



# The Golden Gait

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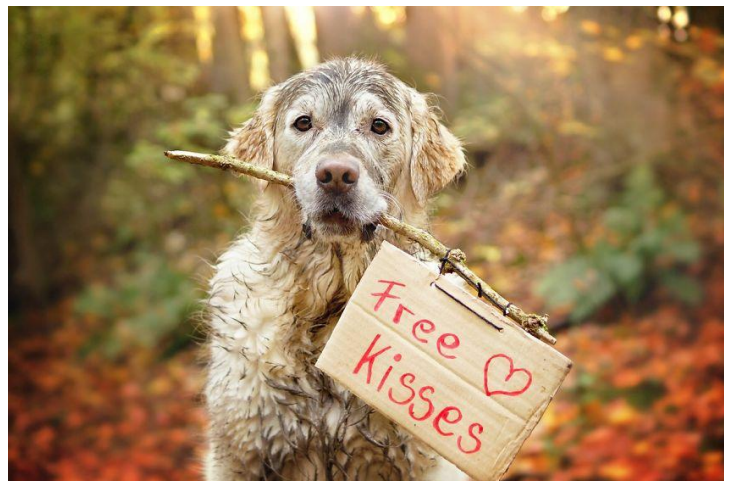
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♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

### **WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION FOR CHARITY** **MEETING - March 21 at 7:00 pm**

A "White Elephant" gift is any item that you have laying around the house that you can part with that someone else may find a treasure. The proceeds of the auction will go to a charity. Please no gag gifts. Each gift should be wrapped and ready to be auctioned off. Invite a friend to join in the fun.

**Pizza will be provided so come hungry!**



# from the **PRESIDENT**

Don't forget our annual Valentines Party at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth on Feb. 16th. This is where we have our Club meetings. Bring your dogs at 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 for the residents to pet (dogs must be well behaved) and then we are invited to stay for lunch which is at 12:00 noon. You have to put your dogs in the car while you eat. The charge is \$5.00 for a full lunch which is always good. Reservations should have been made prior to the 16<sup>th</sup>. After lunch we present the residents with gifts which they love. Darlene and Kaitlynn McGowan are in charge of this event and always do a great job especially with the gifts. It's a yearly hit for the residents and for us.

Our next General Meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. We will have pizza and a White Elephant Auction. Bring a nicely wrapped gift and it will be sold at the auction. The highest bidder wins it. This has always been a fun evening in the past.

Also in March our Annual Awards Banquet is March 30th. Candy Verduce is in charge of this event. You don't have to have titles on your dog to come. Anyone is invited to come to dinner and enjoy the hospitality and friendship of the Club. RSVP is required and Candy will have a flyer on it elsewhere in the Newsletter. She also has a flyer on Facebook.

Elections are coming up very soon. We are looking for a Treasurer and one Board Member. We would like to have some new blood and ideas stepping forward to help. Our Board meetings are held by teleconference so you don't even have to leave your home to be part of the Club.

Plans are well underway for our upcoming Specialty in June. The dates are June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>-and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Yes, it is 4 days this year. We are having 6 shows and hopefully 6 majors along with Cuyahoga Golden Retriever Club. I have already heard that people living in MA. And N.J. will be coming because they like the judging panel. I predict a very good turnout for these shows. We are also opening the Obedience and Rally to All-Breeds. We will need a lot of help with jobs such as setting up the rings, helping with the raffle, stewarding in both conformation and obedience and just donating your time when needed. Any time you have to give your Club would be very beneficial to all. Thanks in advance.

Until next month, stay warm and hug your Golden's.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Depp - President



Pat's IC - Photo Credit John Schurman

# PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS



Don Manley – Lives in Oakdale, PA and attended the Halloween and Christmas party. Owns a female puppy, 5 months old. (My apologies, I cannot read the puppie's name on the application.) Interested in Field, Obedience, Agility and Therapy.

Cindy, John and Christy Pawlowski – Lives in Greensburg, PA and attended the Halloween and Christmas party. They own a 5 month old male, Graham and are interested in Conformation, Tracking, Agility and Therapy.

