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March General Meeting Focuses on Nutrition

Do you switch puppies to adult food soon after weaning? Do you wonder what the latest research says about feeding your dog? Do you wonder which supplements are best for joint health and the best way to feed these supplements to your dogs?

These and all other nutrition questions can be asked at the upcoming General Membership Meeting. The guest speaker will be Dr. Rebecca Quam, one of the veterinarians at Banfield Pet Hospital in Burlington and Bellingham.

Dr. Quam has been practicing veterinary medicine for two years, but has been working with the doctors at the Bellingham Banfield location for a few years now. She received her Associate of Arts at Skagit Valley College in 1997, her Bachelor of Arts degree at Hillsdale College in 2000, and her Bachelor of Veterinary Medical Science at the University of Glasgow in 2008. Dr. Quam knew she was destined for veterinary medicine in the 9th grade but promised herself that she would attend the cooking school in Paris if she didn't make it into veterinary school after three tries. Good thing she made it on her first! She loves animals, science, and puzzles – so it was a great fit! Dr. Quam loves working through difficult cases just to end up with happy clients and happy, healthy pets!

Dr. Quam has a 12 year-old Lhasa Apso named Jai Ne and a 6-month-old Fresian named Skiver. Her favorite breed of cat is the British short-hair, although she loves all types of animals. In her spare time, she's always enjoyed cooking as well as reading and sewing. However, riding horses will always be her favorite past time. An interesting fact about Dr. Quam is that she's ridden horses all over the world including: Scotland, Ireland, England, Belgium, France, and Slovenia.



March 24, 7:30 PM
Houghton Fire Station #22
6602 108th Ave NE, Kirkland
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The Rescue Report



I am still on a high from the GReat turnout and incredible fundraising results from the Seattle Kennel Club Dog show. Between EGRC and EGRR, the booth was very well staffed and everyone was kept busy talking to interested people. On Saturday, we talked to two couples interested in fostering which is huge. There were also people interested in adoption and we sent several people to the "breed" side to discuss puppies. The set-up done by Diane Murphy and Scott Rohrer was really nice and allowed a lot of room for people to congregate.

Early on Saturday morning, Allan talked with someone from another breed who just raved about how our booth was set-up pointing out that the Breed Standard was posted and very visible, that there were pictures depicting Golden Retrievers in all aspects of their lives and that Rescue and the Breed Club were together. She even said that she was going to request that all of their members visit our booth to see for themselves how a booth should be designed! Wow! That is quite the compliment. Thank you, Scott and Diane.

The "WOWs" continue with the wonderful dogs who worked the booth and were the perfect ambassadors for our breed and booth. Thank you to all of the dogs and their owners who came to help. Special thanks go to Melody Rohrer who worked her charms on Saturday and Mandy Rohrer who did the same on Sunday. The other stars on Sunday were Mia Shaw and her assistant, Copper Miller who, basket in mouths, entertained the crowd while collecting donations.

How about the fundraising efforts of Sherry Chevalier and Stacia White? Are they not amazing!! They came up with the idea of the raffle, acquired donations and then created 13 lovely baskets for the raffle. In addition to these, Sherry donated one of her Cool Koats for the raffle and had a donation jar on the table. Their hard work resulted in \$1060.00 being raised for Rescue!!! WOW!!! This money will go a long way in helping Golden Retrievers in need. Sherry tells me that there were others behind the scenes who donated items and helped assemble the baskets. I would like to thank those folks – Kim Bullard, Tonya Struble, JoAnne Johnson and Suzanne Rapier. Additionally, funding for this effort was provided by a generous donation from John Chapman. Thanks, John!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way from set-up or take down to manning the booth to donating an item for the basket or buying a raffle ticket. Your hard work and support resulted in a big boost to the Rescue coffers! EGRR is very fortunate to have the relationship with EGRC that we have and are most grateful for it.

Nancy Kiesler
President, EGRR

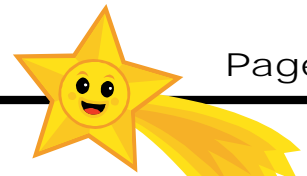
EGRC Rocks Seattle KC Show!

Club members pulled together this year to create a beautiful booth for the “Meet the Breeds” demonstration at the Seattle Kennel Club dog show, held March 12 & 13.

For more details on the success of this booth, go to Nancy Kiesler’s Rescue Report in this issue.

