

GRRoW's GOLDENTAILS

rummage wars raise funds for our pups

In the Land of GRRoW we have been waging a war all summer long; rummage wars, that is. Volunteers in different areas of the State – Milwaukee, Madison, Appleton, Green Bay – have been competing to see who can raise the most money for our Goldens.

As of this printing, Milwaukee is ahead, but Green Bay had another sale July 16 (see page 3) that raised \$1059.26, so who knows?! There is plenty of time to hold a sale for your area before the frost is on the pumpkin. Those of you in Western Wisconsin or Central Wisconsin can still get into the game. It's not over yet.

Thanks to the efforts of so many of our volunteers, our combined proceeds so far are over \$4,000. There is the potential for even more.

Want to get involved? You can donate items, host a sale, or help staff a sale. It's fun warm weather activity. Let me know if you want to be part of the challenge, and I will get you in touch with the right people in your area. You can reach me at jrufflo@sbcglobal.net or 414.332.7107.

Madison rummage sale (at right)



Appleton rummage sale



and the winner is...

GRRoW's newsletter finally has a name! At the end of May an announcement was made to the members that a "Name the Newsletter Contest" was underway and that the person who submitted the winning entry would receive a new GRRoW logo embroidered t-shirt. Many delightful entries were submitted which were narrowed down to four for the final voting.

Out of 257 members, only 51 people voted and here are the results.

- 29 Goldentails
- 10 The GRRoW Gazette

- 8 The Golden Post
- 3 The Leash
- 1 GRRoW with Us (write-in)
- 51 Total Votes

So as not to confuse these Goldentails with any others, the official name of the newsletter will be GRRoW's Goldentails. A new masthead reflecting the new name will be designed for the Fall newsletter.

Congratulations and a thank you to June Runyan who sent in the winning entry—for which she'll receive a new logo embroidered t-shirt.

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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...



Do you believe in miracles? I do!

As I write this article, I am on vacation sitting on the deck of a cabin we rented in the north woods of Wisconsin. Our three golden retrievers have

just finished swimming (our decision not theirs) and are now taking a break beside me on the deck. Their payback for making them get out of the water is to stand by me and shake – all three at

once. I am now as wet as they are and so is the notebook I am writing in.

On this lake, there seems to be golden retrievers every where you look. A few doors over is a tall, thin blonde golden retriever with the most beautiful, full tail you've ever seen. This golden retriever was standing on the edge of the pier barking at us wanting to come join our game of retrieve the water dumbbell. Along with this dog is a very white-

faced golden retriever. This dog moves slowly and is very content sitting on the edge of the pier resting its weary bones in the warm sun. On a boat ride earlier in the week, we observed two golden retrievers standing on a pier barking at their humans. Their humans were in the water with a water dumbbell, treats and

tennis balls trying to coax the golden retrievers to jump in off the pier. The dogs were

barking as if to say, "You want me to do what?" Then we observed a golden retriever in the back of a speed boat barking at water skier at the back of the boat. The dog was happy and wagging its tail as if to

say, "Can I come and retrieve you back into the boat?" I begin to wonder if any of these dogs are GRRoW dogs.

I then began to think about all the golden retrievers that have passed through GRRoW. I think back about when we adopted Goldie in 2002. We knew nothing about her likes, dislikes and fears. The first year we took her "up north" we found out she loved to dive into the lake off a raised retaining

wall, loves water, gets overly anxious in the car and is severely addicted to balls. She then taught our other golden retriever



of the water and sniffed. Suddenly, he was snapped in the nose by a wave. Dallas then ran to their back door and

refused to move, trembling with fear. The water splashing on his nose absolutely terrified

him. Today, I watch Dallas running and diving off the pier at the cabin like a champion.

These observations remind me of the miracles that GRRoW performs each and every day when we help the golden retrievers in our care. We give them a second chance at life and show them how to live. We sometimes take them

en, Lazer, to jump in and dive in the water. She taught us that she has a very special personality and within two months of adoption was a certified therapy dog.