Note: these prospective members will be voted on in the next upcoming meeting.

## Six Search and Rescue Teams Visit Former Penn Power Building

By Nancy Lowry, New Castle News

*Figure 1 Jaxon slips into his Search and Rescue harness with its bells prior to his turn seeking a missing person Saturday in the former Penn Powerbuilding*





Six Search and Rescue dogs found what they were looking for in the former Penn Power building on Kennedy Square. And had a lot of fun doing it. The dogs and owners are part of Pennsylvania Volunteers, a Butler County based, nonprofit organization whose 45 members come from Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence counties and are trained volunteers who may be called upon to provide services in the event of disasters. The organization includes six K-9 Search and Rescue teams and two drone units. "It has to be a game," Scott Ross said at Saturday's training exercise. "As long as it's fun, the dogs are willing."

*Figure 2 Sunny approaches the former Penn Power building Saturday morning with his owner, Dr. John Osheka, carrying his soft crate and harness, and Ginny Novak, owner of Search and Rescue dog Marley, already inside the building.*



Each dog got two turns to roam the empty halls and offices of the building, which has no heat or electricity and has been vacant since 1993. Ross' dog, Fozzie, got an additional turn. Fozzie is receiving special training in human remains detection to become a cadaver dog. So at the end of the morning he got to go tracking some special "dead" scents. The dogs are all certified search and rescue animals trained to find missing people.

Sunny, a 4 year old AKC champion golden retriever, owned by Dr. John Osheka who heads the Search and Rescue training, and 5 year old Jaxon, a golden retriever call English cream due to his white coloring, and owned by Yvonne McAvoy, are trained air scent dogs and in narcotics detection. Both also are badge carrying members of the Butler County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit. "The sheriff's department has not yet been called upon to do a search but we have a trained unit in place and ready if that day comes," Osheka said.

Air scent dogs draw scent that comes from people and lingers in the air. They are trained to find people missing in the wilderness, generally hunting in fields and large areas where the person has been missing for a long time or there is no trail. The other dogs are "trail scent" dogs who smell and item owned by the missing person and follow the path that that person most likely took.

Others participating on Saturday are Fozzie, Ross's golden retriever, Winston, a golden retriever owned by Linda McCrillis, Marley and American Labrador retriever owned by Ginny Novak and Charley, a Golden Doodle owned by Lisa Hyatt. When "on duty" the dogs wear vests identifying each one as a search and rescue team member. Sunny and Jaxon's vests include bells so owners can hear where the dog might be and so individuals needing help hear that someone is coming. "These bells are the sound of hope," Hyatt said. The owners noted that golden retrievers are generally perceived as friendlier dogs than German shepards, who are often in these kinds of units. "A child or an elderly person with Alzheimer's disease who is lost might be afraid of a big dog," Osheka said. "These dogs are less startling."

Osheka retired 13 years ago as superintendent of the New Brighton School District. "I needed something to do," he said. "I started training dogs." He noted that he has trained several dogs and has worked with the University of Pittsburgh medical center on training dogs to detect several forms of cancer in patients. "Sunny is the best dog I've ever trained," he said.

All of the dogs are certified through the American Mantrailing, Police & Working Dog Association. Certification takes 12 to 18 months and recertification is done every two years. But dogs and owners stay in practice with daily training sessions and weekend practices such as the search of the Penn Power building. Sunny and Jaxon are also certified as therapy dogs and Osheka is encouraging the others to get that certification also.



On Saturday, the dogs followed the scent of Nancy Natale, a New Castle native and friend and co-worker of Hyatt. She hid in rooms, closets and among the city's Christmas decorations, which are stored in the front room of the vacant building. She was found every time, as was Osheka, who also hid to give the dogs a workout. Seeking Natale, Jaxon was "excited but confused" when he located News photographer/videographer Pete Sirianni, also at the scene.

"I am glad to be back in this building," Natale said, "My parents both worked for Penn Power. My dad was head of the payroll department for many years. I haven't been in this building in years."

Pennsylvania Volunteer member Ed Newcaster arranged with building owner Paul Lynch to use the three story, 42,000 square foot structure. He said there was concern that unexpected finds might be made. "With the building vacant for so long, we wondered if any homeless people might be found hiding," he said. No surprise people were located.

