember why you are a member of GRRoW and if you have forgot look to the floor or couch at the gentle face smiling back at you. I guarantee you will remember. ♥

puppy socialization *by Kathryn Lanam, edited by Claire Wenstrom*

Transforming a puppy into an adult dog with the behaviors and temperament one needs and wants is no easy feat. It requires both genetic selection and appropriate social and behavior development. The latter rests with the breeder through the first few weeks of the puppy's life and then with you, the new owner. According to research by Scott and Fuller, 35% of a dog's ultimate behavioral makeup is genetic and 65% is attributed to management, training, socialization, nutrition and health care of the puppy.

The Early Stages

There are several stages of a puppy's life where learning is easier and knowledge gained is stored in long-term memory — also known as the “window of opportunity.”

Editor's note: The timeframes listed are approximate and each puppy develops at a different rate.

Pre- and Neo-natal

In the pre-natal stage many factors can influence the developing puppy — poor nutrition, environment, exposure to parasites, drugs, xrays, temperature.

The neo-natal pup cannot regulate its body temperature or certain body functions and is completely dependent on the dam. EEGs at this stage show there is no difference in brain function when the pup is awake and when asleep. Paramount at this stage is health and the happiness of the mother.

Too much stress at this age (1-14 days) has a negative effect on puppies but research (Fox; Scott and Fuller) has shown that newborns can respond to thermal, tactile and motor stimulation. Mild stress can create many changes in newborns including changes in electrical activity in the brain, muscle tension, and changes in oxygen levels and breathing. When tested later as adults the stressed dogs were better able to withstand stress than their non-stressed littermates. Articles published by Dr. Carmen Battaglia (see breedingbetterdogs.com) report on research by the U.S. Military program called “Bio Sensor” or “Super Dog,” also showed that early stimulation will have an important and lasting effect on puppies.



He describes specific stimulation exercises for day 3 through 16 of the puppies lives. For 3-5 seconds, once per day the puppies should be:

- Tickled between the toes with a Q-tip.
- Held perpendicular to the ground.
- Held head down.
- Held on its back in the palm of your hand.
- Lain on a cool, damp towel.

These exercises should not be a substitute for normal daily handling by the breeder. More importantly, more is not better. Again, too much stress is detrimental. Kicking the neurological system into action early will benefit the puppy with improved cardiovascular, stronger adrenal glands, more tolerance to stress and will result in a more explorative, calmer and less distracted puppy.

Transitional period (14-21 days)

This period starts when eyes are open and ends when the puppy first “startles” on hearing a noise.

This period is marked with rapid development of motor skills, the ability to eliminate on its own, the onset of vision, the initial emergence of teeth and the development of hearing. Tail wagging begins before the fuctional site and hearing ability and vocal-

izations become more specialized.

This is the time to introduce toys and other visual objects to a pup's environment. The pup should be exposed to different surfaces for a minute once a day. The mother will spend short periods away from the litter at this time.

Identification period (21-35 days)

Puppies have use of all their senses. The should be exposed to a variety of sounds and sights. Sudden loud noises must be introduced during the 3rd week when fear has not yet developed. The startle response should be encouraged so the pup will startle and then return to normal on its own— something it will need to do throughout its life.

Puppies now learn they are dogs, recognizing their mother, recognizing other species—specificall humans that are part of their social interactions. A poorly imprinted puppy will have future problems and possibly be rejected by other dogs.

Puppies learn quite a bit from their littermates during his period. They start play-fighting, barking increases, they can eat solid food, and learn to accept discipline from their mothers.

When mothers are removed from their litter too soon, the pups do not learn this submission to adult dogs.



As this period continues, the play behavior becomes more sophisticated, distance perception is improved, an puppies will need more physical and mental challenges—things

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to move, chew, climb on and carry. Deprived of stimulation puppies do not develop the ability to learn and problem solve.

Separating individual pups from their littermates for short periods of time will teach the puppy independence, prevent separation anxiety and encourage bonding with humans.

Socialization

Socialization (5-16 weeks)

Dogs are not genetically programmed to interact socially with humans. Socialization does two things to habituate a puppy. It reduces the number of things in the world that a puppy might be frightened of and it continually provides the experience of first being afraid and then recovering (bounce-back). Puppies exposed to a wide variety of smells, textures, sounds, tastes, sights and people during this phase are apt to be less bothered when exposed to new things later in life. Everything an adult is expected to do or coexist with should be added to the socialization program—i.e. children, swimming, livestock, dog shows, city noises, gunshots, etc.