Then in 2003, we fostered Dallas (yes, we are foster failures) and adopted him. Dallas came to GRRoW as a very ill, malnourished, six month old stray. Dallas knew nothing but his name when he arrived at our house after spending a few weeks with Dr. Sue Fluhr. Dallas spent hours lying on the couch watching the other two golden retrievers interact and play. One day, I was invited to bring Dallas to another GRRoW member's home who lives in my area on a lake. We thought we would introduce Dallas to a lake. Dallas followed her golden retriever, Joey down to the lake. Joey went right in like a pro. Dallas walked to the edge

out of bad situations, unwanted situations, and tearful situations. We bring them into our homes and treat them as a member of the family and spoil them. We teach them obedience and manners, how to play and run,



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nurse them back to health, and give them unconditional love and hugs. Sometimes we have to help them cross the bridge. All of these are done unselfishly by our members because of their love of the Golden breed. The members of GRRoW give a piece of our heart to each and every dog we assess, transport, foster, adopt, help cross the bridge and find forever homes. Our members never ask for anything in return. We get all we need by loving looks these animals give us and the unconditional love and admiration they show in their eyes. They come up to us and sit on our feet, do the "golden lean" or lick your face or hand or might even snuggle in bed or on the sofa with you. They never judge us harshly. We realize that we can't save them all and that breaks our hearts, but we do save the ones we can.

GRRoW members have regenerated my faith in humans and perform miracles every day. I do believe in the power of GRRoW and the miracles we perform. From my heart, I finish this article teary-eyed, I thank each and every member for what they do. I welcome any new member who loves goldens to get involved with GRRoW—every little bit does matter. You are the reason that GRRoW exists and is successful.

I ask each and every one of you, do you believe in miracles? I do!



events

Bark in the Park

What a lovely, sunshiny day we had for the 5th Annual Bark in the Park (BITP) on Saturday, June 18. Doggie Limbo and other games were such fun for both the canines and the humans. Many thanks to Sharon and Kyle Strege who organized the games and made the fantastic prize baskets. Other fantastic baskets were the beautiful, creative ones made and contributed by many members for the basket raffle.

A lovely video presentation of the many Goldens of GRRoW was given by Michelle Demarest (CDs for TV or Laptop are available).

Grandma Tiffany, age 16, graced us with her presence. For those of you who don't know her, Grandma came into GRRoW a little over 2 years ago. Stephanie and Nick Boismenu fostered

her for most of the time since then and adopted her this past March. Sadly, in late July Grandma Tiffany went to the Rainbow Bridge. She will be greatly missed. Those who interacted with her are most grateful to the Boismenues for bringing her to BITP.

Of course, the 50/50 Raffle was a highlight that day and brought both GRRoW and the winner, Rex Hammes of Union Grove, each \$3950.

We had a chance to see the new GRRoW logo merchandise and either purchase or order some. Also available were some new magnets, including a GRRoW Bumper Sticker. There are many talented chefs and bakers in GRRoWland as anyone partaking of the potluck or baked goods can tell you.

Jeanne Rufflo spoke of the wonderful deal that Pick N Save has for organi-

zations such as GRRoW — 1% of all purchases one makes during a year goes to the organization of one's choice. Just think — \$5,000 worth of groceries per year = \$50 for the Goldens, multiplied by 50 members = \$2,500...keep multiplying! So, if you shop at Pick N Save, and want to help our Goldens, just go to the service desk there and sign up. What an effortless way to bring in more much-needed dollars for the Goldens.

The Parade of Rescues, which, of course, is what GRRoW is all about — rescuing, rehabilitating (& fostering) AND rehoming to forever homes and adoring parents — is quite stirring. It's thrilling to have adopting families and their special furbabies attend BITP. We missed those who were not able to attend this year and hope to see you with your rescued furkid at the Holiday Party or the next BITP.



4th Annual Tails on Trails Dog Walk

**Saturday, September 10, 2005
10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

In Milwaukee at the Root River Parkway Picnic Area #3 (Near 84th Street and Grange Ave.)

This will be a fun-filled day and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your dog while helping to raise funds for GRRoW. All breeds are welcome, so spread the word.

In addition to the walk, we will have a number of activities for you and

your furry friends, including: Blessing of the Animals • Doggie Games (Sponsored by Central Bark Doggy Day Care) • Raffle • Dog-Related Organizations and Vendors • Doggy Demos • Food and Beverages • Rescue Parade • And more!

Stay tuned to www.grow.org for more details as our planning continues.

Interested in volunteering to plan or staff the walk? We can always use more help!