The biggest surprise of the morning was found in the basement. Hyatt and her sister, McAvo, ventured down the steps to see if that area might be used to hunt. Hyatt, who carried a flashlight went first – stepping from the bottom step into about two feet of ice cold standing water. "It was dark," she said. "But it looked like a solid, smooth surface. I was sure I saw swirls like you see on concrete surfaces."

This was the first indoor experience for the dogs who generally work outside. The dogs' owners said they appreciated the building since outside temperatures were in the single digits when they arrived and climbed only to 17 degrees by lunch time. "Otherwise we'd be outside going through fields," Osheka said, adding, "The dogs wouldn't have minded. It's special to see them working a field. But we feel the cold." "This is good for the dogs who might one day be called to find someone who is lost or hiding in a building, or to find someone if a building collapses."



Osheka pronounced the morning session a success, noting each dog did as trained – entering rooms, searching perimeters and locating its quarry each time.

Pennsylvania Volunteers members are trained to support first responders. They may be called to also provide disaster support services including six K-9 units and two drone teams.

“Our motto is Eyes in the air and Paws on the ground,” he said.

Wilson said when possible drones are flown along with the dogs on practice events when the dogs are training outside.

The volunteers meet at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Lyndora American Legion Post 778.



### **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

It's that time of year when we are looking for club members to step forward to help our club flourish!

We are looking for one Director and a Treasurer (No experience necessary except loving goldens). Club member Kathy Fertal has agreed to be our Nominating Committee Chairperson. She may be contacting you! Thank you Kathy for helping us out!

We would like to thank Ray Koper who has been a director and Melissa Jarvis as our treasurer for the years of support they have given the club in these positions!

If you are interested in serving please email Club president, Pat Depp at [pamaande@comcast.net](mailto:pamaande@comcast.net).



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Day Party

When: February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

10:30- 11:30 – Visiting

11:45 Lunch and Gifts!

Where: Holy Family Manor:

301 Bellevue Road Pittsburgh PA

All are welcome at this event; dogs need to be friendly and controlled

RSVP by February 9<sup>th</sup> to Darlene McGowan  
Lunch reservations are required- payable in cash at the event (5 dollars per person)

Contacts: Darlene and Kaitlynn McGowan

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[Kaitlynnmcgowan@icloud.com](mailto:Kaitlynnmcgowan@icloud.com)

(412-825-4088)







## Valentine's Day Party

At the 2019 annual Valentine's Day Party for the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we will be presenting each resident with party favors, which will include candy and other snacks! This event is an opportunity to brighten the lives of the residents. If you have never had the opportunity to attend this event, we strongly encourage you to do so.

This event is also a way for the club to thank them for the use of their facility as our monthly meeting site.

Kaitlynn and I are so excited to plan this event and would appreciate any and all cash donations to make this event a success.

Donations can be sent to Darlene McGowan at 481 Eastview Drive, North Huntingdon, Pa 15642.

## Thank you!



Join us for the Annual  
**GPGRC** *Awards Banquet*

FOR THE *Love* OF GOLD

Saturday March, 30, 2018 - 5:30pm

Village Tavern and Trattoria

424 S Main St., Pittsburgh, PA 15220

(Pittsburgh's West End)

*Buffet Dinner Awards Recognition*

**Reservations are open until March 24th**

Cost is \$20 per person / cash bar available

**Mail checks payable to GPGRC to:**

GPGRC Awards Banquet

430 Duff Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

Please include member / guest names







# SADDLE UP

*And head to a 4 day combined specialty adventure presented by*

**GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB  
and CUYAHOGA VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**

**JUNE 19-22**  
*4 days - 6 shows!*

## TOURNAMENT OF BESTS!

Each winner from each day in Best Puppy, Best Bred By and Best Veteran will compete on Saturday afternoon for the overall winner in each class for Cash prizes!

