

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

8/24/25

I. Call to order

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:05 p.m. on August 24, 2025, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Jessica Sutton
Barbara Renken
Sandy Diamond
Kris Harrigan
Carole Spies

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report for July was approved. As of 7/31/25 our cash balance was \$83,948.45.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

- Jessica has been searching for fundraising ideas on ChatGPT
- Barbara suggested holding a fundraiser for Maisie
- Kris will submit a Tailwaggers grant for Astrid
- Carole suggested holding Doggy CPR Zoom training
- Sandy mentioned that tax laws have changed and people can now take a deduction for some donations without itemizing

2. Dog update

Clifford/Benny

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken

Foster: Jennifer & Dave Stavish/San Diego

Medical: None.

Behavior: Anxiety, leash reactivity, challenging visitors, isolation distress

Action plan: Take him on brief field trips to introduce to new places and people.

Post new pictures from field trips on website and social media.

Adoption Outlook: The right one is out there somewhere

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Maisie

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Kevin and Joanna Williams/Glendale

Medical: Elevated liver enzymes, weight loss, urine/fecal incontinences, CCD, poor vision and hearing

Behavior: Pacing

Action plan: Continue to help fosters problem-solve and maintain her quality of life. Appears happy and is adjusting.

Adoption outlook: Very poor. Consider permanent foster.

Rico

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Rob and Allison Maresca

Medical: Second round of ear infections, possible allergies, requires Cytopoint.

Follow-up on 8/25.

Behavior: None

Action Plan: Continue discussion with vet re allergies and meds

Adoption outlook: Great

Astrid

Dog Rep: Kriss Harrigan

Foster: Lily Talavera/Los Angeles

Medical: Has been treated for a UTI. With reoccurring symptoms, a culture was done and she has an E-Coli infection. She is on a 7-day course of Clavamox.

Recheck if symptoms continue. She still needs to go out to pee during the night, will piddle when excited and has to go every 3-4 hours. We think her control is immature due to her being spayed so young.

Behavior: None. Astrid is a confident and social gal. She started walking on a leash.

Action Plan: Update with new photos and videos – ongoing

Adoption Outlook: Summer can be slow with adoptions, but outlook favorable.

Looking for a home with another dog to help with energy and promote calmness.

Winnie

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken

Foster: Liz and Nick Gekakis/San Diego

Medical: Needs a second Lepto vaccine. May be coming down with KC. Vet appointment scheduled for 8/25.

Behavior: None. She adjusting rapidly

Action Plan: Get her posted on the website and social media.

Adoption Outlook: Very good.

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Chance

Adopted by the Crayne family!

3. Foster and Events Committee Update

Events: Summer/Fall Meet Ups

- Barbara is narrowing down a Fall event for lower OC or SD county. She has locked in October 4th as the date and is working on a location.
- We discussed a few places in the Glendale/Burbank area that Jo Anne investigated and decided upon The Story Tavern. JAD reported that all 3 places were so excited to have us and would be great for informal volunteer and dog meet ups. The Story Tavern supports the Burbank Animal Shelter and Jackie met them at Jackalope 2023. Date is December 6th TBC.
- No other events are being investigated as of now. We need to plan something for the new year/Spring of next year.

Foster Recruitment

- No useable inquiries all summer
- We discussed that social media posts are best saved for when we have a specific dog that we are trying to bring in. We could run the series of posts that Jessica created in the spring again in 2026.
- We discussed trying to engage more with our adopters. In addition to the Adopters Google Group, JAD asked about resurrecting the Post Adoption interviews that we used to do to keep our adopters connected to us.

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- We agreed to wrap up the series with the planned Enrichment and one final session on Puppy How To slated for 10/1. All of the sessions are stored in the volunteer section on our website. Although the attendance was not as good as we hoped for, we are so lucky to have this incredible library of resources available to us.

4. Knack Update

No update

5. FRR Storage

Jessica is still looking into this. The costs are higher than we anticipate and she is looking for other options to keep costs low.

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VI. New Business

1. Annual Review

Jessica will put an annual review together

2. Foster Coordinator Replacement

Jackie has provided documents with duties and responsibilities to help in our search for a new coordinator next year.

3. We need a new volunteer to post on Pet Finder and Adopt-a-Pet

4. Adopt-a-Pet has a rehoming section and there is a widget we can add to our website. Kriss will look into this further.

VII. Next Meeting

September 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.