

The Golden Nugget

The Fair Edition newsletter of the Golden Retriever Rescue of Fairbanks, Alaska

August 14, 2004

soon it will be too late. -Ralph
Waldo Emerson

UPCOMING GRRF EVENTS.....

What: GRRF Board Meeting

When: Thursday Sept 9, 2004 6:30 pm

Where: Aurora Animal Clinic, College Road,
Contact Susan Sampson (388-3477) for
directions. All GRRF supporters and anyone
willing to volunteer at the Responsible Dog
Ownership Day are encouraged to attend.

What: Responsible Dog Ownership Day

When: Saturday Sept. 11, 2004

Where: Allridge Field (23rd and Cowles)

Activity: Annual event organized by the
Fairbanks Dog Park. GRRF will conduct
Canine Good Citizen Testing (\$10 to cover
AKC registration costs). All dogs regardless of
training or pedigree (mutts are welcome!) can
go through this test. Bring current rabies
verification. See you there!

Contact: Candace O'Connor (FDP) or
Hillary Midgley (GRRF) (479-3632)

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Letter From the President:

I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one our volunteers for an extraordinary year. We've placed over 100 dogs in the past year and were so busy that some very well deserved "thank you's" may have slipped through the cracks. Please let me express my deep and most sincere note of gratitude and appreciation for all that you GRRF folks have done.

We have an amazing group of volunteers which include the very generous foster families, the volunteers who work our bazaar booths to raise money for our ever increasing veterinary bills; and the talented volunteers who help create beautiful things for resale like collars, scarves and stockings. Thank you to those volunteers working at all of our other fundraisers and public awareness events like the yard sales, running the entry booth at the May Dog show for three days, the Pow Wow event, Pets and People day, the

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." -Roger Caras

Other Events:

What: TV Kennel Club Tracking Dog Trials

When: August 28, 29, 30

Where: Chena Flood Control Project.

Contact: Kelly Dygert, TVKC



You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how

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July agility event, Responsible Pet Ownership day and the Golden Days events and Parade. The volunteers who transport our dogs to and from foster homes, vet clinics, airports and who conduct home visits.

Thank you very much to the Animal Shelter for being so amazing to work with. Thank you to Aurora Animal Clinic for the most outstanding veterinary care you give our GRR dogs.

Lastly I would like to thank the thoughtful and remarkable people who have opened their homes and mostly their hearts to adopt dogs from us. These dogs can finally have a place to call home and be part of a loving family.

-Susan Sampson

FEATURED VOLUNTEER Embarking on New Adventures

Kim Gyuricsko has been the dedicated GRRF volunteer who for years has developed the GRRF website, served as secretary and treasurer, put out the newsletter, and organized incredible fund raising events as well as fostering dogs and conducting educational outreach, is retiring! Kim and her husband, Steve, and newly adopted special needs Golden, Copper, are embarking on a grand new cross country road tour, length undetermined. They will follow the sun, the fun and enjoy themselves in the moment.

GRRF will not be the only organization to miss Kim's extraordinary energy, organizational and mentoring skills: her real world jobs at the Tanana Valley State Fair and as a substitute teacher will also feel her absence. However, Kim has promised us GRRF volunteers she will keep in touch to continue mentoring. Hopefully, we will continue to benefit from her journalism skills with future articles for our newsletter.

Best of luck on your new travels, Kim. Know how much you are loved and missed!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

--It's All About the Dogs!--

GRRF Foster Homes Needed

Do you love dogs and have room at home for "just one more"? Then GRRF needs you. Each GRRF dog spends time (from a few days to several weeks) in a foster home prior to placement in a "forever" home. Foster homes provide a loving, supportive transition home for each GRRF dog. Foster homes assist the adoption coordinator in identifying the dogs' personality, level of training, and any special needs, so that just the right family can be matched with each dog. Check out our website frequently for more information: www.grrf.org

Hearts of Gold Silent Auction – Memorial Day Weekend (organized by Kim Gyuricsko) was a great success. Over \$2100 was raised due to the generous donations and support of numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals. By the end of August, all these wonderful sponsors will be listed on our web page. Look for them there. And, remember buy locally!

June 2004 Garage Sale and Dog Wash – organized by Peggy Kuryla, was also a tremendous success. Our garages and our dogs got cleaned! Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, and especially to dog grooming expert, Lori Kunz for all your help. Once again, in about 2 weeks we will post thanks and a list of sponsors on our web page.