**Wednesday, June 19**

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes – **Regina Kladis Kincer**  
All Breed Rally (two events) - **Ted Walshesky**

**OBEDIENCE IS OPEN  
TO ALL BREEDS!**

**Thursday, June 20 – Morning - GPGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Best Veteran and  
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition - **Carol S. Brown**  
All Breed Obedience and Rally - **Stephanie Podejko**

**JOIN US FOR A PICNIC  
DINNER AFTER SWEEPS  
ON WEDNESDAY!**

**Thursday, June 20 – Afternoon - GPGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By,  
Best Veteran - **Roger D. Gifford**  
All Breed Obedience - **Ted Walshesky**

**WEAR YOUR WESTERN ATTIRE!**

**Friday, June 21 – Morning - GPGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Best Veteran and 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy  
Competition - **Robert D. Ennis**  
All Breed Obedience and Rally - **Stephanie Podejko**

**Friday, June 21 – Afternoon - CVGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Best Veteran - **Betsy Yates**  
All Breed Obedience - **Ted Walshesky**

**Saturday, June 22 – Morning - CVGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Best Veteran and 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy  
Competition - **JoAnn Colvin**  
All Breed Obedience - **Tom Masterson**

**Saturday, June 22 – Afternoon - CVGRC**

Breed, Jrs, Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Best  
Veteran and Tournament of Bests  
Competition Final - **Sue Goldberg**  
All Breed Obedience - **Tom Masterson**

For more information contact:

**Pat Depp, GPGRC Show Chair, 412-931-0590**  
**Pat Flanagan, CVGRC Show Chair, 330-272-6601**

*Candace Verducci Design*



## New Precision Medicine Procedure Fights Cancer, Advances Treatment for Pets and Humans

MU veterinary oncologists develop a vaccine treatment for osteosarcoma, a common type of bone cancer in dogs, avoiding chemotherapy and opening the door for human clinical trials



Jeffrey Bryan and his team at the University of Missouri have helped advance a patient-specific, precision medicine treatment for bone cancer in dogs.

In a first-of-its-kind study, scientists at the **University of Missouri** have helped advance a patient-specific, precision medicine treatment for bone cancer in dogs. By creating a vaccine from a dog's own tumor, scientists worked with ELIAS Animal Health to target specific cancer cells and avoid the toxic side effects of chemotherapy, while also opening the door for future human clinical trials.

Osteosarcoma, or bone cancer, is not common in humans, representing only about 800-900 new cases each year in the U.S. About half of those cases are reported in children and teens. However, for dogs this disease is much more common, with more than 10,000 cases a year occurring in the U.S.

"A vaccine is made out of the dog's own tumor for the dog's immune system to recognize," said Jeffrey Bryan, a professor of oncology at the MU College of Veterinary Medicine and director of Comparative Oncology Radiobiology and Epigenetics Laboratory. "The dogs received no

chemotherapy and received only immunotherapy after their surgery. It's the first time that dogs with osteosarcoma have experienced prolonged survival without receiving chemotherapy, which is really exciting."

In the study, researchers partnered with ELIAS Animal Health to test a vaccine to treat osteosarcoma by using a dog's own lymphocytes. Overall, the dogs receiving this therapy had more than 400 days of remission compared to about 270 days for dogs receiving chemotherapy in a separate study by the National Cancer Institute.

"Lymphocytes are immune cells that recognize where pathogens are hiding in the body and then kill the cells harboring those pathogens," Bryan said. "After we remove the tumor, we create a vaccine using the dog's tumor cells to stimulate anti-tumor lymphocytes. These lymphocytes are then collected by apheresis and expanded outside the body by Elias Animal Health to create a transfusion of the patient's immune cells. These cells are activated and essentially really angry at whatever they are supposed to attack. When put back into the body, they should identify and destroy tumor cells. Ideally, this immune response would destroy every last tumor cell."

Mizzou researchers hope to continue immunotherapy discovery with dogs in order to optimize the new therapy for future human clinical trials with the hopes of treating osteosarcoma and other cancers, especially metastatic osteosarcoma in children. They are currently continuing this work through another immunotherapy trial in progress with a grant by the Morris Animal Foundation through the National Cancer Institute Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium.