**To find out more, contact
Dianne Fitting, Walk Coordinator
at 414-475-5668.**

Green Bay Rummage

We had wonderful weather for the Green Bay rummage sale July 16. A bit warm, but ohhh the sun! The 3 surrendered 14-week-old pups made their debut and were a hit! Here's some of the people who helped out:

Donations — Suzi Sevcik, Chris Calaway, John & Janet Egdorf, Sally Berner, Phil & Beth Seering, Paula Kirchman; **Signs** — Heidi & Steve Zich; **Set up** — Paula Kirchman, Chris Calaway, Janet Egdorf & her two girls, Rachel & Jaclyn, Sally Berner, Sue Lehman & Bryant(?); **Workers at the sale** — Chris Calaway, Pete Benson, Paula

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



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Kirchman, Sally Berner, Phil & Beth Seering, Sue Lehman & son Mikey, John, Janet, Rachel & Jaclyn Egdorf; **Clean up**—Chris Calaway, Sally Berner, Phil & Beth Seering, John, Janet, Rachel & Jaclyn Egdorf & Paula Kirchman. We had lots of interest in GRROW, in what we do & in adopting... time will tell.

Sales and donations	\$1006.26
GRROW merchandise	\$53.00
TOTAL made for the dogs	\$1059.26

A HUGE THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! goes out to Chris Calaway. Not only did he offer (okay maybe it wasn't an offer but he let us talk him into it!) his garage, but he took a week off from work (that's his real job I'm talking about, not GRROW) to work the sale. WOW!!!! Can I nominate Chris for volunteer of the year? Sorry if I missed anyone... thanks to all for all your work & for your effort in helping our beloved Golden!

Goldstock

Hi Everyone! The annual Goldstock gathering of Golden Retriever rescues from all across the country will be held this year from Friday, Sept. 2, 2005 to Monday morning, Sept. 5, 2005. It is a fantastic time with many activities, including live & silent auctions, raffle, swimming Olympics & other dog games, demos of many different kinds, including dog dancing, merchandise from all the rescues participating, a moving candlelight ceremony, good fellowship & wonderful meals (the cabins & meals are included in the registration fee).

For schedule of events:

www.goldstockfund.org/Camp/schedule.htm

For info on the camp:

www.goldstockfund.org/Camp/regandinfo.html

From either of the above, one can access the entire Goldstock site. Some people fly to Goldstock. Others carpool, sharing the costs of driving & lodging which makes the trip quite reasonable. Although registration for Goldstock is closed for 2005, if you (& your furkids) like to get away for an invigorating, inspiring & refreshing time, do consider going to Goldstock next year. Even though the return trip begins on Labor Day, last year we did not find the traffic heavy at all and the scenery is beautiful.

Please feel free to contact me (Ali Stapp) at vp@grrow.org for additional information. We'd love to share the time at Goldstock with more members from GRROW.

Hastings Pet Expo

GRROW had a booth at the Hastings Pet Expo Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, 2005 at The Armory, Hastings, MN. Our attendance at this 2-day show, our first year at Hastings, provided an excellent opportunity for GRROW to promote awareness of GRROW in Northern/ Northwestern/



The booth at the Hastings Pet Expo in Minnesota

Western Wisconsin to about 1,000 attendees. Volunteers who participated in the expo were Kyle and Sharon Strege and Courtney from Ellsworth, WI; Scott, Shayla, and Mackenzie Pahl long distance from Cornell, WI, northeast of Eau Claire; Ali Stapp from Onalaska, WI. We were delighted that Brenda Watt and her mother came all the way from Eau Claire to see the expo and support us. Along with booths, the expo had a center ring for use by the different groups. We requested and received a spot on both days. Sharon presented an overview of GRROW's mission and then introduced rescue dogs, Will and Grace (Willmarth-Pahl foster home), Sam (Strege foster home), and Alumnus, Duke (Stapp former foster home/now owner) — for a

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new feature!



A letter To GRROW

Recently my 8 year old daughter, Claire (pictured below with Harley), decided to ask her birthday guests to make a donation to GRROW in lieu of traditional birthday gifts. I thought it was an incredible idea, as we love our golden retriever, Harley. I would like to mail the 10 checks to you, and thought it would wonderful if you could also acknowledge via letter this act of kindness to Claire, as well as the guests who wrote the checks. Also, one guest donated a huge basket of dog biscuits, and I need some guidance from you as to how to get that to you.