GRRF Web Page and Newsletter – We are looking for volunteers! Our web page has been down due to a computer crash on August 7th. The computer was just replaced (yesterday!), but our web master, Susan Flora, is off again to the North Slope for 10 days doing her real job. We could really use a backup web person. If



you have aptitude with photo editing and word processing, we'll teach you the web stuff! Also, we desperately need volunteers with writing and/or journalism experience. Any students would be welcome. Please call Susan Flora (590-1900).

Forever Homes Needed.....

Words do not do these beautiful dogs justice, so please visit www.grrf.org to see a more detailed description.

Cody



Cody is a 10 month old neutered yellow Labrador Retriever-Golden cross. He is fun, loving and oh-so-cute. His deep brown eyes will melt your heart in a second. Cody is very playful, loves the water, other

dogs, cats, all people. He is very calm in the house after getting a good exercise at least twice a day. It is thrill to watch Cody off-leash run to his full, graceful potential. Cody would be perfect for the family that likes walking, hiking, skijoring, and Frisbee!

Indy



Indy (short for **Indiana Jones**) is a senior (around 10 to 13 year old) golden-hearted chocolate Labrador Retriever. The Fairbanks Animal Shelter partnered with GRRF in rescuing Indy. Indy has limited sight due to

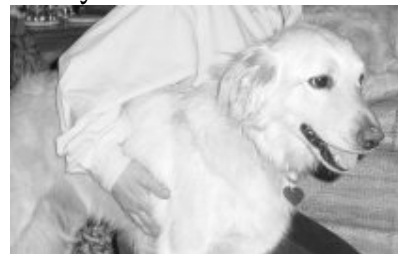
cataracts and is deaf, but re-ponds magnificently to hand signals. Severe hip displasia and arthritis limit Indy's mobility (the veterinarian has prescribed Rimadyl twice a day) but not his ability to love or his terrific smile. Do you have senior know-how and a big heart to provide a home for this lovely boy for his remaining years?

Sport



Sport is a 7 yr old yellow Labrador Retriever and part Golden Retriever. He came from the Animal Shelter where he was turned in with no history. Sport is now neutered and x-rayed. He is tattooed and up to date on vaccines. He is a big love and adores people. He gets along with other dogs but would love to be the only dog to be the receiver of all the attention. Sport is excellent in the house and is great off leash. He has great manners and follows with incredible devotion in his eye to anyone that shows him kindness.

Scruffy



Scruffy is a lovely year-old golden-lab cross, very devoted and loyal. He is a little

shy but incredibly gentle and kind. He needs a quiet and loving home where he can be doted upon and he will repay you in full. This little boy falls hard for his master and will absolutely adore you once he gets his courage up. He is neutered, vaccinated, wormed, tattooed, microchipped and his hips are x-rayed and look great.

"It is easy to perform a good action,
but not easy to acquire a settled
habit of performing such actions."

-- Aristotle (4th century BC)



Sister



Sister is an 18-month old Lab/Golden Retriever cross. We have a sneaking suspicion that Jake 5 may be her brother. They have very similar personalities and

their ages are so close.

Sister has a very outgoing personality and adores people, dogs, cats and children. A few months ago, Sister fell out a truck only going 30 miles an hour but still she broke her hip in two places. Riding loose in the back of a pickup truck is not only illegal but very dangerous to the dog and to the drivers behind you.

Sister has made a complete recovery and she should have no long term problems related to her accident. She is spayed, vaccinated, wormed, tattooed. Sister would be a great family dog with an active family. She seems to be able to handle chaos and very stimulating circumstances with grace and pleasure. This is a lovely dog!

Jake 5



Jake is a Lab/Golden Retriever cross, around 18 months old. Jake came from the wonderful folks at the Ft. Wainwright Veterinary Services where he was relinquished.

Jake is now neutered, and is fully vaccinated, wormed, tattooed, microchipped and his hips

have been x-rayed and they look excellent. Jake is an active young boy. His big smile goes perfectly with his big heart. He is as sensitive as he is good looking. He has a comical "cowlick" between his eyes which adds to his expression.