Undersocialized dogs are shy, fearful, defensive, discriminate threats inappropriately and may bite out of fear. Dogs left alone for long periods of time **and** dogs with constant human companionship are prone to separation anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorders.

Socialization require creativity and is an ongoing process that should last the dogs entire lifetime. and it's crucial that it occur during this period.

At 5-7 weeks, the pup will be naturally very curious and have the lowest fear of new things. The attraction and acceptance of people peaks at this time as well as increased mobility and motor skills. Tunnels, boxes, steps and other challenges should be introduced. People should play with, talk to, make eye contact and handle pups several times a day.

Bite inhibition is also very important during this period both with littermates and the human family. Pups learn a lot from their littermates now and if removed from the litter before the end of the 6th week will have problems with dog-dog relationships.

Clicker training and other food motivation/rewards can be introduced now.

Behavioral Refinement (7-9 weeks)

By 7-8 weeks pups have fully functioning brains and are capable of learning anything, keeping in account their short attention spans, of course. Learning at this age is permanent. However, dog-dog (primary) socialization isn't complete at 7-8 weeks and in a home without correct and continuing exposure to other dogs a puppy will not learn to coexist with other dogs.

Pups go through many changes during this time and it's important to teach them the boundaries and rules of their new lives. It's imperative to help your pup learn the "right" things and form good habits so you don't have to train out bad habits later. Puppy

classes are a wonderful resource for getting a solid base of obedience training in place.

Fear Imprint (8-11 weeks)

Puppies have no fear until about the 5th week with fear gradually increasing toward the end of the 7th week. Between 8 and 9 weeks the pup will exhibit more caution. If frightened during this period it may take weeks to return to normal. The pup should be exposed to lots of positive experiences—no harsh discipline, traumatic visits to the vet, etc.

Environmental awareness (9-12 weeks)

Attention spans still short, pups are busy learning about their new environments and depending on what the owner expects from the pup, behaviors can be shaped very differently during this time. If separated from other dogs the human bond becomes quite strong. If left with littermates or other dogs,

the pup may have good doggy skills but may be less interested in the humans. It's best to maintain a good balance of both.

Seniority classification (13-16 weeks)

The age of independence and testing dominance and leadership. Previously compliant pups may have an opinion of their own and will want to assert themselves. The puppy socialization class is crucial at this stage. Even the experienced owner can't solely provide the learning that other puppies of other breeds and temperaments and people can.

This is where the pup will learn the difference between play and work. An environment rich with distractions will build self-confidence. A knowledgeable instructor can spot and curtail potential problems.

Simply attending a puppy class offers the following new experiences:

- Car rides, traffic sounds, riding in a crate, the radio, windshield wiper sounds.
- Smelling, seeing and interacting with a new environment (new floors, new sounds, different doorways, different lighting, heating ducts, new textures, etc.)
- Meeting new people (children, people with disabilities, old people, men, women, short, fat, tall, different ethnicities), people reaching for them, people carrying bags or other items, people wearing hats, people on crutches.
- People carrying and moving things like equipment, umbrellas, brooms, mops, toys that make noise, balls that roll around.
- Meeting dogs of different sizes, gaits, shapes, breathing, snorting, shy puppies, bold puppies, herding puppies, etc.
- Sounds of doors banging, heating/cooling system turning on/off, voices of varied pitches, other puppies whining or barking.

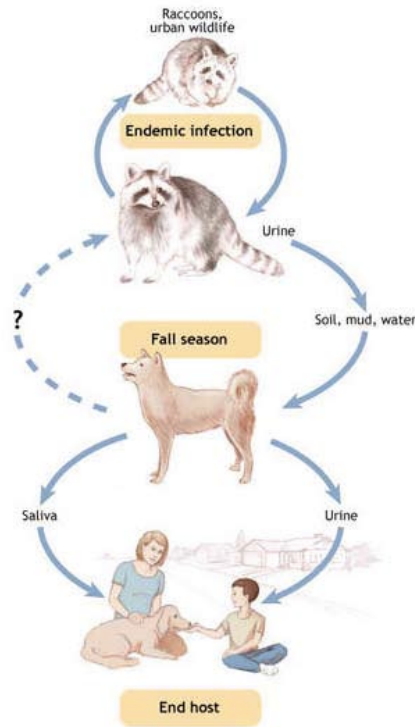
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Leptospirosis, old enemy back with a vengeance *by Dr. Rod Kuenzi*