Thank you, Karen Milligan



Presents from a child to GRROW

I wanted to share with everyone a wonderful gift from a child. As most know, Amy Lubeck teaches at a school in Madison and a child at

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A Foster Parent Speaks ~Author Unknown~

Thank You for bringing this foster dog into my life. Had I not made the decision to participate in rescue, I would never have had the chance to meet him. If I had sat here comfortably in my home and said "I already have four dogs and I know that I couldn't take in another – even on a temporary basis," I would never have met this dog.

Yes, it takes time to rescue and foster but who gave me Time in the first place? And why or what was the reason I was given Time? To fill my own needs? Or was there another reason ever so small and seemingly insignificant, like rescuing this one dog, that could make a difference in an other's life? Perhaps to add joy, hope, help and companionship to another who is in need?

With great sadness, I sat down on a footstool in my kitchen this morning and watched as this foster dog bounced back into the house and skidded across the floor to sit ever so perfectly in front of me. He was the picture of health, finally. He was all smiles for me and I smiled back at his happy face. Deep in his eyes, the storm clouds of illness and generalized poor health had blown away, and the clear light of his perfection radiated out from his beautiful soul. He holds no ill will toward man. He forgives us all.

I thought to myself as I impressed this one last long look of him into my heart, what a very fine creature you have created. Tears slowly pooled and spilled over my cheekbones as the deeper realization of how wonderful this dog is sank into my internal file cabinet of Needful Things to Remember. Lord, he's a dog – but he's a better human being than I am.

He has forgiven quickly. Would I do the same? He passionately enjoys the simple things in life. And I have often overlooked them. He accepts change and gets on with his life. I fuss and worry about change. He lives today and loves today. And I often dwell in the past or worry about the future. He loves no matter what. I am not that free.

This very lovely dog has gone to his new home today and already I miss him. **Thank you** for bringing this dog into my life. And **Thank You** for the beautiful and tender lesson on how to be a better human.

Meet Dr. Sue Fluhr

Hi everyone, I am Dr Sue. I live in the Milwaukee area, and work in Brown Deer. I have been with GRROW since the beginning thanks to Kim Hecker.

I got my first Golden three months out of vet school. I currently share my life with Tanner B, a former GRRoW dog with seizures and bionic hips, Jake a Yorkie and the evil one Bernice a Shitz Tsu, and 2 cats.

Before becoming a vet I was a RN and worked in hospice care. I viewed myself doing family practice as a vet. Trying to know the family and pets to better plan a pet's care. I love working with GRROW dogs and the foster homes. Golden retrievers are such great animals. I delight in their gentle spirits and inner beauty.

I hope to meet many of you in the future at GRROW events such as the holiday party and BITP.



Meet Erin Zander, Membership Coordinator



Outside of GRROW, I am a registered nurse, though not currently practicing. I work in the information systems department at Advanced Healthcare on the Electronic Medical Record team. I have various responsibilities, some of which include problem solving and developing new tools for nurses and physicians. I am also a resource and trainer for fellow information systems team members. I have been in this position for 5.5 years.

My family got our first dog when I was 16, a Golden Retriever puppy named Einstein. I fell in love with the breed and as soon as I had the chance to get a dog of my own, it was a Golden Retriever. Callie has been such a great joy in my life.

I have been a member of GRROW for 6 months and have a lot of fun doing a variety of things. I have been mostly involved in Meet & Greets, the Craft Committee and Home Visits. I am also serving on the planning committee for the Tails on Trails dog walk and have done various other events.

I look forward to this opportunity as membership coordinator to become even more involved in GRROW.

rally to rescue

We are very excited to announce that GRRoW has been selected as one of the 500 rescue groups across the U.S. to be part of the Purina "Rally to Rescue" program. A few months ago, we were asked to fill out some paperwork and had to submit some of our forms to be considered as part of their program.

We recently received notification that GRRoW has been selected as a Rescue Ambassador in the Purina program.