Jake is very good in the house and is kennel trained. He knows to sit, down, stay and is good about not jumping up on people. He knows these very well and is very good with other dogs and children

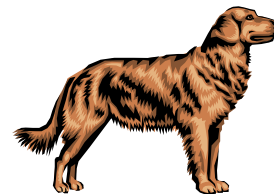
Lola (Referral)



Little Lola is a big goof but a love. In the right environment and continued training, she is a sweetheart with loads to offer:

Lola is a 6 month-old spayed female mix of many things (100% Mutt!)--an active young lady who acts like a retriever with her mouthing and play but likes to herd, too, like a shepherd. Lola has so much to offer, she is kennel trained and house broken. She knows the beginning basics of obedience but she can try a person's patience with her antics and mischief. She needs an active home with a good sense of humor. Because of her loving to jump and play, she would better in a home with older children.

Please contact Susan Sampson at 388-3477 if you are interested in funny little Lola.



Forever Homes Needed, continued.....

Thinking about Adopting?

Golden Retriever Rescue provides information about meeting GRRF dogs available for adoption on our web site (www.grrf.org). You are invited to meet any of these dogs at your home, at a local veterinary clinic or at the Allridge Field- Temporary GRRF Dog Park. Once you have met a GRRF dog, if you are interested, we recommend a home trial period of up to a week. Our goal is to make our dogs and their new owners feel the match is the “forever” one.



The Fair 2003 to Fair 2004 Adoption Report

Our Report is on the following pages (6 and 7). The abbreviation codes are as follows:

GRRF Products for Sale

GRRF fund raising items will be available at the Family Pet Day (August 14th) at the Tanana Valley State Fair. Must haves on your gift list include:

Hiking and travel supplies. Also available will be dog goodies and the spring/summer line of fashion bandanas and dog collars! The sale tables will have jewelry, games, toys, and all kinds of good stuff. (Michele McComb is our GRRF fund raising coordinator.)

- O - owner
- AC - Animal Control (Fairbanks North Star Borough Shelter)
- OTI- Owner turned in
- (n)- Neutered
- (s)- Spayed
- G.Ret- Golden Retriever

(*) Extensive Veterinary care needed due to amputations, surgeries, illness, wounds, tumor removals, poisonings or elderly with extensive Veterinary work ups.

“If your dog is fat, you’re not getting enough exercise” –Unknown

The “Why Dog Relinquished” column has to be very brief due to space constraints. Behind each dog is a complicated, often sad story which cannot be completely told here.

Rainbow Bridge



Murphy Brown
Gyuricsko

9/8/92 – 6/9/04

She lived to bestow happiness on all who came into her sphere of influence

Note: Many of these dogs would have had little or no chance at a “Forever Home” without the cooperation of the wonderful staff at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Control and the great Veterinary care done at Aurora Animal Clinic. Also the foster homes play a crucial part. Normally dogs are fostered for one week or two before being placed but some like Taz, Harley, Chevy, Daphne, Coal, and Mitch were fostered for up to 6 months. It is so important that these dogs feel part of a family, get socialized, trained and loved. Thanks to all!



