

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

09/28/25

I. Call to order

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:10 p.m. on September 28, 2025, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Jessica Sutton
Barbara Renken
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 approved. As of 8/31/25 our cash balance was \$82,303.48.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

- Carole reports that Pat Stillwell, a neighbor's friend, has donated \$1500 to support Danny's costs in honor of her GR who recently passed. Carole will organize a pet portrait and a card from Jessica to thank them.
- Agreed to launch Sees Candy campaign approx. Oct 6th. Kriss will set up our store front. Shipping starts November 10.
- Jessica reports Chat GPT did not help generate good fundraising ideas
- Barbara is following up on a campaign for Maisie's expenses. Jessica to help set up 'new' volunteer Gabe Abadilla who has offered graphic design help. Jessica to investigate Stripe's ability to collect recurring donations. Also Pay Pal.
- Kriss plans to submit a Tailwagger grant request for Astrid's expenses.

2. Dog Update

Clifford/Benny

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken

Foster: Jennifer & Dave Stavish/San Diego

Medical: None.

Behavior: Anxiety, leash reactivity

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

Maisie

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Kevin and Joanna Williams/Glendale. Need to get Kevin's daughter to sign foster agreement as she cares for her when they are out of town.

Medical: CCD, high liver enzymes, arthritis/spondylosis, HOH. Recent urgent care visit due to chronic diarrhea (new meds and change food?). Has been on dementia meds, denamarin and ursodiol for at least a month. Changed to Provable probiotic. Definite improvements in her health lately.

Behavior: She seems happy and skips around

Action plan: Establish with Toluca Burbank Vet; fundraising and monitor quality of life

Adoption outlook: Very poor. Consider permanent foster.

Astrid

Dog Rep: Kriss Harrigian

Foster: Lily Talavera/Los Angeles

Medical: Astrid had a recheck on her UTI and she still has it. She started on a third round of Clavamox and she has an appointment with an Internal Medicine vet on 10/8/25.

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

Action Plan: We need to clear her of the UTI before she can be adopted.

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.

Danny

Dog Rep: Kim Harrison. Jessica is setting her up on Knack etc.

Foster: TBD – current at Culver Palms

Medical: Ear infection, skin infections, severely underweight. Blood results from CP are 'unremarkable'. Liver test coming.

Behavior: No issues at the moment.

Action Plan: Place him with a foster who will help him get healthy, then get him on the website, Pet Finder and Adopt-a-Pet.

Adoption Outlook: Once he is healthy we should be able to find him a home easily

Rico

Adoption Pending by foster family, Rob Maresca

Winnie

Adopted by Liz and Nick Gekakis

3. Foster and Events Committee

- Post adoption contact strategies discussed. JSH to talk to Jo Anne about a Gotcha Day program of sending a handwritten card (no dog photo).
- How do we best utilize our library of WW sessions? Periodic emails to our volunteer google group with all the titles (screen shot topic list from you Tube channel). Jessica to confirm Kim ok with these being publicly available on our You Tube channel.
- Lack of applications concerning. Agreed it's a modern dilemma exacerbated by lack of in person contact with volunteers and prospective fosters.

4. Knack Update

- Barbara to contact Sandy to possibly reduce number of edits we request of Euan

5. Digital Storage

- Jessica to look at Buzz platform; Kriss to look at Tech Soup

VI. New Business

1. Bissell Foundation Grant

Jessica has created additional info for 'Annual Report' requirements. Some photos need to be added, Kriss will create 2 before and after stories, then it can be submitted.

VII. Next Meeting

November 9th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.