You will be hearing more about the program as we get further details and materials and we will pass that information along to our members. We have received the following:

Rally to Rescue Event kit: Contains a pop-up tent, banner, flags, curb signs, adopter information cards and more

Rally to Rescue Adoption Kits: They are nice folders put together with the help of rescue organiza-

tions. They contain info on: Welcome Home, Nutrition, Health/First Aid, Health Record Chart, Training/ Behavior, Grooming, a contact chart you can post on your refrigerator which includes room for phone number for vet, groomers, etc., and a space for our adoption contract and a spot for miscellaneous papers.

Rally to Rescue Collars & Wristbands: These are "decorative" dog and wrist bands for the humans, which have Rally to Rescue on them. We get these for free and sell them for \$5 a set.

Other items that will come to us as part of the Rally kit: The ability to list our public events on their website

Many of you who attended BITP had your picture taken under the wonderful Rally to Rescue tent.



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that school did a very unselfish thing for GRRoW due to her love of dogs. I will share her letter with everyone, this is as she wrote it—

"Ms. Lubeck, for my B-day, I asked for dog toys and dog food for presents. Unfortunately, my cat decided she likes dog food instead of cat food. She bit through all of the dog food bags when my friends and I got back home. They're not contaminated, but they might arrive in a container. I was hoping you could bring the container and toys to the Retriever Rescue place and give my donations to the dogs. Please let me know if I can give them to you to and when.

From, Ivy Sanderfoot

A box was sent to GRRoW containing numerous dog toys and treats for the Golden Retrievers. These items are being used to make raffle baskets for our upcoming events.

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mini Parade of Rescues. We then invited people to get acquainted with the dogs. Some participants later came to the booth for additional info. Many people expressed interest in GRRoW, either for adopting or joining.

Sunday morning, the coordinator of the expo asked if we would do a stint in the ring in the afternoon in addition to the one scheduled that morning. They thought that the Saturday presentation was top-notch and two on Sunday would be great! Kudos to Sharon for grabbing that mike and doing a great job! GRRoW has already been invited back for next year's expo.

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in loving memory...



If you are reading this newsletter, you undoubtedly have an interest or even a passion for the golden retriever breed. Along with the knowledge of goldens' behavior and dedication they show us, comes the pain of losing a beloved friend.

As a veterinarian, I deal with loss on a daily basis, from old age to tragedies to severe illness and neglect. I understand the pain of loss of patients and of my own pets that is a certainty. But it is because of one dog, one Golden Retriever, that I became a better veterinarian.

I am not writing this to discuss the stages of grief that we may go through when we lose a beloved pet; denial, anger, guilt, depression, resolution and acceptance. I am writing this to say that our pets play a very important role in our families and in our day-to-day lives. We need to realize their roles and their purpose. When we do, it allows us to grieve to the extent that we need to.

Have you ever experienced the life of a Golden Retriever that was so unbelievably special that you could never imagine life without him? Read on.

Monty's Story

Dealing with loss and grief
by Lois Kurschner, D.V.M.

Monty was born September 11, 1994. I had just lost an older golden to cancer and I swore that I was not going to get another dog right away. Well it didn't work that way. A client of mine walked into my clinic with three pups and asked if she could put up a sign, "Golden Retriever Puppies for Sale, 7 weeks old". I said sure and I'll take that one. Everything that I ever preached to my clients about acquiring a puppy, I negated that day.

Monty or Montrose or Monster Love Bug WAS my first born child and he

was also my best friend. Truly. He came to work with me every day. He went on road trips with me. He went to church and school functions. When the church took our family picture for the directory, it was Monty and me.

Monty and I were so connected that he received no training. No joke. We just had conversations. He knew my moods and my emotions and he was with me every step of the way... when most of the humans in my life at the time were not.



I loved and appreciated Monty very much. Others were in awe with the connection we had. I did not realize the depths of our relationship and the purpose he had for me until he left. But mind you his timing was impeccable. Monty held me together through an unhealthy and ultimately failed marriage. He supported me and sustained me through infertility and health issues. He was my earthly constant. Truly he was God's golden angel sent to earth at just the right time.

In 2003, I moved to town as a single mom. Monty was thrilled. He approved of the new house with a countenance that I had never seen before. He especially approved and loved my love, Doug. Monty continued to be my constant companion, but now Doug was right there too. In February of 2004, after Doug proposed marriage to me, Monty got very sick. His diagnosis was immune mediated hemolytic

anemia; where the body attacks its own red blood cells. Monty became very anemic. It is a condition that I have treated successfully many times. Monty did not respond to the blood transfusion or his immunosuppressive drugs. But unbelievably, he stayed strong until May just before my birthday and three months before our marriage.