2003-2004 Adoption Report

<u>Date in</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foster</u>	<u>Reason Relinquished</u>
8/5	Piglet	GRet/Lab	F	4y	DN, SS,ST	Matsu Shelter, OTI, Too many dogs
8/5	Smudge	GRet/Lab	F	8m	SS, AB	Matsu Shelter, ten dogs turned in
8/5	Fly	GRet/Lab	F	8m	AB	Matsu Shelter
8/5	Pink	GRet/Lab	F	1y	AB	Matsu Shelter
8/5	Trix	GRet/Lab/Br	F	2y	DN, SSp	Matsu Shelter
8/6	Scruffy	GRet/Lab	M	8m	SS, AB	Matsu Shelter
8/6	Mudd Mutt	GRet/Lab	M	8m	LH	Matsu Shelter
8/6	Lucy	GRet/Lab	F	8m	NH,AB	Matsu Shelter
8/6	Ubber	GRet?Lab	F	3yr	SS,SSp,JB1,SS,CB	Matsu Shelter
8/7	Annie	Chessie	F	1-2 yr	Chessie Resc	AC, assistance for Chessie Rescue
8/15	Daffodil	GRet	F(s)	4y	SS, AB, CB	OTI. Too active, moving
8/26	Romeo	Min. Schn	M(n)	1yr	Schn. Rescue	AC, OTI
8/26	Miss Tilly	GRet/Lab/Br	F	1.5y	SS, SSp	Matsu Shelter, missing tenth dog
9/3	Hank	GRet/Lab/?	M	16w	SS, MM	OTI, GRR assisted w/parvo costs
9/17	Dewgin	Min. Schn	M	9m	Schn Rescue	AC, skin problems
9/19	*Kodi	Lab choco	M	1.5y	SS, ChB	AC, stray, severe ear infection/allergies
9/19	Flossie	Lab/Chessie	F(s)	9m	BC, AB	GRRF return, too much dog, no time
9/25	*Harley 2	Lab blk	M	9m	SS, DN	OTI, broken leg, fell out of truck
9/29	Lucky 2	GRet.	M	3y	SS, CH	OTI. Too strong and active
9/28	Jake (Dundee)	GRet/Aus	M(n)	6y	GC	GRRF return, family hardships
9/27	Allie	Lab yel	F(s)	1y	owners	OTI. Too active, going on 2y trip
10/3	Boe	GRet.	M(n)	6y	SF	OTI, gone too much, need more
10/3	Buck	GRet.	M(n)	6y	SF	OTI. With littermate Boe
10/3	Aussie(Donetello)	Lab/ches	M(n)	15m	SS, AB,SS	Behavior evaluation12 days return to O
10/15	Missy 2	Lab X blk	F	5-6w	SS, RE	AC, stray, shelter cages, too young
10/17	Ruby	Lab X blk	F	11w	SS	Abandon pup from Ruby chained up
10/28	Bronco	G. Ret X	M(n)	1yr	SS	SPCA in anchorage, Euth, temperament.
10/30	Buster	G.Ret/Mal	M(n)	4yr	MC	GRRF return,Financial hardship, moved
10/31	*Mac	Lab(blk)	M	3 m	SS,CB	AC, broken elbow, owner didn't want
11/5	Molly (Honey 3)	LabX (yel)	F(s)	1yr	RR	O moved to NY, was lost for 2 wks.
11/7	Sedona	Lab/GoldnX	F(s)	4yr	CB	GRR dog, stray, O on vacation, return to O
11/8	Amy	Goldn/Shep	F	6w	SS, RG	AC, O moving to Beaver
11/8	Abigail	Goldn/Shep	F	6w	SS, RG	AC, O moving to Beaver
11/8	Emily	Goldn/Shep	F	6w	SS, RG	AC, O moving to Beaver
11/10	*Duke	Golden Ret.	M(n)	3y	AB	Seattle Goldn Rescue, Allergies
11/20	Tuffy	Lab (blk)	F	1yr	Owner	OTI, Too many dogs
11/21	*Georgia	Golden Ret.	F(s)	5yr	SS	OTI, Allergies, moving, from Anchorage
12/2	Taylor	Golden Ret.	M	1.5y	CB	O left at Chelsea's Kennel, divorce
12/6	Puppup	Goldn/lab	M	8w	GC	Metlakatla litter. Lucy's pups
12/6	Rebecca	Goldn/lab	F	8w	GC	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/6	Flag	Goldn/lab	M	8w	DS	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/6	Murph	Goldn/lab	M	8w	DS	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/6	Frank	Goldn/lab	M	8w	DS	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/6	Blue Belle	Goldn/lab	F	8w	PC	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/6	Rudy	Goldn/lab	M	8w	PC	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups



