

Rio Grande Valley Golden Retriever Club

Web Site: <http://rgvgtc.org/>



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Golden Moments!

Dog Tips:

Stop your Dog from eating poop (Coprophagia):

Sprinkle meat tenderizer on their food (must be Adolph's Meat Tenderizer).

Stop your dog from digging:

Place poop in the hole prior to filling the hole. If that doesn't work, try sprinkling cayenne pepper in area you don't want them to dig.

Is your dog leaking (Incontinence):

Are you sure it is incontinence or is it a UTI. You should ask for antibiotics before starting a dog on medication for incontinence. UTI test can come back negative if urine concentration is low.

Is your dog afraid of thunder, fireworks and loud noises:

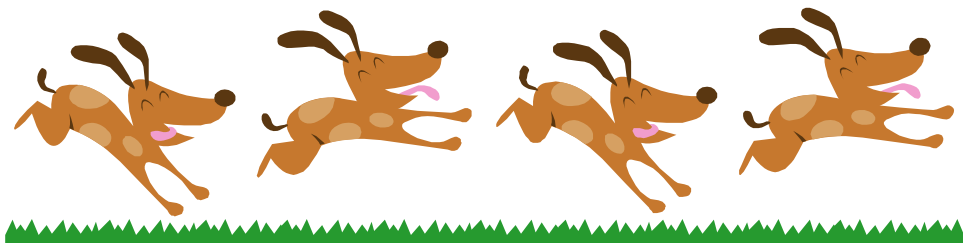
There are several things you can try to help calm your dog down depending on the severity of the problem. If you are anticipating a storm or fireworks a good extra long walk can help by tiring out your dog so that fatigue wins out over fear. Playing the radio or TV at a high volume can also mask the noise and relieve the fear. Providing your dog with a safe space of the DOG'S choosing usually where the noise level is lower, can often lessen the anxiety.

During an actual episode of anxiety, calming your dog down by over petting it and 'babying' IS NOT a good idea since this can actually reinforce the fearful behavior. Punishing or crating an anxious dog is also bad thing to do since they cannot control this anxiety and may well destroy their crates or injure themselves.

Advice for helping the abused dog:

Consistency - The first gift to give an abused dog. Trust does not come easily to an abused dog. Depending on his circumstances, he may have learned to react to the abuse by fleeing, fighting, or freezing. Although the three reactions are different, the first step in reaching these dogs is to provide them with something they can come to trust: a consistent schedule.

Change comes slowly to the abused dog. With patience, kindness, good diet, and most important, consistency, healing of body and mind will come to the abused soul. Dogs are wonderfully forgiving creatures who will, more often than not, respond to humane treatment by learning to trust again.



Club Notes / Announcements

Club Cookbook - Deadline for entries 9/30/2008

We are set up to receive recipes online for our club cookbook.

How to submit an entry

1. Go to typensave.com
2. Click on login
3. Type in your name as contributor
4. Group login is goldens



The password is [ms4nh](#)

A form will come up for entry of contributor name and additional contributors. Type in your name and names of your goldens under additional contributors, if you want. Next, the recipe title and the cookbook category (there are 12 to choose from). Enter the ingredients in the order they will be used in the directions. Finally, write the directions. When finished, submit it.

June Meeting Minutes

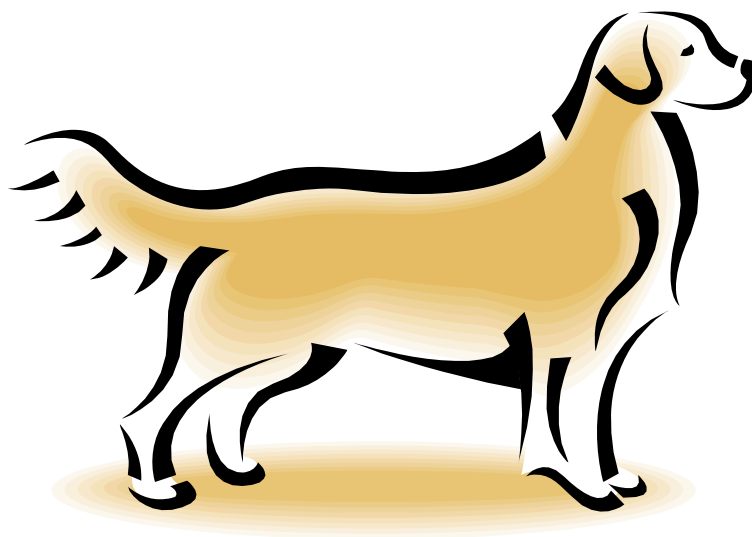


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Next Club Meeting will be held on August 17th. The time & location is yet to be determined.

Brags!

Congratulations to Barb Sherry & Caeli!



Sherry got
her Open Standard
title - "VCD2 Title"

Caeli got
her preferred titles
in Novice Fast &
Open Standard

Birthday Wishes!

Gloria!

Janet!

Golden Birthday Wishes!

Mason! Adam!

Ryan!

Clancy!

Padre!

Happy Independence Day!

On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

2.5 million – In July 1776 the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

304 million – In July 2008 the estimated number of people living in the US.