The day came when I knew it was time to put him down. That morning, "just to make sure that I was doing the right thing," I drew blood one last time. I could barely find a vein because he was so anemic. That afternoon, Doug and I began digging a hole. Monty came out of the house to the backyard with "spunk" in his step. He peered in and around the hole and then came over to me and sat down and looked up at me. Doug said "Lo, he is ready". But I was not. I went into the house to get what I needed to euthanize my friend, praying to God that I could find a vein and that it would go smoothly.

Monty layed his head on Doug's lap, I found a vein instantly and my friend slipped away peacefully. The sun and moon were both out, the wind blew and the mourning dove sang its drone. Monty knew I was going to be okay and he passed the torch.

Please realize and do not undermine the role and the purpose of your furry friends' lives. They affect us, we plan our schedules with them and around them. We make memories with them. For some of us they are our only children. What is most certain, however, is that these friends are God's creation and God's gifts to us. We must mourn and work through our loss. It takes time and expression to do so.

Take heart that these Golden angels that were sent to us on earth will be reunited with us again.



About Dr. Lois Kurschner

I was born in the Evanston, Illinois area. I grew up in Mount Prospect, Illinois and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I attended St. Olaf College in Northfield Minnesota. I majored in biology but spent a lot of time playing my flute in the St. Olaf Band. I attended the University of Illinois in Urbana, where I received my D.V.M. in 1988. I worked in Illinois as a small animal veterinarian until I moved to Sturgeon Bay in 1992. I opened my own practice in March of that year — The Animal Clinic of Sturgeon Bay. I have a wonderful staff consisting of an associate veterinarian and support staff; including a practice manager, technicians, assistants and receptionists.

I married the most wonderful man in the world — Doug, and we have four children; Marta, Caleb, Alyson and Ashley. We have two Golden Retrievers; Pete and Murray, and four cats; Flint, Meiko, Norman and Beep.

Our family is very involved in our church and Doug and I strive to honor our Lord in all that we do. We are very blessed indeed.

In my spare time I still enjoy playing my flute, hiking, biking, boating and walking our dogs. Life is very good in Sturgeon Bay.

senior dog

Pops is our male senior dog found starving by the side of the road near Mauston on April 18. He first was taken to a private shelter who kept him for 2 weeks then called GRRoW for help. I picked up Pops on May 4 and took him directly to the vet. He weighed only 32 lbs. and was in very poor condition (see inset picture at right). He is deaf, has heartworm, cataracts, had been hit by a car causing a fractured pelvis and spinal injury, has been surgically de-barked, had several kinds of worms, bilateral ear infections and had been shot by a BB gun.

Despite all this, Pops is very sweet and friendly without an ounce of aggression to anything. He doesn't know any commands but watches us constantly and comes when you motion him to follow you. He doesn't know how to play but loves gentle hugs and pets. He is good with my 2 dogs and 3 cats. His ear infections and intestinal worms are now gone and he is working on gaining weight. He should weigh about 50 lbs. We are working on getting some weight on him so he can start the heartworm treatment.

Because of his spinal injury, he holds his head slightly crooked and eats by turning his head and picking up food with the side of his mouth. He doesn't like his food dish elevated, in fact he won't eat out of a dish at all. I have to hand feed him each piece or put 1-2 pieces at a time directly on the floor for him to eat. He usually lies down to eat. He is also very picky and stubborn about what he will eat. He loves people food and Satin Balls (mixture of raw hamburger, eggs, Total cereal, oatmeal, and a few other things), but eats just a little canned food or kibble. I supplement his food with dog vitamins, glucosamine chondroitin, and Rimadyl (for hip pain). He also gets chicken, hot dogs, or any meat we are eating that particular day.

He has gained just 7 lbs. but looks 100% better. His ribs no longer stand out and he rarely falls down when he walks. He still limps badly on his left hind leg, which is atrophied from the spinal nerve injury. His energy level has gone way up and Pops is now enjoying life in our country home. He loves to investigate every inch of our

16 acre farmette and look for chipmunks and other critters. He limps badly due to his pelvis being pushed inward on one side so he can't go for a regular walk but this doesn't stop him from running around the yard and giving our resident groundhog a chase. At four weeks into heartworm treatment, Pops was doing amazingly well.