2003-2004 Adoption Report, continued

Date in	Name	Breed	Sex	Age	Foster	Reason Relinquished
12/6	Star	Goldn/lab	F	8w	PC	Metlakatla litter, Lucy's pups
12/15	*Jake	Golden Ret.	M(n)	7yr	SS	OTI.From Anchorage, O moving, can't take
12/16	Maggie 3	Golden Ret.	F(s)	7m	SS	OTI. Kept outside, wanders, chews
12/20	* Holly (Violet)	G.Ret/Lab/shep	F(s)	4yr	SF	GRRF return, moved, landlord won't allow
-Sorry - 12/21/03 to 3/21/04 Records unavailable for this report						
3/25	Hannah	Golden Ret.	F(s)	8.5y	MM, SS	Moved and can't keep. Obese
3/29	Knuckles	Lab/cocker	M	11 wks	CD	Had 2 pups, too much
4/2	Athena	G. Ret. X	F	7 m	SS, RG, PW	FNSB, had 2 weeks
4/7	Cowboy	Golden Ret.	M	10 m	SS	FNSB, too wild, pet store pup
4/21	Wrangell	Lab/husky	M	9 wks	SS, HM	FNSB, litter, O in jail
5/5	Brandi	Golden Ret.	F	2 yr.	SS,DR,RG	Needed surgery, no time for
5/5	Tucker	G. Ret/Auss, Husky	M(n)	5.5yr	SS	GRR return (99) divorce, moving
5/7	Rocco	Golden Ret.	M	15m	SS, MM	Multiple homes, no time for, outside dog
5/24	Samson	G.Ret/Newfi/Lab	M(n)	2yr	SS, CB	GRR return(02), loose, attacked chicken
6/3	Kennedy	G Ret X	F(s)	2yr	CT	GRR return(02), divorce, no place, no time
6/8	Copper	Golden Ret.	F(s)	5yr	SS,KG	FNSB, needed bilateral FHO
6/10	Gus	G. Ret/B.Collie	M(n)	5yr	SS	GRR return(00), moved, gave away, FNSB
6/21	Scruffy	G. Ret X	M(n)	17m	ST	GRR return(03), new job, no time for
7/3	Sport	Lab/G.Ret X	M(n)	7yr	RG,BN	FNSB, not right fit
7/6	Cherish	G. Ret/Chow	F(s)	2.5yr	JK	Dogs in house not getting along
7/7	Cody(Frank)	G.Ret/Lab	M(n)	10m	SS,SF	Chases cats, too playful
7/13	Emma2	LabX	F(s)	1.5yr	Eric	Sheltie Rescue - Teri Morefield
7/20	Sister	Lab/G. Ret	F(s)	18m	SS,MM	Moved, O pregnant—can't keep
*7/28	Max	Golden Ret.	M(n)	6yr	LH	Foster in Anchorage
8/3	Jake5	Lab/G. Ret	M	18m	SS	Ft. Wainwright Vet Services
*8/12	Indy	Choco Lab	M(n)	13y	SS,SF	FNSB, divorce, moving

Foster codes - SS-Susan Sampson, CB-Craig Bakalar, DN-Diane Noble, AB-Andra/Jerry Burns, SSP-Serena Sparks, RG-Rebekah Gettinger, CT- Chris Terzi, ST-Sarah Triggs, LH-Laurel Hunt, NH-Nina Hearney MM-Michelle McComb, ChB-Christina Bantrum, CH-Christy Hayes, BC-Brittany Crowe, JB1- Jane Bayor, RE-Rixa Evershed, RR-Rebecca Robinson, GC- Gail Carnahan, DS- David Soderlund, PC- Patti Carey, BB- Bill Broderson, SF- Susan Flora, JL- Joelle Lawson, VM- Vikki McKlveen, NW-Neesha Wendling, DW- Deb Wilkinson, IS- Ilona Scott, JB- Jennifer Bowers, KD- Kelly Degabain
 TM- Tiffani Mathews

“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don’t know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring—it was peace.” –Milan Kundera



Coming August 20, 2004: Why 'Benji Off the Leash' Is a Must-See Movie

He's cute, he's entertaining, and moviegoers have been enchanted by his films for decades. But Benji isn't your average dog, and *Benji Off the Leash* isn't your typical movie. The latest film to bring America's most famous mutt to the big screen is a great kid's movie, sure. But it's more than that. Check out three reasons why *Benji Off the Leash* is no ordinary dog flick:

1. Back to School

When it comes to examining issues that affect people and their pets, this movie is a home run. As pet columnist Julia Szabo says, "If you want to raise humane, ethical kids, take them to see this movie." But children aren't the only ones who need an education in animal issues—adults also benefit from this brand of humane entertainment. In a way that's appropriate for all ages, *Benji Off the Leash* illustrates issues that The HSUS strives to educate the public about. Colby, the teenage star of the film, shows courage and compassion as he helps animals who are neglected by his father, in the process tackling important issues such as puppy mills and the struggle and triumph over family violence. In a non-threatening and thoughtful way, *Benji Off the Leash* gives moviegoers an unexpected yet refreshing lesson in animal compassion.

