

# Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

## Meeting Minutes

### 8/11/24

#### **I. Call to order**

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:10 p.m. on August 11, 2024, via Zoom.

#### **II. Attendees**

Kriss Harrigian  
Barbara Renken  
Sandy Diamond  
Jessica Sutton  
Carole Spies  
Jackie Smith-Hastie  
Lynn Gjerston (guest)

#### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for June was unanimously approved. As of 7/31/24, our cash balance was \$85,527.91.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### 1. Fundraising update

Kriss brought up the need to have a fundraising campaign. One idea is to offer a t-shirt for a donation. Kriss will look at the costs.

Kriss suggested a volunteer event/fundraiser with an animal communicator that she will host at her house. She will check on dates.

##### 2. Dog update

###### Clifford/Benny

Foster: Jennifer Stavish/San Diego

Medical: It is time for his 3 year rabies shot. Otherwise, he is healthy.

Behavior: General anxiety, currently on fluoxetine and gabapentin, prefers women to men, increased anxiety when left alone but not destructive, leash reactivity with other dogs, tends to do better with repeated exposure to a dog.

Action plan: Continue with medication and exercises recommended by B. Davis.

Continue careful, repeated introductions to dogs his size and larger and continue his social media postings.

Adoption Outlook: Very few inquiries about him, needs a special adopter who is ready to understand and accommodate his needs.

Doc

Adopted by Bithika Mehra and family on 8/5/24

Popcorn

Adopted

Lady G

Foster: Mariet Zograbyan

Medical: Lubricant in eye for the rest of her life. Mass on iris, possible melanocytoma vs melanoma.

Behavior: None

Action plan: 10/15 recheck growth of tumor with Animal Vision Center.

Adoption outlook: Home with another dog is fine, walks are one of her favorite things.

Lea

Foster: Lynn Gjertson

Medical: Rear legs missing digits on one leg and the paw on the other leg.

Behavior: None

Action plan: Look for home with yard/grass/soft ground for her to use her rear leg more to keep muscles active. Other playful dog. Need temporary foster for Labor Day weekend.

Adoption outlook: Moderate

Wyatt

Deceased

Cardi B

Foster: Deanna Burt

Medical: None. Getting spayed on 8/14 and having x-rays on her back legs due to some stiffness.

Behavior: Bolts out the door, pulls on the leash, humping foster dog and people so stressed/excited

Action plan: Will be going to temporary foster Ashley Showell after being spayed while current foster is out of town. JS to transport 8/14.

Adoption outlook: Good. Talking with potential adopter, but will not be adopter until healed from spay surgery.

## Leo

Foster: Jessica Sutton (formerly Kim Harrison)

Medical: None (Urinary analysis, bloodwork and fecal done on 7/5 and was negative)

Behavior: Can be possessive about toys/food. Excitable play style, little impulse control, little frustration tolerance, sound sensitivity and hyper alert (barking), weird scratching at floor, weird rubbing against furniture/people, mild separation anxiety (howling/whining/whimper), anxiety and stress. He is currently on trazadone.

Action plan: Continue with zen game, go to mat game, soft mouth game, sit ups and relaxation protocols. Reach out to vet at the end of August if we want to explore a different medication. Continue melatonin, Calming Care and Adaptil calming collar.

Adoption outlook: Not good. Should not go to an apartment due to sound sensitivity/high alert level. Needs an active adopter who will continue Leo's training games.

## Scottie

Foster: Lisa Rosenberg

Medical: Needs vet exam

Behavior: Came in on 8/11 so no information yet

### 3. Foster home update

Applications are coming in occasionally

### 4. Events update

No events scheduled right now.

We are looking for an events coordinator

Decided not to do the event on Long Beach due to cost

There is a virtual Clear the Shelter event coming up

### 5. Cash Management

Kriss brought up the option for a CD and she will check on money market rates

### 6. Knack database

No update

### 7. Shelter Scouting

We still need additional shelter scout volunteers. Kriss will send emails to targeted volunteers who previously expressed interest.

## VI. New Business

1. Treasurer Term options

Discussed using a bookkeeper versus treasurer and changing term limits to allow Barbara to stay on as Treasurer, at least until we find a new volunteer to take the position. Kriss will write the amendment.

2. Process in seeking foster homes

Check Knack database

Social media outreach

Emails to volunteers

Personal individual requests

3. Adopter Google group

Jackie suggested setting up a Google group to send emails to prior adopters. She will research privacy issues and set up the group.

4. Volunteer outreach

Discussed the need to get more volunteers. Applications have dropped off.

5. Kriss resignation as President

Kriss officially resigned her role as President and Jessica was unanimously elected to the position by the board.

Kriss was appointed as a director.

VII. Next Meeting

September 15, 2024 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.