Pops gets carried up and down the stairs and sleeps by our bed on a special fluffy snuggle dog bed. He makes a little barking sound when he wants something, like to go out or up

or down the stairs, or when he just can't find us and wonders where we are. He is so attentive and sweet you can't help but fall in love with him. Pops is so happy now and grateful to be found. He smiles all the time. Without GRRoW to help dogs like Pops, his story would have a much sadder ending. Pops will now live out his life with gentle loving care.

Pops at intake (inset) and now, since Barb Egan took him in (below).



Updates

As you all know, Chris Cera has resigned her position as **Membership Coordinator** as she no longer had the time to commit to the position. The Board requested letters of interest from anyone that wanted to fill the position. The letters were read and discussed both via email and at the Board meeting. After a lot of discussion, the Board has appointed **Erin Zander** as the new Membership Coordinator – her bio is on page 5.

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

Please take a moment to congratulate both Cheryl & Shayla on their appointments and thank Chris and welcome Erin when you see them. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank Chris Cera for all of the work she has done as Membership Coordinator and wish her well in her future endeavors.



Acknowledgments for the months of April, May and June. Thanks for all you do!

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Sammye	04-189	Van Oepen	Berklie	05-024	Diane Fitting	Maggie #2	05-027	Brandi Arcement	Buddy	05-040	Debbie Hardt
Maddie	05-002	Lori Suaceda	Annabelle	05-028SN	Denny Shaw	Sunshine	05-051	Deb Blackstone	Tara	05-041	Debbie Hardt
Daphne	05-026	Todd & Cheryl Krueger	Murphy	05-031	Doug Paepke	Brittany	05-056	Natalie Niehuis	Roxy	05-063	Rhonda Blake
Hannah	05-011	Susan Gilbertson	Murphy	05-030	Stephen Kutchersa	Butch	05-018	John Hammill	Ozzy	05-064	Brian Bobo
Mazzie	05-021	The Goldsmiths	Bear	05-047	Patricia Stordahl	Missy	05-019	Brenda Densmore	Ashley	05-046	Rhonda Wallsch
Copper	05-022	June Runyan	Sam	05-039	Ryan Decker	Sabrina	05-050	Lois Hippenmeyer	Goldie	05-054	Barbara Schuren
Shelby	05-035	Laurie Fox	Maggie	05-029	Cindy & Gene Seidle	Sadie	05-038	Guhlke family	Cloe	05-049	Randy Rassch
Red	05-042	Jeanne Rhode	Karat	04-200	Lori Wery	Clifford	05-009	Mary Medicus	Nahji	05-062	Christine Mott
Meg	04-199	Michelle Lepak				Ellie	05-025	Michelle Meyer	Comet	05-075	Don & Becky Kretlow
Oso	05-021R	Heidi Zich				Jackson	05-048	Deborah Choren			
Tyler	05-033	Marie & Mark Nolan				Casey	05-057	Susan Steig	FWITA		
Jade	05-045	Craig & Mary Bear				Griffin	05-036	Castelaz family	Valor	05-032	Tom & Jan Fuss
						Sadie	05-038	Paula Guhlke			

volunteer recognition

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 Sandy Persinger
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 Steph & Nick Boismenu
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 Cheryl Krueger
 Michelle Demarest

GRRoW had a very unique opportunity this year to have a booth two days at the **STATE FAIR** this year. We had opening day (8/4) and closing day (8/14). Thanks to the following people and their dogs who gave up their time to visit the fair to work the fair. We had two very long days with set up beginning at 8 AM and leaving the booth after 5 PM. We virtually had no time to sit and came home with aching feet, backs and hoarse voices. We had to haul all the items necessary for the booth through the fair at the end of each day. Loading of merchandise is prohibited during fair hours.

Michelle Demarest & Teddie Bear • Kim & Todd Kreimann & Kelly Fred & Deb Lukasik & Dallas • Erin Zander & Callie

We also want to thank the Kleinhans family for lending us their foster puppy, Ernie

We spoke to over 1,000+ people per day, handed out brochures and business cards and educated the public on what rescue is all about. People were shocked to find out that a Golden Retriever rescue was even needed. Thank you EVERYONE who helped make this a huge success!