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease prevalent throughout the world. The spirochetes cause acute (sudden) kidney or liver failure in animals and humans. Many strains, or varieties, of Leptospirosis exist within reservoir hosts like raccoons, skunks, opossums, mice and other wild animals. These hosts don't typically show clinical signs of illness but are capable of carrying and transmitting the disease to our pets. The bacteria are excreted in urine and animals become infected if they directly contact urine, wet soil, ingest infected tissues or contaminated food/water. Any animal is susceptible to the disease but infections are most common in outdoor or hunting dogs. Cats do not usually become ill, but can transmit the spirochetes for variable periods of time after exposures.

Clinical signs of Leptospirosis can develop within one week of exposure and include fever, depression, muscle pain, weakness, increased thirst and urination, lack of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, respiratory distress, bleeding and death. The kidneys are primarily affected but the liver, spleen, eyes, heart and



nervous system can also be involved. Infection is diagnosed by blood and urine tests, which indicate each of the bacterial strains to which the dog has had exposure. Diagnosis can be

challenging and may require repeated testing. It's important to know that Leptospirosis is zoonotic, meaning it can be transmitted to people. The infection in both pets and humans is treatable with IV fluid therapy and antibiotics if diagnosed early.

Prevention is the best way of protecting your pet. Remove sources of standing water in your pet's play area and try to avoid swampy or marshy areas. For dogs with a higher risk of exposure, a vaccine is available to offer extra protection. The newest vaccine can be given in dogs as young as 12 weeks old and offers protection against four strains of Leptospirosis. The vaccine reduces the severity of disease but dogs can still be infected and transmit the spirochete. Ask your veterinarian if your dog could benefit from vaccination against this deadly disease. ♥

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Dog Play DVD

by Patricia B. McConnell

Play is fun, but don't be fooled into thinking it's just goofy or frivolous. Play is powerful stuff, and it has a profound influence on your relationship with your dog and your dog's relationships with others of the same species. Learn how to identify appropriate and inappropriate play between dogs, and how to insure that your dog (s) "play well with others." Learn how play can enhance your relationship with your dog, improve your dog's responsiveness, and provide your dog with the mental and physical exercise he or she needs.

Taped at a half-day seminar in 2009, Dog Play bridges the natural history of play with every day interactions involving our best friends. It includes what scientists understand about play itself, up-to-date research on the development of play in dogs, how to tell your dog you want to play (most of us aren't very good at it!) and how to evaluate and influence play between dogs themselves. If you'd like a happier, more responsive dog and an enhanced understanding of play between the species at both ends of the leash, this DVD, by Pat McConnell is for you.



This and many other titles of DVD's and Books can be checked out of our library. Please contact Sue Schultz at sueschultz59@charter.net to see how. ♥

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- Variety of surfaces like pavement, rubber matting, grass, smooth cement floors, tile, and carpet.

First impressions can last a lifetime so you want these experiences to be positive. Be aware of your pups reaction in class to make sure he isn't overwhelmed.

Once your class is complete you'll want to keep giving your dog new experiences for at least the first year if not for the remainder of his life.

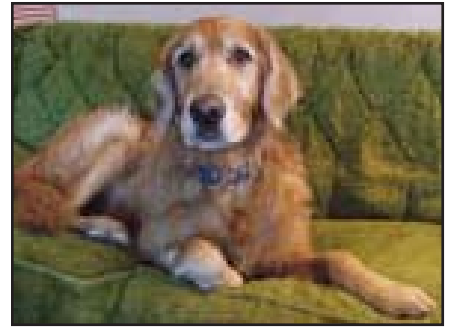
For instance, take your pup/dog to friends' houses or have guests at your house. It offers the opportunity to teach polite greeting behaviors.