2. From Rags to Riches

Think shelter dogs aren't movie star material? Wait until you see who steals the show—a floppy-eared pup who was adopted from the Humane Society of South Mississippi in Gulfport! When Joe Camp, director of *Benji Off the Leash* as well as the other movies in the series, spotted the promising pooch in the Mississippi shelter, he knew he had found his star. Benji is in a league of his own when it comes to animal acting. Who says you need dialog to understand what animals are thinking? *Benji Off the Leash* also sends moviegoers home with an important message—that shelters are the best choice for animal lovers looking for the newest star to join their family.

3. Aid to Animals

Helping animal shelters around the country could be as easy as buying a movie ticket. If *Benji Off the*

Leash is a success, the Benji Buddies Foundation, a philanthropic organization created by Camp, will turn part of the movie's profits into charitable contributions. The money will go directly to animal shelters around the country to fund the construction of better facilities and to help shelters raise their adoption levels. In turn, the animals who are being housed at these shelters will benefit. Now that's something to bark about!

Benji Off the Leash opens nationwide August 20.

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Positive Reinforcement: Training Your Dog or Cat with Treats and Praise

Note: Some pets may not be interested in food treats. For those pets, the reward could be in the form of a toy or brief play.

When your pet is learning a new behavior, he should be rewarded every time he does the behavior (continuous reinforcement). It may be necessary to use "shaping," with your pet (reinforcing something close to the desired response and gradually requiring more from your dog before he gets the treat). For example, if you're teaching your dog to "shake hands," you may initially reward him for lifting his paw off the ground, then for lifting it higher, then for touching your hand, then for letting you hold his paw and finally, for actually shaking hands with you.

Intermittent reinforcement can be used once your pet has reliably learned the behavior. At first, you may reward him with the treat three times out of four, then about half the time, then about a third of the time and so forth, until you're only rewarding him occasionally with the treat. Continue to praise him every time, although once he's learned the behavior, the praise can be less effusive - a quiet, but positive, "Good boy." Use a variable schedule of reinforcement, so he doesn't catch on that he only has to respond every other time. Your pet will learn that if he keeps responding, eventually he'll get what he wants. If you have a dog who barks until you

reward him by paying attention to him, you've seen the power of intermittent reinforcement.

By understanding reinforcement, you can see that you're not forever bound to carry a pocketful of goodies. Your pet will soon be working for your verbal praise, because he really does want to please you and he knows that occasionally, he'll get a treat, too! There are many small opportunities to reinforce his behavior. You may have him "sit" before letting him out the door (helps prevent door-darting), before petting him (helps prevent jumping up on people) or before giving him his food. Give him a pat or a "Good dog" for lying quietly by your feet or slip a treat into his Kong toy when he's chewing it, instead of your shoe.

Punishment, including verbal, postural and physical, is the presentation of something unpleasant immediately following a behavior which makes it less likely that the behavior will occur again. To be effective, punishment must be delivered while your pet is engaged in the undesirable behavior, in other words, "caught in the act." If the punishment is delivered too late, your pet will feel "ambushed." From his point of view, the punishment is totally unpredictable, and he's likely to become fearful, distrusting and/or aggressive. This will only lead to more behavior problems. What we humans interpret as "guilty" looks, are actually submissive postures by our pets. Animals don't have a moral sense of right and wrong, but they are adept at associating your presence and the presence of a mess, with punishment.

If you've tried punishment and it hasn't worked, you should definitely stop using punishment and use positive reinforcement instead. Physical punishment usually involves some level of discomfort or even pain, which is likely to cause your pet to bite, as that is the only way he knows to defend himself. Scruff shakes and "alpha rolls" are likely to result in bites, especially if the dog doesn't perceive you to be his superior. Also, punishment might be associated with other stimuli, including people, that are present at the time the punishment occurs. For example, a pet that's punished for getting too close to a small child may become fearful of or aggressive to that child.



Disaster Articles From the Humane Society of the United States

Although Golden Retriever Rescue of Fairbanks is not associated with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) all of us refer to the excellent HSUS educational materials available from their website (<http://www.hsus.org>). Below is an timely article, considering the devastating 2004 Interior Alaska Fire Season with it's associated evacuations and property losses.



Disaster Preparedness for Pets

Hurricanes, floods, wildfires, hazardous material spills—disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. If you think you will never have to evacuate unless you live in a flood plain, near an earthquake fault line or in a coastal area, you may be tragically mistaken. It is imperative that you make preparations to evacuate your family and your pets in any situation. In the event of a disaster, proper preparation will pay off with the safety of your family and pets.

Check out the HSUS website to read the remainder of this article!



