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by Kim Adams

President's Corner

"How did it get so late so soon?" – Dr. Seuss

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome back cooler temperatures, football and pumpkin spice everything, we start to think about what makes us most thankful in our lives. Tell the ones you love what they mean to you and live each day to the fullest.

GRRSM had a fairly quiet summer, which has allowed us to look outside our area for goldens in need. With the tragedy of last year's hurricanes to the islands, many dogs, not just goldens, have been abandoned by their families to fend for themselves. I am so excited that GRRSM has the means in donations and volunteers to be able to lend a hand in giving these dogs new forever homes. I hope everyone has a wonderful fall season.

Upcoming Fundraisers



Dog Mom's Bakery September

For the month of September please visit <http://www.dogmomsbakery.com>. The monthly fundraiser is now "Every Little Bit Helps" which is 2 bags of Little Bits of which \$7.50 is donated back to GRRSM. Also Dog Mom's Bakery will donate 20% of any regularly priced item. You order the items online and they are shipped directly to you.



Holiday Greenery

Keep an eye on the Blog and Facebook Group for details about the Holiday Greenery Fundraiser. You order the items online and they are shipped directly to you.

Seeking Vendors

5th Annual Craft Show & Shopping Extravaganza

Saturday, October 20, 2018
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Huntingtown United Methodist Church
4020 Hunting Creek Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639

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Calling all crafters and volunteers! We are planning to participate in at least two craft shows this year: the PAX River Base Show on December 1st and the Humane Society of Charles County Show on December 2nd (it'll be a busy weekend).

We will need crafts to sell and volunteers to man the tables for the two days. In the past we have had jewelry, ornaments, bandanas, dog scarves, dog collars, art, dog paw stockings, etc. Our booths are for the dogs and dog lovers in your life. If you have something you would like to make, please contact Barb Saylor at 240-298-8877 or barbi23@verizon.net. I will be putting more information out on Facebook and our blog as we get closer to the events.

We have been trying to find good craft shows in Calvert County and we were given the the information on the left image. I have another commitment on October 20 and cannot do this one. However, we could get craft items to someone that would want to do this show for the rescue. If you know of any other shows in Calvert (maybe in November) that we could get into, please email the information to Barb Saylor.

Craft Shows 2018

Common Fall Pet Dangers

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Mushrooms

There are certain types of mushrooms that can be toxic for our dogs, causing:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Depression
- Tremors
- Seizures
- Liver and kidney disease

Avoid all mushrooms and consider them toxic. Make sure to check your yard daily for any wild mushrooms

Mothballs

Mothballs contain either paradichlorobenzene or naphthalene, which can cause:

- Vomiting
- Severe abdominal pain
- Tremors
- Weakness
- Possible kidney or liver failure
- Severe abnormality of your pet's red blood cells if ingested

If you use mothballs, please make sure they are well out of the reach of your pets.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze has a sweet smell and taste and our pets love to lick it. Antifreeze is extremely dangerous if ingested and is one of the most common forms of poisoning in pets. As little as a tablespoon in a dog, depending on the size of animal, can be fatal. Signs of early poisoning include acting drunk or uncoordinated, excessive thirst, and lethargy.

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Rodenticides

There are several different types of chemicals in mouse and rat poisons, all with different active ingredients. Many of these mouse and rat baits are toxic and can be deadly if ingested. If your dog ingests any rodenticides, bring him to your vet immediately. Try and take the label or box that the rodenticide came with so your veterinarian can assess the active ingredient and whether it is toxic. When placing rodenticides, it is imperative to keep them away from your pets!

Decreased Hours of Daylight

Fewer hours of daylight and evening's earlier start means that we are partaking in many of our daily activities when visibility is poor. Dog owners end up walking or exercising their canine companions in the darkness of early morning or evening.

Reduced light makes it more challenging for drivers to see animals (and people) in driveways, sidewalks, and roads. If you walk your pooch, maintain close observation and control by using a leash and collar or chest harness. Have your pets wear up-to-date tags and implant a microchip to improve their likelihood of a safe return should they go missing. There are also all sorts of reflective gear and lights on the market for you and your pet to wear.



Puerto Rico Pups

by Pat Johnson, Foster & Adoption Coordinator

Meet Yolo and Rio, two sweet boys who were found wandering on the island of Puerto. After the island was devastated by hurricanes last year, small rescues on the island have been working hard to get abandoned dogs to mainland USA. South Florida Golden Retriever Rescue has taken over 200 goldens already. One of the volunteers from a group in PR has a volunteer who travels to Maryland every other month and would like to bring along a golden or two for us to rescue.

As long as we have fosters and funds we are happy to help goldens in need. These two boys have been waiting for the weather to cool so they can fly which is very soon. A bonded pair, who are heartworm positive as many of the pups in PR are, will be coming to us soon as well. Thank you to foster families who have offered to help these pups, especially Adam and Mariel Connell, who, once again, have offered to foster a bonded pair. Our foster families are truly FANTASTIC.

Yolo



Rio

Adoption Update

Sailor (aka Sir Licks A Lot) seemed to be the perfect dog for us so we became a Foster Failure for the 3rd time. He was adorable, young, laid back, walked extremely well on a leash, and listened well. And Spice and Kramer liked him and so did the cat. He is a real snuggle bug and demands a lot of attention but fits in nicely with our family. He loves using the doggie door to go in and out, loves to swim and go for walks and loves his toys and playing tug of war with his siblings.

He does have a bit of separation anxiety as he has managed to chew up 3 dog beds and 4 scatter rugs in the past 2 months while we were gone for a few hours. Right now he is being evaluated to see about training for K-9 Search and Rescue (like Kramer) and if that doesn't work we definitely know he will make a wonderful Therapy dog as he loves to be pet. So, we have done pretty well over the years, fostering many, many dogs and only keeping 3! We thank GRRSM for rescuing such great pups and allowing us to adopt 3 super ones. We will continue to foster but will stop adopting at 3. Our van traveling to Florida every winter is getting too crowded!

Barb Baratta



Important Information About Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)



These are the faces of dogs that have been diagnosed with taurine deficiency that resulted in heart disease (dilated cardiomyopathy, DCM).

This condition may be related to your dog's diet. Your dog may be asymptomatic. By the time your vet diagnoses cardiac issues, the damage may be irreversible.

Some of these dogs have started treatment and their heart function has improved, but tragically some have died.

Be informed!
Join the two Facebook Groups:
Taurine-Deficient Dilated Cardiomyopathy
Taurine Deficiency in Golden Retrievers

and learn how your dog's diet can impact their health.

If you have an interest in fostering, adopting or volunteering with GRRSM please let us know at contact@goldenretrieverrescueofsouthernmaryland.org