Take your pup to dog friendly businesses, the groomer, the vet, short car rides. Expose him to different buildings, elevators, tents, kayaks, canoes, boats. Introduce them to other animals like cats, goats, horses, bunnies. Spend time outside along a bike trail to get your pup accustomed to joggers, inline skaters, bicyclists, skateboarders. Reinforce quiet behavior. If they get too frantic, matter-of-factly move a distance away.

We need to condition our dogs to trust the world but let them build their courage at their own pace. Set up situations they can handle and reinforce their success. Model the confidence you want them to learn. ♥

tennis ball warning

Recently, we had a very traumatic incident with Duke. While playing with him in the yard with three balls, he managed to get all three in his mouth and choked on one. I did the Heimlich several times to no avail and then reached in multiple times with my hand trying to pull it out. Each time he would bite down hard in panic and instinct. I suffered a



dozen puncture wounds including one that needed several stitches. Duke then went unconscious and stopped breathing. I was then able to dig the ball out of his throat. I did CPR on him and revived him!! I did chest compressions and breathed into his nose and I thanked God it worked. The vet said he is okay and has no side effects. We are so fortunate and thankful!!! (I threw the balls away the next day). What a huge scare! It was very traumatic for both of us! ♥



Check us out on Facebook!

CODY (GRRoW 04-159)



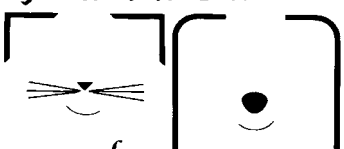
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Donation Boxes – a fun way to raise money for GRROW

by Nancy Lawrence

Donation boxes are a great way to raise money for GRROW on your own schedule. Ron and I got started by buying some used donation boxes with small locks on EBAY. For box placement, I choose business locations that either are “pet friendly” such as a pet food store or veterinary clinic or a location that takes lots of cash payments such as a coffee shop or restaurant. The closer the box is to the register, the more donations it will attract. Each box contains \$1.50 of my own “seed” money to get the ball rolling. The display portion of the box has either a generic advertisement explaining GRROW’s purpose or it features a special needs golden that we are helping on it. Other donation route volunteers have reported that the special needs approach attracts more donations.

For box placement, it is helpful to have a small script prepared about GRROW’s mission to increase your confidence before you approach an employee at the register or talk to the actual decision maker. I always emphasize that the funds go to take care of the medical needs of the golden retrievers that are surrendered to us. Some companies have a corporate policy against placement of donation boxes but some let me place the box there anyway. It never hurts to ask. On the back of each of my boxes I have my contact phone number in case “corporate” insists the box must be removed. Always be polite and thank everyone even if they say they are not allowed to place the box. Every time we talk to someone, it is a great opportunity to spread the word about GRROW to the public. At some locations, the staff is really onboard with the idea and encourages donations. I empty the boxes about once a month. For newly placed boxes, you may want to check them more frequently. If you would like more information, you can contact me at nancylawrence1@hotmail.com or by phone: 414-688-9537.

help wanted

With your help, GRRoW has a reputation as a rescue from which to acquire a quality, safe dog that will fit into an appropriate forever family. Our policies and procedures may seem complex and stringent, but the results are documentable and appreciated by both the acquiring adopting families and, we’re sure, the Golden retrievers that are put in our care. As you might realize, this organization takes the work of a lot of dedicated volunteers at all levels and we have positions that we need to fill. If you have any questions about these positions, please email us at contact@grrow.org

Intake Team Member

This person is the first contact a family has when thinking of surrendering their Golden. Operates under two-week rotational shifts (typically every few months), checking surrender hotline emails.

Home Visit Coordinator

Responsible for working with trained volunteers to perform in home interviews/assessments of families interested in adopting a GRRoW dog.

Foster Coordinator

Alerts foster homes to incoming dogs. Responsible for identifying available and appropriate foster homes for GRRoW dogs. This position serves as the main contact for fosters and ensures that the status of all dogs currently in foster care is known.

Assessment Coordinator Assistant

Helps with training and tracking of new assessment volunteers and database updates.

Foster Training Coordinator

Ensures that foster homes are trained properly according to GRRoW guidelines.

If any of the aforementioned positions don’t appeal to you, here are more opportunities to get involved!

Fundraising Coordinator

Fundraising/Event Coordinator Assistant

Public Relations Coordinator

Social Media Coordinator

A new position promoting GRRoW via Facebook, Twitter, other media

Tail on Trails Dog Walk Committee Chairperson and workers

hey volunteers!