Brian Flesner, an assistant professor of oncology at the MU College of Veterinary Medicine, presented this research at the 2018 Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The same data was shared at the 2018 Paws 4 a Cure Conference in Boston by Jeffrey Bryon.



Latest Guisachan News!!!!

Have just been advised by Alex Grigg, the owner of Guisachan House, that John Gleeson, the structural engineer, requested the original architectural plans of the House and Alex is arranging to have some 80 scans made for him., This will "take about a fortnight" to get them from the archives in Elgin. So the project is going forward even if it's not something one can see taking place on site.

Renewal of your GPGRC membership for 2019 is now due!



## GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

### Member Renewal Form

I hereby apply to renew my membership in the Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club (GPGRC) for the 2019 calendar year, and I agree to continue abiding by the Bylaws of GPGRC and the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Please check and sign the appropriate spaces.

Signature of Member

- ☐ Regular Member - First Adult \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Regular Member - Second Adult \$13 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Associate Member - First Adult \$15 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Associate Member - Second Adult \$8 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Junior Member - \$1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership renewals are due and payable on or before March 1st of each year.**

Membership will be terminated automatically on May 1 of each year if renewal is not received.

Make checks payable to **GPGRC**. Send completed form with payment to:

Shirley Koper  
169 William Circle  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
412-771-1995

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## *Golden Retriever Club of America®*

### **Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA)**

All Golden lovers are encouraged to join our Parent Club, GRCA. The *GR News* is published bi-monthly by the GRCA and contains educational articles, provides a forum for issues of interest to Golden owners, highlights Golden accomplishments and contains correspondent columns from the Member Clubs across the country. Contact the Editor for more information.

### **GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (GPGRC)**

- Member club of the Golden retriever Club of America, Inc. (GRCA)  
Master National Retriever Club (MNRC)  
Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. (PFDC)
- Licensed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) for Conformation Shows and Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials and Hunt Tests.

General Membership Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Membership applications are available from the Membership Chairperson. Attendance at two Club functions (one being a General Membership Meeting) and endorsement of two Club Members is required before an application can be accepted. Dues are: Regular Membership (individual) - \$25.00, a second adult – an additional \$13.00. Associate Membership (individual) - \$15.00, a second adult – an additional \$8.00. Junior Membership - \$1.00. Completed applications and dues are to be submitted to the Membership Chair.

Newsletter is posted monthly on the Club's Website at [www.gpgrc.org](http://www.gpgrc.org). Club members may request printed, mailed copies of the *Golden Gait* for a fee of \$20 per year.

Litter advertisements are accepted from Club Members only on a space available basis. (Fees are full page - \$10; half page - \$5; quarter page - \$2.50.) Refer to the Puppy Referral Policy and Breeder Code of Ethics for required clearances.

In summary, puppy referral is a service provided to GPGRC Members only. (1) Both sire and dam must be two years of age or older at the time of breeding; (2) copies of eye clearances within one year of breeding must be supplied; and (3) an OFA numbers for hips and elbows must be submitted. Also hearts must be evaluated by an approved veterinary cardiologist.

Acceptance and use of the information provided by GPGRC constitutes an acknowledgment that the user hereby releases and indemnifies the GPGRC and its Officers, Directors, Members and Agents from any and all liability and damages sustained by the user as a result of any information obtained from this organization.

Title/Award Record Form should be filled out and sent to the Accomplishments Recorder for all Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Rally, Field Events or Community Service Events before they can be reported in the Newsletter.

### Monthly Meeting

The monthly meetings are held at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth, 301 Bellevue Rd 15229. Meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. Guests are Welcome!

Directions from I-279: Take exit 12 toward US 19/Perrysville Ave. At Perrysville Avenue, turn left. Go approximately .8 mile and turn left onto Bellevue Road (Sunoco Station on corner). Go approximately .5 mile and turn right to stay on Bellevue Road. End at 301 Bellevue Road. Entrance to complex is one way. Sign will direct you to building. Yellow brick building behind large red brick building is the meeting place. There is an open parking lot or 2 deck parking garage available.

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*Please email pictures of your dogs that can be used in future issues to sallydines4120@gmail.com*

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