Here are a few photos of this great event.





Braggin' Time!

"Harley," **Aviator's Road King**, was Best Of Winners at Seattle Kennel Club today for 2 more points from the Bred-By Exhibitor class. I am very proud of this young boy and he sure is fun to show.

-BJ Modrell

Birch Bay Spring Beauty, "Chloe," won the puppy stake in the Washington Retriever Club (WRC) Picnic Trial on Saturday, Jan 22. Then, on Sunday, Jan 23, Chloe got second in the WRC Derby. Chloe will be one year old on Mar 20.

-Linda & Paul Johnson

I am happy to report that "Quincy," **Murlo's Conversation Peace** took Winner's Dog Saturday for 2 pts and Reserved Winner's Dog today behind BJ's beautiful boy. Paige, GCH Am/Can Ch Murlo's Unbelievable Paige Turner, took BOS Saturday and Select Bitch today. We had a great weekend.

-Carla Jurczyk

U CDX SHR Coppertop Kiwi Magic CDX GN RE CGC Am/Can CD TD JH WC earned her Graduate Open title (GO)

-Suzanne Bolwell

Tiki and I had a pretty good weekend over in the obedience rings. She completed her Graduate Novice (GN), and Versatility (VER) titles with scores of 196- second place and 194 (first place), then a bumper leg in GN with a 196(second). We also entered Beginners Novice and got two legs with scores of 196 and 199 with a first and a third place. She is not yet 3 and yet to enter Novice B, so I am pretty proud she could qualify in those Utility exercises in Versatility. We are enjoying the new Optional Tiling classes in Obedience.

-Nancy Light

CONGRATULATIONS!

Meg Turns 15!

CH. Boitano's A Whisper of Color BVISS, "Meg," celebrated her 15th birthday on March 6. Indeed a milestone any more in Golden Retrievers. I am so fortunate I can hardly believe it and each day is a treasure with her. She still gets around OK and at times she even trots a bit in the yard. I tell her every day how great she looks- "not a day over 12 and you have aged so well my dear " !

She was diagnosed with lymphoma in mid December and most likely it is in her GI tract. She had some rough days just prior to Christmas but with prednisone and a great variety of food at that time she improved. A few days after her DX I consulted with an "animal communicator" who also uses homeopathic remedies according to what is going on with a "client." Needless to say she said right away from looking at Meg's picture that she had cancer – tears and more tears – I mentioned to her that a few days after the "session" that I



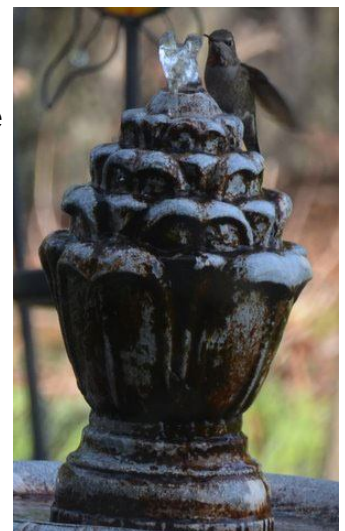
saw two hummingbirds in my yard in

December. The gal said often hummingbirds appear when an animal has passed or as a healing/ helping force from the Universe, even when people have never had hummingbirds before! Winter is not a normal time to have hummingbirds in our area. Right away I started to keep feeders out and filled, protected them from ice and snow to keep Meg's guardian friends happy and close by. Since then I do see the happy couple at my house every day or so. As we are celebrating Meg's day with a few friends I say to Meg, "All we need now is for your hummer to appear." I have witnesses that were there that will verify that I happen to turn around to look out the window and instantaneously see a hummer on the water fountain playing happily! We all looked at each other in amazement. Indeed a moment to put in the books.

My memories of showing Meg at our National here are a real highlight. At the age of 11 she flew around that big ring and I could barely keep up. I was so taken away by her energy and zest I was just chuckling to myself and know we both had smiles galore. All she could think about was "where's the beef ? " I'm sure.

I am so privileged to have Meggy in my life! Love ya lots Meg!

Susan Babich



Prospective Member

We have a prospective new member to consider and vote on!

Holly Krohn
Full Membership
Sponsored by Claudia Shaw and Julie Chaykin



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The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the back page for details or please go to our web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month and members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail or call Julie Chaykin, jjhchaykin@aol.com with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.



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