Check out the following organizations. They are supporters of GRRoW and invite you to join their clubs and participate in their events!

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Badger Golden Retriever Club invites GRRoW volunteers to attend their events, activities, meetings and become members of their club. www.bgrc-wi.org



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF AMERICA

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Name	ID	Adopted By	Name	ID	Adopted By	Name	ID	Adopted By
MARCH			JULY			NOVEMBER		
Buddy	10-003R	The K Family	Duke	10-001SN	The D Family	Leo	10-052	The J Family
Leo	10-004	The V Family	Buddy	10-018R	The G Family	Hailey	10-057	The K Family
Rex	10-007	The M Family	Buddy #3	10-025SN	The W Family	Holly	10-058	The K Family
Charlie #2	10-011	The P Family	Buddy #4	10-035	The C Family	Jaxon	10-061	The R Family
Trigg	10-012	The M & B Family	Zimmer	10-040	The K Family	Jezebel	10-063	The K Family
Tucker	10-008	The C Family	Louis	10-041	The Z Family	Grace	10-054	The A Family
Cane	10-013	The P Family	Jake #2	10-044	The J Family	BoBo	10-070	The A Family
APRIL			AUGUST			DECEMBER		
Timmy	10-002SN	The E Family	Bella	10-015SN	The W Family	Kenzi	10-042R	The B Family
Koda	10-014	The R&E Family	Ruby	10-045	The R Family	Gage	10-066	The M Family
Hailey	10-016R	The K Family	Gus	10-046R	The S Family	DECEMBER		
Nugget#2	10-019	The P Family	Oso	10-049	The C Family	Sophie	10-055	The G Family
MAY			Odi	10-050	The C Family	Lefty	10-065R	The G Family
Paddi	10-010	The T Family	Brandy	10-048	The L Family	Piper	10-068	The F Family
Eko	10-020	The S Family	Gunner #2	10-043	The Z Family	Mr Bucket	10-073	The W Family
Riley	10-017	The M Family	SEPTEMBER			Sonny	10-074SN	The B Family
Murphy	10-024	The L Family	Maggie Mae	10-028	The L Family	Wrigley	10-071	The R Family
Cedar	10-026	The J Family	Finn	10-021SN	The J Family	Cooper	10-076	The Z Family
JUNE			Buddy #5	10-047SN	The L & M Family	Riley	10-077	The E Family
Bo	10-022	The N Family	Dexter	10-030	The F Family	Noah	10-082	The E Family
Gunner	109029	The T Family	Chewy	10-059	The L Family	Brody	10-083	The E Family
Jake	10-032	The T & T Family	Mack	10-064	The E Family	Charlee	10-084	The C Family
Bailey	10-034	The M Family	Buster	10-062	The P Family	Isaac	10-069	The W Family
Buzz	10-036	The S Family	OCTOBER			Apollo	10-090	The S Family
Brewer	10-039	The B Family	Dodger	10-051	The H Family	Charlee	10-084	The C Family
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Dr. Joseph Sutton at Memorial Drive Veterinary Clinic came in specially to do Reilly's surgery. If you don't remember Reilly, he is the 12-yr-old guy that came in with a huge, like football-sized HUGE, tumor on his back that hung over on his leg and made it very difficult for him to potty or even walk. The surgery was more extensive than originally anticipated. The clinic absorbed the extra cost in order to help GRRoW out as well as Reilly. Thanks to Dr. Sutton!

Dr. Dan Heder, at Edgerton Veterinary Clinic has thrown in many office calls for various fosters and even several ultrasounds and other tests for Jewel. He has probably saved GRRoW \$1000 in expenses on Jewel alone. The whole staff has been wonderful with my fosters. Thanks, Dr. Heder!



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our yard without a leash. My parents have 7 acres of land and 2 of their own dogs. I was a little hesitant to let Koda off leash for fear that he might catch a smell and run. However, he never left us. If he started to go to far, we simply said "Koda back" and he came right to us. We love him dearly and are sincerely thankful for him. If we did not


have him, coping with Strider's death would be even more difficult.

— Josh, Amanda, Alexis, AJ, Aidan and of course, Koda

Cruise

Cruise, at right, who owns Fred & Deb Lukasiak, received his AKC Star Puppy Certification.♥





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