

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

9/15/24

I. Call to order

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:11 p.m. on September 15, 2024, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Jessica Sutton
Barbara Renken
Sandy Diamond
Kriss Harrigian
Carole Spies
Jackie Smith-Hastie

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August was unanimously approved. As of 8/31/24, our cash balance was \$83,872.50.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

- T-shirts for donation – no report
- Kriss has set the date of October 19th for our fundraiser/volunteer appreciation event
- We received a matching grant from the Clear the Shelter event of \$1,338 and there will be another donation from all funds collected

2. Dog Update

Clifford/Benny

Foster: Jennifer Stavish/San Diego

Medical: Healthy. Vaccinations were given successfully at a recent vet appointment but Benny was so stressed that they couldn't do bloodwork or trim his nails. They sent him home with instructions to try again by giving him gabapentin and Xanax the night before and the morning of the appointment in addition to his fluoxetine. On the next visit, despite the fact he should have been a zombie, Benny was so stressed that they gave up, even after muzzling him. The next recommendation is gabapentin, trazadone and AcePromazine the

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night before and the morning of the appointment. We also considered sedating him by injection but that would cost over \$300.

Behavior: Reactivity on leash and towards medium to large dogs. Does ok with smaller dogs. Some distress when left alone, but not destructive. Prefers female humans but does ok with males with repeated exposure.

Action plan: Continue with exercises from B. Davis and slowly introduce him to more dogs in a controlled way.

Adoption Outlook: He needs an adopter ready to continue training and helping him learn to trust male humans and other dogs.

Questions: We need a temporary foster for him from Oct 2-8

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 eye tumor with Animal Vision Center.

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

Lea

Foster: Jan Garvey

Medical: Rear legs missing digits on one leg and the paw on the other leg. Needs booties to protect both her paws/legs. She had spay surgery on 9/6/24 and it went well.

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.

Adoption outlook: Good – she has moved to a potential F2A

Leo

Foster: Jessica Sutton

Medical: None

Behavior: Impulse control and frustration tolerance, sound sensitivity and super alert, mild separation anxiety, evening zoomies – stupid mommy game has helped Leo curb play biting.

Action plan: Continue with training, melatonin, Calming Care, Adaptive Calming collar

Adoption outlook: Should not go to an apartment due to sound sensitivity/high alert level. Needs an active and patient adopter.

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Mordatella/Morty

Foster: Rob and Allison Maresca

Medical: soft bump on head

Behavior concerns: Needs leash skills

Action plan: Wellness vet appointment on 9/17/24

Adoption outlook: extremely good

Maisie

Foster: Kaitlyn Su. We are looking to relieve her because Maisie is disrupting her work schedule. Once Maisie isn't contagious, Lynne Gjertson has agreed to foster her.

Medical: Maisie has a follow up vet appointment on 9/16, so we should know more about how she has recovered after that. She does not take pills easily, which is a challenge for Kaitlyn. She is a picky eater so we have been trying all kinds of things to get her to eat.

Behavior: Maisie prefers to be outside and will constantly walk in circles or spin if she is inside. Putting her in an x-pen on the patio has helped decrease the pacing. She is a very stoic dog, taking a long time to warm up to people.

Obedient on leash. We do not think she is deaf as there are certain things she reacts to like the sound of a fork on a plate.

Action plan: Find a foster for the next two to three weeks to relieve Kaitlyn, then send her to Lynne Gjertson's. Continue the social media campaign that Kriss has started to get donations to cover her medical expenses.

Adoption outlook: Not hopeful. Her age, which may be more like 10-12, and her history of mast cell tumor removal won't be attractive to a lot of adopters.

3. Foster Home update

- In the past three months we have been able to place a dog in four new foster homes – Showell (Cardi B), Rosenberg (Sammy), Maresca (Leah/Morty) and Su (Maisie). Three of these fosters found us via Google or social media and Lisa Rosenberg was recruited by Jo Anne Delle at a community meeting.
- Used the Foster Google Group re Maisie with no response
- Maisie needs to be moved to relieve Kaitlyn
- Benny needs a temporary foster for Oct 2-8

4. Events update

- No events currently planned
- We need an Events Coordinator
- Jo Anne is sending a general email to all volunteers who checked "Events" in the last two years

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5. Cash investment
 - Kriss is working to set up a money market account with the bank
6. Knack update
 - No report
7. Shelter Scouting update
 - Kriss is coordinating coverage in the Los Angeles area shelters
8. Term Limits Addendum
 - Kriss will resend the term limits addendum and we'll vote remotely
9. Adopter's Google Group
 - Jackie is setting up a Google group for prior adopters. She will draft welcome message for Jessica to send out

VI. New Business

None

VII. Next Meeting

November 10, 2024 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.