We wish to extend a special thank you to Petco on 76th Street in Greenfield for their generous donation of bones, dog food and toys during their summer adoption campaign.

Though we try to list all contributors, inevitably we may miss a few. If we've missed your name, we apologize. Please email us, and we'll get it in the next newsletter.

friendly greeting! by Giene Wicker

In summer, many of us are able to spend time outdoors with our families, our children and our dogs. Teaching our dogs to greet people politely can help them become better canine citizens. And, teaching our children how to appropriately greet a strange dog can keep them safe.

What would be considered a polite greeting while out walking with your dog? Sitting nicely at your side, not jumping up on the stranger! There are many different ways to teach your dog to sit nicely next to you when a stranger approaches. You can ask them to "Sit", ask them to "Stay". Always have your dog facing the person approaching. You do not want someone to come up to your dog from behind and startle them. If your dog sits nicely to be petted, and the stranger walks away each time they stand up, they will quickly learn that sitting nicely is what gets them attention. You can also give your dog treats while the stranger comes up to them - "Hey, each time I sit nicely and a stranger comes up to me I get treats! Great!" Most dogs learn this game very quickly. There are many dogs that still jump up on people because they have learned that jumping gets them attention - even if it's negative attention, they are still getting attention. Show them that they get treats and pets when they are being polite, with all 4 paws on the ground, sitting nicely!

Although we are very lucky to have many friendly dogs in our neighborhood, statistics show that the majority of dog bites are to children, and it is usually from a dog that they know (a high majority of dog bites are also from dogs that have not been spayed or neutered). This is why teaching our children how

to appropriately greet a dog is so important.

1. Ask the owner first. Children should ALWAYS ask the owner if they can pet a dog. The owners know their dog best and know whether or not they are good with kids. If the owner says yes, an appropriate way for the child to say Hi to the dog would be a gentle pet under its chin, or along its back. Dog's typically do not like pats on the head (try patting yourself on the head and see how it feels!), and they sometimes panic when a child tries to give them a hug.

2. Do not approach a stray dog. Please tell your children to never go near a dog that is roaming the neighborhood! The dog might be just fine, but you never know... If you think the dog is friendly, approach with caution. Best thing to do is call Animal Control.

3. Tell your children to never come up to a dog that is eating or sleeping. They may become startled or protective of their food or bone. Dogs do not necessarily perceive children as being human people. They may see them as prey, littermates, etc. Children should always be supervised around family dogs - even if you think your dog is 100% reliable with them, they are still animals and we should always err on the side of caution.

If you have questions on introducing children and dogs, or how to help your dog learn better manners, please contact Giene at The Dog Den. We have many different classes and private lessons to choose from!

Have a happy and safe summer with your kids and your dogs!



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Announcement

If you submitted a photo to Dawn Christenson for a sketch by Linda Stookey, she will be returning your photos to you. Linda is no longer doing sketches for us.

Please direct any questions to Dawn Christenson at mygoldens3@spwl.net



*We give dogs time we can spare,
space we can spare and love we can spare.*

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— M. Acklam





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Vital to the success of our rescue organization are the trained foster homes in which we place the many Goldens regularly surrendered by individuals and shelters. The number of relinquished Goldens continues to grow and sadly, it increasingly exceeds our available foster homes.

We desperately need more volunteers who are willing to open their hearts and homes to Goldens in need. Without dedicated foster homes our organization and many Goldens are in jeopardy.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in fostering for GRRoW, please contact our Foster Coordinator, Angela Hugel, at foster@grrow.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet & Greets

Healthy Paws, Madison • 2nd Saturday Monthly
Petco Rib Mountain, Wausau • 4th Saturday Monthly
Petlicious, Pewaukee • November 6
PetSmart West, Madison • 2nd Sunday Monthly

Tails on Trails Dog Walk

Saturday, September 10th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Root River Parkway, Area 3
Milwaukee, WI

Barktoberfest

Saturday, October 8th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Dane County Humane Society
Madison, WI

Washington County Pet Expo

Sunday, October 16th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Washington County Fair Park

Holiday Party

Saturday, November 5th
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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